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Council Tends to Housekeeping Chores

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Greenbelt City Council worked easily through an evening of mostly housekeeping chores at its May 2 regular meeting. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld was presented with a poppy, the council was twice commended by citizens and all votes but one were unanimous.

Council put a good deal of thought into the only split vote of the evening. They knocked down (3-2) one of three options with respect to the city's participation in an unemployment compensation program. The City of Greenbelt will not join in a possible National Institute of Municipal Law Officers suit challenging the constitutionality of the new federal law which requires state and local governments to participate in such programs. The city must still decide between two options: a 2.7 percent payroll tax (costing \$15,000 annually) or reimbursement to the state of actual benefits paid out.

Councilman Richard Pilski led the opposition to joining NIMLO's suit saying he couldn't vote against the possibility of a city employee at some future time being entitled to unemployment compensation. He cautioned council that a vote to join the suit was in effect a vote against all such municipal employees (nationwide) who might at some time have a genuine need for such insurance. Councilman Charles Schwan agreed saying the overriding issue is whether our regular employees deserve to be covered.

Councilman Tom White had objected to the idea of coercion by the federal government, especially since federal government itself does not contribute as an employer to the fund. White talked about the inherent stability of municipal governments. The formula for the municipal payroll tax, he said, was set too high relative to the amount of unemployment they contribute. He also said that to the extent the Federal government supports the system, through taxes, it means double taxation, as city residents have already contributed.

"Whether the Federal government does or does not contribute, isn't the question," objected Schwan, "If unemployment compensation is good, then it's good for everyone." And that was the point on which the vote turned as Pilski, Schwan, and Weidenfeld all stated they could not, philosophically, vote against unemployment compensation. With only White and Councilman Richard Castaldi voting in favor of joining the suit, the motion failed.

Transfer of Funds

In its usual end-of-the-fiscal-year juggling act, council moved some \$25,875 from surplus to barren accounts within departments:

—Police, \$2,250 for unusual overtime expenses as a result of manpower shortage.

—Street maintenance, \$5,100 for increased salary expenses for major street maintenance work.

—Street sanitation, \$1,600, better accounting of parks crew time.

—Youth Center, \$5,375, full-time recreation leader budgeted for SHL Recreation Center, actually working equal time at both places.

—Swimming pool, \$3,850, increased maintenance expenses over budget estimates due to excessive winter damage.

—Retirement contributions, \$7,700, payment required by State exceeds budget estimate.

Anti-Recession Funds

The extra expenses incurred this past winter in keeping the city streets clear of ice and snow were partially offset by \$1,100 of anti-recession funds. Provided under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976, these funds are to be used primarily to prevent cutbacks in basic city services. The snow and ice budget had been somewhat slighted over the past several years

POOL PASSES ON SALE

The Greenbelt municipal swimming pool will open its 1977 season Sat., May 28, at 1 p.m. Season passes are now on sale and offer a considerable savings over the daily admission fee. Purchase of passes may be made at the municipal building treasurer's office, Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Applications are available at the municipal building or call the Rec. Dept., 474-6878.

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wed., May 11, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. "Teaching Children Values" will be the discussion topic.

Babysitting will be available, and refreshments will be served. For information, call Betty Hughes at 474-8458.

CITY NOTES

Last week work was done on the bike trail-walk along Crescent Road. One thousand sixty-five feet has been completed as of April 28. The total length of the path will be 2,197 feet. Some street parking, and cleaning of storm sewer catch basins was also accomplished.

Bases were installed at the junior high school fields. The chipper and leaf vacuum were out. Some pear trees were planted in front of a residence on Lastner Lane, purchased by the resident. Work was done around the War Memorial, mostly removing outgrown shrubbery and trimming trees. The area is being prepared for planting with the new material being donated by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenbelt American Legion.

due to budgetary restraint.

Council moved quickly to allow the Police Department to order two Motorola car radios at a total cost of \$2,788. Both the Greenbelt Police and the Prince Georges County Police have independently come to the conclusion that radio equipment should be standardized and that Motorola provided the best reliability. The County has negotiated the price which is being made available to Greenbelt. The two radios were budgeted for this year's Replacement Fund.

Tid-Bits

Police Officer Paul Duprat was granted two weeks additional administrative leave time. His back is still giving him trouble, though he is expected to be back at work soon.

Mrs. Lillian McWilliams, President of the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary and Mrs. Elaine Woods, Poppy Chairman, were present to hear Mayor Gil Weidenfeld proclaim May as Poppy month. They in turn presented him with a poppy.

Mrs. Mc Williams commended the city staff for their help in refurbishing the war memorial on Centerway.

Don Volk gave three cheers for the beginning of work on the Crescent bike path. Beginning at Lastner Lane, across from the Lake Park, the path follows Crescent, turning left (opposite St. Hugh's school), uses the walkway along the cement drainage ditch between Lakewood and Northway. The path will come out at or near the intersection of Hillside and Northway to serve the north end of town.

WHAT GOES ON

Fri., May 6, 8:30 p.m. Greenbelt Choral Society Concert at Community Church.

Sat., May 7, City-wide clean-up. Starting in morning at Lake Park

Mon., May 9, 8 p.m. Budget work session with CARES. General Administration, Revenues, Municipal Building

Tues., May 10, 7 p.m. Greenbelt Junior High PTSA meeting 8 p.m. Work session on Elderly Housing; Lake Park control (if time permits)

Wed., May 11, 8 p.m. Budget work session with Recreation Organizations, Municipal Building

Thurs., May 12, 7:30 p.m. Kent Junior High PAC Meeting 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Choral Concert Friday Right Here in Greenbelt

by Junith Van Deusen

You don't have to drive for miles and pay for parking to be able to enjoy good music "live".

Tomorrow—right here in Greenbelt—you may treat yourself to an evening of good and lively music with the Greenbelt Choral Arts Society and guest artists.

The group will perform choral works by Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Thompson at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6 in the Greenbelt Community Church.

Guest soloists will be Nicholas McGaffin, piano; Linda Hardin, French horn; and Karen Freeman, organ.

Performances of this group have been very well received in the past. So indulge yourself on Friday evening.

Discover the enjoyment available to you within blocks of your home.

The choral pieces will be Bach's Cantata No. 4, "Christ lag in Todesbanden"; Beethoven's "Hallelujah"; Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer"; and Thompson's "The Last Words of David."

Admission is free, although donations are welcome.

County Youth Orchestra And Chorus to Perform

The All-County Senior Youth Orchestra and Honors Chorus will be performing in the Concert Hall at the Kennedy Center on Fri., May 20 at 8:30 p.m., thus marking the conclusion of activities sponsored by the Prince George's County Bicentennial Commission.

The Senior Youth Orchestra is the most advanced of seven youth orchestras sponsored by the Board of Education. The program will feature works by Shutz, Brahms and Britten, and commemorates the rich European musical heritage that has been preserved in our American heritage. Norman Scribner will conduct.

Frederick Morden, Director of the Senior Youth Orchestra, will conduct the second movement of Saint-Saens' Symphony No. 3, the "Organ" Symphony. Greenbelt students participating in the orchestra are Rose Bistany, Betsy Turkiewicz, and Amy Walder.

The Honors Chorus is composed of 130 county public high school vocalists. Amy Hect, Mary Lucy O'Brien, Matthew Freeman and Paul Smith are Greenbelters performing in the Chorus.

In addition to its previous Kennedy Center performances, the Orchestra has presented two television concerts on WRC-Television and appeared at the recent National Conference of the Music Educators Association.

For tickets call 345-8763, or the Kennedy Center Box Office beginning May 7.

Police Dept. Overworked; Chief Asks 3 New Officers

by Barbara Likowski

One of the problems that plague city council every year at budget time is again an issue—How much will citizens be willing to pay for added police protection? As it stands, this year's proposed budget will not increase the tax rate over last year's. The city manager has allowed for one added police officer. However the Chief of Police, William Lane, advocates adding 3, and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), 8.

The present force consists of 20 uniformed men. Chief Lane would eventually like to have a 26 man/woman force. (Applications from women are judged equally with those from men. According to the chief, he wants the best qualified people.) The FOP would like to see a total force of 28.

Speaking to those members of council, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Richard Castaldi, and Charles Schwan, who were present at the Wednesday, April 27 work session on public safety, Chief Lane and members of FOP gave their reasons for feeling the need for an expanded force.

Foremost is Greenbelt's growing population and the resulting added territory to patrol. For instance they felt that Greenbelt should be another patrol area.

Members of FOP stressed that there is a need for more police for the safety of the present officers as well as citizen protection. For years Greenbelt has been quite fortunate in having had few policemen injured on duty. This year, however, the case has been different with three officers having had extended leave because of injuries, an added burden has been placed on those who are available to work. Overtime, although exhausting to the men and expensive for the city, becomes a necessity in order to maintain adequate services and protection. (When cutting overtime was mentioned as a possible way to keep down costs in this department, police present pointed out how impossible it was under the present circumstances. The other two big overtime days, Fourth of July and Labor Day were also seen as times when cuts in overtime could not be made.)

Further complicating this year's man power shortage have been the training courses attended by three officers. These courses, much needed, are now mandated by state law for new police officers. Veteran police officers also need and get added training. Chief Lane estimates that it takes about a year before a new officer is properly trained.

Council members present seemed to go along with the need for added police.

Other personnel asked for by Lane were a full time dispatcher, and full time animal warden. It

was also suggested that more help was needed at the lake park. At present a park patrolman works 40 hours per week summers and weekends other times.

Although the main problem is manpower, services also are suffering - some things don't get done as often as needed and additional equipment is needed. The budget proposes that the 2 patrol cars which would normally be replaced, be retained and assigned to officers for police use only. The chief would like to have a marked car, perhaps a station wagon, though this has not been budgeted.

New car radios are needed for the two new vehicles and portables for the men. Both are necessary to lessen the possibility of an officer losing contact when leaving his vehicle.

The system for the computer terminal is also being changed. The city will pay a lease share, the state will pay for the computer.

City Manager James K. Giese informed council that although the city population has grown, serious crime has decreased.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Michael W. Dutton presented council with four requests. Top priority is for a bunk room addition. Total estimated cost is \$60,000 plus interest. The bunk room, originally approved by the county, was then disapproved because the county won't put an addition on a city building. The fire department is asking the city to finance the project, to be paid back by the fire department in installments.

When a bond issue was suggested Schwan mentioned that a referendum would be necessary. Weidenfeld noted that the question could be put on the city election ballot thereby saving the money of a special election.

Phasing out of the present home alert telephone system for firemen and converting to a Pagecom system, a perennial request, would cost the city about \$7,800.

The fire department suggested that completion of the municipal fire alert system and an addition to the parking lot (because of spaces lost by construction of the bunk room addition) might possibly be absorbed by the city Public Works Department budget.

City Invites Gloved Participants For Lake Park Clean-up Sat.

by Elaine Skolnik

Unlike previous years, Greenbelters are expected to be out in force on Sat., May 7 (rain date May 14) to participate in the city's annual "Clean-Up Day." City officials hope that the recent public hearings on the Lake Park will trigger a surge of activity by residents of all ages to come to the Lake Park any time after 8 a.m. on Saturday with their gloves on.

Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak explained that rakes, shovels and barrels will be provided. The main activity will be the collection of all kinds of litter found scattered around the lake shore and the adjacent wooded areas. Paper, glass and aluminum materials will be separated for the recycling program. The city earns \$20 for each ton of paper, 17c for a lb. of aluminum and a half-penny for a lb. of glass. Cooperation by citizens in the recycling program will help prolong the life of the landfill, which the city shares with College Park. The landfill is expected to run out of space and to close by Jan. 1, 1978.

If enough citizens show up on Saturday, additional areas—behind the Firehouse, Parkway apartments and stream channel—will be given a much needed spring cleaning.

City organizations, groups and clubs are encouraged to participate by either helping out in the Lake Park or selecting other areas in the city for their activity. In order to coordinate city assistance of trucks and equipment, organizations wishing to participate as a group are requested to notify the Public Works Department at 474-8004.

The clean-up is also a good opportunity to spruce up yards or clean out attics and basements. To the extent possible, trucks will be circulating throughout the city on Sat. to pick up material placed out at the street. Materials may also be brought to the Public Works Warehouse, 555 Crescent Road (near the Lake Park entrance), where a truck will be available.

Newspaper, glass, aluminum and oil may be brought to the warehouse for recycling.

County Campaign

The Greenbelt clean-up is being coordinated with a county-wide campaign sponsored by the County New Quality Committee also scheduled for this weekend. The Committee feels that while a one-day community clean-up will not solve the litter problem, "the effort does alert the public to their individual responsibility for keeping our county clean and litter-free."

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The Future of the Lake Park

Forty years ago much of this city was cleared of trees and shrubs and houses were built, first by the federal government and later by private developers. Residents immediately began planting so that now we have tall oaks and maples and magnolias. This is a town of planters, gardeners who feel a strong affinity to the woodlands.

In its wisdom, the federal government constructed a lake, stocked it with fish, permitted boating in its waters and leisurely walks around its shoreline. The Lake Park, as it became known, was always a neighborhood park. People were meant to walk into the park from numerous entrances, both formal and informal. It was a family park.

Unlike other regional or federal parks, the Lake Park has no single entrance which can be chained closed at night. It is not meant to be a "closed" park. Only two years ago did council pass an ordinance for an 11 p.m. closing time. It used to be open 24 hours.

As we have watched our city grow to number more than 20,000 residents, we have seen apartments spring up where people are walled in without a place to step outside onto green grass and sit under a tall oak tree. We have seen asphalt replace the natural landscape, and what that does in subtle ways to the quality of people's lives, we cannot say for sure.

But, we do know that these people and others seek refuge in ever-increasing numbers in the parks—and in our park, our Lake Park.

The Random House Unabridged Dictionary defines "park" as "an area of land, usually in a natural state, for the enjoyment of the public, having facilities for rest and recreation, usually owned, set apart, and managed by a city, state, or nation."

We agree. A park is for people. A park is for recreation and enjoyment. We are sympathetic to the plight of those residents who live nearest the park and are subject to unreasonable noise and who cannot bear the litter and erosion created by others who take advantage of the park without being aware of the destruction they inflict.

Recommendations

For this reason, we urge stronger enforcement and posting of existing regulations with additional park patrol personnel on weekends. We encourage increased maintenance, more trash receptacles and more frequent emptying, and the banning of alcoholic beverages and non-returnable containers. Closing the park earlier would help alleviate a number of problems for those who live near the lake. We might also go along with elimination of the concession stand—though we would do so with reluctance because taking away the boat and bike rentals would mean Greenbelt apartment dwellers and those who live in small homes would not be able to enjoy that aspect of the lake. At the same time, we are astonished that anyone would suggest taking away—even temporarily—the children's playground, jogging and biking.

We strongly support the banning of unleashed dogs from the park, and we support strict enforcement of the law to prevent motorcycles and automobiles from encroaching on the park area.

Because there are only 85 spaces available for parking in the Lake Park, we are hesitant about banning parking along both sides of Crescent Road in the vicinity of the park as well as around parcel 7, except where there are traffic hazards. Even though many Boxwood residents are willing to have this ban go into effect—on a trial basis—knowing full well that people will begin parking in front of their homes, we doubt that this will discourage the non-resident who has arrived with excited children and picnic basket.

We feel Boxwood residents should not suffer the inundation of cars on their streets. We are concerned lest any Greenbelter be turned away from the lake because of a "Park Full" sign and parking restrictions on every nearby street—and residents will suffer most. It will not be a long trip for them to return home, discouraged and annoyed at not being able to get into "their" park.

What is a park? It is an "area of land . . . for the enjoyment of the public." We applaud stricter regulations and enforcement of those regulations. Restrictive parking regulations, however, we believe, will have an adverse affect on those 13,000 Greenbelters not within walking distance of the lake.

Bake Sale Saturday

The 4-H Daisies are holding a bake sale in front of the Post Office on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ODD JOBS, INC.

Greenbelt CARES introduces its **ODD JOBS, INC!** youths who can tackle painting and house cleaning, window washing, mowing, raking, hedge trimming, babysitting. The list can go on and on. These services are now available for a nominal fee to Greenbelt residents. Call 345-3456 for more information.

Dinner for Gil Wiser

"Is this the place where the wedding party is being held?" asked Gil Wiser on Saturday, April 3, at the American Legion Hall.

"No, there isn't any wedding party," someone replied, and the close to two hundred friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers assembled yelled "surprise!"

Gil, of 56-G Crescent Rd., is retiring as a county school bus driver, after sixteen years of devoted service, and he was honored at a testimonial dinner. In between the awards, speeches, music and dancing, Gil kept saying, "I thought I was going to a wedding party! My friends walked right by me, and never said a word."

Architect Shows Concept Plans For Elderly Housing

by Otilie Van Allen

City Council met on Tuesday evening April 26 to hear the architect's presentation of plans for 100 units of senior citizen housing to be built on the present Ridge Road Center site. In the audience there were about twenty members of the Golden Age Club, as well as members of the Advisory Committee on Housing for the Elderly.

Steve Parker, of the firm of Lawrence and Grimm, made the presentation utilizing colored slides and scale drawings. These showed a building in which three wings radiate from a center core, so placed that each apartment receives some sun several hours a day. The wings are all three stories high but are placed on two levels, and one wing has a fourth story partly underground. This creates a building which fits into the slope of the site, and is not out of scale with the surrounding GHI houses.

Landscaping

The landscaping provides parking for 33 cars, access to a service entrance, and a variety of terraces, courts, plantings and walks for outdoor recreation.

Twenty-five units will be equipped for the handicapped, or will be convertible for such use. All apartments will be the same size and will have the same floor plan, consisting of a living-room and dining area 12'x18', a bedroom 9'6" x 14'6", a dressing room 6'x8', a kitchen 7'x8'6", a bath 8'x5', and a center hall 5' wide. Two closets are provided, 2'x5' and 2'x3'. There will be tenant storage available in the basement.

The kitchens will be fully equipped including a sink with garbage disposal, refrigerator, and a stove. Carpeting will be installed throughout except in the bathroom and kitchen where there will be plastic tile. It has not yet been decided whether draperies will be furnished.

The common facilities will include a lobby, lounge, library, laundry room, and canteen on the main floor. A multi-purpose room about 26'x30', a greenhouse, and a dining room to seat 75, as well as a kitchen, which may or may not be fully equipped at the beginning, will occupy the floor below.

Meals?

There was discussion about the question of serving meals for all residents. It was pointed out that there are several alternatives for such a program, and that it does not need to be compulsory for everyone. There was general agreement that it would be wise to include the dining-room and kitchen in the plans, leaving the choice of the meal program, if any, to the residents at a later date. It was also evident that the Golden Agers want this new facility as a center for some activities, but not to be the only center in town. Their present location in the recreation building is more suitable for large numbers of people.

Rent

The rent for each unit will be 25% of the tenant's income, except for those with incomes over \$9,050 for one person, and over \$11,600 for two persons. The apartments as well as the common rooms will be air-conditioned.

Council members as well as the others present, were very much impressed by the overall design and details, and expressed their thanks to the architect for having met an early deadline. On June 10, the design development plans are to be finished. At the end of August, the working drawings are to be completed and the plans can go to bid by construction firms. December 15 is proposed as the date for construction contract execution and construction loan closing. Since this is the middle of winter, actual construction will probably not begin until the weather permits, in early spring.

MOWATT MEMORIAL United Methodist Church

Church School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.
 Sermon: "Love and Marriage"
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Pastor
 474-3381 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Mishkan Torah News

In a unique ceremony, Rabbi Kenneth Berger of the Mishkan Torah Synagogue, will officiate at the congregation's second adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah service on Fri., May 6 at 8:30 p.m.

Rudolph Mund, Deborah Smith, Rebecca Silverstein, Ruth and Max Horlich, Charlotte Broughton and Rachel Algaze will present a creative service on Chasedism.

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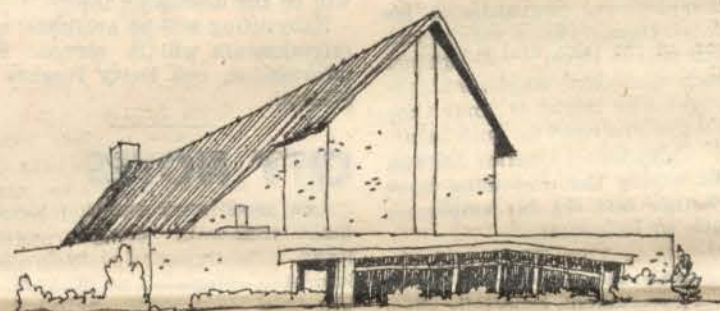
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Collected thru 1976 from Members Charges	\$199,602
1977 Collections (4 months)	29,904
Interested Earned to Date	15,766
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	\$245,272

Certificates of Deposit	\$244,890
Savings Account	382
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	\$245,272

May 3, 1977
 James R. Foster
 Treasurer

Letters to the Editor

Testimony Misrepresented

To the Editor:

Your article on last Monday's Lake Park hearing was a real surprise to me. My testimony was edited and added to in such a way that I could hardly recognize it. Just to set the record straight:

I did not say the park "should be left in a natural state for those who wanted to walk and otherwise contemplate the scenery," nor did I say anything remotely resembling that. I did say that I am very concerned about the physical destruction of the park resulting from overuse, and I did advocate eliminating from the park those activities which don't relate to the lake. Specifically, I asked for the removal of the basketball court, the new playground equipment, and the concession stand. I did not ask for removal of all amenities from the park — I certainly don't want to get rid of picnic tables, water fountain, portable toilets, etc. I made it clear that I wanted the basketball court and pirate ship moved to other places in Greenbelt where they can be used without adding to the burden of the Lake Park.

I'm sorry I didn't list the activities I think relate to the lake. They include anything that is greatly enhanced by the lake's presence, such as picnicking, loafing, walking, jogging and biking, boating, reading the paper while the kids feed the ducks and so on.

Now for your reference to boating. Nobody was as selfish as your article suggests. I said it would be unfair of me, a boat owner, to ask that only people who own boats be allowed on the lake, and suggested a boat co-op as an alternative to the concession stand. Mrs. Pacl suggested the Recreation Department might handle boat rental.

You mentioned that I wanted to put the playground equipment on the old landfill. Now if that were all I'd said, it would be a ridiculous idea. What I really said was that I'd like the city to develop a park at the landfill, taking some of the pressure off the Lake Park. I would include attractive play equipment in such a park. Incidentally, I didn't say this at the hearing, but I'd like to see a sport complex, hiking trails, picnic grounds, especially for group use, and perhaps even an amphitheater in that area. This would require purchase of some more land, preferably in Parcel 1, and I didn't want to get into that during a hearing on the Lake Park.

I think the pirate ship is a perfect example of the way the city has thoughtlessly increased use of the Lake Park. Several pieces of play equipment were placed in different parts of the city during the past year or two. The best of the lot is the pirate ship at the lake. My son, who never goes to playgrounds, thinks it's so much fun he goes to the Lake Park just to play on it. I'm sure he's not the only person who has been drawn to the park by that beautiful piece of playground equipment, and so the city has brought more people into the park for something they could have enjoyed anywhere in Greenbelt. (To keep the record straight, part of this train of thought was not brought up at the hearing).

I might have let all this go by and just let you misrepresent my testimony, except that I've already been asked if I really said jogging should be prohibited from the park. Really! I did not, nor can I find anything in my rather complete set of notes on the hearing that indicates sentiment in favor of banning these activities from the park. Jogging was frequently cited as one of those activities that draw people to the park, contributing to its overuse, and the path was cited as an example of a facility that has increased usage of the park. To be fair to you, your article didn't say that I wanted to get rid of joggers and bikers, but it left that impression.

Aside from my own feelings about being misrepresented, I think there is another issue here. The last two articles on the lake park have left me with the feeling that the News Review is trying to portray anyone who wants to discourage overuse of the park as being

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note:

Every now and then the News Review receives a letter to the editor which the author, for one reason or another, has neglected to sign. Some of these letters present valid points of view, worth discussing in the public forum which this newspaper provides to the community. Unfortunately, we cannot publish such letters unless we know who wrote them. We will, if requested, withhold the name of someone who wants to preserve his anonymity, but we must know the author in order to honor such a request.

selfish or even downright unreasonable. You did a neat hatchet job on the people of Lakeside in the previous article. I'll admit that there is a very small handful of Lakesiders who do seem to regard the park as their own, and I don't understand why the city doesn't stop the encroachment on the park by some of these people. Even though the encroachment is something that was dealt with in the past, the city could and should insist on removal of private pathways and boats from the public land. However, these few people are not representative of all Lakesiders, and to discredit the testimony of their neighbors by suggesting that they too, want the park for their own private use, is a dirty trick. If you have an opinion on use of the park, put it in an editorial, don't distort, insinuate, and selectively edit to make your point in what purports to be a straight news article.

Finally, to make it clear where I stand, I don't care who uses the Lake Park. I do care how many people use the park, and I believe the city must take some positive steps to divert some of them elsewhere.

Nancy M. Neupert

Commends Weidenfeld

To the Editor:

In the April 21, edition of the News Review, I read an account of Council Bill 15, a piece of county legislation which will insure that Prince Georges 28 cities and towns receive a rebate for services provided municipal residents in lieu of county services.

As liaison to the municipal governments from the Prince Georges County delegation to the General Assembly, I follow county actions rather closely. For this reason, I would like to add an addendum to your otherwise excellent account of this vitally needed measure.

In large measure this bill became law because of the tireless lobbying of Mayor Gil Weidenfeld. His persistence and his unwillingness to take no for an answer is the major reason why this bill was put over the top.

One of the most important responsibilities of municipal officials is to represent their cities at other levels of government. This is a responsibility which all members of the Greenbelt Council have taken very seriously, and more often than not the city's voice is heeded.

In this case, though, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld more than any other city or town official, deserves to be singled out for praise. Congratulations, Gil, on a job very well done.

Gerard F. Devlin
Delegate, 24th District

POPPY SALE THIS MONTH

The American Legion Auxiliary veteran-made memorial Poppy will be offered to the public during the month of May. Members of Unit No. 136 Greenbelt and volunteers will be distributing the bright red crepe paper Poppies in memory of the nation's war dead.

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"Immediate Family"

To the Editor:

The serious and satirical Mat Amberg seems to be having fun berating the GHI Board for its failure to interpret the mutual ownership contract in a way he deems reasonable.

The language of the contract between GHI and a member is that he will "occupy the dwelling unit . . . as a private dwelling . . . for himself and his immediate family. . . ." For 25 years, successive boards have understood "immediate family" to mean persons related by blood or marriage. Presumably this was the understanding of literally thousands of members who signed contracts during those 25 years.

At this late date, the board unilaterally cannot change the time-honored interpretation unless the change is sanctioned by a court. With all due respect, the county Human Relations Commission is not a court, not a body with power to permit the change in interpretation.

As to Mat's allegations that GHI has not followed its own rules, they are of no consequence in my view.

1. Neither the contract nor the bylaws requires that units be sold. Hence, GHI may lease to dentists as it now does, or to doctors or for a store as it did at one time. Article II, Section 2 of the bylaws permits the "sale or lease of housing units."

2. Article III, Section 1 of the bylaws limits membership to "persons of good character and financial responsibility and to religious or other institutions." The board did not act irresponsibly in selling the units occupied by the nuns.

3. A single person may constitute a family.

4. In my opinion, a court would find that the GHI board was upholding the letter and the spirit of the contract in limiting the time that non-family members may be guests in a home, the owner of which agreed to occupy it "for himself and his immediate family."

5. Similarly, I believe a court would find reasonable the board's permitting a member to sublet his home for a limited time when circumstances precluded his occupying it for that time.

All of the above is beside the point. What is at issue in court is whether the Human Relations Commission order is to be upheld. If it is, the matter will have been decided in favor of those who agree with Mat. If the court overturns the order, GHI will continue to have the right to set its own occupancy standards within the limits of the contract. Then would be the time for those who agree or disagree with Mat to press their views.

Charles F. Schwan

Library Friends Needed

To the Editor:

It was quite disturbing to me and, I am sure, to other Greenbelt residents to read that Prince Georges County was considering the closing of several libraries as a means of cutting back on expenses. At a time when we need to be well-informed of what is happening around us — when we should be encouraging a thirst for greater knowledge in our younger generation, it seems that there should be other areas of expenses where savings can be made. Thankfully, the County Executive and Council have changed their minds and libraries will not be closed. However, the indication is that the hours of operation will be reduced to make up the difference between what is needed and what will be made available.

We did have an organization in Greenbelt which was called Friends of the Library, or a similar title, but I have not heard much about it during the past few years. Perhaps this would be the appropriate time to mobilize help to keep our Greenbelt Library the fine resource that it is and to prevent the shortening of the hours when it is open. I offer my services to help reactivate the Friends of the Library group.

Stephen Polaschik

Power of Human Relations Commission Questioned

To the Editor:

Mat, you're having a lot of fun about the matter of the GHI Mutual Ownership Contract and its requirement that only family members live in a unit. However, with respect to your mythical sheik (April 21 News Review), don't you know that the Koran allows a Muslim only four wives, but as many concubines as "his right hand can hold"? Won't we need a legal opinion as to whether a concubine is a relative?

Seriously, Mat, there is another and even more important issue than that of morality. I do fear for the future of our civilization and way of life if the family unit continues to break down in any number of ways, but I fear even more the vast powers given appointed officials. Almost any form of government is at least tolerable if those with authority over our lives are subject to the ballot box, but when an appointed government body can reach into our homes and change our life style without accounting to us at election time, we had better sit up and take notice.

Perhaps our Mutual Ownership Contract needs to be changed so that when there is a need for a person unrelated by blood or mar-

THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to acknowledge our appreciation to Mark's many wonderful friends for the love and concern you expressed for Mark.

Please remember Mark in your prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell

riage to live with a member for that member's good and welfare, it can be arranged without a long, draw-out board meeting to grant a special exception. I might even vote for such a change if it could be written so that members wouldn't have carte blanche to turn their homes into boarding houses with the consequent increase in parking problems and required services. However, that would be a different proposition from having us told we must change by a non-elected outside body.

In CB-3 1977, our elected officials are saying they did not intend to deprive us of the right to live in a family-centered community if we wish to. This proposed legislation does not force any particular life style on anyone; it gives us, and others similarly situated, the freedom to choose for ourselves. That is why I like it.

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At the Library

Sat., May 7 at 2 p.m., On-Again Off-Again Films presents "Granny Lives in Galway", the story of two orphans who set off in search of their granny and "Case of the Elevator Duck" in which a boy finds a duck and then tries to find the owner.

"Hamlet" will be shown as the Feature Film on Tues., May 10 in the meeting room at 7:30 p.m.

After School Laughs-at-the-Libe offers "Felix Dines and Pines", "The Incredible Jewel Robbery" and "The Brats" on May 11. There will be two showings of the films in the Children's Program Room at 3:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Greenbelt Morning Theatre presents "Ruth Stout's Garden" and "Wild Wings" on Wed., May 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room.

Drop-In Stories are at 2 p.m. on Thursdays for ages 3-5.

Duplicate Bridge

by Peg Wainscott

The next Duplicate Bridge Game will be Fri., May 13, at 8 p.m. at the Youth Center. All bridge players are welcome, even if they have never played duplicate before. This is a nice friendly group and an excellent place to learn duplicate or to practice up — and a good place to meet kindred spirits! So you'll come!

Recreation Review

Skateboard Rally

On Sat., May 7, the Rec. Dept. and the East-Coast Skateboard will sponsor a rally at the Ridge Road Center. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the rally will begin at 10 a.m. The events will include Giant Slalom, Downhill and Freestyle. Children ages 7-18 years are welcome to compete. Awards will be given to winners in the various age groups. Plan now to attend this event.

Little League Night Games

The Greenbelt Little League will play games under the lights on Braden Field every Fri. at 8 p.m. All persons are encouraged to come and cheer for a favorite team.

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Policies on Solar Heating, Electrical Work, Townhouses Discussed by GHI

by Roberta McNamara

The Financial Statements of Greenbelt Development Corporation and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. were among the topics of the April 28 GHI Board meeting. Also discussed were a policy change for sick leave, possible windfall profits for owners of solar homes, the problems with the county concerning electrical heavy up, and the townhouse contract.

GDC, the wholly owned subsidiary of GHI which manages the Parkway apartment buildings, is operating in the black this year. Its total income is \$98,727, expenses come to \$88,545 with a surplus of \$9,469. Total assets are \$110,030. However GDC is not prepared to pay a dividend to GHI; the apartment boiler rooms are slated for conversion this summer.

In looking over GHI's statement for 1976 GHI's assets are \$9,601,620, liability \$2,074,683; equity, \$7,526,937. The operating budget shows a deficit of \$90,252. This is due to unprojected rise in the cost of water and the need for more fuel because of the cold winter. GHI sets aside money in reserve to offset these problems. Thus GHI is operating in the black.

The Finance Committee presented a plan that would reward GHI employees for wise use of their sick leave. Under this plan an employee could accumulate, during his service

to the corporation, up to 480 hours of unused sick leave and be paid for these hours upon retirement. This action was deferred until Banker's Life (GHI's pension-insurance company) could go over the plan.

A Solar Heating Policy

The Finance Committee also presented a policy that at the time of sale or transfer of houses involved in the Solar Heating Project, GHI should recover its invested funds. This policy is to be referred to legal counsel for advice relating to current cases and is to be put in writing as an addendum to home owners contracts in the future. A motion to this effect passed.

The same committee acting on a memorandum of Pres. Jim Smith developed a plan allowing members to pay their share of capital improvements in either a lump sum or on an accelerated basis, if desired. This was not supported by the board, however.

The Finance Committee further

suggested that GHI should adopt a policy that no additional collection will be made from the membership, for payment of principal and interest, when the amount of each individual mortgage (GNMA) has been paid off. This was adopted.

Townhouse Policy

The board was made aware of a petition to allow townhouse members to secure a mutual ownership contract as other GHI members have. Under the current contract, the townhouse members participate in a ground rent arrangement whereby at the time of sale the unit is appraised, GHI purchases the unit from one member and sells it to another member at an appraised price determined by a formula based on original market value and sales price. The petition, to be presented as a motion at the annual meeting, reads:

Move that the Board of Directors provide members residing in the new homes the opportunity to purchase the corporation's equity in their units, and issue them a regular mutual ownership contract. Funds realized from these sales are to be added to the Land Sales Reserve and used for the benefit of all members.

This may undergo some revision before the meeting.

Also discussed was the problem of electrical heavy up. The county is requiring that the heavier wiring go through the roofs of some houses. The wires should be encased in a pipe extending the full length of each house. The cost of this is estimated at between six to seven thousand dollars.

"This may not be doing the roof any good either," stated Roy Breahears, manager.

This can be viewed already installed at 13 Court Ridge. It presents the dangerous possibility of a child using the pipe to crawl out

the bathroom windows, according to the manager. The board plans to negotiate a change with the county inspectors.

FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE

ELECT

BOBBI McCARTHY

- Current member of Audit Committee
- Active in legislative affairs
- Dedicated to making GHI a fine & affordable community for both young & old.

GHI's Annual Meeting is May 18
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By authority of candidate

RE-ELECT

ARTHUR E. GROPP

6-H Crescent Rd.

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MARY CLARKE

To G.H.I. Board of Directors SUPPORT

- initiative in long range planning to control maintenance costs and preserve our community
- continued efforts to improve communication with members
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by authority of candidate

G.H.I. General Meeting May 18 — Election Continues May 19

ELECT

WAYNE WILLIAMS

TO G.H.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Chairman, Long Range Planning Committee
- Former Member, Nominations and Elections Committee
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- TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GHI Annual Meeting May 18 - Voting continues May 19

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STEPHEN POLASCHIK

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- A re-look at this new inspection of homes with easier guidelines to the code for members to follow with fairness to the seller and buyer
- He will give deep consideration and see that there is a definite guarantee to all contracts or recommendations proposed by management.
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Greenbelt citizens from the town's inception have received high marks for their cooperative efforts on behalf of the community's welfare. This Saturday is the annual city-wide clean-up day and Greenbelters of all ages are encouraged to spruce up their gardens, to join their friends and neighbors at the Lake or in their courts, or neighborhood playgrounds in an effort to beautify Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Bruce Bowman of Greenbelt, who was selected by the Co-op Congress to be on its slate of nominees for the Board of Directors. Bowman is an incumbent. Election of the Board candidates by the membership will take place at the Co-op's annual meeting in June.

William P. Corrigan, agent for Nationwide Insurance in the People's National Bank Building in Greenbelt was a delegate to the annual agents' advisory council held recently in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Howard Laster, Lakeside Dr., was elected a director of the Virginia based Atlantic Research Corporation, which is engaged in research, development and manufacturing. Dr. Laster will be Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Iowa effective July 1, 1977.

Our deepest sympathy to the Rev. Clifton Cunningham of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Hattie Cunningham.

Winners in Friday night's Duplicate Bridge Game were Laura and Bill Walker in first place and Esther Yalowitz with Shirley Bryant in second place. Next game Fri., May 13, 8 p.m.

Marine Private John M. Taylor Jr., son of Ronnie Donaldson of 6980 Hanover Parkway, has completed the Marine Corps' Communication Center Course.

Irene Hensel's sister, Gloria Marsh of Pasadena, CA, a former Greenbelt resident in 1962, is visiting the Hensels. Also visiting Greenbelt is Irene's mother Josie Beffa and her friend Evelyn Kublin, both of New York City.

Navy Fireman Steven P. Danahy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Danahy, 10 Greenway Place, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Fla.

George Jones, 113 Northway, has been awarded a West Virginia University Fellowship for the coming year. He will be studying to obtain his Doctor's degree at the University.

Linda D. Kristof, 5805 Cherrywood Terr., received a Superior Cadet Decoration Award for outstanding participation in ROTC during the 1976-77 school year at Oklahoma University, Norman Campus.

Condolences to Councilman Richard Pilski, on the death of his brother-in-law, Joseph Hanko, of Kingston, Pennsylvania.



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Concert Band to Perform

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County, under the direction of John DelHomme will perform in Greenbelt for Greenbelt Day (Center Mall) on Sun., June 5 at 2 p.m. and on July 4 at Greenbelt Lake.

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Greenbriar Students Transfer To Center; 10 Schools Close

by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince Georges Board of Education "bit the bullet" at its April 28 meeting at Largo Senior High School and voted to close ten of the county's elementary schools because of declining enrollment. They are Ager Road, Brentwood, College Park, Fox Hill, Glenn Dale, Holly Park, Lanham, Palmer Park, Somerset and Whitehall elementaries.

The Board also took action to reassign 27 Greenbriar students to Greenbelt Center School. These students, who had been attending Catherine T. Reed, were scheduled to be transferred to Magnolia Elementary in the fall. The Greenbelt City Council, the Center School PTA and Eileen Peterson requested at the meeting that Greenbriar youngsters instead be shifted to an elementary school in the core of Greenbelt. They felt that the Greenbriar development would have a closer association with the city if its children attended a Greenbelt school. Additionally, the move would help stem the declining enrollment at these schools.

Lanham Elementary

The Lanham school was among those studied by the community Task Force in Study Area 2-B, which included North End, Center School and Catherine T. Reed schools. College Park and Holly Park Elems. were included in study area 4-A, which included Springhill Lake Elementary. Palmer Park was among the schools considered for closing in Study Area 8, which included John Carroll and Oakcrest. About 223 Greenbelt students are bused to these schools.

The closing of the ten schools will result in the shifting of 3,400 students to other elementary schools. Some of them will be transported shorter distances as a result of the reassignments, others slightly longer. According to the school staff, overall total transportation costs will not be affected at all.

The school system's staff estimates that the ten closings will produce an annual budget savings of at least \$978,000. The Board said that this factor played a role in their decisions, which they termed as most "painful."

Declining Enrollment

From a peak of 163,000 students in 1971, the county schools now enroll approximately 142,000 youngsters. The 1980 projection is 130,500. According to school officials, if there were no inflation nor budget pressures, the resulting empty classroom space might be used to produce smaller class sizes and to house new and innovative programs. But given the fiscal realities, the Board says it was faced with the difficult task of singling out some schools for retirement.

Superintendent Edward J. Feeney has tentatively identified school system uses for seven of the ten schools to be closed. These will

be presented to the Board on May 12. The county council and county executive have also outlined a process for county review of the schools to be closed and to examine possible county government uses for them.

According to school officials, no principals, teachers or other staffers will lose jobs as a result of the school closings, but considerable salary costs will be cut. The school system employs about 14,000 people, and there are enough normal attrition vacancies, through retirements and resignations, to accommodate the employees of schools to be closed.

Statement by Feeney

The Superintendent, in remarks to the Board members before their voting, again pointed up the participation of citizens in the process that led to the school closings. Acknowledging the criticism some parents had leveled at the task force approach, he said, "Some have said that it has fostered some bitterness among neighbors and neighboring communities, and toward the (school) system. To the extent it exists, we are concerned about that effect, and we shall do all that we can in the weeks and months ahead to heal over any wounds which are perceived." But he continued, "... That is also a cost of involvement in decision-making. We would have been foolish, or at least very naive, to have assumed that through this complicated approach we would arrive at a total consensus, and decisions pleasing everyone. That was not our purpose."

The purpose, the Superintendent told the Board, was to see that the issues were fully examined, and that proposals were tested in the heat of debate and the light of public scrutiny. "We have," he added, "largely achieved that purpose, in our view." Dr. Feeney said it was because of that informed public participation that the school system finally was ready to make decisions... and without it, might still be talking about the need to get more public input.

Both Board members and the Superintendent expressed concerns about the "human investment," as Dr. Feeney put it, in the schools recommended for closing — the fact that schools are rallying and organizing points for communities and add a measure of stability to communities. But several Board members said the proposals for school system uses for some of the buildings would allow the communities to continue to use them for

Greenbelt, Kent Jr. Highs Open to Public May 10-13

by Elaine Skolnik

Greenbelt and Kent Junior High Schools are among the 14 schools participating in "Spring Showcase Week" in the Northern Area of Prince Georges County. Students living in Springhill Lake attend Greenbelt Junior High (GJH) and youngsters from Greenbriar are enrolled in Kent, which is located in Hyattsville. (Those students residing in the core of Greenbelt attend Mary Bethune, which is included in the school system's Central Area.) All events are open to the general public, who will be able to examine the day to day activities of the schools.

Principal Charles Collins of GJH, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, was chairman of the "Showcase" committee appointed by G. James Gholson, assistant superintendent for the Northern Area. The week-long program will give parents and interested persons a behind-the-scenes look at our junior high schools. Collins feels that a fully informed public is generally supportive of education. He thought it important that the junior highs become involved in the "Spring Showcase Program," so that the school's positive features could be emphasized — "for parents to see the good going on in the schools, even though we recognize that there is need for improvements."

Greenbelt Jr. High

Open house at GJH will start Tuesday evening and continue all week. Visitors are invited to watch classes in session starting on Wednesday and view the many projects carried out by students.

On Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. the GJH-PTSA will meet at 7:30 p.m. At that time parents may sign up for car pools to visit Laurel, Eisenhower and Martin Luther King Junior High Schools on Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 and 12, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The GJH Symphonic Woods Ensemble will perform on Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Kent Jr. High

Arnie Thomas, curriculum coordinator at Kent, advises that their school's program has already begun. During the month of May Kent students gave a display of woodworking projects at the Greenbelt Library.

Thomas said that starting next Tuesday and running through Friday everyone is invited between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to Kent's Media Center, where exhibits (science fair literature, art, etc) will be on display. A slide show will also be offered of important happenings at Kent — Sugar Ray Leonard's visit and innovative accomplishments of students. Additionally, a booklet describing Kent's program will be distributed.

Visitors have the option of seeing the school via guided tours or to sit in on classes of their choosing. The Parent Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. Thomas said the "famous" Kent Band and chorus will perform. Afterwards, parents will be able to select one of three work sessions where they will have the opportunity to talk with staff.

Any parent wishing to visit other junior high schools may call Thomas at 773-4400. May 11 and 12 are scheduled as "inter-visitation" days,

activities, and that made their decisions possible, if still difficult.

Police Blotter

Included among the 16 juvenile complaints were two juveniles found trespassing at the water tower, and one apprehended by a local clothing store for shoplifting. None of the juveniles were charged but were returned to the custody of their parents.

A 17 year old male resident was turned over to Juvenile Services after he was charged with assault and battery on his girl friend. Juvenile Court action is pending.

Cpl. Miskell and Sgt. Faulconer apprehended a non-resident subject wanted by Fairfax City Police who was involved with a car that was stolen in Greenbelt and recovered

in Fairfax.

A resident who reported his car stolen from Westway observed it parked a short time later on Lakeside Drive. Cpl. Miskell found a car parked in Springhill Lake that had been reported stolen. Cpl. Stair investigated a car he observed in a firelane in Springhill Lake; it appeared to have been tampered with, and upon contacting the owner it was discovered that the car had been stolen from another location in Springhill Lake.

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