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## City Council, GHI and Bond Underwriters Discuss Financing of GHI Rehabilitation

by Mary Lou Williamson

All five members of the Greenbelt City Council and all nine Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., met together in an informal work session Wednesday, March 28 in the Council Chambers. GHI had asked for the work session to explore the possibility of financing its rehabilitation program through tax-exempt municipal bonds. (See article in the March 8, 1979, issue of the *News Review*.) Council listened to and asked questions of William G. Stewart, bond underwriter, and Mark Pollak, bond counsel. Some twenty interested citizens, mostly GHI members, came to listen.

Recognizing that GHI comprises a substantial portion of Greenbelt and, therefore, that GHI's problem of financing is of concern to the entire community, council was willing to explore GHI's request.

In setting the ground rules for the work session, Mayor Richard Pilski indicated that council "was here just to ask for some information this evening." He cautioned against getting involved in any discussion, particularly of GHI rehabilitation. He told the audience they would have opportunities to speak at regular city council meetings and, if council gets that far, at a public hearing.

### Current Options

GHI President James W. Smith outlined for council the various avenues of financing — feasible and otherwise — which GHI has explored during the past year in its efforts to find the least expensive financing for its \$5 million rehabilitation program. At present, Smith told council, GHI has three feasible options:

(1) **Conventional or commercial loan, unsecured (no insurance)** with interest rate of 13%. However, GHI would be required to maintain a large balance in a non-interest bearing account, thus making the real interest 15%. Smith said GHI found this option "not very attractive."

(2) **State Bond Program**, through the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). GHI is currently proceeding along this avenue and is "attempting now to meet all CDA's requirements," Smith stated "but there are significant limitations. CDA requires an amendment to the old GHI mutual ownership contracts which would make the mortgage the first obligation of the members thus enabling GHI to obtain insurance for the loan. In eight days, 255 members have signed and returned those amendments to GHI (CDA requires 650). Seems as if we might get what we need here." CDA also imposes income limits on loans to individual GHI members. "Now," Smith said, "we could comply, but if the income limits are not routinely raised to keep up with inflation, we could get into trouble. Or, if a low income member sells to a high income buyer, a portion of the mortgage must be paid back."

(3) **City Revenue Bonds**. A number of cities have developed low-cost mortgage bond programs for their citizens, Smith told council, and he "hoped that the city would afford (GHI) the opportunity" for similar low-cost financing for rehabilitation.

### City Revenue Bonds

Stewart, who is vice president, Municipal Bond Department, Alex Brown & Sons, a Baltimore underwriting firm, outlined the municipal mortgage revenue bond program. The City of Greenbelt, he said,

would be the issuing body. The revenue bonds unlike general obligation bonds, would not be backed up by taxing authority and would not affect the legal debt limitation of 10% of the assessed valuation of the city. There would be "absolutely no liability placed on the City of Greenbelt," he said. Rather, the bonds would be "secured by the assets of GHI — through a first mortgage — insured by private mortgage insurers."

If the city approved the plan within the next two months, Stewart said his firm "could be ready (to sell bonds) within three to four months, meaning August or September."

In effect, Stewart explained, "the city would be the conduit through which to get (inexpensive) tax-exempt bonds." He expects the interest rate, with an "A" rating to be 7 to 7 1/4% if the market remains where it is today. The cost to GHI would be a little higher to pay for insurance and the expenses of issuing the bonds, perhaps 1%.

### Charter Amendment

Mark Pollak, bond counsel, Piper & Marbury, Baltimore, briefly outlined for council the initial actions that would be required of the city. First, the city would have to amend its charter to authorize the specific kinds of projects which might be financed through revenue bonds. A Charter amendment, which must be publicly advertised for 4 weeks, becomes effective after a 50-day waiting period unless petitioned to referendum. Such a petition must be signed by 25 percent of the city's registered voters.

In the second step, according to Pollak, the city would write an ordinance for a specific project — in this case GHI rehabilitation.

Stewart indicated that he would be willing to start work on this very complicated transaction as soon as the council approved the Charter amendment.

### Questions

Most of the two and a half hour information-packed work session involved questions by council and city manager with answers fielded by Stewart and Pollak. GHI board and management were available to fill in with specific information about GHI.

A number of questions concerned the extent to which the program might be broadened. Several possibilities were tossed out — rehabilitation of non-GHI, single family housing, or the commercial center or new construction of an office building or new single family housing. Pollak told council: "you have a tremendous amount of authority" to develop revenue bonds projects, provided they "have a public purpose . . . The Charter amendment can be as broad or as narrow as you want to make it. Residential projects are . . . favored, others would include: sports facility, convention center, parking garage, solid waste disposal, but not items which would end up assisting a private developer." Later, he emphasized to council the charter amendment must be general in nature, that it could not be directed toward a specific project such as GHI.

### Lower Denomination?

Concerned about facilitating the sale of the bonds within Greenbelt, Councilman Thomas X. White asked "who determines the denomination? Could it be lower?" Stewart explained that while \$1,000 or \$100 denominations could be written, such bonds would not sell as easily if the original purchaser wanted to sell them. "Almost without exception," he said municipal bonds are \$5,000.

### Trustee

"After bonds are issued," asked

City Manager James K. Giese, "How are the proceeds disbursed?"

"A bank with a reputation for competent corporate trust department would be selected as trustee," Stewart explained. "As construction proceeds, GHI would present invoices to the bank. The bank would then pay out money to GHI or, perhaps, directly to the contractor."

### Negotiated Sale

White asked Stewart whether it would be appropriate for the city to follow its usual custom of seeking competitive bids from bond companies if the city approves a bond issue. Stewart indicated the arrangement would have to be a "negotiated sale" between the city and the bond underwriter, which he hoped would be his company, Alex Brown & Sons. He explained the role his company would play: "We would be the senior underwriter. We would prepare legal documents and official statements which would contain extensive information on the corporation, its history and development, the program for rehabilitation and the city's condition. We would then bring a rating agency to tour the city and GHI, talk with the people in charge, set preliminary prices on the bonds and test the market, and negotiate the final interest rate and compensation of the underwriters."

Giese wanted to know whether all this work was "speculative?"

"Yes. We work on a contingency basis," Stewart explained. "If we do all this work preparing to sell the bonds on September 10 and on September 9 it falls through, we will be expecting no compensation. We'll send you no bill."

Giese indicated that while he "understood that a negotiated sale is often the best way to market bonds, it sticks in the craw not to go out for bid as is the custom for municipal government. How can you assure we are getting the best interest rate?"

"We will be continually informing you of what the market is doing . . . being more specific as the date draws close. We have to walk a very fine line between the ultimate investor and the municipality. We have to please both; if we don't, we won't get future business," he said. "You won't keep quiet about it, if you are unhappy. And we hope you won't keep quiet, if you are."

Will this issue affect the city's bond rating? asked several. "The (GHI rehabilitation) revenue bonds should be able to get an AA rating," replied Stewart. "Greenbelt currently has a one major bond . . . currently has a B/AA-1 rating. The city has only floated one major bond issue for less than a million dollars ten years ago." The GHI program, he felt, would be a stimulus for increased investor awareness of and interest in Greenbelt. It "shows concern on the part of the city." Stewart continued, "makes it self-evident that you are helping yourself by improving your housing stock. It gets your name out into the marketplace and should help with the sale of the city's general obligation bonds."

### \$5 million or \$8 million?

Pilski inquired of Stewart, "How did you come up with this figure of \$5 million?"

"GHI came to us . . . The basic package — storm windows, insulation, etc. — is expected to cost \$5 million; then, members, at their own option, can add individual projects amounting up to another \$3 million." Pilski asked whether Stewart had researched the data at



Children at Center School ready to launch their balloons.

Photo by Jay Henson

## Winning Balloons Sail Away To Land In Virginia Towns

by Barbara Likowski

Tameaka White, Knolyn Early and Eun Yi Chung have been declared winners of the Center balloon contest, ending a little over two weeks of suspense and wonder over whose balloon would go farthest.

It all began on March 21 when Center children and faculty released over 600 helium-filled balloons into the air. Each balloon had a card attached with the sender's name and a request that the finder put the card in an envelope and mail it to Center School.

A few balloons were released rather reluctantly by those children too young to foresee what might happen to their balloons but old enough to realize that they held in their hands instruments for fun and activity. Some of the children from the morning kindergarten class did let go only to see their balloons go up a few feet and fall down again. Their disappointment was changed to joy when more helium was added and the balloons soared off.

Unfortunately, some sailed right into what seemed to be a balloon eating tree near the school and left some children feeling sad. But wind does strange things and Patsy Latimer from the hearing-impaired classes, who saw her balloon land in a tree, later found that it had blown loose and had traveled to Clinton.

As excitement mounted, to keep students and faculty up to date on balloon information, a large map of Maryland and other parts of the metropolitan area was placed in the hall across from the office. On top of the map was a balloon that had Center School written on it. A string from the balloon was attached to a pin that was stuck on Greenbelt. Every time a balloon was returned, a paper balloon, with the child's name on it was put outside the map and the balloon's string stretched and pinned to that place on the map that represented where the balloon had been found.

Two days after the balloons were launched, the first two balloons were returned. They belonged to Victoria Allen, a first grader in Mrs. Foman's room, whose balloon landed in Brandywine, and Marian Swinger, a second grader in Mrs. Taylor's room, whose balloon went to Waldorf.

After that, excitement grew and grew. There seemed always to be someone studying the map. Yet less than a dozen balloons were returned.

And when the prize winners were announced, it was as if a balloon had been dropped and the excite-

ment fizzled down like air escaping from a balloon.

What happened to the rest? The children asked each other — but no one knew. They guessed some had fallen in the river or got tangled in trees.

First place winner Tameaka White, from Mrs. Manning's kindergarten class, knew hers had been found on a farm near Callo, Virginia. Another kindergarten pupil, Knolyn Early, had hers picked up near Oldhams, Va. Third prize would have gone to Mrs. Mary McQuillan, a faculty member in the hearing impaired program, since hers was found near Colonial Beach, Va. But only students were competing. Instead third prize winner was Eun Yi Chung, a first grader in Mrs. Field's class, whose balloon was found near Charlotte Hall. The three top winners will each receive a game as their prize.

Other balloons returned were Kim Delp's (Ms. Shirley's fifth grade) from New Carrollton, and Jimmy Haney (first grader from Mrs. Foman's room) from Clinton.

## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, April 16, 1979  
8 p.m.

### I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Council Meetings.
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

### III. OLD BUSINESS

9. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7-1, "PRECINCTS", OF CHAPTER 7, "ELECTIONS", OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF CITY ELECTIONS THE CITY SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR PRECINCTS INSTEAD OF THREE BY ADDING PRECINCT 13, THEREBY ESTABLISHING THE SAME PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AS ESTABLISHED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.
10. Request for Special Assessment Financing of Street Construction for Springhill Lake North

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

11. Bid Award — Fire Works
12. Employment of Auditor for City Audit

### V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda subject to change.

### WHAT GOES ON

Mon., April 16, 9 a.m. SHARP — Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Greenbelt Lake Park. RAIN LOCATION: 10 a.m., Greenbelt Youth Center.  
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.  
Tues., April 17, 7:30 p.m. — Election of Board of Directors, Greenbriar Recreation Assoc., E. Roosevelt School Commons Room.  
8 p.m. City Council work session on budget for Police Dept., Municipal Building  
8 p.m. E. Roosevelt PTSA meeting.  
Wed., April 18, 8:15 p.m., PRAB Regular Monthly Meeting, Greenbelt Youth Center Conference Room.

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**Easter Sunrise Service**

Easter Sunrise Service by the lake in Greenbelt is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 15 in Greenbelt Lake Park. This is an annual ecumenical and community celebration and all are invited to attend.

The sponsoring churches and pastors are Greenbelt Baptist, the Rev. Dallas E. Pulliam; Greenbelt Community Church of Christ, the Rev. Harry and the Rev. Sherry Taylor; St. Hugh's Catholic, Msgr. William F. O'Donnell; Berwyn Presbyterian, the Rev. Sidney Conger; and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist, the Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham.

The Easter message will be given by the Rev. Sidney Conger. Special musical accompaniment for the hymn will be furnished by the Rev. Harry Taylor and the Rev. Sidney Conger.

In case of inclement weather the service will be held in Grenoble Hall of St. Hugh's Catholic Church at 135 Crescent Road.

**Community Church News**

Greenbelt Community Church (United Church of Christ) will be holding special services during Holy Week featuring music by the church choir. The Good Friday Service (8 p.m. Friday) will feature music and readings from "A Service of Darkness" by Dale Wood, an adaptation from the ancient tenebrae service with choral meditations based on the last words of Christ. The Saturday evening Easter Vigil Service which begins at 9 p.m. makes the transition from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter morn. The Easter Vigil Service (one of the oldest in Christianity) will include candle-light communion and two choral selections by the choir.

The Easter morning worship at 11 a.m. will have special presentations by the boys and girls in Sunday School in addition to the regular morning worship. The Community Church Choir will be performing three selections on Easter morning: "Fanfare for Easter" by K. Walton; "Christ Triumphant" by P. A. Yon; and "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" by M. Weisse and K. A. Newbury.

**Methodist Church News**

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service will be held at 8 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 12. This will be a combined service with the members of the Community Church, as will be the Good Friday Service at 8 p.m., which will be held at the Community Church.

At 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday the Mowatt Memorial UMC will take part in the lake-side Sunrise Service. Morning worship service will be at 9:30 and 11 on Easter Sunday. Pre-school Nursery will be provided at both services.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Easter Bunny will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, on Monday, April 16. Boys and girls, pre-school through sixth grade, are invited to participate in the hunt at the Greenbelt Lake Park at 9 a.m. Don't be late! Hidden in the eggs are many special prizes that have been provided by Greenbelt Consumer Services, 3-Bros., Sarah's Sweet Shop, Roy Rogers, Donuts 'n' Stuff, Pappy's, Gino's and McDonald's.

Following the hunt, at 9:45 a.m., "The Magic of Barry" will appear on the Lake Park Bandstand. In case of rain, all activities will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center at 10 a.m.

**In Memoriam:**

The following quote, Anne dear, so aptly describes you.

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now.

Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

(Etienne De Grellet)

Your heart, Anne, ever filled with divine love which you so often expressed in the meals you prepared for the sick, the floral bouquets you shared from your garden, and your words of hope and encouragement to the needy, is your legacy.

You will not be forgotten by those whose lives were enriched because you, Anne dear, "passed through this world."

Your loving friend,  
 Hilda O. Yontz

**Anne B. Drennan**

Anne Bloom Drennan, 60K Crescent Road, died Sunday, April 8, in Clearwater, Florida after a brief illness. She was 78 years old. Mrs. Drennan is survived by her daughter, Elaine Green of Potomac, Maryland; grandsons, Ned and Jonathan, grand-daughter Jennifer Redden, and a sister, Elsa B. Stone of Boonesboro, Maryland.

Mrs. Drennan lived in Greenbelt 25 years. She retired from the U.S. Veterans Administration in 1962, and was a member of the Greenbelt Community Church and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

Services will be private and interment at Greenbelt Cemetery

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
 Episcopal  
 Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville  
 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector  
 422-8057

**MOWATT MEMORIAL**  
 United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 NO CHURCH SCHOOL this Sun. Morning Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
 EASTER SERMON: "Christ's Triumph Over Death"  
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,  
 Pastor 474-3381.

**Spring Summer Fall Winter**  
 Whatever the season  
 Whatever the temperature  
 You are invited to worship with us  
**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Roads  
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 am  
 Worship services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
 Mid-week prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm  
 For bus transportation, call Church office  
 8:30-12:30 weekdays.

**If you couldn't answer the Greenbelt Clergy Survey last Sunday —**  
**You may be a UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST without knowing it!**  
 Do you feel out-of-step when it comes to religion? Do you have difficulty accepting those "absolute truths" and rigid dogmas you were told you had to believe?  
 Unitarians believe that the individual has the right, even the obligation, to pursue truth wherever it may lead.  
 Unitarians believe in a rational, reasonable approach to religion, utilizing scientific insights as well as the best ideas and ideals of past and present thinkers.  
 Would you like to know more about a religion that could attract: Thomas Jefferson, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Florence Nightingale, Henry Thoreau, Susan B. Anthony, and Adlai Stevenson?  
 You are invited to join with 100 Greenbelt neighbors who have found

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 937-3666  
 Services: 9:30 and 11:15 AM Sundays (April 15 & 22)

**Author of Flyer**

**Open Letter:**

A great deal has been made of the fact that the blue flyer regarding the proposed amendment to Mutual Ownership contracts was not signed. I am the author of that flyer and it never occurred to me that it needed a signature. I had one hour to write it, type it and get it to the printer. However, I'd be glad to autograph anyone's copy. It was distributed after dark — most people work in the day — I know nothing about that because I didn't distribute a single copy.

Mr. Smith did mention a 15 percent increase in operating expenses next year and looked over directly at us on the side lines and said if GHI members refused to vote the additional amount over the authorized 9.9 percent, we would go without heat. I'm not trying to quote him verbatim. That this threat was conditional on rehab. work is beside the point. If Mr. Smith had the \$5,000,000 in his hand today the insulation of our homes could not be completed by winter.

Furthermore, my contention has always been, and is the reason for my protests, that we need to put GHI management's house in order before we take on a major project. Gasoline and inefficient personnel are only areas in which quick savings could be affected. According to members of their own staff there are others much more costly to us.

Bettie G. Denson

**THANKS**

**To the Editor:**

To all my dear friends in Greenbelt and elsewhere, I wish to express my deep appreciation for all the lovely cards of sympathy you sent me in my sorrow.

I also wish to thank the News Review for the fine article about my husband. That too was much appreciated.

Adelaide Kaighn

**Sara C. Groves**

Memorial services for Sara C. Groves, mother of Mrs. Linda McCaughey, 122 Lastner, will be held at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Mrs. Groves died on April 8.

with The Rev. Harry J. Taylor officiating.

**Jerry Goodin**

Ninety-nine year-old Jerry Goodin, who was in charge of cleaning the Center stores from the beginning of Greenbelt until a few years ago, died on April 8. He was two months away from his 100th birthday. In 1972 he was Parade Marshal jointly with fellow nonagenarian Pop Cipriano in the Labor Day Festival Parade.

He is survived by his wife, Mamie, three sons, four daughters, and 28 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on April 12.

**SCHOOL CLOSING MEETING**

After months of study and public hearings, the Board of Education will be making its decisions on proposed school closings at a public meeting that will be held Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. To accommodate the number of interested citizens expected to attend, the Board will meet in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

**Mishkan Torah**

Ridge & Westway  
 Passover Services  
 Thursday, April 12 - 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday, April 13 - 8:00 p.m. - Sabbath-Passover Service  
 Saturday, April 14 - 9:30 a.m. - Sabbath-Passover Service  
 Wednesday, April 18-9:30 a.m. - 7th day Passover Service  
 Yiskor Memorial Service  
 Thursday, April 19 - 9:30 a.m. - 8th day Passover Service  
 474-4223

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**  
 (Episcopal)

4512 College Ave., College Park  
 (1 blk East of Book Exchange)  
**GOOD FRIDAY, April 13**  
 Liturgy for Good Friday 12 noon  
 Tenebrae 8 p.m.  
**EASTER SUNDAY April 15**  
 Holy Eucharist  
 7:30, 9, and 11 a.m.  
 Music and Sermon at 9 and 11.  
 Rev. A. Moody Burt, Rector

**Everyone is Welcome to**  
**THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**  
 at the  
**Greenbelt Lake**  
**7:00 A.M.**  
 (In case of inclement weather we will use  
 Grenoble Hall, 135 Crescent Road)

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
 (United Church of Christ)  
 Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)  
 Nursery provided for Easter Family Worship 11 A.M. 2-B Hillside  
 Good Friday Service — 8 P.M.  
 Easter Vigil Service (Sat.) — 9 P.M.  
 Easter Sunrise Service — 7 A.M. (Greenbelt Lake)  
 Easter Family Worship — 11 A.M.  
**Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors**

**There's A Place For You**  
 at  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
 6905 Greenbelt Rd.  
 on  
**GOOD FRIDAY at 7:30 p.m.**  
 and  
**Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service (in church) .....6:00 a.m.  
 Festival Services ..... 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
 Pre-Service Music ..... 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....9:50 a.m.  
 Launch a Balloon announcing "Christ Is Risen!"

**Every Sunday**  
 Worship Services ..... 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School and Bible Classes .....9:50 a.m.  
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor  
 Scott P. Wycherly, Minister of Youth and Music  
 Phone 345-5111





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this stage.  
"No," responded Stewart "I believe the people I talk to; but before we go ahead we would see construction contracts."

Royal Breashears, GHI general manager, offered more detail: "We are preparing specs and will put them out for bid in order to check our own cost figures. (On the basic package) we have very conservatively estimated \$5 million. Bids may show it to be more or less than that. We are getting data now on options (members) would like — new kitchen or addition."

"Those individual options (up to \$3 million) must . . . be rolled into the corporation project . . . like an umbrella contract," Smith added.

"Where would members stand with a first mortgage on the property?" Pilski wanted to know. The same as they stood on the (original) GNMA mortgage was the answer. Pilski questioned whether the "intent of the initial (mutual ownership contract) was to not have (another) first mortgage?"

"At the time the contract was drawn up, the homes were only 10 to 12 years old," explained Breashears in response. "People did not foresee the things we would have to do in 40 years."

Castaldi asked about the ratio of the \$5 million loan to the total assets of Greenbelt Homes. Ken Kopstein, deputy general manager for GHI, responded: "We have a low loan value ratio (1 to 5, or better); the investors will be secure in their investment." At the other extreme, he noted, is Montgomery County's low-cost mortgage program. They are loaning up to 90% or 95% of the value of the houses.

**Where Council Stands**

Castaldi several times expressed an interest in moving ahead on the first step — a Charter amendment. "I am very interested in the concept," he said. And again, later, "I personally think this is something the city should have." Castaldi would like to see an "all encompassing authority" to issue revenue bonds." Schwab agreed.

White was also ready to move ahead. It is "painless (for council) to begin at the next meeting to stake out city authority . . . I, for one, would consider doing that soon. Depending on the political climate . . . (this issue) might need a referendum."

Pilski objected: "The next meeting is Monday, (April 2). It's pretty difficult for city staff to come up with a Charter amendment by then. . . . This is volatile, we will need a public hearing. I would want a lot of information. Very seldom is the council involved in GHI. I would want to look at the internal operation, . . . the financial documents: I don't see that you could compile that kind of information quickly."

Pollak suggested that council did not need detailed information on GHI in order to take the first step. The issue, he said, is "whether you want the authority." But Pilski insisted: "I need that information, because we're going in that direction . . . I am looking at it politically . . . Once the city puts its stamp of approval on it, it means we have looked at this and think your money is safe."

At this stage "I don't want to get into the nitty-gritty, that is their responsibility — GHI to its members and to the bond company," countered Castaldi. "I am looking at the concept."

"Ultimately the city council will have to satisfy itself . . . (that the rehabilitation program) is viable and credible, that it does not reflect poorly on the city or citizens or jeopardize the credit of the city," positioned White, in an effort to clear the air. "My understanding of tonight's meeting is (that we are here) to learn the mechanics and processes in floating a revenue bond. The GHI rehabilitation plan has been available for some time, it was approved by the members in a 2 to 1 vote last October. The rehabilitation program is not an issue tonight."

**Referendum?**

If council or citizens through a petition called for a referendum, could it be held as soon as possible, perhaps in July, queried GHI board member Bobbi McCarthy. But Pilski threw cold water on the thought of an early date, saying: "(politically) July or August is not the time you run a referendum. Do

it when you have the city council election in September."

McCarthy asked Stewart how a referendum might affect his timetable. How long after the vote "before you could be ready to sell bonds?"

"About three months," Stewart replied, "we would want to take the political pulse, first. If it is favorable . . . the great majority of the work could be done beforehand, we could be ready to go in three to four weeks. If it were a toss-up — then three months" would be required.

**GHI**

In closing, Smith sketched a picture of where GHI stands in its on-going effort to save energy: "With the heat-conservation work that GHI has already completed, the corporation saved some 812,000 gallons of fuel oil during 1978. With the price of oil now at 50c per gal., members have paid \$406,000 less on monthly charges during the year than they would have if those programs had not been undertaken. If the program were to be delayed another year while GHI looks for financing, GHI could anticipate a 20% rise in the cost of construction and another 10% to 20% rise in the cost of oil."

"This December (when GHI considers its budget) we will need a 15% increase in monthly charges if we do not do any renovation. If we do start renovation, the increase will be kept to 9%. If we don't (do either) our people will be cold next year," Smith warned.

The cost of borrowing the funds for rehabilitation through state or municipal bonds at about 7% interest would be half the cost of a commercial loan at 13 or 15%. Smith reiterated:

interest	payback
7%	\$7.75/\$1,000
13%	\$15.00/\$1,000

GHI has been allocated Section 8 housing assistance for 325 units. More than that number of GHI members have applied and are qualified for the aid. GHI, according to Smith, has asked the county to make up the difference. This assistance will do more than just keep the cost of rehabilitation down for those members whose incomes are limited. But, Smith, emphasized, this assistance is contingent on GHI undertaking a major rehabilitation program.

**Floating Municipal Bonds To Finance Rehabilitation**

The City Council and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board and staff have met in work sessions and regular meetings to discuss floating municipal bonds to finance rehabilitation on existing structures in the community. This has particular importance to GHI, the oldest (40 years plus) housing in the community. The corporation now is in the process of obtaining financing for its member — approved rehabilitation program designed to cut energy and maintenance costs.

**Advantages to GHI in Revenue Bond Financing**

1. Low interest rate — 7-8%.
2. More control over rehabilitation program than if financing were arranged through the State or local banks.
3. Rehabilitation work could begin within a month or two after the city's charter is amended.

**Advantages to the City**

1. No costs incurred by the city to float bonds.
2. No obligation by the city to make loan payments. The property owner (GHI) has the sole obligation to repay loan and loan is secured by the assets of the corporation.
3. Improves the city's bond rating.
4. Rehabilitation to core community reflects favorably on property values of entire city; avoids possible deterioration and subsequent neighborhood blight.
5. Financing could be extended to other property owners to rehabilitate e.g. apartment houses, the commercial center

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For details on discussions between the city and GHI on the issue, see story on page 4.

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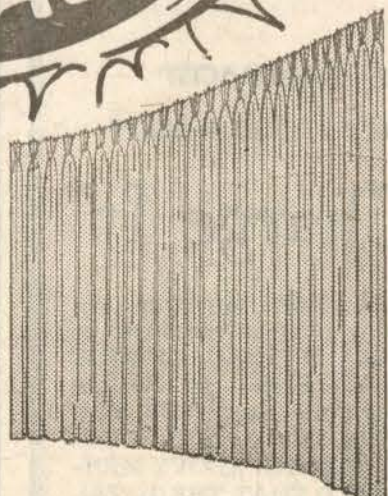
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# Council Directs Staff to Prepare Revenue Bond Charter Amendment

by Mary Lou Williamson

In a 3-page memorandum to council City Manager James K. Giese recommended providing the mechanism through which tax-exempt revenue bonds could be used to finance Greenbelt Homes' \$5 million dollar rehabilitation program and improve other residential buildings.

"The proposal offers many advantages to both the city and GHI with only minor drawbacks," Giese said. "It offers the opportunity for GHI to proceed with needed rehabilitation measures quickly at low interest rates thereby offering the opportunity for substantial cost savings to all its members and enabling financial assistance to be received by many of its members."

"The city, while incurring no financial obligations, will benefit by an improved bond rating, better housing stock and increased 'assessed valuations', he asserted.

Giese told council he was "very impressed with the information provided to the city at last Wednesday's work session (see separate story on page 1). I believe that revenue bond financing is the best and most economical method of financing GHI's rehabilitation program . . . I think GHI has come a long way toward a rehabilitation program that is workable . . . It is very much in the community's interest that there be a rehabilitation program . . . The city as a whole will benefit by the upgrading of its oldest housing stock." Giese called for "fairly broad powers for city council but at the same time cautioned council to establish reasonable limits. Financing the upgrading of residential facilities should center around the elimination of code violations or structural deficiencies, energy conservation and the modernization of kitchens and bathrooms. He advocated using revenue bonds to finance other housing improvement, including, if legally permissible, the rehabilitation of older apartment buildings in the core of the city.

Councilman Charles Schwan moved to adopt the manager's recommendation to draft a charter amendment authorizing council to issue revenue bonds "for the rehabilitation and improvement of residential housing within the city." Councilman Richard Castaldi seconded the motion.

#### Broad Enough?

Councilman Thomas X. White asked Giese whether he felt the charter amendment could not be drawn up broad enough to aid commercial development also. "That might raise issues relating to financing new developments that should be considered separately," replied Giese. White suggested Giese's point could be taken either way. "If the issue is broad enough, support is broader than with just one segment."

Giese suggested that the charter amendment could be written to: "rehabilitate existing structures." In this way, perhaps, either the commercial center or the apartments might be included. Schwan reworded his motion to call for two charter amendments to be drawn up for council to look at.

Castaldi reminded Giese that bond counsel Mark Pollak, (Piper & Marbury, Baltimore) had offered to assist the city's attorney in drafting the charter amendment.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld felt it would be worth keeping the options open on how much to include in the amendment until the public hearing. "We may get some feedback at the public hearing." We could then decide "in which direction we want to go." He also encouraged staff to make use of Pollak's offers: "We should seek that kind of help."

#### Smith

James W. Smith, president of GHI, reviewed for council that the catalog of specific items in GHI's rehabilitation plan would fit into the limitations Giese was proposing—elimination of code violations, energy conservation, new kitchens,

"With the oil price going up, it is more and more important that we go ahead with this program . . . If we do not proceed, our projected budgets will be much further out of line. Next year we would need a 15% raise in monthly charges if we do not renovate. If we do begin renovation, we can stay more nearly within our budget (9% raise).

"We do appreciate the city's attention on this matter; we did not come to the city as a last resort. We are very concerned particularly for our low income members. With rehabilitation we have a grant to provide Section 8 housing assistance to 325 members. But this assistance is contingent on the rehabilitation program.

#### Conflict of Interest?

Mayor Richard Pilski then requested the city solicitor to provide council with a written opinion of whether there is any conflict of interest on the part of any member of council on this issue. Pilski was referring to the fact that two members of council, Schwan and White, are also members of GHI.

#### Hoffman

Milton Hoffman, from the audience, spoke to council: "I wish I had someone like Mr. Giese to plead the other side of the question." Hoffman told council "I guess you can tell I'm awfully angry. I am opposed very much to the city being used as a tool . . . to help GHI put a \$5 million mortgage on my back that I didn't have a chance to vote for." He called the purpose of the mortgage "questionable, not needed." "What kind of rehabilitation?" he challenged. "The bulk (of the money is for) tearing shingles off the (frame) housing and putting them back again . . . GHI has been mismanaged for years." He did not want the city "pledging its good name" to such a project.

#### Pilski

"We realize this is going to be a very controversial issue," said

Pilski. "the good name of the city will rest on the program. This action tonight just sets the procedure." "Council will have an obligation to look into the (project) . . . I want to wait till I see all the facts."

Robert Walner, 14 Hillside, told council "I live in an old GHI frame house . . . it does actually need repair." If GHI does rehabilitate the structure and conserve energy, then the monthly charges "might not go up so fast," Walner continued. "I'm here to tell you the savings will help pay for the repair. I'd rather pay 7% interest than 13% I want to stand up and say I am behind this plan to make Greenbelt a better place to live in."

The motion passed unanimously.

## Golden Age Club

Travel Chairman Zelpha Parsons is planning a trip for Monday, April 16, to the Botanic Gardens and other interesting points in Washington, D.C., with lunch at Bambino's new restaurant. Bus seats are still available. For information and reservation, call Mrs. Parsons 345-3904.



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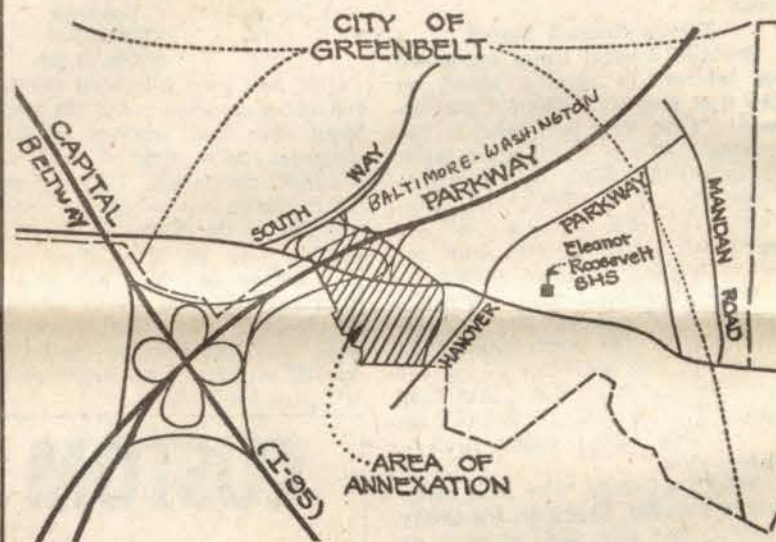
As required by paragraph 19 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended), notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland, in the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, on

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1979 AT 8:00 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, on a Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenbelt by Annexing Land Contiguous and Adjoining the Existing Corporate Area, KNOWN AS PARCELS A AND C, GREENBELT EAST SUB-DIVISION, TOGETHER WITH ADJACENT PUBLIC ROADWAYS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL TREATMENT OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IN THE AREA ANNEXED FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNEXATION THROUGH THE TAXABLE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

A fair summary of said property being described as follows:

. . . being two (2) parcels of land, the first consisting of all of parcels "A" and "C", as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled "Parcels 'A', 'B' & 'C', Greenbelt East", as recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Plat book NLP 120 as Plat No. 70, all of the dedication to widening as shown on said plat, all of Greenway Center Drive, as shown on said plat, all of the lands described in an Agreement to Dedicate Real Property between Henry M. Witt and Greenway Center Associates Limited Partnership, recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Plat Book WWW 80 as Plat No. 14, consisting of 25.9052 acres the second being part of the right of way of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and consisting of 16.2103 acres. The area is depicted on the location map shown below.



The owners of Parcel A, Greenbelt East have petitioned to be annexed to the City and said owners are the owners of more than twenty-five percentum (25%) of the assessed valuation of the real property located in the area to be annexed. No persons reside in the area to be annexed.

Said Resolution proposes to extend the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt to include the aforesaid area; and provides that all the laws of the State of Maryland applicable to the City of Greenbelt which are now in force or may hereafter be enacted, and all the existing charter provisions and ordinances of the City of Greenbelt shall be extended and made applicable to such portion of Prince George's County as is, under the provisions of this Resolution annexed to and made a part of the City of Greenbelt; and said Resolution further provides that all the inhabitants of the territory annexed to the City of Greenbelt by this Resolution shall, in all respects and to all intents and purposes, be subject to the powers, jurisdiction and authority vested, or to be vested by law, in the Council of the City of Greenbelt or which may hereafter be enacted or ordained by it, and the territory so annexed shall, in all respects, be taken and considered as a part of the municipal corporation of the City of Greenbelt.

Said Resolution further provides for a phase-in of City real property tax levies upon the taxable property in the area to be annexed, with no taxes being levied through fiscal year 1981, with taxes being levied at a rate that is a percentage of the full rate levied through fiscal year 1985 (20% in Fiscal Year 1982, 40% in Fiscal Year 1983, 60% in Fiscal Year 1984 and 80% in Fiscal Year 1985) and with the property taxed in the same manner as other property within the City after July 1, 1985.

An Outline for the Extension of Public Services and Public Facilities has been prepared as required by Paragraph 19(o) of Article 23A, and copies of this outline, as well as copies of the resolution may be obtained from the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000. Such copies will also be made available for public review and discussion at the public hearing herein before advertised.

James K. Giese  
City Manager



# Board Fields Questions on Contract Clause At North End GHI Member Meeting

by Sid Kastner

The GHI board and management took their case to several hundred members in the North End area in an informational meeting last Wednesday evening, to tell them of the need for signing a subordination clause in their contract with the corporation for the purpose of obtaining a lower borrowing interest rate. Questions flew hot and heavy as most people focused their inquiries on the topic at hand, but some broadened the scope of the interchange to attack the board collectively and individually. The general mood of the audience, composed mostly of members living in frame homes, was clearly one of concern about rising costs and apprehension about signing any amendment to their mutual ownership contract that might deprive them of possible rights. Corporation president James Smith, with other board members and manager Roy Breashears present, attempted to answer all the questions as they came. The tenor of the meeting may be best conveyed by giving some of the actual exchanges:

**Question:** Why all the consultations and architects?

**Smith:** We made several studies (but) the membership didn't accept the earlier recommendations; money for the recent studies has come from (governmental agencies).

**Question:** I'd like to see work done on the plumbing first, why do you want to do everything at once?

**Smith:** A considerable number of people have come to a consensus that we should reduce the cost of heating as a first priority; (and) its cheaper to borrow the money now to do the whole job, than to do it piece by piece.

**Question:** Suppose this five million (loan) runs out; does this (subordination codical) give you permission to borrow more?

**Smith:** No, it'll take a membership action to approve any further (borrowing); and (in any case) we're not going to fall far short of the total goal of this rehabilitation program.

**Questions:** Does this (subordination codical) mean GHI can put a mortgage on my house without consulting me?

**Smith:** There will be a mortgage on the corporate property (as a whole) - that is, your interest comes after the interest of the lender, in case there's a default.

**Question:** How will I know that if this work is carried out, it'll be done efficiently and honestly, without something underhanded going on?

**Smith:** There will be checks, for example county inspection; a trustee will hold the money, who will pay it out only as the work is properly done.

**Question:** I haven't been surveyed to see what I want or don't want (in the way of improvements).

**Breashears:** We have been, and are, surveying what the individual members want; we're not borrowing the money before we do the work.

**Question:** Why am I paying \$1200 a year for heat? Sure we like to live in Greenbelt, but this will drive us out.

**Smith:** You've hit on the point of the problem; we all know that heat is presently too expensive - it's because of lack of insulation, inefficient windows, etc.

**Same Questioner:** Will my heat charges go down, then, after the rehabilitation work is done?

**Smith:** No, it will not go down -

because oil prices are going up (still) faster - but it won't go up as much as it will if we don't do the work.

Some members expressed negative comments on the issue, while still others directed their questions more personally. Martha Hutzler read a statement opposing signing the codical, and Eunice Coxon said "I have spoken to lawyers who say it's a blank check; I want to know how much you're going to spend... or no sale." Milton Hoffman charged that "Mr. Smith is not telling... the whole truth about the consequences of what is really a confessed judgment note... the board has squandered, mismanaged money till the corporation is going broke." Benjamin Elkins similarly attacked the board, saying that the members "stand to be ruined by your ineptitude" and using the expressional "larceny" in connection with former board member Charles Schwann, who invoked a point of personal privilege to reply that he would take appropriate legal action against the accusation. Board members Stephen Polaschik and Bobbi McCarthy defended the record of the board against Elkins' and Hoffman's charges, the former rebutting that "Our corporation is nowhere near going broke - we have been successful; we didn't come here to be abused, but to tell you what needs to be done. The (frame) houses are thirty-six years old and need renovation. Don't be swayed by wild statements that disparage everyone."

Toward the end of the meeting tempers appeared to cool down and people spoke somewhat more directly to the issues. Carl Conrad stated "I'm not against rehabilitation - I know we need some rehabilitation - but the way our management is throwing money away is deplorable." A new member, who said this was only her second meeting, related that "I've moved from an apartment to this area so I can hold down escalating costs. We have a genuine concern that

our money is being handled properly." Elkins said that "my old window was far superior to the new window - what is the total cost that'll be required to rebuild the homes from the bottom to the top?" And another member complained that the "cost has been going up and up out of sight - if we're going to do that, we might as well buy something new"; to which Smith responded "For a new home, you'll have to pay a lot more (than the cost of a GHI home)".

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**Golden Corn**  
WHOLE OR CREAM STYLE  
**3** 16-oz. cans **\$1**

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CHUNK LIGHT  
**TUNA**  
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**E. Roosevelt PTSA**

ERHS PTSA will meet on Tuesday, April 17 at 8 p.m. "The Changing Role of the Family" will be the topic for discussion. Speakers are Ms. Mary Nieter and Ms. Carol Gray of the Roosevelt Guidance Department.

PTSA is actively seeking applicants for the PTSA scholarships and is accepting donations toward the Scholarship Fund.

Former nursery school instructor desires to provide child care in my home. 5 days, M-F, 2 yrs & up, meals provided. References, 937-6759.

**SALE:** Used power lawnmower; porcelain kitchen sink with faucet; antique icebox - good condition. Any reasonable offers, 345-3720.

**University Boutique International, Inc.**  
Beautiful, natural clothing and exquisite gold and silver jewelry for women & men  
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**APARTMENT FOR RENT** - 1 BR. Apply at 3A Parkway. EHO. 345-1987.

**ANTIQUA GUN AUCTION:**  
Sun., Apr. 29, 7 P.M., Holiday Inn, College Park, Md., Rt. 1 & Beltway. Over 130 antique guns, Colts, Kentuckies, swords, military & decorator items from El-dred Karhart Collection et al. Inspection 6-7. Terms cash, VISA, Mastercharge, Amer. Express. Consignments accepted.

**PAINTING** - Interior & Exterior - Quality work at reasonable prices. Greenbelt references; Call now for your estimate. Frank 474-8392, Tim 345-4214.

**FOR SALE - CHEVELLE '69,** SS-396, rebuilt engine, p.s., p.b., turbo 400 trans., many extras. \$1800 firm. Call 441-1189.

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**HELP WANTED** - Part-time for small school in Lanham. 64 hr. course preferred. 552-2400.

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**CLARIFICATION**

The story about the Twin Pines annual meeting on page 9 of last week's News Review may have given the impression that a joint GHI/Twin Pines committee, which was supposed to serve as a communications organ for both organizations, was not formed as a result of the Twin Pines Board of Director's decision not to refinance GHI loans at a lower rate. Such was not the case.

While the committee was suggested as in indirect result of the subject of loan refinancing being brought up at the 1978 annual meeting, the fact that the committee never materialized was not related to the Board's decision.

Also, the name of Bernina McGee was inadvertently left out of the election results as a newly elected member of the Member Relations Committee. The results are correct as shown in the box following the article.

**RUNNING CLUB - FUN RUNS**

The Greenbelt Running Club is sponsoring Fun Runs for Saturday April 14. Running distance will be 1/2, 1 and 2 miles. The first run starts at Greenbelt Lake near the Gunner's Mate Stand at 9 a.m. These Fun Runs are conducted so that every finisher, no matter how fast he or she runs, will still be awarded a certificate of accomplishment. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

**Recreation Review**

**Easter Holiday Schedule**  
The Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center will open at 12 noon on Monday, April 16, to accommodate vacationing youths and adults.

**PAINTING** - Interior, exterior wallpapering and light carpentry also. Good Greenbelt references, excellent workmanship. Frank Gomez. 474-3814.

**FOR SALE:** Push-type lawn mowers, good condition, \$20 and \$25. 422-6224 after 6.

**2 Girls BICYCLES,** exc. con., toaster, silverware, etc. Call 474-8828 after 7 p.m.

**FOUND,** looking for good home - beautiful puppy. Call police dept., 474-7200.

**Part-time SECRETARY WANTED** - Insurance office, some typing necessary. 9 to 12 hours/week. Call Don, 474-5007.

**PRODUCTION TYPIST** - Envelopes, mailing lists, correspondence reports, manuscripts, proof-reading in my home. 70 WPM; special rates for mentioning this ad. 937-8364.

**WANTED:** 4 BR free-standing home in Greenbelt. 345-2393.

**RESPONSIBLE person** needed for care of elderly woman, fulltime or otherwise. 474-6344.

**GET THAT BOOK** you've always wanted and never found! Call Capitol Library service, 474-5346.

**CIRCLE SATURDAY, MAY 12 ON YOUR CALENDAR!** Games, prizes, books, food at Center School Spring Fair!

**LOST:** Canon camera case, black. Vicinity Centerway mall. Call Ed Coulter, 474-7697.

**SUPER YARD SALE** - 5A Ridge, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. '71 Camaro, P/S, A/C; 30" electric range, 19" color TV, stereo, misc. household items. 345-7146.

**La Leche Meeting**

The Greenbelt LaLeche League will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, April 16, at 42-K Ridge Road.

The topic will be Nutrition and Weaning. For information call: 345-2670.

**Kindergarten Registration Starts at Center School**

Kindergarten registration at Center School will begin on Wednesday, April 18 and continue on school days through April 24. Parents may register children from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will need the child's birth certificate, proof of residence and proper immunization records signed by a doctor. These include diphtheria, pertussis, (whooping cough), tetanus polio, rubella (German measles-3 day) and rubella (red or 10 day measles).

The SHIP screening program procedure for students entering kindergarten in the fall will be held Friday, May 18.

**Greenbelt's Library**

On Wednesday, April 18, the Greenbelt Branch Library will hold a Two-Year-Old Story Program at 11 a.m. in the Children's Program Room. This program is specifically designed for the two year old. Advance registration is necessary.

On Thursday, April 19, Puppet Workshop will be held at 4 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Ages 9 through 12 will learn how to make puppets. Advance registration is necessary.

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**Employment and Training**

Opportunity for 16-19 year-old residents of Prince George's County to work in Greenbelt. Work includes landscaping, grounds and building maintenance at GHI. (GED high school diploma) classes available. Salary, \$3.25/hr., 40 hrs/wk. Contact Robert Miltz, county Manpower office, 434-3403.

**HELP WANTED**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now accepting applications for the following positions at the Greenbelt Municipal Swimming Pool for the 1979 season:  
**MUNICIPAL POOL MANAGER** - Minimum qualifications include current Red Cross Water Safety Instructors and First Aid Certificates and valid Prince George's County Pool Operator's License. Applicant must have a minimum of two full summers of responsible pool management experience at a large permanent pool. A thorough knowledge of the operation of pool-related equipment is required.  
**WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS** - Minimum qualifications include possession of current Red Cross Water Safety Instructors and First Aid Certificates plus a minimum of one to three full summers teaching experience suitable to the area of specialization for such swimming programs as Water Babies, Children's and Adult's Learn to Swim Lessons, Therapeutic and Special Classes.  
Apply at the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Youth Center Business Office, 99 Centerway Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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### Golden Age Club

by Blanche Lee

Greenbelt Golden Age Club members spent a delightful day recently at Annapolis, as invited guests of Senator Edward T. Conroy. Upon arrival at the Senate Office Building they were greeted by hostess Margaret "Cookie" Clift and escorted to the Committee Room for Constitutional and Public Law, where they listened to debate in progress. At the conclusion of the session, a delicious luncheon was served.

Senator Conroy addressed the group and introduced members of his office staff, among whom were legislative aide, Kathy Gough and committee clerk Edna White, both residents of Greenbelt. The afternoon was spent in a visit to the new Senate Chamber in session, and an interesting tour of the State House.



To the right of Senator Edward T. Conroy are Ann McDonald, president of the "Golden Agers" and Robert F. Dove.

### Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will hold a meeting on April 18, at 8 p.m. in the home of Dorothy Baum. The topic for this month is "Tailoring Tips", given by Doris Marshall. For further information call 345-9032 or 474-4031.

### Correction

Metrobuses with specially equipped platforms that lower to the curb and lift wheelchairs will not be operating regularly on the T16 bus route as was reported in last week's News Review. The News Review regrets any inconvenience this may have caused its readers.

Although there will at times be such buses on this route they will not be assigned regularly since this is not one of the routes being tested for this service. (The T16 comes into Greenbelt Center on its way to Beltway Plaza and to the New Carrollton Metro stop.)

Greenbelters will be able to board such an equipped bus, the C2, at Beltway Plaza for Prince Georges Plaza, Wheaton Plaza and Montgomery Mall.

## GREENBRIAR CONDOMINIUM

announces

### The First Annual Election of Its Board of Directors for the GREENBRIAR RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Commons Room

Please Vote For Your Nominated Officers:

Bill Ayers - President Phase I

Bill Meister - Past President Phase II

Bob Zugby - Homeowner Phase III

By Authority Greenbriar Condominium Phase I

### GHI MEMBERS!

Have You Sent GHI

The Signed Amendment

To Your Mutual Ownership Contract?

So far, 328 GHI members have signed the amendment. This amendment will enable GHI to obtain financing for rehabilitation at the lowest possible interest rate. If you need another copy, or have any questions, please contact the Manager's Office, 474-5566.

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