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Council Hears Citizen Critics on Crime Information Plan and Walkway Settlement

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt's city council, during its regular meeting on February 7, heard residents give less-than-friendly opinions about the sponsorship of a proposed computerized crime information system, and about the recent settlement of the overpass walkway suit with Greenbriar homeowners. During the evening, council also looked again at proposals for Metrorail parking lot and for Lakeside West Subdivision, and still did not like what it saw.

Resident Steve Curtis told council he was concerned about the proposed crime data system because it seemed to point in the direction of a possible "sole

source contract" with Putens Associates, Inc. Curtis pointedly asked whether council entertains such proposals from its members. City Manager James Giese noted that the proposal came from Richard Cripe of Putens Associates, and Councilman Edward Putens explained that Cripe had developed the system to be given to the city without charge. But Curtis said it would seem better to have such a proposal come to council from a city advisory committee. It also would go over better in the future, according to Curtis, if council would go to competitive bidding rather than sole source.

Councilman Thomas White told Curtis, "If I understand why you are before council, I think you are quite right." White said he does not think council would have solicited such a proposal on a

sole-source basis. He pointed out that council to date had referred the Cripe proposal to city staff for recommendations, but had gone no further.

Greenbriar Settlement

Greenbriar resident Don Shell told council he did not think they really knew what was going on when they recently reached out-of-court settlement with a group of Greenbriar homeowners who had appealed the condemnation award relating to the overpass pathway through Greenbriar. The jury award of \$29,000 has been paid by the city to the Greenbriar Phase I Homeowners Association for "common land" taken for the walkway; the additional \$17,500 settlement amount has been paid to a small group of individual condominium owners who were claiming in a court appeal. See SETTLEMENT, p. 6, col. 1.

City Asked to Join Suit As Co-Plaintiff To Block Sale of Research Center Tract

by Mavis Fletcher

Possible actions to block the proposed sale of some acreage in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center again occupied the Greenbelt city council during its regular meeting on February 22. Norman Stern, chairman of the Patuxent Group of the Sierra Club, appeared before council to request that the City of Greenbelt become co-plaintiff in a suit against the General Services Administration in an effort to block sale of the BARC tracts. Other plaintiffs include the cities of Laurel and College Park and individuals or citizen groups.

Stern's primary concern seemed to be the possibility that the land would be sold before the pending legislation to prevent the sale, sponsored by Senators Mathias and Sarbanes, could be acted upon. According to Stern, the sale could go through as soon as March 25 if no action is taken to block it. In response to questions from council members, Stern said that the suit is based on the contention that the land contains geological artifacts and is the home of (unspecified) endangered wildlife species.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld asked whether an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) had been requested. City Manager James Giese replied that the GSA position is that the EIS should have been done by the Agriculture Department before the land was declared excess and that GSA does not appear to consider itself responsible for an EIS.

Council, without committing itself to being party to the suit, appeared to be favorably inclined

to the idea. Weidenfeld suggested that the city solicitor be put in touch with Joseph F. McBride, a lawyer who has volunteered his time in filing the suit. Weidenfeld requested that additional information be obtained to include details on the basis of the suit, anticipated costs to the plaintiffs, and an opinion on the legal standing of the city as a party to the suit.

In other actions related to the proposed sale of the tracts, the council voted to send a letter to Senator Mathias and Senator Sarbanes thanking them for their efforts in introducing the legislation aimed at prohibiting sale of the tracts. Council also expressed its gratitude for brief remarks made by Jesse Jacobs, an assistant to Congressman Steny Hoyer. According to Jacobs,

Hoyer has also introduced legislation to block sale of the two tracts which are the subject of the Senate bill. The Hoyer bill also includes in its prohibition a 5.6 acre tract in Beltsville.

APB Report on Park

In another matter related to the "greenbelt" around Greenbelt, the council accepted an Advisory Planning Board report commenting on a record of decision by the National Park Service, National Capital Region, which is the result of almost two years of planning for the development of Greenbelt National Park. In its recommendation to the Park Service, the city had supported a minimal amount of development to the park's facilities. The final decision reflects a similar position. The APB report See CITY COUNCIL, p. 4, col. 1.

Laura Millman-A Winner!

Laura Cara Millman was one of two winners in the National Symphony Competition held at the Kennedy Center on February 27. A violinist, Laura will perform in a program with the National Symphony this season and will also appear as a soloist next season.

Laura can be heard on WGMS this Saturday, March 5, from 9 - 9:30 a.m. The program will be broadcast live from Montgomery Mall.

The daughter of Esther Rose and Lester Louis Millman, Laura has studied with Marcia Fox at Greenbelt Elementary School, and Jan Turkiewicz, concertmaster of the Prince Georges Philharmonic. She is presently a student of Margot Collins of American University.

Millman's musical accomplishments and awards are many. She serves as concertmistress of the

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Orchestra, the Prince Georges Senior Youth Orchestra, and as co-concertmistress of the Maryland All-State Senior High Orchestra. From 1972 until the present, she has been a member of the Prince Georges Chamber Music Association from which she has received scholarships in 1980, 1981, and 1982. She has participated in the Tidewater Music Festival at St. Mary's College in 1979 and 1980 and the Cseh Summer School of Music in 1981 and 1982, and in addition received awards for outstanding musicianship the first year she studied at each of these music camps.

Among the competitions Millman has won are the University of Maryland Competition in 1980 and 1982, the David Burchard Competition in 1981, and the Baltimore Music Club Competition in 1983.

Master Plan Public Forum Is Council Meeting Topic

by Marion E. Glick

The Greenbelt City Council, at their February 22 meeting, accepted the Advisory Planning Board's (APB) report on the Langley-College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan public forum. The forum will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland, Adult Education Center.

In their report, APB recommended a Greenbelt representative attend the forum to ensure that the city's interests in both the Plan's development and key issues are addressed.

James K. Giese, Greenbelt city manager, agreed the city should be represented at the forum.

However, he explained that Greenbelt's interest in the Plan's development was part of the city's relationship with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Therefore, sending a representative to the forum would be repetitive.

In response to the Board's request for Greenbelt's representative to identify the Plan's key issues at the forum, Giese stated that Council had received APB's report on the Plan. Council also had had a work session with APB on November 23. A second work session to further review the Plan was held on March 1.

"The public forum is essentially an opportunity for comments to be engendered relating to the Plan by persons other than the municipal governments involved in the planning structure," Giese stated.



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Tuesday, March 7, 1983

8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
5. Minutes of Council Meetings
6. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
7. PUBLIC HEARING - City Manager
8. Proposed Uses for Revenue Sharing Fund and Other City Funds for Fiscal Year 1983/84

II. COMMUNICATIONS

9. Petitions and Requests
10. Administrative Reports
11. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

12. Bid Award - Reconstruction of Ridge Road
13. Record of Decision, Greenbelt Park, General Management Plan/Development Concept (Advisory Planning Board Report #283)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

14. Resolution to Adopt 1982 Air Quality Plan for Control of Ozone and Carbon Monoxide in the National Capital Interstate Air Quality Control Region - 1st Reading
15. Resolution to Waive Bid Procedures and to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Drott Four-In-One Bucket for a Case Front End Loader from Chesapeake Supply and Equipment Company of Savage, Maryland, for a Total Cost of \$7,395.00 - 1st Reading
16. Resolution on Nuclear War Crisis Relocation Planning - 1st Reading
17. Zoning Variance, Plat of Re-Subdivision, Greenbriar Parcels 3 and 4
18. State Legislation
19. Nomination for Outstanding Citizens Award

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change

Volunteers for the Master Plan's Citizens Advisory Committee may sign up during the meeting or by writing, within 30 days, to the Director of Planning, John F. Downs, County Administration Office Building, Upper Marlboro 20772. The committee will meet about twice a month to discuss issues pertaining to the plan.

In a related matter, council announced they will accept nominations for a Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee at their next meeting. The Prince Georges County Planning Board will appoint the committee, which is expected to have from 15 to 18 members.

APB suggested that at least one representative be nominated from the APB and one from the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

"Anyone may nominate anyone to serve on this committee," Giese said.

Zoning Appeal Okayed

Also at their meeting, council reaffirmed their approval of a zoning appeal for the hotel property at the Maryland Trade Center Park.

The appeal, by Sunstate Properties, Inc., of Raleigh, North Carolina, requested a four foot variance in the distance between the proposed building and the property line.

"Council does not oppose the variance of four feet as requested," councilman Thomas White said.

A public hearing before the Appeals Zoning Board of Prince Georges County was held on March 2.

Bus Shelter

White requested that Council contact the County Transportation Department to clarify their recent denial of a new bus shelter in Greenbelt. According to White, the Boxwood Civic Association request for a bus shelter at Crescent Rd. and Lastner Lane was denied by the Department. White expressed a desire to "pursue beyond this response, if for no other reason than to clarify their policy." Several council members also shared this view.

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THANKS

To the Editor:

The outpouring of concern from Greenbelters after a fire in our home February 16 deeply touched us. For their overwhelming support we especially wish to thank the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, the Greenbelt Police Department and our caring neighbors living in Boxwood, Lakeside, Lakewood, Greenbelt Homes Inc. and Greenbriar. Greenbelt is great!

Claire and Richard Pilski

Applauds Snow Removal

To the Editor:

I've been meaning to do this for years, but after this storm I was determined to write before the snow was all melted. An almost seventeen year resident of Greenbelt, this blizzard caught me at home (was out of town at work in '79), and I was so impressed with their efficiency that I'd like to extend my kudos to the Greenbelt Department of Public Works for their efforts in clearing the streets of our city. I've been spoiled all these years — routinely the snow shovels are roaring down Lastner Lane almost before the first flake hits the ground. And this blizzard obviously didn't faze them any more than a lighter fall. My husband (also an M.D.) and I were able to dig out our driveway and be on our way to the ski slopes — Liberty in Fairfield, Pa. — by 12:30 p.m. Sat. afternoon. (It had stopped snowing 9 p.m. Fri. evening.)

So, though I am only able to mention one person by name — John Behrens — my hat's off to all those who worked so hard to see to it that we Greenbelters stayed mobile (as is probably well known some other neighborhoods didn't fare so well)

Thank you and keep up the good work!

Anne Zevallos, M.D.

St. Hugh's Offers

Family Film Series

St. Hugh's Church is presenting the Dr. Dobson "Focus on the Family" film series during Lent. This Monday at 7:30 p.m., the film will be on "Christian Fathering." It is Dr. Dobson's view that if America survives, it will be because fathers begin to put their families at the highest level of priority, and reserve something of their time, effort, and energy for leadership within their homes. All Greenbelters are invited to attend this one-hour film.

PRO-LIFE SPEAKER

The Rev. Olga Fairfax, founder of Methodists-for-Life, will address the Women of St. Hugh's on Wednesday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in Grenoble Hall.

The Rev. Fairfax, an ordained minister within the Methodist Church, will speak on "Megabortion." The meeting is open to the public and all members of the community are invited.

Israel and the West Bank

This Friday night, March 4, following Sabbath services at Mishkan Torah, a discussion will be held about the Arab West Bank of the Jordan and its future. Excerpts will be read from "The West Bank Story" by Rafik Halabi, written in Hebrew by a young Arab reporter for Israel's TV network. (The Greenbelt library has a translation). An open discussion will follow. Services begin at 8 p.m., the program will start at about 8:45, and all are welcome.

Democratic Club News

On Monday, March 21, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will join with other area Democratic clubs in sponsoring a legislative reception in Annapolis. The reception is an annual event to acquaint constituents with their State Senator Leo Green and delegates Jerry Devlin, Joan Pitkin and Buzz Ryan within a legislative and social setting. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor reception room of the James Senate Office Building with a buffet dinner. For further information on tickets, contact Democratic Club president J. Davis, 345-3243, Mick Weidenfeld, 345-2327 or John Brunner, 474-7918.

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Baltimore Symphony Returns to Roosevelt Concert Friday At E. Roosevelt

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will perform on Wednesday evening, April 20, at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School, under the auspices of the Greenbelt Arts Trust and the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

Alan Balter, the personal choice of Maestro Sergiu Commissiona, is Associate Conductor of the orchestra. Balter's growing acclaim has brought him guest conducting appearances with many symphonies, including some in Japan. He always receives critical accolades.

Program details will be announced next week, as will locations where tickets may be purchased. Albert Herling is in charge of the arrangements for the concert. Information may be obtained by calling Herling at 474-4621.

Lent at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is observing the season of Lent this year with special services on Wednesday, March 9, 16, and 23.

A mid-day devotion begins at 12:15 p.m. This half-hour service is especially meaningful for those who work in Greenbelt and for people who do not like to go out at night. The devotional message will be given by a different guest speaker each Wednesday. The services will be signed for the benefit of the hearing impaired.

The theme of the Wednesday evening Lenten Vespers is "The Abundant Life." The message next Wednesday will be "Jesus, Remember Me"—the role of faith in the abundant life. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. The message will be delivered by the Rev. Edward H. Birner, Pastor of Holy Cross.

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 (near Cherry Hill Road)
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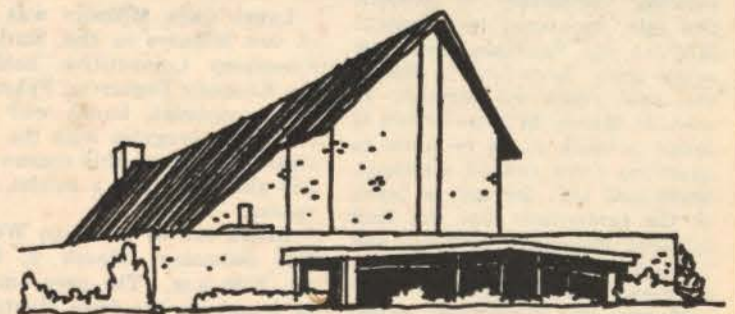
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Roosevelt Swim Club Is County Champion

by Mary Lou Williamson
The Roosevelt Swim Club, showing both strength and depth, dominated the Prince Georges County Championship Meet held Saturday, February 5 at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Al-lentown Road indoor pool in Camp Springs. The annual meet was sponsored for the fourth consecutive year by Dr. and Mrs. John A. Droter.

Scoring 509 points, almost 200 points ahead of the second place team, the 33-member club brought home the championship trophy. In a club victory celebration at school the next week, the trophy was presented by club sponsor Gary King to Principal Ray Ogden for display in the school's lobby along with last year's second place trophy. Medals were presented to those individuals placing first through sixth in the 22 events of the meet. The team is coached by Dan Park.

The club's only triple winner was Greenbelter Craig Dies, who scored 40 points. Craig easily took first place in the 100 yard individual medley, setting both a meet and a team record with a time of 2:02.91. Craig also placed first in the 100 yd. breaststroke. Roosevelt's second high scorer was another Greenbelter, Dan Sutherland (36 points). Dan placed first in the 100 yd. butterfly and 3rd in the 500 yd. free style events. Craig, swimming breaststroke, and Dan, swimming the fly, provided two legs of the winning Roosevelt boys 200 yd. medley relay team.

Other Greenbelters providing points for Roosevelt were Brian Dies (24), Lynda Blue (24), Margaret Williamson (16.5), Deana Heigel (15), Scott Luddy (1), Candy Wersick (13), Tara Yaney (10), Mary-Ann Treacy (3) and Teresa Crisman (2).

The four top swimmers, Craig and Brian Dies, Dan Sutherland, and Lynda Blue — also proved themselves fast enough to qualify for the "Metro's," the metropolitan area championship meet, held February 26 at the Montgomery County Recreation Department's indoor pool at White Oak.

Club members, who pay all their own expenses, began on January 16 their twice a week practice at the Bowie State Col-

Recreation Review

Volleyball—Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at Center School Gym. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings with recreational play on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome. In the event that the county schools are closed, the program will be cancelled.

Kite flying is only a couple of weeks away. The Greenbelt Recreation Department has planned its annual kite flying contest. The date will be Saturday, March 19 on Braden Field. Rain date is March 26. Watch the News Review for further details.

Weight Lifting Club Members

Many of the members have cards that have expired. Membership is for one year only. In order to continue to use the facilities, people must keep their card current. Renew now!!!!

Pottery Make-ups

Now that the snow and holiday celebrations are in the past, the Monday night Pottery Class, held in the Greenbelt Youth Center, will be back on its normal schedule on Monday, 28. The two cancelled classes will be made up at the end of the regularly scheduled 10-week course.

lege pool, managed by Steve Wernel. Swim clubs, officially recognized by their schools, were permitted to organize this fall under new rules established last summer by school system administrators. Traditionally, formal club status has not been required for participation in the privately run county championship meet.

Greenbelt Grab Bag

by PUNCHIN' JUDY

Sometimes the things you read just blow your mind. Recently there was a news story about the town of Occoquan, Va. Seems that the town has lost 1,368 people, leaving it with a population of 241. That's right. All those people seem to have just vanished, disappeared into thin air! "Just all of a sudden it happened, out of a clear blue sky," one of the surviving residents is quoted as saying.

Now, you would expect that there would be panic, terror, an outcry for the CIA, the FBI, and possibly the Space Agency to investigate, to mobilize, to do something! But no, all the remaining citizens seem to be concerned about is the loss of Government grants that are pegged to population. The town stands to lose about half its annual budget, so the people there are renting out their Town Hall, and complaining to the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau, for Pete's sake! Where are the police, the militia, the Marines! To give the Census Bureau due credit, it did do a recount and found one additional person. Big deal!

Supposing something like that happened in Greenbelt. Think of it. Four out of five people gone. Wouldn't the rest of us be saying something? That's assuming, of course, that we were not among the missing. Imagine! Only one teller out of five working at the bank. The lines, on the other hand, would be shorter, too, since four out of five bank clients wouldn't be there. The same thing would be happening at all the other places of business and at the schools, where there would be one fifth of teachers and one

Golden Age Club

by Blanche E. Lee

It would take more than a little rain to keep seniors away from any kind of club celebration. Many attended the February 23 meeting, and Valentine party which had been cancelled on account of snow. Besides the

fifth of students left.

If Occoquan is a typical example, nobody would even notice. Families bereft, houses vacant, and nobody says a mumbling word. It hardly bears thinking about!

We must also consider what else might be missing. What happens to the cats, the dogs, the squirrels, the parking spaces? Would Greenbelt Lake shrink to a fifth of its former glory? Would the neighboring high rises become bungalows?

Talking about lakes, isn't there a reservoir at Occoquan? Good grief! Perhaps it will provide only one fifth of the critical water supply. What will happen then? Rationing? A run on diet soda? Should we worry if there is only one-fifth of a dam left? Dam right.

Valentine exchange the meeting was special, too. We were pleased to have our worthy treasurer, Henry Buese, back after a stay in the hospital.

February birthdays were celebrated with cupcakes and candles. Retiring president Florence Holly was honored and presented with a \$25 Gift Certificate by Harry Merryman. Harry, with a twinkle in his eye, admitted there had been a few sparks flying at intervals, but they had all been amicably resolved and he praised Mrs. Holly for her leadership and outstanding contributions to the club during her two years as president. Mrs. Holly responded in turn in her own inimitable manner.

Announcement was made of the annual Prince Georges Senior Citizen Conference at Largo on March 14 and 15. Transportation from Greenbelt will be provided Tuesday, March 15 only. The bus leaves Suburban Bank at 9:20 a.m.

The Greenbelt club now has 235 members, according to Membership Chairman Dorothy Merryman. She can be reached by calling 474-6489 for information about joining the club.

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in general supports the decision while pointing out that the East Park appears to be neglected or forgotten. The position leaves open the opportunity for this land to be declared surplus by the federal government because of under-utilization. The APB report also points out that the Park entrance could become a traffic problem in the future, particularly as work begins on the Greenbelt Road/Kenilworth Avenue interchange.

The council accepted two resignations from city advisory boards. Robert Zugby, newly appointed city council member, resigned from the Community Relations Advisory Board and Ronald A. Ott, long-time member of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, resigned from that body. Council also accepted a PRAB report which said, in regard to Ott's resignation: "the departure from PRAB of Ron Ott, former chairman and vice-chairman during his nine and one-half years on the Advisory Board, is viewed as a significant loss to PRAB and the city in light of his exceptional leadership and tremendous contributions to the development and preservation of the city's parks and recreation programs, as well as to the community itself."

Turning to the perennial subject of money, council passed a resolution to authorize the city manager to invest temporarily available city funds in the State of Maryland Local Government Investment Pool, a new instrument specifically designed to meet the needs of local governments for a professionally-managed investment vehicle.

The council deferred action on the award of a contract to reconstruct Ridge Road between Gardenway and Eastway to allow further time for the city staff to study ten bid proposals which were received.

Tax Rebate

Mayor Weidenfeld notified council that the president of the Prince Georges Municipal Association was meeting with the County Executive on February 23 to discuss the rebate of taxes which municipalities receive from the county. The current rebate formula is intended to cover public works services which the municipalities provide for themselves, thereby saving the county money which it would otherwise have to expend to provide such services to the cities. Since the county collects the tax before rebating it to the cities, the tax is subject to the restrictions imposed by TRIM. For this reason, the

county executive, according to Giese, is interested in exploring a tax differential which would result in a credit being applied on the county tax rate to property owners within municipalities. Under this scheme, the property owner rather than the municipality benefits directly from the differential. If this credit were applied to municipal residents in Prince Georges County, the amount of the tax differential would not be subject to the TRIM restriction and the county would have an additional sum in excess of one million dollars to spend on county services. Since the city would no longer receive monies rebated to it from the county, presumably city taxes would have to be raised to make up the shortfall. However, from the point of view of the property owner, nothing would change—county taxes would go down and city taxes would go up by the same amount.

Giese felt that since tax differential is not subject to the TRIM restriction, the county executive might propose an increased tax differential covering areas such as police protection. Greenbelt, with its extensive expenditures for police services, has long been in favor of an increased allowance from the county for such services and would probably benefit considerably from any broadening of the services to be covered.

Governor Appoints White

City Councilman Thomas X. White has been appointed to the Oil Price Overcharge Task Force by Governor Harry Hughes. The committee has been requested to evaluate appropriate options and recommend specific programs for distributing funds to those people who have been overcharged by oil companies between 1973 and 1981. The U.S. Department of Energy has been prosecuting oil companies for violation of petroleum price and allocation regulations in effect during those years. Portions of the funds resulting from prosecution and settlement of these cases are being made available to Maryland for disposition in a manner consistent with law.

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Each high school in the county is assigned a special testing date when students from that school come to the college campus and take the Comparative Guidance and Placement Exam (CGP), PGCC's entrance exam. Both public and private schools are included in the program. Dates for schools Greenbelters attend are: Saturday, March 5, DeMatha and Elizabeth Seton; Saturday, Mar. 12, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Saturday, April 9, Pallotti and Riverdale Baptist.

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CITY NOTES

Employees of the Public Works Department were kept busy recently clearing snow from streets, parking lots, and sidewalks. In total, it is estimated that over \$4,150 was spent for overtime salaries and approximately 150 tons of salt were spread.

Stress Workshop

"YES! YOU CAN COPE WITH STRESS" is a workshop offered by Family Service of Prince Georges County, Inc. It will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Agency's Central Office, 7580 Annapolis Road, Lanham. (Rte. 450 and 76th Avenue). There is a fee.

For further information contact Carol Rowan, Coordinator of Family Life Enrichment at 459-2121.

At the Library

Monday, March 7, 7:30-9 p.m. Backyard Vegetable Gardening.

Tim Warman of the Prince Georges Cooperative Extension Service will discuss soil preparation, insect, disease and weed control. For more information about this free program call 699-3500.

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free income tax assistance.

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2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Manager
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 - b. Masonry Painting.
 - c. Final Reading on Computer and Termite Contracts.
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Greenbelt Homes Board Discusses Windows, Pets, Moisture Problems

by Mary Moien

Due to the threat of a snowstorm, the February 10 meeting of the Greenbelt Homes Incorporated, (GHI) Board of Directors was postponed and held instead the following week. Major topics for discussion were window maintenance, a pet resolution from the Aesthetics and Environment Committee, and the possibility of FNMA loans for resale financing.

Window Maintenance
The topic of window maintenance has been discussed at several board meetings. In most instances GHI residents are responsible for window glass maintenance. Maintenance of the window, itself, however, is the responsibility of GHI. The standard replacement windows will be covered by the maintenance agreement. Nonstandard windows installed in the original structure will also be maintained by GHI. However, there will be a charge to individual members for extra expenses, if any, associated with the replacement of nonstandard window parts.

Pet Problems
A pet resolution was presented to the board by Joe Remenick of the Aesthetics and Environment Committee. The committee felt that barking, feces in yards and common areas, and roaming animals have become a problem in GHI. The following is a summary of what the committee is currently requesting the board to do:

1. Strictly enforce existing rules regarding barking, sanitation, and lawn care.
2. Ask City of Greenbelt to better enforce leash law for dogs and cats.
3. Include instructions on pet care at New Member Orientation.
4. Support a community-wide education program on pets and health issues.
5. Consider adoption of a new rule to restrict the number of

outdoor-type pets a member may own.

The board members had the most discussion about the last item. It would be very difficult to administer a rule on the number of pets allowed. The board was in favor, however, of contacting the city to let them know that GHI would like the city to enforce leash laws.

FNMA Loans
There is a possibility that GHI may in the future qualify for Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) loans. If so, this could put the corporation on almost equal footing with homes offering first-mortgage loans. It would also be the first approval in the country for a cooperative. The board approved the expenditure of \$2,500 - \$3,500 to obtain a legal opinion required by FNMA that the state laws and GHI regulations are in compliance with FNMA standards.

Moisture
Board and management discussed the moisture problems in the brick attics and the possibility of testing various methods of eliminating the problem. Management stated that at least 12 rows of brick homes are affected by the moisture and they fear that the number will be higher as not all attics have yet been examined.

House and Garden Tour
The Member and Community Relations Committee announced that the annual house and garden tour is scheduled for June 5.

Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

Early on the morning of February 27, Greenbelt police officers interrupted a robbery at Best Products, Inc., in Beltway Plaza. After colliding with a police cruiser driven by Officer Timothy F. Hahn, the suspects left the scene and Hahn and Sgt. Thomas M. Ceccarelli gave chase. One suspect was arrested by Ceccarelli when he fell from the vehicle. Another suspect fell from the vehicle shortly thereafter and fled on foot, apparently unhurt. The third suspect was lost when the pursuing police car, which had been damaged in the collision, stalled. Some stolen property was recovered when it either fell or was tossed from the car during the pursuit.

A breaking and entering was reported on Plateau Place. Entry to a home was gained by forcing a latch. Cash was reported stolen. Malicious destruction to autos

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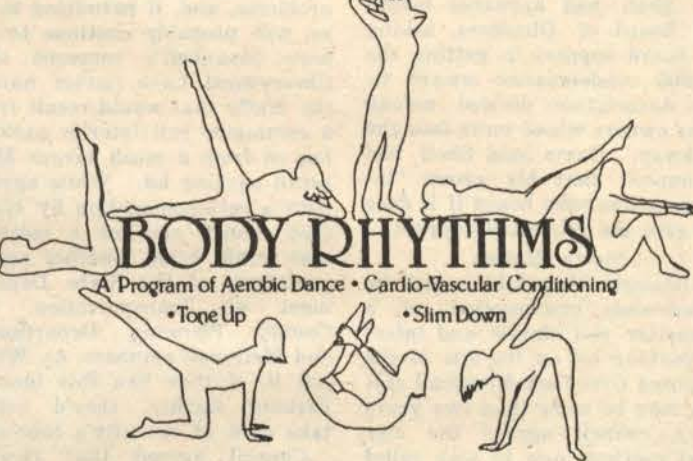
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of the condemnation award that they suffered "consequential damages" as a result of the pathway. Shell's position seemed to be that the owners who truly suffered the damages were not the ones who appealed and will share in the \$17,500 settlement. He told council that "many people" were meeting that night in Greenbriar, and that these people are going to sue the city.

The News Review later asked J Davis, member of the Greenbriar Phase I Board of Directors, for information on this issue. Davis said she had no idea how many people might be involved, but that her understanding was that these are persons who earlier chose not to be parties to the appeal effort. According to Davis, Shell had appeared before the Board of Directors, asking for board support in getting the \$29,000 condemnation award to the Association divided among those owners whose units face the walkway. Davis said Shell had announced that his group "intends to sue" the board if it does not give the requested support.

Metro Station

Although Giese told council he understands construction of a commuter rail station and interim parking lot on the site of the proposed Greenbelt Metrorail station may be more than two years away, council agreed the city must continue now to seek relief from the expected traffic problems, including in particular construction of an overpass ac-

ross the Beltway to link Cherrywood and Ivy Lanes.

White recalled that in the early 1970's, county planners told the city not to worry about traffic load that would result from the building of Greenbriar, because a grade separation at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road would take care of the extra vehicle flow. White noted that the grade separation has still to be constructed. Again, recalled White, the planners said not to worry about the impact of the proposed Greenway Shopping Center on northbound traffic exiting from the Parkway, because the exit ramp would be redone. The ramp is still not rebuilt, said White, and will eventually be the scene of a fatality as a result.

In White's view, the planners simply don't care about traffic problems, and, if permitted to do so, will probably continue to ignore Greenbelt's concerns that Cherrywood Lane cannot handle the traffic that would result from a commuter rail interim parking lot, or from a much larger Metrorail parking lot. White agreed with a recommendation by Giese that council ask for a meeting that would bring together representatives of the State Department of Transportation, the County Planning Department, and Metrorail planners. As White put it, if they like this interim parking facility, they'd better take care of the city's concerns.

Council agreed that County Councilman Richard Castaldi would be asked to work with County Executive Parris Glen-

Bill to Rename Parkway For Spellman Up for Vote

The bill to rename the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for former Congresswoman Gladys Spellman (H.R. 174) was approved February 25 by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and will now go to the full House for consideration.

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D.-Md.) joined other Members of Congress in lauding the accomplishments of the former Congresswoman during consideration of the bill in an Interior Committee subcommittee. "Mrs. Spellman was instrumental in obtaining government cooperation and funding for the resurfacing and upgrading of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway," Hoyer said. "It is important now that her dedication and efforts are not forgotten."

Because of action taken in the Maryland legislature last year, Maryland's portion of the roadway has already been renamed, and signs indicating the new designations are posted at numerous places along the Parkway.

dening and State Senator Leo Green to set up this meeting.

The council also dealt with several administrative matters. It accepted the resignation of Hollis Weisman from the Crime Prevention Committee. Weisman cited health reasons which oblige her to curtail her outside activities. Following the recent resignation of Robert Flynn as chairman of the committee, the crime prevention committee now has three vacancies.

A resolution to permit the city to invest temporarily idle funds in a Local Government Investment Pool recently established by the Maryland General Assembly was introduced for first reading. The authorization to invest in this fund would give the city increased flexibility in its investments.

NOW Meeting Scheduled

The Northern Prince Georges National Organization for Women chapter will hold its general membership meeting on Wednesday, March 9, at the library, beginning at 7 p.m. Twiss Butler will discuss Women and Insurance Discrimination. For more information, call 345-9387.

GHI NOTES

Several meetings will be held at GHI next week. On March 8, the Personnel Committee will meet in the Board Room and the Parking Committee will meet in the Lunch Room. The Aesthetics and Environmental Committee will meet on March 9. Also, on Thursday, March 10, the Board of Directors will meet. All meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

GHI staff members are learning to use the new phone system which was installed this week. The system has several advantages, including the ability to

transfer calls and play background music for people on hold.

United Buying Service (UBS) has announced price reductions on some cars and sale prices on furniture. On March 10 and 24, free tours, complete with light buffet supper, will be given at the UBS Baltimore furniture showroom. For information or a reservation, call 657-1920.

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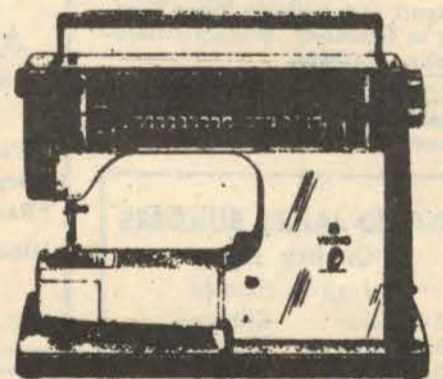


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