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## GHI Members Vote For Rehabilitation By 2-1, Replacement of Frame Siding

by Sid Kastner

Over 500 members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., attended last Wednesday evening's special meeting to decide whether to go ahead with a large scale rehabilitation project for their homes. As readers now know, the project was finally approved by a large majority, 273 to 140 (a factor of two to one). A wide spectrum of views was represented in the discussion, both pro and con, including a sizeable number of "let's wait and see" opinions which - while cautiously endorsing the general idea of the project - took issue with particular details.

A total of 514 voting cards were issued; out of 698 masonry and larger homes, 236 or 33.8% were represented, while out of 982 member-owned frame home units, 278 or 28.3% were represented.

Chairman James Smith led off by graphically comparing the projected costs to members of heating and structural maintenance, for rehabilitation as against no rehabilitation, over the next twenty-odd years; his graph showed the (initially lower) cost with no rehabilitation climbing until they exceed the costs of rehabilitation sometime round 1987. With regard to fuel use in particular, his charts showed that while two and a half million gallons of oil were consumed yearly about ten years ago, only one and a half million gallons per year are being burned now and

the staff expects to reduce this to about one million with the further measures contemplated in the rehabilitation.

Smith went on to say that some details of the project, such as exact type of new windows to replace those in the frame homes, have not yet been settled and that there were many similar items that have not been "set in concrete". He emphasized that if a member preferred an "extra" (as good as or better than what GHI would provide), it could likely be had by paying the difference beyond the corporation's allocation.

### Frame Siding

One major aspect of the project that members themselves would decide during the meeting, he explained, was whether to replace the present asbestos shingles on the frame homes with new siding. This was recommended by the board for one thing because it would allow an inspection of the basic walls, which has not been carried out thoroughly since the structures were built.

In closing his introduction, he noted that the five free-standing homes in the Woodland Way area would be included in the project, but the details have not yet been planned.

### Motion & Amendment

Director Wayne Williams thereupon put the evening's main motion to the gathering, namely that "the board be directed to proceed with the Basic Rehabilitation Program . . . to be financed through borrowing of up to five million dollars,

which will be repaid within 20 years through monthly charges." This was followed by an amendment proposed by director Margaret Hogensen, which would have the effect of including new siding for the frame homes. Hogensen said that beside allowing structural inspection, new siding would eliminate painting in future and would be esthetically better.

In the discussion from the floor that followed, strongly negative views were first expressed by some members, not only against the amendment but also against the rehabilitation project as a whole. Carl Conrad questioned the board's statement on fuel savings, asking "if you've been saving 30% on fuel oil costs, (why have) our monthly heating charges gone up?" and

See GHI REHAB p. 5, col. 1

### WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Oct. 27, 4-6 p.m. Hallowe'en Skating Party, K-6th Grade, Center Elementary School

Sat., Oct. 28, 10 a.m. - 12 noon Annual Hallowe'en Costume Parade and Party, Youth Center Gym

Tues., Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Trick or Treat Night

Wed., Nov. 1, 8 p.m., GHI Meeting on Sale of Land to Post Office (Voting)

Thurs., Nov. 2, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Voting Continues at GHI Office on Post Office.

## GHI Membership Vote Will Determine Whether To Sell Site to Post Office

by Leta Mach

In order to obtain the necessary membership approval for the proposed sale of 1.35 acres of Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC) land, a Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) membership meeting will be held at Center School Wednesday, November 1, at 8 p.m. Voting, via ballot, will occur following the meeting and continue the next day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the GHI office. The GHI membership will decide whether to sell the land at the southwestern corner of Crescent and Parkway roads to the U.S. Postal Service for \$101,000.

According to the post office, the present facility in the Center mall is inadequate. In a letter to GHI General Manager Royal Breashears, the Postal Service District Manager Dean S. Flemming stated that "the Postal Service has not found any other parcels (of land) in or near the Greenbelt Shopping Center which would be suitable to meet our customer needs." The site in question is located between the GDC apartments on Parkway Road and Crescent Road. Rental garages are located on 44% of the site. These garages would be torn down to build the post office.

Breashears pointed out at the October 12, GHI Board meeting that the garages need to be renovated. (See story on page 8). Screened by a band of trees on all sides, the parcel is 120 feet from the Parkway apartments and 40-75 feet from Crescent Road. Flemming assured Breashears that "the postal service does not presently utilize trailer trucks to transport mail to the Greenbelt office. If the Post Office were located at the GDC site, our current use of a 5-ton

truck to transport mail on an average of twice a day would remain unchanged."

It has been suggested that the post office could remodel its present building or another one in the Center, in particular the vacant theater. However, in his letter Flemming replied, "Renovation or remodeling a site in the Greenbelt Shopping Center would not be a viable alternative because of the type of facility required by the nature of our operations." City officials (who have discussed the post office in relation to the renovation of the Center mall) feel the postal service would not want a two-story building because of the problems steps would create for the handicapped. Another problem with the post office in the Center is the necessity of parking mail trucks on the city parking lots. It has also been mentioned at city and GHI meetings that post office prefer to own rather than lease property.

Post Office officials indicated to Breashears that if for some reason the new postal facility is not built on the land acquired, the post office will sell the land back to GHI at the same price. It is expected that a letter to this effect will reach GHI by the time of the special meeting.

### Views on Site Change

The proposed site for the new post office is about two city blocks from the center mall shopping center. For GHI members in the north end, this would be more centrally located than the present facility. Furthermore, the GHI Board feels "so located, the facility would continue to contribute to the viability of the Shopping Center." If GHI refuses to sell this property to the postal service, the post office threatens to leave the center of Greenbelt entirely. Many people

fear that the post office might move as far away as Beltway Plaza or the future Greenway Shopping Center. In a recent meeting of the Advisory Planning Board, the developers of Greenway Shopping Center across from Greenbriar apartments, south of Greenbelt Road called a post office a good tenant because it brings in people.

Rather than sell the wooded property, GHI member Bettie Denson said at a September 14 GHI Board meeting that she would prefer to have the post office move outside the center of Greenbelt and replace it with the kiosk now at Beltway Plaza. In response to such a question from Breashears, however, Flemming stated: "If the postal facility were located outside of the Greenbelt Shopping Center area, a sub-station in the Center could not be justified." At the behest of a city council concerned about the viability of the center shopping mall, City Manager James Giese has queried Flemming about leaving a customer service facility in the Center and relocating only the mail distribution facility. Such a customer service facility would sell stamps, take packages and provide postal boxes. Giese felt the route men could handle and receive mail as well as pick up and leave mail trucks at the distribution center. Flemming, however, replied that such an alternative "could not be economically justified."

Although Councilman Richard Castaldi had suggested in late September that some parkland swapping could be done by the city to provide the post office with a suitable site in the center, the city has not followed up on the proposal. Another late suggestion by a GHI member is that the post office remain in the center and buy just the Parkway garages and use that site to park mail trucks.

## Erosion Problem at Greenbelt Lake Is Treated with Sludge

by Bill Lombardi

Greenbelt Lake, a 23-acre man-made lake completed in 1936 for \$75,000 is showing signs of erosion near the concession and boat rental area from runoff during heavy rainstorms.

To remedy this situation, the Greenbelt Public Works Department is using composted sewage sludge as a soil conditioner to help grass seed germinate on the hill next to the lake.

Greenbelt Park Director Dennis Doornekamp said that the city is trying to establish a "good grass field" on the hill next to the lake to stop the erosion.

"There is a little bit of erosion near the concession stand, but we are trying to keep it down," Doornekamp said. "During rainstorms the water washing down the hill takes soil along with it. There are also gullies next to the roads leading to the lake," he said.

Use of the composted sewage sludge, which was obtained from the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) in Beltsville, will facilitate grass seed germination and act as a fertilizer at the same time, Doornekamp said.

The city has received 500 square yards of composted sewage sludge from Maryland Environmental Service, but only 300 square yards of the sludge is being used on the erosion problem at the lake, Doornekamp said. The other 200 square yards of sludge will be used at the Greenbelt dump, he said.

The sludge, which Doornekamp calls "residue from residents," is received by MES from the Blue Plains Sewage Treatment Plant in Washington, D.C.

MES Project Manager Charles W. Schriver said that when the sludge is received from Blue Plains, wood

chips are added to it. Then the sludge is heaped into compost piles where pipes circulate hot air under the piles so that the bacteria can break down the sludge. This process goes on for 21 days, Schriver said, and the end product looks like dry soil.

Doornekamp said that the city is receiving the sludge free from MES. The city only has to rent a ten-wheel dump truck to haul the sludge to the lake and dump it, he said.

The city has been dumping the sludge there for about two weeks, Doornekamp said. The sludge is then spread over the eroded portions of the hill and leveled off, he said.

Next the sludge is plowed under to mix it with the original soil, Schriver said. Grass seed will be spread and some grass will appear this fall and a healthy carpet of grass will appear in the spring, he promised.

Schriver and Doornekamp both agreed that this process of erosion control is safe and one of the best.

Doornekamp said, "I'm sure this will solve the problem of erosion and there won't be any pollution problem. If it wasn't safe, they wouldn't let us use it."

Schriver said, "It's great. It's a great soil conditioner and makes for a better root environment. And it has been given the okay by the state health department."

"It's just like a fertilizer," he said. "We (MES) give the sludge away free to federal, state and county agencies that can use it."

Schriver said that the sludge is safe enough to pick up with your bare hands. He said that the sludge may give off a slight odor, but no more than newly turned earth.

### CONCERT AT ROOSEVELT

The Eleanor Roosevelt senior high school Instrumental Music Department will be giving its first concert of the 1978-79 school year, on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The orchestra will play under the direction of Dorothy Pickard, and the concert and symphonic bands, under the baton of John McClendon.

A nominal fee will be charged, with discounts for students and senior citizens.

### Duplicate Bridge

Clare Jacobs and Shirley Bryant emerged victorious with Terry Peck and Betty Smythe a close second at the duplicate bridge game on October 20. Games begin at 7:30 every Friday evening at the Youth Center.

# ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS!

## Informal Membership Hearing

Wednesday, November 1 - 8-11 p.m.

Center School Gym

To Discuss

SALE OF GDC LAND FOR  
NEW GREENBELT POST OFFICE

Voting after the hearing Wednesday or all day Thursday,  
November 2, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.



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**Republican Campaign Notes**

About two hundred Republicans and Democrats from Greenbelt and other parts of the 24th Legislative District attended the Fish Fry on October 15 at Greenbelt Lake hosted by Leo Gerton in honor of Helen Gullett, a Republican Nominee for County Council, and Larry Hegan, Republican Nominee for County Executive.

In addition to the two honorees, several candidates of both parties who are vying for the three seats in the legislature from this district were present, and others competing for local and county-wide office.

Nancy Beall, wife of the Republican nominee for Governor was feted at a coffee given by Mrs. Susan Kendall of Springhill Lake on Friday, Oct. 20. This affair was one of a series given in her honor as she campaigned through Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

Assisting on arrangements was Mrs. Eunice Coxon of Greenbelt, Republican Co-Chairman of the 24th Legislative District. Voters of either party wishing to help in the Beall-Allen campaign are asked to call Mrs. Evelyn Mueller at 459-6396.

**Focus on School Board**

**To the Editor:**  
 Since virtually all the Greenbelt residents running for public office were eliminated in the September 12th Primary Elections, a great deal of attention is focused on the 2nd District School Board election. Both candidates for this non-partisan elective office are well known Greenbelters, so we are in the unusual position of having to choose the better of the two candidates.

This is such a luxury for Greenbelt voters, we can afford to be somewhat discriminating in our ultimate selection.

Five year incumbent, School Board member, Lesley Kreimer is being challenged this year by Muriel Weidenfeld, another Greenbelt resident.

Opponents of Mrs. Kreimer claimed that Kreimer has been inaccessible to her constituents. Greenbelters know that this has not been the case. To those interested in the significant school board issues of the past several years, including: the Senior High School opening; the elementary school closings process; and the recent Demographic Survey/Alternatives Study, Lesley Kreimer was our best source of information, as well as Greenbelt's articulate spokesperson.

Kreimer's opponents also assert that she is not aggressive enough. This raises the question—Do we really want and/or need an "aggressive" school board member representing Greenbelt?—I think not.

The upcoming school board election is extremely important to all Greenbelters, not just those parents with children in the system. One of the most valuable assets of a healthy and viable community is the schools within that community. The entire community has a stake in those schools.

I urge you to vote in the school board election on November 7 and I recommend that you reelect Lesley Kreimer.

Thomas X. White  
 Paid ad

**Hurray!**

**To the Editor:**

"Hurray" for Greenbelt! We GHI members waved those pink cards Wednesday night until our arms hurt. At last we voted to renovate our homes. Greenbelt has always been a wonderful place to live. Now we have voted to keep it that way. We now want our homes brought up to modern standards because we plan on staying in GHI. So you GHI members who have ideas on home improvements bring them to the board. Volunteer to serve on some of those committees. The hard work is ahead of us now. Let's make that "co-operative" spirit work for us.

Charles and Pat Brown

**Neighborhood Meetings**

**To the Editor:**

The first step toward rehabilitation has been taken by the GHI membership. Continued active participation by members is needed, however, to assure attainment of City and GHI goals. Potential future benefits exceed by far those already realized, or about to be realized, by the City and GHI.

Members can participate on a continuing basis by serving on committees. They can be heard, too, in the small court or neighborhood meetings that it is proposed be continued. These will be held in the GHI Administration Building or, by invitation, in members' homes. They are very useful as a means to answer questions and to receive suggestions. I urge members—questioners and skeptics especially—to hold or attend one of these meetings.

James W. Smith

**Weidenfeld Fund Raiser Sunday**

Muriel Weidenfeld, candidate for the Prince Georges County School Board from the 2nd district, announced her plans for a pizza party fund raiser.

Weidenfeld said that her fund raiser will be held at the Springhill Lake Community House on Sun., Oct. 29, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained by calling 345-2327 or 345-8786. Tickets can also be obtained at the door on the evening of the fund raiser.

**Roosevelt Calendar**

- Concerts**  
 Nov. 2 - Instrumental Concert, ERHS Auditorium; 8 p.m.  
 Nov. 9 - Choral Concert; ERHS Auditorium, 8 p.m.  
**Drama**  
 Nov. 16 & 18 - "A Thurber Carnival", ERHS Auditorium; 8 p.m.  
 Nov. 19 "A Thurber Carnival, ERHS Auditorium, 2 p.m.  
**PISA**  
 Nov. 21 - Meeting, 8 p.m. to discuss Project Basic.  
**Football**  
 Oct. 28 - Roosevelt at Fairmont Hgts. - 1:30 p.m.  
 Nov. 4 - HOMECOMING - Oxon Hill at Roosevelt - 1:30 p.m.  
 Nov. 11 - Douglas at Roosevelt - 1:30 p.m.  
**Girls Volleyball**  
 Oct. 30 - Gwynn Park at Roosevelt.  
 Nov. 1 - Roosevelt at Fairmont Hgts.  
**Soccer**  
 Oct. 30 - Gwynn Park at Roosevelt - 4 p.m.  
 Nov. 1 - Roosevelt at Fairmont - 2:45 p.m.

**CITY NOTES**

The city crew has finished and tested the sewer hook up for Green Ridge House. The disturbed area was restored with top soil and seed. Shrubbery has been replanted and fences were put back in place.

Beltsville sludge was spread as a soil conditioner in the Lake Park between the parking lot, playground and bandstand. Preparations are being made to reseed.

The general crew also worked on the athletic field at the old landfill site at the end of Northway. The city received fill dirt from the new Stidham Office Building tract.

Last week the refuse crew collected 7 tons, 410 lbs. of paper, down from 10 tons, 540 lbs. the previous week. The paper was disposed of at P.G. Scrap.

Work has begun on the addition to the firehouse.

The southern half of the field has been graded and the stockpile of sludge was spread. After the sludge was used up, well-rotted leaf mold was spread over the remainder of the area. Lime was added to neutralize the effect of the leafmold, grass seed was sown and the land rolled. An area of 70 x 300 feet was prepared for parking, which will accommodate 60 cars; no base material or paving has been applied. It is hoped that the entire landfill - the site of new ballfields - will be completed this fall.

**Fun Runs**

This Saturday's Fun Runs will consist of ¼ mile, 1 mile, and 3 miles. Starting time is 9 a.m. There are no sign-ups or entry fees, but people should arrive a few minutes early in order to receive pre-run instructions. The course will be the 1¼ + mile path around the lake, with the Gunner's Mate Concession Stand as the gathering place.

The next fun run on November 11 will feature prizes to all finishers in all runs, including certificates. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

**Methodist Church Bazaar**

The Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar to benefit the Mowatt Memorial Building Fund will take place Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the all-purpose room on the upper floor of the church at 40 Ridge Rd.

People can do Christmas shopping early by buying homemade items, handicrafts, fruit cakes, calendars, and many other articles.

There will also be a special surprise for the youngsters.

**GHI Notes**

On Tues., October 31, at 8 p.m., the board and staff will discuss management's recommendations on the 1979 budget. Budget hearings will be scheduled in the next few weeks, which members will be invited to attend.

Members are needed to serve on GHI committees, particularly the Aesthetics and Environment Committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee, and the Engineering and Maintenance Committee. These committees will be actively involved in making decisions regarding the rehabilitation program voted on by the membership last Wednesday. Many details, such as choosing possible color patterns for frame and cinder block siding, will need to be addressed by members of the committees. Members who would like to give their input on these committees are asked to contact Sandra Barnes, 474-5566.

**Greenbelt's Library**

Halloween Spooks House and Stories, Oct. 30, 7-8 p.m., Meeting Room, Ages 6-10 Costumes required.

Great Movie Memories (Adults) - "Tales of Hoffman"; "Gull Island", 7-9 p.m., Meeting Room.

Creative Crafts For The Family will begin on Sat., Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room with Tin Can Craft. Earl Fowler, tin can hobbyist and author, will demonstrate how to turn tin cans into beautiful creations. Please bring tin snips, needle nose pliers, compass, grease pencil, ruler and 2 metal (not aluminum) soda size cans. Please register in advance by calling 345-5800. This program will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired.

**Mishkan Torah News**

Rabbi Kenneth Berger will discuss "How to Make Your Own Torah" on Fri., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. at the Mishkan Torah. Saturday services begin at 9:30 a.m. with a special program for children starting at 10:30 a.m.

**L. Kreimer Party**

Lesley Kreimer member of the Prince Georges County Board of Education and candidate for reelection will hold a pre-election "thank-you" gathering for her campaign workers, supporters and friends at her home in Greenbelt. Everyone is invited to join Lesley and her family this Sunday at 8270 Canning Terrace between 1 and 3 p.m. for fresh cider, doughnuts and other refreshments.

**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)  
 YOUTH SUNDAY  
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham  
 Pastor - 474-3381

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

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 Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville  
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 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 (Holy Communion 1st Sunday)  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector  
 422-8057

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 Mid-week prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm

For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays.

**Greenbelt Community Church**

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

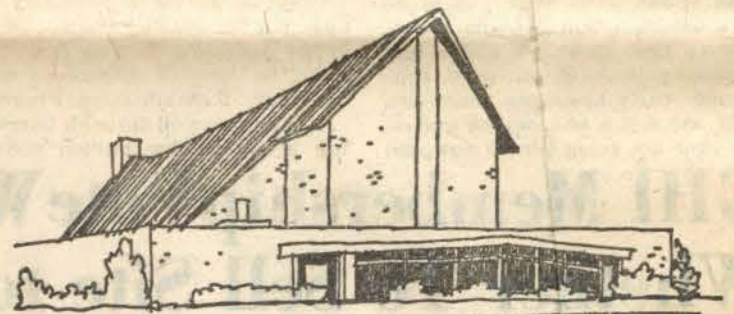
Sunday

Church School for all - 9:45

Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



**Retirement Dinner For Buddy Attick**

Greenbelt American Legion Hall

Sunday, November 5, 1978

4:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available for the dinner in honor of Albert S. "Buddy" Attick who is retiring after 40 years of service to the City. Tickets are \$5.00 for a roast beef and stuffed chicken breast buffet dinner, and may be purchased at the Greenbelt Finance Department on the first floor of the Municipal Building Addition. Tickets must be purchased before November 1, 1978 and only a limited number are available. For further information, call Greenbelt City Offices, 474-8000.



# Pros and Cons on Sale of Land for Post Office

## Exchange of Letters on Post Office

City Manager James K. Giese sent the following letter on October 2 to the United States Postal Service. Giese received a reply dated October 11 from Dean S. Flemming, District Manager, Maryland DC District.

Dear Mr. Flemming:

The City Council is aware of the negotiations that have taken place between the Postal Service and Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI) regarding the purchase of a new site for the Greenbelt post office. Mr. Royal Breashears, Manager of GHI, has provided me with copies of your letter of September 25, 1978 responding to questions raised by GHI as to the need for a new site.

Some members of the City Council are concerned with the relocating of the post office outside the Greenbelt commercial center, even though the property owned by GHI is within a block of the center. The responses to GHI did not directly answer one question that has been raised by some members of the Council and I would appreciate your comments and response to it: **Question:** Is it possible to have a customer service facility located within the shopping center while relocating the mail distribution facility to another location?

By a customer service facility, I mean a small facility that would provide mail and postal boxes, sell stamps and accept packages, and by distribution facility, I mean the site where the route men receive and handle daily mail, and pick up and leave their delivery vehicles.

Sincerely,  
James K. Giese

Dear Mr. Giese:

This is in reference to your letter dated October 3, 1978, concerning the possibility of having a Customer Service Facility located within the shopping center while relocating the Mail Distribution Facility to another location.

I am sure you can appreciate the responsibility all public officials have to assure that in addition to providing the best possible service, consideration must be given to the economic cost/benefit of any alternatives considered.

The Postal Service has that same responsibility and we have found that the alternative you have described could not be economically justified. We recognize that some of our customers may be required to revise their mailing habits, however, we are sure that the improved facilities will be of more value. I would like to thank you for your interest in the Postal Service and assure you that the concerns expressed will be satisfied with the proposed improvement.

Very truly yours,  
Dean S. Flemming

## 10-Mile Round Trip

After receiving the mailing about the referendum on November 1, regarding the sale of a parcel of GDC property to the Postal Service, I had a discussion with the Greenbelt Postmaster regarding the situation.

From that discussion I found that the Postal Service has for quite some time been trying to seek a solution to their problems regarding their customer and operational needs. And you will note Mr. Flemming's letter states: "The Postal Service has not found any other parcels in or near the Greenbelt Shopping Center which would be suitable to meet our customer and operational needs." Yes - proposals submitted to city council for a new facility located in the Greenbelt Shopping Center did not get off the ground. As a result, the Postal Service is now seeking a parcel from GHI so that a new facility can be built close to the Greenbelt Shopping Center.

From my discussion with the Postmaster I found the problem with the present facility is two-fold. First, the building is rapidly becoming too small to handle customer needs. One sign is the bank of temporary post office boxes located in the lobby. Second, there is no secure area to store mail delivery vehicles overnight. Yes - even though the parking lot in the

Center is lighted and the Police Station is only a short distance away, on one occasion six mailmen found the tires slashed on their vehicles when they went to use them one morning! And there have been other acts of vandalism to these vehicles!

When you get down to the bottom line, the situation is simply this: With the position that city council has taken with regard to making a parcel of city property available for a new postal facility in or near the Greenbelt Shopping Center, it now becomes up to the membership of GHI to determine whether or not the new facility for the Postal Service will be built near the Greenbelt Shopping Center!

Yes - we would lose a few trees! Yes - we would lose a few rundown garages that are too small to hold a full size car! Yes - we might have some additional increase in noise level in the immediate area! But that is a very small trade-off when the alternative might be a 10-mile round trip when you want to buy a book of stamps or mail a package! So - on the evening of November 1, I will cast a yes vote since I would like to see the postal facility remain close to the Greenbelt Shopping Center. And I urge you to vote likewise if that is your desire also.

Ben A. Hogensen

## Error in Judgment

Recently the people of Greenbelt received, in the mail, a proposal to sell by GDC approximately 59,000 sq. ft. of land located off Parkway Road to the U. S. Postal Service. I am opposed to such a sale for the effect it will eventually have on the people of Greenbelt.

To move the Post Office out of the center will create a loss to the other businesses in the center as well as inconvenience the people. I also believe this sale will destroy the purpose and idea behind the center's existence.

If we are to believe the Parkway site will make the Post Office centrally located, how can the move convenience anyone going to the various businesses in the center and then traveling two city blocks to Parkway? The statement that the postal facility would continue to contribute to the viability of the

shopping center, although its location is two city blocks away, is not sound reasoning. No business two city blocks away contributes or patronizes the center area.

I raise serious doubts when a postal manager states that no other parcel of land is acceptable in or near the Greenbelt Shopping Center that is suitable to the operation of the post office. Since we all agree that several trees will have to be cut down at the Parkway site, what was wrong with the site at Candy Cane City? The area would not have to be as large, since there exists a parking area. This would keep the Post Office in the center where it belongs. However, if we MUST move but prefer NOT to cut down trees, what is wrong with the area across from the lake near the entrance to Boxwood Village?

Greenbelt needs a center with ALL businesses in its area. If we allow the businesses to gradually leave the center to other areas of Greenbelt, then the center will eventually leave the city. It will be too late then to admit a gross error in judgment by this sale on the importance of the center to the people of Greenbelt.

R. F. Don Bullian

## Protest Vigorously

The sale of land between Parkway Road and the firehouse for a Post Office relocation would be disastrous for Greenbelt and for GHI. The City of Greenbelt owes much of its strength to its concept of strong central planning and cohesive interaction of living space, community space and nature. The destruction of the wooded area at Crescent and Parkway Roads for development of any kind violates all three precepts and further deteriorates Greenbelt's founding philosophy.

Greenbelt is a community of substance, not buffers. If allowed to become a series of parking lots surrounded by buffer strips, we will find Greenbelt irreparably changed for the worse.

The segment of the Greenbelt population who will be most immediately hurt by the proposed relocation of the Post Office is not allowed a vote on this land sale. These people, the residents of the Parkway Apartments, are in most

instances long-standing Greenbelt residents. Already beset by noise from Braden Field, the firehouse and Center bound traffic, they will find the additional noise generated by the Post Office facility unbearable. This residential neighborhood is no place to locate the Post Office. In addition to being told they must put up with additional noise, traffic and parking problems, they are faced with the prospect of seeing their, and our trees bulldozed for a parking lot. These trees, the strongest asset of the apartments and clearly our asset as well, must not fall victim to pipedreams of lowering GHI monthly payments. Isn't that how all of GHI's other land slipped away?

The GHI membership shouldn't believe we are powerless to the whims of the Post Office. If we protest vigorously, in no uncertain terms demand our Post Office in the Center where it belongs, and refuse the sale of this land to the Post Office, then we will retain our city as we love it. The GHI board in proposing this sale is being insensitive to the elderly, who will be made to walk further, insensitive to the residents surrounding the site, and insensitive to the very concepts on which Greenbelt is founded.

The Post Office can function very well in the Center and must be forced to serve us better by remaining there. Vote no to GHI sale of our green space.

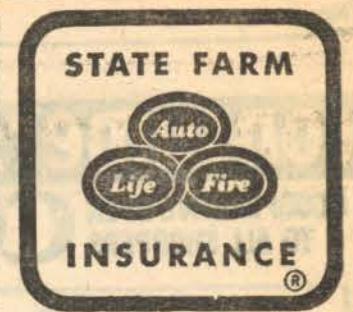
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## Vote to Sell

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**GHI Rehab Vote cont'**

urged members to "vote this (project) down at this time." Jack Steifer took a still harder position, charging "incompetent planning (that) leads me to believe we can't entrust this organization with five million dollars of my money." Angela Morris and Ronald Lewis limited their aim to the siding amendment itself; they felt that installation of siding should be left to the individual member, Lewis arguing that GHI was "not like an apartment complex". Two other members took opposite sides on still a different question, whether or not to install new windows on the frame homes.

To questioners who asked "why should brick homeowners vote for siding on the frame homes", and to Lewis' argument that renovation should be carried out individually, Smith replied "we are a housing cooperative - we have a responsibility for spreading the charges". He answered Conrad's question on heating costs by saying that the cost of fuel oil has gone up, and responded to Steifer's charge of mistrust by noting that the financial institutions supporting the project would require the work to be inspected.

After Bobbi McCarthy spoke in favor of installing siding and for the project in general, and director Williams reasoned that "individually it will cost us a lot more to do the same work", with Eunice Coxon criticizing McCarthy's statement as coming from one who "herself isn't going to pay one cent for rehabilitation," a large majority voted to cut off debate and vote on the siding amendment; it passed 284 to 206.

**Storm Window Amendment Passes**

A second amendment proposed by Joseph Dalis would have the effect of enforcing replacement of present masonry home windows by entirely new ones. Dalis argued that besides consultants' recommendations for new windows, there was a safety hazard involved in that people could not escape through the present windows in case of emergency. However after several members including Mathew Amberg, director Donald Volk and Phillip Stitt spoke against this for reasons such as "allowing latitude (to) hold down costs," and that the homes were "designed with these windows," the amendment was defeated by a large majority.

Further questions followed from some members living in frame homes who were concerned that new windows would be forced on them against their wishes. One member pointed out that he had already renovated, and questioned whether he would be charged again for the over-all project. Smith assured the former homeowners that "flexibility" and "deviations" would be allowed, and gave a qualified "no" to the latter in saying that special cases would be dealt with individually.

Before Frank Gervasi offered a last amendment to the main motion, to allow an option of installing storm windows over the original windows on the frame homes - which he said would save several hundred dollars per home - Eric Barber and Bruce Bowman spoke in support of the board's handling of the rehabilitation project. Barber urged members to "get on a committee" and "go out there and work on these problems we're faced with." Bowman, mentioning his own experience as a real estate appraiser, said "the board deserves our great respect for having done a reasonable job . . . (and) getting a rehabilitation project at a ridiculously low cost." Benjamin Elkins gave one final criticism of the project, saying it was "ill-timed" and could be done more cheaply two years from now, and urged the gathering to "give this plan back to the board to do a better job."

With these last exchanges, the stage was set for a vote first on the Gervasi amendment and then on the main motion itself. Gervasi's amendment passed on a fairly close vote of 210 to 168. The assemblage then was able to vote on the rehabilitation project as a whole; but even then just before this, a questioner wanted a clear statement from chairman Smith as

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by Wayne Lewis

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to the resulting increase in monthly charges. Smith answered "between 9% and 10% in 1979." Finally, as said at the outset, the project was approved by a vote of 273 to 140, climaxing a meeting striking for its extent of orderly member participation.

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## School Closing Hits Junior High Level

by Mary Lou Williamson

All three junior high schools serving Greenbelt will be among those considered by the Prince Georges Board of Education for possible closing. Task Forces will be appointed in late November to study 17 schools in three areas of the county where student enrollment is declining.

At its October 12 meeting Prince Georges County Board of Education added five schools in study area II-B—including Mary Bethune and Kent—to the list of those to be studied. Greenbelt Junior High, study area I-B, was already on that list.

Task forces will consist of representatives from each school in the study area—principal, teacher, PTA official and two parents. Where applicable, one parent will be selected from the walking community and one from the bused community. In addition each school will have one non-parent community representative. This year, however, the principal and teacher will be non-voting members.

### Greenbelt Junior High

Greenbelt Junior High (GJHS) was originally built in 1937 as Greenbelt High School. It was converted to a junior high in 1951.

Today, the school has a capacity of 1195 students and a projected enrollment for 1978 of 810. Thus the current utilization figure falls at 67.8%. Study area I-B also includes Bladensburg, Buck Lodge, Hyattsville, Mt. Rainier, Nicholas Orem, Rollingcrest and William Wirt. By 1980 all but two are projected at less than 80% utilization; Mt. Rainier and GJHS are the only schools projected at less than 70%.

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### Kent

Kent Junior High was built in 1950, just west of what is now Landover Mall. About 30 students residing in Greenbriar and Windsor Green are bused 11 miles to the school.

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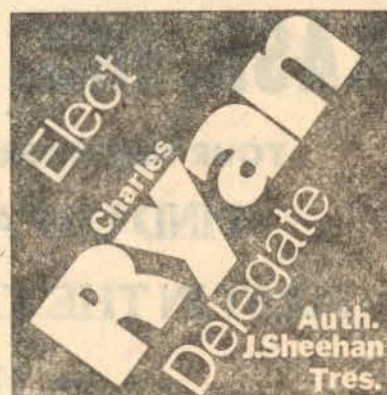
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## education

A graduate of Georgetown University with a BA in Foreign Affairs, I also hold a Masters Degree from the University of Maryland in Urban Affairs and am a doctoral candidate at the university in Urban Affairs. I am also a graduate of courses taken at the U.S. State Department and the Harvard School of Business.



## community

I have been active in numerous civic and youth activities and am a director of the Bowie YMCA, a director of the Prince George's Mental Health Association, chairman of the Maryland Track and Field Development Association, a director of the

Association, a former member of the Prince George's County Human Relations Committee.

## experience

Currently I am a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from the 24th District and an instructor of Political Science at Prince George's Community College. Prior to my appointment as a member of the House of Delegates, I was employed as Prince George's County Liaison for the Maryland Executive Department and have held positions as Staff Aide to Senator Edmund S. Muskie, as Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, and Special Assistant posts in the U.S. Departments of Labor and Commerce.

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by John Seng

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"The type of developments planned will definitely be something to be proud of," Michael offers. Capital Cadillac, a 60,000 sq. ft. new car dealership, is already taking shape, while a majority of the other planned structures will begin construction in the spring of 1979. These include a 1500-seat banquet hall and mini-convention center, a five-story 60,000 sq. ft. office building, a 20-to-25 story tower office building-motel, and a new club-type restaurant next to the Cadillac dealer. The restaurant is modeled after well-known Elan restaurants in Houston and Dallas, Texas.

In addition, four low-rise office buildings will be built in the southwestern area of the Golden Triangle, just off Greenbelt Rd. But Michael added, "It will probably be 10 years before they are finished."

Officials are currently negotiating with prospective tenants of these low-rises. Seeking "first class users who don't want offices above some store . . . people more interested in the surroundings than the price," Michael visualizes the offices housing major corporate divisional headquarters. Since negotiations have not been finalized, specific names of interested corporations could not be disclosed.

Aside from design frills, Michael expects possible future Metrorail access to attract top tenants to the four office buildings. "I think the Metro idea is fantastic," he declared, "and I favor a Greenbelt extension."

Keeping the Greenbelt community in mind, a court-shaped access road will service the Indian Springs city park area in the northern sector of the Triangle.

**Headquarters Building**

On the other side of the tract, a five-story office building featuring an interior court topped by a glass canopy will serve as the headquarters for the Kenneth H. Michael companies. In addition, a new bank, stock brokerage, travel agency, savings and loan company, real estate firm, and law offices will occupy the building, which still remains unnamed.

The whole Triangle development was redesigned after the State of Maryland reserved the southeastern corner for the possible future paving of a Greenbelt Rd. to Baltimore-Washington Parkway ramp. The decision, which resulted in a loss of several million dollars to the Michael firm, "delayed the project for a couple years since we had to recompute all grading and relocate Capital Cadillac," declared Michael. "And," he continued, "the ramp may never even materialize." According to a State Highway Administration spokesman, the state has no firm plans to purchase the parcel, although its acquisition has been approved by the Federal government.



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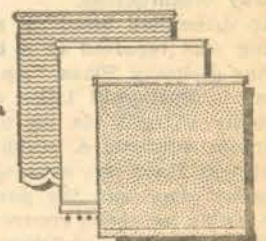
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## Section 8 Eligibility, Post Office Sale, Higher Fuel Prices Occupy GHI Board

by Leta Mach

The proposed land sale to the post office and the criteria for selecting section 8 recipients under the rehabilitation program were the chief items discussed at the October 12, meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors.

### Section 8 Assistance

In a memorandum to the GHI board, General Manager Royal Breashears recommended section 8 assistance should go to the lowest income members first and that geographic distribution of the assisted units should be considered. An effort will be made to achieve parity between households of different sizes before arriving at an adjusted gross income figure. This figure would be used to select the 325 members who would receive section 8 assistance. If this assistance becomes concentrated in one court or group of courts, it is recommended that the assistance be given to an area with fewer section 8 commitments.

Although he was "not in favor of increasing complexity", board member Wayne Williams wondered whether some consideration should be given for length of GHI membership. Breashears replied he thought that would defeat the purpose. Board member Norman Weyel questioned the geographic criteria. Breashears noted that recipients would be reevaluated each year. Nevertheless, Deputy General Manager Ken Kopstein stated that only those whose income rose above the cut-off level would be dropped. Board member Steve Polaschik suggested the member relations committee study the criteria further.

### Post Office

To discuss the next item of business, Breashears provided the board with a proposed mailing for the GHI membership about the proposed sale of Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC—a wholly owned subsidiary of GHI) property to the post office. A membership meeting on the matter will be held Wednesday, November 1 at 8 p.m., at Center School with voting by ballot that evening and the following day at the GHI office.

In late September the board voted to sell 1.35 acres of land at the southwestern corner of Crescent and Parkway to the post office for \$101,000 subject to membership approval. Presently rental garages which bring in \$5,000-6,000 a year are located on 44% of the tract.

### Police Blotter

As a result of investigation Det. Brumley has been able to close the rape case reported on August 30 with the apprehension of a 32 year old resident of Silver Spring who is thought to be responsible for eight rapes in this county and fourteen cases in Montgomery County. Grand jury action is pending at this time.

In cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation the department has also been able to close the armed robbery of the Maryland Federal Savings & Loan that occurred in November, 1977. Two subjects have been apprehended.

Five cars and one moped were reported stolen last week. One car was recovered by Officer Sappington, and the Prince Georges County Police recovered three others in nearby communities.

An attempted breaking and entering was reported at a business in the Beltway Plaza. An apartment in Springhill Lake was reportedly entered via an unlocked bedroom window. A residence on Northway Road was entered via an unlocked door and the purse that was stolen has been recovered.

PFC Watkins and Officer Murray responded to a call involving disorderly persons in a theater at Beltway Plaza. As a result, two sisters—one 17 and one 18 from Silver Spring—were brought to headquarters and charged. The juvenile was released to her father and the adult was transported to the Commissioner and released on personal recognizance.

However, the garages are in need of renovation and Breashears estimated the cost of such work at \$17,000. Although the garages would be torn down for the postal facility, board member Virginia Moryadas felt the post office lot would provide parking spaces at night.

Board members suggested the mailing to GHI members include Breashears' letter to post office officials about efforts to improve Greenbelt's postal facility and the reply he received from Dean S. Flemming, district manager of the post office.

Members of the audience asked questions about price, leasing the land, buying it back, and the design of the future post office. Breashears noted that post offices prefer to buy land. Williams felt the increased price would make buying back the land, if the post office should move, prohibitive. Weyel felt the government would not be tied down by such a clause. Although the contract has been written, board member Steve Polaschik suggested the subject could still be broached. Because of questions about the value of the land, new board member Bobbi McCarthy felt the membership mailing should explain how the selling price was arrived at.

Although GHI officials don't know yet what the building will look like, it will be screened from view on all sides by a band of trees. The distance between the site and Crescent Road varies from 40-75 feet. Also the site will be 120 feet from the Parkway Apartments.

Much discussion centered on how the proceeds from the sale would be used. President James Smith proposed a resolution, which carried, to put the money in land sale reserves. McCarthy then moved that a portion of these funds from the land sale reserves be made available to GDC to finance rehabilitation. This also passed. It was suggested that the money be lent to GDC at 6-7% interest, considerably less than an 11% outstanding loan GDC used to fix the roof and glass blocks in an apartment building. Moryadas wondered whether there would be any tax disadvantages in these transactions. The matter will be looked into.

### Other Business

Breashears informed the board of the third increase in fuel oil prices in thirty days. Takoma Fuel Company has increased the price of #2 oil by  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cent per gallon.

He also noted that he has been informed by Giese that 89 GHI members are on the elderly housing mailing list. Board members felt that many of these people would not actually move, especially if they received section 8 funds. However, many felt that financing could be a problem.

A member of the audience complained about notices sent to some people renting garages stating that they cannot be used for storage. He felt that most cars were too big for the garages and that the inspections were an invasion of privacy. He was informed that the lease states the garages can be inspected and are to be used only for parking automobiles. Board members felt that the severe parking problem could be alleviated if the garages were used to park cars.

The board was informed that Ellen Farr from the long-range planning committee has accepted the position on the audit committee vacated by Bobbi McCarthy.

The board changed the first budget hearing to October 24 and moved the second November board meeting to November 16.



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