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No Improvements Slated for Center School Despite Planned Merger With North End

by Leta Mach

Prince Georges County School staff members held an informational meeting about elementary school consolidations on January 28 in High Point High School. Only one question was asked about Greenbelt schools, and the answer revealed that Greenbelt Center School is not in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the next five years. The issue also appeared on the Greenbelt City Council agenda for February 2.

No elementary schools are scheduled for CIP renovations. Bill Chapel told Howard Savage, Chairman of the Greenbelt School Study Committee. Chapel explained that CIP money for the state was decreasing and school staff felt the money should be used at the senior high level. School Board member Leslie Kreimer, Savage, and the reporter were the only Greenbelters present at the meeting which drew numerous parents from Berwyn Heights, Beltsville, Chestnut Hills, and Powder Mill Elementary Schools.

Chapel and John Peterson from the Office of Pupil Accounting began the evening with a colorful series of overhead transparencies about the proposed plan. These illustrated Prince Georges County enrollment decline, locations of proposed closings, and cost avoidance implications. A brochure about the proposal was also handed out at the meeting and is available at local schools. Peterson pointed out the brochure's discussion of expected instructional gains under the proposal. Under

consolidation, school utilization rate would be 75.5% instead of 60% in 1985. Only seven schools, instead of 52, would have an enrollment of less than 300. According to the brochure, this is, "a level considered below the minimum desirable for a viable and affordable instructional program." Below this level it becomes difficult to group students at achievement levels and also maintain full-time teachers.

Twenty elementary schools have been closed in the past, and 31 more are proposed for closure. Under the plan excess seats in the county would be reduced to 15,000 in 1985. Without the plan, there would be 31,000 empty seats in 1985.

In deciding what schools to keep open, Peterson said year 2,000 schools (schools where the facility would be acceptable for use in the year 2000) were identified along with facilities and location. The few elementary schools with gyms, about 25 including Center, were also considered, although one such school is proposed for closure because of other variables. Answering a question Peterson stated that many feeder patterns were also adjusted in the assignment of students.

A diversity of views was expressed during the question and answer period following the presentation. These ranged from protest over a school closing to recruitment for more students, to a request to close one school a year earlier. The study has been "front-loaded" by closing half the schools including Greenbelt North End in the first year, 1981.

Individual GHI Unit Inspections Approved By Board; James Quits Post of Treasurer

by Sid Kastner

At Thursday evening's regular board meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the participants were able to work steadily through most of the items on the agenda and finish at a reasonable hour. Most attention was again devoted to matters arising directly or indirectly from the rehabilitation project, but board and management procedures in general were also looked at closely in a report by the Audit committee and by individual board members.

The staff has set the date for the Special Membership meeting to approve rehabilitation-related items, on Thursday, March 19. It will be held at the Center Elementary School Auditorium. Three informational membership hearings will take place earlier, on March 2 in the GHI Board Room, on March 11 at North End Elementary School, and on March 14 at Utopia Theater.

Rehabilitation Items

General Manager Kenneth Kopstein asked for authorization to contract with Environmental Design Group, Inc., to carry out individual unit and building inspections and work writeups in order to satisfy HUD Section 8 requirements and provide working documents for putting out construction bids. Also, he requested permission to hire a surveyor to check the original drawings showing the boundaries of GHI; this is to obtain title insurance leading to Phase II rehabilitation. The first request received critical scrutiny by directors Carl Conrad, John Lewis and Ed James, partly because of the amount of money involved (\$74,000), but was supported by GHI's new staff architect Stanley Sersen and won on a close vote. The second less costly request (\$7,000) was quickly passed on a motion by director Joe Jenkins.

At the beginning of the meeting some members and board directors had particular questions of their own for the staff. Direc-

tor Della Donaldson asked whether the project workers were replacing all plumbing items (faucets, shower heads, etc.) even when they were still usable; Kopstein and his aides replied that this was not the case. She also expressed concern that holes left around plumbing work, in walls and partitions, might not be filled in. The staff explained that such holes would be filled in, but the original wall coverings (such as tiles) would not necessarily be replaced, depending on the working situation.

Such questions have arisen from the inception of the rehabilitation project, and now were a major motivation for a request by Kopstein to add an "Information Specialist" to keep members informed. This was not received well at first, and was tabled, with one member arguing that this would duplicate the duties of a present rehabilitation information coordinator, and director Conrad insisting that "we have enough staff here" to handle the job. A little

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Springhill Lake

Speakers from Berwyn Heights were incensed that the only school in that town, "a true community school" was slated for closure. Referring to the fluctuating apartment population nearby and an enrollment drop for the last several years, speakers suggested that Springhill Lake be closed instead. Peterson responded that the school had a special education diagnostic wing and was a year 2,000 school. On the other hand, another speaker felt that Springhill Lake was not short of students and that some of them could be sent to Paint Branch. Chapel explained that county law does not permit buses with students aboard to cross railroad tracks and thus transporting those students to the school would be difficult.

MEETINGS

Sunday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Greenbelt School Study Committee open meeting on school consolidation. City Council chambers

Wed., Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. - Open School Board meeting on school closings and consolidations. Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Other questions during the evening included cost savings. Peterson admitted that the cost avoidance figure of \$65.9 million by 1986 referred only to operating costs. Costs of renovation, additional busing, and possible van-

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Greenbelt & Census Bureau Lock Horns on Current Data

by Virginia Beauchamp

Greenbelt and the city of New York are alike in their recorded scepticism concerning the accuracy of the 1980 census figures. So dissatisfied are Greenbelt officials with the published figures that a series of communications between officials of the Bureau of the Census and Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld has finally culminated with Weidenfeld's statement in a January 28 letter. "... your response is totally unsatisfactory and we request that you investigate the matter further."

Primarily at issue is the number of individual housing units contained within the corporate limits of the city of Greenbelt. In preliminary figures, issued last summer, the Bureau reported 8,269 dwellings. Since this was at variance with the city's own figures, Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak closely studied the accompanying map which designated the enumeration districts used by the Bureau. Piendak discovered that some enumeration districts listed as belonging to Greenbelt were, in fact, outside the city's boundaries and that others which were not recorded as part of Greenbelt lay inside the city limits.

Armed with this information, Piendak made a close count of the actual area within the city boundaries. His figure for individual dwelling units within the city jurisdiction was 8,023. Because of this discrepancy between the two sets of figures, the city also disputed the census population figures.

In mid-November a Mailgram from Vincent P. Barabba, Director of the Bureau, cited new figures which the city found even more bewildering. This time the number of dwelling units was given as 7,348. In a return letter Mayor Weidenfeld confessed that he and the "city staff are at a complete loss to explain or understand how the figures . . . were determined." They had been reasonably satisfied, the letter stated, with a September estimate from the Regional Census Office of

Bureau Response

In an undated letter, received on January 16 in the city office, another Bureau official, Acting Director Daniel B. Levine, responded to the city's complaint. "Housing counts frequently declined slightly from those presented during local review," his letter stated, "due to elimination of duplicate units and units which were determined to be uninhabitable."

Levine's letter also referred to the exclusion of enumeration districts "incorrectly assigned to Greenbelt" to explain the new lower figure. The letter did not respond to Piendak's earlier charge that enumeration districts within Greenbelt had not been counted in the Greenbelt figure.

Speaking generally, Levine's letter said that "it is possible to have an increase in housing units and a decrease in population. Nationally, during the 1970's there was a sharp decline in average population per household because of the increase in the number of persons living alone, a lower birth rate, and a higher divorce rate."

The city is not prepared to question the latest population count (called "preliminary" by the Bureau) of 15,908. Short of conducting a census itself, the city has no way of knowing how many people reside in Greenbelt. Nevertheless, as the Mayor's last letter states: "If your number of housing units on the final count is incorrect, it stands to reason that your population count is incorrect also."

FUNDRAISER DANCE

The Prince Georges Symphonic Association, sponsors of the Prince Georges Symphony, is having a Mardi Gras Dance, Feb. 20 at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 11007 Montgomery Road (and Sellman Road), Beltsville, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance is a fund-raiser for the Symphony, of which Frederick Morden is Music Director. Music for dancing will be provided by Mainstream Music and the Dixie Knights. Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume or fancy dress. FREE masks, set ups and refreshments will be provided. For information call 345-8763.

Surrattsville Reunion

Surrattsville High School's class of 1971 is now making plans for its 10 year class reunion. Class members are urged to call Scott at 249-1296.

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Due to the Presidents' Holiday, Monday, February 16, 1981, there will be no refuse pick up that day. Monday routes will be collected Tuesday. **THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY.** Tuesdays routes will be collected on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be on the regular schedule.

Garden Club Meets

Annual sign up for garden plots will be held at Greenbelt Library, large meeting room, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Please arrive on time for a short meeting before sign up begins. Be prepared for a nominal increase in plowing fees. New members are welcome.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 (WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY) TO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1981 - 8 P.M.

The Agenda for the February 23 Regular Meeting will be published in next week's issue of the News Review.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

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Police Blotter

As two young ladies were walking to their apartment a black male in his 20s ran up to them, grabbed a purse and continued running. The young ladies pursued him until he fired a shot in the air. The area was checked and a lookout was issued.

Thieves entered an open area under construction and broke open a wall in order to enter Zippers, Inc. in the new Greenway Shopping Center. Numerous items of clothing were stolen.

Several entries were reported this week to five apartments in Springhill Lake, seven apartments in Greenbriar-Glen Oaks area, and a townhouse in Windsor Green on Bird Lane. Items such as jewelry and TV sets were stolen. In some cases no force was used to gain entry, in other cases entry was gained by forcing a patio door or a window. In one case, of the townhouse, the front door was forced. Most entries took place while the residents were away during the day and early evening hours.

A GHI home in the 55 Court of Ridge was entered between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. The doors were not locked.

As a result of investigation by Det./Cpl. Ceccarelli a suspect has been identified in the five daytime recent breaking and enterings in Windsor Green. He is presently in Prince William County, Va., jail. His partner is presently being investigated.

An arrest for shoplifting was made at the A&P in the Beltway Plaza. Pfc. Murray arrested one suspect for assault and, in another case, two suspects were arrested for being in possession of controlled dangerous substances.

Tampering of cars occurred over the weekend in the 8000 block of Mandan and in the vicinity of 7800 and 8200 Canning. A 1975 black Corvette with multi blue velvet interior was stolen from 8 Plateau. North Carolina tags TYC 283. Another car was stolen from 9100 Edmonston, a 1979 Datsun 210, DXG-959.

PROMOTIONS

Police Corporals Jim Craze, Kenneth Stair and Tom Ceccarelli were promoted to Police Sergeants.

Police Privates First Class John Lann, Tom Miskell, Danny Blake and Mike Craddock were promoted to Police Corporals.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal
 Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

Recreation Review

Holiday Hours
 The Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center will be open on Monday, Feb. 16, from 12 noon - 10 p.m., to accommodate the youth and adults who are observing Washington's Birthday.

CPR Classes
 The Winter Class Schedule is noted below. To pre-register, call the Rec. Dept. weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878. Choose the location that's most convenient. Hours are from 7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the following schools: SHL Elementary, Feb. 18 and 19. Greenbelt Center, March 10, 11.

Roller Skating
 Come down to the Greenbelt Center School for the Rec. Department's Roller Skating Program. Days are as follows: Weds., 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 1-3 Graders; Fri. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 4-6 Graders; and Suns., 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Family Skating - all ages.

A nominal fee is charged at the door. Rent skates or bring rink skates. For further information, call 474-6878.

Volleyball
 Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Greenbelt Center School Gymn. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings with recreational on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome.

Sarbanes to Speak At Church Forum

U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes will speak at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church forum on Sunday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m. Sarbanes will give a preliminary evaluation of the new administration and Senate. The public is invited.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor
 474-1924

Crime Prevention Program February 24 in Library

by Sandy Smith

Do you know the best locks for your doors and windows? How to protect your car and other property from theft? How to make your neighborhood safer? How to report a crime you witness? For answers to these and other questions, come to the Crime Prevention Program on Feb. 24 sponsored by the Greenbelt City Police Department and Greenbelt Homes Inc.

Open to the public, this program is geared particularly to GHI residents and will highlight crime prevention issues specifically of concern during the rehabilitation program. For example, are there special precautions residents should take with so many outsiders coming into the community? Right now when structural and other changes are being made to GHI homes is a good time to consider other improvements which could make a home more burglar-proof.

The program will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at the Greenbelt Public Library meeting room on the lower level. The Police Department's Crime Prevention Team will give a presentation and demonstration and be available to answer any questions.

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center

presents live

"Gong Show III"

Sat., Feb. 28, 8 p.m. - Utopia Theater

Cosponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees and the Cultural Arts Center as a joint benefit for the theater and Joe Michiline, to help send him to the Deaf Olympics in Koln, Germany.

AUDITIONS - Sat., Feb. 21 at noon at the Theater

UTOPIA THEATER

129 Centerway, Greenbelt Tel. 474-7763

Greenbelt Combined Choir

Rehearsals for a Palm Sunday Concert will begin for the Greenbelt Combined Choir on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. The choir is composed of singers from various church choirs in Greenbelt, plus singers not affiliated with any church choir. No audition is required, and all voices, male and female, are needed. For further information call 345-2597.

Bahai's to Sponsor Youth-Parent Panel

The Baha'is of Greenbelt will sponsor a Youth and Parent Panel Discussion on Friday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community House, 7600 Hanover Parkway. The panel of Baha'i youth and their parents will discuss the dilemmas facing youth such as peer pressure, moral issues, communication between generations, goals, and the effect of religious belief in dealing with these. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 474-4090 or 474-0073.

Eleanor Roosevelt International Night

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Parent Teacher Student Association and the Foreign Language Department will co-sponsor an International Night at the school on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish of food made from a foreign recipe. There is a nominal fee for each family to cover other costs.

A program of entertainment will be presented by the students of foreign languages after the dinner. Those who cannot come in time for the dinner are invited to attend the program.

The dinner will be held in the school cafeteria. Dishes to be heated should be brought at 5:30 p.m. Families planning to attend are asked to make reservations with any foreign language teacher, indicating the number going and the dish being brought. The dish should be enough for four times the members attending.

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community
 Public Meeting:
**YOUTH/PARENT
 PANEL DISCUSSION**
 Friday, February 20 8:00 p.m.
 Greenbriar Community House
 7600 Hanover Parkway
 474-4090/474-0083

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Road
 4 blocks south of High Pt. H.S.
Feb. 15 - 9:30 a.m. Forum
 "The New Administration"
 by U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes
11a.m. Service - Open the Window Eastward by Roger Cowan, UUA staff
Rev. Richard W. Kelley, Min.
 937-3666

Greenbelt Community Church



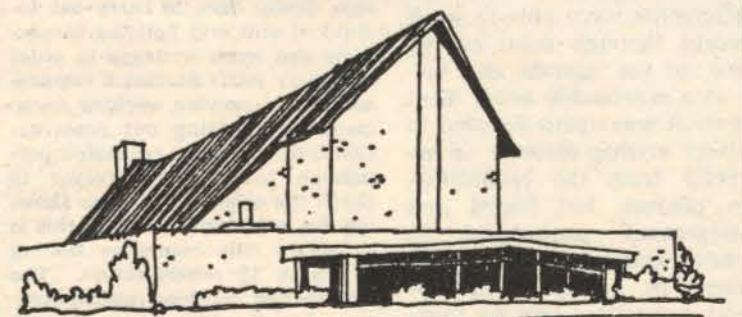
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6905 Greenbelt Road
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 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.
 Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.
 Edward H. Biraer, Pastor Phone 345-5111

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dalism are not included. Beltsville Junior High will be renovated to become a new elementary school for the students of Beltsville and Chestnut Hills. Plumbing fixtures will be moved from the closed elementary schools for the renovation. School staff explained that closed schools not designated for school system use would be turned over to the county government for disposal. There are not any plans for North End at this time.

School Board member Doris Eugene detailed the problems of schools sharing space with other organizations — problems of liability, and part-time teachers because of small enrollments. Education becomes secondary and further the school system does not want to become a landlord, she said. "One of the purposes of consolidation," was that the level of services increase, Conrad Koch, Northern Area Superintendent assured parents.

PTA Support

"This plan is not something we dreamed up during the summer," Peterson explained. Suggestions came from many areas including the County Executive and the County Council of PTA's. Staff assured the audience that if the proposal is approved by the School Board, planning and student orientation would begin immediately. There will be a School Board public hearing on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Eleanor Roosevelt High School. It is anticipated that the School Board will take up the matter at its regular meeting of February 26.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Thomas X. White and family on the death of his mother, Helen A. Sharp White, Mrs. White, mother of 18, saw six sons serve in World War II. Because of their involvement in the war effort, the family was featured in promoting the sale of war bonds and defense savings stamps.

Marine Corporal Roth H. Coleman, son of Roth H. and Helen Coleman of Mandan Rd., has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving with Headquarters Battalion on Okinawa. The award is official recognition from an individual's commanding officer for superior individual performance. Cpl. Coleman joined the Marine Corps in September, 1978.

John W. Crellin, Hanover Parkway, an agent with the Prudential Insurance Company's College Park District, sold more than \$3 million of insurance in 1980. A graduate of the University of Maryland, Crellin joined Prudential in 1974.

Virginia M. Gambriel of Hanover Parkway was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree from Frostburg State College in December.

Peter J. Linstrom, of Hedgewood Dr., made the Dean's list at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is a freshman in General Engineering.

Sorry to learn of the death of Stanley Kay. Kay and his brothers Alan and Jerry built the Greenbriar-Glen Oaks development.

Greenbelt Recreation Assistant JoAnn Rowe began her University of Maryland Field Work with the department. JoAnn will graduate in May, receiving a degree from the College of Physical Education, Recreation and Health.

Elizabeth O'Keeffe, daughter of Dr. David O'Keeffe, 18 Lakeside Dr., has been named to the Dean's list for the first semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

The North End PTA supports the consolidation plans. Further the group recommends that there be no decrease in total resource teachers for the combined schools. Another recommendation would allow North End fifth graders to go to Greenbelt Junior High in the seventh grade thus avoiding one school change. North End PTA president Mary Moien reports that the group is divided on the matter of walking or riding to school. Bill Barber is interested in learning the views of other North End parents about bus transportation. His telephone number is 474-4225. The Greenbelt Center PTA has taken a position supporting the consolidation with no conditions.

City Council

Savage brought Council up-to-date on the North End School closing on February 2. He explained that no opposition to the closure had surfaced. The Greenbelt School Study Committee position is to ask for concessions. These include rehabilitation for Center School, a fulltime counselor for the school, safety provisions for students walking to Center School, and options for present North End fifth graders so that they need not attend five different schools in five consecutive years. Center was scheduled for a \$2 million renovation in the 1980-81 CIP but was dropped. Items needing attention are those involving normal wear and tear, plumbing, heating, rewiring, and a new gym ceiling.

Councilman Charles Schwan complimented Savage on his work

Utopia Theatre Auditions

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center is holding auditions for quality entertainment for the year of 1981.

Wed., Feb. 18; 7:30 p.m. auditions for singers and instrumentalists.

Thurs., Feb. 19; 7:30 p.m. programs for children, mime, puppet shows, etc.

Fri., Feb. 20; 7:30 p.m.: Dance and Mime.

Location: Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway. For information call Graceanne Adamo, Program Chairwoman at 345-8826.

with the Committee. Council should offer support for the concessions and try to determine the best disposition of North End School, he said. Council felt the school was in good shape. Offhand, Councilman Thomas White said he could think of seven uses for the school. Costs would be the major disadvantage of taking over the school, explained City Manager James Giese. "But what happens if we don't take it?" he wondered. Council moved that the Community Relations Advisory Board consider the matter in consultation with the Advisory Planning Board, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Greenbelt School Study Committee. A final meeting of the School Study Committee before the public hearing will be held on Sunday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in city council chambers.



CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting of February 2, 1981, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1 (Resolution No. 468); and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 54, TITLE "CUSTODY OF MONEYS", TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SAID SECTION SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEYS DEFERRED UNDER AN ESTABLISHED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

The above Charter amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 24th day of March, 1981, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 14th day of March, 1981, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt. A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870.

James K. Giese, City Manager

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Long-time friends and hunting comrades give Zoellner a matching set of luggage. Jack Snoddy (center) illustrates the need by showing Zoellner's old faithful — a cardboard suitcase he has taken on his hunting trips over the last 20 years. Zoellner and his mother, Helen "Mae" (to the left of Snoddy) and Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and his wife Muriel (to the right) show their enjoyment.

by Elaine Skolnik

"The city has been good to me. The police department has been my life, and while there were ups and downs, I have enjoyed every minute of it." These words were spoken by retiring police lieutenant Marshall "Bud" Zoellner at a dinner-dance given in his honor at the American Legion Post 136 Home on January 31. Three hundred persons attended the event which was sponsored by the city and the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #32.

With his mother, Helen "Mae" Zoellner at his side, "Bud" listened to the many tributes by city officials, colleagues and friends. There were touching reminiscences, a good-natured roast and the presentations of many gifts.

On behalf of the city and the FOP, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld expressed warm appreciation to Zoellner for his 27 years of service to the Police Department. "We feel," he said, "that the dedication and diligence in the performance of your duties as a police officer should not go unrewarded." Weidenfeld announced that payments of Zoellner's insurance premiums would be continued by the city for the next six months.

Zoellner's career with the police department began in February 1954 when he worked as a dispatcher. Later he was promoted to police officer, in 1963 attaining the rank of lieutenant. Among his duties were selecting and training other officers. As an administrative lieutenant he was in command of central services, with responsibility for property and evidence and supervision of communications specialists.

FOP president Jim Craze, who served as master of ceremonies, spoke of Bud as a "special friend.

a guiding hand during my fledgling years with the department and a father figure to the officers."

"Bud is responsible for most of us being where we are professionally. He can take pride in what we have accomplished because what we are today is in part due to Bud," said former Greenbelt policeman Bob Smith. Smith, a secret service agent, gave Zoellner a money clip with a secret service star. He also read a letter of commendation from H. S. Knight, Director of the U.S. Secret Service. Knight noted that on a variety of occasions Zoellner had given excellent support to the Secret Service. . . . "Cooperation among law enforcement officers," he wrote, "is one of the cornerstones of our profession and we are grateful for this assistance."

On behalf of the city, Councilman Richard Pilski presented a gold pocket watch to Zoellner. "I have known Bud since 1959," said Pilski, adding, "He is somebody I know and can call a friend—somebody I can ask for help and somebody I could thank when he gave it to me."

Old-time Greenbelter

City Manager James G. Giese pointed out that the Zoellner family was one of Greenbelt's first families. Bud was 16 when the family moved to 35-G Ridge Road. He attended Greenbelt High School (now Greenbelt Junior High). During World War II, he was a petty officer in the United States Navy Air Force.

Giese presented Zoellner with a final check for 237 hours of annual leave "that Bud could have taken away from the job but didn't" and 375 hours of sick leave.

Chief William Lane had an honorable discharge for Bud, an award plaque and a police wallet with a gold personal identification badge. Lane was delighted that so

many former police officers were present for the occasion. "Lt. Zoellner helped to train them," he said, adding "We are proud of our officers here tonight."

Zoellner has served to protect Greenbelt citizens not only as a Navy man and as a police officer, but also as a member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. A charter member of the Volunteer Rescue Squad formed in November 1946 (the firemen were paid at the time by the city), he became chief in 1951 and the squad's first president in February 1954. When the combined Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad was formed in 1955, Zoellner was its first president. He also served on the board of directors and later received a life membership.

Presentations

Among other presentations made to Zoellner was luggage, given by longtime comrades Snoddy, Rousseau, Reynolds, Mogel, Williams and Bordas. An old battered suitcase that Bud carried around for some 20 years on hunting and fishing trips was also presented.

Joe Butler, retired U.S. Park Police, District 4, presented a plaque and Joe Early offered an original poem thanking Bud for his friendship and paying tribute to "men like you" and to Mom for "She's important, too." (Mrs. Zoellner resides in Green Ridge House).

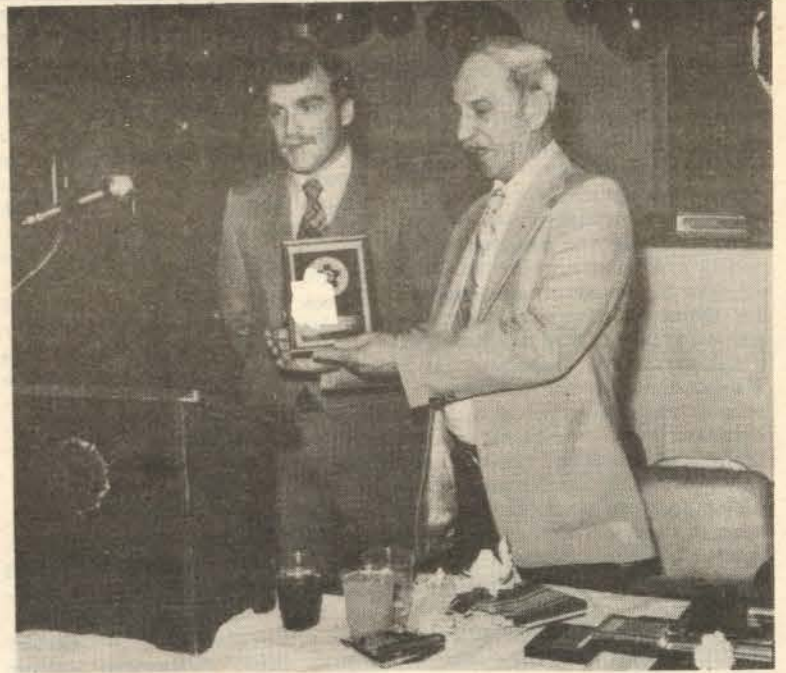
Charles Fredericks gave Bud a hone for his hunting knife. Fredericks explained that when Bud finally catches that deer he has been stalking for 25 years, it will be so tough, he'll need the hone. An American Legion hat #136 was presented by Don Britt.

Other offerings were a roast by Bob Smith ("after 26 years of service, he's getting some respect"), a gift book from Jim and Pauline Bordas, and many messages of appreciation to a "dedicated public servant."

Three cakes bearing the insignia of the city, F. O. P. Lodge 32, and a "Snuffy" cartoon were baked by Dottie Varda. The dinner was prepared and served by the American Legion Auxiliary. Assisting also were members of the American Legion.

Glass Club Show and Sale

The Del Mar Va Depression Glass Club presents its spring show and sale on March 6, 6 to 10 p.m. and March 7, 10 to 5 at the National Guard Armory. Greenbelt dealers will feature Depression glass, Fostoria, Heisey, Cambridge, Depression era china and pottery. For additional information call 565-2361.



Lt. Marshall "Bud" Zoellner shows off plaque presented to him on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #32 by president Jim Craze. Craze was emcee for the retirement dinner, January 31, given by the FOP and the city.



Police Chief William Lane presents a black leather wallet with personalized gold police badge attached inside to an appreciative Zoellner.

Renters Tax Credit Program Available

The 1981 application forms for the State of Maryland's Renters Tax Credit Program are now available. This new State program provides tax credits for renters who have reached age 60 or who are disabled. One does not have to be filing an income tax return in order to receive the Renters' Tax Credit, since eligible applicants receive the amount of credit as a direct check payment from the State of Maryland.

The rationale behind this new Renters' Tax Credit Program is that renters indirectly pay property taxes as part of their rent, and thus should get a credit as homeowners do if qualified on the basis of income. If the portion of the rent attributable to property taxes exceeds a fixed amount in relation to income, then renters can, under specified conditions, receive a credit of as much as \$450.

The types of rented dwellings which can be eligible for this credit are a unit in any type of apartment building; or a rented individual house, duplex, co-op or condominium. The rented dwelling must be the person's principal residence, and an applicant must have reached age 60 or

Fun Runs

Fun Runs continue this Saturday, Feb. 14, at 9 p.m. at Greenbelt Lake with runs of 1/2, 1, and 3 miles. All survivors (finishers) will receive color-coded certificates based on age, sex, and time. Gold is the top-awarded color certificate followed by blue, red, green, and white. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

be totally disabled as of December 11, 1980.

Elderly and disabled renters must apply in order to receive the Renters' Tax Credit, and the application form must be submitted no later than May 1, 1981. Application forms can be obtained from the local Department of Assessments and Taxation office, local Area Office on Aging, or by calling 800-492-3790 (toll-free). Callers also will receive assistance in filling out the form and an explanation of how income affects the amount of tax credit to which a person is entitled.

Those found eligible for a Renters' Tax Credit as determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation will receive a check directly from the State Treasury. Last year, the average Renters' Tax Credit amounted to \$86 for each eligible applicant.

To All My Friends:

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**Greenbelt Police Department
Marshall H. "Bud" Zoellner
(Retired) Lieutenant**

GHI BOARD MEETING fr. p. 1

later in the meeting, however, when the board was considering a suggestion of director Steve Curtis to have a temporary staffer to assist with individual rehabilitation efforts, architect Sersen noted that some of his own time was being wasted on matters that an Information Specialist could better handle. On successive motions by Donaldson, therefore, the request was revived and then passed first reading.

As perhaps an example of the confusion that has arisen from lack of proper communication between staff and members, two members in a row of homes at 3 Court Crescent proceeded with electrical conversion before the remaining members agreed to participate, and are now asking GHI for credit in the form of reduced heating charges. Because of the mixup, Kopstein suggested they be granted a 50% reduction until the full row is converted. After some discussion this was authorized by the board, though audit committee member Ruth Myers noted she and some others have so far not received credit for work they have had done.

New Treasurer

James gave in his resignation as treasurer of the corporation; the reason was not specified during the meeting. To replace him John Lewis was nominated by Curtis and elected by unanimous vote of the board. James also withdrew from several committees—Finance committee, Computer committee, and some ad hoc committees.

Audit Committee Report

A detailed critical report of the Audit committee was presented, which made many specific points concerning modes of operation of the corporation. Among its comments were the following: important items are being placed on the agenda without previous explanation . . . personnel should be given a reasonable time to improve before being terminated . . . the use of executive sessions should be more clearly defined . . . recently dismissed counsel Albert Ginsberg was given no indication that his services were in any way unsatisfactory . . . board members should not make irresponsible charges about past boards, other members, or employees and consultants. With respect to the rehabilitation project the Audit committee noted "it is not clearly demonstrated that . . . our members . . . on fixed or retirement incomes can afford the rehabilitation program as it has currently ballooned; we remind our planners that GHI was established as housing for low-income families in a spirit of mutual assistance."

The board members appeared to react positively in general to these observations, with Hogensen urging a resolution of thanks be transmitted to Ginsberg for his years as GHI's attorney, and James complimenting the committee for a "well-written report". Curtis differed somewhat, however, on the subject of rehabilitation costs, arguing that the project itself "is designed to help low-income families." Frank Gervasi, speaking for Audit Committee, suggested that some of the preventative maintenance items (e.g. faucet replacement) did not appear to be cost effective.

Management Procedures

A comprehensive manual summarizing GHI's policies and procedures has been in the making for several years' originally undertaken by volunteer students from the Antioch School of Law and continued by Nat Shinderman, but has still not been completed. The staff recommended

therefore that a competent technical writer be hired for the purpose, with a staff/board committee to oversee the project. Including printing costs and ancillary expenses, the amount asked for was about \$22,000. James and Hogensen expressed concern that this amount added to the expenditures already authorized during the evening would overtax the budget, and Ben Hogensen from the floor urged that it be done in-house by the staff department heads. On the other hand Curtis appeared to favor the project, stressing only the importance of having experienced people on the oversight committee; Conrad commented that "I want this . . . to be in the form that the average person can understand." On a motion by Lewis the work was authorized for first reading.

Curtis also brought up a need for better organization of GHI's central file of documents and real estate records. Manager Kopstein explained that space was a problem but agreed the situation could be improved for example by obtaining "fire-rated" files and perhaps microfilming the files in future.

SENIOR ARTS PROJECTS AT GREEN RIDGE HOUSE

Over the past year many classes and workshops have been offered at the Green Ridge House in Greenbelt by the Senior Citizens Arts Project. To date, these classes have included a weaving workshop, woodblock printing, drawing and printing, holiday crafts, and various field trips.

During January and February rughooking and sculpture classes were scheduled. The Senior Citizens Arts Project is a program of the Arts Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation.

At the end of the meeting Chairman Volk noted that new conflict of interest statements have been prepared for corporation officials to sign. (The News Review was later informed by manager Kopstein that all senior staff personnel, including himself, have since signed the new statements as arranged last September with the board.)



OFFICIAL NOTICE City of Greenbelt BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

From time to time, vacancies occur on the city's advisory boards to which appointments are made by the City Council. The Council will be considering appointments to fill existing or future vacancies on the following boards:

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- COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
- EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD

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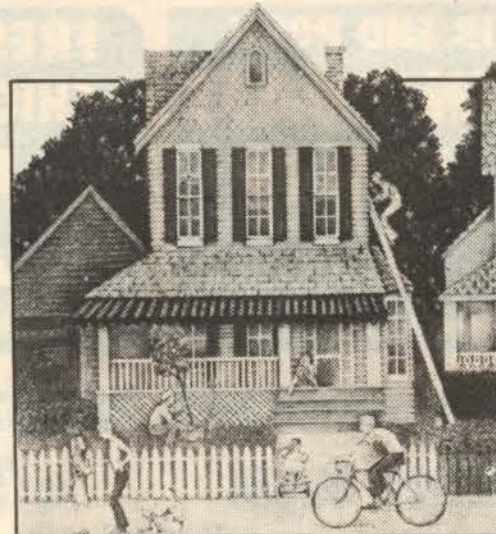
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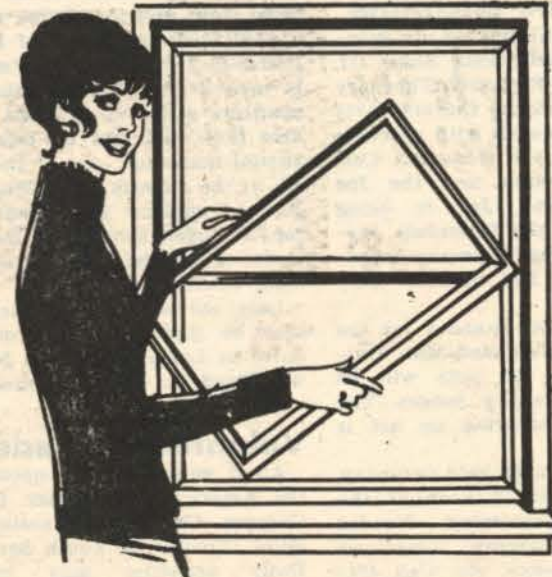
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CPR Committee, Elderly Citizens Ask For Share of Revenue Funds

by Bill Rowland

How the city might spend \$67,000 in federal revenue sharing funds during the next fiscal year was a question that helped fill the council chamber, especially with a large turnout of senior citizens, on the evening of Feb. 2. The question was posed in a public hearing conducted by City Manager James Giese during a recess of the regular council meeting. By the time representatives of three Greenbelt organizations had finished presenting their requests for parts of the expected funds, only \$3,100 had been spoken for.

Giese explained that the \$67,000 is an estimate, and the actual amount received by the city may be reduced as a result of the 1980 census data on Greenbelt population and income levels. The \$67,000 amount consists of almost \$78,000 total expected to be received in the new fiscal year starting July 1, minus about \$19,000 of the total that will be received too late to be spent during the new fiscal year, plus a bit over \$8,000 carried over unspent from the present fiscal year.

The revenue sharing funds, although only a small part of the city's budget, can be spent in almost any way desired, according to Giese. During the present fiscal year, the city had \$90,500 in federal revenue sharing funds. Of this total, \$40,000 was used for payment of debt service; \$44,500 went for purchase of new equipment and the making of improvements in various city departments and facilities; the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center received a contribution of \$3,500; and \$2,500 was directed to transportation services for the elderly. The results from this year's hearing, said Giese, will be incorporated into the overall staff budget planning now being done, for presentation to council in April.

La Leche Meeting

The Greenbelt La Leche League will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16 at 6162 Springhill Terr. #102. The topic for discussion will be The Art of Breastfeeding: Overcoming Difficulties. For information call 345-2670.

Gong Show Feb. 28 To Aid Joe Michiline

The Greenbelt Jaycees are sponsoring Greenbelt Gong Show III, to be held on Saturday, February 28, at 8 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center in Greenbelt with proceeds going toward the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center and the Joe Michiline Fund. Joe is being sponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees for the Deaf Olympics scheduled for July 1981 in West Germany.

Prizes will be awarded for the Best, Second Best, and Most Outstanding acts. All acts will be judged by celebrity judges. The deadline for entering an act is February 18.

Auditions will be held Saturday, February 21 at 12 noon at the Utopia, 129 Centerway. Needed are singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, clowns, etc. Call 474-9347 or 474-7272 evenings for further information on auditions. For ticket information call Tim Povinale at 345-7844 or Jerry Morris at 439-6888.

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club, represented by its president, Bob Dove, asked for \$1,500 to refurbish and further equip the Morrison Lounge, located in the Youth Center. Dove said that the club has grown to about 300 members and is expected to continue growing. It has two business and two social meetings each month in the lounge, in addition to other activities. Needed in the lounge are a new American flag, four new heavy-duty card tables with chairs, a filing cabinet, a TV set, a large coffee urn, and drapes.

Jim Cassels, speaking as an individual who lives at Green Ridge House, asked on behalf of the House for \$1,100. Of this amount, \$700 would be for a steam table for the kitchen, so that a Sunday brunch program may be started; and \$400 would buy a display cabinet to encourage the arts and crafts program.

Leo Gerton presented the need of the CPR Citizens Committee of Greenbelt for \$500 to buy new equipment and revised instructional materials, including a new copy of a training film to replace one that has been shown about a hundred times. Gerton pointed out that the committee has not asked for financial help since the start of CPR training in the city in the fall of 1978. He reported that 465 persons have received CPR certification through the program to date, and that 250 CPR instructors have been certified in cooperation with the county.

Jose Morales, a Springhill Lake resident, spoke up eloquently and entertainingly on behalf of what he chose to call "intracity transportation." He explained that he has gotten nowhere for four years with a series of efforts to achieve "senior citizens transportation," so he is trying a new name for his project. He promised continuing cooperation with the city government on the transportation issue.

Washington Birthd'y Marathon, Feb. 15

At least five of Greenbelt's active marathoners have signed up to run in the 26-mile 385-yard run at the Agricultural Research Center Sunday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. Approximately 375 runners will start at the Log Lodge cafeteria just off Research Road between Beaver Dam and Powder Mill Roads. The course consists of three loops and the course record is held by Bobby Doyle of Rhode Island in 2 hours, 22 minutes and 14 seconds in 1978. Greenbelters, members of the D. C. Road Runners Club, will put on this 20th annual marathon, one of the oldest in the country. The Greenbelt Jaycees sponsor this event and the Greenbelt Recreation Department offers showers for out-of-state runners.

Late entries to this marathon may be made by filling out an entry at Larry Noel's, 105 Northway Road. No entries on race day.

Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed at the American Red Cross, Prince Georges Chapter, to assist the blind Director of Youth Services. Daily activities may include reading, writing, typing, and possibly driving. Hours are flexible.

Any potential volunteers should contact Cheryl Anderson at 559-8500.

Council Hears Elderly Needs

by Leta Mach

Discussion of a Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) request that Council direct the Board on future procedures in CRAB's consideration of needs of the elderly was moved up early on the agenda because of the presence of concerned individuals. Council considered reviewing the report at a work session before meeting with the advisory board. Council leaned toward the view that money would be better spent on a need already identified such as transportation than on a professional survey which could produce the same results as informal surveys already done.

Noting that CRAB and council are busy, Morales, advocate for the elderly, cried, "We need a solution to our problems, we do not need busy answers." Elderly residents agreed that transportation, even walking, was a problem. In response to one complaint, City Manager James Giese said that plans and specifications to reduce the steep grade of the walkway to the Center had been completed and he hoped the work would be done by early summer. Although benches will be provided, a hand rail is not now in the plans, but Giese felt it should be considered after hearing that slippery snow and wet leaves were problems on the pathway.

In a related matter, Giese noted that money in this year's revenue sharing fund provided for a pedestrian crossing light in front of Green Ridge House. The city has been attempting to get state help with the light, but a recent traffic study report recommended against the light. "It's time we start to move on a light for that area," said Councilman Richard Pilski as he introduced a motion directing the City Manager to proceed expeditiously. The motion passed unanimously.

Another item that concerned Morales was the parking of cars belonging to non-residents in the Green Ridge lot. Giese said he would talk to the management. Green Ridge House Resident Manager Ruth Hedrick felt policing the lot would require her entire day. "They have no other place to park and they don't let you forget they used to have parking there," she explained. She brought another need to council's attention—help to supervise medication of sick people when their families are unavailable because of other responsibilities such as work. She suggested some kind of volunteer program to solve the problem.

Greenbelt Homemakers

Greenbelt Homemakers will meet at the home of Marie Wnuk Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. Doris Marshall will present the topic: "Do You Know Your Social Security System?"

Those interested in learning more about the Homemakers may contact Winnie Phibbs (474-4031), or Fran Crisman, (345-9032). The Homemakers Clubs are affiliated with the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maryland. Visitors are welcome.

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