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## INTERPRETIVE ANALYSIS

### City Council's Record During Past Two Years

A city council election will be held on Tuesday September 16. For the convenience of voters, a summary of the major activities of the present council during its two year tenure in office is presented. The council now consists of Mayor Richard Pilski, Gil Weidenfeld, Charles F. Schwan, Thomas X. White, and Richard Castaldi.

#### Greenbriar

The Greenbelt ship of state during the past two years was much like a vessel that has finally entered calm waters after buffeting high waves and rough seas — the latter being the Greenbriar controversy. In September 1973 when the new council took over, the controversy over the construction of an on-site temporary sewage treatment plant at the northern tip of the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to service the 1,193-unit Greenbriar apartment complex was at its peak. NASA (Goddard Space Flight Center) had just refused for the moment to grant a right-of-way permitting the piping of the effluent across its property to an unnamed tributary of Beaverdam Creek and construction was being held up because of zoning deficiencies and inability to get the necessary point of discharge permit.

Within a year the storm had abated. Construction on the project was resumed as zoning obstacles were removed, a discharge permit for the effluent was granted, and NASA approved the easement. Finally, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, after a successful testing of the treatment plant, agreed to operate it under the conditions laid down by the State. In October 1974, the first Greenbriar condominium residents moved in.

While the majority of council cautioned delay in approving the on-site sewage plant and favored alternatives, individual councilmen varied in the intensity of their views. White was the most persistent opponent of the plant and Pilski the staunchest supporter. But as the various government agencies, who had the final say, gave one by one their stamp of approval to the plant, the issue became blunted as councilmen recognized the fact that Greenbriar had become an accomplished reality.

With Greenbriar out of the limelight, the council entered an "era of good feeling" with few issues raising sharp differences of opinion.

#### Budget and Taxes

The council adopted a budget for 1974-75 that raised the city tax rate by 11 cents to \$1.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation and then dropped the tax rate by 3 cents to \$1.00 for 1975-76. Waste collection charges for both years were increased. Included in the budgets were appropriate cost-of-living increases for city employees, funding for the Greenbelt CARES Youth Service Bureau, sufficient funds to complete the \$385,000 Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and monies to light Braden Field tennis courts and to renovate and install specified playgrounds, including one on parcel 7.

#### Election Procedures

The council adopted a charter change revising election procedures and establishing a 5-person board of elections to help supervise city elections. It passed one of the first financial disclosure laws for city officials in this area, requiring city council members, city manager, and candidates for office to identify the nature of their real estate and business holdings and sources of income.

#### Land Development

Council registered uneasiness over subdivision plans for the commercially-zoned Golden Triangle which included a proposed automobile dealership at the east end of the 57-acre tract bounded by Greenbelt Road, Kenilworth Ave., and the Capital Beltway.

It unanimously opposed piecemeal development plans for Beltway Plaza and a "flashing" electric sign, but (with Weidenfeld dissenting) agreed to endorse developer Sidney Brown's efforts to get a second department store for his commercially-zoned shopping center.

#### Environmental Matters

The council completed renovation of the city-owned property in the Center Mall that lies between Centerway and the statue. Subsequently, an adverse court decision prohibited the city from being reimbursed through a special assessment levied against the properties in the commercial center.

It took a strong position against the widening of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and opening it to truck traffic. It favored a METRO subway line from Prince Georges Plaza to Greenbelt Road terminal station east of the B&O tracks to serve Greenbelt and the local area.

#### Unfinished Business

Unfinished business includes many parts of the city's land acquisition program. Prime areas for acquisition are parkland in parcels 1 and 2 (near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway), and in parcel 15 (near Capital Beltway). Citizen sentiment expressed at the public hearing supported the program, but council has been slow to take the necessary financial steps — including a probable bond issue — to implement the program. The city, however, did acquire 7 acres of parkland in the Smith-Ewing tract through a \$95,000 donation by Greenbriar developer Alan Kay and transfer of \$39,846 in escrow funds donated by the developer under the county mandatory dedication law. Also required were two acres of donated Federal Agricultural Research Center surplus land near the Springhill Lake industrial area.

Another piece of unfinished business is provision for additional municipal office space including expanded police facilities. Major decisions in this area are being held up because of financing problems and council indecision on whether or not to request voter approval of a bond issue.

Public hearings were held on the Lake-Park improvement program (considerable citizen opposition to many parts) housing for the elderly (much citizen support) and intracity bus service (complete citizen apathy). The council has taken no further substantive steps on any of these items. Also held in abeyance mainly because of lack of

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#### WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., July 24, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., July 25, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center

Sun., July 27, 7 p.m. U.S. Naval Academy Band, Lake-Park Bandstand

#### Councilmen To Run Again

All five current city councilmen have indicated to the News Review their intention to run for another two-year term at the municipal election on Tuesday, September 16. Mayor Richard Pilski has served on council since 1965, Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld and councilman Charles Schwan since 1971, and councilmen Thomas X. White and Richard Castaldi since 1973.

According to the city clerk's office, no other citizens have formally filed nominating papers, though two have picked up the necessary papers. The deadline for nominations is Monday, August 4, at 5 p.m.

#### CARES Gets Funds

In reply to a letter from Del. Leo Green regarding Greenbelt CARES, Del. John Hargreaves, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, assured Green that when the Federal funding of CARES expires in March 1976, the bureau "will be entitled to funds from our appropriations for the remainder of the fiscal year, subject to matching requirements which have been imposed by the Board of Public Works."

At a recent meeting of the committee there appeared to have been some confusion about State funding for CARES since it was not a member of the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus. Green, as well as the city of Greenbelt and other governmental officials, have urged that CARES be added to the list, and it is anticipated that this action will occur in the near future.

#### Evening in Las Vegas

The Prince Georges Ms. Jaycees will hold "An Evening in Las Vegas" to benefit the Cerebral Palsy School on Saturday, July 26, at the Greenbelt American Legion Hall, Greenbelt Road.

The event, which will feature roulette bigwheel, black jack, includes play money to be used during the event. The evening will conclude with an auction of prizes donated by Rep. Gladys Spellman, State Senate President Steny Hoyer, Governor Marvin Mandel, County Executive Winfield Kelly, and many area merchants. Admission fee is charged.

For further information call project chairwoman Lorraine Scott, 441-2275.

#### Mrs. Henry Resigns

Darlene Henry, secretary to the City Manager, has tendered her resignation. The Henry family, residents of Springhill Lake, will be returning to Cincinnati area where Mr. Henry has taken a position in private business. Mrs. Henry has served in her position with the City since March 18, 1974.

#### Ban Smoking, Eating on Buses

In cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions, Prince Georges County Council has banned smoking and eating on publicly-owned buses while also putting a prohibition on playing a radio and carrying flammable liquids. CB-5, sponsored by Councilman Francis White, council's representative on the transit board, generally regulates public behavior on buses.

## Public Favorable To METRO But As Underground Line

by Janet James

The third public hearing by the Prince Georges county council on Metro issues was divided into two evenings, July 15 and 16, at the Adult Education Center, University of Maryland. Francis Francois, council chairman, announced the purpose of these hearings as permitting the council to round out the current ideas and feelings of county residents seven years after the original 1968 referendum which approved it.

Statements were made by Gladys Noon Spellman, Representative in Congress from the 5th District, Delegates to Maryland General Assembly Ann Hull, Pauline Menes and Jack Garrity, the Mayors of Hyattsville, Bladensburg, and Berwyn Heights, and city council members from Greenbelt, University Park and College Park. More than thirty people spoke each night, many representing citizens groups as well as themselves.

#### City Statement

Greenbelt city councilman Thomas X. White presented a statement representing the unanimous opinion of Greenbelt City Council. The city council's opinion is the same as that presented in an earlier hearing and reported in the May 8 News Review. It supports the alternate route which would run north from Prince Georges Plaza and west of the University of Maryland and then go east along University Boulevard to a terminal on Greenbelt Road near the B. & O. tracks. The original route, which the city council found also acceptable, would run up Queens

Chapel Road to the east side of College Park and end at the same point as the alternate route.

There was surprisingly little of the attitude "I want a Metro but put it in someone else's back yard." The citizens of Chillum and surrounding areas want Metro underground. In this the city council of Greenbelt agrees.

Greenbelt's statement says, "Unless adequate buffer is provided, surface and above-surface rail are far more detrimental than below-surface and underground rail lines. Structures for above-surface lines, at best, are still unattractive intrusions upon the landscape."

"Utilizing underground construction where necessary, the two alignments supported by the city can be built with minimal impact upon the surrounding areas."

Throughout the two hearings, opposition to any Metro at all came from individuals of University Park and College Park Estates where apparently multiple-car ownership and rising cost of gas would have the least impact on family budgets.

#### Alternatives

Elliot Hurwitz, a graduate student at the University, majoring in Transportation recommended an underground Metro to Prince Georges Plaza, and three "light-rail" systems from there. One would go northwest to I-95 and the Beltway, one would go up Adelphi Road and one would go East on the median strip of University Boulevard to Greenbelt.

Greenbelter Rhea Cohen also proposed, in a letter to WMATA, the use of "light rail or a modern trolley-like system" beyond Prince Georges Plaza. This she said, "would be less costly to build, to power and to operate than rapid rail" and would be "less destructive of neighborhoods and natural environment because such a system would obviate the need for station construction."

Some students and staff of the University of Maryland protested that stops to serve the University were too far distant from the classrooms. A spur line to Parking Lot 1, near Cole Field House, was recommended as being both within walking distance of the classrooms and adjacent to Cole Field House and Byrd Stadium for those attending athletic games.

But how to pay for it? Most speakers expressed a willingness to pay increased taxes if they were not confiscatory. Gladys Noon Spellman said she and other Congressmen from the Metropolitan area had joined in presenting a bill in Congress asking for 80% Federal funding as opposed to 66% now available. This 80% is now available for new mass transit systems. Metro got started when it was only 66% and Congresswoman Spellman feels it is only fair that Metro be brought up to this amount.

#### Beltway Plaza Has Western Round-Up

Beltway Plaza Mall will present its Western Day Round Up Sat., July 26, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., complete with live cowboys horses, show time, country music and dancing free to everyone.

The Virginia Western Show troupe starring Marshal Ranger Ward and Black Bart will offer rides for youngsters and Western shows free to all.

The family is also invited to see Leon Morris and The Bluegrass Associates with the Case Square Dancers who will perform from 1-4 p.m.

The Merchants are going Western in their attire, and they too will have something for everyone.

#### New Smoking Restrictions

Under new State laws, effective July 1, smoking will be prohibited in all buses and elevators with a maximum \$25 fine for violations. Additionally, all hospitals, clinics, nursing and convalescent homes and physicians' offices will be required to provide smoke-free rooms and waiting areas to nonsmokers.

According to GASP (Group Against Smoker's Pollution), one in every six persons is physically sensitive to tobacco smoke and among these are ex-smokers now suffering from permanent lung damage, heart conditions, hypertension, etc. GASP urges smokers and nonsmokers to work towards the establishment of nonsmoking and smoking sections in restaurants and at spectator events; halt smoking in food and other retail stores and in waiting lines.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

#### NOMINATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL

The filing period for nomination petitions for the office of City Council has been changed by a recently adopted Charter Amendment. The filing period is from

**JULY 1, 1975 THRU AUGUST 4, 1975**

Forms and information may be obtained from the City Clerk, 474-3870 or 474-8000; 25 Crescent Road, Second Floor of the Municipal Building.

Gudrun H. Mills  
City Clerk

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**Police Blotter**

An escapee from Lorton Reformatory, who was apprehended by Detective Smith following a chase on foot after the subject had beaten and robbed a bank depositor on Greenbelt Road, has been sentenced to 15 years of imprisonment. Detective Smith also closed a rape investigation following the identification of the four individuals accused by the victim. The case has been forwarded to the Prince George's County State Attorney's Office.

Cpl. Coombes, observing a suspicious auto being operated in the Greenbriar area, approached the auto when it suddenly sped away at a high rate of speed on Greenbelt Road. Pursuit was initiated and the auto left the roadway, landing in a wooded area. The two occupants escaped capture, despite a search which included a Maryland State Police K-9 unit. The auto involved had been stolen from Bowie.

In two separate incidents, citizen band radios were stolen from parked cars in SHL. Two autos were also stolen from SHL recently.

A 41 year old male from Upper Marlboro, charged with breaking and entering and assault with intent to murder, has been found guilty and sentenced to seven years in the State penitentiary.

A former resident, apprehended in Colorado and extradited back to Maryland on charges of false pretense has been sentenced to three years in prison. The investigation, handled by Officer Ceccarelli, proved that the subject had forged the name of an acquaintance on several checks and had cashed same.

**A. MacIntyre**

Former Greenbelter Annamae Hubka MacIntyre of College Park died on July 15. For many years she had been employed at Greenbelt Realty. Mrs. MacIntyre was the wife of the late George MacIntyre, and is survived by her children Patricia, Constance and Richard and by her mother Mrs. Mary Hubka, 3-B Ridge Road.

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**Greenbelter Is Named Junior High Principal**

by Elaine Skolnik

"It's nice to be coming home" said Charles Collins newly appointed principal of Greenbelt Junior High School (GJH). A 19-year resident of Greenbelt, Collins taught at GJH for 11 years. He succeeds William Bevan who recently resigned.

Collins leaves his present post as principal of Mt. Rainier Junior High School with mixed feelings. For four years he worked toward building up a total community education and recreation program within the school. Over the years Collins has actively urged that the Prince Georges school system and Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission join hands to assure the maximum use of county school facilities. His efforts were realized at Mt. Rainier where some 89 adult classes, open gym for families and drop-in centers for teens are offered evenings and weekends.

Collins hopes to see a similar program established at GJH, the largest Junior High facility in the county. "The schools belong to the public and should serve the students and community," he said. Envisioning the strengthening of the GJH faculty and programming he stressed, "if schools provide effective programs and incentives, the students will do the job"

Communication with parents is another goal of Collins. At the 600 student Mt. Rainier school, the staff made about 3,000 contacts with parents during the school year with respect to attendance, early departure, etc. Collins said, "We want the parents to know both the good and the bad - if you let parents know about the school's frustrations, they are supportive."

In the fall approximately 1,007 students will be attending GJH which has a pupil capacity of 1,325. There are 54 staff members and 20 supportive staff. Attending GJH are students from Springhill Lake, Berwyn Heights, Berwyn College Park Estates, Kentland and Seat Pleasant areas.

Collins, his wife Donia and their five children reside on Empire Place. Active in city affairs, he served on the Advisory Planning Board for six years, the Park Recreation Advisory Board for six years, and held various positions in the Scouts and Boys Club. Recipient of GJH PTA's Teacher of the Year Award, he was also named outstanding Young Educator by the Greenbelt Jaycees.

Collins is presently a delegate to the National Education Association, parliamentarian of the Maryland State Teacher's Association, and chairman of the representative's council of the Prince Georges Education Association, a post he has held for three years. He has an A.B. Degree from Southwestern State College, Oklahoma and a Masters Degree from the University of Maryland.

**Public Trap and Shooting Center**

The new Prince Georges Winchester Public Trap and Skeet Shooting Center, which is operated by the Winchester Group Olin Corp. for the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, was dedicated on July 20.

The shooting center features nine trap fields and five skeet fields, rental shotguns, a modern club house, a fully-equipped pro shop and instruction programs. Located at 10400 Good Luck Road in Glenn Dale, the center will be open from 2 to 10 p.m. on Tues. to Fri. and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sat. Sun. and holidays. For information concerning fees, call 577-1477.

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**Mitchell - Vaughan**

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Mitchell of 62-A Ridge Rd., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Mitchell to Warren Vaughan of College Park. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Vaughan of West Dennis, Mass. A September wedding is planned.

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

The Board of Elections will appoint Judges and Clerks of Elections to serve at the regular council election to be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, September 16, 1975.

Applications from interested citizens are solicited by the Board of Elections, to be received no later than August 15th. Interested citizens should submit a brief resume to the Board of Elections, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Prior election experience is deemed desirable; however, the Board of Elections will give consideration to all applications submitted.

Gudrun H. Mills  
City Clerk

# Letters to the Editor

## Report to GHI Members On Heating Projects To the Editor:

The News Review of June 26, carried the seventh statement regarding the status of the GNMA mortgage deferral monies and the collections for repayment. This financial information is useful to members, but it should be supplemented by data on the several heat conservation projects. For the sake of convenience, they may be described as: (1) completed projects, (2) projects in the process of completion, and (3) projects in various stages of planning.

In April 1974, the membership authorized the board of directors to use GNMA mortgage deferral money to: (1) install atomizing burners in the lead boilers of the four large north end steam plants, (2) install variable temperature controls in the hot water plants of the brick and masonry homes, and (3) convert the 12 Court Ridge Road steam plant to variable temperature controlled hot water. All these projects have been completed. One full heating season's experience indicates that each made possible significant reductions in fuel consumption.

Projects in process of completion include: (1) converting the remaining south end frame home plants to variable temperature controlled hot water, (2) installing an oil water emulsifier in one of the large steam plants, and (3) replacing the remaining rotary cup burners in the large plants with atomizing burners.

The membership has authorized the use of GNMA deferral money for the first two projects. This authorization also provided funds for the installation of the emulsifiers in all four of the large steam plants. The conversion of the south end frame homes from steam to variable temperature hot water is a complex project which will require an extended period for completion. This summer the largest plant, serving 30 homes in the 44/46 Courts Ridge, and possibly one or two of the other smaller plants will be converted. This will provide an opportunity to test the conversion of the larger steam plants in the south end and gain needed experience prior to attempting the conversion of the remainder of the plants.

The replacement of the remaining rotary cup burners is required by law. However, based on our experience with the replacement of the rotary burners on the lead boilers this project is also expected to be a cost effective improvement to the system. If done by GHI staff the cost will be about \$10,000 per burner for each of the seven boilers. By contract, the cost would be approximately \$17,000 per burner. The board has decided that the work will be done by GHI personnel, but it has not determined how it will be financed.

In the third major category, i.e., projects in various stages of planning, are: (1) installing three additional emulsifiers in the large north end plants if experience with the first one warrants such installation, (2) replacing rotary cup burners in four south end plants (also required by law), and (3) disengaging one north end frame court from the steam system so that it may be served by its own variable temperature controlled hot water system. It is contemplated that most of this work will be completed before the beginning of the 1976-77 heating season. To repeat, the first of these projects will be financed from GNMA money. No decision on financing has been made with respect to the second, but the law requires that the work be done. It is the board's present intention to ask membership approval to finance from GNMA funds the third project as an experiment looking toward the long-term solution for the heating problems of the north end frame homes.

Except to assure members that every project in process of completion or in various stages of planning promises to conserve sufficient fuel oil to pay for itself in a reasonable period of time, space

precludes my setting forth the board's reasons for proceeding as it proposes. Members who wish to comment or obtain additional information may contact the GHI office or any member of the Board of Directors.

James W. Smith  
President, Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

## Solar Heat Costs To the Editor:

Those of you who may be interested in what a solar array - or accumulator if you prefer - looks like can get an idea of its appearance by taking a drive past the school that is under construction and is encircled by Greenbriar.

On the roof of the school is an installation that could be a group of solar arrays or merely skylights. It is admitted that the true nature of the installation is not known but appearancewise the installation is identical to a solar array!

Regarding the estimated \$16,000 cost per unit for solar heat as mentioned in the July 10 News Review, this cost is not particularly out of line for working mock-up since it is a custom installation. Such mock-ups usually run costwise several times what it would cost to construct an installation utilizing production off-the-shelf items.

Considering GHI's track record of keeping things painted - the large amount of plywood sheathing on the townhouses and the trim of the frame homes - the substitution of wood for aluminum may reduce the initial construction cost of the support structure but it could boost maintenance costs tremendously! And, in the long run wood could prove to be more expensive than aluminum!

Readers of the Washington Post and other major newspapers may have seen the write-up of the conference that was held in Washington, D.C. a few weeks ago where the national association of heating contractors who specialize in solar heat met to discuss various aspects of design and construction.

It is noted that those members have been able to reduce the cost of solar heat to approximately \$4,000 for an installation such as we are considering here at GHI! Yes - at today's prices!

It is interesting to note also that NASA gave the conference the cold shoulder and wasn't interested in a report of its findings according to the article! This is most unfortunate since those contractors have approximately two decades of experience behind them in the construction of efficient low cost solar heat installations as compared to the few months of design studies only - no actual construction - by the engineers at NASA! To date, NASA's main effort in solar heat has been in the creation of design criteria that can be used in mass production in the future. NASA also hopes to interest such firms as General Electric and Westinghouse in the construction of solar array components because of the vast experience of these firms in the manufacture of commercial glassware.

One final note - GHI could take advantage of those contractors' experience in solar heat since some are located nearby in Virginia and also in Maryland. And, in my book, we would be wise to do so if we are seriously considering solar heat. For at \$16,000 it would take some 160 years to break even and show a reduction in heating costs if we pursue present NASA design criteria! Yes - a 160 years to break even for only some 30% of our heating needs for a single unit with solar heat installed!

Ben A. Hogensen

## CASH FOR CANS

Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Company reminds students that they can earn extra money by picking up all-aluminum beverage cans and other household items. The materials can be collected in a plastic bag and brought to the Reynolds mobile unit located at Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Road every other Wed. (July 30) between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Reynolds pays 15 cents a pound - \$300 a ton It takes only 23 all-aluminum cans to equal one pound. Aluminum is easily identified by placing a magnet on the sides of the can. If it doesn't stick, then it's aluminum.

## Random Thoughts on Heat To the Editor:

The directive to replace all rotary burners was dated Dec. 17, 1974, and mandatory after July 1, 1976. The four rotary burners were removed from the large North End plants and installed in Nos. 14, 16, 18 and No. 44 plants. What type of burner did they replace? What type of burners were the replacements? How come our board and management never heard of this directive of Dec. 17, 1974? A letter dated April 23, 1975 was received by G.H.I. after our April 10, 1975 meeting. The changeover to hot water heat is not cost productive. For example: 1974 - electricity for bricks - \$48 per unit and for frames - \$19 per unit . . .

Instead of paying \$19,000 for the frames the bill for them would be \$48,000 per year, and a heating ceiling of 68/70 degrees maximum. As only about \$150,000 of the moratorium money is left, it should be the membership's, board and management's concern to spend it judiciously for the most urgently needed improvements, which are the rotary burner replacements. The membership should not be penalized for management's or board's carelessness.

As for solar heat - There never was a firm commitment from the Federal Government to fund this experiment. You will find some answers in the 39 page brochure (informational) which no one got (Mrs. Coxon asked for it). Mention is made of a COMMUNITY PROJECT and a JOINT G.H.I. EFFORT. Was this a deliberate deception of the membership? The \$322,977.60 was not borrowed for experimentation or to help NASA or Mr. O'DONNELL's prestige. Another item not mentioned is that the solar heat effect on flat roofs is reduced by at least 50%. The fact of collectors having to be replaced about every 5 years is not mentioned either.

At present the primary concern of the membership should be the replacement of the rotary burners in G.H.I. . . .

As for the changeover to hot water heat costing \$105,000 it should be postponed as the benefits are questionable.

Martha Hutzler



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Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
474-5700

- 3 Bedroom End Frame Townhouse with family room close to Center and Transportation. dryer, 2 Air conditioners, wall to wall carpeting to remain on premises. A must to see!
- 3 BR Frame end townhouse - Washing Machine - Dryer - Window AC - living room carpet - shed. Nicely situated - wooded area.
- 3 BR Frame Townhouse located on dead end street in wooded area. Washington Machine - Dryer - 2 window AC and w/w carpet to remain.
- 3 BR Frame end Townhouse with large addition (family room) - Washing machine - dryer - storm door and windows - AC are included.
- Very nice 3 BR brick - close to center - immediate possession. A must to see.
- CHARLESTOWN VILLAGE - 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Brick Townhouse with washer, Central Air. Priced right \$29,990.
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### More Than One Way To Get Frustrated On The Golf Course

by Steve Gunn

Last week the taxpayers of Greenbelt spent about \$200 for some members of the Public Works Department to dig up parts of the city golf course located in Spring-hill Lake around the new recreation center.

I was one of the diggers. My main contribution to the cause was to help dig a 25 ft. long, three ft. deep and two ft. wide trench on top of a three inch pipe buried under the course. The pipe was a part of the course's sprinkler system which needs major modifications. The new recreation center is sitting on what was the ninth green . . . tennis and basketball courts are slated for the first fairway.

No one seems to know where the blueprints to the course are, so our digging last week was to try to locate key pipes and junctions. The trench I referred to earlier was designed to find a "T" intersection of two pipes.

We knew where one pipe was, there was a big hole in the ground with water in it at one point. So we simply had to follow the known pipe to the "T" intersection.

The intersection had to be within a 25 ft. reach of the water logged hole. Once we found the intersection we could stop and machinery would do the rest of the digging.

We started at about 1 p.m. with the temperature in the 90s, the humidity high and the air quality poor. The method we used to dig was simple.

One person would swing a pick and loosen the hard clay, the other would scoop it out with a shovel. It was quite a system. Slam the pick, shovel the clay, slam the pick, shovel the clay.

The person I worked with thought that the pipe came in ten ft lengths so we expected to hit the intersection after ten feet. Sweat ran off our faces and arms after the first three feet of clay had been removed. There is no water fountain at the golf course.

We reached the ten-foot mark in our trench. No intersection leaped out. We kept digging. After a while, we started from the other end, digging back towards the water filled hole. The sun got hotter by the minute as we dug ten feet . . . only to find no intersection. We had dug twenty feet of trench, three feet deep and two feet wide and had found nothing. The "T" had to be in the secrets that the last five feet held.

The afternoon got hotter but we worked faster. Knowing that the "T" had to be in the few feet remaining made it psychologically easier.

With one more foot of length to go the truth slowly dawned on us. The intersection did not exist, it was not where it was supposed to be.

Later we were told that it didn't really matter that we had not found the intersection. Someone had decided it wasn't really needed to make the changes in the system.

### Where There's Smoke

Bob Mogel

... as in the movie "TOWERING INFERNO" . . . all occupants of high-rise apartments and business buildings should be aware of: - Smoke Travel, Escape Procedures, Fire Alarm Systems.

In addition to management, all architects, planners, developers, construction workers and tradesmen skilled in their special field should be particularly aware of any accidental or intentional "short-cuts" that may save a few dollars but might result in a "built-in" disaster.

The few who dare to "short-cut" workmanship and quality of construction and furnishings must bear the burden on their conscience for the rest of their lives when disaster strikes as in " . . .

### Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

The tunnel was long and dark, and we were trapped in it. Far away we could hear the hoot of a locomotive, and then the rumble along the tracks as a train came closer, closer, and then passed on the next track. Our Metroliner was having mechanical problems, and, with typical luck, your trusty reporter was sealed in the one car with faulty air conditioning.

A sweltering half hour later, the passengers cheered as the train began to move and pick up speed. But our joy was shortlived. After a few miles, neatly balanced on a bridge, the train stopped again, this time in a howling thunder storm. My suggestion, that as long as we were having mechanical difficulties it was just as well that we were not on a plane, was derided. Famous last words! At almost that time, just a few miles away in New York, a 727 was felled by the same storm.

We on the train were suffering from nothing worse than heat and monotony. To relieve the tedium, we made occasional forays to the engine, but came back with scant information, which we embellished and passed on to our fellow passengers. Many trains whizzed by, and finally one stopped alongside. Eons passed, but nothing seemed to happen. Suddenly I noticed something. "The car in front has been evacuated," I yelled. We all grabbed our luggage and made for the front of the train. There we found that the passengers were being transferred to the train that had pulled up alongside. "O K, ma'am," said the conductor. "Just jump across there." I looked across three feet of space, I looked up and saw lightning. I looked down and saw water way below. We were still on that bridge, remember? Instantly I turned chicken. Unceremoniously but deftly, I was picked up by the conductor of our train and handed to the one on the other side.

My fellow passengers and I now found ourselves on a commuter train, with standing room only, except for one empty car. You guessed it - no air conditioning. Again several centuries passed, and still the train didn't move. Finally, a noisy, cheerful party boarded, glasses in hands, having at last been routed from the club car in which they were entrenched. The revelers safely aboard, we were on our way at last.

When the commuting passengers were discharged in Philadelphia, the Metroliner survivors were able to move to another coach. The first one we tried had a leaky roof. The second one seemed pretty good, until the lights started to flicker and finally went out. By this time, by common consent, we decided to give in to fate, and make the rest of the trip in total darkness. It's wonderful how friendly people can get when bound by a mishap that affects all. We exchanged names addresses, phone numbers and horoscopes. We shared thoughts and reminiscences. We also shared hunger, since our train had no food facilities and most of us hadn't eaten for eight or nine hours. I passed around a roll of lifesavers dug out from the depth of my purse. Suddenly there was a scream. "I can't stand it any longer!" And with those words a young man ran to his suitcase, dragged out a Russell Stover box, ripped it open and passed it around. "I was bringing it as a gift", he explained, "but our need is greater."

Arriving finally at the Capital Beltway station I was met by a young relative who kindly informed me that if I had taken the train that left an hour later, I would have arrived two hours earlier. Only my hunger and fatigue saved her from violence at my hands.

### AA Meeting Thursday

A closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting will be held every Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m. in St. Hugh's School library. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking.

### The Outdoor Manner

by W. Michael Chiville

Asst. Troop Leader, No. 746

Part II; Fire

Each year fire destroys thousands of acres of forest, starting from lightning, friction from falling trees and people. The latter cause is perhaps the greatest. Dropping lighted matches, cigarettes or cigars must be avoided. They should be snuffed out and cooled before being tossed away.

Caution must be used with open fires. Charcoal in an elevated grill is best, but if no such facilities are available campers or picnickers should use a gas or propane stove or alcohol burner. These methods are safe when used in the proper way. Under no circumstances should they be used by children without adult supervision.

If wood is used to make a ground fire at least a five foot radius should be cleared around it.

Avoid wood that causes sparks, particularly pine. The sparks rise with the heat of the fire and could land in a tree top, a quick source for an uncontrollable forest fire. Use dry hardwood such as oak, maple, hickory or birch when available and make an elevated and encircled area for it to burn in, using rocks, bricks or clay.

Heed the warnings of the Park Service. Usually they tell you what kind of fire is allowed. In dry summer months open burning is generally prohibited.

If a fire gets out of control remember the three elements of the fire triangle: HEAT-FUEL-OXYGEN. Removal of any of these elements will bring the fire under control.

Never leave a fire site without putting out every spark by dousing it with water.

### CITY NOTES

The Public Works Department cleaned streets and catch basins in several areas of town, and repaired with asphalt some park walk areas, the major one being the walk from Lakeside Drive to the walk in Braden Field. Street patching was done and the Greenbelt Historical Marker was installed on Southway. Restricted parking areas, such as fire hydrants and crosswalks, were painted. The park crew has been working on the watering system at the golf course. Part of the old system was torn out to construct the new recreation building. The building at the tennis courts has been given finishing touches and electrical equipment will be installed.

Supportive services provided by the Youth Services Bureau during the month of June included 19 jobs obtained through the Job Bank; 3 cleaning, 8 babysitting, 9 gardening, and 1 full time janitor. Twenty-nine tutoring sessions and 2 Rap Sessions with 15 participants were held. One clothing exchange was held in the Center Mall with 112 participants.

Dr. L. Rowell Huesmann, Evaluation Consultant from Chicago, has been helping Greenbelt CARPS in evaluating data regarding the effectiveness of the Youth Services Bureau since its inception.

The Reynolds Aluminum vied up 101 lbs. of aluminum foil recently, and the city received \$15.15.

In cooperation with the University of Maryland Institute for Urban Studies, the city will have the services of an intern, David Oberhettiger, working a 20 hour week for the next eight weeks. A resident of Beltsville, Oberhettiger is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a B.A. degree magna cum laude in government. He expects to complete the requirement for a degree in Urban Management this August. Since the internship with the city is for course credit, Oberhettiger will receive no compensation.

### New Requirement for School Registration

Parents or legal guardians of children entering public school in Prince Georges County for the first time this September must complete an affidavit of disclosure at the time of registration. The requirement is the result of a new state law that went into effect on July 1, and applies only to Prince Georges County.

Required at the time of registration are proof of child's birthdate, preferably birth certificate; record of immunization for children entering kindergarten through grade six; legal proof of residence, settlement papers, rental contract, etc.; social security numbers for both parents or guardians and their dates of birth; automobile registration for all vehicles owned and operated by parents or guardians.

People newly arrived in the county may take up to 30 days to complete the affidavit, during which time their children will only be tentatively enrolled. Failure to submit the completed form within the allotted time, however will activate administration procedures to withdraw the children from school. If parents are found guilty of giving false information, it may cost them as much as \$250 in penalties.

The new law was passed to further insure that the county educates only the children of legal county residents. The Prince Georges County School System spends about \$1,250 annually to educate each child.

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### Social Security Checks Can Be Sent Directly To Twin Pines

Beginning in August those who receive Social Security payments may have their checks mailed directly to Twin Pines each month. They would be automatically added to their Twin Pines Savings Accounts. The same would be true for Supplemental Security Income checks, Disability Payments and Black Lung Payments.

The Government is mailing notices about the new system along with the August checks. If you want to take advantage of the new system, simply stop at the Twin Pines office and fill out and sign an "Authorization for Deposit of Social Security Payments" form.

Even if you don't have an account in Twin Pines now, you can open one and have your checks deposited directly, too.

Direct deposit of checks has the following advantages:

- 1. Even if you are away from home, your check would be deposited in Twin Pines automatically instead of sitting in your mailbox.
2. You don't have any problem cashing your check because it goes directly into your account.
3. You don't have to stand in line to cash your check or to deposit it.
4. You don't have to worry about losing your check after you receive it or having it stolen from your mailbox.

### Votes Needed

At the special Twin Pines membership meeting in January the members adopted new by-laws and those present voted unanimously to adopt new articles of incorporation (charter). Since a two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt the new articles, more than one thousand additional votes are needed immediately.

### Steve Frankenberg

In March 1973, Twin Pines hired a new manager, Steve Frankenberg. In July of that year, thanks to Steve and the Board of Directors, Twin Pines secured Maryland State certification. Insurance of accounts followed in November.

When he was hired by Twin Pines, Steve had been working for a large, federally insured savings and loan. His willingness to take the risk of working for an uninsured savings and loan and his success in fighting the uphill battle to secure certification and insurance prove his competence and self confidence. Now savings at Twin Pines are insured by the Maryland Savings Share Insurance Corp. to \$40,000 per account.

### Members Earn Record Dividends

During the first half of 1975 Twin Pines members earned more than \$146,000 in dividends on their passbook savings accounts and their savings certificates. For the six-month period, passbook dividends totaled a little more than \$78,000 while certificates earned \$68,000.

Twin Pines' total income during this period was \$240,000 while expenses were \$60,000, leaving a net income of \$180,000. \$146,000 of this went to dividends and \$34,000 to reserves.

As of June 30th, members had some \$3,260,000 in their passbook savings accounts and \$2,160,000 in savings certificates.

On the same date, loans on Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Co-op Homes totaled \$3,450,000; conventional first mortgage loans totaled \$1,020,000 and government-insured home loans stood at \$960,000. Total assets amounted to more than \$5,700,000.

These new articles are a marked improvement over the present articles in conforming to current state laws and the change is required by the state agency which insures our accounts. The Board of Directors and the Member Relations Committee recommend voting in favor of the new articles. The tellers at Twin Pines have ballots which can be filled out

Another improvement since Steve has been manager of Twin Pines is the switch from a tedious, one-write system of record-keeping to a computer and passbooks. Installation of the National Cash Register terminal, which is connected to a computer at the service bureau in Baltimore, has brought many advantages. It is now possible to determine available balance day-to-day. Also, effective July, dividends are calculated from day of deposit instead of from the twentieth of the month.

In the savings and loan business since 1962, Steve began working as a teller and had been promoted to the mortgage loan department when Twin Pines hired him as its manager. He was born in Massachusetts but was a Bethesda resident most of his life. In January 1974, he became a Greenbelt resident so that he could be "close to the action."

Steve encourages members of Twin Pines to give him their ideas about what they would like to see in Twin Pines and what services they would like to have Twin Pines provide.

When not hard at work at Twin Pines, Steve might be seen riding his new ten-speed bike around Greenbelt Lake. Steve's marital status? Gals, he's a bachelor!

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# Highway Adm. in Middle On Kenilworth Extension

by Al Skolnik

State Highway Administration (SHA) officials heard a familiar cry from citizens at the Wednesday, July 9, public initiation meeting on the proposed extension of Kenilworth Ave.

"Keep that traffic away from my door!"

Greenbelt citizens expressed concern that the extension and dualization of Kenilworth Ave. from the Capital Beltway north to Route 1 would increase traffic, add to noise and air pollution, and diminish the "livability" of the area. Other citizens from College Park and vicinity expressed satisfaction with the project because it would help channel polluting truck traffic away from Route 1 and the residential areas there.

It was a no-win situation for the SHA, and in more ways than one.

On the one hand, complaints were heard that SHA was dragging its heels on the project — from property-owners along the route who had been restrained by county officials from developing their properties until the final alignment had been determined. On the other hand complaints were voiced that the project was moving too fast, that need had yet to be demonstrated for the extension, and that full consideration had not been given to environmental factors.

### SHA Position

Greenbelt SHA district engineer M. Slade Caltrider explained that State and Federal laws required that a many-stepped preliminary planning process be undertaken before projects can be included in future construction programs. Such a procedure is designed to assure maximum citizen input, need for improvement, consideration of alternatives, and preparation of environmental impact statements. The Kenilworth Ave. extension is not currently in SHA's five-year construction program though it is included in the 20-year highway needs program.

Many speakers, including Greenbelters Shalom Fisher and Joseph Grieg, thought that the SHA might better devote its energies to reducing traffic rather than building more highways which only attract more vehicles. They urged SHA support for mass transportation, METRO subway, jitney buses, etc.

Not faced up to, however, was what to do with truck traffic. While SHA did not have data on what proportion of Kenilworth Ave. traffic involved trucks it was apparent that a perceived major purpose of the project was to service the Beltsville industrial area.

Caltrider said that the Kenilworth Ave project has been kicking around since the Capital Beltway was completed in the mid-1960's and Kenilworth was dualized from the D.C. line north. In 1969 the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission included in its master plan of highways an alignment for a dualized Kenilworth Ave. that would run slightly west of the present two-lane road, bypass Powder Mill Road, and then intersect with Route 1 near Ammendale Normal Institute. This alignment, Caltrider said, had cost problems arising out of the fact that it encroached on the Indian Creek flood plain.

SHA will now prepare its own study of the various routes and alternatives, including that of not doing anything, Caltrider said. Its findings will then be presented to the public, hopefully at a public meeting by the end of the year. SHA does not visualize completion of project planning activities for several years.

### Miss Greenbelt Pageant

All single girls, ages 15 to 19, who live in Greenbelt are invited to enter the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. For additional information, contact Fran Hromulak, chairman, at 474-8884.

## Recreation Review

### Teen Splash Party

On Fri., July 25, from 8:30-10:30 p.m., there will be a splash party at the Municipal Pool. Activities will include a money toss, water basketball and the taped sounds of 'Wolfman' Lundregan. All Greenbelt teens and their guests are invited. A nominal fee will be charged.

### Summer Sounds

The U. S. Naval Academy Band will perform Sun., July 27, at 7 p.m., at the Lake Park Bandstand. This renowned group will play a variety of musical numbers. Bring a chair or blanket and, as always, no admission is charged. Because of the rain last Sun. the Bavarian-Austrian Dance Company has been rescheduled for Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. Fairfax County Softball

This is a double elimination top notch tournament featuring both 'AA' and 'A' league teams. Games will be held at Wakefield beginning at 9 a.m. on Sat., July 26. The tournament finals will be held on Sun., July 27. Greenbelt teams participating in the tournament are: Gunner's Mate, Inc., Greenbelt's Finest and Greenbelt Shell. King's Dominion Trip

A Teen Club trip to King's Dominion is planned for Aug. 6. Any teen interested in attending can sign up at the swimming pool or Youth Center no later than Tues., July 29. For details concerning club activities, contact Mike Lundregan at the Municipal Pool.

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financing are construction of tennis courts in Springhill Lake, initiation of a system of hiking and biking trails, and renovation of Braden Field.

### Other Matters

City council took the initiative in preparing for the American Bicentennial celebration by establishing a Greenbelt Bicentennial committee, and setting the first Sunday in June as "Greenbelt Day" to honor the city's uniqueness and significance as an early planned community.

Council adopted a city cemetery policy that provides for limited resumption of sale of plots.

Council tried to get hold of the vandalism problem by initiating a series of meetings between city staff officials and with interested civic groups.

## Greenbelt's Library

July 29—This week's Tuesday Special is a TALENT SHOW with your talent! The show begins at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room for ages 6-12. The Family Film at 7:30 p.m. is Sand Castle.

July 30—Preschool Films will be shown in the Meeting Room at 10:30 a.m. This week's films are "Whistle for Willie", "A Picture for Harold's Room", and "On the Thread of a Tale."

July 31—The Drop-in Story Program for 3-5 year olds-2 p.m. in the Program Room.

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