

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Traffic on Greenbelt Road: Bad and Getting Worse

by Virginia Beauchamp  
"No one is pushing for roads in this area. Transportation could be one of the city's big pushes." The speaker was Bill Wilkerson, chairman of the city's Advisory Planning Board. And the occasion, a work session on Wednesday evening, May 25 at the city offices, represented one step the city of Greenbelt is indeed utilizing to get the attention of county, state, and national jurisdictions to the horrendous problem that may before long confront every driver here every day as we try to move in and out of the city on Greenbelt Rd.

Appearing on behalf of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission were two members of its Transportation Planning Division, Frank

Derro and Brian Collins. At the city's request they have recently prepared a traffic study of Greenbelt Rd. Although the entire section looked at extends on the west of Cherrywood Lane just beyond the Beltway Plaza and on the east to the railroad crossing on Good Luck Rd., the portion undergoing the closest scrutiny lies between Kenilworth Ave. and Hanover Parkway. This smaller strip is described as "the critical section" of the study.

The study itself was carried out under a budgetary commitment by the MNCPPC for planning assistance to municipalities. In earlier years funds from this account have helped the city to design the revitalization of the city center, explore new uses of the North End school building, and lay out bicycle trails.

For years, however, council members and area residents have been aware of the rapid deterioration of the movement of traffic

along Greenbelt Rd. as more and more commercial and residential developments have been constructed within the city limits. Since Greenbelt has no real control of zoning designations nor of the granting of building permits, (both county functions), city officials could do little more than continue to raise the issue of highway impact. Unfortunately, according to current planning guidelines, each request for development is looked at exclusively for its future traffic impact on the present road situation — not in relation to the future impact of other developments being planned at the same time.

Currently the requested road study is in the form of a large map of the area which shows Greenbelt Rd. and its intersections with north-south arteries and feeder roads. Highlighted in yellow were the problem areas; in orange were suggested changes. See TRAFFIC, page 9, col. 1



Greenbelt's Mayor Gil Weidenfeld presents to Reuben Spellman a framed copy of the city resolution "describing the 18 years of public service rendered to Greenbelt by his wife, Gladys." — photo by Don Livingston

## Remembering Gladys Noon Spellman Greenbelt Dedicates B-W Overpass

by Virginia Beauchamp

Under a gently falling rain that forced both speakers and onlookers to carry on under umbrellas during the first few minutes of the program, the Gladys Noon Spellman Pedestrian Trail and Overpass was formally dedicated on Saturday, June 4. The program was the culmination of almost six years of effort to provide a safe crossing for Eleanor Roosevelt High School students over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. But foremost in the minds of all those present, those who spoke and those who listened, was the woman who was not there to share in the sense of accomplishment marked by the occasion. Gladys Noon Spellman still remains in a semi-coma.

Many of those close to Gladys Spellman were present, however, to hear her role in the creation of the overpass lauded and to see the commemorative plaque unveiled. Among those were several members of her own family, including her husband, Reuben; her son, Richard; and her sister, Dorothy Lupo, as well as former staff members of her Congressional office.

The role of Congresswoman Gladys Spellman was crucial, Greenbelt city councilman Thomas X. White declared, in recounting the history of the project from its inception in 1977. Departing from his prepared speech, White stressed "the political skills and effectiveness of Gladys Spellman's that brought together representatives of the Federal Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the city of Greenbelt, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the Safety Committee of the ERHS Parent-Teacher - Student Association. "You had to be there to recognize it," he said. Within only six

weeks after Representative Spellman had been contacted, "a way to build a new bridge was found and approved."

The need for the bridge was recognized almost from the moment the school opened in the fall of 1976, when students unwilling or unable to travel by bus, began crossing the Parkway on foot at approximately the location of the overpass. A PTSA committee under the chairmanship of Howard Savage — who was described by several speakers at the June 4 ceremony as "the catalyst" — recommended either

See OVERPASS, page 10, col. 1

### WHAT GOES ON

Sun., June 12, 3-6 p.m., Community Farewell to Jim Smith, Youth Center.  
7 p.m., U.S. Air Force "Airmen of Note," Buddy Attick Park Bandstand.

Mon., June 13, 8 p.m. City Council meeting, Council Chambers.

### GREENBELT'S GREAT

## Caring, Concerned Couple--Jim & Mary Agnes Smith In Bittersweet Farewell, Say Goodbye to Greenbelt

by Sandra Barnes

The Smiths are pulling up stakes. After 21 years of living in Greenbelt, Jim and Mary Agnes Smith are leaving. Their farewell is bittersweet. They thought they would be here for a long time to come. Their comfortable home on Greenhill Road would be the haven their children and grandchildren would visit, just as Jim and Mary Agnes themselves returned year after year to their native Louisiana. But last year, after 20 years at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Jim became a casualty of the Reagan administration's "streamlining" fervor. It was a shock to both of them. Spurning an offer of a job in Peoria, Jim retired — at least eight years before he had intended.

Looking back on those personally difficult days, Jim and Mary Agnes smile and characteristically point out that everything turns out for the best in the end. For they are off on a new adventure come June.

The vast and mysterious land of India beckons. Jim has accepted a two-year position as Director of the Far Eastern Research Office of the United States Department of Agriculture. He will administer the grants that this country gives to India, analyzing the mutual benefits to accrue to each country, coordinating payments and approvals. He will travel through much of India, Pakistan and Burma. And their new home will be at the American embassy compound in New Delhi. Not much like Greenbelt, but with a lot of hot weather, rain and rice, it should be similar to where they grew up in Louisiana, Mary Agnes chuckles softly.

Jim and Mary Agnes Smith represent the kind of people who shaped Greenbelt into the strong, activist community it has become. For 21 years they have contributed their time and their energy to the organizations they believed in — Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Baptist Church, the Parkdale Parents Organization and Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Having arrived in Greenbelt in 1961, establishing themselves in their home in the 35 court of Ridge Road, Jim found himself on the GHI board four years later. Jim never considered running for the board. But his neighbor was board member Jeff Chapman and he had been spotted by a well-known visionary on local talent as having the characteristics needed to be a GHI board member — tenacity, strength and common sense. Jim rarely disappointed his supporters.

Through 17 years on the board, 11 years as its president, with a two-year hiatus in 1979 and

1980, Jim has been a leader. More than once he wanted to relinquish his position on the board. More than once, members of the community persuaded him to run again. A man with a strong sense of community spirit, he also felt, "My house is here too." So he gave in, and his wife and his daughter Carla and son Paul saw a lot less of him than any of them wished.

Jim is intensely proud of spearheading the board to the completion of the GHI rehabilitation program. Rehabilitation began 18 years ago by a motion from member Alexander Barnes at a general membership meeting directing the board to come up with a long range plan for the community. Through much of those 18 years, Jim has led the housing cooperative through a series of controversies to complete the 20 million dollar rehabilitation. He regrets that he hasn't been able to strengthen the committee structure to get more people to serve. He regrets that training of new board members to better equip them to make decisions has not been

See SMITH, page 5, col. 1

The Greenbelt Community is cordially invited  
by the Friends of Jim Smith Committee  
to

a Reception to honor  
Jim Smith & family  
Sunday, June 12, 1983

3 - 6 p.m.

Greenbelt Recreation Center

There is no charge for this event.



## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council has scheduled a SPECIAL MEETING in the Library-Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland for Wednesday, June 15, 1983, at 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to sell \$700,000 City of Greenbelt public improvement bonds of 1983 for the financing of special assessment improvements for the Maryland Trade Center Park.

GUDRUN H. MILLS, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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## A Department That Works

Despite the continuing rains that have left Greenbelt soggy at best, and in the worst places a sea of mud, the city's Public Works Department has accomplished major efforts of beautification this spring that have made two recent ceremonies of commemoration pleasurable events rather than the disasters they could have become. One was the restoration by the D.A.R. of a memorial plaque at the Isaac Walker gravesite above Indian Springs, the other the dedication ceremony of the Gladys Noon Spellman pedestrian overpass. Both events took place after heavy downpours and at sites only recently opened up to public access.

At the Walker cemetery, a roadway was cleared from the parking lot behind the Prudential Building, a layer of wood chips laid down over the muddy spaces, and the cemetery itself beautified and the plaque installed for unveiling. A much bigger task confronted the crew for the overpass dedication, since a gravel pathway itself had to be laid down, the surrounding mud covered with chips, and furniture and a temporary stage put into place for the ceremony. Everything was accomplished in timely fashion. Both sites were neat and attractive, both occasions memorable in just the proper way.

### GCI ANNUAL MEETING

The annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc. (GCI) will be held on Saturday, June 11. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Sheraton Inn in Silver Spring.

Members may choose one of five workshops to attend in the morning. After luncheon at 1:30 p.m., the cooperative's business meeting will begin. One item of business will be to elect three directors. David Cohen, Lovena W. Cooper and Paul O. Mohn have been nominated. To be elected, nominees must receive an affirmative vote from a majority of members, either in person or by proxy.

The local area council is also being elected. Fifteen individuals are running uncontested for the 15 slots of the Greenbelt/Penn Mar membership area. GCI members received their ballots and proxy with their annual report.

The ballot and proxy can be deposited in a ballot box at Scan, the Co-op Supermarket or Co-op Gas Station by June 9. To register for the annual meeting, members may call 953-2770 or 797-0761.

### IBM Moves to Greenbelt

International Business Machines has leased approximately 14,000 square feet at Capital Office Park, 6305 Ivy Lane.

The aggregate rental of the lease is in excess of \$1 million. The transaction was handled by Julian J. Studley, Inc.

### BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Greenbelt Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School on June 20-24 from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon each day. Boys and girls who have finished kindergarten and grades 1 through 8 are invited to attend. There is no registration fee.

There will be songs, Bible Study, refreshments and recreation each day. The ratio of teacher to children is designed so that personal care can be given. Transportation can be arranged. The Parent's Night program will be on Thursday, June 23. For more information call the church office between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. weekdays at 474-4212.

### New 4-H Club Meets

A new 4-H club will meet in Greenbelt at the Youth Center on Wednesday, June 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The club, under the leadership of Jean Hensel (a former Greenbelt 4-Her), will explore many 4-H projects possibly including bicycles, foods, small pets and crafts. Youth will also have an opportunity to participate in county events such as the fair and resident camp.

The 4-H program is open to all youth between the ages of 8-19 regardless of race, creed, color national origin, sex, or handicap. Adults and teenagers will be encouraged to assist with club activities. For further information contact the Prince Georges 4-H office at 952-3136.

## Stroup-Lenchek

Armand Lenchek, son of Jacqueline and Allen Lenchek, married Karen Leigh Stroup in Virginia on May 28. Armand's sister, Rose-Anne Lenchek, and Rick Janisch—who both grew up in Greenbelt—were in the wedding party.

The bride is studying to be a writer at the University of North Carolina. The groom is a professional musician and music teacher. They are living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

## Crime Prevention Committee to Meet

The Crime Prevention Committee will continue its last meeting on Thursday, June 16, 1983 at 8 p.m. in the City Council Room.

The regular meeting of the committee for the month of June will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 1983 at 8 p.m. in the City Council Room.

## G.T.A. Tennis News

by Jim Harbaugh

The weather cooperated enough for the City to finish the G.T.A. tennis tournament on time on the Greenbelt Day weekend. Winning the Women's Division was Lynn Bosanka over G.T.A.'s Beverly Vayhinger, who always seems to be in the finals. Coincidentally, Lynn is ranked as number 4 in mixed doubles competition by the Mid-Atlantic Tennis Association (MATA). This may explain why she also (teamed with Doug Taylor) won the mixed doubles title over finalists Inge and Jim Harbaugh.

G.T.A.'s Benson King out-manuevered Doug Taylor to win the men's title.

In men's doubles, it was all G.T.A. in the finals as Danny Hess and Tommy Hibbs blasted past David Craig and Joey Hess for the championship. David Craig ran the tournament for the city.

The next meeting is really a social (wine and cheese party) on Friday, June 17, beginning at 8 p.m. Free for members only. For more information on this social or to join G.T.A., call 345-6557, 350-5205 or 345-3162.

The next tennis tournament will be the Firecracker Tournament held over the fourth of July. Call the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department for details, 474-6878. After that, in early August, G.T.A. will conduct a doubles-only tournament. Details will be mailed to members and also printed at a later date in this column.

If any readers are interested in taking up the very sociable game of tennis or in brushing up a rusty game, the G.T.A. has some excellent instructors, among its members, for any level. Call Jim Harbaugh for their names and more information. Fees are reasonable for members. Also the city conducts classes for beginners periodically for those who are not joiners.

See you on the courts.

### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

All children aged 3-12 are invited to Vacation Bible School at:

Berwyn Presbyterian Church

June 13-24, M-F, 9:30-12:00

Registration: \$2/child

474-7573

## GRAY PANTHERS

Gray Panthers will participate in the Flea Market Saturday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wide variety of things will be available, including clothing, white elephants, household and kitchen items, etc. Persons wishing to donate additional items may bring them to the Center any time after 9 a.m.

The next meeting of the Gray Panthers will be held at the Greenbelt Library, Saturday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Mattie Feinburg, Coordinator of the Elder Health Program, University of Maryland, will speak on Nutrition and Vitamins. For information call 474-6890.

### Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 (for all ages)  
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor  
 474-1924

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### BIBLE STUDY



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 Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector  
 422-8057

## 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.

## Greenbelt Community Church



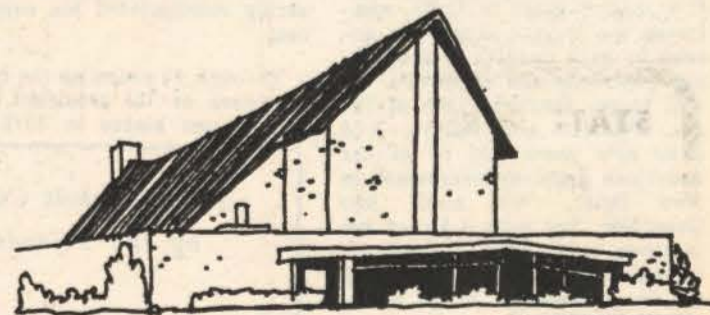
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 Church School for All Ages - Infant Care Provided at Fellowship Center behind Church  
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 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.



## 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

**Take a Strong Stand**  
To the Editor:

I read with dismay the story in your May 26 edition "Council Splits on Opposing College Park Metro Action." It is curious that three of our Councilmen failed to reaffirm their previous positions in favor of avoiding delays in the Metro line to Greenbelt under the guise that such action "... might be interpreted as support for any of the particular parties." Where is the support for Greenbelt's interests?

As a part of the long and arduous process of planning for the Greenbelt line and its associated station locations, our Councilmen are aware that the County Council in 1978 left the choice of a station site up to the City of College Park. In 1979, the City of College Park selected the current Metro station site and it was incorporated into the plans for the line. The realignment which College Park Councilman Chester Joy seeks was presented at public hearings in 1980 and was rejected by the College Park City Council, the Prince Georges County Council and the Metro Board.

Joy's assertions to the Greenbelt City Council are not only wholly unsupported but erroneous as well. His contention that College Park would not be responsible for delays if their new action succeeds is simply not valid. What that city now seeks is a realignment of the Metro Route from a point south of P.G. Plaza to a point north of College Park, including the relocation of both stations. That would require new environmental studies, development of new general plans, additional public hearings and new design contracts, all of which would require four to five years of time and would cost several million dollars. That doesn't even address the fact that the alignment they seek would cost \$35 million more to build and \$800,000 more per year to operate and that the Federal and regional governmental entities who must pay the costs are not willing to do so. Loosely translated, the changes College Park seeks would seriously delay, if not kill outright, any hope of a Greenbelt Metro line.

One other point needs clarification. Joy's contention that a GAO report indicates that funding shortfalls would prevent completion until the year 2001 appears to be at least from whole cloth. Nowhere in the GAO report is there reference to such a time frame for construction of the Greenbelt Metro line. The references report states, "UMTA does not anticipate funding construction past 75 miles until after 1985." In any case, the GAO is not a policy setting agency. Its report is merely a recommendation to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation that the full-funding approach be used as an

# Letters to the Editor

instrument for the remaining 26 miles of Metrorail construction (which includes the Greenbelt line).

What Greenbelters are entitled to know is that the location of the College Park Metro Station was unanimously approved by that City's Mayor and Council in 1979. Now that it has been committed to final design after all necessary approvals were secured, it is no longer a local matter. The issue is now one of countywide, regionwide and local interest and College Park's actions very much interfere with the rights of others, including Greenbelt. It would behoove our City Councilmen to advise Joy to peddle his demagoguery elsewhere and take a strong stand for the people they represent—Greenbelters!

Robert J. Flynn

**THANKS**

Dear Editor:

Please pass on my thanks to Greenbelters who browsed, bought, asked questions of the craftspeople, or who just sat in the sunshine Saturday holding Greenbelt balloons and listening to the tenor solos of John Haugh, the flute music of Elizabeth Beer-Stevens, and the modern beats of the talented jazz trio of Brian Choper, Jamie Pitman, and Jeff Bishop. Thanks to these performers and Linda Brenton's "Aerobic Expression" whose energetic group drew a crowd. Special gratitude for the assistance of Barbara McGee Kender.

Eileen Peterson, coordinator  
Greenbelt Cultural Arts  
Center's Arts & Crafts Fair

**Urges New Vote**

To the Editor

The Greenbelt City Council has consistently opposed any changes in the METRO "E" Route which might further delay the building of the METRO line to Greenbelt.

At the City Council meeting of May 16, Councilman Ed Putens moved to reiterate Greenbelt's long-standing position on METRO to the Prince Georges County Council.

The motion failed by a 3 to 2 vote.

The motion had been made in reaction to changes in the Greenbelt "E" Route proposed by the College Park City Council.

In January of 1983, the College Park City Council was considering recommending changes in the "E" Route. At that time, the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to notify College Park of its concerns regarding any actions that would delay METRO's arrival in Greenbelt.

Now, in April of 1983, the College Park Council has recommended changes in the "E" Route to the Prince Georges County Council. And now the Greenbelt City Council is strangely silent about its concerns.

If you are as surprised as I am at the City Council's position, I urge you to attend the next Council meeting on Monday, June 13. I have placed METRO back on the agenda so the Council may reconsider its position on this important matter.

Let us know what you think the Council should do on this issue.

Gil Weidenfeld  
Mayor of Greenbelt

**THANKS**

Dear GHI friends and neighbors:

Thank you all for re-electing me to our Board of Directors. I'll do my best to help keep our cooperative a fine place to live.

Frank Gervasi

**THANKS**

Thanks to the dear people who come out for exercise on Monday mornings. That was a wonderful surprise for me! I will buy something useful with the lavish gift certificate that you presented to me. Also Ray and I will enjoy our dinner at "Jasper's." It was a very thoughtful gesture and sincerely appreciated.

See you all at the swimming pool on Mondays for our regular exercises.

Rose F. Haber, leader  
Retired Senior Volunteer  
Program, (R.S.V.P.)  
Greenbelt

**At the Library**

Thursday, June 16

Adult Book Discussion. 10:15 a.m. Tom Wolfe's From Bauhaus To Our House.

**Krob Appeals Action**

Former Greenbelt police lieutenant John C. Krob, who was dismissed from that position as the result of a decision of a police hearing board, has appealed the board's decision to the Prince Georges County Circuit Court.

Krob pled guilty last October to one charge of misconduct in office and was sentenced to five years probation and the performance of 300 hours of community service. Later, this judgment was changed to probation before judgment, which is a finding of no guilt. Last March a police hearing board found Krob guilty of 13 charges of violation of Greenbelt city rules, regulations and policies. According to Benjamin Wolman, Krob's attorney, no date has been set for hearing the appeal.


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**One Year's Service To  
The Greenbelt Community**  
Saturday, June 11  
JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS  
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113 Centerway Rd., Greenbelt, Md.

**Cultural Arts Center**  
presents  
**ROCK AT THE UTOPIA!**  
featuring  
**BLACK ROSE**  
Saturday, June 18  
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
at the Utopia Theater  
129 Centerway Greenbelt, Maryland  
Tickets: \$2.00 in advance  
\$3.00 at the door  
for advance tickets, call Chris Planet at 262-7442  
or Lissy Banks at 262-4198  
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**AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING  
OF CITY COUNCIL**  
Monday, June 13, 1983  
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 Amend Section 8-32, Chapter 8, "Finance and Taxation" of the Greenbelt City Code, to Provide that the Tax on Refreshments, Service or Merchandise at any Roof Garden, Cabaret or Similar Place where there is Furnished a Performance, Shall be Increased from One Half of One Percent to Three Percent  
- Second Reading  
10. Resolution to Amend the Uniform Compensation Plan for All Classified Employees  
- Second Reading  
11. College Park METRO Station  
12. Maryland Municipal League Policy Statement Revision

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**  
13. Ordinance to Establish Special Assessments Fund to Provide for the Receipt of Proceeds from the Sale of City of Greenbelt Public Improvement Bonds of 1983  
- First Reading  
14. Resolution to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, to Provide for their Compensation, and to Provide for the Rate of Compensation to be Paid the Chairman and Members of the Board of Elections for the 1983 Regular Council Election  
- First Reading  
15. Resolution for Transmittal to National League of Cities Regarding Disposal of "Surplus" Lands  
- First Reading  
16. Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments  
- First Reading  
17. Resolution - Establishment of Cable Television Public Access and Local Advisory Committee  
- First Reading  
18. Reserve for Capital Improvements Expenditures  
19. Interim Use Agreement - North End School  
20. County Bill 52 - Site Development/Environmental Surcharge on Refuse Disposed at any Sanitary Landfill within Prince George's County  
21. Proposals for Recodification of City Charter and City Code  
22. National League of Cities and National Cable Television Association Compromise Agreement on Cable Television Deregulation  
23. Request for Administrative Leave  
24. Liquor License - Holiday Inn  
25. Animal Control  
26. National Gas Regulatory Reform and Pricing Policy

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**  
NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# GHI Hosts Foreign Visitors

Within the time frame of only two weeks, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) was host to visitors from two foreign countries. Egypt and China. GHI was visited recently by a group of foreign dignitaries from the People's Republic of China. This group, representing the All-China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives, spent three weeks in the U.S. visiting American cooperatives to observe how they function. Although mainly interested in American food cooperatives, (Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc. (GCI) served as host in the D.C. area) an afternoon was spent learning how a local housing cooperative works at Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

The Chinese delegation represented a federation of small cooperatives — having 300 million members and 4 million employees. Their organization consists of local county co-ops, the provincial level and the national federation. Each county level has a representative serve at the provincial level and each provincial level has a representative on the federation.

The Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives works to supply Chinese farmers with needed items, such as fertilizer, seed and equipment. One of the most popular items currently supplied to the rural farmers is the "walking tractor," which is similar to a rotor-tiller. The Federation also markets what the farmers produce. Another objective of the delegation's visit was to make contacts and explore potential markets in the U.S.

The delegation viewed the "Welcome to Greenbelt" slide show and discussed through an interpreter cooperative housing concepts such as understanding the difference between "owning" real estate and owning a share of a corporation which then grants the member perpetual use. "Do you provide doctors and health care to your members as part of their co-op fee?" asked one delegate. It was explained that taxes, insurance, corporation loan repayments and maintenance is provided, but no medical services. Tim Mitter, GHI General Manager pointed out that one of the first and largest health services cooperatives, Group Health Association got its start in Greenbelt and is one of many nearby health facilities which members can select.

Lunchtime provided an additional opportunity to share ideas. Comparing housing costs for typical units in China and Greenbelt Homes another delegate said that for an average size apartment type unit with two bedrooms, kitchen, washroom, living room, dining room and small sitting area, the average monthly cost was five dollars. This also included water and electricity. The average monthly salary for a household is forty dollars leaving an impressive ratio of only one-eighth of a family's income for housing cost.

Cooperative housing is different in China. Unlike the U.S. where cooperatives are sometimes viewed as somewhat socialistic, in China the cooperative structure is considered a means to provide incentive and encourage entrepreneurship. China now allows farmers to own some of their own land — about an acre-and-a-half per farmer. Farmers will often assimilate their land and work together to harvest and, as one delegate put it, "make a comfortable living."

The Chinese delegation seemed to enjoy their visit, the company and the lunch. For the senior delegate, this trip represented his second visit to Greenbelt Homes. The first was in 1946, when he visited Eleanor Roosevelt in New York and later came to Greenbelt Homes, when it was run by the federal government.

Greenbelt represented the last stop on the delegation's busy schedule. Other visits in the U.

S. were paid to Farmland Industries, Nationwide, Growmark, Universal Cooperative and the Cooperative League.

A few days before the Chinese visited, Greenbelt Homes also received a spontaneous visit from a team of individuals preparing to construct a cooperative housing community in Cairo, Egypt. The visitors included the chairman of the Joint Housing Projects of the Cairo Ministry of Housing and the vice president of the Cooperative Housing Foundation who also serves as the Senior Advisor and Team Leader of the Helwan New Community and Upgrading Project. The team was quite impressed with the financial and organizational structure of GHI, how the extensive rehabilitation program was carried out and especially with how rules and regulations have been developed and the process by which they are enforced. After the team visits several more spots in the U.S. it will head back to Cairo for further planning.

GHI staff say they are pleased to have the recent visitors from China and Egypt. It is hoped that their visits will help them succeed in their cooperative efforts.

GHI Staff

## St. Hugh's Track Team In CYO Championships

It was a tough season for the track team. The first meet at Sherwood High School was bitterly cold and few were dressed for it. The next four meets had some heavy rain and one section of the CYO Championship meet at Carroll High School was stopped by a drenching rain. Coaches this year were Jeff Williams and Bruce Coulter.

St. Hugh's team members who placed in the CYO Championships were:

8 and under Boys: Distance Medley Relay — Jonathan Williams, Mark Riva, Scott Kuchariski and John McLane, 3rd place; 800 meters — John McLane, 3rd place; Keith Zukowski, 5th place. 400 meters — John McLane, 4th place. Standing Broad Jump — Mark Riva, 6th place.

8 and under Girls: 100 meters — Jackie Piazza, 6th place. 400 meters — Jackie Piazza, 5th place. 9 and 10 Boys: 1600 meters — Robert Rivera, 5th place. Long Jump — Jason Cunningham, 6th place.

11 and 12 Boys: 400 meters — Dorian Braboy, 5th place. 800 meters — Dorian Braboy, 4th place. 1600 meters — Noel Vacin, 5th place.

13-14 Boys: 1600 meters — Brian Riva, 6th place.

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 more aggressive. Also, "there seems to be a shift in personal interests instead of board interests," Jim observes.

His close friend with whom he first served on the GHI Board, former city councilman Charles Schwann, praises Jim for his strong administrative capabilities. Moreover, the deep sense of caring portrayed by both Jim and Mary Agnes has on numerous occasions sustained Charlie through nightlong battles with the illness that makes each breath so difficult.

Of the controversies he has been embroiled in, Jim says, suppressing a grin, "I always came home after board meetings and went right to sleep." Mary Agnes charitably adds, "It's a learning process to deal with different points of view."

Some people come to board meetings to discuss items not on the agenda, Jim states, in those measured Southern tones which reveal his Louisiana roots. This takes the board's time away from the policy decisions that should be made. Then the board comes to the important decisions at 11 or 12 at night—no one can think at his best at that time. "I was severely criticized two years ago for closing the members' forum (at board meetings). Other co-op boards meet in closed sessions..."

During these years, Mary Agnes has devoted her time to school and church activities. Seven years ago, the Smiths joined the Capitol Hill Baptist Church and she has been particularly involved with senior citizen groups. Their children are now grown and securely situated. Carla is an attorney living in Minneapolis. And Paul is preparing his career in medicine after having spent six months traveling through Kenya. Jim's mother remains in Louisiana and the Smiths plan a number of trips back home to visit family members.

However, they look forward eagerly to living in a completely new environment. They view the move—unplanned as it was just a year ago—as an opportunity to learn and to be useful. Leaving the quiet comfort of their GHI home, filled with antiques and decorated with Victorian furniture, they embark on an exciting new adventure. They take with them the love and admiration of a host of friends who know of the Smiths' dedication to the community, as well as the gratitude of Greenbelters who know them only through the pages of the News Review.

Tributes were paid to them Monday night at a special dinner hosted by the Friends of Jim Smith Committee. A community farewell is planned for Sunday, June 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. All are invited.

## Friends of Jim Smith Honor Him at Dinner

by Sandra Barnes

"Leadership" was the characteristic most attributed to Jim Smith, former GHI Board President, as the Friends of Jim Smith gathered at a special dinner Monday, June 6, to honor and to roast him. Jim and Mary Agnes leave at the end of the month for New Delhi, India, where Jim will assume a position with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Gerry Gough, former board member and master of ceremonies for the event, pointed to Jim's calming influence on the board. Then, quoting Mark Twain, he jocularly remarked, "There are few things more difficult to bear than a good example."

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld praised the skill of Jim and his colleagues on the board for keeping the membership so stirred up over corporation activities that they stayed off the back of the city. The council really appreciates your service to us in that regard, he told Jim. He also gave Jim accolades for solving the really important issues of the cooperative—height of hedges, location of sheds, and that other crucial issue, dogs and cats.

Board member Wayne Williams remarked that GHI did indeed solve the dog and cat issue—by agreeing that all furry creatures were the responsibility of the city.

Councilman Tom White affirmed Jim's leadership skills in bringing rehabilitation to completion and the gracious and generous spirit of both Smiths. William added that Jim had returned to the board after a two-year hiatus specifically to work on rehabilitation. The time, energy and skill he displayed were invaluable to the cooperative, he acknowledged.

Ann Gordon, legislative aide to County Councilman Richard Castaldi, who was out of the country, noted that Jim Smith epitomized the slogan "Greenbelt Is Great." A number of gifts were presented to the Smiths from the Friends of Jim Smith Committee. A publication entitled "Smith Special" contained personal tributes from friends and colleagues who reflected on special qualities they admired about Jim and Mary Agnes. A scrapbook prepared by GHI staff contained many mementoes of Jim's years on the GHI board. Mayor Weidenfeld presented a city proclamation and State Senator Leo Green presented a citation from the State of Maryland. A short-wave radio capable of receiving

Voice of America broadcasts was also presented by the group.

In accepting the gifts and tributes, Jim stated that he felt overwhelmed. In characteristic modesty, he replied that "I gained more from the corporation than I was able to contribute" in terms of growth and understanding of how people and corporations work. He praised the many others who put their "heart and their hard work into making Greenbelt great." He stated further that he and Mary Agnes "had invested a great amount of our lives here . . . and we look forward to the challenges ahead of us." Mary Agnes, for her part, invited everyone to visit them in their new home in New Delhi.

Attending the dinner were former GHI general managers Paul Campbell and Ken Kopstein; former and present board and audit committee members; GHI staff persons, past and present; and former part-time GHI attorney Al Ginsberg and current attorney Pat Clancy.



Jim and Mary Agnes Smith, at home in their Greenbelt living room, pose for the photographer. In a few moments they will leave for the banquet in their honor. In a few weeks they will leave Greenbelt for a new assignment in India. — photo by Jay Henson



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**REGISTRATION:** Accepted in person at the Youth Center Business Office, Monday-Friday, 9 am-4:30 pm beginning Monday, June 13th. Friday, June 17th, 5:00 pm is the last day to register. Classes begin the week of June 20th. Also, available by mail — just fill out the application below and mail with your check for the full amount, made payable to the CITY OF GREENBELT, to the Department of Recreation, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Classes will be conducted as scheduled unless otherwise notified.

**CLASS FEES:** An additional 25% per class will be charged to all registrants living outside the City of Greenbelt limits. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years and over.

**LOCATION CODE:** BFTC (Braden Field Tennis Courts); SHLRC (Springhill Lake Recreation Center); YC (Youth Center).

**REFUNDS:** The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are cancelled by the Department. Other refunds will be made according to provisions in City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which requires that refund requests be made in writing immediately for valid reasons.

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	AGE GROUP	FEE
Ballet - Pre-School	YC	Tu 10:00am (7/5-7/26)	3-5 yrs.	\$6/4 classes
Golf	SHLRC	Th 6:00pm	14 & over	\$15/6 classes
Jazzercise	YC	Th 10:00am	16 & over	\$8/6 classes
Slimnastics	YC	Tu 7:30pm (7/5-8/23)	16 & over	\$8/6 classes
	YC	Th 7:00pm (7/7-8/25)	16 & over	\$8/6 classes
Tennis - Intermediate	BFTC	M 6-8pm	15 & over	\$15/5 classes
Beginner	BFTC	W 6-8pm	15 & over	\$15/5 classes

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, 474-6878.

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## GHI BOARD MEETING

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday  
 June 16, 1983  
 8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Manager
  - a. Block home insulation
  - b. Obtaining more bond financing
  - c. Emergency waterproofing for larger homes
5. Committees - E&M
6. President
7. Board Members

### Recreation Review

#### Rec. Centers Summer Hours

Listed below is a schedule of Summer hours for both the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center: Monday-Thursday, 12 n - 10 p.m.; Friday, 12 n - 11 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 - 10 p.m. Camp Pine Tree

A summer camp is operated by the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation. Marking its 18th season, Camp Pine Tree has been successful in outdoor and special activities. The camp will operate from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with daily bus pick-up for residents between 8 and 8:30 a.m. This year a before and after camp program will be offered for the working parents. For further details, call the Recreation Department, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878. Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Tickets are available at the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for Kings Dominion, Hershey Park, Great Adventure and Wild World. These tickets allow unlimited use on all rides and attractions at each park attended during the 1983 season. This special discount program is sponsored for the benefit of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association to continue its efforts in improving conservation, parks and recreation in Maryland. Support MRPA and save money on future amusement park trips at the same time.

#### Greenbelt Day Race Stats

On Saturday, June 4, two long-distance running races were part of the events celebrating the Spellman Trail and Overpass Dedication. There were 15 runners and one walker in the races which both started at 11 a.m. on the Gardenway side of the Overpass. Both distances turned out to be short, which was clearly seen by the fast times.

In the 3 1/2 mile run, Bob Mongelli, one of Greenbelt's marathon runners, easily won in the time of 19 minutes, 45 seconds.

Malin Kennedy was 2nd in 20:45, Steve Baldwin 3rd in 21:15, Alexander Barnes 4th in 21:22, Drew Lewis 5th in 22:05, Carl Bushell 6th in 27:35, and Mark Cannice 7th in 27:36.

In the two-mile run, Brian Riva, thirteen, of St. Hugh's CYO track team, won in 9:45. Second was Bob Bindschadler in 10:15, Christopher Scherer 3rd in 11:52, Kate Greig (9) of St. Hugh's track team, 4th in 13:17, Bob Greig 5th in 13:18, Jimmy Krantz 6th in 13:18, Herb Drucker 7th in 13:45, and Ronnie Drucker 8th in 19:05. George Desposito (70) was the only walker, finishing in 24:08.

Many people cooperated to make this a safe running event including five sentries on the turns, a biker to lead the runners, the Greenbelt Running Club (which provided the awards) and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. The runners thought they were getting special attention when the Public Works crew finished improving the trail to the Overpass just before the start of the race.



One of America's finest big band jazz organizations will present a live concert at the "Buddy" Attick Park Bandstand on Sunday, June 12, at 7 p.m. The AIRMEN OF NOTE from Washington, D.C. will feature big band stylings from practically every era in the history of this truly American form of music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy. Performance is free.

#### City Ordinances Regulate "Buddy" Attick Park Use

City ordinances regulating park use are posted throughout the park and at the concession stand. The regulations are for the protection of the park and benefit all by insuring proper conduct and use. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated. The park is closed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless otherwise posted. Specific Activities Prohibited:

1. Alcoholic beverages, loitering, wading, swimming and horseback riding are prohibited;
2. Building of charcoal fires, picnicking, ball playing, motor vehicle traffic and parking are permitted in designated areas only;
3. Fireworks and firearms are prohibited;
4. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times;
5. It is prohibited to damage any park property including natural resources and city fixtures; and
6. To sell merchandise, solicit contributions or distribute circulars without city permission.

Greenbelt residents are reminded that permits may be obtained at the Greenbelt Police Department for use of the permit parking area at the "Buddy" Attick Park. The annual permit fee is nominal. While it is expected that adequate spaces will be available to accommodate all permit holders since they are on a first come, first served basis, on special occasions all spaces might be occupied.

The permit parking area was established so that Greenbelt residents could drive to the park on busy weekends and have a parking space available. Public parking spaces are expected to be scarce, as parking is prohibited between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays along Crescent Road, Lastner Lane and Ivy Lane in the vicinity of the "Buddy" Attick Park.

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### Little League News

by Martin Murray

On May 31, the Cards and the Lions played to a 6-6 tie. The game was called after nine innings because of darkness. The Giants beat the A's in the final inning, scoring four runs. Jim Barron pitched for the Giants, Robert Bowen hurled for the A's. Ray Pampley pitched a no-hitter, as the Indians beat the Orioles.

The All-Star game will be played this Sunday, June 12, at McDonald Field beginning at 2. The four best players from each team will play in a nine-inning game. Current standings are: Giants 6-3, A's 6-3, Cards 5-3, Indians 4-3, Orioles 5-6, Cubs 3-5, and Lions 2-7.

#### Blake Files Appeal

Cpl. E. Daniel Blake of the Greenbelt Police Department has filed a grievance with the city's Employee Relations Board taking issue with the findings of City Manager James K. Giese in an incident which took place between Blake and William T. Lane, chief of the department. The grievance grew out of an occurrence in late March when Blake questioned an order given to him by Lane. Angry words were exchanged and Blake was evicted with some force from Lane's office.

In his disposition of the case, Giese found that both parties were to some extent at fault but reprimanded only Chief Lane. Blake was given no reprimand or other punishment.

### Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

A no-force breaking and entering occurred in Glen Ora Court during daylight hours on June 3. The home was ransacked but it appeared that nothing was taken.

A man who formerly shared a home on Plateau Place attempted to break into the house. He was discouraged from doing so by an alert neighbor, who recognized the man and threatened to call the police. The incident was later reported by the occupant of the residence.

Vandals pushed or kicked over the phone booth in the Center Mall this week.

Cpl. Michael D. Craddock arrested two non-residents, one male and one female, for shoplifting at the Show-Off in the Greenway Shopping Center. In both cases the stolen property was recovered and the suspects incarcerated in lieu of bond.

An auto was stolen from the Beltway Plaza parking lot on June 3 and another from the parking lot at Lakeside North on June 4.

Property was stolen from a patio in the 9200 block of Edmonston Rd. sometime last week.

Cpl. Thomas W. Miskell arrested a non-resident male for taking cash from a locker at the Holiday Spa in the Greenway Shopping Center.

Thefts from autos occurred in the 5900 block of Springhill Dr. on June 3 and in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway and 8000 block of Mandan Rd. on June 4.

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# REFUSE BURNING PLANT DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL

by Jim Harnisch

Clifford R. Willey, of the Maryland Environmental Service (MES), made a presentation to the Greenbelt City Council during its May 16 meeting concerning a proposed resource-recovery plant MES plans to build in cooperation with the University of Maryland. MES is still studying possible sites for the plant, one of which lies one-half mile west of Beltway Plaza Shopping Mall.

The plant would produce steam to be piped to the university campus for use in heating and could also produce electricity for sale to PEPCO. But the plant is attractive to MES because it would produce these two saleable resources by burning solid waste — garbage — generated by localities in Northern Prince Georges County.

The plant would reduce the volume of the burned trash by up to 90 percent. The remaining 10 percent, in the form of ash and other residue, would be buried in county landfills. Willey estimated that at the current rate of landfill, 2800 tons per day, the county's two landfills would be filled to capacity in about eight years unless the plant is constructed.

Asked about possible emissions from the smoke stacks at the plant, Willey said, "You probably wouldn't be able to see the emissions from the stacks." Willey further assured council that the odors produced by the refuse would be burned at about 1600 degrees and would be virtually undetectable—even in the vicinity of the plant.

The plant could make use of either of two technologies. A "mass-burn" configuration would involve burning the refuse first and then sorting out certain residues such as glass, magnetic and non-ferrous metals for possible later sale. The other type of plant design, known as a "refuse-derived fuel" (RDF) plant, would involve numerous sorting procedures and shredding of refuse prior to burning it as fuel.

Willey said a "mass burn" plant would require a site of "about 10 acres." An RDF plant, he said, would be much smaller. According to Willey, Albany, New York, has an RDF facility on a 1½ acre site.

Willey said the cooperative project will satisfy two needs for the state because the University of Maryland will need a new boiler system in the near future if the proposed plant is not constructed.

Information supplied by Willey indicated that some 40-60 permanent jobs would be generated by the plant, while about 200 people would be required during the construction of the project.

Currently, 80 refuse-burning, resource-recovery facilities are either under construction or in operation across the United States. One plant, in Nashville, Tennessee, has been in operation since 1974, and supplies heat and cooling for 28 buildings in downtown Nashville, including the Hyatt Regency Hotel which relies entirely on the plant for its heating and cooling needs.

Willey said one site will be recommended to the county, with another considered as an alternate. Willey gave no estimate of the cost of such a facility at the meeting.

## Greenbelt Park

Council also heard Ronald Crawford of the National Park Service discuss plans for Greenbelt Park. Crawford outlined a strategy for making park users aware of ways in which they can help the service take care of the park. He also said three youths would be hired at the minimum wage to work this summer under a federal program similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps program used during the Great Depression to employ unemployed youths in national parks.

Crawford said he thought a traffic light at the entrance to the park was probably about two years away. When asked if a Kenilworth Ave. entrance to the park had been considered, Crawford said test borings of the soil had not been done to determine if an entrance could be placed on that side of the park.

Council accepted a number of Advisory Planning Board Reports. Among APB's recommendations were:

- approval of the siting of a new restaurant, T.G.I. Fridays, on the Golden Triangle adjacent to Capitol Cadillac, provided the city is given site plan review rights if the concern decides to construct a freestanding sign.

- approval of a proposed overflow parking lot to be located behind T.G.I. Friday's provided a walkway is provided between the lot and building I of the Prudential Office Buildings.

- approval of changes in the plan for the Maryland Trade Center motel, which is being changed from a budget hotel to a Holiday Inn, which will include restaurant facilities. The city

# Sarbanes Accepts Service Academy Applications

Senator Paul Sarbanes has announced that his office is now accepting applications for nomination to the four United States Service Academies for classes entering in 1984.

Young people interested in attending the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy or the U.S. Military Academy should obtain a nomination application packet as soon as possible from Senator Sarbanes' office, 1518 Federal Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or by calling 301-962-4436.

To qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens who are Maryland residents; at least 17 years old but not more than 22 by July 1, 1984; have the equivalent of a high school education with high academic standing in school; demonstrate extracurricular or community activities or both, which show leadership potential; and have received scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test generally in excess of 500 on the verbal portion and 550 on the math portion.

Applications will be accepted until November 4, 1983.

again retains the right to review the plans if a freestanding sign is to be constructed.

Council voted to buy street marking equipment worth over \$6,000 from 3-M Company, without soliciting bids, because 3-M is the "preeminent supplier" of this type of equipment, and the prices for the equipment are based on State of Maryland Contract prices.

Despite flaws in the bid specifications for concrete work planned by the city in the coming year, the firm of Kemp & Kerr Contractors was awarded the bid based on their lower price for sidewalk work. The remaining work in the current fiscal year is sidewalk work, with equal amounts of sidewalk, gutter and curb work slated for next year. Therefore, most of the work to be done is sidewalk work, and Kemp & Kerr's low bid for this type of work was considered by council to make the firm the low bidder.

# CITY NOTES

Members of the general and parks crews prepared the area of the Gladys Noon Spellman Pedestrian Trail and Overpass for the dedication ceremony June 4. The general crew also completed construction of the monument at the site.

The parks crew has cut grass and used the chipper in various areas of the city. Maintenance was done on the ballfields and golf course.

The mechanic and a helper painted and marked two police cars. One vehicle, a 1982 Dodge, had been used as an unmarked unit during the past year and the other vehicle, a 1983 Chevrolet, was one of three new police cars. Both vehicles are now ready for patrol use.

The general crew prepared streets for street markings and cleaned sewers.

The contractor on Ridge Road between Gardenway Road and Eastway Road has finished the base work on the street.

Congratulations to J. Paul Williams, who began his 35th year working for the City on June 1, 1983.

The general crew worked on removal and replacement of approximately 660 square feet of the swimming pool deck. Three new lifeguard chairs and a handicapped ladder were set. Excavation was also done for footings for the rebound wall at the swimming pool. The deck area of the swimming pool bathhouse roof was removed in preparation for its replacement.

Parks Superintendent Dennis Doornekamp attended the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Conference in Ocean City recently.

Ratrie, Robbins & Schweizer, Inc. began paving Ridge Road between Southway and Gardenway on Tuesday.

## Greenbelt CARES

CARES' G.E.D. Class will be starting on June 7. Sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the council room. For further information, please contact Johnnie Franklin.

In May, an average week's counseling activities at CARES

# Tom Poston: Native Son

by Josephine Vella

Will the Utopia Players some day produce another national entertainment figure? Greenbelt's done it before — maybe it can do it again. Many Greenbelters may not be aware that Tom Poston, the actor, currently playing "George" in the Bob Newhart TV show, lived in Greenbelt and went to Greenbelt High School back around 1938-40. His sister, Rosalie Casson lives in Seabrook, his brother Richard in New York City, and his mother, Margaret, lives in Hyattsville.

One of his school chums, Robert Bonham of Adelphi, tells of an incident in which he, Robert, was driving his mother's 1928 Buick to school, without a driver's license, at age 14. Someone reported the situation to former police officer George Panagoul's, who put a stop to it in mid-trip. So resourceful Robert got Tom Poston, who had been taught to drive by the police and was licensed, out of bed to continue driving the car full of kids to school. Those were the days when Greenbelt youths bought their gasoline 10 cents worth at a time.

When Pearl Harbor came along, Tom, with his mother's approval, signed up with the Army Air Force. Later he joined his actor brother in Hollywood, where he makes his home today.

Tom keeps in touch with his family in the East and it would seem appropriate if on some future visit to his mother in Hyattsville he could find the time to make an appearance to greet his old Greenbelt friends and well-wishers from the Utopia Theater stage, perhaps in conjunction with a drive to raise funds for the local troupe.

was as follows: 40 individuals, 15 of whom were under 18; the group comprised 19 family units.

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# Our Neighbors

by Eileen Peterson - 345-2454  
 Congratulations to Allon Stern, son of Dr. David and Audrey Stern of Lakeside Drive, on being called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at Mishkan Torah last Saturday.

Leo Gerton has sent a colorful postcard from the Queen Mary (docked permanently at Long Beach). Leo moved to California last year after a long residence in Greenbelt, where he was a city councilman, Twin Pines board member, the force behind the yearly Heart Association risk screening program, and the congenial host to all comers to the autumn lake-side fish fry (Leo and a friend caught the fish). Leo was Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1977. His address is 4878 Saratoga Ave., Apt. 205, San Diego, CA. 92107.

Mindy Ruderman, daughter of Bob and Elaine Ruderman of Lakeside Drive, completed her sophomore year at the University

of Maryland by making the Dean's list with a 4.0 average this Spring. Sister Shelley, a junior at ERHS, made the honor roll with an over 3.5 average.

Kathleen Kyle of 21 Ridge Road completed her freshman year at the University of Maryland with a 4.0 average.

Another Dean's List student is Richard Gambriel of Ridge Road. Richard is at Frostburg State College.

Congratulations to Boyd Hayes, a resident at the Greenbelt Nursing Center, for raising a total of \$1,000 for the American Heart Association of Southern Maryland in two years by rolling his wheelchair in the annual "Rock 'n Roll Jamboree." Boyd rolled his wheelchair 24 laps around a course in the nursing home this year, one lap more than last year. This is no easy task for the average fellow, but Boyd has strong arms. He is also 76 years old.

## GHI NOTES

The Parking Committee will meet on June 14 at 8 p.m.

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, June 16 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. The Board hopes to follow a summer schedule the next few months by meeting only once a month. GHI members are always welcome at these meetings.

The next Energy Management Workshop is on using appliances.

In a change of date from the usual third Wednesday, the workshop will be held Wednesday, June 22 from 8-9:30 p.m.

## Need Summer Volunteers

Prince Georges County Department of Social Services needs volunteers to work in their appointment center. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday to answer phones and assist people who need food stamps and/or Medicaid appointments. The volunteers work at the appointment center located in the First United Methodist Church in Hyattsville.

Anyone who enjoys helping people should call 779-5970 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and ask for Pat or Jo.

This is a Community Ministry /Dept. of Social Services program.

## Activities Information

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## Greenbelt Grab Bag

by Punchin' Judy  
 "Scientists say Trees Warn Each Other When Bugs Bite". News Item - Washington Post, June 6.

I've heard of murmuring pines and whispering palms, but this is ridiculous. At least that's what I thought when I first read the above item, but now I'm not so sure.

Just the other day I was strolling my daily half mile. (Gimme a break joggers, we can't all be physical.) The hedges looked perfectly clear, but as I meandered down the path, I noticed twigs bending toward me, liberally sprinkling my clothes with left over rain. A root came from nowhere and tried to trip me. Clearly, the vegetation was passing along the word about my approach.

I think the grass is sending out data about me, too. All the neighbors were outside enjoying a balmy interval between rainstorms. There was a rustling underfoot as I went to join my friends. The lawn must have been talking to the mosquitos. "Hey, here comes Punchin' Judy. Go get her!" In one minute my ankles were covered with red welts. My neighbors hadn't been bothered at all, but maybe the grass was mad because I don't provide it with regular hair cuts.

If the trees can warn each other about bugs, why can't they warn me? Clearly this is a conspiracy. Now, I would like to go on record that I have always been a friend of trees. I buy greeting cards made from recycled paper. I talk to plants and I know all the words to Joyce Kilmer's poem. "I think that I shall never see . . ." etc. What do the trees have against me? Just yesterday I suffered the ultimate indignity. At my local bank, I got hit in the face by a frond from an artificial rubber tree! Come on, you guys. If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything. Wooden you try?

## Nominations Sought For Clean-up Programs

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# Traffic on Greenbelt Road, con't fr. pg. 1

to help in solving some of these problems. But as Collins pointed out this was only a very preliminary scheme on how proposed improvements "could move traffic better."

Before getting into these proposed changes, Collins made clear that the study assumed completion of two major improvements already projected for Greenbelt. First is the elimination of the Greenbelt Rd.-Kenilworth Ave. bottleneck when Kenilworth is redesigned to travel beneath Greenbelt Rd. Construction is not expected to begin, however, until about July 1984, with completion not expected until two years after that. At the same time, Greenbelt Rd. will be widened to eight lanes from Capitol Drive west of the Beltway overpass through Kenilworth Ave.

Ironically, the MNCPPC has no jurisdiction over the roads and intersections involved in the study. Kenilworth and Greenbelt Rds. are state highways. The Baltimore-Washington Parkway is administered by the Dept. of the Interior of the federal government. And the "worst intersection in Greenbelt," as the planners described it, is the entrance to the Greenway Shopping Center, a private road.

### Major Problems

The Greenway access road, which meets the exit ramp from the northbound B-W Parkway at Greenbelt Rd., is certain to get worse, Collins and Derri said, as another highrise office building, a Holiday Inn, and a catering establishment are constructed — that is, unless all traffic generated from these businesses is funneled eastward into Hanover Parkway. If the developer were willing, using the Greenway access road as an entrance only and Hanover Parkway for all exiting traffic would improve conditions in the already congested shopping center. Exiting cars now back up so far that traffic on the cross lanes near Wendy's and from the Safeway lot cannot merge into the line waiting for the left-turn arrow on to Greenbelt Rd.

The present Parkway ramp, which makes a very tight turn, is considered dangerous. With left-turning traffic from Greenway and right-merging traffic from the Parkway coming together with Greenbelt Rd. con-

gestion, the intersection offers many possibilities for disaster. As one possible solution for this problem, Collins and Derro suggest enlarging the Parkway ramp, allowing for a much larger loop which would reach Greenbelt Rd. east of the Greenway exist. By controlling traffic lights at the two intersections — a doubt T — the planners believe the traffic flow would not only be expedited but made safer also. With this change they suggest broadening Greenbelt Rd. for right-turning traffic from the Parkway with another lane as far as the Parkway bridge.

Although a south exit from Hanover Parkway to Good Luck Rd. has been sought by the city and would undoubtedly help some of the congestion from Greenway, it would probably at the same time stimulate further development on what is called the Tidler property, south of Windsor Green on the Glen Ora tract. If these changes were made, Collins predicts that the level of service for Hanover Parkway would drop from the present A rating to level of service F. He urged strongly against the upzoning of vacant properties east of Greenway for apartments.

**Parkway Ramp from Southway**  
During the morning rush hours, as local residents know, access to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on the short ramp from Southway is extremely difficult. It is further complicated by the dangerous merge to the right of through vehicles planning to exit at either

of the Beltway ramps. As a solution, Collins and Derro suggest closing the Southway ramp altogether and pulling traffic west on Greenbelt Rd. Just west of the Toaping Castle electrical substation, they would place a ramp which would loop around the substation to enter the present exit ramp from the Beltway south to the Parkway. Drivers desiring to enter the Beltway would have to proceed to Kenilworth Ave.

The suggestion of closing the Southway ramp generated more discussion from council than any other design change. Several wondered if the Southway ramp could not be left open at all times except the morning rush hours. City manager Jim Giese recommended a serious inquiry into the possibility of lengthening the Greenbelt Rd. bridge over the Parkway, which presently limits the number of lanes both north and south for exiting traffic from the Parkway.

Derro urged city officials to use the study, which includes traffic projections, to prioritize solutions for Greenbelt's problems and to keep pushing elected officials at the state level, as well as to find sources for needed funds for whatever design changes are to be put into effect. They agreed to the request of council to prepare small sectional maps of specific intersections, which would be more portable than the present large map, which had to be hung on a room wall for viewing.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld summed up the meeting: "You're helping us to focus the problem."

# Ballet Group to Perform At Utopia Theater June 11

by Germaine Timmermans

The Utopia Theater will be the setting for a performance by the Central Maryland Ballet Theatre this coming Saturday. The company, which is only two years old, was founded by Nancy K. Wire, who is also founder and director of the Central Maryland School of Ballet in Laurel.

Although a newcomer on the dance scene, the company has performed at various locations in the Washington-Baltimore area: the Columbia Birthday Festival, Dancefest '83 at the YWCA in Washington, the Main Street and Montpelier Festivals in Laurel and the Laurel Nursing Home, and NIH in Bethesda.

There will be selections from the traditional full-length *Coppelia* (music by Delibes and choreography by Saint-Leon) as well as shorter modern works, such as *Hopscotch* (music by Billy Joel and choreography by Suzanne Harty) and *Spindrift* (in which Pamela Marcin's choreography is set to music of Ammerland).

Wire is a former student of the Washington School of Ballet and a graduate of the University of Maryland. Besides teaching at Laurel and the WSB and holding rehearsals for CMBT's performances, she is working on a Master's degree in Performing Arts at American University. She keeps her foot in ballet by dancing with the Washington Ballet in their yearly performances of *The Nutcracker* and with her own company.

Wire tries to bring a performance quality to her students' dancing and encourages them to

take master classes. "The ballet company provides students with a stepping stone to the professional stage," she says. She believes students should have a variety of teachers whose underlying technique is the same but whose styles are different. The diverse professional backgrounds of the instructors at CMSB supply the school with the stylistic variety its director seeks.

To see the delightful results of many hours of training and rehearsal on the part of instructors and students, come to the Utopia Theater on Saturday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be charged. For information, call the Theater at 474-7763. To obtain information on the Central Maryland School of Ballet call 953-3388.

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that the Greenbelt Road bridge be improved to handle pedestrians or that an overpass be built. When federal and state officials objected to the former option, Spellman found a way to acquire federal appropriation funds for improvement of the Parkway, the labor of the Federal Highway Administration to build the overpass, approval by the National Park Service and the commitment by the city of Greenbelt to acquire land access rights.

**Dedication Site Prepared**

For the dedication, the city's Public Works Department had had a busy morning. City Manager James K. Giese informed the crowd. Delayed by the recent heavy and almost continuous rains, construction workers had not been able to pave the access routes on either side of the overpass. But early Saturday morning, a Greenbelt crew laid down bluestone gravel to form a semi-solid pathway over the mud from the end of Gardenway, where the pedestrian trail begins. On either side they had distributed a springy, fragrant layer of wood chips to fill in the area between the gravel pathway and bordering grass.

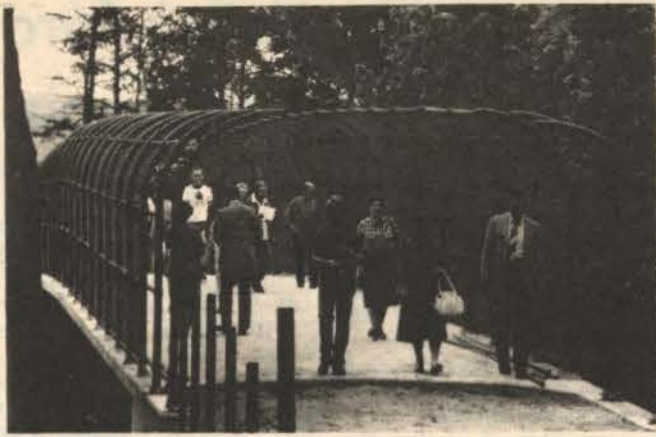
At a clearing near the end of the bridge where a stone has been set up to hold the commemorative marker, a temporary stage was erected, flanked by the national, state, county and city flags; and on the trail itself and on the side north of it, facing the lectern, were rows of folding chairs for participants and local citizens. Green and yellow ribbons were stretched across the end of the bridge, ready for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The overpass project drew together three of Spellman's major interests—education, public safety and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. As Hugh Jascourt, current president of the high school's PTSA noted, her political career began when she became county president of the PTA's. Her interest in the Parkway, over which she rode daily to work at the Capitol from her Laurel home, was well known. That portion of the Parkway under state jurisdiction has already been renamed in her honor.

The federal section under the National Park Service, will also carry her name if a bill pending before Congress is passed, her former administrative aide Edna McClellan said. The House has passed a bill to that effect that was introduced by Spellman's successor, Rep. Steny Hoyer. A similar bill has been approved by the appropriate Senate committee.

McClellan also mentioned Spellman's personal concern with safety that sparked her close involvement with the overpass project—that the son of one of her friends had been killed while trying to cross the Parkway on his way home from school.

In presenting to Reuben Spellman the framed resolution by city council describing the 18 years of public service rendered to Greenbelt by Gladys Spellman, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said, "There are no words to thank her but this is the best we could do." In reply, Reuben Spellman



Throng of Greenbelters explored their new "bridge" as soon as the yellow and green ribbons were cut following the dedication ceremony Saturday morning of the Gladys Noon Spellman Trail and overpass.

— photo by Don Livingston

described the tribute as "very fitting, very beautiful." At the end of the ceremony, he cut the ribbon, opening what several speakers described as "a bridge" which would bring together the eastern and central portions of Greenbelt.

Also participating in the program were a flute trio from ERHS—Laura McGrath, Janet Sayre and Tara Yaney—whose rendition of the national anthem had to be performed under umbrellas held by their mothers. Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rev. Edward H. Birner gave the invocation. Letters were also read from county councilmen and former mayor Richard Castaldi and from Congressman Boyer, both of whom were unable to attend. (Hoyer was able to be present at the reception.)

The city's newest councilmen, Edward Putens and Robert Zugby, both from the eastern section of the city now linked by the

Spellman Overpass to the central city, unveiled the monument. In fact, Putens was observed informally using that link before its official opening when he arrived earlier for the ceremony.

A reception at the city offices followed the dedication, with a cake for the occasion made and donated by Dorothy Varda.

**Green to Receive Award**

Senator Leo Green (District 23, Prince Georges County) will receive a Distinguished Service Award from the Maryland Municipal League at the League's Annual Convention on June 22 in Ocean City. Senator Green co-sponsored the League's Double Taxation Elimination Bill (SB 277) and was instrumental in moving the bill through the Senate. Although the bill was extensively amended, 60% of Maryland's municipal population will come under the provisions of the bill. The bill states that certain counties, including Prince Georg-

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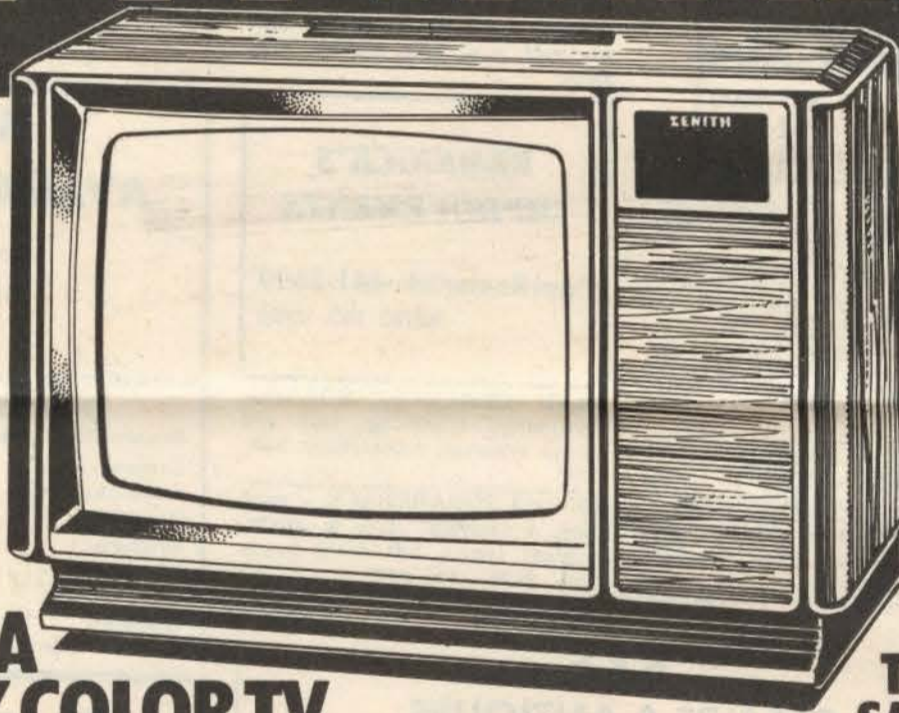
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