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Incumbents Re-elected at GHI Meeting; Board-limiting Proposal Taken Off Agenda

by Sid Kastner

The annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated, held last Wednesday evening, May 10, saw much argument center around the disposal of a proposed bylaw change which would have cancelled the board's authority to raise monthly charges. Four incumbents were re-elected to the board of directors: James Smith; Norman Weyel; James Foster; Virginia Moryadas.

For Audit committee, those elected were Bobbi McCarthy; Arthur Gropp, and James Simon. (See box for election results.)

For the Nominations and Elec-

tions committee, new members are Marion Harrison, Janet James, Steven Sinden, Robert Sonneveldt and Robert Speer.

Standing Room Only

The meeting itself, held in the large Center School auditorium, was attended by such a great number of people (estimated at over 500) that many people had to stand in the rear of the hall for lack of seating. It began with a review by president James Smith of the corporation's progress in three particular areas; conversion of the heating system from steam to hot water, which he said was now producing a saving of more than 25% in fuel costs; completion of payments on the federal government's mortgage; and creation of a long range plan for rehabilitation of GHI homes. On the last project, he noted that "our task now is to complete and put together a package that the membership can accept" - a package combining a general plan for renovation with methods of financing. He emphasized that the board of directors has "waited for the membership to decide what it wants", and urged that such a package "will need to be approved by an overwhelming majority of the membership "to be successful."

Effects of Inflation

Smith briefly discussed the ef-

fects of inflation during the past 10 years on GHI's operations, as summarized more fully in an interesting booklet containing comparative tables prepared by the corporation's staff. (For example, oil prices have increased by an average of 18% each year from 1968 to 1978; maintenance costs for both brick and frame homes have about doubled in the same period; water and sewer charges have increased about 14% each year. On the other hand, fuel-saving measures undertaken in the last four years have reduced fuel oil consumption by about 30% from the 1969 level). James Foster, chairman of the Finance committee, following Smith's report, commented also that "we have problems, no doubt about it; but they're not insurmountable if we all pull together."

Agenda

At a relatively early point in the meeting, the proceedings began to depart from the original agenda order. Charles Schwan, from the floor, moved to reverse the order of two main items on the agenda - larger homes resale contract, and proposed by-law changes - in order to first discuss the bylaw changes, including a change to require membership approval of any increase in monthly charges, which evidently were more important to a larger

SPELLMAN GETS WARM WELCOME, HOT TOPIC IN PARKWAY ISSUES

by Elaine Skolnik

Several Greenbelt issues dealing with the rebuilding of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the overpass that would connect east and west Greenbelt surfaced during Congresswoman Gladys Spellman's Open Door session on May 11 at the Municipal Building. She also fielded questions on such other topics as veterans preference rights, civil service reform (see separate story), tuition tax credits for private school students, the Lyle Report, OSHA, Post Office, small business, parking for the handicapped, and regulations pertaining to the advertising of foods.

Accompanying Mrs. Spellman were members of her staff, who will follow up on questions and problems that were raised during and after the meeting.

In his introductory remarks, Mayor Richard Pilski told about 60 persons in the audience that Mrs. Spellman was "kind of special to us . . . She has done so much for Greenbelt . . . When there have been differences, we have worked them out."

In response, Congresswoman Spellman said, "Greenbelt is a special place to me." She reminisced about her first visit to the community as a young woman. "People," she said, "told me what a great place Greenbelt was. I was invited into their homes to take a look, and this warm, friendly spirit has existed throughout the years." She noted that Greenbelters were never "placid people," that "there were differences within the town and there will continue to be differences."

Overpass

The most recent issue creating differences - the Baltimore-Washington overpass - was brought to Rep. Spellman's attention by several Greenbelt Phase I residents who felt that the city council's 3 to 2 vote for the Gardenway location of the overpass "was not exactly a mandate." They wanted her help in moving the overpass to Mandan Road, which they thought was the logical site because the (1970) Master Plan envisions the extension of Mandan Road over the Parkway to the Greenbelt core. (The need for this extension - also known as the perimeter road - was, at the time, based mainly on the location of a 3-school complex in the core, along with townhouse and single family development. However, the senior high school was relocated, plans for the junior high and elementary schools were discarded, and residential development has not taken place, nor is expected to, in the near future.)

"I'm not saying what was done

is right or wrong," Mrs. Spellman said, explaining that "The role of Congress is to supply the funds. The decision on how the funds are spent should be made on the State and local levels. That is why I supported Revenue Sharing . . . Government - Senators and Representatives from all parts of the country - should not be making decisions that should be made by the community."

Congresswoman Spellman explained how concerned parents, students, teachers, city officials and others came to her appealing for a footpath, how they feared for the safety of those running across the Parkway, and how she brought everyone together, including the appropriate Federal agencies and an attorney for Greenbelt. She also spoke of the tragic death of a Greenbelt student several years ago on the Parkway.

B-W Rebuilding

A member of the audience complained that the State Highway Administration (SHA) did not behave responsibly when it recently delayed a final decision on the rebuilding of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway by modifying and substituting alternatives set in 1976. The Greenbelt City Council's position is that the Parkway should be widened to six lanes only from the District of Columbia to the Capitol Beltway. One of the recent alternatives extends the six lanes from the Beltway to the proposed inter-county connector, which the council has consistently opposed.

Mrs. Spellman, who successfully convinced Congress in 1976 to repave the Parkway, was concerned about the delay, since the resurfacing was only an interim measure and the topping would only hold up for about five years. She noted that the base is not strong enough for the traffic it carries and said she would look into the matter. "It was meant to be a Parkway, not the main link between Baltimore and Washington," she said, adding, "People love the Parkway. They tell us about every little pit - it's important that a decision be made."

Careful Council Defers Action Till May 22 on Land Acquisition

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council at its meeting on May 15 deferred action on the acquisition of two tracts of land on Parcel 2 (Located south of Northway extended between Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Ridge Road) until May 22 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld felt that a full council should vote on the resolution and a proposed declaration relating to the purchase, since it was a sensitive issue. (Mayor Richard Pilski was out of town.) While there was no discussion, it appeared from the byplay among council members that there was not total agreement on the draft declaration.

The city has been negotiating for more than a year for the purchase of .9674 acres of undeveloped land between the elderly housing facility and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The land, which would replace the Ridge Road Center land, would be developed as a park. An additional 0.1978 of an acre would be acquired and dedicated as a street right-of-way for access to both the land to be acquired by the city and the land to be retained by the present owners (9 plus acres).

The resolution before council, passed for first reading on March 20, 1978, provides for the purchase of all the land at a total cost of \$202,000, free and clear of encumbrances. This averages out to about \$20,800 an acre. (The price of the access land was half the cost per acre of the larger tract.)

The developers (Burton J. Reiner, Theodore N. Lerner and H. Max Ammerman, Trustees) have requested that settlement be made on or before May 31. While it appears that the city and the owners are pretty much in agreement on the selling price, the matter of the draft declaration is unsettled.

In March, Charles Bresler, spokesman for the owners, asked

Proposed Draft Statement Declaration of the City of Greenbelt Relating to the Purchase of a Part of Parcel II

In determining the division of the 19.9149 acres of Parcel II for the purpose of the city acquiring approximately one half, the city requested the engineering firm employed by the owners to prepare a division which would give the city that portion of the property south of Gardenway extended and adjacent to the property. The engineers were directed to make the division so that the remaining property not sold to the city could be developed in accordance with the R-T zoning category designated for this property in the current Greenbelt-College Park Area Plan adopted November 25, 1970 by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Prince Georges County sitting as the District Council, by Resolution No. 570-1970 on November 27, 1970. Further, the engineers were instructed not to restrict existing access from either Gardenway or Hamilton Place to the property to be retained by the owners. The division plan prepared by the engineer was submitted to the owners for approval prior to the city making an offer to purchase and prior to filing condemnation action.

It was the intent of the city to make a division of the 19.9149 acre tract that would not restrain the existing development rights for that portion of the property not to be acquired by the city. The city council reserves all its prerogatives as relate to matters of planning and zoning.

for assurances (there was no written document submitted) that the city would not use the purchase of this property for a park as a means to object to future rezoning consistent with the masterplan. Council unanimously and strongly opposed making any commitment involving zoning.

The nine acres of land in private ownership is currently zoned RR, single family, whereas the county's adopted Master Plan in 1970 calls for R-T, townhouses (up to 10 units per acre).

The developers, however, continued to pursue the matter of negotiating for some kind of statement. The alternative for the city is to proceed with condemnation, which has already been started, and possibly end up having to pay a higher price for the land. Condemnation would also be a lengthy process, although this does not seem to be a major consideration.

Interpretation

City Manager James K. Giese in his agenda comments said the draft statement is a "declaration of the city as to the procedure it followed in dividing the 19.9 acres of Parcel II for the purchase of approximately half by the city. The statement declares that it was the intent of the city to make a division of the larger tract that would not restrain the existing development rights for the portion of property to be retained by the owners. If the city did restrain these existing development rights it would have to pay damages for such actions in the condemnation proceedings. The statement further declares that the city council reserves all its prerogatives as relate to matters of planning and zoning." According to Giese, the draft declaration has been accepted by the owners of the property.

In a letter commenting on the draft declaration, which was prepared by City Manager James K.

WHAT GOES ON

Sat., Sun., May 20, 21, 8 a.m. Opening Rounds Memorial Day Open Tennis Tournaments, Roosevelt High & Braden Field Tennis Courts.
Sun., May 21, 1-5 p.m. GHI Home & Garden Tour, Hamilton Pl.
Mon., May 22, 7:30 p.m. Special City Council Meeting - Parcel II Land Acquisition & Public Hearing on City Budget
Tues., May 23, 7:30 p.m. Roosevelt Annual Awards Ceremony
Thurs., May 25, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Giese, City Solicitor Emmett T. Nanna wrote that he "saw nothing in the statement that would work toward the future detriment of the city or bind it to any prospective course of action in regard to use of the remainder of the said property."

Schedule For Budget Meetings

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.

Sunday Concert at ERSH

The Prince Georges Philharmonic will perform The New World Symphony by Dvorak on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Guest soloist Sylvia Delle Araujo will play Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. This program will also be presented on May 20 at Prince Georges Community College in Largo.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council of Greenbelt will hold a SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 1978 AT 7:30 P.M.

to consider the following:

1. DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF PART OF PARCEL II
2. A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATED PURCHASE OF TWO PARTS OF PARCEL II CONSISTING OF 9.9574 AND 0.1978 ACRES FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$202,000 SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Second Reading

The Special Meeting will be followed by a public hearing on the 1978/79 Budget, as proposed by the City Manager. (See Official Notice)

Gudrun H. Mills
City Clerk

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GHI Members Should Discuss Pros/Cons of Rejected Bylaw

To the Editor:

I appreciate the vote of confidence and the opportunity to continue to serve on the GHI Board of Directors. I shall endeavor to provide service worthy of your confidence.

There are three points related to the annual meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 1978 that merit comment.

1. A number of people, including many board and committee members, have expressed disappointment in not having had an opportunity to discuss the proposed amendment to the bylaws which would have required membership approval of any increase in charges to members.

Some people have criticized Mat Amberg for using an amendment to the motion approving the agenda as a tactic for defeating the proposed bylaw change.

Those proposing the change in the bylaws exercised their right to place the item on the agenda. Amberg exercised his right to propose a means for disposition of an agenda item. The majority of those members present and voting said by their vote that they did not want to discuss the proposed bylaw change.

Even if Amberg had not proposed to delete consideration of the bylaw change from the agenda, it is doubtful that a full discussion would have taken place. Several members had informed me of their intent to postpone indefinitely or table the proposed bylaw change. As President of GHI I accepted the petition, directed management to include it in the Notice of Meeting in accordance with the bylaws, and was prepared to chair a lengthy debate.

2. Members who wish to propose significant changes in corporate policy should make an effort to have the issues studied and openly discussed well in advance of proposing action at a meeting. It is unrealistic to hope that the GHI membership could discuss a complex issue, formulate an informed position and vote in one meeting.

3. I will suggest that the board of directors take the initiative in providing a forum for discussing the need for the membership to become more directly responsible for budget actions. As a first step I suggest that we schedule one or more hearings at which members can present justification for and consequences of members having more direct budget authority.

Following these meetings the board will consider the evidence and take or propose actions deemed to be in the best interest of GHI. If members then feel that the membership should consider action not recommended by the board, these items can be brought to the membership through the normal procedures. The board may agree to place an item on the agenda or it may be placed on the agenda by petition with only 10 signatures.

In preparation for these discussions, I urge all members read and study the paper on "Responsibilities, Powers and Duties of Membership, the Board of Directors, Management and Committees of Greenbelt Homes, Inc." by Arthur Gropp for the Audit Committee, dated April 1978. This paper was available at the annual meeting and copies are also available at the GHI offices.

James W. Smith
 President
 Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

WE GOOFED

Bettie Denson has correctly pointed out an error in her letter to the editor in the May 4 issue of the News Review. She referred to herself as "an optimist" not an opportunist. The News Review regrets the error.

Send GHI A Message

To the Editor:

Howdy. Yup, it's ol' Jack again. I went to the GHI Annual Meeting.

● The "in" crowd knew Robert's Rules of Order.

● The "out" crowd howled in frustration.

● I didn't say nuthin'.

Now I want to say sumthin'. First of all, there were not enough chairs, which to me is poor planning. And Mr. Smith, I resent you trying to lay the rap on the school. The school did their job. They set up all the auditorium chairs. Nominations and elections should have gotten more somewhere... not disrupted the teacher's classrooms and the custodian's work schedule. They have enough to do.

I have to give you credit, "in" crowd. You were smooth. It's a shame you were smug, too. And "outs"; you should have stuck around. You would have "tweaked" them even more. After you left, the comment was made: "I guess we should be thankful for that." Farm Out! Really lets you know how they feel.

There were a few people there who honestly wanted to hear a discussion on the amendment, and then make up their minds. But it was evident to me that you didn't want any discussion. That's cool. 'Cause what I learned was I'm not interested, and I won't attend another "joke" like that. I know your answer too; I don't belong in the Co-op. You're right. And there are probably 1000 more "members" out here that don't want to play the "game" either.

But, we can send the Co-op a message. We all know how incensed GHI gets about garbage cans being visible.

Send GHI a message: put your garbage can out in full view this weekend. Are you tired of GHI telling you who you can and can't live with? Send GHI a message: put your garbage can out in full view this weekend. Are you tired of not really having a voice that is listened to? Send GHI a message: put your garbage can out in full view this weekend.

I'm painting mine purple.
 Jack Steiffer

Foolishness

To the Editor:

I'm a reporter by trade; I like to start with the relevant facts.

For instance, it is a fact, and I think a relevant one, that the April 28, 1978, issue of the Consumer Price Index release, issued by the U.S. Labor Dept. (the latest CPI reading we have, because it's a monthly affair), tells me that the March 1978 average of all prices paid by U.S. urban consumers (on the unrevised basis) was 89.8% higher than was the average in 1967.

But the average cost of home ownership for March 1978—nation-wide—was 117.3% higher than in 1967; of gas and electricity, 126.4% higher. That is home ownership and utility costs more than doubled!

These components of the CPI, standing as they did at 217.3 and higher. That is, home-ownership 226.4 respectively, on the index, were the highest risers—the components that rose the most, nationally, since 1961, on a percentage basis. Medical care was next, at 214.8 (up 114.8% since 1961), and

then food, at 203.6 (up 103.6%). The total fuel and utilities group (including residential phone, fuel oil, coal, water and sewerage service) was at 212.1 (up 112.1% since 1961). Shelter (includes homeownership and rent) was at 202.2 (up 102.2%). No other group was up as much as 100%.

Homeownership costs rose 0.9% from Feb. 1978 to March 1978 — a 10.8% annual rate!

That means that we simply can't expect our monthly payments to stand still. All we have a right to expect—and to demand—is that GHI board of directors and management and staff do the best job they can with the money we give them, and not spend for needless things or even for things we'd like but can't afford just yet and can do without for another few years. Such as one previous board's plan to have a half-time employee just to inspect hedges and sheds. And one previous board committee's plan for hiring a landscaping crew, headed by a graduate landscaper (beautiful, but who could afford that?).

The proposed bylaw amendment junked by the GHI membership May 19 would have ignored the world-wide, nation-wide inflation in costs and commanded the ocean of price advances, as did King Canute, to stop. Canute, at least, knew this was foolishness; he just did it to show his fawning courtiers that, contrary to the flattering lies they were telling him, he was not all-powerful.

Why, oh, why must certain disrupters keep promising credulous and financially hard-pressed GHI members that if we just vote for this or that panacea we can stop the waves from coming ashore?

Mat Amberg

Open Letter to GHI Members

I know you were shocked and pained as I was at the fiasco May 10 when Amberg succeeded in removing the item of the proposed amendment to the bylaws from the agenda. Many of you got up and left in disgust and I wish you had not. I think you probably were so disgusted that you did not come out to vote the next day.

Unfortunately the inexperience of myself and my two running mates was partly to blame for that fiasco. First we had not studied the bylaws carefully enough and there one phrase defeated us. But secondly we did not have two-thirds majority there to defeat the opposition if it had gotten to the floor. If we had been defeated in the actual voting for the amendment, it would have been a dead issue. As it is we can bring it up again and make sure we have the two-thirds vote.

My only explanation of the oversight of petitioning the Board instead of the membership to change the Bylaw Article VIII, Section 11, Paragraph 2 is that we had only a week to formulate it, type it, reproduce it and get signatures before it had to be presented to the Board for inclusion on the Annual Meeting agenda. We signed-up 138 people in three days.

The answer to our petition signed by Miss James and circulated as a flyer was a tissue of misrepresentations.

1. In no way could such an amendment affect our credit since credit is based on assets and ability of the corporation, which by the way are you and me, the membership, to pay.

2. Nor would the Board have to come to the membership for working capital, since our present operation payments would remain the same — over \$3,400,000 a year and decisions of how to spend it would still be in the hands of the Board.

3. Nor would it hinder the sale of your house, in fact it might make a prospective buyer more willing to invest his money if he knew that he had a say in what his future operating payments would be. His ability to pay is the basis for his second mortgage to raise the down payment to you, the seller, of the unit.

Many condominiums work on this basis and some of them require the consent of two-thirds of their membership to raise such payments. Here it takes only one-fifth of the membership to create a quorum (75 people) and watching the way the present administration packs in their sympathizers we would have to be on our toes at all times to

keep them from raising the operating payments the same as always but at least we would have a voice in the matter.

The only statement in the James letter that I can endorse is that the proposed amendment to put increases in operating payments in the hands of the membership is pernicious and dangerous — dangerous to whom? To the Board and Management I suppose. So was the Declaration of Independence dangerous and pernicious to England, but if no one had opposed taxation without representation, we would still be colonies.

Bettie G. Denson

Points of Order

To the Editor:

I suspect the News Review will get letters charging that GHI thwarted democracy, muzzled members, and somehow railroaded the budget bylaw off the Annual Meeting agenda.

Such claims are false.

First, Mat Amberg's remarks clearly referred to the budget bylaw change. He moved that he wanted the budget bylaw proposal deleted from the agenda.

Second, after his motion was seconded, any member was free to argue that it should be voted for, thus avoiding a long and probably acrimonious debate, or voted against, thus ensuring all who wished to discuss the bylaw change an opportunity to speak. Not one person requested the floor to speak to Amberg's motion, either for or against it.

Third, when votes were counted, a majority favored deleting the budget bylaw amendment from the agenda and there could be no further discussion.

Any charge that an "in" group somehow has sole access to Robert's Rules and can manipulate through private possession of the more arcane parliamentary procedures is simply silly. We have many smooth apples in GHI, not limited to any one group, in, out, or somewhere in between, who are sufficiently familiar with Robert's Rules to be adept at calling points of order, personal privileges, challenging the chair, and any other technique.

Katherine Keene

GHI Members

I wish to thank each of you fine people who voted for me. Though I do not know many of you personally, I appreciate your support and encouragement.

Jim Passante

(paid ad)

THANKS

To Those 205 Members of GHI Who Voted For Me:

Thank you for your support. Although we lost the election, we have not lost the fight. Out of 600 votes, 205 is a one-third minority. I have no way of knowing your names but if you wish to continue to fight for your rights, contact me by note or by phone. Your interest will be held confidential.

Thank you again for your confidence.

Bettie G. Denson
 59A Ridge Road
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 (paid ad)

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 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

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 Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,
 Pastor 474-3381

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 For the Bible tells me so"*

Rediscover this truth this week whether you are a child or an adult.

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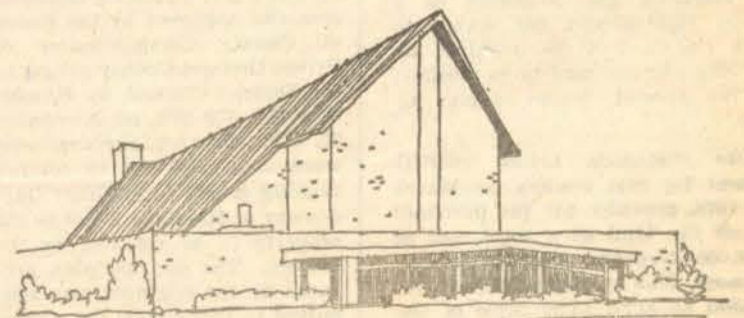
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Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 945-5111

Street, Curb Repairs, etc. Surface During Public Works Budget Session

by Mary Lou Williamson

"How much street repair can Greenbelt afford this year and how will it be financed?" was the question facing city council members as they worked their way through the Public Works budget at the April 25 session. Total Public Works expenditures for fiscal 1978/79 are estimated at \$149,000, \$58,900 less than this year's figure. The difference is roughly equal to the cost of closing the College Park landfill.

City Manager James K. Giese, in his proposed budget, calls for some base repair (\$15,000) and resurfacing (\$15,000) of Crescent Road from Northway to the Lake Park. Giese asked for council's guidance in determining how much money should be spent in fiscal 1978. Sources of funding include the public works general fund for street maintenance \$115,000 — down slightly from last year; reserve for capital improvements, \$63,400; some unspent surplus from previous years and federal or other grants including pot-hole money.

Giese told council "we have more to go than we can fund. Overall we're not in bad shape," he continued, "but the winter leaves us with more potholes and needed patching than usual." He suggested council might wish to take the further step of including major renovation of those streets most in need of repair in the new bond issue that council is expected to consider later this year. (The city staff is currently developing a "wish list" of items that might be financed through such a bond issue.)

Giese was concerned by the "rapidly increasing street construction costs and the added maintenance expense of streets in poor condition." He urged council to take on as much road repair as possible.

Councilman Tom White argued that Ridge Road from Gardenway to Eastway was in worse condition than Crescent. Councilmen Charles Schwan and Richard Castaldi added other sections of Ridge, questioning the choice of Crescent. In response Giese said "there may be (Community Development Block Grant or other) funding coming along for Greenbelt Homes areas" in the next several years. He, therefore, had recommended work on Crescent Rd. where such funding is unlikely. Council appeared to agree with this strategy.

Field Trip

Council members asked Giese to set up a field trip so they could get a first hand look at street repair problems in order to more realistically plan for the future. Then council will develop some short-term goals for this year and later, some long-term goals.

Total street maintenance expenditures are estimated at \$169,481. Of this total only \$23,481 or 13.8% will come from the city tax rate. State-shared highway taxes of \$128,000 and horse racing taxes of \$18,000 will pay the rest.

Curbs and Sidewalks

Curb and gutter replacement (\$5,000) will be concentrated on Lakeside Dr. preparatory to resurfacing next year. Limited sidewalk replacement (\$2,500) will be mostly in the North End. Schwan suggested that the city coordinate its sidewalk plans with recent GHI proposals to extend the original inner walkway system.

Mayor Richard Pilski was most distressed with the crumbling curbs at the Center. Castaldi thought any work along Centerway should include widening the street to accommodate the large delivery trucks which must now pull up on the curbing to park. Giese reassured Pilski that the curb work should be completed with this year's funds. Major renovation of Centerway is one of the items on Public Works Director Buddy Attick's "wish list."

Extensive curb and gutter replacement (\$20,000) will be funded under the capital improvements budget.

Waste Collection

An increase in waste collection fees from \$5.50 to \$6 per month for single-family and cooperative homes should result in a surplus by the end of the year. The past two years have shown deficits. The fee should not need another increase for several years.

On January 1, the city switched to the county landfill site at Brown

Crescent Rd. Repairs

Under consideration for this year's budget is the resurfacing of Crescent Road from Northway to the Lake Park (\$15,000) and street base repair work (\$15,000) to be financed through the capital improvement reserve fund.

Considerably more work is planned for the next several years to improve Crescent all the way to Gardenway. However, many complex questions must be resolved before work on the Northway to Gardenway sector can be undertaken:

1. Whether to cut down grade at St. Hughes.
2. Shoulder improvements — Giese suggested shoulders be paved where parking is permitted and returned to grass where parking is prohibited.
3. Some widening (although road would continue to be two lanes).
4. Curbs and some extension of sidewalks.
5. Gardenway to Hillside — mostly surface deterioration.
5. Hillside to Northway — what to do about church and fire department on-street parking?

Station. The cost of this change, according to Giese, "is less than we expected. The College Park landfill had gotten to be quite expensive." However, the cost of the final covering on the College Park landfill property may be far greater than anticipated — perhaps \$56,000. College Park and Greenbelt are negotiating with the Department of Agriculture as to what will be done and who will pay for it.

Recycling

Greenbelt's recycling programs is a success story that clearly pleases Giese. In many communities such programs have declined as citizen interest wanes. Not so in Greenbelt, he says.

Pilski would like to see the city make a greater effort in collecting aluminum. Attick thought it might be possible to collect aluminum along with paper.

Council would like to find out what percentage of residents do not yet separate paper from other trash. Perhaps, they suggested, refuse crews might tally up the number of homes where paper is not regularly put out for the mid-week collection. These homes then might receive a reminder letter from the city urging residents' cooperation.

Prices skyrocketed temporarily last winter, paper was then in great demand for the manufacture of insulation. By spring that process had soured and prices plunged again. The city currently receives \$12 per ton from Prince Georges Scrap.

Garden State, a New Jersey based company, with plans to open a plant in Tyson's Corner, has offered the city \$30 per ton. Council was very interested — going so far as to suggest staff look into regular, city-wide paper collection.

Salt Dome

Another item on Attick's wish list is a \$45,000 salt dome. Council at first much amused, soon began to agree that such a purchase might be realistic, though not for this year. Attick explained that an adequate salt supply could be purchased out of season at less than half the winter price. For example, last summer salt was selling for \$17 per ton, by late winter the price had jumped to \$37 per ton or was unavailable. With a salt dome the city could purchase a 2-3 year supply when the price is low. About 15% of the salt in an open stock pile is lost during a year through run-off, not to mention the ecological problems caused by the run-off.

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, happier life by taking an active rather than a passive role regarding his own well being. Advocates of high level wellness focus upon what people can do to maintain or improve their health.

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.

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

Tea & Sympathy, May 24,25

Eleanor Roosevelt Drama Department presents *Tea and Sympathy* by Robert Anderson. This play deals with the problems of homosexuality and prejudice and will be presented in studio theatre style. Following the play, there will be a seminar with the actors to discuss the ideas presented.

The play is directed by Mary Cole and features Kim Maughan and Art Treichel as Laura and Tom. Other cast members are Greenbelters Pat Tompkins and Alan Amberg.

Performances will be Wed., May 24 and Thurs., May 25 at 8 p.m. There will be an admission fee.

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wednesday, May 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Greenbelt Baptist Church. The discussion topic will be "Obtaining Self-assurance." Babysitting is available and refreshments will be provided.

Miscellaneous

Some additional costs this year: —reimbursement for annual leave not used when Attick retires October 1.

—one month overlap of two salaries with hiring of new Public Works Director.

—replacement fund for equipment, contribution doubled to keep pace with inflation.

—maintenance fund — increased contribution, same reason.

On the other side: —deletion of proposed civil engineer (\$14,000); need for engineer will be reassessed after new public works director is hired.

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11 Recreation Organizations Present Budgets to Council

by Leta Mach

On Wednesday, May 3, city council reviewed the budget requests of various city recreation organizations. At the work sessions, representatives of eleven organizations brought city council up to date on their activities and needs.

The organizations had previously completed a questionnaire and work sheet for the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). PRAB reviewed the organizations to "study their programs effectiveness to the community and attainment of the stated goals." Although most budgets were "accepted as presented", the budget for the Boys' and Girls' Club was "accepted with recommendations," and the budgets of the Labor Day Festival Committee and Greenbelt/Lanham Choral Arts Society were "reviewed with reservations."

Some PRAB members questioned whether it was reasonable to give tax money to the activities of adults instead of children. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld felt that a large number of Greenbelters got enjoyment from the Greenbelt Concert Band, but not as many from the Greenbelt/Lanham Choral Arts Society. Councilman Charles Schwan pointed out that the city gives more aid to groups which provide physical recreation than cultural recreation. The PRAB report expressed concern about the small ratio of Greenbelt residents in the Greenbelt/Lanham Choral Arts Society, seeing a need for more recruitment of Greenbelters. It was suggested at the work session that other communities might also support the society. The society has requested \$1,000 in city aid. The Greenbelt Concert Band has requested \$1,500 from the city. The band also receives aid from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee asked for continued city cooperation in police protection, trash removal, building booths and performing electrical work. Last year the city spent \$3,702 on public works labor and \$2,102 in materials and other services. PRAB recommended that the cost to the city of police services, electricity and water consumption be assessed. Concern was also expressed about health department requirements and the difficulty of obtaining insurance. Several councilmen expressed willingness to subsidize bus service for the festival again.

The Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club is asking for \$4,800; \$1,000 more than last year. Pat Gainer, president of the club, explained that the increase was for newsletters to members and the development of new sports. The club wants to add such sports as volleyball and bowling which will encourage those not interested in contact sports to join. Both Gainer and the PRAB report noted the problem of not enough parental support. Martha Sutton, representing Springhill Lake Baseball, also expressed a need for parent help, and requested \$1,028 in city aid. Larry Palmer, representing the Greenbelt Little League, stated that the group has no problem with volunteers and requested \$2,500.

Other requests for funds were: Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters Club - \$1,300; Greenbelt Tennis Association - \$500; and Greenbelt Running Club - \$225. Although it did not request funds, the Greenbelt Soccer Association asked for the use of city fields. The association noted that the severe weather reduced their activities this past winter. Washington Ear, a closed circuit radio service for the blind and physically handicapped, was represented by John Matthews. He requested a donation of \$450. City Manager James Giese noted that this was an increase of \$100 and that he had been holding increases to 5%.

Greenbelt's Library

Drop-In stories continues for ages 3-5 on Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the Children's Program Room.

The book discussion on Thurs., May 25 at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room will concern itself with Jessamyn West's *The Massacre at Fall Creek*. Those interested persons must register at the information desk.

Groups Request Revenue Sharing Funds of City

by Sandra Barnes

A number of groups came to a city council work session with hands held out for a portion of the city's Revenue Sharing Funds. A meeting last Tuesday night, May 9, brought out members of the fire Department, CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), the Fraternal Order of Police and Bob Dove representing the Golden Age Club.

The city will receive about \$81,920 in revenue Sharing Funds for the new fiscal year. Some of this money is being allocated to each of the city's departments: Public Works, Police and Recreation.

The Fire Dept. is asking council for \$27,500 for equipment and furnishing for the new bunk room being added to their building. CPR has requested \$5,000 to finance training classes in advanced life support for heart attack victims in the community. Representatives from CPR proposed to teach 30 courses per year in Greenbelt. For their program they would need manequins, movie and slide projectors, teaching slides and other items. As a direct result of their course, they stated that they expect to save 2-3 lives per year.

The Fraternal Order of Police requested \$76,800 in Revenue Sharing Funds. Most of this money would be spent on new equipment such as closed circuit T.V., portable radios, a new squad car, a dark room and other items.

Bob Dove, president of the Golden Agers, asked council to consider the transportation needs of senior citizens and set aside a portion of the money for improved bus service in the community.

No final decisions have been made on who gets what. Council must give its final stamp of approval to the budget before June 10.

Talk on Jogging

The Greenbelt Jaycees are sponsoring a talk on jogging and running for beginners on Wednesday, May 24, at the Greenbelt Library at 8 p.m. The talk will be given by Larry Noel who teaches a course on this subject at Prince Georges Community College. Topics discussed will include: how to begin a jogging program, importance of good quality running shoes (not tennis shoes), benefits of jogging, safe places to jog, runners' injuries, need for stretching exercises and how to improve from jogging to running. Information will be available on running publications, types of running shoes, D.C. Road Runners Club and the Greenbelt Running Club.

Mishkan Torah News

Mishkan Torah Men's club will sponsor its semi-annual all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner with salad on Sunday May 21 from 4 to 7 at the synagogue building, Ridge and Westway Roads. There will be a nominal admission charge.

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will hold a Tupperware Party on Thursday, May 25 at 8 p.m. A gift will be given to each person bringing a gift. Refreshments. Orders must be prepaid.

County Schools to Reset Goals and Priorities

by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince Georges County Board of Education will hold a work session open to the public on Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro to begin the process of establishing goals and priorities for the county school system. However, there will be no public participation.

The meeting is an outgrowth of the recent public hearings on the Demographic Study Alternatives I and II. The Board tabled the plans and passed two resolutions (April 13) - one that set up the work session and the other directing the superintendent to come back to the Board in September with a timetable, guidelines and procedures for elementary and junior high school closings.

Board member Lesley Kreimer said the Board next Monday would discuss the structure and procedure for examining goals and priorities relating to reduced busing, programs, and closing of schools. She felt that the Board must deal with and respond to the serious concerns that citizens expressed about the plans.

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, clusterings) as well as busing as influences for desegregation; the failure to provide stability for those children who have attended different schools every year, two and three years in a row.

The action by the Board to continue the study is in keeping with the joint position of the Greenbelt City Council and the Greenbelt Study Committee who consistently urged the Board to continue the 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.

Recreation Review

City Open Tennis Tournament
The season's first tournament, co-sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Tennis Association, will begin this Sat., May 20, 8 a.m. on the Braden Field and Roosevelt Senior High School Tennis Courts. Action will be fast, as many of the top players in the area will be participating.

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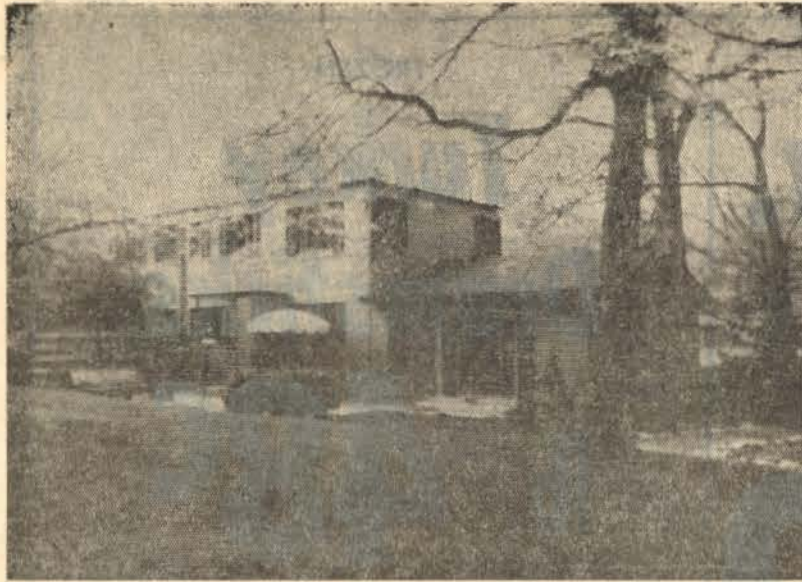
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— photo by Don Volk

GHI Renews Bid for City Support of Grant Request

by Virginia Beauchamp

Two kinds of communication breakdowns clouded discussion of GHI's request for additional support from the city for the housing cooperative's application for grant money under the federal government's Neighborhood Strategies Area Community Development Program. Several months ago Council had endorsed the request and sent a letter to the county. At the May 15 city council meeting, confused councilmen were trying to find out what their specific responsibilities now were supposed to be in indicating such support. Similarly, GHI representatives, President James Smith, Deputy General Manager Ken Kopstein and Donald Volk, Vice President were unable to offer a clear picture of the status of the application through the complicated network of County actions by which it must be processed.

The program will aid in the rehabilitation of GHI homes and will provide assistance to the city for supporting services. Additionally it would guarantee aid for 325 lower income members under the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program. According to the terms of the Neighborhood Strategies Program, funds are awarded to the County on a 5-year basis, and may be expended for specific projects which must be capable of completion in that length of time. Smith noted that the GHI proposal is the only one currently entered for a project in Prince Georges County.

Everyone was concerned that the proposal should be completed by the May 31 deadline, which was the reason that the item had been added to the May 15 city council agenda. All were concerned that delays in the processing of the technical data and preparation of a map by the County staff and moving the proposal along for the approval of County Executive Winfield Kelly and the County Council might interfere with meeting that deadline.

Councilman Thomas White expressed considerable impatience as well with the County's failure to invite the city, whose endorsement is crucial to the success of the application, to participate in the May 31 meeting. Others speculated that city representatives might just show up, or telephone ahead to say they would like to be invited. Councilman Richard Castaldi thought a work session between GHI and the city council might be useful. A meeting was set for Tuesday, May 28.

All agreed, however, with the comment from the Rev. Kenneth Biker, who spoke to the audience, that "the city should be with GHI at all meetings" on the matter. On that note, city manager Jim Giese agreed that the city would contact County officials and request to participate in the forthcoming meeting on Monday, May 22 in Upper Marlboro.

THEATER PRESENTS TOYS IN THE ATTIC

Prince George's Little Theater will present Lillian Hellman's "Toys in the Attic" at the Prince George's Public Playhouse on May 19, 20, 26, and 27. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m. There is a charge for admission with special rates for those 18 and under and for those 65 and over. For information call 577-0357. Wanda Hurley, Bob Hoffman, and Rod Wiesinger of Greenbelt will appear in the adult drama.

GHI Home and Garden Tour

This Sunday, May 21, from 1-5 p.m., GHI neighbors will open their homes and/or gardens to anyone interested in seeing some examples of improvements possible in a GHI setting.

Visitors who wish to take the self-guided tour may pick up a list of addresses and information as to the type of improvement on view at the GHI offices at Hamilton Place on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m.

Sierra Club Meets

"Wilderness Prospects in America" will be discussed at a meeting of the Patuxent Group of the Sierra Club at the library, on Tuesday, May 23. John McComb, public lands and wilderness expert with the Washington office of the Sierra Club, will be the featured speaker. He will discuss implications of the on-going wilderness review process, wilderness prospects and the need for citizen input. A film, "John Muir's High Sierra", will also be shown. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.



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GHI MEETINGS

GHI meetings for the coming week are open to any GHI member. The Nominations and Elections Committee will meet on Thursday, May 18, at 8 p.m., in the Board Room on Hamilton Place, to evaluate last week's election.

The annual GHI House and Garden tour will take place on Sunday, May 21, from 1-4 p.m. Information about houses on the tour can be picked up at the GHI office. (See details elsewhere in this issue) sue).

The Engineering and Maintenance Committee will be discussing aspects of rehabilitation on Monday, May 22, in the GHI Board Room.

Public Hearing on Civil Service Reform

Congresswoman Gladys Spellman will be chairing a public hearing on President Carter's Civil Service Reform proposals on Tuesday, May 23 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's auditorium, 6800 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale. This will climax a series of six hearings in various government departments. Each of them, chaired by Mrs. Spellman, were official meetings of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

"In an enterprise as vital as this one," said Mrs. Spellman, "it is essential we make provisions to listen to individual federal workers, and I look forward to the hearing in my district with great anticipation."

The bill includes proposals that (1) establishes a senior executive service and a new system of incentive pay for managerial personnel (GS 13, 14, 15), (2) revises veteran's preference to provide 10 year preference for all veterans, with lifetime preference for disabled veterans, (3) modifies the appeal process, (4) implements legislation to create two new agencies in lieu of the civil service commission.

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Craft Show and Strawberry Festival

The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club is sponsoring a Craft Show-Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. There will be over 40 craftspeople with a large variety of hand-crafted items for sale, refreshment stand featuring strawberry short cake and baked goods table, 50-50 raffle. The proceeds will support the athletic programs of the club.

The club is searching for a football commissioner to start work on this year's football program. Interested persons should call Pat Gainor 474-3649.

Gas Lawn Mower Repair Clinic

A clinic to repair gas lawn mowers will be held at the Greenbelt Jr. High School, on three Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9. The clinic will take place on May 24, 31 and June 7 and there is a fee. The classes will cover basic familiarization and preventive maintenance, tune-up and major repairs of gas lawn mowers.

To register or for more information, call 277-8350, on weekdays by May 23.

This activity is sponsored by the Northern Area of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

Theatre Guild Needs Help

Grenoble Theatre Guild, Greenbelt's resident community theatre group, is looking for people who would like to help with the costumes for their next production, "The Heiress". Anyone interested, please call Alia D. Kelley, 577-5907 after 6, Judy Holland, 474-4134, after 5, or Robert O'Malley, 474-3369 after 8 p.m. Experience in costuming and the possession of a sewing machine are not necessary, but helpful.

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CITY NOTES

Mrs. Patricia Fitzreiter has been employed as Office Assistant in the City Manager's office, effective Monday, May 15. A long time resident of Greenbelt, Mrs. Fitzreiter resides in Boxwood Village along with her husband and three children.

Base preparation is continuing on the senior housing facility with additional fill being brought in. Some footings for the north wing have been poured and masons have started to lay cinder blocks.

Subcontractors are completing their punch list items subject to final inspection. The examination of the subcontractors items will be set when the architect is satisfied that they have been completed. Once inspection is completed, the building can be occupied, unless the inspection results in major corrections or repairs.

Due to the rainy weather, work has been curtailed on the bike path which has now been completed from Lakecrest Circle to Lakeside Drive. The old special trash truck was removed from storage and prepared for service. Debris was picked up from roadsides, and new hydraulic lifts installed on the 61 loadpacer.

Swimming pool preparations continued as the opening date of May 27 draws closer. The Health Department forwarded their final approval of the Diatomaceous Earth Separation System subject to successful operation.

The city has been hauling refuse to the new Bowie landfill, known as Sand Hill. The round trip (15 miles) cuts approximately 15 minutes off the travel time to Brown Station Road.

The paper collection netted 9 tons, 580 lbs. last week.

CARES

On May 6, ten volunteer tutors participated in a two-hour workshop. Mary Nieter, Guidance Counselor at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, served as consultant during this particular session. Don Sugg of the staff of College Park Youth Services Bureau also attended as a guest observer.

Director Carol Leventhal and staff member Barbara Lawson attended various meetings - the county's Mental Health Resources Council, County Police Mental Health Council in Forrestville, and the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus Data Workshop.

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SITTER NEEDED, Lakewood area, June 16 - July 21 & Aug. 21 - Sept. 1; Mon. through Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., for children ages 10, 12, & 14. Call 345-1052 after 7 p.m.

CAMP CENTER

Camp Center/lower camp (ages 2-7) is now accepting applications for a summer day camp program from June 26-Aug. 25. Hours 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Locations in Greenbelt and on the Campus of Prince Georges Community College. Activities: Swimming, Pony Rides, Arts and Crafts, Outdoor Games, Field Trips and Special Events. Transportation available. Call 336-7740 for brochure.

LAST WEEK'S NOTES

The general crew has been working on the bike path along Lakecrest Drive. Approximately 400 feet has been completed of the 500 feet from Lakecrest Circle to Lakeside Drive. This area would have been completed last week if the weather had cooperated. Members of the crew took advantage of the rainy day to sandblast the metal ladders of the swimming pool. Several members of the crew have been helping remove debris from roadsides from time to time.

The park crew has been cutting grass and maintaining the golf course and ballfields. The CETA crew has removed the debris from Braden Field that was taken from the stream. The CETA crew also removed the rubble from the fire at the old Jaycee Clubhouse building by St. Hugh's. A contractor tore the burned material down and is doing repair work.

The paper collection netted 7 tons, 1,120 lbs. The total refuse collected during the month of April amounted to 237 tons which included one load of tires that weighed 3,800 lbs.

Local Job Opportunities

The Communications and Data Services Division of the Science and Education Administration (SEA) at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center has several full and/or part time job openings in the computer sciences area ranging in grades from GS 4-14. This would present an opportunity for women to arrange a work schedule (ranging from 25-40 hours per week) to mesh with family or other responsibilities. Re-employment rights or current civil service status needed. For further information contact Leonie Penney at 474-6315 evenings or Jo Littrell 344-3937 days.

CAMP CENTER

Camp Center/upper camp (ages 8-14) is now accepting applications for a summer day camp program from June 19-Aug. 25. Hours 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. The location is on a 22 acre farm on Enterprise Rd. near Prince George's Community College. Activities: Swimming and Horseback Riding Instructions, Archery, Arts and Crafts, Field Sports and Special Events. Transportation available. Call 336-7740 for brochure.

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ANNUAL MEETING fr. p. 1 number of members. A motion by Mathew Amberg immediately followed to amend Schwan's motion by deleting the petitioned bylaw change (membership approval of increases) from the agenda; Amberg based this on a contention that the board of directors had no authority to change the bylaws, as had been requested in the petition. Members Bettie Denson and Eunice Coxon challenged this from the floor. Denson objected, saying "we asked the board to put this bylaw change on the agenda," and Coxon charged that it was "illegal to delete this proposed bylaw change". Chairman Smith ruled that it was the members' prerogative to consider Amberg's amendment, whereupon Coxon promptly appealed his ruling.

Controversial Vote

Here, Smith asked the assemblage for a vote on his ruling. By this time, a sizeable number of members were clearly confused as to what they were supposed to be voting on. Nevertheless, those that did vote - my uppraised ballot cards - upheld the chair's ruling. Then followed a vote on Amberg's amendment which passed by the close vote of 142 to 132, thus deleting the controversial bylaw change from the evening's agenda. At this point several dozen members left in angry frustration.

Speeches

The meeting thereafter proceeded in a normal manner, with candidates for the board and committees giving short position statements. The earlier disagreement was reflected however in the statements of James Passante, Denson and Coxon, who criticized in varying degrees, the loss of opportunity to vote on the petitioned bylaw revision.

Larger Home Resale Policy

The other issue on the agenda, the resale contract for townhouses and free-standing homes, provoked a fair amount of discussion. As reported in recent articles in the News Review, an ad hoc committee dealing with this matter has been split 4-3, with the majority holding - in Anthony McCarthy's words - that "the present policy is not in the best interest of the homeowners." He, Bobbi McCarthy of the Audit committee and Robin Hegeman argued that GHI equity in the larger homes should not be allowed to increase, and that the money GHI could get by selling this equity could be used for more necessary causes such as the rehabilitation program. Others, including Nat Shinderman, Ben Rosenzweig, and Alex Barnes spoke for retaining the contract in its present form; the last-mentioned member suggested that it was mathematically possible that GHI's equity in the homes would not rise past a certain level, but because the contract formula has not yet been fully analyzed, no one really knows. A motion by Shinderman, calling for retention of the current policy, passed easily.

A compromise motion offered by the board, to set a ceiling of 15% on GHI equity in the homes, was countered by Barnes' motion to table. Barnes argued that (as implied just above) the contract is too complex to make any immediate decisions on. The tabling motion passed, ending the main discussions of the evening.

Lions Club Honors Public Safety Officers

At the regular meeting on May 8 Ivan Lindahl, president of the Greenbelt Lions Club, presented a plaque and a bond to Charles Watkins as Policeman of the Year and to Joseph Aulisio as Fireman of the Year.

Charles V. Watkins, 9113 Contee Road, Laurel, was chosen by his peers as Policeman of the Year for his outstanding interest in Greenbelt and for his performance as an officer. Joseph Aulisio, 125 Crescent Road was named Fireman of the Year for outstanding service to the city of Greenbelt both as a volunteer fireman and as a member of the Rescue Squad.

The recipients were accompanied by police chief Lane and deputy fire chief Dunn. The speaker for the evening was Judge Femia.

Inflation Increases CARES Budget; Other Budgets Also Up

by Leta Mach

No major changes were revealed in the budget for Greenbelt CARES at a city council work session on Monday May 8. City Manager James Giese noted that cost increases were the result of inflation. The proposed CARES budget for 1978-79 is \$69,000. In the proposed budget, the city would provide \$23,800 of the funds. The State of Maryland through the Department of Juvenile Services finances 75% of the approved program expenses and Prince Georges County also provides a cash grant of \$3,300.

Greenbelt CARES defines its goal as "to provide high quality counseling to and support services to the community of Greenbelt by continuing to work with children adolescents, and their families on both an active and reactive basis with such programs as outreach, preventive services, and treatment intervention services." CARES Director Carol Leventhal stated that the tutoring program has been "zipped up" and the job banks are "more active." On the other hand, the clothing exchange has been dropped. CARES objectives for the new fiscal year include an improved training program for the Wednesday evening volunteer counselors, an improved relationship with the schools which Greenbelt youth attend, and the development of data to determine the cost-effectiveness of various CARES programs.

CARES estimates that in the coming fiscal year 170 people will receive formal counseling, 30 people will be tutored, and 105 will receive job placements. While counseling and tutoring will remain the same, this would be an increase in job placements. In the past year there has been an increase in referrals by schools and a 44% increase in self-referrals. Dr. Leo Walder, who provides the staff with professional expertise, felt one reason was that CARES is better known in the community. He also felt that the quality of the staff, mostly volunteer, was high. Furthermore, he stated, the difficulty of the cases was higher and they were being helped. He concluded that "people are trusting us more."

Other Budgets

City Council also reviewed the budgets for the finance department, legal counsel, municipal building, community promotion, public officers association, retirement contributions, unemployment compensa-

tion, insurance, grants and contributions, debt service, reserves, capital improvement fund, motor equipment maintenance fund, and replacement fund. One change in the finance department budget is the request for part-time help because of the increasing number of tax bills. Because of the new addition, the budget for municipal building maintenance has also been increased. Among the many projects included in community promotion is the identification of old photographs of Greenbelt.

Councilman Thomas White termed retirement contributions as "probably the largest single increase in the entire budget." The proposed budget for 1978-79 is \$157,500 as compared to an estimated expenditure of \$131,700 for this fiscal year. As of January 1, 1978, the city must pay unemployment compensation benefits for eligible former city employees. Staff has recommended that a reserve account be set up to reimburse the State for benefits paid out.

There are no proposals for additional expenditures beyond those already authorized for the capital improvement fund. By establishing cost accounting methods in the motor equipment maintenance fund, it is hoped to determine whether to purchase or rent equipment, when replacement of equipment is more economical than maintenance, and to accurately allocate equipment expenses to specific job projects. Reserves for the replacement of major equipment items are annually contributed to the replacement fund. While discussing reserves, Giese proposed to buy coffee for employees. This is in an effort to limit coffee making to fixed locations in the municipal building. Giese felt that an honor system to pay for a cup of coffee would be confusing.

Project Head Start Enrolling for '78-79

Project Head Start is now enrolling children for the 1978-1979 school year. Head Start is a full week, part day program for foster children, children with English as a second language, children with speech defects and other special needs as well as children from low income families. Call Linda Lee Waters at 420-2206 for an application and further information. Children must be four by Dec. 31, 1978.

Paw Power Month in PG

May 24 will signal the end of Paw Power Month in Prince Georges County. This period of time was set aside by the County Health Department to conduct its anti-rabies campaign. On Wed., May 24 from 6-8 p.m. at Greenbelt Junior High School an anti-rabies clinic will be held to immunize dogs and cats. County laws require rabies immunization for these animals. Three year immunizations will be given to dogs over one year of age and only dogs and cats over three months of age will be vaccinated. One year protection will be offered to dogs between the ages of 3 and 12 months old, and cats over 3 months of age will also be protected for one year.

Pet owners should determine whether or not their animal is in need of another vaccination. Proof in the form of a certification as to the date and type of rabies vaccination administered and a metal tag to be worn by the animal at all times is required before pets may be licensed in the County. There is a fee. For further information, call the 24-hour Paw Power Hotline, 262-2245.

Roosevelt Awards Assembly

Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School will hold its second annual Academic and Service Awards Program at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23. The assembly will be in the school auditorium and the public is invited to attend.

Dial 911 for Fire/Rescue

Wayne Lewis
A few months ago, Greenbelt Fire Department & Rescue Squad sponsored a Smoke Detector Seminar. At that time several types and models of smoke detection devices were displayed to the public. We attempted to make it known to the public that as we were in favor of smoke detection devices being installed in every home, we could not and did not endorse any one brand or type of detection device. Since this time it has been brought to our attention that several households have been contacted by individuals who state that they are representing Greenbelt Fire Department in their attempts to sell smoke detectors. These persons do not represent the Fire Department. If you are contacted by anyone who states he represents the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and an attempt is made to sell you any detection device, please contact our department with the name of the person and the organization which they represent as soon as possible. Our phone number is 345-7000.

If you have already installed a smoke detector in your home, please be sure to check it weekly. If you have had your detector for nearly one year, it may be advisable to purchase new batteries as the batteries usually last about one year only.



Notice of Public Hearing
PROPOSED BUDGETS - FISCAL YEAR 1978/79

A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND FOR
MONDAY, MAY 22, 1978 - 8:00 P.M.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FY 1978/79 FOR THE GENERAL FUND, REVENUE SHARING FUND, AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY

GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

REVENUES	
1. Taxes	\$1,158,150
2. Licenses & Permits	16,600
3. Revenues from Other Agencies	761,350
4. Service Charges for Current Services	255,800
5. Fines and Forfeitures	22,000
6. Miscellaneous Revenues	33,750
Total Revenues	\$2,247,650
Surplus Applied	35,500
TOTAL	\$2,283,150

EXPENDITURES	
10. General Government	\$ 267,750
11. Public Safety	569,900
12. Public Works	412,600
15. Social Services	69,600
18. Recreation & Parks	518,100
24. Miscellaneous	177,500
25. Debt Service	124,800
26. Reserves	142,900
TOTAL	\$2,283,150

PROPOSED USES FOR REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

EXPENDITURES	
1. Bond Redemption	\$ 40,000
2. Park Improvements	17,100
3. Youth Center Building Improvements	5,200
5. Swimming Pool Improvements	3,600
6. New Equipment - Administration	3,900
7. New Equipment - Police	24,700
8. New Equipment - Public Works	3,650
9. New Equipment - Recreation	3,550
11. Elderly Transportation Service	2,700
TOTAL	\$ 104,400

The Hearing will be held in the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Public participation and attendance is encouraged, and all citizens of Greenbelt shall have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments, and to ask questions concerning the entire budget and the relationship of entitlement funds to the entire budget. Copies of the proposed budget and the City Manager's message are available at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, and may be obtained Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Copies will also be available at the public hearing. For information please call 474-3870 or 474-8000. Gudrun H. Mills City Clerk

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