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Solemn Audience Hears Council's Position On Parkway Overpass, Gardenway Passes 3-2

by Elaine Skolnik

An audience of some 50 Greenbelt citizens - over half from the Greenbriar condominium development - listened soberly last Monday night to position statements by city councilmen on the location of the proposed overpass that would span the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. When the vote was in, it was split 3 to 2 in favor of the Gardenway site, Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld and councilmen Thomas White and Charles Schwan voting for the preferred route. Against were Mayor Richard Pilski and councilman Richard Castaldi, who favored the Mandan overpass location.

There were no cheers by the proponents of Gardenway nor cat-calls by the opponents. The decision was received quietly by both. Greenbriar residents of Phase I were disappointed, but not resigned. Some seemed to feel that when the city starts condemnation proceedings for an easement through the median strip of the parking lot between 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway, the action may possibly be contested.

The solemn mood in the council chambers was set by the statements, in particular those of council members opting for the Gardenway route. They wanted Phase I owners to know how and why they reached their decision, how they searched for a compromise and could not find one, and how they hoped that the decision, which was a difficult one, would not result in Phase I owners cutting themselves off from the city.

In presenting the major reason for reaching his conclusion - one that was also shared by Schwan and White - Weidenfeld said:

"The city has the responsibility and obligation to the Federal agency that is furnishing public funds to provide for the safest possible overpass. These public funds are not being provided to bridge Greenbriar to the Greenbelt Center. That is merely an indirect benefit. These funds are being provided for one purpose, not to reduce the student pedestrian hazard at the Parkway but, if at all possible, to totally eliminate that hazard. Only the Gardenway site meets that obligation."

Schwan feared that if the Mandan route were constructed, the present short cut would still be used and, he said, "an even more beguiling temptation would remain. Its potential victims are or would be younger children residing in Greenbriar and Glen Oaks. Their destination probably would be Greenbelt Center. Given an easy access and a short route, the temptation might be overwhelming, and the possibility of a tragedy is much

greater if the would-be-crosser is 6 to 10 years old than if he were 13 to 17."

Weidenfeld, Schwan, and White sympathized with Phase I residents' fears. Weidenfeld said, "Some noise, litter and vandalism can be anticipated," near Greenbriar apartments adjacent to either a Mandan or Gardenway pathway. He felt that policing at the Mandan site could be "troublesome" because of the various shortcuts that would be available to students through Phase II.

White wanted council to be responsive to the condition presented by William Ayers, President of the Board of Directors of Phase I, who spoke at the public hearing on April 4. Ayers stated that in the event of condemnation, there should be increased police protection and that no fence or wall should be placed along the path. White said, "Increased vigilance is required to assure that there be minimal impact on Greenbriar." He thought there were other ways to delineate the path and urged that the conditions be kept in mind and made "an integral part of the project."

Additionally, Schwan thought the possibility of instituting a student monitoring system should be explored with the school.

Intrusion

Pilski and Castaldi saw the location of the overpass at the Gardenway location as an intrusion on Greenbriar Phase I residents. They spoke of their struggle to find a solution to the problem council faced. Pilski said, "In over 13 years, I find this to be the most difficult decision council ever had to make," recalling battles against zoning decisions that would change the character of the community, the sewage treatment plant at Greenbriar, the school site, etc.

Pilski said he had walked the proposed routes many times - "The latest Monday afternoon." In talking to students who had taken the shortcut across the highway, he was upset that they had done so

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COSTS

City Manager James K. Giese reported that the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) developed rough cost estimates for the two locations - \$250,000 for the Gardenway bridge (this does not include costs for right-of-way), and \$500,000 for the Mandan bridge. A change in angle of the Mandan bridge could result in lowering that cost somewhat.

Giese said he was also advised that (1) soil borings were ordered by FHA at three locations along the parkway, but have not been analyzed at this time, (2) bridge construction can also be accomplished from the parkway, and (3) the only construction to take place on property on either side of the parkway would be the construction of an access path.

Unfounded Rumors

Rumors circulating recently that GHI's senior citizens and others receiving financial assistance with their monthly charges from the federal program entitled Section 8 Housing Assistance must repay this money when their house is sold.

This is not true. Section 8 Housing Assistance is a grant from the federal government to the county. The county then gives the money to landlords (or GHI in this case) of individuals and families who apply for the grants and meet the income guidelines. No money is ever repaid to the government - county or federal.

Those people in GHI - now 31 - who are receiving this assistance with their monthly charges will not have to repay this money when their home is sold nor will their heirs when they die.

Applications for Section 8 are still being taken by the county's Housing Authority. Persons who wish to apply must go to Hampton Mall, in Capital Heights (exit 33 west from the Beltway). Anyone who wants more information about Section 8 may call Sandra Barnes, Administrative Assistant at GHI, 474-0720, or the Housing Authority, 336-8800.

GHI is applying for 332 more slots for Section 8 people who would qualify for the assistance because of the proposed rehabilitation program.

- Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Seven Candidates Compete For Greenbelt Homes Board

by Mary Lou Williamson

A total of seven candidates will compete for the four openings on the board of directors at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., annual meeting and election on Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 and 11. The annual meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Center School auditorium. Three new candidates tossed their hats into the ring this past weekend: Bettie G. Denson, Richard Sanders, and James Passante. They join the four incumbents, James W. Smith, Norman Weyel, Virginia Moryadas and James Foster, who are seeking re-election.

Also to be elected is a three-member Audit Committee for one-year terms. Eunice Coxon, who also filed this past weekend, joins James Simon and two incumbents, Arthur Gropp and Bobbie McCarthy.

Business Meeting

While the business meeting is centered around reports from the president, treasurer and audit committee and speeches by candidates, one controversial amendment will be considered under new business. The amendment, presented at the April 13 board meeting by Bettie Denson, calls for membership approval for any hike in monthly charges. Current bylaws call for membership approval only if the raise in operating charges exceeds 10 percent.

Voting

Balloting will begin Wednesday evening at an announced time after the candidates have been introduced. Members who wish to vote then will make a special trip to the registration desk to receive a paper ballot which they will mark and then cast into the ballot box. The Wednesday evening voting will end at 11:30 p.m. Voting on Thursday, May 11, will be by machine in the GHI offices on Hamilton Place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The four candidates receiving the highest vote will be elected for two year terms. Each member is asked to vote for four candidates.

Unlike city elections, no previous registration is needed.

Each housing unit is entitled to only one voting card. A special color for proxy votes is used so that a check can be readily made on

people voting two cards improperly. A nominations and elections committee consisting of five members will be elected from the floor at the Wednesday night meeting.

Members unable to vote in person may designate a proxy to vote in their place. Signed proxy forms must be filed with the GHI office by Friday, May 5.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 10, 1978

AGENDA

1. Issuance of voting cards.
2. Proof of notice of meeting.
3. Certification of quorum.
4. Approval of agenda.
5. Action on minutes of previous meeting: Annual Meeting - 5/18/77
6. Reports of officers, directors, and elected committees.
7. Presentation of candidates.
8. Nomination of candidates for the election of Nominations and Elections Committee.
9. Old business:
 - a. Resale Policy on the 29 New Homes built during 1968 to 1970.
10. New business:
 - a. Bylaws Changes:
 - (1) Article IV, Section 1 - Annual Meeting
 - (2) Article IV, Section 8b - Nominations and Elections
 - (3) Article VIII, Section 11, Paragraph 2 - Expenditure of Funds and Contracts (by petition).
11. Good and Welfare.
12. Recess.

Norman Weyel
Secretary

Rep. Spellman Holds Open Door Session

Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman will meet with Greenbelt residents next Thursday, May 11 from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Mrs. Spellman will present a brief rundown on what is happening on Capitol Hill, followed by a question and answer period.

"My office doors - both on Capitol Hill and at the District Office in Hyattsville - are always open to residents of my District, but I think it is important to meet with them in their own neighborhood," the congresswoman said.

Mrs. Spellman's Open Door sessions have bred many new legislative ideas, as well as serving as a vital community link between the Congresswoman and her constituents.

Spellman's staff members will accompany her to assist Greenbelt with any problems they wish to discuss. An interpreter for the deaf will be provided if one is requested at least one day in advance by calling 225-4131.

Meet Your Police At Beltway Plaza

by Linda Orenstein

This week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, (May 4-6) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day, Beltway Plaza will be the site of a display by the Greenbelt City Police Department, the Prince Georges County Police, the Maryland State Police and the U.S. Park Police. The cooperative effort was spearheaded by Greenbelt's Chief William T. Lane, who invited the other agencies to participate. Lt. John C. Krob, Chief of Field Services, was in charge of the project and Officer Charles Watkins, of Greenbelt's Community Relations Unit was responsible for coordinating the event. The display, which is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Police Department and the Beltway Plaza Merchants Association, is in celebration of Law Day, May 1; National Crime Prevention Week, May 1-7; and in connection with National Police Week, May 14-20. All of the participating law enforcement agencies

had varied commitments so these three days were set aside to demonstrate the cooperative spirit and assistance exchanged among them.

On view at the plaza will be police equipment such as cruisers with radar, motorcycles, and the equipment maintained by the police to aid them in the performance of their duties. The central theme of the program is "To Serve and Protect Community/Police Involvement". Displays focusing on this topic aim at informing the public of services provided by the police, programs available, ideas on crime prevention - an overview of how police intend to keep the community informed of their services. There will be displays other than visual, one of which will be a special treat for children. Police present at the exhibit will take and give out souvenir fingerprints.

In conjunction with this multi-agency is a ten-point program sponsored by the police to explain

their interpretation of their responsibility to the community. The list of police patrol activities includes: patrol and observation, traffic control and its enforcement, supervision of public gatherings, provision of miscellaneous services such as police escorts for businessmen, escorts for women who work at late hours, housechecks for private homes and for closed business, etc., response to calls from the public for assistance in criminal or non-criminal situations, criminal investigation by detectives or patrols, collection and preservation of evidence from scenes of crimes and incidents, arrest offenders, presentation of court testimony on criminal matters and in accident investigations, and community involvement as promoted by the Community Awareness Team.

All residents are invited to the display to learn how the police department is working on their behalf.

GHI MEMBERS

ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Greenbelt Center School

8 p.m.

Voting for Board of Directors and Audit Committee will take place at the annual meeting, May 10, and all day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, May 11, at the GHI Offices on Hamilton Place.

— VOTE — VOTE — VOTE — VOTE —

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Practical Limits of Democracy

Why do we have elections? The reader would surely agree that we elect members to Congress to represent our point of view, to act upon those measures which are reasonable and sound, and to defeat those measures not in our best interests. If we are unhappy with the way our representative votes, we have the opportunity to "kick the rascal out" at the next election.

None of us thinks of going to the Capitol and demanding the opportunity to vote on each measure ourselves. In this sense, democracy has its practical limits.

Which brings us to the GHI elections. Before the membership on Wednesday night will be a proposed bylaw amendment which would, in effect, negate the board's responsibility to approve GHI budgets and instead require that 1608 members do so. The reason behind this move, is to allow some members, who have steadfastly closed their eyes to the twin realities of inflation and progress, to halt further increases in monthly charges.

Over the years, reporters from this newspaper have struggled to understand GHI budgets. Budgets are complex documents and not many members (in fact, only two this year) attend GHI's budget hearings, even though their opinions are earnestly sought. What, then, would be the effects of asking the membership to approve the corporation's budget each year?

We can imagine what would happen in city affairs if the citizens of Lakeside tried to delete line items affecting the citizens of Boxwood. Would GHI frame homeowners vote against paving parking courts for themselves while approving such maintenance for the masonry homeowners or vice versa?

GHI is about to embark upon a much-needed rehabilitation of its forty-year-old structures. The prime targets of such rehabilitation are to save energy and cut maintenance costs. Lack of support for the board's mandate to make decisions on the future of GHI would seriously undermine the rehabilitation program, could make government grants and bank loans unobtainable and would thereby destroy GHI's efforts to achieve long-range savings and improvements which the membership itself demanded just four years ago.

We know that many members in GHI remember when their monthly charges were ridiculously low, and some find it difficult to believe that the cost of water and taxes and insurance and paint and plumbing fixtures and oil and . . . and . . . could rise so dramatically. We know many members are seriously concerned about rising costs and worry about how they will personally bear the burden. However, the corporation has the responsibility and the elected board members are legally bound - to maintain the homes. To transfer this responsibility to a well-intentioned, though sometimes divided or disinterested membership, is to seriously jeopardize the financial stability of GHI as well as the physical integrity of each member's home.

We urge the membership to vote down this potentially disastrous amendment.

Methodists Pledge \$82,000 Will Build New Sanctuary

Nearly 40 "Stewardship Counselors" from Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church are visiting all of the families of the Greenbelt Church seeking support for the new sanctuary soon to be built.

"As of this date, with numerous families out of town and some not yet contacted, on a Goal of \$75,000 already there are pledges and cash in the amount of \$82,710," stated The Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Pastor.

"When these funds are added to the amount on hand, we are now assured that we can go ahead with plans for the building," he further stated. "This congregation is thoroughly committed to this important task, for we have individual pled-

ges in amounts as large as \$10,000. It is a time of great joy for us all," he declared.

Stewardship Counselors are: Carl Boushell, Jack Burt, Jan Cook, Clinton Costin, Al Cousin, Mary Ellen Cousin, David Craig, Debbie Craig, Dick Craig, Aline Dickson, Robert Grigsby, Dora Jean Harper, Eva Howey, Robert Howey, Aubrey Jones, Marie Jones, Betty Kolbe, Carolyn Lewis, Bruce Mangum, Joyce Mangum, Linda MaGaha, Billy Jo McReynolds, Barbara Rexon, Howard Rexon, Agnes Romard, Burl Smith, Maxine Smith, Mary Louise Snidow, Don Soule, Sue Soule, Roxann Tarran, Beth Tavanello, Vicki Tavanello, Lewis Warner, June Webb, and Ralph Webb.

Health Fair May 19, 20 At Beltway Plaza Mall

"High Level Wellness" is the theme adopted by the Prince Georges County Health Department for its next Health Fair scheduled for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, at the Beltway Plaza Mall in Greenbelt. Twelve free health tests plus 50 other health-saving booths will be available, including one featuring health services for the deaf and sign language interpreters.

The free tests are for blood pressure, diabetes, emphysema, glaucoma, visual acuity, hearing, dental plaque, oral cancer, breast and cervical cancer, colon-rectal cancer and height/weight ratio. Special preparation is required for the diabetes test only. Anyone desiring this test should eat a balanced meal two hours prior to being tested.

"High level wellness" is a positive and active approach towards good health. Its advocates claim that everyone can lead a healthier, more productive, and consequently, happier life by taking an active rather than a passive role regarding his own well being. Pointing to studies which demonstrate that much sickness and death in technologically advanced nations like the U.S. are brought about by environmental and behavioral factors, advocates of high level wellness focus upon what people can do to maintain or improve their health. This is different from the traditional medical approach which focuses upon what can be done to restore health after illness, disease or disability has occurred.

In addition to its focus upon high level wellness, the fair will offer dozens of other booths, each providing information on an important topic of service. The Cancer Society will provide timely information on safety in the sun, while the Consumer Product Safety Commission will focus upon toy safety and other areas of consumer interest. The Heart Association will demonstrate the life-saving technique of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The National Jogging Association will feature the positive effects of running, and the Podiatry Association will offer helpful information for runners and other interested in general foot care. The Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Administration will have a new test available for joggers and others who are exposed to automobile emissions. Through the use of a Breath Ecolizer MOSHA staff will be able to tell visitors how much carbon monoxide is in their blood. Higher than normal blood levels can slow reaction time, making the individual more accident prone.

The revised Tel-Med brochure which lists the new additions to the existing library of prerecorded health information will be available. The Tel-Med System, one of the most popular new services in the county, receives about 10,000 calls per month.

Sponsors of the Fair are the Greenbelt Jaycees, the Baha'i Community, the Beltway Plaza Merchants Association and the Health Department.

Recreation Review

City Open Tennis Tournament
 The season's first tournament, co-sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Tennis Association, will take place May 19 thru May 29 with Men's Singles and Doubles - 'A' and 'B' Divisions - plus Women's 'A' and 'B' Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Register at the Youth Center Business Office May 8 thru 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For further information on the tournament, call the Rec. Depart.

Roosevelt Tennis Matches
 On Fri., May 5/Mon., May 8, Roosevelt tennis teams play matches, 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., on the Braden Field Courts, 1 thru 4.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
 Episcopal
 Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
 8 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Holy Communion 1st Sunday)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

Cormack - Derrington

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack Jr., formerly of Greenbelt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dolores to Darrell B. Derrington Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell B. Derrington of Woodbridge, Virginia.

Dolores spent the first five years of her life in Greenbelt along with her brother Charles III and sister Margaret (Holly). Her devoted grandparents, "Mac" and Vilma Cormack were long time residents of Greenbelt, "Mac" serving as the last Government Administrator of the PHA operated town of Greenbelt.

Darrell's parents are from Texas and his father is an official with the Veterans Administration in Washington, DC.

The couple met at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. Darrell received his MS in Engineering last year and Dolores will receive a BS in Physics this June.

A July wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Lutheran Church Sale

A Sale for World Hunger, a joint effort of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowie and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt, will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, on Friday from 7 to 9 on May 12, and on Saturday, May 13, from 9 to 4. The proceeds will be sent to World Relief/World Hunger.

The problems of world hunger—malnutrition, starvation, ignorance, drought, poverty, overpopulation—exist both here in our country and in other countries.

Lutheran Nursery School

Holy Cross Lutheran Nursery School is having an open house for parents and children on May 10 and 11 at 9:15 a.m. The children will be able to join in free play and the parents can see this nursery school program in action. Members of the board of directors will be available for answering questions and coffee will be served.

Holy Cross Nursery School is for pre-school children who will be four by January of 1979. Applications are now being accepted for the next school year. The school is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road. For additional information call 345-5111.

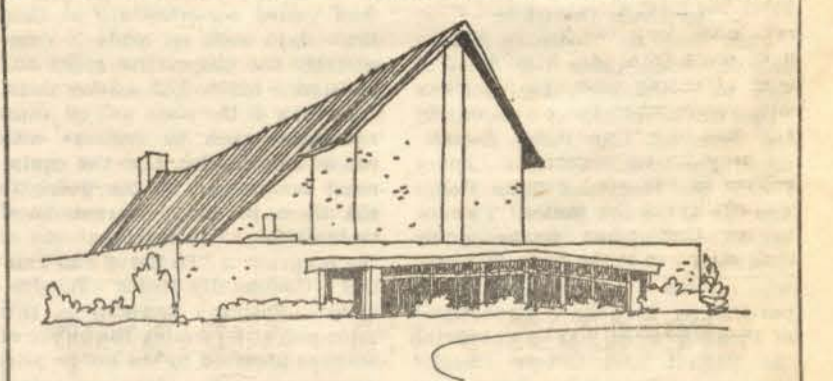
MOWATT MEMORIAL United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11 a.m. (Cribbery and Nursery provided)
HOLY COMMUNION
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,
 Pastor 474-3381

OPEN HOUSE HOLY CROSS NURSERY SCHOOL
 Holy Cross Nursery School invites parents and children to view and participate in its morning class on May 10 and 11 from 9:15 to 10:30.
 Call 345-5111 for information location: 6905 Greenbelt Road

Y'all Come
Greenbelt Gospel Singspiration
 Sat. Night, May 6, 7-9 p.m.
NORTH END ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 RIDGE RD. Between Research & Laurel Hill Rds.
 Feature Trio: "THE SINGING CLERES" from Ohio (Plus Local Talent Groups)
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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

"Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so"
 Rediscover this truth this week whether you are a child or an adult.
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
 474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Roads
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am
 Worship services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
 Mid-week prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm
 For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays.



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

Suitland Senior High School
DRAMA DEPARTMENT
 presents
GODSPELL
 at
 Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, May 4, 5, 6
 8 p.m.
 ADMISSION: Students - \$2.00 - Adults \$3.00
 Tickets available at the door.

Policy on Letters to the Editor

In general the News Review prints all Letters-to-the-Editor submitted, as long as they adhere to certain guidelines: (1) They must be signed, with address and phone number included. We will on request withhold the name of the writer, but will print no letters submitted anonymously. (2) They should be typed, double spaced, on one side of the paper only. (3) They must be relevant to Greenbelt. We print no letters on foreign policy, national politics, or general philosophical questions unless they in some specific way relate to Greenbelt. (4) A new issue may not be introduced just prior to an election when those taking another position have no opportunity to reply.

The editor reserves the right to reduce the length of any letters submitted. Brief letters are less likely to be edited, as are those which deal with issues rather than personalities. The News Review will print no letters which, in the judgment of the board, may be construed as libelous or which do not stay within the boundaries of good taste.

The originals of all letters submitted will remain the property of the News Review.

Inflation and GHI Costs

To the Editor:

As serious and well-intentioned as it may be, the proposal to entrust to the membership the authority to authorize any increase in GHI monthly charges rests on two fundamental fallacies.

The first fallacy is that a large number of GHI members would study the issue with sufficient care to be able to make informed judgments. In 15 years of studying and adopting annual budgets, eight with GHI and seven with the city, I can recall no work session at which more than a handful of members or citizens were in attendance. Public notice is given to all work sessions, city and GHI. They are open sessions. Members or citizens respectively may be heard. Yet at the second of its seven scheduled work sessions on the city's 1979 budget, one citizen appeared. None was present at the first or third. At the first hearing on the 1978 GHI budget, two members appeared, at the second one member.

The number of members or citizens who follow GHI or city activities closely is disappointing to me. (Incidentally, an understanding of these activities is necessary if budget-making decisions are to be well founded — and that is a year-round job.) That the number is not great is not surprising, however. There are many worthwhile activities that compete for attention. For example, I do not delude myself that I am even reasonably well informed about the affairs of any church or church-related group, the Boy or Girl Scouts, the News Review or Twin Pines, a Parent Teachers Association, the Heart Association or the March of Dimes. Others are and I am grateful to them for their taking their time to participate in the affairs of these organizations.

The second fallacy is that GHI members can halt the march of inflation, a task the GHI Board has failed to perform. Ten years ago, in 1969, GHI expended for real estate taxes, sewer and water fees and fuel oil a total of \$631,747. Its net income from members' monthly charges was \$1,429,298 or 2.26 times that total. The 1978 budget anticipates costs for these items to be \$1,561,569, and members' charges \$3,458,747, or 2.21 times the total for the several items. In other words, monthly charges have done no more than keep pace with inflation.

No, these are not all the items on the expense side of the budget. But, did costs for electricity, postage, telephone, wages, materials, insurance and other taxes decline in recent years? Was the 1978 family automobile less expensive than its 1969 counterpart?

The descretion to raise monthly charges some reasonable amount to meet increasing costs must be left where it is, with the Board, unless it can be shown that members can do better. I, for one, cannot point to my having been successful in holding down the increases in the price of food I need, medical expenses I have or any other cost I must incur. My guess is that the average GHI member has been no more successful than I.

Charles Schwan

Choosing the Best to Serve

To the Editor:

With Greenbelt Homes, Inc. elections coming up next week and state and national elections in a few months, voters should give much thought as to who will best serve them in the coming years. The following questions are offered as an aid in helping voters make thoughtful decisions:

1. Is the candidate someone who is, or has been, active in any organization, community or church or social group?

2. Are the candidate's promises of a reasonable nature or are they unreal — for example, is there a promise for a 50c tax rate reduction or a decrease of 10% in monthly charges at a time when inflation is rising by nearly 10%?

3. Is the candidate waging a campaign which is negative in tone, or is he or she proposing sound ideas for betterment of the organization or community?

4. Is the candidate's campaign based on frightening voters so they will not give required attention to all sides of the issues?

5. If the candidate is running for re-election, how well did he or she do in office? Did he or she answer questions satisfactorily or help solve problems promptly?

6. Will the candidate's work experience or education help him or her meet the changing problems which will need to be addressed?

By applying these and similar questions when reviewing candidates' backgrounds, you will come to a decision which will help make your organization or community a better one.

Stephen Polaschik

Self Defense Demonstration

Feminist author Jo Freeman, an expert in Judo, Karate, and Aikido, will discuss the philosophy and strategy of self defense for women and demonstrate tactics used to deter male aggressors, on Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Westchester Park Meeting Room, 6200 Westchester Park Drive, College Park. Dr. Freeman is a professor of political science at the State University of New York.

The lecture and demonstration, sponsored by the Northern Prince Georges Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is free and the public is invited. Child care will be provided.

Bethune Awards Program Highlights PTSA Meeting

The Mary Bethune Junior High School PTSA will meet on Tuesday night, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Featured will be the school's achievement award program.

The faculty has consented to having their award ceremony at night so that parents may share in the congratulations and recognition of those students whose special efforts have earned them academic awards. The honor roll students' awards, departmental awards, and special awards will be presented by Mrs. Gloria Bolds and other faculty. Mrs. Bonnie Johns, school board member, will present the Superintendent's award and Principal Thomas Myrick will present the Principal's award.

The PTSA will add its own "Blue B" patch award to the academic awards. The band and chorus will participate.

Parents of all Bethune students and the students themselves are urged to attend.

Prior to the program, nomination and election of PTSA officers will be held. Eligible to vote in the election are the paid membership of PTSA 1977-78. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve shall be nominated.

THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to express our appreciation for all the many kindnesses shown to us by so many friends and neighbors following the death of our wife and mother, Mercedes Reynolds. A very special thanks is extended to the members of the Greenbelt Ladies Auxiliary; your help during this sad time will always be remembered.

The Reynolds Family

Schedule For Budget Meetings

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.

A Reply

To the Editor:

We really drew all the big guns of Mat Amberg. You and I, the membership are not capable or interested enough to be trusted, according to Mat, with the administration of our money or the intelligent use of our vote. (Since we are not in Poland and Poland is not, nor ever was a democracy, I don't understand the analogy.)

One may love a democracy and let it die by refusing to see that the representatives to whom authority has been delegated are no longer representing the people but are using that same authority to gain control of the commonwealth. When your freedom is gone, it's too late to protect yourself and when you are saddled with an automatic 10 percent increase in your monthly payments every year, even the more fortunately endowed, money-wise may find it hard to support the spend-thrift management of our cooperative. Certainly if we let our Board of Directors borrow millions of dollars and commit us to 20 or more years of amortization, it will be too late to assert our self-governing, self-taxing rights.

The present proposed amendment is not intended to be a work of literary art — it is intended to put control back into the hands of the membership, and it may well be the last opportunity we have to get back control of this cooperative. Since it has not been published in the News Review, and I was not aware that Mat had any official position in GHI this year, I do not know how he knows the exact wording of the proposed amendment, but I think it only fitting that other members study it. I call attention to page 10 of GHI's Newsletter publicizing the annual meeting. More than a hundred people signed the petition in less than three days. You will only have an opportunity to vote on the amendment at the annual meeting, May 10. It will not be on the voting machine according to GHI. There will be opposition since the board at Saturday's meeting urged that all board members get out and fight this amendment.

As for disruptive elements in the annual meetings (budget or business) the most disruptive and loudest, most long winded harangues have come from Mat himself. I've been attending meetings for many long years, when the presiding officer has had to call time on Mat.

I may be an opportunist, but I believe in the good sense and responsibility of the majority, and I believe that when people know their attention to the budget counts,

Another Reply

To the Editor:

Same old record, same old tune, Mr. Amberg. You and other members of the "inner circle" at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. have been threatening us with bankruptcy of the housing corporation at almost every annual meeting or special December meeting since I first attended in 1966. Accept this increase or else!

Perhaps, you can tell me how Greenbelt Homes can have an excellent line of credit with the banks and be on the verge of bankruptcy, if it doesn't receive a 10% increase from the hard-pressed members?

Yes, I have been going to board budget meetings for many years. Funny, I didn't see you at any I attended. At the first one, a Board member castigated management and the board for their wretched budget-making procedures: another meeting for the books was the one I attended at the Municipal Building when I asked a simple question about the corporation's buying back of homes and how this matter was reflected in the budget. I was assailed by a former board chairman as if I had committed high treason.

What is at stake here, sir, is my pocketbook and the pocketbooks of some very fine people and our lack of confidence and trust that the present board and management can solve present problems let alone future ones.

Eunice E. Coxon

Mishkan Torah Notes

Mishkan Torah's third annual Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah will be held on Friday, May 5 at 8 p.m. Nine adults completed the required course and will participate in the service. Interested persons are invited to attend.

The congregation's annual election and budget will be held on Sun., May 7 at 8 p.m.

they will come to meetings prepared to vote intelligently for or against management's budget, that if they vote against the proposed budget it will be because they think it unrealistic and will supply amendments and support a budget that will make the operation of GHI better and more economic.

I, too, urge all members to come to the May 10 meeting and stay until all business is conducted, especially until the proposed amendment to Article VIII, Section 11, paragraph 2 is voted on. It may take more time than you feel you can afford, and bore you to tears, but it is a once in a "membership" lifetime opportunity to get back control of this organization.

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TO GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BIOGRAPHIES OF GHI BOARD, AUDIT COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Vote for only Four)

Virginia H. Moryadas 11-S Ridge Road

Born November 28, 1937. College education includes a BA in Government and Politics at the University of Maryland and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from The George Washington University.

Work experience has included research and planning activities in Northern Virginian Regional Planning Commission; research for the Arctic Institute and the Urban Land Institute. At the latter, the research was in dynamics of population growth and land taxation. Worked for Prince George's County for approximately seven years and within that time, engaged in land use surveying and analysis of County residential structures; assisted in the development of the County's Housing Assistance Plan and Community Development Block Grant Plan; compiled a directory of services available to County residents; spent two years in contract monitoring; a stint as an Administrative Officer, and Chief, Division of Review and Recommendation, Office of Comprehensive Health Planning. Left the County to work with the Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency. Now employed by Medical Service Consultants, Inc. as a health planner. Also licensed to sell real estate through Prince Georges Properties Realtors.

Resident of Greenbelt for 16 years, member of GHI for thirteen years. Served five years on the Greenbelt Park and Recreation Advisory Board and worked with other Greenbelt organizations. Currently member of the Greenbelt CPR Committee.

Elected to the Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors four years ago. Served as Chairperson of the Adhoc Source Screening Committee and GHI/City Council Subcommittee. Married, mother of three children ages 22, 14, and 12 years. Husband employed by Prince Georges County Manpower Administration.

Bettie G. Denson 59-A Ridge Road

I was born Bettie Graves in Washington, D.C. in 1906. My family moved to Maryland shortly afterward and I went through grade school and high school in Hyattsville, Maryland. I married James Thomas Denson, a lawyer, in 1930, went to Alabama to live in 1936 and returned to Washington to take up a wartime job in 1942. We moved to Greenbelt in 1943 and my three sons grew up here, one attended West Point, one was an Air Force Cadet and the other graduated from Maryland University.

In 1952, with other Greenbelters, I joined the cooperative, then Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, afterward renamed Greenbelt Homes Inc., to purchase the original and defense houses from the Government.

I became a widow in 1952 and in 1955 Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, sent me to England as Administrative Assistant to the Agricultural Attache there. In 1960 I went to Brazil in the same capacity. I returned to USDA, Wash. and my home in Greenbelt in 1965.

Besides my job, I have held offices in Greenbelt Community Church.

Richard H. Sanders 13-A Laurel Hill Road

I have been a resident of Greenbelt for 41 years and a member of GHI for twenty years. I presently live in a frame home and formerly in a brick home.

Received my elementary education in Greenbelt and graduated from Bladensburg Senior High School.

Work history includes the position of Chief Engineer of Boiler Room Maintenance and Operations and Salesman for a local major

appliance firm and for a large electronics distributor.

For the past several years I have been self-employed in antenna sales and installation and local home repairs.

Norman Weyel 2-F Plateau Place

Weyel has served on the Board of Directors since 1964 and is now a Board member and Secretary of GHI. He is Chairman of the Parking Committee and a member of the Member Complaints Committee. He previously served as Chairman of the Larger Homes Committee and member of the Finance, Member Relations, and Engineering and Maintenance Committees.

He is past President of the North End PTA where he also served three terms as Treasurer and was awarded a Life Membership in the Maryland Congress of PTA's for service to the schools. He served as Membership Chairman of Greenbelt Junior High PTA and helped organize the Parkdale Senior High PTSA. He originated and operated the Book Stall at the Labor Day Festival to raise funds for PTA activities. Other civic activities included the Steering committee for a Planned Greenbelt and the News Review Freedom of the Press Committee.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa. Graduated from Homestead High and studied Engineering and Ordinance Testing at Carnegie University. Served 3½ years in the Air Force in World War II. He is now a retired Greyhound Lines supervisor where he also served on the Board of Directors and as Assistant Treasurer of the Federal Credit Union.

He has lived at 2F Plateau Place for sixteen years with wife Ruth. They have three daughters- Nancy, Elizabeth, and Ruth Ann, and one son, Richard.

James R. Foster 4-H Hillside Road

James R. Foster has been a resident of Greenbelt since 1959. He has a B.A. and M.S. degree from University of Kentucky, attended University of Chicago and received a Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University. Over the years he taught at the University of Kentucky, served as an archaeologist for the TVA, and National Park Service and as an entomologist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In 1948, he joined the Department of Entomology of the University of Maryland later transferring to the Maryland Department of Agriculture from which he retired in 1974.

A reserve officer, he served 5 years during World War II with service in Europe and later served in Korea during that crisis. He is currently Secretary-Treasurer of the P.G. Chapter of ROA and Chairman of the Committee for ROTC affairs of the Department of Maryland ROA.

He has been active in GHI, having served on the Land Usage Committee and the Adhoc Committee on Nuclear Radiation Danger. In 1970 he was elected to the GHI Audit Committee. He was reelected in 1971, 1972 and 1973. In 1974 he was elected to the GHI board of Directors and was reelected for a second term in 1976. During his terms in office he has served as Treasurer of GHI and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

He serves as Chairman of the Finance Board, as usher and lector at his church.

James W. Smith 133 Greenhill Road

Jim Smith an Agricultural Scientist, came to Greenbelt in 1962. He was elected to the GHI Board in 1965, has served as Treasurer and is completing the sixth year as president.

A native of Oak Grove, Louisiana, he received a B.S. and M.S. degree from Louisiana State University and the Ph.D. degree from North Carolina State College. Commissioned as an Army Reserve Officer, he served on active duty in the Artillery between 1953 and 1955 and continued in the active reserve dur-

ing his graduate studies.

Prior to joining Agricultural Research Service, he was an instructor at North Carolina State College for two years.

Smith is Chairman of the Animal Physiology and Genetics Institute, BARC, and is active in a number of national committees and professional organizations.

James Passante 1-D Research Road

Resident of Prince George's County, Greenbelt and GHI 16 years. Retired military, U. S. Army Ordnance Corp with many years of experience in vocational teaching and maintenance and services, B.A. degree in business administration and industrial education and M.Ed. in secondary school administration, University of Maryland.

Presently, teacher of industrial education and Chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, Parkdale Senior High School; Chairman of the Faculty Advisory Committee; Faculty Representative to Prince George's County Educator's Association. Chairman of Industrial Arts Safety Committee, P.G.C. school system.

Member of Prince George's County Educator's Association, Maryland State Teacher's Association and National Education Association.

AUDIT COMMITTEE (Vote for only Three)

Arthur E. Gropp 6-H Crescent Road

Member of GHI since 1971. Elected to Audit Committee, 1975; re-elected, 1976, 1977. Member of Ad-Hoc Investigating Panel, 1975; and of Aesthetics and Environment Committee, 1974 to date. Treasurer Pan American Gift Shop, a cooperative, Washington, D.C., 1955-1968.

Education: B.S. in Education, Kans. State Teachers College, Emporia; M.A. in Library Science, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana. Career: Rural school teacher and High school instructor, Kearny Co., Kansas; Librarian, Mid. Am. Research Inst., Tulane Univ., New Orleans, 1931-1942; Founder and Director of the Artigas-Washington Library, 1942-1950, and of the Library School, Univ of Montevideo, Uruguay, 1943-1948; Librarian, Pan American Union, Washington, D.C.

1950-1968. Author: Guide to Libraries and Archives of Central America and the West Indies, 1941; Bibliography of Latin American Bibliographies, 1968, 1971, 1976 — all selected as outstanding reference works of the year; innumerable published articles and reviews related to Latin America. Married Dorothy M. Geddes; one daughter, Anne L. Meglis, 2-E Westway; 2 grandchildren, Andrew and Irene.

James S. Simon 1-B Laurel Hill Road

Born in McKeesport, Pa., and attended grade and high schools there. Served in the Army Medical Corps in the Pacific. Graduated from Antioch College in Ohio in 1951. From experiences and training there has been interested and involved in co-ops since as a member and participant. Joined GCS and Twin Pines in the early 60's. Now living in a frame unit in the North End.

Roberta B. McCarthy 65-E Ridge Road

I have been a resident of Greenbelt for the past nine years and have owned a GHI home for six. I have served on the Audit Committee during the past two years, but since my husband Tony grew up in GHI, my knowledge of its history and operations goes back much further.

I am a 1968 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University and have also done graduate work in education and economics at the University of Maryland.

After teaching social studies for several years, I worked on Capitol Hill from 1971-75 as a legislative assistant for two Congressmen. During the past two years I have served in Annapolis as legislative assistant to Del. Gerard F. Devlin while the Maryland General Assembly was in session.

Eunice E. Coxon 9-R Research Road

Eunice E. Coxon, a 21-year resident of Prince George's County has been an active member of GHI since her purchase of a frame home in 1966.

Widow of a manufacturing executive, mother of a 34-year old son, she retired in 1977 after twenty years with a College Park trade association. She received her education in Massachusetts, where she graduated from High School and attended Howard Seminary and Jackson College.

Mrs. Coxon served on the Land, Maintenance and Christmas Decorations Committees and pioneered in securing voting machines for the Annual Meetings of the housing corporation through the County Board of Education.

Active in a broad range of civic and political activities, she was appointed by the Greenbelt City Council as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Elections and represented the General Public as a member of the Prince George's County Advisory Committee on Aging. At the present time, she is the 24th Legislative District Co-Chairman for the Republican Party and Republican Chief Election Judge in Greenbelt's 6th precinct.

RE-ELECT

ARTHUR E. GROPP

6-H Crescent Rd.

to the

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Member: GHI Aesthetics and Environment Committee
Participant: Rehabilitation

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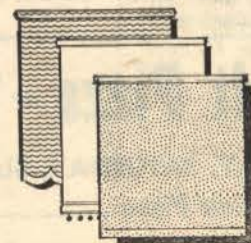
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OVERPASS, Con't from pg. 1
to save time and had not thought about the "risk to their lives." It had been a warm day, Pilski said, and Greenbriar residents were outdoors sunbathing. "The Gardenway location," he said, "would present too much of an intrusion on those living adjacent to the pathway, especially during the summer months."

Both Pilski and Castaldi deplored the use of condemnation. Castaldi felt the city should go this route only "as a last resort," while Pilski said that he had "never voted for a condemnation of property where homeowners live." He was concerned that Phase I owners had purchased their property not realizing that an overpass pathway would be "dumped in their backyards . . . I wondered if an overpass were built from Lakeside to Boxwood if I would raise my voice in opposition . . . We have an alternative — let us move the overpass down the road a piece (Mandan)."

Castaldi thought a reasonable compromise was the Mandan overpass. He said, "When you have to compromise, do it at a point where you are really sacrificing little or no values."

He based his decision on the fact that (1) future growth on both sides of the parkway would be best served by the Mandan overpass, (2) Mandan route was more central to the city and would bridge Old Greenbelt at the Northern end where there would be a ballfield complex.

Castaldi felt that those who argued that students would continue to cross the highway if Mandan overpass were built were "using the students as a ploy . . . If we provide a safe access to students and proper screening and fencing, they will make the right choice."

Phase II

"People in Phase II are just as affected as people in Phase I," said Mary Curry, speaking before council for the first time. "A lot of people in Phase II did not come to the public hearing because they assumed (Gardenway) was the safest way," she added.

Several other Phase II residents also expressed their objections to the Mandan route, stressing that in their portion of Greenbriar there would be five buildings adversely affected, while in Phase I there were three. Students, they said using the Mandan route would shortcut between buildings and cross lawns rather than follow Mandan Road, then turn right at Hanover, then left to the school.

Donald Curry, security chairman for Phase II, said Mandan Road is more open and exposed. However, he empathized with those in Phase I and said he would like to see the overpass "in Chicago." He strongly urged that city authorities make every effort to apprehend those trespassing in the apartment development and illegally crossing the highway.

Charles Sokol, vice-president of the Board of Directors of Phase II, told council that, based on the feasibility study by city and other governmental agencies, the board approved the Gardenway route.

Others Affected

Schwan observed that the residents of Greenbriar "have not had the experience of 40 years of inner walkways. Those across the Parkway from Greenbriar have had such experience. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. through whose property a Gardenway route would run, supports the selection of that site. No resident of the court through which it would pass has opposed it, and the path to the overpass would be closer to homes in that court than it would be to any in Greenbriar."

Ralph Webb, 21-P Ridge, supported the Gardenway route and felt the safety of the young people was more important than other factors. "I expect a good deal of traffic from the Gardenway site," he said, referring to his own court. "We will be subject to the same problems as the Greenbriar people."

Robert Logenstein reminded council that Phase I owners voted against the Gardenway site. He felt that not enough credit was given to the students, who would be looking out for their own safety. "99% of students will choose the safe route and 1% would run across the Parkway and get into trouble an-

way." Roy Porter wondered how students would cross Hanover Parkway in the morning, when there is a steady stream of traffic going to the school.

Donald Shell wanted council to table the matter until they could explore the possibility of extending Mandan Road across the Parkway.

Jack Steiffer, who teaches at Roosevelt, thanked council for a Gardenway decision. "Any of my kids is worth more than all of the property."

Praise for Council

Dick French pointed out that over the past few months the city has had to deal with the city budget, zoning issues, development on the Golden Triangle, commercial development on Greenbelt Road, Metro and bus route fights, sewage complaints, school board issues and the most controversial issue of them all — the Baltimore-Washington Parkway overpass.

"In all these considerations," he said, "and throughout the entirety of this pivotal period, the mayor and council have carried themselves with distinction . . . They're good and honorable men, they're competent men, and whatever they decide has been made with the best interest of the city and our citizens in mind."

The warning by Greenbriar Phase I residents that the selection of the Gardenway route would result in the severing of relations with the city was upsetting to council.

"I plead with the Greenbriar people not to sever relations with the city as some have indicated," said Weidenfeld, "but to join and work with us for better community relations and a better quality of

"Godspell" at Roosevelt

The drama department of Suitland Senior High School, directed by Helene Sugarman, is presenting "Godspell" this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

Lecture on TM & TM-SIDHI

"The Transcendental Meditation (TM) and TM-Sidhi Programs: To Develop the Full Potential of the Individual" will be the topic of a special public presentation to be given on Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Celeste Schindler, a teacher of the TM technique and practitioner of the TM-Sidhi program, will discuss the benefits of these programs.

The TM technique has received recognition as a means of releasing stress and developing one's full potential. The TM-Sidhi program accelerates this growth through the development of special abilities.

The May 9 lecture, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the International Meditation Society - a non-profit educational organization. For more information call 387-5050.

life in Greenbelt." He said he was impressed with Greenbriar's "feistiness and the many good arguments presented . . . (Greenbriar) has shown they have the Greenbelt fighting spirit. Hopefully in the future we can all join forces to fight for some issues where we have a common position."

White said, "Greenbelt as a community has so much to offer and if Greenbriar people go away from this issue disillusioned, it would be unfortunate. I hope that (Greenbriar) would not shut the door on us. We won't shut it on them."

RE-ELECT

Virginia Moryadas

to GHI Board of Directors

Four Years Experience

- LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
- ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
- MEMBER COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Has Supported and Will Continue to Support

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Townhouse Resale Policy Considered by GHI Board

by Sid Kastner

At a relatively short regular board meeting of Greenbelt Homes Inc. last Thursday evening, several matters relating to routine operations of the corporation were discussed, or acted on, without much controversy. A report by a seven-member ad hoc committee set up to study the townhouse resale policy, however, revealed substantial disagreement on that particular question.

The townhouse resale policy as presently set up has been criticized by some homeowners as being too complex and restrictive; they claim also that it is not fulfilling its original purpose of availability to larger families, and also that GHI's equity in the townhouses goes up with each resale. A four-member majority of the ad hoc committee apparently supported this general view and pushed through three motions (a fourth was passed unanimously) which the board will next be considering. One of the motions asks that the 25 townhouses and four freestanding homes be reassessed, and that the members living in them be permitted to buy out GHI's equity. A second motion would establish a program essentially permitting members with limited resources to borrow 10% of the equity from GHI. A third motion (of uncertain status, judging by the report) would have GHI set up short term loans, from funds made available on purchase of its equity, for the use of members who otherwise could not buy a townhouse.

Minority Report

The three-member minority detailed several reasons why they opposed these motions. Their main arguments appear to be that without the present controls, the townhouse sales prices will inflate so that only more affluent members will be able to purchase such homes; that the GHI equities in the homes are less than the appraised land values; and that present owners bought their homes on the basis of existing appraisals, without complaint.

In partial response to the report, chairman James Smith asked manager Roy Breashears to prepare a motion to be considered at the next board meeting, which would fix GHI's maximum equity in the larger homes at 10%.

The only disagreement expressed at the time came when Nat Shinderman (chairman of the ad hoc committee) suggested the board should delete, in the present townhouse resale policy, three words tying GHI's equity to market price. This was questioned by director Mary Clarke, as to whether it agreed with original member intent, but Shinderman and Smith argued that it did.

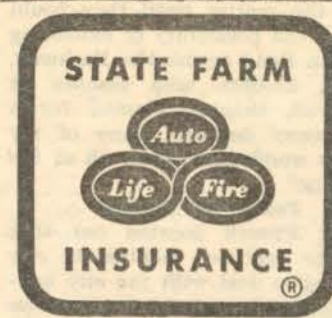
Miscellaneous

On other matters, the board moved quickly. It authorized installation of central air conditioning in the administration building at a maximum cost of \$5000. A contract in the amount of \$9500 was let for roof replacement and vent installations on homes located on Gardenway, Research and Ridge Roads.

The board also accepted, from the Audit committee, a detailed paper - in preparation for several months - which outlines and summarizes "responsibilities, powers and duties" of the board of directors, management and committees.

On the legislative front, progress on a proposed Consumer Cooperative Bank - modeled after existing Farm Credit Banks for agricultural cooperatives - is reported in a letter from National Association of Housing Cooperatives (NAHC). The Senate Banking Committee has just

voted to send such a bill to the full Senate for consideration; it will be voted on before the end of May, and NAHC urges member support for it.



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James W. (Jim) Smith

to G.H.I. Board of Directors



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- Develop cost effective energy saving programs
- Maintain the financial strength of GHI
- Retain the unique residential character of Greenbelt

Will pledge to continue working to keep GHI a GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

Has Served GHI since 1965 — Board Committees — Treasurer and President

Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 10 and Voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 1978

by authority of candidate

ELECT

Richard H. Sanders

for

G.H.I. Board of Directors



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A proposed bylaw amendment would require membership approval of any increase in monthly operating payments. Doing so is impractical and may be dangerous in that a negative membership vote could mean that GHI could not pay its bills or even furnish the services required by its contract with all members.

Attend the Membership Meeting May 10 at Center School Vote **NO** to this proposed Bylaw Change

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Molly Schuchat, Cares Evaluation Consultant, spoke to the clinic group at the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents on "Changes in the American Family" on Thurs., April 20. Carol Leventhal attended a meeting of Youth Services Bureau Directors in Baltimore on Mon., April 17th. JoAnn Parochetti participated in the "Conference on Manpower and the Criminal Justice System" sponsored by the Maryland State Manpower Services Council in Baltimore on the 19th.

Carol Leventhal and Barbara Lawson attended the County Police Community Relations training committee meeting in Forestville. Carol also participated in a Family Therapy Workshop - Baltimore.

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Jerry Gooden, 98 In P.G. Hospital

Greenbelt's long-time friend, 98 year old Jerry Gooden is in the hospital.

An Honorary Citizen of Greenbelt, Jerry worked at the Center for decades. He also fed the birds and stray cats. He spoke to everyone he knew.

Gooden and Pop Cipriano, when both were in their 90's led the Labor Day Parade.

Jerry would appreciate cards, an occasional telephone call or visits from his many Greenbelt friends. He is in Room 509 at Prince Georges Hospital.

CITY NOTES

Dirt obtained from the Housing for the Elderly site was recently spread on the old landfill site where one ballfield has been completed and another almost finished. All pedestrian underpasses were cleaned. Speed limit signs were installed along Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road in the Greenbriar development.

Considerable exterior work was accomplished at the Municipal Building addition site recently. The final surface was placed on the parking lot and parking space lines were painted. Landscape work was done, including sodding. Some general clean up of the building began and several contractors are performing final punchout work.

Sub-foundation work took place at the Elderly Housing facility. As a result of excavation a large concrete structure was uncovered which Superintendent of Public Works, Buddy Attick believes was built during the time the original GHI houses were constructed. The structure was probably used for the on-site mixing of concrete. Where excavation has been brought down to proper grade, fill material from the Golden Triangle is being laid and compacted prior to the pouring of footings.

Recently the city received complaints regarding two peddlers selling pots and pans on Mandan Road adjacent to the Glen Oaks apartments. The vendor had been issued a peddler's permit for peddling in the public right-of-way by the city and the permit provides that stops at one location be limited to 15 minutes. The peddlers had been moving their vehicle a short distance every 15 minutes or so. A formal notification was delivered to them that, if they did not conduct their operation by peddling throughout the city, their permit would be revoked.

The general crew began work on the bike path along Lakecrest Drive removing sod preparatory to paving. The sod removed from Lakecrest Drive was placed behind the curbs installed in Boxwood last fall.

McDonald Little League field was prepared, and the crew aided in the installation of the parking lot lights at the Springhill Lake recreation center.

Several pieces of original Greenbelt furniture was picked up from Glenn Dale.

The park crew has been cutting grass, painting picnic tables and working on ballfields. The chipper and leaf vacuum have been out. The golf course greens were treated with an herbicide to kill dandelions and parks, and playgrounds were cleaned. Three magnolia trees were planted at the memorial garden. Approximately 150 feet of top rail was replaced on the fence around the silt basin at the bay end of the Lake.

The building crew has been cleaning all municipal buildings. The crew leader is attending a training course in building maintenance and supervisory skills.

The paper collection netted 7 tons, 940 lbs. last week and 8 tons, 80 lbs. the previous week.

Azaleas were planted in the memorial garden on Centerway in memory of Robert McGee. The CETA crew is about finished with the open ditch along Braden Field. The pear trees in the shopping center and on Southway as well as the tulips on Southway are in full bloom.

Part of the building crew has been working with the contractor on the Municipal Building in lighting the outside and west parking lot.

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GHI MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING

Voting Procedures for Board and Audit Committee

Members attending the Annual Meeting at Center School at 8 p.m. on May 10 will register and pick up their voting cards at the tables provided. The voting cards will be used for all normal business of the meeting including the election of the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

VOTING FOR BOARD AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS will begin for those who wish to vote that evening as soon as the candidates for those offices have been presented and made their speeches. Anyone wishing to vote at that time will then return to the tables, pick up his ballot and numbered voting ticket and mark his ballot. He will then take it and his numbered voting ticket to the member of the Nominations and Elections Committee in charge of the ballot box, give the ticket to that person and deposit his ballot in the box.

Anyone voting on May 11 will go to the GHI offices on Hamilton Place and vote by machine. The polls will be open at 7 a.m.

The ballots voted the evening of May 10 will be given into the hands of the Greenbelt Police in a sealed ballot box. The police will deliver them to the Nominations and Elections Committee at the GHI offices on May 11. After the polls are closed, the seal will be broken in public in the GHI Board Room, the ballots counted, the totals added to those on the machines, and the winners announced by the Nominations and Elections Committee.

These voting procedures were adopted and are being publicized by the Nominations and Elections Committee in accordance with the provision of Article IV, Section 8-b of the Bylaws of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

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An Open Letter to GHI Members

Howdy. I'm Jack Steiffer. I ain't runnin' for nuthin'.

I've been looking for answers and listening to a lot of people. I've listened to the "in" group tell me that the low income people don't understand. I've heard them say some nasty things about the "out" group. And the "out" group has said some nasty things about the "in" group. Personally, I'd rather be on MY side. I'm going to the annual meeting for only ONE reason: TO VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CUT THE PURSE STRINGS. I really don't care how poorly the amendment is worded. Oh, yes, you have to come to the annual meeting to vote on the amendment. IT WILL NOT BE ON THE VOTING MACHINE. If there are too many of us we may be called a "howling mob." The "in" crowd knows Robert's Rules of Order. And the "out" crowd may be howling in frustration. I ain't sayin' nuthin'. I will have a copy of the 15 page GHI Budget as well as a copy of The City of Greenbelt Budget, all 143 pages, complete with supporting data and statements of goals for a total budget of \$2,283,150. The GHI 15 page mini-report attempts to describe spending of \$3,797,136. To all of you who DON'T want to participate: TAKE THIS ONE BIG CHANCE! If you get control over spending, you will be assured that management is going to do a better job of trying to sell you on any increases needed. REMEMBER: THIS ISSUE IS NOT ON THE VOTING MACHINE. YOU HAVE TO SHOW UP IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING! And probably stay late to get your chance to vote. Cut those purse strings and it will be worth it. This is your chance to tell the leadership, that has been so defensive, to start listening to what members are saying. CUT THE PURSE STRINGS! WATCH THINGS CHANGE AT GHI! REMEMBER: VOTE FOR THE BY-LAW AMENDMENT. IF YOU DON'T THEY CAN CONTINUE TO RAISE THE MONTHLY OPERATING PAYMENT UP TO 9.9% EVERY YEAR WITHOUT A VOTE. THINK ABOUT IT.

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Board of Education Sets Public Work Session On School Goals, Closings

by Elaine Skolnik

Although the controversial Demographic Study Alternatives I and II (plans 1 and 2) have been tabled, the Prince Georges County Board of Education has kept the subject alive by passing two resolutions at its April 13 meeting. One resolution calls for a public work session that will begin the process of establishing goals and objectives for the county school system. The second directs the superintendent to come back to the Board in September with a time-table, guidelines and procedures for elementary and junior high school closings.

Resolution I

In presenting the resolution, the five sponsors, including Greenbelt's representative Lesley Kreimer, felt the Board must deal with and respond to the serious concerns that citizens expressed about Plans 1 and 2. While supporting the philosophy behind the demographic study — that children should be able to attend schools closer to their homes and that children from already integrated communities should be able to attend schools in their neighborhoods — citizens attacked the inequities in the solutions that were proposed.

These included the failure to consider projected rather than current population figures; the failure to coordinate the inquiry into closing of elementary schools with that concerning closing of junior high schools; the failure to look at alternative programs (magnet, middle school, pairing, clustering) as well as busing as influences for desegregation; the failure to provide stability for those children who have attended different schools ev-

Citizen Comment Wanted

The Prince Georges County Council will hear citizen comment on Tuesday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. on a bill (CB-29) shifting approximately \$2.2 million in school construction bonds, already authorized, from schools completed to school projects long planned but not started. Springhill Lake Elementary School is among the schools that will receive funds (\$50,000).

The bill would take care of nearly all the school construction projects now pending. The \$2.2 million would match school construction money already put up by the State.

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There was no opposition to the resolution although board member A. James Golato thought the wording was vague. The public work session was tentatively set for May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The resolution was in keeping with the joint position of the Greenbelt City Council and the Greenbelt Study Committee who have consistently urged the Board to continue its present inquiry by broadening the focus and involving the public in the development of proposals that will help reduce the number of children transported and the distances traveled.

Howard Savage, chairman of the study committee, told the News Review that the committee will offer its views at the work session on May 22. A meeting of the committee will be held in the near future.

Resolution 2

Golato sponsored the resolution on elementary and junior high school closings. Voting in opposition were Kreimer and Sue Bieniasz. Kreimer felt the action was premature in light of the upcoming public work session to identify priorities and goals for the school system.

Police Dept. Overworked Chief Asks Two New Officers

by Barbara Likowski

Will holding the line on police expenditures to keep from increasing the budget be satisfactory to all concerned? City Manager James Giese has called for no budget increase in his proposed budget for 1978/79. He presented his proposed police budget of \$555,500 to council at its Wednesday night, April 19, work session. With all members present, council wrestled with the different requests of Giese, Police Chief William Lane and members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Cpl. Kenneth Stair and Private M. Douglas Sappington. Only Giese's requests would maintain the budget at its present level.

Manpower, cruisers, and radios were seen by all as needing to be increased but in differing amounts. Giese's budget calls for an increase of one officer in the middle of the fiscal year (1/2 man for the year). However, Giese did recommend that, should the city not receive a renewal for its funding of the officer now paid for by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), authorization for that position continue. This would mean a force of 24 police officers as of January 1, 1979. Giese added that he had authorization for a CETA employee for a records clerk but hadn't gotten the clerk yet.

Requested by Lane were two men, and one supply person plus the CETA technician. Lane set a goal of 26 officers and 9 supply personnel. His requests were predicated on growth of the city, he said. Lane told council that it takes about a year to train an officer so that he can be of value to the department.

FOP Requests

A minimum of three officers in addition to the CETA officer were asked for by the FOP. Their long range goal is a force of 28 officers. They were adamant about this being the minimum increase they could work with. They did not know where the money could be obtained for the additions. According to FOP, 21 officers are needed if no one is sick, hurt, on leave, or at court. There are now 18.

Three Sectors

With the added men the FOP would hope to divide the city into three sectors, adding a sector from the U.S. Park on Greenbelt Road to Windsor Green, Greenbriar and Glen Oaks. Presently the city is divided into two sectors: Springhill Lake/Beltway Plaza and old Greenbelt, Greenbriar, Glen Oaks, Windsor Green.

Neither Giese nor Lane saw the need for three sectors at this time. Giese did see a need for three sectors on some shifts—those times when the most calls come in — with a long range goal of three sectors as population increases. Lane thought it might be of value to the department to try to do three sectors as soon as possible. The police department, he said, is the only city department immediately affected by growth. There is an immediate need for police services. Mayor Richard Pillski suggested that by 1979 growth might warrant three sectors.

The FOP pointed out that they should be spending one-third of their time on calls but were having to spend half of their time. They pointed to a real need for more officers so they could have three sectors.

Foot Patrols?

Jack Steiffer, Laurel Hill, commented to council that an increase in foot patrolmen might help to sell people on the need for more police.

Pillski wondered if it would sell them on a 5c increase in the city tax rate. Council didn't think it would.

Police Cruisers

There seemed to be general agreement about the need for more police cruisers, especially as the force becomes larger. Besides the two cruisers regularly budgeted for, Giese has recommended buying one other car with revenue sharing funds. This year, too, an unmarked car is due to be purchased from the replacement fund, making four cars in all. Giese recommended that instead of getting rid of the cars to be replaced, to the extent they are in good running order, the cars be retained and assigned to individual officers who live in Greenbelt to be used for police duty only. The advantage is that the officer would be responsible for the care of the car. He saw maintenance costs going down as a result. Lane mentioned a long-range goal of one car for each officer. Council did not think that would be possible for a long time.

Radios

Radios were on everyone's list (for the FOP, manpower, radios and cruisers had equal priority). The city manager reported that added funds are needed in the replacement fund to get more radios. He proposed two more mobile radios so that there would be one in each vehicle. He would take the money for 15 portable radios out of the revenue sharing fund and use the two old portables for spares. He felt a portable radio was as much a part of police gear as a pistol. Council did not seem to agree. At present the available portables are so heavily used there is no time to charge them. Giese mentioned that Laurel city leases portables for five years with an option to renew the lease and receive all new radios, Council asked Giese to check on this further.

Money was also funded for dark room equipment for the basement of the new addition.

Lane added that he felt maintenance would be less if each officer was responsible for his own radio. He recommended one radio per officer.

The FOP requested the same portable communication equipment as the chief. Also they would like three surveillance microphones and earphones at \$60 each.

Steiffer said that Greenbelt's police have the reputation of being a cut above other police departments. He thought the portable radio was the officer's life line and he pointed out it also may prevent him from drawing the gun. Steiffer thought the police ought to have portables now.

The FOP would also like an analog scrambler device so their messages cannot be monitored. They would like to add another frequency. There is now one municipal band. Giese feels this is sufficient. Another receiver is also needed in Beltway Plaza or the county bus lot. The FOP requested an automatic generator for emergency equipment.

Other Matters

The FOP asked for a dispatcher console TV with three cameras, one for the detention area, 1 for the parking lot, and one for the prisoner's entrance. This would cost roughly \$20,000. Giese had not budgeted for this because he had hoped that the money budgeted for construction of the new addition would cover everything. It is too early to know whether this will be so. A videotape for admission was also asked for.

Funding for a park patrolman and a part time animal warden would remain the same.

Other requests from the police are for additional medical benefits, specifically dental and optical. Lane suggested the city look into the feasibility of such a plan. A cost of living increase of 6% was budgeted by Giese.

Giese informed council that serious crime had decreased in the city last year. Lane told council that increased service to Greenbriar had been so good that they had dismissed their security guard. He added that the department worked in close cooperation with security at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and that there had been few problems at the school.

Capital Improvements Budget Buys New Equipment, Park Development

by Mary Lou Williamson

No new major activities are provided for in the fiscal year 1978/79 capital improvements side of the budget. Instead, this year will see the continuation or completion of a number of projects begun in the last several years — land acquisition, building and remodeling, playground renewal and, with no special thanks to the past two harsh winters, as much street and curbing repair as funds available allow.

In past years the capital improvements budget has served as a guide in determining how the proceeds from the \$950,000 bond issue approved by the electorate in November 1968 would be spent. Little, if any, money will remain in the account by June 30, 1978, the end of the fiscal year. The budget cautiously predicts \$5,603.

City Manager James K. Giese recommends that council hold these remaining funds as a reserve for contingencies until (1) purchase of the 10 acre tract in parcel 2 has been completed (still in negotiation); (2) until costs are known for remodeling of municipal building; and (3) until construction of the elderly housing facility has been successfully completed. The city is obligated to see the building into operation. (See separate story on accomplishments of bond issue.)

Revenue Sharing Budget

The city expects to receive \$81,926 in federal revenue sharing funds during the next fiscal year. In addition, \$40,800 of last year's revenue sharing funds were not spent and are rebudgeted for next year. As in past years, \$40,000 would be allocated to the General Fund to pay a portion of the city's outstanding bonds due this year. The rest is proposed largely for new equipment:

Administration	\$ 3,900
Police Dept.	\$24,700
Public Works	\$ 3,650

Recreation	\$ 3,550
Swim Pool	\$ 3,600

Funds are also proposed for park improvements (\$17,000) and an elderly transportation service (\$2,700).

Other Budgets

The Community Development Grant Fund Budget provides for funds expected to be received through the Prince Georges Neighborhood Improvement Plan for the improvement of public facilities in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., area. Of the \$125,000 anticipated to be received by the city, \$90,000 will be used for street construction (probably a part of Ridge Road between Southway and Gardenway); \$10,000 for playground improvements; \$15,000 for a sidewalk linking the elderly housing facility with the Center; and \$10,000 for administering a rehabilitation loan program for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. GHI is also receiving funds for the planning of the rehabilitation of GHI homes.

The Elderly Housing Fund Construction Budget was adopted by council on December 12, 1977 and approved by the Maryland Community Development Administration. The State provides 100% financing of the 101-unit apartment building. Federal housing assistance will be available to qualified elderly and handicapped tenants, thus assuring full occupancy (and, therefore, the ability to pay) during the time of the mortgage — 40 years. The Elderly Housing Fund has paid \$125,000 to the city for the Ridge Road Center property. These funds together with Capital Improvement funds, are to be used during the current fiscal year to purchase a 10-acre tract adjacent to the elderly housing property for use as a city park. Using Capital Improvement funds, a special security deposit of \$34,434 was set aside this year as a contingency reserve for the project. The money, if not needed, will be returned four years after the facility opens. The build-

ing is expected to be completed and opened by the Spring of 1979.

Fire Station Addition Fund. Greenbelt voters at the September 1977 election authorized the city to provide financing to build an addition to the fire house through the sale of \$75,000 in bonds. Funds for repayment of principal and interest will come from increased rent paid to the city by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Motor Equipment Maintenance Fund Budget has been established as a means of cost accounting for all major city motor equipment. Fifty-two automobiles, trucks and other pieces of equipment are accounted for in this fund. When this data is fully developed over several years, the fund will charge the various operating departments for the cost of equipment used on a unit basis, such as mileage or hours of use. Such data will also provide better information on the value of each piece, its operating efficiency, when to buy or rent and when to replace.

The Replacement Fund Budget was established to build up reserves for the replacement of existing equipment as it becomes obsolete. Thus the city has been able to keep its equipment in good condition, and tight budgets have not prevented the replacement of obsolete items when necessary. Reserve funds are also available to take care of unforeseen major repairs.

The budget proposes the purchase of seven pieces of equipment at a cost of \$24,500 including 3 mobile radios (\$5,000), a dump truck with snow plow (\$10,000) and major repairs to the International Loadpaker, refuse truck, (\$4,000). Contributions made annually to this fund from the General Fund need to be increased (\$10,000) because of the rapid rate of inflation — especially in the cost of new equipment.

Double Your Money or How to Turn \$950,000 into \$2,114,000

Over the past ten years the city has undertaken a variety of major projects utilizing the proceeds from the \$950,000 bond issue approved by referendum in 1968. These bond issue funds, stretched as far as possible, will have bought projects totaling \$2,114,000 by the end of the current fiscal year. This is possible because the original bond funds have been supplemented with interest on investment of \$240,018 and a variety of state and federal grants and contributions from other sources of \$966,366.

Accomplishments

Listed below are the projects financed from this fund during the past ten years:

1. Acquisition of 8 parcels of land in all areas of the city for park use, totaling 72.47 acres (\$588,858).
2. Four building projects: Springhill Lake Recreation Center (\$389,795) Addition to, and remodeling of Municipal Building (145,004) Fire Station Addition (1970) (\$51,184) Youth Center Addition (\$193,353)
3. Two street construction projects: Southway (\$108,570) Gentry Drive (\$48,523)
4. Construction of four additional tennis courts, lighting of all 8 courts at Braden Field (\$81,811).

Funds Remaining

As of June 30, 1978, if the parcel 2 purchase goes through as expected, there will be a scant \$5,603 remaining in the fund.

The city staff has been directed by council to begin a "wish list" of major capital expenses for the next 10 years — a prelude, perhaps, to a new bond issue.

Error of Omission

by Barbara Likowski

"I could have done it, but I didn't do it, I could have done it, but I didn't do it," the Rev. Kenneth Buker sadly told council at its April 17 meeting.

Buker was referring to his failure to notify city authorities that the sidewalks between Parkway and St. Hugh's Church were covered by snow after a storm last March. Noting that when he took a walk in the snow, he had seen that the streets had been plowed and the snow piled high on the sidewalks so that they could not be used by pedestrians, Rev. Buker told how he meant to report it but didn't. He kept telling himself that someone going to St. Hugh's or children going to school or someone going to the firehouse would be sure to notify the proper authorities. But no one did. And so a woman, walking in the street at night because she couldn't use the sidewalks was killed.

Even though Rev. Buker was informed that the woman was walking in the middle of the road, he is determined that such a thing shall not happen again. He requested that the city appoint a person to be in charge of seeing that snow is cleared from sidewalks, entrances to courts, parking lots, inner walkways, etc.

"I could have done it, but I didn't do it," he said softly once more!

Parkland Assigned

Part of the Agricultural Research Center land in Beltsville will be turned over to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) for park and recreational use, Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-Md.) announced recently.

Consisting of approximately 28 acres of hilly and heavily wooded land bounded by Muirkirk Road and Old Baltimore Pike, the property will be used to increase park land for recreational, open space, and gardening use. It will serve some 40,000 area residents now, and about 70,000 by the year 2000.

During the next four years, property development will provide campsites, picnic areas, hiking trails, tennis courts, a tot lot, parking areas and general landscaping. The General Services Administration assigned the land to the Department of Interior Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, which will convey it to the MNCPPC for park use.

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