

# Greenbelt News Review

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## James K. Giese: A City Manager's City Manager

by Mary Lou Williamson

After 20 years on the job, Greenbelt's city manager has become so familiar a figure with so steady a reputation that his role in the life of our community is all but taken for granted by the citizens. To get a fresh look at who this man is and how he works, the News Review has gone outside the city government — chiefly to others in his profession — for their comments.

We found his colleagues eager to be interviewed. "If you're doing something nice about Jim Giese," said the secretary to one administrator, when asked for an interview appointment, "I know he'll want to participate." Another colleague paused in the middle of a telephone interview to tell us: "I can't say enough about the guy. He's super!"

It is appropriate that Greenbelt, with the first council-manager form of government in the State of Maryland (1937), today has as its own the dean of city managers within the state. This week James K. Giese celebrates the completion of 20 years of service to the City of Greenbelt. He began work on December 17, 1962, coming here from Western Springs, Illinois, where he had been acting village manager.

No other Maryland city can boast of keeping her manager so long.

"It is very rare for a city manager to maintain his commitment over that period of time," says Walter Scheiber, Executive Director for the Washington Area Council of Governments (COG). Scheiber took Giese under his wing in 1962, offering advice on how to get along in the Washington area. "Jim knew his first manager's job was going to be challenging," says Scheiber, "Greenbelt is a very alive community with a high degree of interest in city affairs." Scheiber was city manager for Rockville at the time. "It is traditional for a manager to move from city to city. That Jim can enjoy Greenbelt and love it and derive satisfaction from it to the extent that he would stay there this long says something about Greenbelt and about Jim," suggests Scheiber.

### Leadership in the 60's

Shortly after arriving in Greenbelt, Giese joined the Maryland City Management Association and, recalls Scheiber, who was then president: "that Jim was elected president two years later was a clear indication of the impact he had on his peers in a short time." Greenbelt joined COG in 1967 and Giese became active on a region-wide basis. "Again," says Scheiber, "within a couple of years he was elected chairman of the Chief Administrative Officers Committee of the 16 member governments. There, too, respect for his competence and affirmative feeling for the way he conducted himself brought him to the fore very quickly."

Giese served for the year 1965-

66 as president of the City and Town Administrators Department of the Maryland Municipal League and then for the following year as an ex officio member of the league's executive committee.

He remained active during the 70's, but in a different role — that of participating member. "That is to his credit," says Dennis Piendak, now city administrator for Cumberland (the first). Piendak worked nine years under Giese before leaving just a year ago. "Jim can let other people have the prestige of being president—myself, for instance. I was president of the state association while I was at Greenbelt. Unselfishness is characteristic of him."

From 1972 to '74 Giese worked on committees within the International City Management Association (ICMA), shaping policy issues on, for example, growth and the environment and revenue sharing. In 1978 he participated in planning the substantive sessions of the annual conference for ICMA's 3000 members.

One of his most important accomplishments during those years was to help implement a self-study program under ICMA in which each individual evaluates his personal and professional needs and establishes and carries out a five-year development plan.

A member of the first graduating class of ICMA's Academy of Professional Development, he had not only helped develop the program, but used it to refine his own skills. Later he was chairman of the committee overseeing the program in Maryland.

"Today there are tremendous changes taking place," says Scheiber. Managers need to keep current "if they're going to do their job for the city and for themselves because there are fewer resources available to cities today and technology is changing at a rapid pace."

"Jim wants high quality management in all cities throughout the United States," was the first statement Charles Moore, Bowie city manager, made when asked about Giese.

### Study Groups

At the county level Giese "is good at spotting problems coming along, alerting the rest of us and making sure we respond," says Moore. "He usually gets to be spokesman for us if it is necessary to appear before some governmental agency."

Giese's name is synonymous with work in the county on the "tax differential." In 1973, relates John Brunner, New Carrollton administrator, Giese was invited by the county executive to represent municipal governments on a special task force of county officials to look for an equitable solution to this problem of double taxation. Over the past dozen years, "the nuts and bolts of the work," Brunner continues, "has been done by Giese and his staff — putting all the figures together, compiling and analyzing data."

Similarly, according to Piendak, Giese was the only municipal staff person invited to participate in a task force to iron out differences between the county's paid fire department and its volunteer system.

### Sharing

"There is only one manager in any city and not every city has one," says Sanford Daily, Gaithersburg city manager. "It is natural that managers need to talk and share with each other." Says Moore, "He's the first person I turn to, I believe many others do also." What is helpful, Moore adds, is Giese's ability to "think through and talk out problems. He gives very, very good advice."

According to Moore, Giese is looking at a reference service that a group of small municipalities could purchase jointly. It is something that any single government would use only occasionally, Moore says, and thus couldn't justify the expense solely for itself.

"While there are 28 municipalities in Prince Georges County, a few of us work more closely than does the entire group," says Leon Shore, College Park administrator. Size of city and proximity are key factors, he says.

"Most managers tend to share, both at the local level and nationwide," agrees Daily. "However, the closer you are, the more the tendency to talk together and share experiences."

College Park and Greenbelt shared a landfill in the early 70's. When the two managers worked out the original agreement, says Shore, he found Giese to be "very fair in negotiations. He was willing to arrive at what we both considered a fair conclusion." Since then Giese and Shore have borrowed each other's specialized public works equipment from time to time.

Giese has organized over the See CITY MANAGER, p. 5, col. 1

## Council Resolution Commends Giese on Twenty-Year Service

by Mavis Fletcher

Although it was not on the agenda, the Greenbelt city council's tribute to James K. Giese, who marks his 20th year as city manager on December 17, turned out to be the centerpiece of the council's meeting on December 6. Each member of council praised Giese for some particular quality or some example of his competence.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld spoke of Giese's expertise and the consistently good advice and guidance he gives the council. He noted that Giese's abilities are recognized throughout county and state legislative circles as well as here in Greenbelt. Councilman Thomas X. White emphasized Giese's expertise in budget matters. Councilman Richard Pilski judged Giese's greatest attribute to be his ability to work with a wide variety of different personalities on council "in his own quiet way." Councilman Edward V. J. Putens characterized Giese's advice as always "fair and equitable."

Giese, incurably modest, attributed his successful 20 years in the job to good support from citizens and the councils. But Weidenfeld had the last word when he concluded that the city manager has had such good support because he earned it. With that, the council passed a resolution honoring Giese.

What turned out to be a touching tribute had, at the beginning of the meeting, started out as farce. Through some misunderstanding of his instructions, the News Review photographer, who was to pretend to be taking pictures of the new mayor and mayor pro tem while surreptitiously snapping a few pictures of Giese, spent long minutes taking pictures of Giese from every conceivable angle and completely ignoring council. The council members, who had obviously not been briefed either, became more and more perplexed as they attempted to conduct business above the sound of the snapping shutter. Finally the whole scene dissolved in hilarity as the photography session ended. But by that time Giese, as he later acknowledged, knew that this was not to be, for him, just another council meeting.

Other matters dealt with by the council included the appointment of Richard Pilski as mayor pro tem, a post vacated when Weidenfeld succeeded to the mayoralty upon County Councilman Richard J. Castaldi's resignation as mayor.

Hugh D. Jascourt was reappointed as a member of the Employee Relations Board. Robert J. O'Neill, whose term on that board had also expired, has apparently moved from the city. That vacancy will therefore be filled when vacancies on other advisory boards are filled.

Council also detailed procedures for filling the council vacancy created by Castaldi's resignation. A public hearing will be held on January 4 at which candidates and their supporters will be given an opportunity to speak. Candidates will be allotted five minutes in which to speak and supporters will be allowed three minutes. Council urged that candidates submit resumes prior to the hearing. In order to accommodate any persons who might be unable to attend the public hearing, the record will be held open for 48 hours after the hearing so that all interested persons can present their candidacies for the vacancy. (As of Tuesday, Dec. 14, only one resume, for Ron Ott, had been received by the city.)

## State Legislators Hold Open Meeting in City

In preparation for the upcoming session of the Maryland General Assembly, Senator-Elect Leo E. Green and Delegates Gerard F. Devlin, Joan Pitkin and Charles "Buzz" Ryan are inviting citizens to an open door meeting Saturday, December 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Green hopes that constituents having suggestions for possible legislation (either the enactment of new laws or the repeal of existing laws) will take this opportunity to express their views.

The General Assembly convenes in Annapolis on January 12.

## DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETS

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its next regular meeting at the Greenbriar Community Building on Friday, December 17, at 8 p.m. Newly-elected Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening will be the featured speaker. In addition, the club will install its officers for the 1982-83 year. President is J. Davis; vice presidents are Ruth Bond, Sandra Barnes, Gary Kohn, and John Brunner; treasurer, Micki Weidenfeld; recording secretary, Bob Zughy; corresponding secretary, Joe Isaacs; sergeant-at-arms, Suzanne Plogman. Members and guests are invited to attend and are asked to bring a dessert or appetizer to celebrate the occasion.

## Talk With Santa

Would your youngster like to talk to Santa? The Greenbelt Recreation Department can arrange for a phone call, right from the North Pole, for pre-schoolers through 2nd graders. Calls will be made in the evenings from December 21-23. Informational flyers are being distributed throughout the schools. Those who have not received one can call the Youth Center Business Office, weekdays, 9-5 p.m., 474-6878.

## Holiday Refuse Schedule

Because of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays, Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31, 1982, there will be no refuse collection those days. Monday and Tuesday of those weeks will be on regular schedule. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY OF THOSE WEEKS. Thursday's pick up will be made on Wednesday and Friday's pick up will be made on Thursday. Bundled newspapers can be brought to the Public Works Building between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday of those weeks.

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## Ventilation Needed

To the Editor:

As the rehabilitation program approaches completion, the brick homes (of GHI) are notable for two reasons. First, they have received the least amount of rehabilitation. Second, they still require critical work to assure their future structural integrity. This unfinished work is the adequate ventilation of the brick home attics. To quote New Shelter (Nov./Dec., 1982) page 27:

"In reality, insulation ventilation is all too often thoroughly botched. I've seen many attics that, in winter months, have a continuous layer of frost across the underside of the entire roof, and icicles hanging from the protruding roofing nails. This condition is often caused by a misguided attempt to keep the attic warmer by blocking off the roof vents. Blocking the supply of dry, outside air, and before long, moisture starts building up: bad news for two major reasons. First, wet insulation has a much lower R-value than dry insulation, so fuel use actually increases. Second, moisture-laden insulation takes weeks or even months to dry out, and in the meantime, wood-destroying fungi and bacteria have a field day."

The article also gives an example showing how fast the damage can occur:

"Let me tell you about a house purchased by my partner in our consulting firm: The house was a modest ranch type, built only 15 years ago. But 10 years ago, the previous owner 'improved' the insulation by stuffing batts of fiberglass into the overhanging eaves, blocking the airflow from the soffit vents. My partner had hoped to reshingle the existing roof as part of his remodeling, but when he started the job, whole sections of the roof felt downright spongy. He ripped off some of the old shingles to see what was going on, and found that much of the original roof deck was rotting through. In just 10 years, the damage had become irreversible, requiring that the entire roof be stripped, and large sections of decking replaced. Had the ventilation problem gone on much longer, the roof framing might have begun to rot, requiring a complete roof rebuilding."

The brick homes that have had their attics insulated and their windows replaced are already showing the early signs of attic dampness.

Some individuals may claim that either no problem exists or is minimal or that the insulation and windows should never have been installed. Such arguments prove only those individuals lack even rudimentary competence in these matters.

Every brick home is at poten-

## Wants Flat Paved Area For Roller Skate Hockey

To the Editor:

Approximately three members of 73 Court of Ridge Road enjoy playing hockey on roller skates. We play in our court parking lot because it is the safest place to play. Our neighbors complain because they are afraid of damage to cars or injuries to people of younger age. This has not happened yet and we are careful that it won't happen. We use tennis balls (flat). Most people do not mind. We've had five of 18 residents complain.

The school (North End) parking lot has lots of glass, metal, etc. You cannot skate on grass. We are asking the city for some flat pavement to play on. Until then we will continue to use our court if there are no children in the way. Thank you.

Chris Harvey

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Beginning Friday, December 10, Christmas trees will be sold at the Greenbelt Pool by Cub Scout Pack 202 (sponsored by Greenbelt Community Church) and Boy Scout Troop 1746 (sponsored by St. Hugh's). Hours of operation weekdays will be 6-9 p.m., Saturdays 9-9 and Sunday noon-9. Scotch Pine and spruce trees will be available in several sizes.

tial risk. Even when present occupants generate very little moisture, there is no assurance that future occupants will also do so. Thus every home must be adequately ventilated.

There is only one method of ventilating the brick attics: through each of their roofs individually. Any other method is either insufficient or in gross violation of modern fire codes. Some members may argue that the slate roofs are sacred and should not be penetrated. I would point out that without this preventive work their sacred cow is likely to go belly up—that is, complete roof replacement and structural rebuilding will be needed.

As with many rehab items, demonstration cases were first done to convince a skeptical membership. I offer my house as a demonstration unit for ventilation.

Ruth Myers

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. David Conway, Pastor

Rev. Francis G. Kazista, Associate Pastor

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.

## Lyonn's-Shifflet

Art and Betty Cousins, Westway, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Lyonn's to Frank Shifflet, son of Norwood and Jean Shifflet of Greenbelt. A winter wedding is planned.

## Baptist Church to Present Christmas Story in Music

Greenbelt Baptist Church will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. It is a presentation of John Peterson's "Night of Miracles," which tells the Christmas story in music. The director is Frank Helms, church choir director.

The church is located at Crescent and Greenhill Rds. The public is invited.

A second program, a sacred Christmas Evening Candlelight Concert, will be held at the church, December 24, at 7 p.m. Janice Kilgore is the pianist. The public is invited.

## RUNNING CLUB MEETING

On Monday, December 20 at 8 p.m., the Greenbelt Running Club will meet at 105 Northway. All runners and joggers, competitive and non-competitive, are invited. There will be a discussion of running and jogging in the Washington and Greenbelt areas, safe and interesting courses to run, schedule of future races, advice on training, running shoes, injuries and how to avoid them. Also there will be selection of best male and female distance runner in the Greenbelt area for 1982. The club has a library of books and magazines on running.

## Crime Prev. Committee

The next regular meeting of the Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 21 at 8 p.m. in the City Council Room.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
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422-8057

## EXPERIENCE THAT SPECIAL NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Animated nativity scene featuring the Mowatt Memorial Choir.

Mowatt Memorial Church  
Location:

40 Ridge Road  
Date: December 19, 1982  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Come and relive the birth of our King as we celebrate that special night of long ago in Bethlehem.

## Elmer E. Allion

Elmer E. Allion, a Greenbelt resident since 1938, died on December 13 at the age of 88. For the last 30 years he had resided at 8-C Hillside, having moved there from 2-C Westway.

He is survived by a grandson, Danny Wagner, of College Park. Those wishing to know about funeral arrangements may call Wagner at 474-6773.

## Sunday School Performs Child's Christmas Pageant

"Three Wee Kings," a story of Jesus's birth, will be given by the Holy Cross Lutheran Sunday School, Sunday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The public is cordially invited.

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Worship Service

11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)

8:00 p.m.

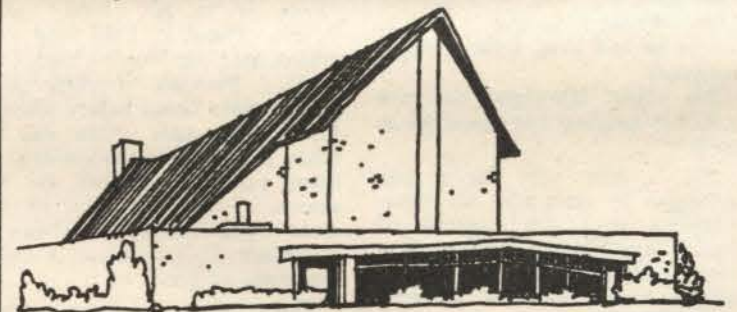
For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)  
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## Parkdale Concert Of Christmas Music

The Parkdale High School Choral Music Department will present its annual Winter Choral Festival of Music Concert on December 17 at 8 p.m. Four performing groups will be featured: Boys' Choir, Choraletts, Handbell Choir and Concert Choir. For more information, contact Dale Nonnemacher at 474-4700.

## Greenbelt Grab Bag

by Punchin' Judy

Only how many shopping days until Christmas? Well, get moving. Fortunately for you, my procrastinating friend, this column has gone to endless trouble and practically no expense to prepare the perfect shoppers' guide: an astrological aid to choosing the ideal gift for each person on your chart - I mean list.

Let's start with Aries. Natives of this sign are impetuous, restless, and energetic. They would be thrilled with a membership in a health club, but you can keep them reasonably busy with a jumprope, if you're low on cash.

Your Taurus friends, as you may have noticed, are strong-minded and stubborn - oops, I meant determined. They are of the earth earthy and would be delighted to be gifted with a cattle ranch. If the recession has got to you, try a flower pot.

Gemini's are such good conversationalists they hardly have to stop for breath. Wouldn't a designer phone make a great stocking stuffer? If you're really strapped for cash, you might be able to get away with a blank cassette tape.

Cancerians are putterers who love arts and crafts. They would really appreciate pottery wheels and kilns, but might settle for a paint-by-number set.

Leo natives love luxury. They would find furs, jewels, and classy cars acceptable. Something less expensive? Oh, come on now! You wouldn't give a Leo an el-cheapo present, would you?

Virgos are neat and organized. A custom built closet would be a delightful present. On the low end of the scale, you might consider a three by five box with index cards.

Lovable Libras are charming and romantic, but have a hard time making up their minds. A home computer would be a good present, or else give them a coin that they can flip.

Scorpios are often brilliant, but sometimes there's a bit of a stinger in their personalities. An oil well in Texas would make a Scorpio your friend for life. If you're broke, send a cactus.

Sagittarians are very serious. The Encyclopedia Britannica would make a good present, or pick up a Roget's Thesaurus at a yard sale.

Capricorns are often deeply concerned with finances. A hundred shares of a blue chip stock would not be an inappropriate gift. If your stockbroker is out of town, go to the Center and buy them lottery tickets. Maybe they will win enough to buy you a present.

Ah, Aquarius - this is the dawning of their age. They are dreamers - make their dreams come true with a trip around the world. Or give them a helium filled balloon.

Let's not forget our friends in the sign of Pisces. Pisceans are so psychic you had better watch what you're thinking. A crystal ball would make a really neat present for one of these types, but if you just can't afford it, clip out this column and mail it to him or her, in a plain brown wrapper.

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## AGENDA

### Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday

December 20, 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. Ordinance to Repeal Sections 15-58 and 15-59 of Article V, "Conduct of Employees" of Chapter 15, "Personnel" of the Greenbelt City Code, Which Sections Have Been Incorporated in the Provisions of Article VI, "Ethics" of Chapter 2, "Administration" - 1st Reading
  10. Legislative Program 1983
  11. Request for City Financing of Public Improvements at Maryland Trade Center Property
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  12. An Ordinance to Amend Article VI, "Ethics", of Chapter 2, "Administration", of the Greenbelt City Code, to clarify language pertaining to the filing of financial disclosure statements by candidates to fill vacancies on the City Council and the Advisory Planning Board - 1st Reading
  13. A Resolution to Amend Administrative Leave Policy - 1st Reading
  14. Financial Disclosure for Council Applicants
  15. Site Plans, Sections 3 and 4, Glen Ora Gardens - Advisory Planning Board Report
  16. Sign for Greenway Center - Advisory Planning Board Report
  17. Request of Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad to Erect Storage Building on Fire State Premises
  18. Meetings
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

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### OTHER WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Friday, December 17 thru  
Tuesday, 21

Saturday, December 18  
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday, December  
21, 22 and 23

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST - Have your lights on at dusk. The Greenbelt Jaycees will view as many decorations on city homes and apartments as possible. Judging will be done on outside decorations and visual displays.

CAROLING - Meet in the Center Mall by the Mother and Child Statue. Come stroll with us, through the Mall and on to Greenbelt's Green Ridge House, serenading your friends and neighbors with all the old Yuletide songs. Refreshments will follow.

NORTH POLE CALLING - Contact the Greenbelt Youth Center, weekdays, 9 am - 5 pm, 474-6878, for an application to reserve time for your youngster (Pre-School thru 2nd Grade) to receive a phone call from Santa. Calls will be made from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Applications must be turned in to the Youth Center before 5 p.m. Monday, December 20.

## GHI PRESENTS ENERGY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS



On the third Wednesday of each month, GHI holds an Energy Management Workshop for members. At these workshops, you can learn how to conserve energy and lower your energy bills. GHI staff members and outside speakers are available to help you. The workshops are held from 8-9:30 p.m. in the GHI Office Building. Each workshop presents general tips on energy and bills before focusing on a specific topic.

Upcoming Workshops

January 19 - HOW TO USE THE HOT WATER TANK  
February 16 - HOW TO WEATHERSTRIP, CAULK, & INSULATE

## St. Hugh's Church

At Grenoble Hall

## New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Friday, December 31, 1982

8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Dinner at 8 p.m.

Gourmet Dinner

Prepared by  
Father Frank

Includes: Beer, Setups, Noisemakers

Dancing at 9 p.m.

Music

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## HERE COMES SANTA

Saturday, December 18

TO

Greenbelt Youth Center

AT

10 A.M. AND WILL STAY TIL 12 NOON

## La Leche League

The La Leche League of Greenbelt will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, December 20, at 8 p.m. at 36-B Ridge Rd. For further information call 345-2670.

## Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

An armed robbery occurred at the Maryland National Bank in Greenway shopping center at 6:58 p.m. on December 10. Two suspects entered the bank and one forced an employee to take him to the vault while the other threatened other employees with a handgun. The men were wearing rubber gloves and had nylon stockings over their faces. Cash was taken.

Two local boys were assaluted with a pellet pistol or a B.B. gun at the tennis courts at Westway and Lakeside Drive on December 4. Their wounds were not serious. The suspects are two males in their teens.

Cpl. Michael D. Craddock arrested three females, all Washington, D.C. residents, for trespassing on Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School grounds. The three were overheard by a school authority in a verbal altercation with a student whom they were threatening. After the arrests, the one adult in the group was released by the court on personal recognizance; juvenile authorities released the two juveniles to relatives.

One more time—it is dangerous to leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart. In two separate incidents, women shoppers suffered losses last week while shopping in the Safeway in Greenway Shopping Center when they left their purses in grocery carts.

A no-force entry was made in the 100 block of Rosewood Dr. on December 10 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The house was ransacked but nothing taken. On the same day in the same block another house was ransacked between 2:30 and 9:30 p.m. Again nothing appeared to be taken. And on Periwinkle Court, there was a breaking and entering between Friday and Saturday afternoons. Entry was made through the bedroom window.

Officer Christopher D. Field arrested a male adult for employment theft at Best in Beltway Plaza.

Pfc. Fred E. Murray arrested two female juveniles for shoplifting at Marshall's in Beltway Plaza.

Sgt. Ernest W. Brumley, Cpl. Terrence M. McGrath, Cpl. Edward D. Blake and Pfc. Fred E. Murray each received a letter from Judge Perry Bowen of Calvert County commending them very highly for their expert testimony during the recent trial of Anthony Zavosky.

## At Greenbelt Library

The Prince Georges County Memorial Library System announces their Bookmobiles will be "off the road" for their annual preventive maintenance from Dec. 20 - Dec. 31. Bookmobile patrons who need materials during that period are asked to contact the library, 345-5800. The library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.

Exhibits at the Greenbelt Library during December include: Christmas Morning - Betty Harrison & Penny Chipman, Greenbelt.

## Arts Center Events

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center concluded its second week of "I Remember Mama" before an enthusiastic audience last Sunday afternoon. Members of the Golden Age Club delighted in the stories of a Norwegian American family living in San Francisco. The performance, which has received favorable notice in county-circulated newspapers, will take a hiatus until January 7, 1983 when it will begin another two-week run.

While "Mama" promises a good start to the new year's programming, two Hitchcock films will be featured this coming weekend. "Notorious," featuring Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains, will be shown Thursday and Friday evenings; "Spellbound," with Gregory Peck, Salvador Dali and Bergman, will be shown Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

In another development, the flea market was cancelled this past Saturday because only one space had been reserved. As a result, the Arts Center is considering cancelling future flea markets until April, when warm weather will make it possible to hold such markets outside. Despite the flea market cancellation, the Center enjoyed its most successful bake sale.

The next bake sale will take place Saturday, January 8. All interested in contributing baked goods should contact Paula Lipman at 345-3516 or Trix Whitehall at 345-4487.

## Mishkan Torah Holds Art Exhibit, Auction

Mishkan Torah Congregation will hold an art exhibition and auction at the Synagogue on Saturday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Included in the art collection are original oils, watercolors, lithographs, posters and sculptures by celebrated international artists. All art is custom framed.

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— Sketch by David Yu

## City Manager James K. Giese

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years a number of learning sessions for area managers. "He will provide a good resource leader, arrange a luncheon and then set a fee to cover the costs. These sessions," says Moore, "help assure that we all keep up with new information."

"This summer he was arranging for supervisory training for first line public works supervisors," adds Daily.

### Farm System

"Jim has had his impact on the profession as a whole by the way he has tutored individuals aspiring to be city managers," says Brunner.

"We all have a desire to help, to create a farm system to promote good city management. Large cities have greater opportunity to do this," Piendak explains, "but Jim, with the lesser resources of a small city, always has managed to carry through on this goal."

"He had a tremendous impact on my career," says Piendak. "I wouldn't be here (as administrators for Cumberland), if it weren't for Jim. He has been counselor, mentor and advisor; I could talk with him whenever I needed. When he felt I was ready to move on, he encouraged me to do so."

"I didn't know much about him when I came to Greenbelt," admits Michael McLaughlin, his current aide. At first he found himself "amazed by the esteem Giese is held in by city managers in the area. But after working with him," explains McLaughlin, "I can see how he obtained that reputation." What he admires most is Giese's "great ability for grasping and understanding all the variables or possible outcomes of taking a certain position."

"His interest, sensitivity, enthusiasm for the work, I find surprising," says McLaughlin. "No, not surprising, inspiring. I feel very lucky."

"We were talking recently and I asked him: After so many years on the job, 'has the challenge gone out of it?' He replied, 'No'."

"One day is not like the rest. Every day is different," Shore explains the appeal of being a city manager.

### Role Model

It is logical that Greenbelt with the state's first council-manager form of government should be looked to for guidance by other municipalities in Maryland that are thinking of adopting that form. But according to Brunner, it is more than that. It is Giese who has made Greenbelt

the model. There is always some controversy, he suggests, as to exactly what is the best form (New Carrollton's government is somewhat different from Greenbelt's). But Giese, he says, "has established Greenbelt's as a workable, credible form. As a result, many more municipalities in Prince Georges County and around the State are looking toward that form of government or at least toward having professional administrators."

Scheiber finds that the form is not so important. "The single constant that makes good government is professionalism," he states. "I have never been as aware of it as I have been this past year as I traveled around the country as president of ICMA."

"Jim is the thorough professional, the complete professional," says Scheiber. "He is universally admired by the managers that know him."

"There were five managers in Maryland in 1960 when I became president of the state association, now there are 25," says Scheiber. He finds that increase "largely traceable to Jim's performance and the quality that he brings to city government."

"Jim's biggest mark on municipal government in this county is as an outstanding city manager," says Brunner in agreement.

### A Professional

The qualities of a good city manager are the qualities that Giese possesses, say his colleagues. A city manager is professional; trains the next generation of managers; participates in professional societies, but not to the detriment of his city; keeps a low profile, seldom accepting credit for himself; shares information and resources and discusses mutual problems with neighboring managers.

A manager operates in an arena where the only stars are the members of council. While serving on the city council for 10 years, Charles Schwan, now retired, would speak frequently and unabashedly of the high caliber of Greenbelt's city council, but always qualified the statement by adding, "It is Giese and his staff that make us look good."

"The degree to which a council makes sound decisions is based in part on research and background materials presented to it by the manager. But," says Scheiber, "it is the way those materials and facts are presented and the quality of the manager's recommendations that contribute most to the ease of decision making and the quality of

## Run on December 26

Greenbelters will be able to get into another local race on Sunday, December 26 in a 1.75 mile run around the lake and a 10 and 20 mile race through Greenbelt and the Beltsville Agricultural Center. There should be about 150 in the featured 10 and 20 mile races. Last year two American records were set by Laura DeWald and Ed Benham (age 73) in the 20 mile. Information on races from Larry Noel 474-9362.

those decisions. In my judgment, the way Giese relates to council as an individual is a significant factor." In addition, he sees Giese's relationship to his staff as an important factor in attracting high quality employees. "The fact that Greenbelt would score very high marks among municipalities of similar size," he speculates, "has an upward spiraling effect."

"Keeping a low profile is one of the traits of city managers," comments Daily, "Those that are thought of as good managers do that, in my opinion."

"But Jim does it to a greater extent than others," says Piendak. We're human. We like "praise, platitudes and recognition for achievement. But with Jim, if he knows he is doing a good job, that's his satisfaction."

Giese is "competent and very able in his work, a stickler for detail" says Piendak, who also lists "sense of humor" and "openness" as important characteristics.

"Meticulous," says Shore, "he really digs into things. When I review a long report or the county budget, I look at it broad brush and then zero in on some specific problems, but Jim digs into the whole thing."

"Only a few days after Park and Planning's budget is released, he'll call and ask me what I think about a detail on page 92. Giese is very thorough," echoes Brunner. "You can see his mark in the reports and budgets that Greenbelt puts out."

Shore points to Giese's considerable knowledge "of how to administer to the needs of his city—everything from street repair to getting along with people."

Schwan calls Giese "the best manager I have known. Not just city manager, manager of anything."

"The employees like him very much," says soft-spoken Doris Cottingham, Giese's personal secretary from December 1962 to January 1974, when she retired.

Cottingham lists integrity first among his attributes. "He tried to see all sides. I always thought he was very fair," she adds. "He gets co-operation from the staff. At first he is a little bit reserved. If you know him, he's not that way at all."

"I think he had a soft spot for the children of staff members who would come into the office; he never objected to a child calling a parent at work," she recalls. "I always respected him."

"Low profile, not flamboyant, maybe tenacious," Shore searches for the right words, then laughing, says: "He sure is not a pushy type. Jim is a loyal and trusted friend."

Respect and esteem from his peers is one measure of a man. Another is what he hangs on his office walls. Of the items Giese has selected, one plaque details the very high standards of the City Management Code of Ethics, a second tells of his membership in ICMA's Academy for Professional Development; the third, recently added, from the Prince Georges Municipal Association, makes note of his 20 years of outstanding service in the county.



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## RESOLUTION

### No. 530

#### A Resolution to Recognize and Honor

#### James K. Giese

#### For His Twenty Years of Distinguished Service as City Manager to the City of Greenbelt

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1982, City Manager James K. Giese will be completing twenty years of distinguished service to the City of Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, during these past twenty years the population of the City of Greenbelt has doubled, and all the residential and commercial development outside the core of the city has taken place in this same time span; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as City Manager the city has expanded its jurisdiction particularly east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway; and several major city buildings were planned and completed — the Municipal Building and its Addition; the Public Works Building; the Springhill Lake Recreation Center; and Green Ridge House; and other city facilities were acquired and expanded; and

WHEREAS, the city has added a new service, Greenbelt CARES, and has increased the size and scope of its other facilities and services, including recreation, police and public works, to cope with the myriad of changes that have taken place; and

WHEREAS during these years, in time of calm and time of stress, the steady hand at the administrative helm has been that of City Manager James K. Giese; and

WHEREAS, he has exhibited integrity, efficiency, conscientiousness and imagination in exercising wise and fair supervision of staff, taking administrative actions appropriate to particular circumstances; and making thoughtful policy recommendations to successive City Councils; and

WHEREAS, by his strength of character and his service to Greenbelt he has earned the respect and admiration of all; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, express on its behalf and on behalf of all the citizens of Greenbelt sincere appreciation to James K. Giese for his twenty years of devoted and valuable service to the city and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council designate December 17, 1982 — the Twentieth Anniversary of his entering the service of the City — as

### JAMES K. GIESE DAY

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John C. Krob, former police lieutenant of the Greenbelt city police department, was sentenced on December 10 to five years probation, to perform 300 hours of community service and to undertake counseling. Krob pled guilty on Oct. 29 to a charge of misconduct in office.

In addition to the criminal charges, Krob was charged with 26 violations of police department administrative regulations.

According to Greenbelt Police Chief William T. Lane, the 26 original administrative charges are pending, as well as additional administrative charges to be made.

**Holiday Decoration Contest**

As with the long tradition of the Greenbelt Jaycees, the annual Christmas Decoration contest will be held. In the next week, members of the Greenbelt Jaycees will be traveling throughout the Greenbelt area, taking notice of the homes, townhouses and apartments dressed up for the season.

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## The Secret Is Out: Seafood Place Is Great

by D. S. Glassman

Greenbelters, rejoice! A truly civilized seafood restaurant has opened in our midst, although in such an unlikely location that its name, Chef's Secret, is indeed appropriate. Imagine an intimate candlelit atmosphere—dark green walls, wood, brass, discreetly placed mirrors, interesting art on the walls, a vase of fresh orchids on every table—against an industrial backdrop of lumberyards, dump trucks, and piles of gravel. Chef's Secret, at 5810 Greenbelt Road, opened last September in that box-like building just beyond Beltway Plaza and before Greenbelt Road rises to cross the railroad tracks, where several restaurants have opened and closed in recent years.

The menu features a variety of fresh seafood, mostly served broiled or en papillote, and the style is continental without being heavy. The owner, Boony Sarintra, who with his wife and brother runs the restaurant, believes in offering food that is natural, healthful, and on the light side. Very little frozen food is used, and then only when it is preferable to the fresh food currently available in the markets.

Boony's experience in serving the public began in the kitchen of a famous hotel in Bangkok at the age of 17. Subsequently he worked in the Austrian Embassy and at the Pisces Club. His brother was for four years the cook of Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations. One of the desserts, the Raspberry Pavlova, a fluffy mélange of pineapple and cream on a meringue base, topped with raspberry syrup, was a favorite of Waldheim's.

On a recent Saturday evening, the broiled sea bass was moist and tender, the Brochette of Seafood with Herbs (a highly recommended combination of fish and shellfish) was excellent, and the Veal Marsala toothsome in a pleasant mushroom sauce which could perhaps have been a trifle less thick.

Steak, chicken and veal are available for those misguided souls in your party who don't like fish.)

We were assured by friends at a nearby table that the Broiled Fresh Sea Scallops were good and the Fresh Salmon with crabmeat "exquisite." Among the appetizers, we can recommend the Artichoke with Shrimp and the New England Clam Chowder.

Entrees are served with vegetables (we enjoyed the lightly-cooked mixture of eggplant and squash) and a house salad (the creamy dressing was a bit bland). The texture of the French bread left something to be desired.

Desserts are displayed temptingly on a white draped table near the entrance, and they are good. The Fresh Raspberries Sabayon is highly recommended, if it happens to be available when you are there. Ours had been flown in from New Zealand. The Pavlova and the home-made Black Forest Cake are not to be overlooked.

Prices are surprisingly reasonable, ranging from \$7-\$15 for main dishes, \$1-\$3 for appetizers and soups. Desserts are \$1.50 and under. As yet the restaurant is licensed to sell only beer.

Service was good the two nights we were there, except that the young man who refilled our water glasses seemed unable to reach across a booth for four without requesting assistance.

Chef's Secret is open for lunch and dinner, and the telephone number is 345-6101. This is among the finest seafood restaurants in the county.

## CITY NOTES

The general crew installed salt spreaders on several trucks this week. Members of the crew painted parking space lines on Breezewood Drive, Cherrywood Lane, Springhill Drive and Ridge Road. Center lines and shoulder lines were marked on Crescent Road. Crosswalk lines were marked on various streets that were recently paved.

The building maintenance crew stripped the gym floor at the Youth Center and then completely resealed the floor. Routine building maintenance was done on all city buildings this week.

The parks crew raked leaves in playgrounds this week. Tulip bulbs were planted in Windsor Green. The leaf vacuum was out of service for two days for repairs but is now back in service. The parks crew also removed hedges on Ridge Road in the area of the new construction.

Richard Mills attended a two day Briggs & Stratton Twin Cylinder Engine School at the RBI Corporation in Richmond, VA.

## Our Neighbors

It's a boy for Kevin and Terri Shea, 16 Ridge Rd. Brendan Michael was born October 10, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz. He has a big sister, Shannon, 5. Grandparents are Virginia Shea of Greenbelt and the late Walter Shea and Donald Crissinger and the late Oda Crissinger.

Airman Alexander Kudravec Jr., son of Alexander and Mary Kudravec of 2 Laurel Hill Rd., has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

The airman, who will now receive specialized instruction in aircraft maintenance, is a 1981 graduate of Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda.

Congratulations to Greenbelters Glenn Eliot Abrams, Clifton Lucius Brown, Jr., Mary Florence Willis Clarke, Thomas Patrick Downs, Matthew DeWitt Osnos, Amy Bernstein Robertson, Mitchell Barry Rosenfeld, Mary Foote Rupp, Dorothy June Gottfredsen Turi, and John Charles Turi, who recently passed the

## GHI NOTES

The GHIDC Board of Directors will meet at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, December 16, in the GHI Board Room. Agenda items include weatherstripping, moisture in block homes, extension of Mead Aluminum contract and crawl space vent work. Afterwards, the meeting will reconvene and the GHI Board of Directors will discuss window maintenance policy, reserves for non-standard heating systems and use of boiler plants.

For members who need it, the GHI Warehouse has bags of De-Moist which can be put in closets to prevent mildew.


Regular office hours for GHI employees will end at 12:30 p.m. Maryland Bar examination.

on Wednesday, December 22 as the staff will be having its Christmas party.

GHI members are reminded that monthly charges are due the first of the month. After the tenth, charges are late and a late fee is assessed. Members are also reminded that the fiscal department does not accept cash payments. This change took place several years ago when budget restraints forced a cutback in the fiscal staff. Members should pay their monthly charges by check or money order. Please include name, address, phone number and unit number on the check or money order.

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