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Animated GHI Meeting Includes Bylaw Proposal

by Katherine Keene

The GHI Board meeting on April 13, was both long and lively, and during most of the evening the room was crowded. A petition for a proposed bylaw change was presented and resulted in a heated discussion. Another item which caused some concern was the proposed use of paper ballots at the annual meeting. Also discussed were townhouse contracts, the proposed Baltimore-Washington overpass, and the GHI rehabilitation report.

Rehabilitation Report

Manager Roy Breashears submitted his report on rehabilitation to the Board. At this time management recommends as priority items for frame houses wall insulation, storm windows, and weatherstripping where needed. For brick and masonry, the recommended projects are storm windows and weatherstripping where needed. At present insulation of the attics of frame and brick houses, installation of storm doors, and installation of siding on frame and cinderblock houses are not recommended. All recommended projects are effective in reducing heating costs. Several persons expressed regret that siding for frame and cinderblock houses was not included.

Copies of the manager's report are available at the GHI office. The Board will schedule some special committee and Board meetings to consider the report. President James Smith reiterated that rehabilitation will go to the membership and must have a large consensus, not merely a majority at a membership meeting.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is set for

May 10. The polling places will be at Center School on the evening of May 10 by paper ballot and at the GHI Hamilton Place offices on May 11. Eunice Coxon, a visitor, requested that water rates for single people be an agenda item. She pointed out that single people use less water than families and should pay less. Smith said the matter could be brought up under new business. Coxon said she could not see why members cannot have individual water meters. The manager said it would be necessary to install new plumbing arrangements, that hot water comes from the furnaces and is not at present included on the water meters that GHI now has, and that there would also be a rather great expense for installing new individual meters. Martha Hutzler, who was also present, stated that she had personally counted the water meters in the brick houses and found that almost every house had its own meter. Furthermore, she said, people living in brick houses use more than their fair share of water.

Paper Ballots

Coxon announced that she was "shocked" to have learned that neither City Hall nor Youth Center representatives had been approached to have the GHI voting machines located in either of those buildings, and that paper ballots were proposed for those wishing to vote at the Annual Meeting. She ended by saying that "We don't want voting machines here (in the GHI Administration Building) and we don't want paper ballots."

Janet James, Nominations and Elections chairman, stated that the committee had successfully used paper ballots last year, since with

only two machines it would otherwise have been necessary to stand in line a long time after the meeting to vote; that the GHI building, where the machines will be, has no stairs to climb; and that paper ballots were sealed after the meeting and left with the Police Department.

Bylaw Proposal

Shortly after the meeting had been called to order Betty Denson of 59A Ridge presented a petition for a proposed bylaw change to be considered at the Annual Meeting. Briefly, the proposal would have the membership approve every increase in the annual budget. (At present the board must seek membership approval only for a budget increase of 10% in operating costs.) Smith told Denson that bylaws could be amended at the Annual Meeting, and that the text of the proposed change had to be included in the announcement of the meeting.

Denson asked why the proposal could not be approved by referendum. Smith reminded her that according to the present bylaws amendments might be added at the meeting, that the issue of bylaw referendum had been thoroughly researched only three years ago, and that the bylaws themselves said that such changes could only be voted by a referendum.

Coxon demanded to hear the bylaws, not president Smith. Smith accordingly read the by-laws involved. Coxon said that her copy of the bylaws contained no such clauses as he read. Smith read again. Coxon demanded proof. Other board members found the relevant clauses in their copies of the by-laws. See GHI BOARD, page 4, col. 1

Council Again Hears From Public On Proposed Bus Route Changes

by Barbara Likowski

"At last our part of the city is being served . . ." Eileen Peterson told council at Monday night's meeting. Peterson, representing the Lakeside Citizens' Association, was one of seventeen people who attended the meeting, part of which was a public hearing on Metro routes. She spoke in favor of the new F-6 route which utilizes Lakecrest Dr., Lakeside Dr., Westway and Crescent Rd. to reach the center.

Because of objections from some residents along Westway to the noise, pollution, etc., two alternative changes were suggested. Instead of having the bus go down Westway, one alternative would have the bus turn left at the intersection of Westway and Ridge and proceed down Ridge to Crescent and to the center. The other would have the bus turn right at Westway and Ridge to Southway and then on to the center. The right turn would be a sharp turn and the bus would have to turn into traffic on Southway.

Jim Drake, 25 Lakeside, told council that he rides the F-6 every day from the University of Maryland where he is a member of the faculty. Drake favored the present route telling council that the slight upgrade in the road made it easier to go straight than to turn. As far as pollution goes, he felt the bus made less pollution than cars with catalytic converters.

Drake was concerned that not enough people were taking the bus, indeed, didn't seem to be aware of it. Drake said he had found the bus to be convenient, almost always on time and pleasant to ride. He suggested that council help generate momentum and encourage people to take the bus.

Councilman Thomas White agreed that the F-6 needs riders and people should be encouraged to take advantage of increased service. He saw the need for Saturday service and thought that Saturday service might be added if there were more riders. Alan Amberg, Hillside, also asked for Saturday service.

Carl Choper, Northway, suggested that people would be more inclined to use the bus if they were sure it wouldn't be discontinued after the New Carrollton station is opened next fall.

S. Robert Rubin, Senior Transit Officer, Prince Georges County Department of Public Works and Transportation, assured council that along with express service to the New Carrollton station the city would continue to have local service. He saw the city as having better service — the addition of express service and the T-16 which will run through town when the New Carrollton station opens. Rubin assured council that the New Carrollton station was expected to open in November as planned. Plans to change the C-2 route which serves the city from Beltway Plaza have been cancelled and the route is expected to stay as it is, he said.

Councilman Charles Schwan complained that although comments from people living on one block had prompted council to look for alternate routes, there had been little guidance at the hearing about whether the bus should go right, left or straight.

Mayor pro tem Gil Weidenfeld who was chairing the meeting, then took a poll of those present by asking for a show of hands. Fourteen favored the present route, none favored either of the two alternatives.

Councilman Richard Castaldi expressed the opinion that the existing route is probably the safest and has the least amount of pollution.

Carolyn Estridge, librarian in charge of the Greenbelt library, informed council that the library has a supply of bus schedules which are available to the public. Weidenfeld asked that this information be publicized in the News Review.

R-15

The other bus change on council's agenda affected the R-15 express bus which at present leaves the Stadium Armory at 5:30 p.m. Some citizens have complained that the departure time is too early for people working in downtown Washington and asked that it be moved back to 5:45. The city has been advised that Metro will make the change if the city requests it.

A questionnaire was placed in the News Review and flyers placed on cars in local commuter parking areas. So far five responses have been received by the city, three for the 5:45 and two against. A survey taken on the bus one evening had indicated that 19 out of 33 passengers did not object to a later departure time; 14, however, did. One person who was opposed was already waiting 20 minutes for the bus and would then have to wait for 30.

Ray McCauley, Research Rd., reported that he takes the R-15 every day and knows that many times people miss it. He felt it should be delayed the extra 10 minutes.

White hoped that it might be possible to convert an existing local bus to another express.

The decision will probably be made at council's next regular meeting, May 1.

Public Hearing Monday, April 24 On Site of B-W Parkway Overpass

by Leta Mach

The entire Greenbelt community will have an opportunity to comment on the controversial site of the proposed Baltimore-Washington Parkway pedestrian-bicycle overpass at a public hearing on April 24, at 8 p.m. in Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

At an annual meeting in March, 66% of Greenbriar-Phase I voted 47.7% to 18.3% against the preferred site. The preferred location — in terms of shortest distance, actual use, safety, topography and cost — is at the end of Gardenway in old Greenbelt. A path would connect with the overpass and go through the Greenbriar-Phase I development between buildings 7716 and 7718. The question before the Greenbelt City Council is whether to use condemnation proceedings in order to obtain the preferred site or locate at a less desirable site — Mandan Road. At this location no Greenbriar approval is necessary as the street extends to the Parkway. However, an easement from the Board of Education would be needed on the old Greenbelt side of the parkway.

Because Greenbriar-Phase I voters are expected to turn out in large numbers, the public hearing will be held in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School instead of city council chambers. At a work session on March 29, council expressed concern that only those opposed to a preferred site would attend. Howard Savage, who was appointed by Roosevelt's PTSA to investigate the dangerous situation of students crossing the Parkway, felt that if people "have any feelings one way or the other, they should come out." Pat Brown, PTSA corresponding secretary, added "I think the Gardenway site is the only one worth building; it is the shortest and most direct." She concluded "people who support the overpass concept should come out so city council can see there is support for the idea."

PTSA Support

After the Greenbriar vote, the Eleanor Roosevelt PTSA sent the city a letter supporting the preferred site. It pointed out that the results of a student survey revealed "the students would not use the walkway in the Mandan Road location in sufficient numbers to justify the expense of construction." Indeed 39% polled said they would continue to walk across the parkway; many specified at Gardenway. In an earlier letter, student representatives Carl Choper and Steven Lloyd, recommended that if the Mandan site is used the building of a sidewalk on the bridge on Rt. 193 should be investigated further.

The city has received a letter from William E. Ayers, president of the Greenbriar-Phase I Board of Directors, estimating that a majority of the owners would favor the Mandan Road site. These residents have expressed opposition to the preferred site because of increased noise from the parkway, more vandalism, losing parking spaces, in-

creased city taxes, fears of motor-bikes using the bridge, damaged yards, grass, trees and flowers. However, other Greenbriar residents noted that the bridge would actually "limit the youngsters' route to one path that would be easier to police." He fears that the first casualty "will not be a high school student, but a young child from Greenbriar who will wander through the holes in our fence."

Condemnation

At the April 3, council meeting, Councilman Gil Weidenfeld sympathized with the Greenbriar residents who asked that their land not be condemned. However, he continued, "wherever you put the bridge it will impact on someone." Councilman Thomas White has pointed out that city staff, council and citizens have evaluated the sites and agreed upon the best location. He stated "Government has the responsibility to locate the overpass in the proper place . . . I don't feel that a particular group should have veto power as to the best route if it's for the public welfare and good. That's what condemnation is for." Councilman Charles Schwan agreed, "the city has the responsibility for placing the overpass in the safest place . . . If condemnation is necessary, then we ought to have guts enough to use it." Expressing concern over condemnation, Councilman Richard Castaldi said "We should be happy to have a bridge anywhere."

History

The problem of students taking a shortcut across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway surfaced soon after Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School opened. A meeting of school and city representatives in August recognized that there was no safe way for students to walk or ride bikes to or from school, as there is no sidewalk or bikeway along Greenbelt Road. Efforts were made to publicize the fact that walking across the parkway is a state and federal offense subject to fines up to \$500. Nevertheless, large holes in the fences on both sides of the highway continue to be cut and recut after they have been repaired. On September 20, Howard Savage was appointed to investigate the situation. He contacted county and state officials about the need for a safe way for

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WHAT GOES ON

Sun., April 23, 3 p.m. Spring Concert, Greenbelt Concert Band, Youth Center
Mon., April 24, 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Overpass, E. Roosevelt High School
Tues., April 25, 8 p.m. Public Works, Parks Budget, Municipal Building

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING

FOR

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1978 — 8:00 P.M.

IN THE AUDITORIUM OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL TO RECEIVE CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON OVERPASS LOCATION ALTERNATIVES

Two locations are under consideration. One is near the end of Gardenway on the west side of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and would require an access easement through a Greenbriar parking lot between 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway. The other location would be near the end of Hamilton Place on the west side and near the end of Mandan Road on the east side of the Parkway.

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The Overpass -- --

A Life and Death Issue

Water always runs downhill, and daily travelers between two points are likely to reduce the distance any way they can. Thus, as Greenbelters are already aware, students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, late for school, staying for after-school events not served by buses, or leaving early for work-study programs and the like, have taken to crossing the Baltimore-Washington Parkway rather than walking the circuitous, and also dangerous, route along Greenbelt Rd. and into the Southway entrance of the city. Fences bordering the highway have been broken down in two spots on the Greenbriar side and cut professionally and rolled back in two spots across the way.

Both highway crossings — mad dashes against a constant flow of speeding cars — and the broken fences pose serious dangers to Greenbelt youngsters living on both sides of the B-W Parkway. Misjudged distances or an ill-timed stumble may take away the life of a daring youth. Wandering toddlers or imitative elementary school children, especially from Greenbriar, are in potential jeopardy from the attractive possibilities of those open fences. As these children discover the Youth Center, athletic fields, library and other facilities, they too will take risks. This is the problem.

As a solution Greenbelt citizens and officials, Congresswoman Gladys Spellman, and representatives of the Department of the Interior, whose U.S. Park Service polices the Parkway, have proposed, authorized, and worked out arrangements for financing a pedestrian overpass from the vicinity of Roosevelt High School to a point across the way in old Greenbelt. Considering the urgency of the problem — truly a life-and-death issue — the only option open to planners is the actual location of the route. Failure to act would be an unconscionable abnegation of responsibility.

Of the two proposed routes, the northernmost would take the overpass from the end of Mandan Rd. in Greenbriar to a point leading into the end of Hamilton Place. The southernmost route would lead through the center island of a parking lot in Phase I of the Greenbriar development, crossing the highway at a point directly opposite the end of Gardenway.

In the view of this newspaper, only the Southern route makes sense. Since, as we said earlier, travelers between two points tend to seek the shortest distance, we believe that high school students presently breaking through fences and risking death in the highway crossing will find little incentive to take the appreciably longer Mandan Rd.-Hamilton Place route. The same young people will continue to seek the shortest cut.

The Southern route, however, offers an improvement in both distance and safety over the present Parkway short cut. A paved walkway would lead through the center island of the parking lot, as distant as possible from the two nearest buildings. At the rear of the lot a walk through a short stretch of woods would lead directly to an overpass, guarded on both sides by high fencing, a much shorter distance than the rambling trail angling northward that is currently in use. On the other side another short stretch of woods links up with the end of Gardenway — again a shorter path than the long winding trail the young people now traverse.

We can understand the concern of Greenbriar residents with potential noise and vandalism from passing pedestrians. That could be a problem, but surely solutions can also be found — possibly in the form of monitoring and fencing of the trail. We are inclined to believe, that a straight, short, fenced-off trail providing a convenient route would be less conducive to the kind of destructiveness we are talking about than the present wandering forest trails and broken fences.

On Monday, April 24 a public hearing will be held at 8 p.m. in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Here all interested citizens will have an opportunity to express their views. Prior to that time, however, we urge all those concerned to walk the trails in question as we did. We believe the foot test will show the only answer.

Spellman Mobile at Plaza ... Congresswoman Gladys Spellman's mobile office and staff will be at Beltway Plaza on Thurs., April 27 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. All citizens are invited to stop in. For more information call 436-8865.

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MOWATT MEMORIAL United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410 Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. (Cribbery and Nursery provided) SERMON: "When Love Speaks" by Rev. Frederick H. Strathdee Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Pastor 474-3381

METRO ON ITS WAY

The Prince Georges County Council voted 7 to 3 on April 18 to endorse the E-1-A line to Greenbelt with a station at the Beltway (Springhill Industrial Tract). In opposition were Frank Casula, Sam Bogley and Parris Glendening.

The endorsement carried two conditions: (1) that there be a satisfactory capital and operating financial plan and (2) that the College Park station would be eliminated or relocated to the satisfaction of the citizens of College Park.

The endorsement of the line will be forwarded to the Alternative Analysis Policy Steering Committee.

An Appeal for Help

To the Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that a displaced person living within our community has an urgent need. There is a Vietnamese lady living in Greenbelt since September who desperately needs help to learn the English language. She knows only a few words of English and greatly desires to learn, but her knowledge of English is too meager to qualify her to attend school.

If there is anyone in the area who knows Vietnamese and would be willing to give some time to help this person, please contact either Alice Murray, 474-6495, or Laurie Moran, 345-1429. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Laurie Moran

Int'l Dinner at E. Roosevelt

The Foreign Language Department of Eleanor Roosevelt Sr. High invites the Greenbelt community to join in an International Dinner on Sun., April 30, at 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Admission to dinner is either a prepared foreign dish to serve four or more people or a fee. If the food is prepared, it should be brought in by 3:30 p.m. and it will be heated using the cafeteria facilities.

At 5 p.m. following dinner a program of student performances consisting of songs, dances and skits in foreign languages will be held in the auditorium.

For more information, please contact Ms. Cesna, at 345-7500, or 474-3689.

Jobs For Youth Days

Prince Georges County is now accepting applications from County youth for the Summer Program for Economically Disadvantaged Youth (SPEDY '78). SPEDY provides employment opportunities in the public sector for County youth, 14-21 years of age. Participants are employed for eight weeks, June 26 to August 18 and receive \$2.65 per hour. Determination of eligibility is based upon family income, receipt of public assistance and other economic factors.

SPEDY '78 is designed to provide useful work experience for disadvantaged youth to enable them to continue their education and to increase their employability with actual work and work related activities.

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau has applications for this program. Applications must be returned to the County by April 21. For further information, call the CARES office, 345-3456.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for fall 1978 will be held in public schools on Friday, April 21. Parents must bring proof of residence (lease or deed of sale), and child's birth certificate, and a record of the child's immunizations. To enter kindergarten, a child must be five by January 1, 1979. If necessary, call 952-4390 for nearest school. Greenbelt children attend North End, Center, Springhill Lake, John Carroll, Oakcrest and Magnolia elementary schools. Those from the Greenbriar section attend Center School and Windsor Green children go to Magnolia.

Machine Tactics

To the Editor:

That was a very interesting and timely question, Jack Steiffer, that you posed in your letter last week. You are not the only member who is asking that question. As a newcomer, you couldn't know, perhaps, that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has been using voting machines since 1972 because the membership by questionnaire and petition has expressed a preference for them. The election of 1971 was the reason. My letter pointing out the poor procedures and irregularities at that time can be found in the minutes of the corporation.

Apart from the lack of privacy, it took the judges from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. to count just under 800 ballots. That was not the worst feature — the waste of time and delay, however, it was the unserialized paper ballots, and the method of distributing and tallying them that outraged so many. I really think that because of the irregularities, the opposition candidates might have won their case in the Circuit Court, had they decided to challenge the election. However, remember Jack, this costs money.

The reason given this year for using them at the Annual Meeting was the building program at the City Hall, and the moving of the machines. A telephone call by me reveals that no member of the Nominations and Elections Committee contacted the City Hall at all and I'm sure the Youth Center, which has no stairs to climb and a multi-purpose room, where both machines and judges will be in the same room ("a must"). There is ample space for members to watch the count and procedures. The board room at Hamilton place is too small and ill-suited to an election.

Eunice E. Coxon

Mobilization for Survival

The P.G. Mobilization for Survival will hold its next meeting at the Greenbelt Library, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 26. Current activities are the Congressional Transfer Amendment, nuclear weapons and nuclear power. Plans for working on disarmament will be developed.

Jack Steiffer asked in last week's News Review, "How come paper ballots when voting machines are available?"

Voting machines will be used in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., elections on May 11 at the GHI offices. They are not very readily available for the few votes that will be cast the evening before at Center School. To put the machines at Center School and use them that evening and then have them moved to the GHI offices during the night, set them up and have them ready for the polls to open at 7 a.m. the next day would be expensive and it would be difficult to guarantee the vote on the machines if they were moved in the middle of voting.

It would be even more expensive to rent two more machines for voting at Center School — about \$300, depending on how much mechanic's time was needed. Fewer than 50 members cast their votes after the evening meeting last year.

I would like to ask Jack Steiffer, "Why not paper ballots for fewer than fifty votes the night of the annual meeting?" There is only one reason to have machines in the first place. The machines count the votes as they are being made and it is not necessary to sit and laboriously count them by hand. After counting 300 or so votes, the people counting get bored and tired and the count is subject to human error. One does not have time to get bored or tired with fewer than fifty votes to count.

It is the purpose of the Nominations and Elections Committee to conduct the election as efficiently as possible with the least inconvenience to the members. At the GHI offices there are no stairs to climb and GHI does not have to pay rent for the premises. More people voted last year than in any year when City Council Chambers were used and many commented favorably on the use of our own buildings for this purpose.

Janet M. James, Chairman, Nominations and Elections Committee

Mishkan Torah Service

Mishkan Torah will hold Pass-over services on April 22, 23 and 28 at 9:30 a.m. The topic for evening services on April 28 is "Concepts of the Holiday."

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!! You are invited and welcomed to meet with us each week. GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH 474-4212 Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Mid-week prayer service (Wed) 6:00 pm For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays

Greenbelt Community Church (United Church of Christ) Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings) Sunday 11 a.m. - Worship Service and Church School Nursery provided at 2B Hillside Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

Holy Cross Lutheran Church 6905 Greenbelt Road Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9:50 a.m. Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m. Edward H. Birner, Pastor Phone 345-5111

Open Letter

To the Membership of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.:

What I have written in my recent letters to the *News Review* is my view of the situation. If others agree with me, it is because they too see difficulties ahead. In spite of these letters, however, I wish to make it clear that I am not against a cooperative. I cannot see how Greenbelt Homes can be operated under any other system.

Nevertheless, a cooperative, like a Democracy, will only work as long as the people maintain control and do not allow a few to exercise the prerogatives of the many. The people, or the membership, may delegate authority through elected representatives, but they must control those representatives and hold them accountable for the use of the power delegated to them.

This is why I sponsor the petition for an amendment to the by-laws of the Greenbelt Homes which take the power to raise our monthly "Operating Payments" from the Board of Directors and put it directly into the hands of the membership.

Naturally this presupposes that you and I — the members — will attend the budget meeting each year and consider fairly the needs of the corporation and vote for any just increases that are needed to cover inflation and reasonable costs of maintenance and improvements. Also that we would study the budget plan before going to the annual budget meeting in a constructive and understanding spirit. Not only must we keep down operating expenses but we must not let lack of funds paralyze the operation of GHI.

Another bylaw that needs changing is the one regarding the number of members making up a quorum, especially where money is concerned . . . The idea that 75 people out of 1600 can make up quorum and influence our destiny as a cooperative is appalling and certainly dangerous to the will of the majority.

My fear is that we are going to see a great many young, valuable people selling their homes this summer to get out of a situation which threatens their future ability to recover the money they have had to borrow to buy their unit. I certainly hope such a panic will not develop.

Young people stay! Help to get control of this cooperative and run it in a democratic manner. Only your interest and a bit of your time can save it.

Bettie Denson

Preserving Our Cooperative

To the Editor:

For several years, GHI Board and management have struggled to fulfill the directives of the general membership to provide an adequate basis for long range planning. The general goal is to preserve the stability of our cooperative over the next 20 years. This process included the establishment of the Long Range Planning Committee, annual reports, discussions at the annual meetings, many articles in the *News Review*, several workshops with large groups of members, a set of member hearings around the time of the first annual report on long range planning, numerous debates at Board meetings, letters to the members, and so forth.

Recently, as you know, a consultant's report provided a set of PROPOSALS for medium-term rehabilitation efforts. The normal process for such a project, following the introduction of a plan would be design, development, and implementation. Revisions would be made continually until the implementation stage. Various alternatives on individual items would be added, changed, and deleted as these revisions were made.

The outcry from some members who oppose part or all of the consultant's report has been directed not at changing the direction of this plan or at revising the general direction of GHI planning for the next 20 years. Rather they are threatening to eliminate the concept of long range planning from GHI activities. The process of terminating projected improvements at the planning stage, before any revision or general consensus could occur, has happened in GHI before. If this happens again, it is unlikely that adequate long-term planning will ever be possible within the GHI community. In the meantime, the cost of maintenance of our homes will continue to escalate, along with slow deterioration of our homes.

It was the general membership that directed the Board and management to pursue long-term planning and rehabilitation. If this concept is to be preserved, it is time for the membership in favor to speak out — in your Courts, in your neighborhoods, in every way available. Otherwise, the financial and structural stability of our community is in danger!

Wayne F. Williams

ATTENTION

Current Metro bus schedules are available at the Greenbelt library.

Cosmetics Not Essentials Yes!

To the Editor:

. . . In my opinion it is more important to renovate the inside than the outside (of our GHI homes).

How about new bathtubs and lavatories where worn, plus new risers, the plumbing being done by GHI's craftsmen, and charged only to those requesting same.

How about new roofs for the frame homes? Not patched but new ones which might last another 15 years without patching if properly laid.

Grant money might be available for worthwhile rehabilitation, with a rider that money should be used only for specified items, like G.N.-M.A.'s moratorium allowing only the heating dept. to benefit by that loan . . .

Most frame homeowners are satisfied with their homes and don't feel it necessary to compete or apologize to anyone . . .

Always remember that anytime your board contracts for another bank loan, your home and your neighbors are being pledged as security.

Do not allow a group of people with only fiduciary powers (caretakers) to get control of your corporation by default.

A house is as easily repossessed as a car for non-payment. Don't take it lightly.

Martha Hutzler

A Tough Decision

To the Editor:

I want to thank the many who called and the GHI members who stopped me on the street and asked me to run for the Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors. I want to thank all these people and others who would work in my behalf. It is wonderful to know that you have so many friends that have so much confidence in you. Thus, the decision I am about to make is a tough one. As most of you know I am now commander of our Disabled American Veteran Chapter 25 and I want to be of service to the veteran's widows or veteran widowers. I find that so many are eligible for help or compensation . . . There are many in this district, thus illness and other problems will not allow me to give full time to the GHI board. I will be around to help in some capacity on GHI committees, but I will not run for board. My heartfelt thanks to all of you in Greenbelt. It's wonderful to know that you are liked . . . stay well.

Henry R. Fisher

Lion's White Cane Center School PTA

The local Lion's club will hold their White Cane days this year on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22.

Friendly Lions will be at the local shopping center and Beltway Plaza shopping center on these days. Every dollar goes to save sight.

The Center School PTA will hold its last meeting of the year on May 2 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will include a slide-tape presentation for parents by the students; a display of books being sold at the school book fair to be held May 1, 2 and 3; sub groups to identify priorities of parents and teachers and to identify structures necessary to meet these priorities; and a business meeting.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids addressed to the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, for the construction of an addition to the Fire House and Rescue Squad Station will be received at the City of Greenbelt office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 until 2:00 P.M. EDST, Thursday, May 11, 1978, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications are available to General Contractors only at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. A deposit of \$30.00 for each set of plans and specifications is required.

GHI MEMBERS ASK QUESTIONS ON REHABILITATION

The following questions have been excerpted from letters members have sent to GHI regarding the proposed rehabilitation program. Management has made its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board is now in the process of discussing these recommendations and those made by the consultant on rehabilitation.

I live in one of the masonry homes which already has asbestos siding. Will my home need to be insulated and new siding put on?

It has not been decided whether your home will need insulation. But, if it does, the insulation will probably be injected into the wall cavities from the exterior of your home. No siding for this type of home is being considered, but it may become one of the options a member might choose.

Will my garden be torn up if you replace worn out pipes?

No. It is not necessary to work in anyone's yard to replace pipes. But, the kitchen and bathroom walls in one of the two adjoining homes would have to be entered. Walls would be repaired when the work is completed.

Why should we trust the GHI board's and management's recommendations when, if proper maintenance had been done through the years, our homes wouldn't be in poor condition?

GHI members have, through the years, insisted on holding maintenance costs down to the point that nothing beyond repairs could be achieved. There has never been a thorough program of preventive maintenance.

How do I know that what you will recommend really needs to be done since no maintenance on my home has been needed for years?

We know that our fuel costs are rising and we must have a program to keep these costs down. We also know that some problems—such as corroded pipes and gutters—exist because we have seen them. Basically, the homes are sound, but do need some cost-effective repairs.

How much is rehabilitation going to cost me?

The Board is determined that it will hold the increase in monthly charges to no more than 10% per year, including the cost of rehabilitation.

Do we need to cut down trees to expand parking courts?

GHI wants to preserve trees and also provide adequate parking spaces. We hope to come up with a plan which will accomplish this and be satisfactory to the majority of GHI members.

As a senior citizen, I cannot pay for all these things in the rehabilitation program. What is going to happen to people in my circumstance?

GHI is working on obtaining loans and grants which will help our senior citizens, in particular, meet their monthly charges.

Have you considered installing heat pumps in individual units. This would allow members to install central air conditioning and also reward those who conserved fuel and water. This suggestion is being examined by management.

Members who have questions or suggestions may write to GHI Board President, James Smith, at the GHI offices on Hamilton Place.

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Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wednesday, April 26, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Greenbelt Baptist Church. The group will discuss Parent Effectiveness Training and Conflict. Babysitting is available and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Democratic Club

Senator Edward T. Conroy, Delegates Leo Green and Gerard Devlin will be the guests of the Eleanor and Franklin Democratic Club on Friday, April 21, at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Center. The 1978 Session of the Maryland General Assembly will be discussed.

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Coxon continued to say that her copy did not contain the clauses. There the matter finally rested, with Smith saying that the proposed amendment would be discussed at the meeting and would not be on the voting machines.

Townhouse Contracts

The contingency clause in townhouse contracts was discussed at great length. There had been some question whether members who wished to buy one of the townhouses were getting the first opportunity to do so or if houses were being sold to persons outside GHI before members had an opportunity to purchase. The Board moved that there be a 72-hour period in which a member with a contingency clause may decide whether to purchase before the outsider may be given a final contract.

Management was authorized to apply for county funds that will enable GHI to have approximately \$6000 for installation of storm windows and doors on homes of low income people. While this would be enough for only six houses, the Board will proceed with the project.

Other Items

The Board approved investigating computer service to keep a more constant monitoring system on the fuel tanks and furnaces to discover more quickly leaks or malfunctions. It is believed that the costs of developing the program would be covered by the savings in heating efficiency. The Board passed a motion that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the needs of GHI for other computer services.

Police Blotter

Officers Sydney D'Appolito and Fred Murray completed 13 weeks of basic entrance level training when they graduated Thursday from Session 20 of the Basic Entrance Level Course at Prince George's County Police Academy. They will now be reassigned to Field Training Officers to complete their on-the-job training.

On April 17 the Department had a full complement of 23 officers with the employment of Thomas R. Justin, Justin, who resides on Plateau Place with his wife, has been a resident of the City for most of his life. He was previously employed with the Cheverly Police Department.

After receiving a complaint of a suspicious person tampering with autos during the early morning hours, Officer Craddock apprehended a 20 year old. The man was charged with tampering with autos; when he was found to have numerous cassette tapes in his possession he was additionally charged with larceny and possession of stolen property. The tapes, which were specialized training tapes, were valued at \$400. He was incarcerated in lieu of \$1,500 bond.

Officer Sappington, investigating

Greenbelt Five Mile Race

The D. C. Road Runners Club will host, and the Beltway Plaza Mall Merchant's Association will sponsor the 11th Annual Greenbelt 5 Mile Race on Saturday, April 22. The race will start at 11 a.m. in front of the former Klein's Department Store, 6000 Greenbelt Road, and will be run through the streets of Springhill Lake Apartments. Awards will be presented after the race to top finishers. Also, all Greenbelt finishers will receive an award. A 2 mile non-competitive Run-For-Your-Life for all ages will precede the 5 mile run at 10 a.m.

Race Director, Martin Greenbaum, who has run in and completed three Boston Marathons, is expecting a large field and some top area runners to compete in the 5 mile patriot run.

There will be no Fun Run this Saturday at Greenbelt Lake Park. Those who had planned to come out for the Fun Run are instead invited to come out for the race at Beltway Plaza. The Greenbelt Running Club will provide awards to all Greenbelters in both races. For further information about the above races, call either 336-1695 or 474-9362.

The Board also discussed the overpass to Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The city council will be holding a public hearing at the high school on April 24. The Board plans a statement for the meeting. Efforts will be made to get GHI members to attend the hearing and back the proposal for the overpass from Gardenway.

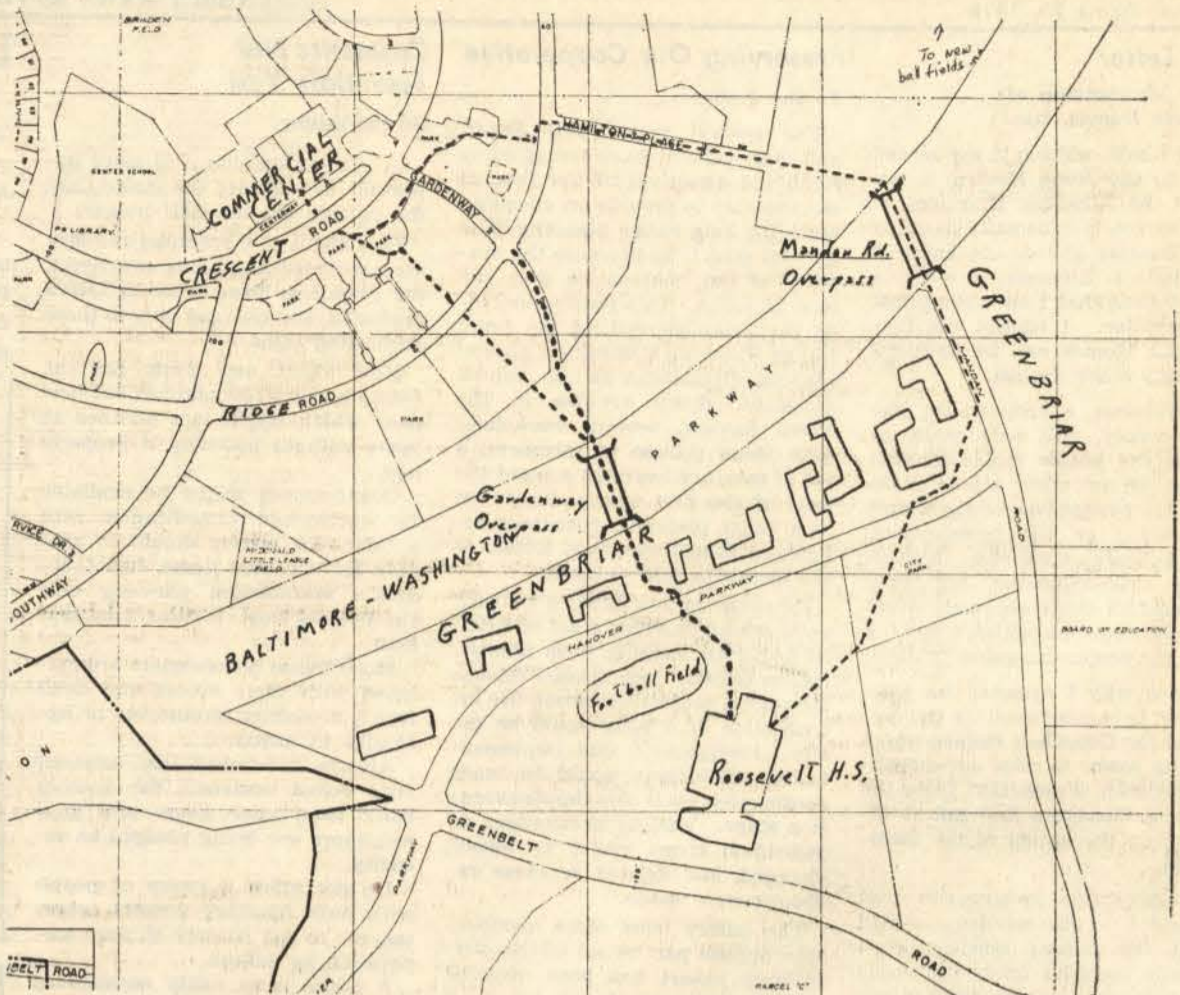
The Board also heard a request from Seibert Meade of 19-H Hillside in connection with preparation of his house for sale. It was with regret that they learned that the Meades, who have been associated with so much in the Greenbelt community that makes it a pleasant place in which to live, will be moving to Cherokee Lake, near Jefferson City, Tennessee. The Meades first came to Greenbelt in 1942, when they were the first family to move into 14 Court on Hillside. Meade told the Board and visitors that for the first two weeks they had to carry water to their house, since the plumbing was not yet connected. The family leaves with very pleasant memories and many mixed feelings about returning to Tennessee.

a suspicious person at the rear of Beltway Plaza, found the person to be carrying a stiletto knife. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

While on routine patrol, PFV Duprat observed a vehicle speeding. After stopping the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was detected coming from it. As a result, the two occupants (one adult and one juvenile) were charged with possession of marijuana.

After observing someone driving who was known to have his driving privileges revoked, PFC Lann stopped the vehicle. While talking to the subject, a machete was observed on the front seat; when removing same, a loaded handgun was also observed. The subject, a 27 year old resident of Beltsville, was charged with possession of a concealed weapon, transporting a handgun in a vehicle, and operating with license revoked.

Two automobiles were reported stolen last week, one from Lakeside North Apartments. One vehicle was recovered by Officer Sappington in the vicinity of 73 Ridge Road. The second was stolen from the area of the 73 court of Ridge two days later and has not yet been recovered.



Proposed sites for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway overpass at Gardenway and Mandan Road. The routes between Eleanor Roosevelt High School at the bottom and the Greenbelt commercial center at the upper left are also shown.

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students to walk to and from school.

Originally two possible solutions were discussed. The cheapest and quickest was a modification of the present bridge over Rt. 193 to allow for walkers and bicyclists. The other solution was to build an independent overpass across the parkway for pedestrians and bikes. Through the efforts of Congresswoman Gladys Spellman, the federal government has committed funds for the construction of the pedestrian-bicycle overpass. Under a permit from the National Park Service, the Federal Highway Administration will build the overpass. Eventually, the parkway and the bridge will be turned over to the Maryland State Highway Administration. However the city is responsible for providing access to the bridge.

After four sites were studied for the proposed overpass, the site connecting with the parking lot between buildings 7716 and 7718 in Greenbriar was designated the preferred site. Maryland State law requires that 75% of the 252 Greenbriar owners in Phase I are needed to approve an easement for the site. Before the vote, city council discussed with Phase I owners the need for an overpass at the preferred location, the benefits of unifying the community, and information to allay fears that the overpass might have an adverse effect on the development. In asking for the support of Phase I owners, the Greenbelt city council said, "The opportunity exists to bridge the barrier that separates Greenbriar from the rest of Greenbelt... (the preferred route) provides the shortest route for Greenbriar residents to the many public, commercial and recreational facilities west of the Parkway and the shortest route to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School for residents of Greenbelt living on the other side of the Parkway... Further the bridge can be built close to the ground level on either side without the need to build unsightly approach ramps that discourage pedestrian use."

Without the necessary Greenbriar approval, the Greenbelt City Council is now faced with the issue of possible condemnation. Commenting at the last council meeting, Greenbelt Jack Steiffer said that there would be no question in anyone's mind that the Gardenway route is the preferred route if the sites were viewed from the roof of Roosevelt.

Camp Pine Tree

Prepare now to enroll your child in Camp for the Summer of '78. Brochures will be available next week at the Youth Center Business Office.

Views In Brief

(The following interviews are excerpted from an article on the overpass controversy written by Barbara Marshall, a journalism student at the University of Maryland. Undertaken for a news writing class, Barbara interviewed several Greenbriar families whose children attend Center School.)

"I prefer the Gardenway route," said Greenbriar resident Gwen Vaccaro. "It's where the children will use it the most. It will tie the community together. Students will be able to walk to the Greenbelt Center."

"My major concern is for the safety of anyone using the overpass," said her husband, Michael Vaccaro. "My daughter is a fifth grader at Center School and rides the bus to school so she really can't stay after to do anything. An overpass would be a lot better for her," said Gwen.

Greenbriar is split into family oriented people and non-family people" said Mrs. Vaccaro. "The families want to extend themselves into the community. People without families don't care about community life,"

she continued. In her building there are two units without children and 14 units with families. Only one family, she said, objects to the Gardenway cross over.

"The reason why the people of Greenbriar don't want the overpass at Gardenway is because they don't want kids walking through their development," said Stephen M. Solomon, M.D. of 7710 Hanover Parkway.

"They're afraid of vandalism, theft and the public use of private property. Most of those people don't have children," he pointed out.

Solomon is in favor of the Gardenway site for the overpass so his three children can go to the center and go to school with their friends.

Joseph Garabino felt differently. "The overpass will bring more people and more problems," he said.

"I prefer the overpass at Mandan Rd. because it's closer to where I live," said Helen Stoppelbein, whose daughter is a fifth grader at Center School. "It will definitely tie the community together."

GHI Members

Guidelines for Proxy Voting

The Nominations and Elections Committee wishes to announce that the annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. will be held on May 10, 1978 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Center School auditorium. Election of Directors and Audit Committee members will take place the night of the meeting and the following day at the GHI offices on Hamilton Place.

In conjunction with the annual meeting and elections, the Nominations and Elections Committee would like to clarify the procedure that members should follow if they cannot participate and wish someone else to vote a proxy for them.

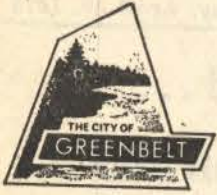
Each member is entitled to one vote on all questions voted at any membership meeting or in any election or referendum. Voting by proxy is limited in that only a member may serve as a proxy and further, that no member may vote more than one proxy. A member may appoint another member as his agent to vote as his proxy only if the secretary or the business office of the corporation has received from that member an official proxy form at least five days in advance of the meeting (this year by May 5). The official proxy form may be obtained only by a member submitting a written request over his signature to the secretary or to the business office of the corporation. The form will be sent to the member by mail unless requested in person by the member.

If you have any questions regarding proxy voting, please ask any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Secretary of the Corporation or the business office of the corporation.

Parking Tickets Issued at Lake Park

April 1 and 2, 1978

Place of Residence	Where Issued			Total
	Crescent Road	Lastner Lane	Park Permit Area	
Greenbelt	6	0	2	8
Prince George's County	31	1	5	37
Other part of Maryland	7	0	5	12
District of Columbia	1	0	0	1
Virginia	1	0	0	1
Other	2	1	0	3
Total	48	2	12	62



**CITY OF GREENBELT
MARYLAND**

RE: **Comparative Analysis of Pedestrian Overpass**

Locations Across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Mandan Road

Gardenway

	Mandan Road	Gardenway
1. Bridge		
A. Location	On Greenbriar side, at the end of Mandan Road. On the other side, east of the end of Hamilton Place.	On the Greenbriar side, west of the parking lot between 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway. On the other side, east of the end of Gardenway.
B. Ownership	Parkway right-of-way owned by National Park Service. Proposed to be transferred to Maryland Highway Administration.	Same as Mandan Road.
C. Impact on Neighborhood	At the point of crossing the median strip of the Parkway is quite wide — nearly 3 times as wide as at Gardenway — and fairly open. Bridge and approach ramp to the east would be fairly well exposed. To follow planned road right-of-way bridge would angle across Parkway. Bridge would be visible from many homes in Greenbriar.	Because of high levels on either side, there would be minimal construction of ramps for access walks. Bridge would cross Parkway at a point with a relatively narrow median strip. Bridge would not be visible from existing homes except through dense trees.
D. Cost	Due to extra length, ramp construction — most costly.	Least costly.
2. Greenbriar Access to Bridge		
A. Location	The sidewalk at the end of Hanover Parkway would be extended to the bridge over public street right-of-way.	Utilizing paved parking lot road surfaces and the grass island between the two rows of parked vehicles, a walkway would be constructed from Hanover Parkway to the bridge.
B. Ownership	Public street right-of-way.	Private property owned by Greenbriar Phase I homeowners. Some land may be owned by the Greenbriar Recreation Association. An easement for the walkway would have to be obtained.
C. Impact on Neighborhood	Because of topography considerable fill would have to be provided to bring access walk up to level of bridge. Walkway ramp would be highly visible from many homes. Although walk will be on a public right-of-way, short-cutting across Greenbriar parking lots near the corner of Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway can be expected.	A 12' grass strip in the parking lot would be paved, probably 8' wide. Fences could be placed on either side to separate pedestrian from the automobiles. Painted lines could define easement across parking lot roadways. One parking space would be required for easement. A replacement space could be provided but not in the same parking lot. Shortcutting through the parking lot off the right-of-way will probably occur. Little fill is required because topography is very good.
D. Cost	Because of fill required, fairly expensive.	In spite of expense to obtain easement and fencing, least expensive.
3. Access from Central Greenbelt		
A. Location	The best route would be an extension of Hamilton Place sidewalk alongside gardenplots and through 300 feet of woodland to the bridge. Future planned roads would locate a route that would curve northward from the end of Hamilton and then cut back south to the bridge a longer distance. Hopefully, if this route were chosen, the shorter route could be made permanent.	The best route would be an extension of the inner sidewalk system between 24 Court Ridge and 4 Court Gardenway and through about 200 feet of woodland. An alternate would be from the end of Gardenway along the edge of gardens and through the 200 feet of woodland.
B. Ownership of Land	Prince George's County Board of Education. The land has been declared surplus by the Board and subject to approval of the State Interagency Committee for State Public School Construction Programs, will be transferred to the County for re-utilization or disposition. It is possible that the land could be transferred to the City.	Reiner, Lerner, Ammerman, Trustees. Ten acres, including the access route, is being purchased by the City as parkland. Negotiations presently taking place, and a condemnation suit is pending.
C. Impact on Neighborhood	Some loss of trees in order to construct path. Possible loss of some garden area. No adjacent homes to access path.	About the same as for Mandan Road location. However, the shortest route to the Center would involve the southward extension of a sidewalk between 24 Court Ridge and 4 Court Gardenway. This property is owned by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and some form of easement would be necessary in order to build. There are homes adjacent to this walkway location. This easement is not essential to providing access to the bridge — only desirable.
D. Cost to Build	Most costly. Approximately 700 feet of path to build.	Least costly. Approximately 500 feet of path to build.
4. Greenbriar Access to Central Greenbelt	From the northwest corner of Mandan Road and Hanover Pkwy. (approx. the center of Greenbriar) to Greenbelt Center Mall is a distance of 3,700 feet or about 5-1/3 regular blocks. A hill must be climbed to the overpass and another hillside must be descended to reach the mall. This location is somewhat more convenient to most Greenbelt churches.	From the same intersection in Greenbriar, the distance to the mall is about 3,900 feet or about 5-2/3 blocks. The access point is at the top of a hill that most Greenbriar residents would have to climb. From there the grade is relatively level until the descent of the hillside to the Center Mall.
5. Central Greenbelt Access to Roosevelt High School	From Ridge and Hamilton the point most convenient to this location, the distance is more than two blocks or 1500 feet greater to the school than by crossing the Parkway at the Gardenway location. Students would walk downhill from overpass and up a hill to school.	From Ridge and Gardenway the point most convenient to this location, the distance is more than 3 blocks or 2,500 feet less to the school than by crossing the Parkway at Mandan Road. Students would traverse a relatively level route to the school.
6. Pedestrian Safety Hazards	Access walk would be through short distance of woodland. Students would probably jay walk across Hanover Parkway. Students would cut through wooded city parkland. Students would cut across school parking lot and roadway.	No sidewalk on Gardenway. If inner sidewalk is used, persons using it would cross Ridge in the middle of the block. All persons would cross through an apartment parking lot. Students would cross Hanover Parkway in middle of the block. Students would walk along side of school parking lot. Bridge access walk would be through a short distance of woodland.

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Roosevelt is First in Science Fair Awards

In the Prince George's Area annual Science Fair, held Saturday and Sunday (April 15-16) at Prince Georges Community College in Largo, students of Greenbelt's Eleanor Roosevelt Sr. High outscored those of the 54 other schools represented. In the senior division, Roosevelt students entered 8 categories out of 11 and won first prize in 6; they also took the first grand prize in the senior division and both grand prizes in the junior division.

The fair involved winners of local science fairs in 4 counties — PGC, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's — and apart from the regular awards, many special awards were also handed out by representatives

of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Armed Services, NASA and other organizations. The grand prize in the senior division went to Steve Lloyd for his "spectrochromometer", an elaborate sundial; he will go on to the International Science Fair, held in California May 9 - 14. Second grand prize went to Michael Briggs of High Point Sr. High, who has been working at Goddard Space Flight Center (and who has lectured there about his research), for a study in game theory which has also earned him the Westinghouse Science Award.

Among the Roosevelt students, the two Andraka brothers from

Laurel, Ray and Chuck, both received first prizes: their brother Nick (too young for Roosevelt!) also exhibited and received an award in the junior division, and between them the brothers collected a total of 10 awards. Pamela Query (not a resident of Greenbelt) was given the first prize in "Planning and Architecture" for her plan and model on "Enhancement of Greenbelt's Commons" — even though she was unable to attend the fair personally. Greenbelt residents who participated were Ilana Stern, who received 2nd prize for a project on computer generated music, and Janet Lewis, who studied the effect of salt on plants.

Council Concerned With Rise In County Recreation Taxes

by Elaine Skolnik

Monday's city council meeting stretched out for nearly four hours as Council looked at an increased Park and Planning tax, playgrounds, Twin Pines expansion, Center Mall zoning, and Metro Bus service. (See separate story.) They also set up a string of meetings to examine the budget, which must be adopted by June 10. (Mayor Richard Pilski was absent because of illness.)

Recreation Tax

Council will be asking the county some hard questions in Upper Marlboro on April 25 as to why the county Recreation tax and Administration tax has been upped by 4.15 cents. The city pays this tax, but is exempt from the county Park tax because Greenbelt maintains its own parklands.

It appears that a number of expensive items previously charged to Parks Fund in the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning (MNCPPC) Budget have now been proposed to be placed in the Recreation Fund. The overall tax rate for the Administration, Park and Recreation Funds remains the same as last year, but because of shifts from the Park to the Recreation funds, the residents of Greenbelt, Laurel, District Heights and portions of the county outside the Metropolitan District will receive a tax rate increase of 4.15 cents.

The breakdown is as follows:

	1977/78	1978/79
Administration Fund	7.09c	8.36c
Park Fund	20.60	16.45
Recreation Fund	8.27	11.15
Advance Land Acquisition	1.01	1.01
	36.97	36.97

In a memo to council, Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak pointed out that the shift in tax rates occurred as a result of a previously approved reorganization of the County Parks and Recreation Department. Piendak noted that the proposed funding change causes concern for the city, since the description of Regional Parks involves, "the maintenance and operation of regional parks . . .". Similarly, Roads and Grounds is defined as "general park maintenance . . ." Several essentially park operations which are to be funded from the Recreation Fund in Fiscal Year 79 include the Patuxent River Park and Watkins Nature Center.

In a related matter, Council endorsed several planning studies proposed by MNCPPC that would impact on the city. (Councilman Richard Castaldi abstained from voting because he is an MNCPPC employee.)

They are: (1) a reexamination of the College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan; (2) a Rapid Transit Plan Review of METRO proposals, including alignment and METRO station location, general plans, and final design drawings for the Adopted Regional System; and (3) Transit Impacts for the "E" Greenbelt Route and the "F" Branch Avenue Route, which will involve the study of land use implications of the proposed transit recommendations resulting from the METRO Alternative Study of 1977. According to Piendak's memo, if METRO is selected, special studies around the METRO stations will be conducted to determine the best

utilization of areas adjacent to the stations . . . If a non-METRO solution is recommended, an analysis will be undertaken to determine the land use and development impacts of new approaches to mass transit in these corridors, including recommendations of access, parking and road improvements".

Playgrounds

Council and audience reaction to the staff's report on detailed proposals for allocating the \$30,000 Community Development Block grant (CDBG) monies for playground improvements in the Greenbelt Homes Inc. neighborhoods was a mixed bag. There were as many ideas as there were speakers. These will be covered in depth by the News Review in a future issue.

The staff earmarked new equipment for city owned playgrounds at 12 Crescent at the underpass near Westway; Southway Road at 1 Court; East of 2 Gardenway; 2 Eastway; 6 Hillside behind 2 Northway, Corner of Plateau and Ridge, 73 Ridge, McDonald Field site, 15 Laurel Hill, and 12 and 14 Hillside. Additionally, the Centerway underpass, Center Mall area and the park at Plateau and Ridge are slated to get multi-purpose equipment for the elderly (game tables, rest shelters). Some minor improvements are planned for Candy Cane City, the park behind 3 Gardenway and the park at 7 and 10 Southway.

The areas to be improved are on city property in the oldest sections of town. This was a stipulation of the CDBG program. Development of new playgrounds must be deferred until GHI can work out a formalized agreement with the city with respect to placing city equipment on GHI land. The city now maintains eight playgrounds on GHI property.

Twin Pines

Responding to a Twin Pines request for sale or lease of city land next to the Suburban Trust, the Advisory Planning Board (APB) recommended that "favorable action on this request at this time would be premature until an entire review of the Center's future is conducted." APB noted that Twin Pines has the option of relocating near the shoe repair shop and said that "generally the Board is not favorable to converting publicly owned green space to a private commercial use."

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) had similar reservations, pointing out that "the existing green space is a valuable asset to the city and should be left as it is." PRAB felt that the city council should also consider the fact that there is presently one vacant building in the Center and potentially another with the relocation of the Greenbelt Post Office.

Center Rezoning

Except for the gas station, Greenbelt Realty, Greenbelt Consumer Services and the Medical Center, which have appropriate commercial zoning, the other business estab-

lishments are a non-conforming use in the Rural Planned Community Zone (RPC). Center Mall owners George and Lisa Christacos are requesting an updating of the zoning from RPC to Community Shopping Center (CSC) covering the east half of the original center, where High's Dairy Store and other commercial establishments are located. The city understands that a petition has also been filed for rezoning the building on the west side of the Mall.

In commenting on the petition for the eastern portion of the center, APB recommended that, before action is taken, a review of the future of the Center be conducted, which would include participation by Center owners in maintenance and upkeep of the parking lots, walks and other areas. APB also felt that alternative forms of ownership, such as local community ownership, should be examined.

Potpourri

Council endorsed councilman Thomas White's recommendation to commend the 24th legislative delegation — State Senator Edward Conroy and Delegates Gerard Devlin, Leo Green and David Ross — for their work, in particular legislation benefiting Greenbelt during the legislative session that just ended.

Council will consider at a workshop on May 9, a request by Leo Gerton, on behalf of the Heart Association of Southern Maryland's CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) for a program in Greenbelt, by Robert Lauer of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for extension of the municipal alarm system to the Municipal Building and the Elderly Housing Building, repairs to the departments parking lot, furnishings for a new bunk room addition and radios.

CLARIFICATION

Last week's article concerning the successful passage of legislation sought by the City relating to mandatory dedication may have left the erroneous impression that it was necessary for the city to apply pressure upon its legislators in order for the bill to be enacted. Delegates representing the city and, in particular, Senator Edward T. Conroy strongly supported the city's request for legislation.

The amendment sought by the city was first introduced by Senator Conroy who successfully guided the bill through the Senate. The Senator also obtained the approval of the Senate to amend a similar bill passed by the House of Delegates which did not contain the language requested by the city. When it appeared that neither bill would pass the House of Delegates with the city's amendment because of an erroneous impression that the city's amendment was opposed by the Prince Georges Planning Board, Senator Conroy and city officials coordinated efforts to correct the situation. These efforts were successful and both bills eventually passed the Maryland Legislature without significant opposition.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Michael D. Julius on having won a \$100 scholarship in this year's National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. Michael is currently a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

Airman Terry W. Place, who recently graduated from the aircraft maintenance specialist course at Sheppard AFB, Tex., was assigned to Travis AFB, Calif., for duty with a unit of the Military Airlift Command. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. William Kellaher of Greenbelt.

Cadet Robert Spiegelthal, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Spiegelthal of Lakeside Dr., has been placed on the Dean's List at the State University of New York Maritime College. He is a 1973 graduate of Parkdale and is majoring in Meteorology and Oceanography.

Applause goes to Andrew Hsiao, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hsiao of Parkway, who has won a \$500 scholarship award for the University of Maryland at the 1978 Intercollegiate Bridge Championship.

The first place winners of Duplicate Bridge on April 14 were Ted and Pauline Pritzker with Shirley Bryant and Clare Jacobs in second place and Lucille and Lou Lushine as the holders of third place.

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Attention GHI Members

WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING

on

The Overpass to Eleanor Roosevelt High School

MONDAY, April 24, 8 p.m.

at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School

The City Council will be hearing from citizens on the location of the overpass. One route is the shortest, and is used by most students. Since this route goes through the parking lot of the Greenbriar condominiums, Greenbriar residents oppose it. The city now must decide on whether to condemn land belonging to Greenbriar.

We know students will choose the shortest route. If you are concerned about the safety of our students, let council know which route you want. The preferred route also has the following advantages:

1. It is centrally located for most students residing in GHI.
2. It is the safest route.
3. It is the least costly to construct.
4. It is the most visually pleasing since no unsightly ramps will need to be constructed because of the topography.

by authority of GHI

City Manager's Budget Message

(Excerpts taken from manager's statement to council as he presents the fiscal 1979 major operating budget of the city and seven other special purpose funds.)

These budgets express, in dollars, the programs and activities contemplated by the various departments of the city for the fiscal year and the various capital expenditures to be undertaken. . . . It is a most important tool by which the city staff provides the level of services determined by council for the citizens of Greenbelt. . . .

Overall, the city's financial health is good. Next year's budget provides for moderate growth. . . . Many city taxpayers will be paying a smaller city tax in the new fiscal year (because of new state legislation). However, this rollback will be more than offset by increased State-shared revenues.

On expenditures, . . . increases are due almost entirely to increased salary and material expenses.

Capital expenditures for new equipment, excluded from the General Fund budget this year, (will come instead from) Revenue Sharing Funds.

James K. Giese,
City Manager

Council Begins Budget Review Process

by Mary Lou Williamson

Council received a bare-bones budget with no change in the tax rate for the 1978-79 fiscal year from city manager James K. Giese. The thrust of the budget, Giese told council at its first budget work session April 12, was to maintain the current level of services with moderate growth. He did not sprinkle the usual assortment of extras into the budget this year. When he began the process, he explained, he had expected a revenue shortfall upwards of \$100,000. That he was able to balance the budget at the end came as a surprise, he continued, but by then time had run out and he had to present his "hold the line" budget. Councilman Tom White, in mock dismay, claimed to prefer the old style budgets — with gazebos and motor scooters — then council has a job to do — "massaging the budget."

The present tax rate is 99c per \$100 of assessed valuation. In or-

der to reduce the tax rate, council would have to reduce expenditures or find additional revenues in the amount of \$8,960 for each cent of rate reduction.

The General Fund

The proposed General Fund budget provides for total expenditures during fiscal 1979 of \$2,283,150, for an increase of 11.6% over last year. However, over half of this increase represents the 10 positions now federally funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

This budget accounts for the operating expenditures of the three departments of the city — Police, Recreation and Public Works — also Greenbelt CARES and staff services. "From the taxpayer's point of view," said Giese in his statement, "this is the budget that must be balanced . . . by the property tax. The greatest portion of all city financial transactions and the largest dollar amounts take place in

this fund."

State legislation this year will roll back from 50% to 45% that portion of real property value that can be assessed, a move designed to give homeowners a break on their local property taxes. Greenbelt's tax base has grown during the past year so that the new assessed valuation will be just slightly less than last year's down 1.3% from 82.8 million dollars to 81.7, with revenues estimated at \$808,850. Real property taxes thus amount to 35% of the total operating budget.

Total revenues from all sources are expected to rise by 9.9%, thus requiring some \$35,000 in surplus funds from fiscal 1978 to balance the new budget.

Expenditures

Some of the significant items proposed in the new budget are listed below:

1. Street Repair: resurfacing of Crescent Rd. from Northway to the Lake Park entrance (\$15,000); new curbs and gutters along Lakeside Dr. (\$20,000); resurfacing of roadways adjacent to municipal building (\$2,000); other curb and gutter work (\$5,000) and sidewalk replacement (\$2,500).

2. CETA — 10 full-time positions: federal reimbursement for wages and fringe benefits (\$107,200). Positions include —

- 1 staff assistant, Admin.
- 1 police officer, Police Dept.
- 1 records clerk, Police Dept.
- 1 office assistant, Public Works
- 2 crewman IV, Parks Dept.
- 4 crewman II, Parks Dept.

3. Police Department — One new police officer, beginning January 1979 (\$5,900); 4 new squad cars (\$22,000); portable radios (\$18,500); 3 mobile radios for squad cars (\$5,000). This will bring the number of uniformed officers to 24; each officer will be equipped with a portable radio.

4. A 6% across-the-board pay increase for all classified employees (\$69,500) to help compensate for an increased cost-of-living of 7%.

5. A 50c increase in the refuse collection fee for free-standing and cooperative homes is estimated to provide some surplus over costs (\$17,000). However, the city may be liable for sharing the unexpectedly high cost of covering the College Park landfill (\$56,000).

6. A reduction in operating budget for swimming pool (\$3,900) still leaves a deficit of \$15,000. New basket racks (\$600), ladders (\$1,000) and floor surface material for bath house (\$2,000).

7. An increase of \$25,800 to cover social security and retirement contributions.

8. Improvements to the Youth Center (\$5,700).

9. Park improvement projects.

10. Complete bicycle path on Lakecrest Dr. (\$15,000), extend bicycle path from Lakewood Park to Northway and Hillside (\$3,500).

Revenues

Bright spots in the revenue picture include an increase in the city's share of the State income tax (\$40,000), an increase in \$5,000 in rental of city facilities, an increase in state-shared highway taxes (\$20,100) and a continued increase in admissions tax (\$4,000). This latter tax surprised the city last year as Star Wars helped bring in \$13,000 more than had been estimated. While no such film success is predicted for the coming year, the beer can shows at the Greenbelt Armory will help.

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds will again amount to \$40,000. Revenues from refuse collection will be up 8%. Recreation Department fees are projected to increase by \$17,500. The budget anticipates a 5% increase of State support to Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau, for a total of \$42,450.

HIGH POINT '63 REUNION

High Point High School's Class of 1963 is planning its fifteen-year reunion. For more information, call Janet Forrester Reinohl at 345-1981, or Bill Alexander at 937-3564 after 6 p.m.

intendent of Schools.

For more information on the Town Meeting, please call 952-4131.

Budget Procedure

The charter requires passage of the city budget by June 10. But the process begins months earlier. The manager's budget, presented last week to the council, is the result of much time and effort by many individuals. It began with the preparation of work sheets for each of the accounts, providing detail on the current fiscal year's operations. From these papers department heads then prepared individual budgets for each of their activities. The city treasurer, Dennis Piendak, reviewed and checked these budgets for accuracy. Next they were submitted to the city manager, James K. Giese, for further review. Many departmental requests were cut at this point, not because they lacked merit, says Giese, but because of the city's limited financial resources. Those items most needed were the ones that remained in the budget. The finance department then reviewed the accuracy of the figures and the budgets were typed.

Council's Turn

The charter requires the manager to present the budget to council at its first April meeting. This year's budget book with its bright yellow cover sporting a photograph of the elderly housing facility is almost an inch thick. It contains 142 pages of text and a photo of the addition to the municipal building. The pages of figures are liberally sprinkled with explanations and sets of goals for the coming year.

Council will now hold a series of work sessions on various sections of the budget. For example last night, council reviewed the police department budget. This work session offered Police Chief William Lane, the Fraternal Order of Police and citizens a chance to present their views on the manager's budget. Council may respond, ask questions, or seek further information. Traditionally both the chief and the FOP ask for more personnel and equipment than the council is willing to fund. Some citizens may appear asking for more police protection, while others may demand that the budget be cut. In all, eight work sessions are scheduled. (See schedule for dates.)

Council ends with a public hear-

History of Greenbelt Property Tax

Fiscal Year	Budgeted expenditures	Real Property	
		Assessed valuation	Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation
1968-69	\$ 815,100	\$40,925,380	.85
1969-70	985,300	44,336,440	.80
1970-71	1,088,350	48,150,036	.80
1971-72	1,132,600	49,418,440	.84
1972-73	1,220,500	52,667,300	.92
1973-74	1,363,500	54,452,640	.92
1974-75	1,438,100	55,502,500	1.03
1975-76	1,699,875	67,592,220	1.00
1976-77	1,900,200	71,970,310	1.05
1977-78	2,045,750	82,800,000	.99

Band Concerts

by Stephen Polaschik

Greenbelt residents will be treated to two springtime appearances by the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County within the next few weeks.

The first appearance of these highly-professional volunteer musicians is scheduled for Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. in the Youth Center. The conductor, John Del Homme, says this concert will feature top-notch music, including special arrangements from his extensive personal library. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to give them the sights and sounds of a large band performing a live concert.

The second appearance of Greenbelt's Concert Band will be on Saturday, May 6 at 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Home. The occasion is the Post's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Prospective band members are encouraged to attend rehearsals which are held every Monday evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Appointments will be made for auditions by Del Homme.

Town Meeting Slated

Residents of the 21st, 22nd and 24th Legislative Districts are invited to the April Town Meeting being held at the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway on Wednesday, April 26, from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The monthly forums sponsored by County Executive Winfield M. Kelley, Jr. and the Prince Georges County Council, are designed to give citizens the opportunity to address all of their elected officials on any County, State or Federal problem affecting their area.

Congresswomen Gladys Spellman and Marjorie Holt, Secretary of State Fred Wineland, State Senators Arthur Dorman, John J. Garrity and Edward T. Conroy; Delegates Kay Bienen, Pauline Menes, Andrew Mothershead, Mildred Harkness, Ann Hull, Charles Sullivan, Jr., Gerard Devlin, Leo Green and David Gray Ross will also be present.

School Board Members Susan Bieniasz, J. James Golato, Lesley Kreimer, Maureen K. Steinecke and Chester E. Whiting will be joined by Dr. Edward J. Feeney, Super-

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GHI Opens Nature Trail

A nature trail on 26 acres of GHI property can now be easily walked. The trail is bounded by Plateau Place, Ridge Road and Laurel Hill Road, with the main entrance on Ridge. Though all the markers are not yet in, stakes have been inserted along the two quarter-mile loops and one smaller loop.

Clearing the trail of leaves, debris and cutting the low hanging branches took only a few days. Two of the loops can be easily walked with bridges over the muddy areas. One trail has been left in a more natural state and requires somewhat rougher hiking.

The various stops along the trail will be marked and brochures will soon be available for those who want to identify the dozen or more types of trees. Though the brochures are not quite ready, there is some discussion over their placement. GHI would like to put them in a secure box near the entrance to the trail, but the trail has already been the subject of some vandalism. Therefore, it is likely that those wishing to have the

brochures will need to journey to the GHI building for them.

The trail represents the culmination of five years of work since it was first brought to the attention of management and the board by a GHI member. This member advised GHI of the then new program which provided that no increase in tax assessments would be levied on open and wooded areas dedicated to the enjoyment of nearby residents. GHI soon after signed an agreement with the state's Department of Natural Resources. A forester from the Maryland Forest Service advised the corporation on how best to maintain the 26 acres of woods and marked the trees for identification.

Children who live near the area have created natural trails and have looked on the woods as their own private playground for years. There is some resentment by the children in having to share "their woods" with strangers. GHI hopes that all the people who walk the trails will enjoy them and protect them from vandalism and cyclists.

GHI Members Warned Of July 1 Deadline

Members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. who have not purchased smoke detectors are urged to do so as soon as possible. The corporation now has in stock battery-operated smoke detectors which members may purchase at a discount price. However, the member must come into the GHI office on Hamilton Place to purchase his smoke detector.

The detector can be installed easily with two screws. If a member wishes to have his detector installed by a contractor, he must make those arrangements with GHI at the time of purchase. There is an additional charge for such installation.

So far, 551 members of GHI have either the smoke detector GHI is selling or another model purchased elsewhere. 143 members who indicated they wished to purchase a smoke detector from GHI still have not picked one up. Some 1,600 more members must notify

GHI on whether they have a smoke detector or plan to purchase one by July 1. Members who have lost their form notifying GHI of their purchase or intent to purchase a smoke detector may request another form from the fiscal office or the manager's office. Members may also drop a note to GHI stating that they have purchased a smoke detector.

The Prince Georges County code requires that all multi-family units (more than two homes) must have smoke detectors by July 1. GHI will probably be required to notify the housing inspector by that date of the homes which do not have smoke detectors. Individuals could be cited with a housing code violation if they do not install a smoke detector. Members who have questions regarding purchase of their smoke detector may call the manager's office at 474-5566 or the county fire marshal's office at 952-4730.

Schedule For Budget Meetings

Tues., April 25, Public Works
Wed., May 3, Recreation Organizations, Washington Ear
Mon., May 8, Greenbelt CARES
Tues., May 9, Revenue Sharing
Wed., May 17, Recreation
Mon., May 22, Budget Public Hearing
Wed., May 31, Budget Review
Mon., June 5, Budget Adoption
Meetings will be held in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

ing May 22 this year to be sure that citizens have had every opportunity to present their views on all aspects of the budget; holds a final work session to trash out the final decisions line by line; and then formally takes action at a regular meeting, June 5 this year, just prior to the June 10 deadline.

At that final meeting the council may increase or decrease the budget or any individual item. The only limitation placed on council action is that estimated revenues must equal or exceed budgeted expenditures.

Process Continues

After adoption, the budget process continues. The program of activities now provided for must be implemented by the various departments under the city manager. The city treasurer provides budgetary control through the accounting and reporting of funds spent or set aside for special use.

Department heads, manager and council provide continual review during the fiscal year. Because the budget is a forecast into the future and the future is not always as one expects, says Giese, the budget provides for some flexibility. Thus at year's end there normally will be some transfers of funds from accounts containing a surplus to those whose requirements have been greater than expected.

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Ding Ding or Ding-a-Ling?

by Linda Orenstein

Have you ever been introduced to a computer? Do you know how to address one properly? By name? Number? I am confused and will have to brush up on my etiquette as I have been invited to meet IBM Computer, AKA fondly known as "machine" ("Machine"?) to the City of Greenbelt Police Department.

A police dispatcher (who will remain anonymous) has nominated "Machine" for the Outstanding Employee of the Year Award. The computer has been with the department for approximately four years but may be replaced, in September, by a "cathode-ray cousin", according to my unnamed source. This, therefore, may be the last chance for "machine" to receive recognition for his (her?) valuable service.

"Machine" is connected by telephone to a Pikesville police station which supplies information upon request. If there is a message or data to be conveyed, "machine" will ding once or twice and type out a message on paper. The new computer will flash information on to a screen as well as providing a paper printout. But, old faithful has helped to recover stolen articles with identifying serial numbers and has aided police in locating missing and wanted persons.

"Machine's" co-workers find it company on a lonely stretch of duty and not temperamental. It doesn't call in sick or request vacation time although it will occasionally blow a fuse. A deluge of rain may cause "Machine" to have a complete breakdown, but generally it is an indispensable member of the department.

The computer may not be completely replaced, but something may be added to upgrade it. Who knows, it may undergo a complete personality change. The time will soon come when I will have to saunter over to meet "Machine" but before I do I may have to address a hastily written note to Miss Manners of the Washington Post to ascertain how to greet a taciturn, hard-working, but not-for-long-to-be-with-us member of the Police Department.

"SARGE" GALVIN'S HOLE-IN-ONE

On Saturday, April 8, at Maryland University Golf Course, Frank (Sarge) Galvin, accomplished what all golfers dream about but rarely achieve. Using a driver on the par 3 fifth hole, Galvin rifled the ball from the tee a distance of 205 yards and into the cup! It not only was his first hole-in-one over a span of 35 years golfing but the only hole-in-one his three playing companions had ever witnessed.

Jack Nicklaus, while playing an exhibition round, labeled this hole the most difficult on the Maryland University Golf Course. Nicklaus proved his point by scoring a bogey there while enroute to a sub-par round. So congratulations to senior citizen Galvin for the remarkable feat of bettering Nicklaus' score by three strokes on this hole!

Citron Honored

Lester Citron, a Greenbelt resident, was the recipient of a Special Award at the annual luncheon of the Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Handicapped, April 19, at Martin's West. Citron has been associated with the American Red Cross as a volunteer for over 30 years. More recently, he has served as Chairman of Handicapped Swimming Program for the D.C. Chapter of the Red Cross. Citron has been greatly involved, as a volunteer, with water with other handicaps. uGreeT e water sports programs for the blind, but has taught and directed programs for persons with other handicaps.

He has also participated, often at his own expense, in canoe outings for the blind and those with other handicaps and has attended a number of seminars and programs which have assisted his programs and contributed to the knowledge of others.

The committee's goal is to create public awareness of the handicapped persons problems.

CVC Board Elects Officers

The Board of Directors of Charlestowne Village Condominium have elected their officers for the next year. Nancy Hindman will continue to serve as president; Morris Levitt, vice-president; Mary Kincaid will remain as secretary; and Clete Mehringer, treasurer. The newly elected members of the board, Kate Miller, Doris Whiting and Liz Ebers are members-at large and will deal with communications, pets and parking.

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Locals Run in Boston

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Surprise! Surprise!

by: Kathy Palmerton
Greenbelt Ladies Auxiliary, GVFD
First the door bell rang, footsteps were then heard coming to the door, the door opened. "Happy Birthday!"

The figure standing in the doorway of his home was in a state of shock. As the "birthday boy" stands in shock, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and their husbands marched into Mayor Pilski's home at 7:30 p.m. to have a gala celebration.

A parade of guests marched into Claire's kitchen with camera, coffee pot, cups, birthday cake, chips, pretzels, dips, cards and yes even gag gifts - Mayor Pilski stands aghast, speechless and very emotional. The Mayor finally utters, "I've never had this happen before. I just can't believe it."

On Sunday, April 16, Mayor Pilski blew out one large candle on a beautifully decorated cake made by Mary Fran Crisman.

Joining in the singing, laughter and great time were Mayor Pilski's two daughters, Nancy and Chris and his lovely wife, Claire, who is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

As the party came to a close, one could see the look of happiness on Dick Pilski's face.

Again, Happy Birthday Mr. Mayor - A day that will always be remembered.

Dial 911 for Fire/Rescue

by Wayne Lewis
Now that spring is here many of us forget a few basic safety rules that may end up getting someone injured or causing property damage. Following are a few reminders that may prevent this from happening:
1) do not barbecue on your balcony or close to your home as there is danger of a fire starting; 2) keep your charcoal lighting fluid out of reach of small children; 3) do not leave food cooking on the stove while you are out walking or at the store as fires may develop or smoke may damage your house; 4) keep your fishing equipment - especially fish hooks - out of reach of the children; 5) remember, your feet are not as tough as they were last summer so be aware of sharp rocks, glass, etc. when going barefoot; 6) don't lie out in the sun for long periods of time until you get a little tan on your skin as sunburn may occur; 7) be more alert for "sight seeing" drivers and pedestrians out for walks; 8) watch for children running into the streets and also on bicycles; 9) when working on the car be extra careful when the engine is running, also, be certain to use adequate support if the car is to be raised off the ground - don't depend on using only a jack.

If you have a fire or an injury, DIAL 911 - the emergency number, and give the following information: 1) your name; 2) your address & apartment number; 3) your phone number; 4) nature of the emergency. In all instances, try to remain calm - don't panic.

New Maryland Legislation Affecting Greenbelt

The 1978 Session of the Maryland General Assembly saw the successful passage of almost all the Greenbelt bills sponsored by Senator Edward Conroy in the Senate. Following is a brief synopsis of legislation of particular interest to Greenbelters.

Consumer Cooperatives: Senate Bill 1125 by Senator Conroy

Although Greenbelters have been operating consumer cooperatives for decades, Maryland law has prevented them from operating as true cooperatives. With the passage of this law, memberships will be easier to obtain because costly Securities and Exchange Commission red tape will be eliminated. Consumer cooperatives will also be able to legally use the name "co-operative" which under prior law was limited to farm co-ops and energy co-ops. The bill also allows coops to terminate voting memberships after a period of 3 years if a member has moved or no longer participates. This makes it possible for G.C.S. to achieve the necessary quorum to amend its bylaws for the first time in many years.

This bill will not only help Greenbelt's cooperatives to operate more efficiently, but could encourage the growth of the Co-op movement throughout the State.

Advance Land Acquisition: Notice to Local Governments: S.B. 1163, by Senator Conroy

Orderly development of the Golden Triangle was disrupted last fall by a State Highway Administration

(SHA) move to acquire a part of the Triangle for a new ramp to the B-W Parkway. The city's dilemma prompted Senator Conroy to introduce legislation to require advance notice to local governments of all land acquisition by the S.H.A.

Fee in Lieu of Dedication, S.B. 659 by Senator Conroy

Developers are presently required to donate open space or pay a fee to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNC-PPC) before they build new subdivisions. The city requested legislation to allow the fee to be paid to a municipality for subdivisions within its boundaries if the municipality maintains its own park and recreation program.

This language, known as the Greenbelt amendment, was added to an existing Park and Planning House Bill and introduced in the Senate by Conroy. A series of last minute legislative maneuvers resulted in the Greenbelt amendment being removed from the Senate bill by the Prince Georges House Delegation and being added to the House bill by the Prince Georges Senate Delegation. The Senate-House conflict was finally resolved and both Conroy's Senate bill and House bill 751 passed with the Greenbelt amendment intact in both bills.

Conroy also co-sponsored Highway User Revenues bill which will bring \$17,503,000 to Greenbelt, and State aid for Police Protection which will also bring State funds into Greenbelt.

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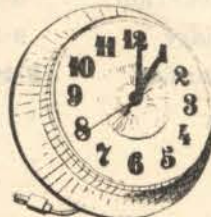


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