

# Greenbelt News Review

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## New Post Office: More Space, Better Working Conditions Please Employees

by Bill Cornett

After two major changes in the past year - a new postmaster and a new location - Post Office employees and city residents are beginning to settle in to the new arrangement.

The new postmaster, Franklin D. Ford, took office on March 7, 1981, after Emory Harmon retired. Ford has worked for the Post Office for 24 years, and is a lifetime Prince Georges County resident who now lives in the Riverdale area. He has worked in the Hyattsville post office, the Northern Prince Georges postal facility in College Park, the Clinton post office, and was acting postmaster for 13 months at Bladensburg before coming to Greenbelt.

Ford said that the move to the new quarters increased the area of the office from 4,000 to 8,000 square feet, and allowed more room for lock boxes and working area. He also said that the new premises are better lit and cleaner. But there have been problems, mainly with vandalism.

### Vandalism

"We had continual traffic in the old space," Ford said, "and plenty of visibility through the big picture window." But the new location has no windows, only a glass door in the lobby, and the lobby is left open and unattended from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. after the counter closes. Ford said that the worst incident of vandalism occurred when there were many boxes of tax forms in the lobby, available for citizens to pick up if they needed any. Someone had thrown the contents of the boxes all over the lobby and urinated on them. "The vandalism happens once or twice a week. We often find beer bottles and garbage in the lobby." Ford pointed out a spot where blood had been spattered on the

door frame after one vandal had cut his hand on a broken beer bottle. The police have been notified of the situation, but Ford hopes that city residents will try and help keep an eye out for problems in the future. "To my knowledge, nothing like this ever happened at the old location. We are seriously considering closing the lobby at 5:30," he said.

Overall, the reaction to the new location has been good. "Most of the complaints come from the old people who have trouble getting down the steps," Ford said. Other complaints have been directed to the lack of an awning and no operating hours posted on the door. He said that the addition of an awning was up to the building owner and the city. The operating hour decals for the door have been ordered.

### Employees

Most of the employees have positive feelings about the new quarters, also. Mark Gerring, a native Greenbelter who has recently moved to Columbia and who has worked at the Greenbelt Post Office for ten years, likes the new space. "We have much more room, and a better lobby—everything's new."

Gerring doesn't miss the window in the old building, but that is not true of all the workers. Larry Kling, a carrier who lives in Charlestowne Village, says that he feels "like I'm working in the catacombs." Marilyn Bronstein, who has worked at Greenbelt for a year as a window technician, also misses the daylight, but likes

the fact that there is more room. Postmaster Ford said that some of the extra space has already started to be taken up by the new businesses in Greenway Plaza and along Ivy Lane. "But we don't foresee running out of space here anytime in the near future."



Greenbelt's new post office, showing where the 20 cent (and up) stamps come from. — photo by Bill Cornett

## Apartment Owners Given Monday Deadline to Comply with Order

by Elaine Skolnik

On February 11 the Prince Georges County Department of Licenses and Permits (DLP) issued a violation notice covering most of the Greenbelt Plaza Apartment development. The apartment owners were ordered to correct any deficiencies on or before February 22, 1982. Tenant complaints before the Greenbelt City Council and county officials and agencies after the January 31 fire, which displaced 26 families, have resulted in an in-depth inspection of the entire development. Fire officials blamed the fire on faulty wiring. An earlier fire on October 19, 1981 affecting 12 units at 53 Crescent, was caused by a defective gas furnace.

Today Prince Georges County Councilmen Frank Casula and Roy Dabney were to hear status reports from various county agencies dealing with the litany of complaints presented by Greenbelt Plaza tenants at city council meetings on February 1 and 8. Present at the latter meeting and expected at today's meeting were representatives of the Washington Gas Light Company, DLP, fire marshal's office, landlord-tenant and human relations commissions and Office of Emergency Preparedness. The Plumbing Inspection Division of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) was also to participate.

According to the DLP violation notices, inspection of many units last week revealed that "structures are in disrepair due to deteriorated wiring, improper fusing and otherwise fails to meet the minimum provisions of this code (P.G. Housing Code 1, Section H-130.2) and are potentially

## Outstanding City Employee

The City Council has authorized a program to recognize a City employee for outstanding service to Greenbelt each year. The selection will be made by the City Council based upon the employee's overall work record with the City and, in particular his or her record with the City during the past year. A particular event, such as a heroic feat, might be a factor considered, but the general work record of the employee is of prime importance for the making of an award.

Any citizen or employee of the City may nominate one or more employees for this award. Nomination blanks may be obtained from the City offices or by simply submitting in writing the nomination of an employee and the reasons why the nominee deserves recognition.

Nominations must be submitted not later than noon, March 15.

The outstanding City employee will receive a \$100 savings bond and an inscribed wall plaque.



### AGENDA

## Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, Feb. 22,

1982

8:00 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 Enact as Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Greenbelt City Code a Greenbelt Ethics Law to Prohibit Certain Conduct and Interests of Officials and Employees, Require Financial Disclosure, Require the Registration of Lobbyists, and Provide for the Implementation, Administration, and Enforcement of the Regulations; and to Repeal Article VI, Title "Financial Disclosure", Sec. 2-36 to Sec. 2-44, of Chapter 2 of the Greenbelt City Code - Second Reading
  10. A Resolution to Agree to a Method of Distributing State Program Open Space Monies Between the County and Municipalities - Second Reading
  11. Commemorative Guidelines Policy
  12. Lake Park Master Plan
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  13. A Resolution to Designate City Officials Authorized to Sign Checks, Vouchers, Purchase Orders, and Payroll Checks for the City of Greenbelt - First Reading
  14. Appointments to Crime Prevention Committee
  15. Appointment of Chairman of Community Relations Advisory Board
  16. Transfer of Portions of Crescent and Ridge Roads from the State of Maryland to the City of Greenbelt
  17. Amendments to the Charter of the Council of Governments Water Resources Planning Board
  18. Meetings
- V. MISCELLANEOUS
 

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda—subject to change.



Behind the scenes in Greenbelt's new post office. Earlier in the day this area had been full of employees sorting mail.

—photo by Bill Cornett

February 22, such as submitting copies of contracts, bids, etc.

The WSSC Plumbing Inspection Division is continuing its inspection of gas furnaces, gas appliances and piping. Inspectors are also looking at the plumbing in the apartment units. WSSC is charged by law to oversee the plumbing and gas fitting industry. They check to ensure that work is done by licensed personnel.

hazardous to the safety, health or welfare of any occupants"

The notice further states that the buildings "were placarded and declared UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION. All vacant units must remain vacant and any unit becoming vacant cannot be reoccupied until all code violations are corrected and/or until written acceptance of the units as fit for human habitation is received from the Building Official." However, persons living in the buildings will be able to remain in their apartments. The violation notice states: "If all issued notices of violation are not corrected by compliance dates specified, it may be necessary to order the project vacated." The date for compliance is shown as February 22.

Joe Healy, head of the property standards division of DLP, explained that compliance is interpreted as the owner showing "good faith" and "some movement" that he is complying with the order by



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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:  
 SERVICE  
 COMMITMENT  
 HONESTY  
 WISDOM  
 ABILITY  
 NOBILITY

are terms that may be ascribed to an outstanding citizen of Greenbelt, whose dedication to the community spans several decades; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that these terms fit not only the man but his name as well —

**CHARLES F. SCHWAN, JR.**

and it is also evident that many more words could be gleaned from the English language, the language he cherishes and uses with great skill and grammatical accuracy, to give credit to him and his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, such words would not suffice adequately to describe the personality, the life, and the contributions of CHARLES F. SCHWAN, JR., who has served as a member of the Greenbelt City Council with distinction for ten years and who has determined not to seek reelection in favor of much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, his career, his service to the community, and his dedication to his family, his friends, and his neighbors cannot be sufficiently detailed in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, through his service to the citizens of Greenbelt, his commitment to honest government and the constitution and laws of our nation, our state, and our city; through his humanitarianism and concerns for the needy, the young, and the elderly; and through his assistance and leadership in the *News Review's* freedom of the press fight and involvement in Greenbelt Homes, Inc., he has demonstrated that he is a champion for what is right and just — as opposed to what might be expedient and popular; and

WHEREAS, his intellectual and wise and candid approach to the many problems that have faced the city and his ability to negotiate issues without compromising himself or the community, have greatly assisted the Council in formulating decisions that have left their indelible mark on our city; and

WHEREAS, his intellect, his wit, his sometimes caustic words; and, most of all, his wise counsel, his knowledge, and his sense of humor will be sorely missed; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by his colleagues on the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to take this means of expressing in behalf of the citizens of Greenbelt, in some small way, their deep appreciation to CHARLES F. SCHWAN, JR.; to assure him of their affection; to give public recognition of the high respect and esteem in which they now and henceforth shall hold him; and, lastly, to extend to him their sincere and heartfelt wishes for many years of happiness in the midst of the community he has cared for and served so well.

**PASSED** by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting, September 14, 1981.

GIL WEIDENFELD, Mayor  
 RICHARD R. PILSKI, Mayor Pro Tem  
 RICHARD J. CASTALDI, Member of Council  
 THOMAS X. WHITE, Member of Council

Attest:  
 Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

### Open Letter of Thanks

Dear Friends:  
 My family and I wish to thank all our many friends for their kind generosity and heartfelt sympathy during the loss of my daughter, Penny.

Greenbelt is a wonderful place to live but then I have known that for the past 22 years. I wish everyone in the world could have the love and understanding that this fine community shares.

Mae E. Gingell and Family

### For Wall Thermostats

To the Editor:  
 When GHI members are deciding whether or not to have wall-mounted thermostats, there is another point to keep in mind in addition to those mentioned on the information sheet sent out. Members should be aware that the average room temperature will be sensed more accurately by a thermostat on the wall than by a thermostat near the floor. The reason for this is that the air near the floor is cooler than the rest of the room. One could simply set a baseboard thermostat for a few degrees cooler than the desired average room temperature, but the temperature difference required will vary with how drafty the house is, which will depend upon how cold and windy it is outside at a particular time.

We have until March 1 to decide.

Charles Hagelgans

### GHI Voting Procedures Suggestions Solicited

The Ad Hoc committee on GHI Voting Procedures will be meeting at 8 p.m. on February 24 in the GHI offices. The committee would like to receive members' written comments concerning the mechanics for conducting floor votes at membership meetings or ideas for alternate procedures. For example, one suggestion has been made that major issues be decided only by mail or by voting machine.

Members of the committee are Barbara Havekost, Diana James, Stephen Sinden, James Wright and L. R. Batra.

The committee was established at the request of the membership on a motion adopted at the last annual membership meeting.

### Golden Age Club

by Gertrude Law

The Golden Age Club had a successful food drive to aid the fire victims. Collections of canned goods, boxed staples, coffee, bread, etc. amounted to \$200.00.

About 80 members attended the Valentine Party on Wednesday, February 10. Frank Colea and Helen Oring sang beautiful love songs. Elizabeth Fleet was the accompanist. George and Helen Klem were dressed in colorful costumes and gave an exhibition of polka dancing.

By the drawing of names, Helen Harris was selected Queen of Hearts and Henry Thurston the King. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Birchard and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Oring tied for being the couples married the longest. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buese were the newlyweds. All enjoyed a pot lunch luncheon with delicious food. With the hard efforts of members, the gym was decorated in red hearts and flowers and created the Valentine theme.

Former delegate Leo Green presented a \$200 check to the Golden Age Club and a pot of blooming pink azalea as his annual gift to the Senior Citizens. The flowers were given as a door prize and were won by Beret Neumann.

### Pisano Exhibit

Diane Pisano is this month's exhibiting artist at Paint Branch Unitarian Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. Pisano, now a resident of Hyattsville, grew up in Greenbelt. Her parents, Ann and Tony Pisano, live in Lake-wood. Pisano was graduated from High Point High School and the University of Maryland in Fine Arts. She has lived in such diverse places as Louisiana, Minnesota, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Northern California and Spain. While this is her first one-person show, she has exhibited as an undergraduate. She is accomplished in a variety of styles and is particularly interested in illustration.

The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through February 28.

### Mowatt Memorial

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

### ST JOHN'S CHURCH

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

### Our Neighbors

It's a girl for Marcie and Dan Milligan of Fort Worth, Texas. Deirdre Siobhan made her debut Jan. 10 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Deirdre's maternal grandmother is Bernie McGee of Northway.

Renee Marshall of Edmonston Terrace and Martha Ann Sheridan of Ridge Road have been selected for inclusion in the 1981 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America, which honors exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36.

Condolences to *News Review* staff member Sid Kastner, 123 Northway, on the death of his brother Jacob Kastner.

## Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770  
 474-4090/345-2918

### Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Rd.  
 (near Cherry Hill Road)  
 Forum: 9:30 a.m. "1982: The Challenges Ahead," by Rep. Michael Barnes.  
 Service: 11:00 a.m. "Is Religious Faith Possible — For Us?" by Richard W. Kelley  
 937-3666

### Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)  
 Hillside and Crescent Roads  
 Phone 474-6171 mornings  
 11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School  
 Nursery provided at 2B Hillside  
 Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

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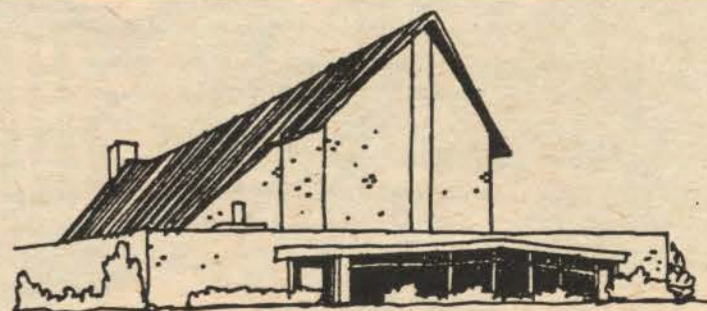
OR PERFECT PEOPLE —

AND OUR WELCOME MAT IS ALWAYS OUT.

You are invited to worship with us

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Rds.  
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.  
 For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road  
 Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.  
 Sunday morning nursery at both services  
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor Phone 345-5111



## O'Neill Play Opens At Utopia Theatre

by Paula Lipman

Eugene O'Neill's powerful drama "Moon for the Misbegotten" will premiere at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Utopia Theater, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26, 27 at 8:15 p.m. A gala wine and cheese reception will be held after the play on opening night. (The play will run for three successive weekends.)

Eugene O'Neill ranks as one of the greatest American playwrights. Among his many famous works are "Iceman Cometh," "Long Day's Journey Into Night" and "Desire Under the Elms." He received the Pulitzer prize four times, and in 1936 the Nobel Prize for literature.

Many of O'Neill's dramas were first presented at the Provincetown Playhouse, a community theater in Massachusetts, before they reached national acclaim on Broadway. "Moon for the Misbegotten," written in 1943, is O'Neill's last finished work. It was presented on Broadway in 1957 to enthusiastic audiences.

Leading actors for the Greenbelt performances will be Angela Schreiber as Josie Hogan and Charles K. Bortell as her scheming, hard drinking, bositorous, colorful father, Phil Hogan. Bortell recently starred at the Utopia Theater in "On Golden Pond." Schreiber has shown her expertise as actress and director with the Greenbelt Players.

For information call 345-4487, 345-3516 or 474-7763. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance.

## Student Voter Registration To Be February 22-26

Eligible high school students will be given an opportunity to register in school as Maryland voters during Student Voter Registration Week, February 22-26.

Student government officers and teacher advisors at each of the system's 19 high schools will prepare local programs to encourage students to register. Eligible students must be 18 years old by November 2, the date of the next general election, and be residents of Prince Georges County.

The Board of Elections will loan voting machines to each high school for instructional purposes.

In proclaiming Student Voter Registration Week, the Board of Education noted that "voter registration is an essential citizen responsibility in a democratic society" and that "a major purpose of the public schools is to promote citizenship education."

For additional information, contact the Office of Student Concerns at 350-5096.

## Bingo

7:30 p.m.

every Thursday

at

St. Hugh's  
135 Crescent Road

## CITY NOTES

The general crew patched potholes and cleaned sewers and underpasses. Routine maintenance was done on the snow removal equipment. On Feb. 9 several members of the crew worked on snow removal.

The parks crew cut down dead trees along Crescent Road. The chipper was out for two days picking up roadside debris. Small mowers and equipment were repaired. Broken fences at the City Office and Lastner Lane playground were repaired. The park in Greenbriar was cleaned.

## P.G. Schools to Begin Before Labor Day

The Prince Georges County Board of Education at its January 18 meeting set August 30 as the first day of school of the 1982-83 school year. The announcement was made so that parents could make appropriate adjustments in their summer vacation plans.

Classes will begin before Labor Day (September 6) so that the school year will not run into late June. The remainder of the 1982-83 school calendar will be announced in early spring.

## At the Library

Tuesday, Feb. 23: The Sound of Musicals - Family Films. 7-9:30 p.m. The Sound of Music.

Thursday, February 25: Adult Book Discussion. 10:15 a.m. Eleanor and Franklin by Joseph P. Lash.

Jobs Are Available Now

### DATA PROCESSING

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## Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Registration

REGISTER FOR SPRING SOCCER.

WHERE? GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER.

WHEN? SATURDAY, February 19 and 26, 1982

TIME? 10 a.m. to 12 noon

PROGRAM UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF

JORGE BIANCHI

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$20

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club will sponsor Spring Soccer for all youths between the ages of 13 (Year of birth: 1968) and 5 (year of birth: 1976). The program will be supervised by Jorge Bianchi, your new Soccer Commissioner for 1982. We are interested in seeing you play.

Parental help is necessary, play will be at Intraleague and Intramural level.

IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NECESSARY PLEASE CALL 474-2397.



## Notice of Special Meeting of Members Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association

A Special Meeting of Members of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 1982, at 8 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, Greenbelt, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

The purpose of this meeting is to vote on a plan, approved by both Boards of Directors, to merge Twin Pines with Community Savings and Loan, Inc. of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The Board of Directors has approved this merger in order to improve and strengthen Twin Pines financially and operationally, to facilitate our move to larger quarters, to maintain existing services and to introduce new services, such as IRA, Keogh, NOW and Daily Money Accounts, and a walk-up teller window. The merger will result in a much stronger institution which will be more capable of meeting the financial needs of Twin Pines' members and of our community.

Both Twin Pines and Community Savings and Loan are state-insured associations. The accounts at both institutions are insured to \$100,000, each by MSSIC. Twin Pines will, in effect, become the Greenbelt office of Community Savings and Loan. To members with accounts and loans at Twin Pines, this merger has no financial impact. Accounts at Twin Pines will become accounts in Community; no Twin Pines saver will lose any money. Loans at Twin Pines will become loans in Community.

Your vote is important. Whether you are able to attend the meeting or not, it is imperative that you cast your vote since Maryland law requires that this merger be approved by two-thirds of the Association's members.

The Board has approved this merger both in principle and in detail, and it strongly recommends that the members do likewise as soon as possible.

Information and ballots are being mailed to all members and will also be available at the Twin Pines office.

## TAX DEFERRED INCOME

### Individual Retirement Account

Defer taxes on up to \$2,000 of earned income. Defer up to \$2,250.00 if spouse is not employed during year.

12%

#### Share Account

Paid and compounded quarterly

\$100 min. optional deposits thereafter

15.05%

30-month certificate rate

through 3-2-82. \$1,000

min. Rate for new certificates changing bi-weekly.

NOTICE: Dividends are based on the credit union's earnings at the end of a dividend period and cannot be guaranteed.

## Greenbelt Federal CREDIT UNION

Community Shopping Center

121 Centerway - 474-5900

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9-3; Fri. 9-7



## Raiders Second Overall In County Swim Meet

by Doug Sutherland

The Roosevelt Raiders came a-way second place winners in the 3rd Annual Prince Georges County High School Swim and Dive Meet on Saturday, February 6. The Roosevelt club set four new county records and broke 13 out of 22 Raider records. The 18 young men and 12 young women scored 473.5 points to the 489 for the winner, Crossland. The 273 points by the young men took the first place trophy, while the women scored 200.5 points, good for third place behind Seton and Crossland. In all, about 200 swimmers from ten P.G. Co. High Schools competed.

Standout performances included senior Bill Bussing setting county records in the 50 freestyle (22.95) and 100 freestyle (52.11) and anchoring the record-setting 200 medley relay (1:47.40), which also included Brian Dies, Craig Dies, and Dan Sutherland. The other county record was set by senior Peter Ulrich who took first in the Diving for the third consecutive record-breaking year.

Points were awarded to the first 12 winners in each event. Roosevelt's point-getters included: (Team records are marked TR, and Greenbelters are marked with an asterisk).

**Women:** 200 Medley Relay - \*L. Blue, \*M. Williamson, \*L. Sutherland, K. Davis (4th) TR.; 200 Free - \*L. Sutherland (5th) TR.; 200 IM - \*L. Blue (8th) TR, \*T. Crisman (11th); 50 Free - K. Davis (2nd) TR, \*S. Gardes (9th); Diving - \*L. Greig (4th); 100 Free - G. Weinback (4th); 500 Free - \*L. Sutherland (4th) TR, \*M. Williamson (5th); 100 Back - \*L. Blue (3rd) TR, \*S. Gardes (5th), \*G. Gordan (6th), D. Gough (9th), \*T. Crisman (10th); 100 Breast - K. Davis (3rd), \*M. Williamson (7th), \*L. Greig (12th); and 400 Free Relay - \*S. Gardes, \*L. Greig, \*G. Gordan, G. Weinback (3rd), \*T. Crisman, \*C. Wersick, D. Gough, J. Friedman (5th).

**Men:** 200 Medley Relay - \*B. Dies, \*C. Dies, \*D. Sutherland, B. Bussing (1st) TR, D. Lu, D. Dodge, G. Schwab, W. Rhodes (5th); 200 Free - D. Lu (3rd), P. Ulrich (4th), D. McIlvaine (8th), D. Dodge (11th); 200 IM - \*C. Dies (2nd) TR, B. Schwab (10th); 50 Free - B. Bussing (1st) TR; Diving - P. Ulrich (1st) TR, B. Jones (10th), K. Jones (11th); 100 Fly - \*D. Sutherland (2nd) TR; 100 Free - B. Bussing (1st) TR, \*B. Dies (5th), W. Rhodes (9th); 500 Free - \*D. Sutherland (3rd) TR, \*T. Gardes (5th); 100 Back - \*B. Dies (5th), D. Lu (6th), W. Rhodes (9th), R. Young (12th); 100 Breast - \*C. Dies (1st) TR, D. McIlvaine (8th), B. Schwab (10th), \*E. O'Neil (11th), D. Goldberg (12th); and 400 Free Relay - P. Ulrich, \*T. Gardes, \*E. O'Neil, D. McIlvaine (4th), J. Silverstein and R. Hairston also swam for the Raiders.

This was a total team effort. Everyone contributed, year-round swimmers, the Sunday evening practice group, and those who haven't swum since last summer, plus several interested parents who kept score, "coached", and officiated. For years individual groups in PG high schools have tried to get swimming established as a varsity sport. Now is the time to make a county-wide effort!

The meet was sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. J. Droter.

## Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

The child molestation which occurred in Lakeside North on February 5 remains under investigation. No arrest has been made.

On February 9, St. Hugh's School was broken into. Four windows were broken. Cash was stolen.

Private Gregory E. Lynn charged an adult male with possession of a stolen vehicle. The car had been stolen from Alexandria, Va. A female juvenile in the car was not charged.

Cpl. John A. Lann charged a non-resident adult with trespassing at Jasper's Restaurant.

Pfc. Fred E. Murray charged an adult male with assault and battery in an incident which took place at Denny's in Greenway Shopping Center. The victim of the assault was an off-duty Prince Georges county police officer.

A pale yellow 1965 Plymouth Valiant was stolen from the parking area of the Holiday Spa in Greenway. The Virginia registration is JLM 33.

Cpl. John A. Lann charged a non-resident adult with theft from Marshall's in Beltway Plaza. The same suspect was subsequently charged with escape when he fled while being arraigned. He was chased and apprehended by Cpl. Lann.

A 1973 Honda 350 motorcycle was stolen from the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway. The motorcycle is orange with a black seat; the Maryland registration is 56035.

Pvt. Ralph J. Cancelose charged a non-resident adult with a burglary which occurred in Springhill Lake on February 13 at about 4 a.m. The suspect was apprehended a short distance from the scene.

## Wallpaper Class

Learn the art of hanging wallpaper at Will's Home Decorating Center's upcoming clinic. On March 10 at 7:30 p.m. the class will be held at the store, 10506 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville. The Greenbelt public is invited by calling 937-3733 for reservations and further information.

Malicious destruction of property occurred at Center Elementary School during the evening of February 12. Glass was broken out of an exit door. Suspects are under investigation.

There was a breaking and entering in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane between February 9-11. Entry was made by prying open a door.

Theft from auto - overall the largest single category of crime in Greenbelt - occurred 6 times in the past week. There were also 7 cases of malicious destruction to autos during this week.

## Child's Computer Course

Greenbelter Bob Spear, a faculty member at Prince Georges Community College in the Data Processing Department, and his son Eric will conduct a series of courses for children 10-13 years in BASIC, a computer programming language. For more information call 441-1063.

## Pattern Exchange

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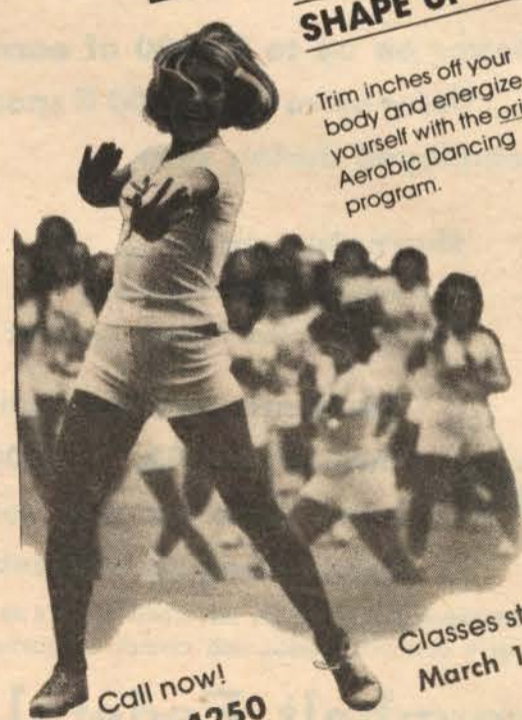
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**GREENBELT'S GREAT**

# A Tribute to Charles F. Schwan, Jr. On Retiring from City Council

by Sandra Barnes

To Charles F. Schwan, Jr., the highest praise is to hear good things said about oneself in the context of public service. "To be placed among the leadership of those who have contributed service is an enormous compliment," Schwan said recently at a gathering of city staff and officials paying tribute to his ten years on city council. Combined with four terms of service on the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors, he has been a leader in Greenbelt's civic and political life for nearly two decades.

Interviewing Schwan is a rare privilege for this reporter. His career is interesting and varied enough to fill many pages of my notebook, but the skill with which he recounts stories about his life or a moment in history punctuates the interview with charm and humor.

It almost seems as if he was born to serve the public interest. His four successful elections to the GHI board and five to the Greenbelt City Council make up perhaps for the fact that on the day he was born in Fredonia, New York, nearly 65 years ago, his father lost the election for village trustee by six votes. Charlie laughingly recalls the local newspaper reporting of the two events, "Better to be a father than a village trustee."

His family's interest in politics and government strongly influenced him as his sister, two aunts, and father were all part of the democratic apparatus of Chautauqua County. He received a partial scholarship to attend Hiram College in Ohio, but his family's finances in those Depression years did not permit him to attend. Instead he worked in the payroll and later sales office of a steel mill, learning a lot about metallurgy in his meticulous manner. He met his future wife Agatha there, and she took his job when he was drafted in World War II in April 1941.

He served until 1946, then entered Hiram College on the GI bill, and did graduate work in political science at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. "There was no question about what I wanted to do," he states firmly. He brought his family to Washington, where he worked for the Council of State Governments as its Washington representative from 1952-1962 and then as director of its Washington office from 1962 to 1968. Though Charlie's work was very important to him and he traveled a great deal and met the top leadership of state and federal governments, it is his contributions to the Greenbelt community for which he is most honored.

**Move to Greenbelt**

He came to Greenbelt in June 1953, and moved into 7-A Crescent with his wife and three children. A year later his wife was diagnosed to have leukemia and 16 months later, she died. Peggy was 3, Paul 8 and Charlie 12. His work and his family could have precluded any interest or time for public service. And for a while they did.

But his neighbor was Alan Kistler, then mayor of Greenbelt, and he appointed Charlie to chair a committee charged with setting up the Advisory Planning Board. Fellow committee members were Hans Jorgensen from the GHI board; Paul Campbell, GHI general manager; Izzy Parker; Lou Bernstein, of Greenbelt Consumer Services; Rex Tugwell — names that read like a Greenbelt Who's Who of the early years. Somewhat intimidated by the company—if such could be possible—Charlie implored a friend to send him some planning materials, "so I don't look like a big dope." His friend wrote back, "If you have Rex Tugwell on the committee, you don't need anything else." Charlie laughs warmly, remembering the incident.

The 1963 GHI election drew Charlie further into the political sphere.

The News Review recalls this election as one of the most bitterly fought among opposing factions in the community. It produced the largest turnout of voters—960—in GHI's history. Issues concerned the personalities of the incumbents and such schemes as returning the reserves to members as patronage. Charlie was swept into office that May and in January of the following year he was elected board president.

Under his leadership, the twenty-five townhouses on Ridge and Laurel Hill Roads were built. He carried GHI's and the community's cause against the location of the proposed high school through numerous public meetings, the press and the courts. "We also began the process toward rehabilitation," Charlie commented, noting that the process was arduous and might not have been successful were it not for the oil crisis and GHI's energy dependence.

As GHI board president in 1964, Charlie was instrumental in setting up the Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt (CFPG), in which the community rallied to fight against high density development. They forced the county to revise the official Greenbelt-College Park Master Plan to one the citizens could accept.

**Libel Suit**

But for Charlie, the high point of his community activism occurred with his work on the Freedom of the Press Committee, which he co-chaired with Al Herling. In this 1966 \$2 million court battle, the News Review was sued by a local developer who charged that the paper had libeled him in printing remarks made in public meetings. "The active defense of a fundamental democratic right" was an exhilarating if also painful time for Charlie and those closely associated with the suit, particularly the paper's president, the late Al Skolnik and his wife, Elaine. The paper lost two decisions in the lower court and the Maryland Court of Appeals, but was vindicated unanimously in the United States Supreme Court. Charlie worked tirelessly with the Skolniks, the lawyers and members of the community—and victory in this highest court was as sweet as any at the ballot box.

In 1971, Charlie ran for City Council and was elected in that year and each election year thereafter until 1981, when ill health

forced his retirement from active political life. Charlie's 10 years on the City Council could be characterized as comparatively smooth. Except for the Greenbriar controversy in which the community opposed massive construction of garden apartments on the Greenbriar and Windsor Green tracts, and a sewage treatment plant during the sewer moratorium, Charlie recalls these years on council as having no rough spots. "The city is so well-managed," he says in tribute to City Manager Jim Giese and his staff, that the council's job is a fairly easy one.

If events have molded Charlie's public image, it is his friendships with so many Greenbelters who have warmed his heart. "In my view, Greenbelt has a disproportion-

ate number of people whom it is worthwhile to know and a high percentage of nuts too. "I have a helluva lot of friends," he says emphatically. And these friends have toasted him at several birthday celebrations, as well as on the occasion of his retirement from the city council.

Among his closest friends have been Al and Elaine Skolnik, Gil and Muriel Weidenfeld, Jim and Mary Agnes Smith, current GHI board president and his wife. "I met the Skolniks in the early '60s," Charlie reflects, "and from that point on Al and I solved all the problems of the world." He met Gil (councilman and former mayor) when they both first ran for City Council. At the time, the Weidenfelds lived in Springhill Lake. With the Smiths, he maintains close ties to GHI.

Says Gil, "Charlie has not only been a colleague of mine, but we have become good friends. I have learned to have a great deal of respect for Charlie; he has a track record for credibility, credibility of the highest order. Charlie is one of the few last angry men. He won't compromise on his principles. Frequently, when serving on council, Charlie has taken a position not in his own self interest. But he did what he thought was right. He gave 10 years of tremendous service and leader-

ship. He was a great inspiration to me. I learned a great deal about people from him, also about grammar and punctuation," he comments, alluding to Charlie's gift with and love for the English language. "No one has surpassed Charlie's leadership on council. We owe him a great deal." (Other tributes to Charlie are reprinted on this page. The City Council resolution in his honor is reprinted on page 2.)

Charlie has not served without controversy, however. Many have fought him on political and ideological turf. He attributes a certain animosity on the part of a few to his own impatience, sometimes intellectual snobbishness and the fact that "I have little tolerance for fools. I have been in a position of leadership," he affirms, "and my view is that one should lead. . . . At times, I have set myself up as a target. . . . But if one wants to accomplish something, one can't avoid controversy."

He quotes Mark Twain: "Man is the only animal that blushes—and has a reason to." Charlie laughs. Warm. Friendly. Witty. A person of tremendous knowledge of politics, history, the humanities and so much more. In frail health, he reads avidly and keeps his hand on the pulse of the community he greatly loves.

**TRIBUTES**

**Richard Castaldi:** It was a pleasure to be associated with Charles for eight of his ten years on council. The big words in the resolution are small compared to the feeling for him in the community. Charles had a significant influence on me over the years, in particular, his adhering to principles and to what is right — without any sugarcoating — even if it meant being unpopular. I admired his excellence in the use of the English language.

**Richard Pilski:** Yours and mine has been an interesting relationship. I have admired you, respected you and sometimes fought you. I have admired your dotting of i's, placing of t's and commas in their proper places. Your retiring from council leaves a heavy burden on the person in your seat. You have performed a great service not only for council but for the community.

**Gil Weidenfeld:** (see remarks in story)

**Thomas X. White:** My relationship with Charlie goes back beyond the city government to the GHI community. Charlie and I were often on different sides but he always engendered respect. I came to know early on that he was dedicated to the community. His institutional memory and his constancy are strengths we have drawn on. I think the community will continue to utilize his talents.

**Ed Putens:** Charles Schwan is a man slight in stature whose contributions of knowledge and affection for our city are enormous. His wisdom, exquisite verbalization, keenness and guidance are qualities that have given direction both to council and to many individuals. His ability to pick a cause and stand by it, his ability to deliver a positive and effective presentation before agencies outside of the city have helped promote Greenbelt's respect and importance within Prince Georges County.

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## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

Report from Down Under

Your roving reporter, vaguely aware that there is a world outside the Beltway, has packed her grab bag and tripped to the other side of the globe.

My journey started tamely, with a foggy departure from BWI. A stop at Pittsburgh produced a snowstorm, but sunshine awaited in San Francisco, closely followed by former Greenbelter Hal Berman. Hal continued to beam on me for two days. Not so the sun. As the song goes: it never rains in California — it pours. And it was cold! Nevertheless we managed to have a very good time until my departure to Honolulu.

Five hours later, there was Hawaii. It was warm! It was also the middle of the night, and the airport was pretty much deserted. In the one hour layover, I made friends with a group of rodeo riders going to the International Competition. They all wore white hats, except for one black Stetson. I asked him if he was the bad guy, but he said, no, the white hats were, he was the good guy.

This was on Tuesday. Wednesday never happened. We crossed the International Date Line, and suddenly it was Thursday, New Year's Eve. The ten hour trip to Sydney, Australia was enlivened (?) by two movies, one grade B, one unclassifiable. Surely neither has ever been shown except to a

captive audience.

Arriving at Sydney, I went through Customs, and the inspector said she wouldn't have guessed I was from the States—I had no accent. I think that was a compliment. Later I was told I have a "lovely American accent." On the other hand, a little boy thought I spoke like the characters on television. Possibly he was thinking of the cookie monster on Sesame Street.

My wonderful Australian cousins are spoiling me so that Greenbelt may not be able to cope with me when I return. I am being taken sightseeing, visiting, and shopping. A concert at the Opera House gave me a feeling of *deja vu*. At intermission, standing outside looking at Sydney Harbour, I could have sworn I was at the Kennedy Center, looking at Rosslyn across the Potomac.

Incidentally, I am told that this has been an unusually cold January. The temperature has hardly risen above the seventies. As I am writing this, there is a bird outside the window saying, "Izzat so?" Everybody is a critic.

I will be here for another week, and hope to send another report. Now that I think about it, I have been here for two years already. Fifteen hours in 1981, and six days in 1982.

Punchin' Judy

(Editor's Note: While Judy is already back in Greenbelt, we thought our readers would still enjoy her letter. Lack of space had prevented its timely publication.)

## CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, MARCH 15, 1982 at 8:00 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter, as it may be heard, on a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT BY ANNEXING CERTAIN LAND CONTIGUOUS AND ADJOINING THE EXISTING CORPORATE AREA, SUCH LANDS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MARYLAND TRADE CENTER PROPERTY (PARCEL B, GREENBELT EAST SUBDIVISION, 7.5000 ACRES), CAMERON BROWN INVESTMENT GROUP PROPERTY (33.7521 ACRES), CHARLES M. BAKER ET UX PROPERTY (11.1574 ACRES) ALL LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT IN THE VICINITY OF THE GREENWAY SHOPPING CENTER AND HANOVER PARKWAY, TOGETHER WITH ADJACENT PUBLIC ROADWAYS, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THE UNDEVELOPED TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IN THE AREA ANNEXED FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNEXATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, OR IF SOONER, UNTIL THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS.

A fair summary of said property being described as follows:

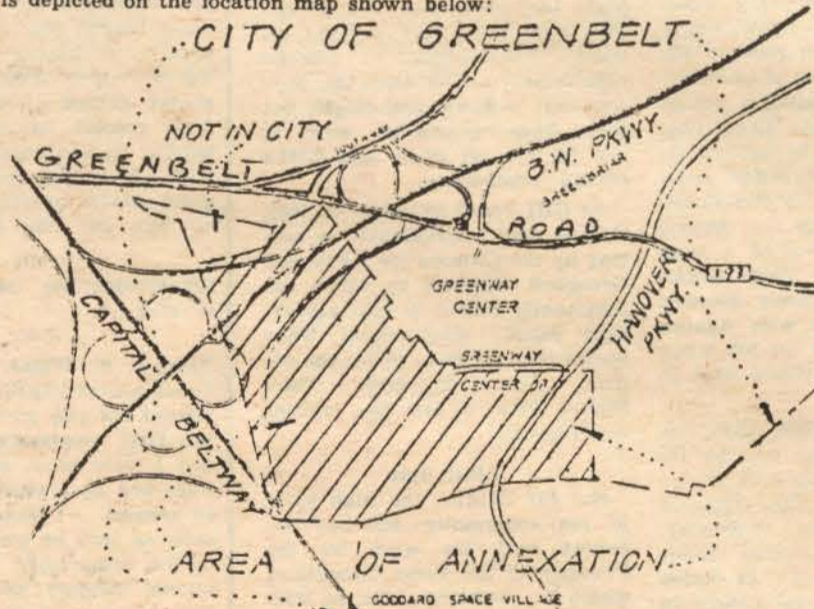
... being (1) all of Parcel "B", as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled "Plat of Correction, Parcels A, B, and C, Greenbelt East", recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Plat Book NLP 105 at Plat No. 65, (2) the residue of the lands conveyed by Dennis H. Sullivan, substitute Trustee, to Cameron Brown Investment Group, by deed dated May 23, 1975, and recorded among the aforesaid land records in Liber 4492 at Folio 660, and (3) part of Hanover Parkway, as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled "Plat of Street Dedication, Hanover Parkway", recorded among the aforesaid land records in Plat Book WWW 80 at Plat No. 14, and containing 41.4479 acres of land; and

... being (1) part of the lands conveyed by John H. Walker and wife, Nettie F. Walker, to Charles M. Baker and wife, Mary Lee Baker, by deed dated November 25, 1942, recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 687 at Folio 191, (2) all of the lands conveyed by Frankfort Drive Construction Company, Inc., to Charles M. Baker and Mary Lee Baker, his wife, by deed dated April 18, 1961, and recorded among the aforesaid land records in Liber 2654 at Folio 3; (3) part of the lands conveyed by John E. Willson, Trustee, and Central National Bank of Maryland, to Henry M. Witt, by deed dated November 29, 1968, and recorded among the aforesaid land records in Liber 3688 at Folio 99, (4) part of the lands conveyed by John H. Walker and Nettie F. Walker, his wife, to Henry M. Witt, by deed dated November 8, 1968, and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber 3658 at Folio 558, and (5) part of Hanover Parkway, as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled "Plat of Street Dedication, Hanover Parkway", recorded among the aforesaid land records in Plat Book WWW 80 at Plat No. 14, and containing 13.6993 acres of land; and

... being part of the land as shown on State Highway Administration Plats 20481 and 47914, 26704, 26705, 26706, 13581 and part of the land shown on National Park Service Plat #AOV-WBP-4 and lying south of Greenbelt Road, Md., Route 193, and contiguous with part of "Parcel B", as shown on a plat of Subdivision entitled "Plat of Correction, Parcels A, B, and C, Greenbelt East", recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Plat Book NLP 105 at Plat No. 65 and containing 837,744.96 square feet or 19,2320 acres of land;

the total property being annexed being 74.3792 acres of land as shown on a Plat of Annexation titled "Parcel B-Greenbelt East and Part of Hanover Parkway and the lands of Cameron-Brown Investment Group; Charles M. Baker, et ux; Henry M. Witt; and part of the lands of National Park Service and the Maryland State Highway Administration" prepared by John D. Emler & Associates, P.A., dated January, 1982.

The area is depicted on the location map shown below:



The owners of the Maryland Trade Center Property and the Cameron Brown Investment Group Property have petitioned to be annexed to the City of Greenbelt, 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 registered voters 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, jurisdictions 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 the special treatment of the undeveloped taxable real property in the area to be annexed from the effective date of annexation for a period of three years or, if sooner, until the issuance of building permits.

An Outline for the Extension of Public Services and Public Facilities has been prepared as required by Paragraph 19(a) 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.

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**CPR Volunteers Needed**  
Additional CPR Instructors are urgently needed for the city's program in life saving training offered free to Greenbelt residents. Instructors are required to be certified under the American Heart Association standards for basic CPR training. Assistants and other program volunteers wishing to join in promoting CPR are welcome as well. Contact the Rec. Dept., weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 474-6878, for details on class schedules and information on committee activities where help is needed.

**Kite Flying Contest**  
Let's go Kids!!!! It's that time of the year again-Kite Flying Season. Prepare those kites now for the Annual Kite Flying Contest. This year, it will be held on Saturday, March 20, 12 noon on Braden Field. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Further details will be posted in both the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center.

**Gym Usage Policy**  
Due to the increased participant usage of the Youth Center Gymnasium, absolutely no full-court games are allowed except in special programs such as the Boys' and Girls' Club and Men's "A" League basketball games. Rules governing the gymnasium are posted at the Center so that all ages have an equal opportunity for court use. Please cooperate so that everyone has a fair share of playing time.

**Volleyball**  
Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at Center School gymnasium. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings; recreational games are on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Everyone age 16 and over is welcome. There is no charge.

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# COUNCIL SEES NEW SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR PRUDENTIAL PROPERTY

by Bill Rowland

Proposed development of the Golden Triangle by the Prudential Insurance Company became a matter for consideration and decision again by the city council during its regular meeting on February 1. Prudential has proposed a preliminary plan of subdivision for its 37 acres of property — a "next step" beyond the concept plan and scale model shown to council last November. Prudential hopes to put up five office buildings in addition to the one now nearing completion. One lot has been set aside as a site for a possible restaurant.

The city's Advisory Planning Board had recommended in a report to the council that the subdivision plan be approved subject to resolution of a number of concerns. Two of these concerns were of particular significance. One is that Prudential should provide land easements for possible future pedestrian and bicycle overpasses across the Capital Beltway and across Kenilworth Avenue. The other concern is that a previous limitation imposed by the county on the amount of office development to be permitted in the Golden Triangle should be continued until traffic conditions at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue have been improved.

City Manager James Giese recommended, in written comments to the council, that "more could be done to bring the separate office buildings into a closer relationship, and to place any service facilities such as a restaurant in closer proximity to the office buildings." Giese was particularly concerned (as was the Advisory Planning Board) that there should be a good system of sidewalks linking all buildings in the complex.

During the meeting city council discussed these recommendations with the Prudential representatives. Although the representatives seemed somewhat wary of giving absolute commitments to the council, they did express general acceptance of the APB proposals. As to Giese's suggestion for a regrouping of the buildings, the representatives told council that the earlier concept plan and scale model were not intended to show the exact positions of the proposed buildings, but rather to show what the overall "building mass" would look like. Kathleen Moore, Prudential's Project Manager, told the council that the firm would look at the question of internal walkways when site plans are drawn up for approval.

Council voted to recommend to the county Planning Board that the preliminary plan of subdivision be approved subject to the concerns expressed by the Advisory Planning Board.

### Ethics Law

City Manager Giese presented to the council a proposed new "Greenbelt Ethics Law." The city

is required by Maryland state law to have such an ethics law in effect by March 1. The law, which would apply to city employees, Council and Advisory Planning Board, would deal with such matters as conflict of interest and financial disclosure.

Greenbelt's ethics law must meet certain requirements set by the state law and by the Maryland Ethics Commission. Giese pointed out to the council in written comments that "For the most part, the city has had the required ethics provisions for many years prior to the enactment of the state law. However, the city requirements differ in detail from the Maryland requirements and a new ethics law has been prepared . . ."

The proposed law was introduced by the council, with discussion and passage expected to be on the agenda for the regular council meeting of February 22.

The council reappointed Betty Jane Moore, Nathan Shinderman, and Joseph Compton to serve additional four-year terms on the Greenbelt Board of Elections. Dolores (Dee) Allison was reappointed for another three years on the city's Community Relations Advisory Board.

## GHI NOTES

Meetings scheduled for next week are an Ad Hoc Voting Procedures Committee meeting on February 24 and a Board of Directors meeting on February 25. Meetings will begin at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members who are interested in wall-mounted thermostats should call the GHI Receptionist (474-6644) to receive a wall thermostat request form. Each wall-mounted thermostat could cost as much as \$80 extra and the number needed for each home will vary depending upon the number of bedrooms and whether there are additions. All request forms must be returned to Dennis Lewis by March 1.

This week frame home members are receiving a questionnaire about Phase I rehab work on their homes. This information will help the Maintenance Department to check records and ensure compliance with warranties on Phase I work. Members who have not received a questionnaire should call the Receptionist (474-6644).

The GHIDC dumpster should be used only for siding stripping and other rehab work. Members should not allow contractors who are working for them to use the dumpster. There are a limited number of pulls per week of the dumpsters.

Under rehab, siding work is being done at 18 and 20 courts Ridge, weather permitting, and gutter work is being done at 10 court Southway.

Jim Eddins has joined GHIDC as a General Inspector inspecting vinyl siding and structural repairs. He has worked in construction for many years, most recently for Gehring Construction Company.

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Preliminary Agenda  
**Thursday**  
**February 25, 1982**  
**8:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Manager
5. Committees  
 Finance Committee Report  
 Aesthetics & Environment Committee Report
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