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U of Maryland May Join BARC in Research Center on Biotechnology Near Ag Library

by Elaine Skolnik

The University of Maryland is exploring the possibility of developing an Agricultural Biotechnical Center in conjunction with the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) on land designated as surplus within the 7,200-acre BARC complex. A draft proposal has been circulated to congressional, state and county officials. If given the green light, funding for the project could come from federal, state and county coffers.

"The combined efforts of scientists from BARC and the University could result in one of the strongest agricultural centers in the nation," the proposal states.

The 9.6-acre site desired for the facility is part of a 13-acre tract recommended for excessing by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the General Services Administration (GSA).

Located north of the National Agricultural Library, Parcel 5 (see maps) is bounded by U.S. Route 1, Sunnyside Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue and Buchanan Road. Over the years the battle by local, state and federal elected officials has been to resist excessing of land within BARC. But BARC has advised the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP) that "the property is no longer critical to its mission in agricultural research and that it is unrealistic to expect any future office development on the site."

The BARC Master Plan adopted in 1983 designated Parcel 5 for grass research and future office use. BARC officials say that the turf program could be accommodated elsewhere on the in-

stallation.

NCP in its April 4 report to GSA agreed that GSA should be allowed to sell 9.6 acres of Parcel 5 with the remaining 3.3 acres retained by BARC "to ensure the character and integrity of the setting" of the library and the BARC headquarters complex. NCP recommended that if the property is declared surplus, "the future use . . . should be park, open space or related agriculture research which respects, and is sensitive to, the library and Agricultural Research Service headquarters complex."

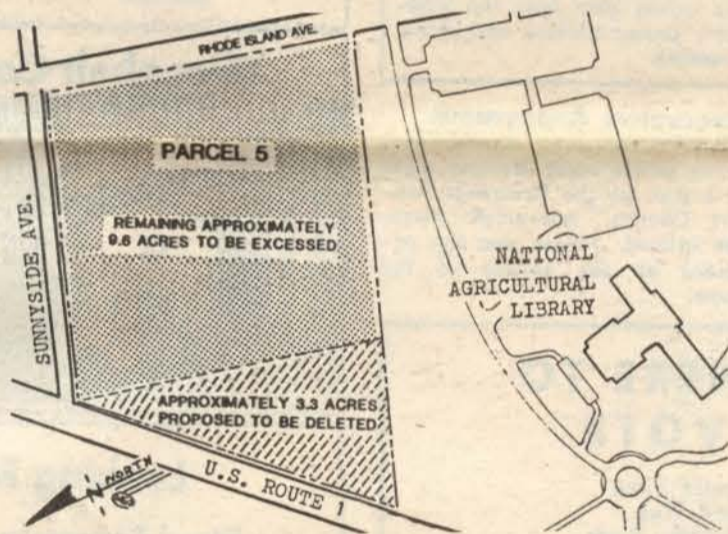
Earl E. Jones, Commissioner of GSA's Federal Property Resources Service, explained that Parcel 5 and other parcels proposed for surplus "are being screened with public bodies." Lands that are declared surplus are first offered to federal agen-

cies. NCP observed that the commission is unaware of any federal agency interested in the properties.

The University of Maryland has made known to the GSA its interest in Parcel 5. The possibility of a negotiated sale to the University of Maryland is "being looked at," said Jones, adding that the last option is to put the land on the market for competitive bids or auction. GSA has made no final decisions, Jones explained, saying that "We are in the process of deliberation and trying to move ahead. We hope a determination will be made in the next 60 days."

If agreements cannot be reached on the disposition of federal lands or if there is a conflict between GSA and other fed-

SEE BARC, page 10, col. 1



The U. of Md. may develop a major research center on the surplus federal parcel shown on the map above. The parcel is bounded by Route 1, Sunnyside Ave. and Rhode Island Ave.

Greenbriar to Host Bond Issue Meeting

The ABC's of Greenbelt's upcoming Capital Improvements Bond Issue, what it will buy, how much it will cost, why now, and some history and background, will be addressed by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and members of council in a public meeting in Greenbriar. The meeting, on May 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, will be sponsored by the Greenbriar Community Association and is open to all Greenbelters. Questions from the audience will be welcomed.

The Association will also be registering new voters for city elections and the bond referendum in conjunction with the meeting.

Bond Forum at SHL

The Springhill Lake Civic Association will host a third Bond Issue forum on Thursday, May 9 in the Community House at 8 p.m. The meeting is open to all Greenbelters.

COUNCIL BOND ISSUE HEARING DRAWS SUPPORT DESPITE COST

by Valerie Gompf

The cost of the city's proposed \$6 million bond issue may not represent any appreciable difference to taxpayers, in light of the tax differential program which cut property taxes by 31 cents last year and will decrease taxes another eight cents this year, and of the anticipated growth in the tax base through new development.

In the "worst case" result, the bond issue could raise Greenbelt property taxes as much as 23 cents per 100 assessed value, explained Michael McLaughlin, city administrative assistant at the April 12 city council public hearing. An unlikely situation.

Unanimously endorsed by the city council the proposed bond issue has a ceiling of \$6 million, targeted for three separate areas: city building improvements, swimming pool facilities, and park and land acquisition and improvements.

According to councilmember Thomas White the council attempted to achieve a balance between the three areas, allotting \$2 million in bond funds for each.

During the hearing, of the nearly 50 Greenbelt citizens present, all who spoke favored the bond issue.

Councilmember Richard Pilski cautioned the audience that their enthusiastic support did not necessarily reflect the feelings of all 3,000 Greenbelt voters.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld added, "We're concerned that when people vote they are aware and educated (about the bond issue)." He urged those citizens present to form a steering committee to develop strategies to promote support for the bond issue.

Greenbelt resident Joe Isaacs asked, "What's it going to cost me." He said that "the list of needs is impressive, and worthy, but what is the cost to Greenbelt citizens?"

Forum on Bond Issue Set by CFG for May 2

"The X. Y. Z's of the 1985 Bond Issue—Facts and Figures" will be the subject of the Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) meeting on Thursday evening, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

In response to a vote of the members at the annual meeting bond issue discussion in March and the desire expressed by the city council for city civic association participation in holding information and question and answer meetings on the scope and segments of the six million dollar bond issue, CFG is holding its second session on this vital issue affecting not only the tax rate but the quality of life in this rapidly growing community.

At a meeting of the new Executive Board April 11, Keith Chernikoff, vice president was appointed moderator for the meeting which will focus on figures, costs and possible priorities. The public is invited.

Gudrun Christenson was appointed chair of the Ad Hoc Labor Day Festival Committee, and Mary Linstrom, re-appointed chair of the Health and Safety Committee was named as liaison to the Greenbelt Charette Coordinating Committee. Irene Hensel and Barry Schlesinger were reappointed to the Transportation and Zoning Committee chairs respectively.

David Moran was reappointed as liaison to the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee.

City Manager James Giese addressed costs. He said, "We started off with the worst figure. If we sold all the bonds at one time, paid ten per cent interest, which is on the high side, for 30 years, the current amount of tax levy would be 23 cents added to the current rate." According to McLaughlin, this increase would mean paying \$69 more on a house assessed at \$30,000.

Bond Sale

Internal Revenue regulations call for a city to use the money from a bond issue within a year after the sale of the bonds, according to McLaughlin. The city, unable to undertake all the projects at once, expects to meet IRS regulations by spreading sale of the bonds over a period of several years.

If the bonds were sold in \$2 million increments over three years, property tax rates could increase by eight cents in 1987, 14 cents in 1988, and 18 cents in 1989. McLaughlin explained. The tax rates could then decrease in the following years to 16 cents by 1990, and 14 cents by 1991 due to projected growth in the city's tax base.

Giese added that these were working figures and were not committed to paper. "Impact to taxpayers is extremely difficult to decide," he said. "There are many variables in determining out-of-pocket cost to the taxpayer."

Janet Johnson, a Greenbelt resident, said, "We need to be careful that people don't become hysterical when figuring the cost. Take a look at what we are getting. Is the increase in taxes as significant as the cost of gasoline to drive my children to places that have facilities that Greenbelt doesn't have?"

"There are places in the world where you pay nothing and get nothing," said Albert Herling, another resident favoring the bond. "Taxes, a supreme court justice once said, are dues we pay for a civilized society. I'd like to think Greenbelt is as civilized as the rest of the world."

"What if we don't pass this?" he added. "What will happen to our city, to the quality of life?"

White said if the bond issue is not passed, it will affect everyday services. Citizens could expect to "pay as you go" for

See BONDS, page 10, col. 2

BARC Acreage Whittled Away Almost 50% Over the Years

by Elaine Skolnik

The many attempts over the years to chip away at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) lands have consistently drawn fire from Greenbelt's City Council, county, state and federal elected officials and area citizen groups. These moves to declare a large part of BARC "excess" were seen as threatening the center's effectiveness by causing a cut-back on research projects and by reducing the last open wedges of green space along the Baltimore-Washington corridor. There was also concern that private developers might eventually obtain some of the excess land.

Originally 14,000 acres, the BARC complex now comprises 7,200 acres. A total of 2,200 acres have been stripped from the center in the past 14 years—most given to other federal agencies, some sold to private interests. One parcel wholly within the industrial tract on the north side of Sunnyside Ave. sold for \$50,000 an acre.

In addition to Parcel 5 (see separate adjacent story and maps), the following parcels have been declared surplus and are awaiting disposition:

Parcel 5A—In its April 4 report the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP) also addressed Parcel 5A, a 5.6-acre tract adjacent to the Sunnyside

See HISTORY, page 8, col. 1

What Goes On

- Fri., April 26, 7:30 p.m. Citizens for the Bond Issue Committee meets at Municipal Building
- Sat., April 27, GHI Annual spring clean-up day.
- Monday, April 29, 8 p.m. Council Work session on Public Works Budget. Municipal Building
- Tues., April 30, 8 p.m. Council Work session on Recreation Budget. Municipal Building
- Wed., May 1, 8 p.m. Bond Issue Forum at Greenbriar Community Center
- Thurs., May 2, 7:30 p.m. Citizens For Greenbelt meeting, on Bond Issue, Council Room

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Quality of Life Issue

To the Editor:

Greenbelt is the nation's first planned community, and we continue to plan. Nightly our city is alive with meetings of civic associations, citizens' advisory committees, Charette committees, city council work sessions 50th Anniversary committees and other similar activities illustrative of our continual planning . . . planning for a better future . . . planning to maintain the greatness that is Greenbelt.

The next major quality of life issue upon which all registered voters in Greenbelt must act is the Bond Referendum scheduled for Special Election on May 14. What makes the Bond Referendum a quality of life issue? The answers to that question may be found in every segment of this city, and among all age groups of its inhabitants. Take a tour of our police station. After you've recovered from that shock, ask our seniors where they swim in November. (It is not in Prince Georges County.) Count the trees. (There are no forests.) Take an observant walk around the lake. Think about what your children would be doing after school and on weekends if they were not participating in the city's recreation programs. Better yet, think about why you chose to live in Greenbelt in the first place.

After you've thought about it, support the validity of your reasons in the following ways:

1. Before May 6 register to vote with the City of Greenbelt because your voter's registration for county, state, and national elections does not give you the power to vote in city elections.

2. Apply the two-year county property tax decrease of \$.39 per \$100 to the assessed value of your home. If the assessed value of your home is \$50,000, you saved \$155 last year and you will save another \$40 this year.

3. Commit just a portion of that tax savings (no more than 59% maximum) to the quality of life in your own city. Vote FOR the Bond Issue on May 14.

Valerie Siegel
 Co-Chair: Citizens for the Bond Issue
 Member: Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee

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Greenbelt CARES

The last of the series of CARES' discussion groups started April 24 with a six week long segment on *Thinking of Summertime*. The program deals with family, home responsibilities, negotiating privileges, and summer fun. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. in CARES' offices. For further information, please call Wendy or Paul at 345-6660.

The Stayin' Alive committee at Eleanor Roosevelt will be presenting assemblies for the 11th and 12th grades on Tuesday, April 30. Guest speaker will be Kelly Burke from WRC-TV who will speak on the dangers of drunk driving and drug abuse. There will also be a film as well as a short presentation by the Students Against Drunk Driving. Paul Fichetti will be the moderator.

Fischetti was named co-chairperson of the Children's Committee of the Prince Georges County Human Services Coalition. He spoke recently with students in the Department of Human Development at the University of Maryland on the topic of "Getting Help."

Recreation Review

National Junior Tennis League

When Winter and Spring sports are finished, junior tennis players will still have matches through early August.

Practice begins Wednesday, May 1, at Braden Field courts. Beginners and experienced players will be assigned a coach and a practice time based on ability.

All NJTL players will practice Wednesdays or Thursdays plus Saturdays at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Competition with other Prince Georges County teams begins the week of June 24. For additional information, call Fred Fiege, 474-4928; John Cotter, 441-9472; Beth White, 441-8380.

City Tennis Court Use

The Spring weather is coming. Tennis players are reminded to check the posted rules regarding sign-in and reservation procedures for the city's tennis courts located on Braden Field and Lakecrest Drive. These regulations are to ensure equal playing time for all participants. Greenbelt residents have priority for use of the city courts. Please refer to the registration boards for full details on tennis use, court etiquette and information on classes, tournaments and court closings.

City Athletic Field Permits

First priority for practice and game use of the city's athletic

Notice

The News Review regrets that it will be unable to publish articles, and news releases unless they bear the writer's name, address and phone number.

Overeaters Anonymous

An "Overeaters Anonymous" group meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. Interested people are invited. Please use the entrance at the bottom of the steps.

fields is to city permit holders. All other use is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the heavy amount of field maintenance and renovation being planned this Spring.

Rock an' Roll at Utopia

Rock an' Roll comes to the Utopia Theater Friday, April 26, beginning at 8 p.m. The lead band will be Overlord; also playing Rocco 1 and the Associates. They will present traditional and contemporary rock music.

Lutherans to Join Walkathon April 28

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will join Walkathon 1985 on April 28 to raise money for emergency food, clothing and shelter services. Volunteer walkers will seek per-mile pledges and will meet at the Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, at 12:30 p.m. for transportation to the starting line at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Old Dominion Trail in Vienna, Virginia.

To sign a pledge or to volunteer as a walker, call Scott Wycherley at 345-5111.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

First three Sundays

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Fourth Sunday

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

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Greenbelt Baha'i Community

P.O. Box 245

Greenbelt, MD 20770

345-2918 / 474-4090

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40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

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(for all ages)

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Pastor

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Sunday School 9:50; Pre-School Program 9:50

to close of late service

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Telephone 345-5111

WHERE TO VOTE

PRECINCT 3 - CENTER MUNICIPAL BUILDING

25 Crescent Road
 Crescent Road #1-135
 Eastway #2
 Gardenway
 Greenbelt Rd. Nursing Home
 Lakecrest Drive
 Lakeside Drive
 Lakeview Circle
 Maplewood Court
 Olivewood Court
 Parkway
 Pinecrest Court
 Ridge Road #1-42; 44; 46; 48
 Southway
 Westway

PRECINCT 8 SHL COMMUNITY BUILDING

6220 Springhill Drive
 Breezewood Court
 Breezewood Drive
 Breezewood Terrace
 Cherrywood Court
 Cherrywood Lane
 Cherrywood Terrace
 Edmonston Court
 Edmonston Road
 Edmonston Terrace
 Springhill Court
 Springhill Drive
 Springhill Lane
 Springhill Terrace

PRECINCT 6 - NORTH END ST. HUGH'S SCHOOL - GYM

135 Crescent Road
 Eastway #1; 3; 5
 Empire Place

Fayette Place
 Forest Way
 Greendale Place
 Greenhill Road
 Greenknolls Place
 Greentree Place
 Greenway Place
 Hedgewood Drive
 Hillside Drive
 Ivy Lane
 Julian Court
 Lastner Lane
 Laurel Hill Road
 Lynbrook Court
 Northway
 Orange Court
 Periwinkle Court
 Plateau Place
 Research Road
 Ridge Road #43; 45; 47; 49-446
 Rosewood Drive
 Tamarisk Court
 White Birch Court
 Woodland Way

PRECINCT 13 - GREENBELT EAST - GREENBRIAR COMMUNITY CENTER

7600 Hanover Parkway
 Bird Lane
 Burkart Court
 Canning Terrace
 Hanover Parkway #6910-6998;
 7600-7830
 Mandan Court
 Mandan Road
 Morrison Drive
 Ora Glen Court
 Good Luck Road 7800, 7804,
 & 7900

CITIZENS FOR THE BOND ISSUE OUTLINES PUSH FOR VOTER OK

Citizens for the Bond Issue (CFBI) is a committee of community leaders and other concerned residents who strongly support approval of the city's \$6 million bond referendum at the May 14 special election. A voluntary, independent body created at the city council's April 15 public forum on the bond issue, the committee met for the first time on Thursday, May 18.

Joe Isaacs, President of the Boxwood (Village) Civic Association, and Valerie Siegel, a resident of Lakeside, were elected as co-chairpersons. Irv Siegel, a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. resident, and Konrad Herling, President of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, will serve as treasurer and secretary respectively. Other members are Mike Burchick, Keith Chernikoff, Florence Holly, Peg Hutson, Suzanne Plogman, Dorothy Pyles and Pearl Siegel.

CFBI's mission is to convince the electorate to vote for the special bond referendum. Its goals are to foster public awareness of the bond issue's importance to Greenbelt's future and to provide clear useful information to voters to help them make an educated choice on May 14. The committee plans to develop, print, and distribute a fact sheet to all Greenbelt households through civic and homeowner associations. It plans to purchase advertising space in the News Review to urge citizens to vote for the bond issue.

The group will encourage attendance at the public forums on the bond issue to be held by the Greenbriar Homeowner's Association (May 1), Citizens for Greenbelt (May 2) and the Springhill Lake Civic Association (May 9).

The committee will encourage the city to repeat its cablecast of the council's April 15 public forum, which included a city staff presentation on the bond issue, and if possible, to provide cable coverage of the three upcoming

forums.

In order to finance its program, the committee hopes to raise several hundred dollars. Organizations and individual residents may contribute in care of Irv Siegel, CFBI Treasurer, 19-E Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. Call him on 474-7628 or 454-3037 if other arrangements need to be made.

The public is invited to CFBI's next meeting on Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the city council room. For more information call Val Siegel at 474-5632 or Joe Isaacs at 345-5671

Kids Soccer

Greenbelt's 8 year old teams are now tied for fourth place. On April 20, Greenbelt tied New Carrollton 1-1, with Stacey King scoring the only goal. They lost 3-1 on April 21 to Greenbelt 2, but Scott Luby scored on a breakaway for his team. Kevin Lynch almost scored several times, and Adam Wheatley played goalie.

Greenbelt 2 lost on Saturday 2-1 to first place Beltsville. Miguel Boardman-Pereira scored on a penalty kick for Greenbelt. In their 3-1 victory, Jason Harbin scored twice and Greg Hunanian scored once. Both Timmy Farley and Shawn Wilson were goalies.

Greenbelt's 13 year old team had a 6-0 win on Saturday. Jonathan Schachter scored 3 times and Nick Jones, Carlos Peredo and Heather Campbell each scored once.

More next week!



City of Greenbelt, Maryland Looking to the Future

Information About The Six Million Dollar Bond Issue

Dear Greenbelt Resident:

This is the second of a series of articles on the bond issue proposal. This article will provide a description of some of the projects proposed to be undertaken with the bond funds.

GREEN FOR GREENBELT

PARK LAND ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT

The importance of green space in the original planning of the city can never be overstated. It's why Greenbelt is called Greenbelt. To a great extent, it is the park areas that distinguish this community from others.

The Council has allocated \$2,000,000 of the proposed bond issue for the acquisition and improvement of park land.

Park Acquisition

With development continuing in the city, it is essential to acquire park land while it is still available. Having bond funds authorized for park land acquisition will allow the city to take advantage of opportunities to acquire land in strategic locations to buffer and control development. In particular, the city would like to obtain more land in those sections of the city where most development is taking place now, in the vicinity of the Northway Fields, and near Greenbelt Lake.

City residents have recognized the importance of green space on many occasions. Voters strongly supported two previous bond issues in 1965 and 1969 which were used to acquire thirteen tracts of land. City election questionnaires continue to reflect strong citizen support for park acquisition.

Park Improvement

While over past years Greenbelt has been purchasing park land, the city has done very little in the way of park improvement. Since much of the land acquired is to be kept in a natural state and serve as green space, limited development is planned. The following are proposed major park development projects:

Buddy Attick Park and Greenbelt Lake - It always has been difficult to plan improvements to this park that will benefit the residents of the city and will not result in attracting greater crowds of nonresidents who also enjoy the beauty of the park. A master plan for the park has been worked on for a number of years. It is nearing final adoption, and bond funds can be used to implement some of the plan's recommendations.

Greenbelt Lake is in need of major maintenance. The area around the peninsula and other areas need to be dredged. The spillway at the dam requires repair. It may be necessary to repair the dam itself. Erosion control measures need to be taken along sections of the shore line.

Northway Fields - Braden Field is heavily used. We want to acquire surplus school property adjacent to the newly developed ball fields at the eastern end of Northway Road for the development of a multiple ball field complex to ease the pressure on Braden Field use. By having separate fields for football, soccer, baseball and softball, it will be possible to give each field time to rest and for the grass to reestablish itself. It is also proposed to provide lighting and some related facilities such as restrooms, parking and picnic sites.

Perimeter Trail and Other Trails - The development of pedestrian/bicycle trails has been strongly supported in the last two election questionnaires. The city has acquired park land along the western side of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and along the border of the Agricultural Research Center. A pedestrian-bicycle trail is proposed on this land which, when fully developed will extend from the Research Center to North End School. The trail will connect with Greenbriar via the Spellman Overpass, with the Northway Fields and Northway Road, and with Laurel Hill Road and Hamilton Place.

Another proposed trail is planned to connect the Roosevelt Center with Springhill Lake and the Beltway Plaza. Rights-of-way are still needed. If these two trails and some other connecting trails are completed, it will be possible to walk from one section of the city to almost every other section on the trail system.

Schrom Hills Park - Thirty-seven (37) acres of undeveloped park land, located adjacent to Hunting Ridge in the area recently annexed, will soon be transferred at nominal cost from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to the city. It is to serve as a neighborhood park for the residents of Hunting Ridge, Windsor Green and new subdivisions in the area. Plans for this land will be developed in consultation with the residents of the area.

GETTING IN THE SWIM SWIMMING POOL FACILITIES

Swimming is considered to be one of the best forms of exercise for people of all ages. It is a recognized lifetime sport. It's also fun. It is particularly beneficial to senior citizens and persons with physical handicaps. As a result, swimming is becoming an increasingly popular year-round form of exercise. The Council has allocated \$2,000,000 of the bond issue for swimming facilities.

New Indoor Pool

Swimming is popular in Greenbelt. Besides the city pool, there are eight other outdoor pools serving various areas of the city. However, there are no public indoor pools located near Greenbelt. In the 1983 election questionnaire, voters ranked an indoor pool facility third as a reason for issuing bonds. An indoor pool will benefit residents of all sections of the city.

With proper programming, an indoor pool will offer recreational swimming, exercise (lap) swimming, swimming lessons, and therapeutic exercise for senior citizens, persons with handicaps, and others. It will provide a needed facility for training and developing local participants for area, regional and state competitions — which might ultimately result in Olympic competition by a Greenbelter.

The location and plans for a pool will not be determined until the city has the advice of a pool architect. Locating the pool next to the outdoor city pool and the sharing of facilities will be explored. The city also will consider the feasibility of enclosing the outdoor pool instead of building a new facility. Other health and fitness facilities such as exercise equipment, a sauna, and a whirlpool will be considered, as well.

Outdoor Pool Improvements

The city's outdoor pool was built in 1938 and rebuilt in 1965. A study of the facility is being done to determine the condition of the pool's pumps, plumbing, and filtration equipment. Underground drain lines are leaking and in need of repair. This will require the removal and replacement of much of the pool deck. The study will consider modifying the pool to provide a 25-meter length for competitive swimming, and to better accommodate access by handicapped persons.

The bath house, also built in 1938, is in poor condition and needs to be rehabilitated. If the indoor pool is located next to the outdoor pool, a common dressing room-locker-toilet area could serve both facilities.

-- Greenbelt City Council

CITY OF GREENBELT

OFFICIAL NOTICE

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OF

VOTER REGISTRATION LIST

for

MAY 14, 1985 SPECIAL ELECTION

City Charter provides that "No registration will be accepted during the following periods: Between the close of business of the Monday of the calendar week immediately preceding the week in which the day of the special election has been set and the close of the polls on the day of such special election, or runoff election, if any."

NOTICE IS, THEREFORE, GIVEN THAT THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, WILL CLOSE ON

**Monday, May 6, 1985
at 4:30 P.M.**

AND PERSONS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF GREENBELT AS OF THAT TIME WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE MAY 14, 1985 SPECIAL ELECTION. Mail registration forms must be received no later than May 6, 1985 to be included in the list of qualified voters.

Greenbelt residents are reminded that registration with Prince George's County, for federal, state, and county elections DOES NOT qualify them to vote in CITY ELECTIONS. Any person in doubt as to his or her eligibility to vote in city elections may check with the City Clerk at 474-8000 or 474-3870.

**Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk**



April, 1935 50 Years Ago

by Don Volk

April 1935 was an especially eventful month in the Greenbelt story. Things were happening on all fronts.

The first and most important occurrence was the passage of the Emergency Relief Act of 1935 which had been requested by President Roosevelt in January and had been debated by Congress for months. This bill was finally passed by Congress and sent to the president for his signature. On April 8 it was signed into law by President Roosevelt. Its magnitude was mind-boggling.

The appropriation was for \$4,880,000,000 — the largest single peacetime appropriation in the history of the nation. Its size, and the wide discretionary powers given the president in its use, marked a turning point in the New Deal. Although there were guidelines, the president was not strictly limited in the types of projects he could authorize for use of the work relief funds. According to the comptroller general, the president "could adopt any otherwise lawful Federal project he desired."

So now, after months of rather theoretical planning for new town development, money was finally available to make the plans a reality. However, the exact amount of money that would be available for new town construction was still not known. The president had not yet decided how to allocate the almost 5 billion dollars that congress had voted, and that decision would not come until the end of the summer. Meanwhile, considerable jockeying for position was taking place among various people and agencies, each of whom had lists of worthy projects to present to the president.

Even though the agency to carry out the new towns program had not been officially created, Rexford Guy Tugwell had given the go-ahead for some preliminary planning (and even some land acquisition). Research was begun by a group organized by Warren Vinton (which later became the research section of the Resettlement Administration's Suburban Division). It began to look at more than one hundred major cities near which new towns might be built. By April 12, the survey had narrowed the list down to 19 possibilities. (The list would later be reduced to nine, then to five, and finally by a process of attrition to the three towns which were actually built — Greenbelt, Maryland; Greendale, Ohio; and Greendale, Wisconsin.)

A month earlier, in March, the Federal government had begun to acquire land to build a new town near the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Maryland. But now Rex Tugwell and John Lansill, his top aid, were beginning to have second thoughts about relocating one of the planned communities in the Washington area. They were concerned that a location near the nation's capital would cause the project to be subject to an unusual amount of scrutiny by Congress and the press. Wallace Richards, the #3 man on the new team, argued against this view. He felt that it was important to have one of the demonstration projects close to Washington. His view prevailed, and planning continued on the Greenbelt Project.

At the end of the month, on April 30, President Roosevelt created the Resettlement Administration (RA) by Executive Order 7027, with Tugwell as its head. The RA would have a number of responsibilities, one of which would be the building of new towns.

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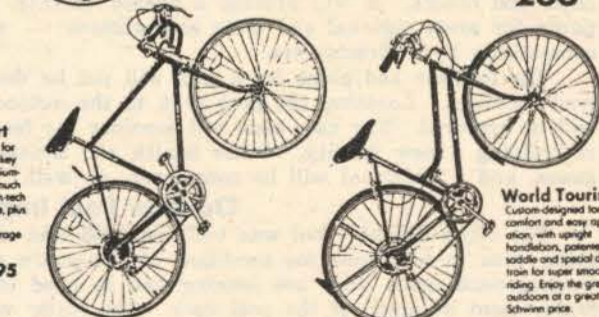


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GHI Board Ponders Fate of Two Homes Needing Renovation Work for Resale

by Sandra Surber-Smith

The merits and cost of renovation and repair of two GHI units — one recently abandoned and one a GHI-owned rental unit — were the subject of extensive debate at the April 11 meeting of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). Also covered at the meeting were a report on a landscaping project, a recapping of past policy in granting exemption to the occupancy criteria, creation of a new ad hoc parking committee, and review of the information packet to be sent to the membership on rehab of the larger townhouses.

At this meeting Board Member Mark Dombrowski announced his resignation from the Board, effective immediately, citing personal reasons. He described as enjoyable the experience of serving on the Board. The Board agreed not to name a replacement for the weeks before the May 22 annual meeting, at which time a candidate will be elected to fill the second year of Dombrowski's term. Five others will be elected to the Board for two-year terms.

Repair of Two Frame Units

Board and management discussed at length the level and type of renovation appropriate in order to put the frame units on the market. Each unit, in poor shape, needs a number of repairs to meet resale standards. Several board members argued that only required repairs should be made and that where possible work should be performed by the GHI maintenance staff. However, GHI Manager Ron Colton was persuasive in his argument that in one case GHI would recoup the cost of repair at resale, and that in both instances it was better for the corporation to do a thorough renovation and thus avoid problems later. The Board approved both contracts (\$9,800 and \$8,000) and authorized work to begin as soon as possible.

Parking Committee

Acting in response to a recommendation from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Board passed a motion to create an ad hoc parking and garage committee. Mike Prosis, B&G Committee Chairman, reported that his group felt the parking problem in GHI was very severe. He recommended, in addition to the new parking committee, that GHI hire a full-time parking enforcement officer and bring the issue before the membership at the annual meeting. While to most Board members it appeared

premature to discuss the issue at the annual meeting, the Board recognized members' concerns and suggested perhaps a special membership meeting after the parking committee has developed some new proposals.

Landscaping

Management presented a plan for landscaping the rental garages. The first site selected is at the intersection of Ridge Road and Southway (the garages adjoining the 17 court of Ridge Road). The design, which the Board approved, is intended to complement the planting which the city has done on Southway. Board suggestions included referring the plan to the Aesthetics and Environment Committee, including plantings other than spring flowers, and adding some evergreens.

Larger Townhouse Rehab

GHI membership will be asked to approve a rehabilitation plan for the larger townhouses. The Board reviewed the information packet to be sent to the membership describing this plan. The cost is not to exceed \$200,000. Although many residents of the larger townhouses have expressed support for the rehab plan, management was instructed to survey all larger townhouse owners before the annual meeting.

Occupancy Criteria

Management presented a summary of the Board's past actions in approving exemptions to the occupancy criteria, specifically that portion which limits occupancy to families and prohibits the sharing of homes by roommates or boarders. Past approved exemptions seem to fall into

three categories: exemptions granted because of medical problems, financial hardships or need for companionship. In the discussion that followed, several members questioned whether the occupancy criteria could be changed without a corresponding change in the mutual ownership contracts. That question is one of several raised earlier by the Member and Community Relations Committee in its report to the Board and request for legal opinion. The issue was referred back to the committee by the Board.

Other Matters

Margaret Hogensen reported that she has been elected to the National Cooperative Bank Board of Directors. She also provided a legislative update and reported that although the consumer cooperative bill was passed by the Maryland legislature, the housing bill, in a disappointing development, did not clear the Judiciary Committee in time for a vote. Several Board members spoke in favor of a GHI memorial to Charlie Schwan. Assistant Manager Steve Wright was commended for his work with the ad hoc By-laws Committee in preparing revisions for membership approval.

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GHI NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS CONSENT FORMS

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DEVELOPMENT POINTS UP NEED FOR PARKLAND

by Leta Mach

Keeping the green in Greenbelt is a major purpose of the city's proposed bond issue. To that end, \$2 million, 1/3 of the bond issue, has been set aside for parkland acquisition and development.

Where is the land? The seemingly endless and overnight sprouting of new office buildings and townhomes may make it appear that the city's greenspace has reached its limits. However, there are areas where a tree or plant can still sprout and grow in the city. It is these areas that city officials would like to obtain before it is too late.

While no particular parcel has been designated for acquisition, two sites are often mentioned. Surplus school property on Parcels One and Two are mentioned as ideal for expanding the Northway Fields at the end of Northway extended. More property there would permit separate fields for baseball, football, softball and soccer. Separate fields would allow the grass to grow and reestablish between playing seasons. Another parcel of land may also be available near the Lake Park. Also, rights-of-way are needed to complete proposed pedestrian/bicycle trails for the city.

Areas where development is occurring are highlighted as areas where parkland is needed. A city packet on the bond issue explains, "Having bond funds authorized for parkland acquisition will allow the city to take advantage of opportunities to acquire land in strategic locations to buffer and control development." It would have been nice, explains Councilmember Thomas White, to have had easements between Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake. Unfortunately this is no longer possible. However, the bond issue could make such city easements possible for future developing areas. One possible area, suggests White, might be around the future METRO station.

Judging from the comments at a public forum on Monday, April 15, the idea of parkland acquisition has much support in the community. Mat Amberg said, "Greenbelt has been growing larger, but it has also been growing closer to Baltimore and Washington and other points in all directions... It is impinged upon in many ways... more inviting for real estate developers to come and put down restaurants, fast food places and hotels everywhere and unless we acquire such

space as we can for open space we're going to see more changes to our skyline and they're going to be changes we won't like."

Councilmember Toni Bram listed her particular preferences for parkland as parts of Parcels One and Two and Parcel 15 near the lake. As far as the bond issue goes, White said, "My main focus is acquisition of open space and parkland development."

While much of the proposed parkland is envisioned as greenspace to be kept in a natural state, some limited development is planned. Such development may be the extension of pedestrian/bicycle trails so that it will be possible to reach almost any section of the city on the trail system. One proposed trail would go from Candy Cane City through Braden Field to the Attick Lake Park, through Capital Office Park and then under the Capital Beltway to Springhill Lake. Another trail would parallel the Baltimore/Washington Parkway going past Gardenway, Northway, and North End School where it would connect with Research Road.

Park improvements are planned also for the Northway Ball Field complex and the Attick Lake Park. In addition to extra fields, the Northway Field developments would include lights, storage facilities, restrooms, and announcer's booth and picnic area. Suggested Attick Lake Park improvements include concession/restroom/picnic shelter facilities, playground and parking improvements, entrance landscaping, service road and bandstand. Dredging the lake and dam and spillway repair may also be done.

Newer areas of the city would likely also see park development. As yet unspecified improvements would occur in the newly acquired Schrom Hills-Park near Hunting Ridge. Plans for these will be developed after the views of nearby residents are heard.

Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

On April 15, a young woman reported that she had been sexually assaulted in two different places in the city by two different men during that afternoon. She said that the first incident took place near the Spellman overpass about 12:30 p.m. after she crossed the overpass on her way home from school. Reportedly, a man was lurking in the woods, grabbed her as she went past and tried to drag her into the woods. She escaped and ran toward Garden Way. Sometime between this time and 2 p.m. she returned home and got her bicycle and was riding through the underpass under Crescent Rd. near the library when she encountered another man who grabbed her, threw her to the ground, tearing at her clothing. Again, she got away and ran back to her apartment. At 3:18 p.m., encouraged by a neighbor, she made her report to the police.

An automobile was vandalized in the parking lot at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on April 15. Suspects involved were seen in a 1974 brown Pontiac.

Three men were arrested for auto theft when they were stopped in a stolen car on April 16 near the American Legion. One of the men was also wanted by the sheriff's department.

Vandalism to a storage shed on Braden Field was reported at 9:39 p.m. on April 16.

A female juvenile was charged with shoplifting at Shoetown in Greenway Shopping Center on April 17.

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Most Prince Georges Community College courses are transferable to four-year institutions.

For additional information or a schedule of classes, call 322-0417 or 322-0783.

Artist League Forms

The Greenbelt Artists League has recently been organized to promote community awareness of the work of Greenbelt artists. The League is open to professional painters, sculptors, print-makers, etc. living in Greenbelt. Anyone interested in the League should call Barbara McGee 474-2192. The League is now making plans to participate in the 50th Anniversary of Greenbelt celebration.



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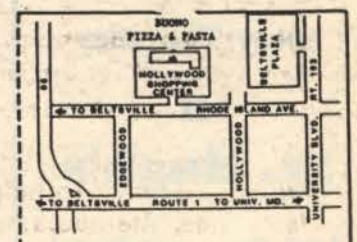
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GHI's annual spring clean-up is this Saturday, April 27. People may obtain free trash bags to use for the clean-up on Friday from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. at the GHI Warehouse.

GHI will hold free blood pressure testing on Wednesday, May 11, from 2-4 p.m.

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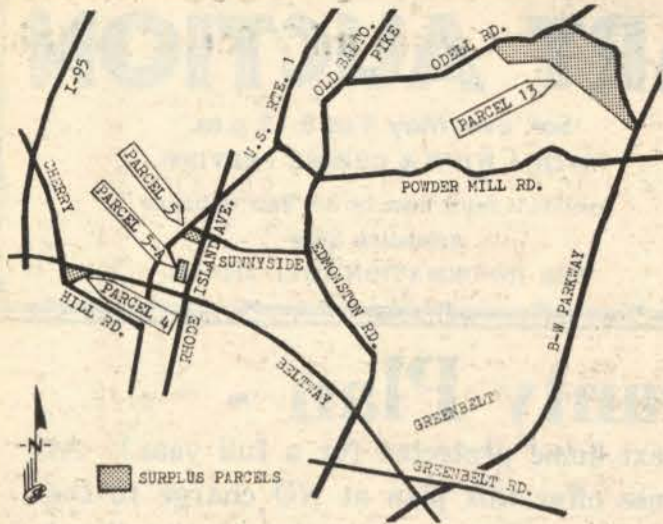
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| PRECINCT 3 | Greenbelt Municipal Building
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| PRECINCT 6 | North End School
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| PRECINCT 8 | Springhill Lake Community House
6220 Springhill Drive |
| PRECINCT 13 | Greenbriar Community Center
7600 Hanover Parkway |

All Greenbelt citizens are reminded that IN ORDER TO VOTE ON MAY 14 THEY MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF GREENBELT. PERSONS WHO WERE REGISTERED BUT FAILED TO VOTE IN TWO CONSECUTIVE CITY ELECTIONS AND WERE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WILL NEED TO RE-REGISTER. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 6, 1985.

Tel: 474-3870 or 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk



The above map shows four parcels in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center declared surplus and awaiting disposition.

HISTORY continued

neighborhood park (along Rhode Island Ave. just outside the Beltway). Previously declared surplus, the land was proposed for transfer to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for eventual transfer to the Montgomery County Cerebral Palsy Association. However, when the Association decided not to use the land, jurisdiction of the tract reverted back to BARC for excessing. NCPA recommends that the land be used as a park.

Parcel 4—A 4.99-acre tract bounded by Cherry Hill Road, the Capital Beltway and local park land, the land is the remaining portion of 71 original acres which were conveyed to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission about 12 years ago. City, county, state and federal officials recommend that the parcel be used for park and recreational purposes.

Parcel 13 — The consensus among federal representatives is that the 247-acre parcel will remain in the federal enclose. The State Department proposes to build a Communications Center. According to a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "Since the State Department does not have the management capabilities to take assignment of the property, the Corps of Engineers will have the authority for construction and contracts."

Parcel 13 is in the northern part of BARC, west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and bordered on its northern perimeter by Odell and Springfield Roads. The densely wooded tract serves primarily as a buffer zone providing aesthetic relief and isolation for other actively used BARC property. A large part of the land will remain floodplain.

In recent years disposal of surplus lands was being accomplished under President Reagan's Executive Order 12348 dated February 25, 1982. This set up the Federal Property Review Board to screen available land for sale. The executive action was taken in the hope that sale proceeds would help reduce the federal deficit. But the effort ran into opposition from Congress and environmental groups. At the time Maryland Senator Paul Sarbanes objected to "this going-out-of-business - sale approach" to federal lands. Sarbanes felt it was "ill-advised to sell off long-term assets by the federal government to create short-term revenues against the national debt"

Since then the Federal Property Review Board has been abolished and new guidelines for the management of the government's real property are being proposed.

The reduction in 1979 of 1,050

Nursery School Spring Fair

The Greenbelt Nursery School will be holding its Annual Spring Fair on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is always a huge yard sale featuring children's clothes and toys and household items. The baked goods sale is supplied by each family of the school. Children will be entertained by games, crafts, face painting and a cartoon show with popcorn. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. There is no admission charge! The fair will conclude with drawings for prizes from two raffles, which include two Cabbage Patch dolls and many donations from generous area merchants. (Rain-date is Sunday, May 5, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.)

Golden Age Club

by Nancy Knoll

Spring was busting out all over at the 28th Anniversary Luncheon of the G.G.A.C. The gym at the Youth Center was adorned with beautiful flowers provided by volunteers, who made it a very pleasant party. Entertainment was provided by Earl C. Simons, who played many fine selections on his guitar. Clara Jacobs played the piano while Harry Blake led the group in a sing-a-long.

Guests were Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, City Manager James Giese, Travel agent D. Willmont, and Commander Joe Miller of American Legion Post 136.

Several area merchants and friends of the club provided very nice gifts for door prizes. We are grateful to them all. The Club was also treated to another lovely luncheon in April at American Legion Post 136. B. Weisel of the Golden Age Club and G. Sparks of the Post started these luncheons. Thank you!

Just a reminder: don't forget about the "Dial a Ride". Some of my friends are using the bus to get to church on Sunday and for other trips around town. Phone 474-4100 for a 50¢ ride. (Sundays and Wednesdays).

Local thespian, Doc Knoll played the role of a King in a movie called "The Disc."

Florence Holly tells me that plans for the trip to Montreal are coming along very well.

acres of the then 8,220-acre Beltsville facility resulted from (1) a 1972 executive order under which various parts of BARC were declared "excess" over a period of years, and (2) a GSA survey performed in late 1978. Of the 1,050 acres excessed, 350 acres were turned-over to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and 500 to 600 acres to the Goddard Space Flight Center.

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Council Tidbits

by Valerie Gompf

On Monday, April 15 the City Council approved \$2,400 for the Roosevelt Center charette, listened to a summary of proposed activities and fund raising by 50th Anniversary Committee, and passed a resolution which would seek to urge the District of Columbia to consider raising the drinking age to 21.

The council postponed a decision to approve the transfer of the city's cable television franchise from Storer to Prime Cable.

Noreen Yock told the council a questionnaire has been designed to assess citizens' opinions of how to improve the Roosevelt Center. A few changes were made in the content of the questions on the recommendation of Councilmember Thomas X. White.

A budget of \$2,400 was submitted by the charette coordinating committee and the council gave its approval both to paying the incidental costs of the charette and the survey to provide information for the charette. Volunteers will conduct a street and random telephone survey this weekend - April 25 through 28.

Fiftieth Anniversary

The Fiftieth Anniversary Committee submitted a report at the council's April 8 meeting on the status of its plans to celebrate Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary and some related fund raising efforts. The council voted to accept the committee's report, which includes approval to solicit funds in exchange for copies of the 50th Anniversary brochures on Greenbelt from realtors that do business in Greenbelt. Brochures could then be given to prospective home owners.

The funds will help support the anniversary celebration activities. Some of the activities planned are the establishment of a Greenbelt Museum, a statue of Franklin Roosevelt, an anniversary book on the history of Greenbelt, a slide presentation on the city and planting trees.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld requested a letter backed by the council, to be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan-Washington Coun-

Our Neighbors

Martha Kaufmann 484-9359

Our deepest sympathy to City Councilmember Antoinette Bram and her family on the death Sunday of Mrs. Bram's father, Henry Houck of Bowie.

Former long-time residents and community activists Sid and Bernice Katsner are in town this week to visit their daughter, Ruth Kastner-Hagelgans and her family. While visiting at 3 Court Ridge Road, they took time to visit the Greenbelt News Review office on Tuesday night and do some rewriting for old times sake. They both worked regularly for the paper for well over two decades - Sid writing on GHI matters, while Bernice contributed largely to the makeup of the pages on Wednesday night. Now residents of Vancouver, British Columbia, Sid is a research solar physicist at the University of British Columbia. Bernice, a mathematician, recently completed a guide for the teaching of math.

Tamara and Dan Stern of Rosewood Drive welcomed a new baby boy on March 18 at Georgetown Hospital. Adam Stern was a preemie at birth and he is doing very nicely now. His two brothers Michael, age 8, and Eric, age 5, are watching him grow stronger every day. Grandma Ozzie Williams lives at 23 Parkway.

The letter would ask the board to add to its agenda a referendum urging the District of Columbia to consider changing the legal drinking age to 21.

If the District raised the drinking age to 21 it would conform with current Maryland and Virginia laws in the metropolitan area. The council passed this recommendation unanimously, without discussion.

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Opening Day ceremonies at the field will be followed by a short demonstration by the T-ball teams. The game will put the 1984 city champs, the Giants, against the 1984 runners-up team, the Cubs. All are invited.



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SPECIAL ELECTION

MAY 14, 1985

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APPLICATIONS SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE CITY CLERK, AND THE SIGNATURE OF EACH PERSON WISHING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL BE AFFIXED TO THE APPLICATION. SUCH APPLICATION MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK NO LATER THAN NOON, MONDAY, MAY 13, 1985, AND THE ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN 6 P.M. THE DAY OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1985.

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CITY CLERK



CITY OF GREENBELT \$6 MILLION BOND ISSUE REFERENDUM—SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1985 VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents of Greenbelt are urged to assure proper registration so that they will be able to vote in the May 14, 1985 special election. Registration with Prince George's County for federal, state, and county elections does NOT qualify Greenbelt residents to vote in city elections. Any person in doubt as to his or her eligibility may check with the City Clerk, 474-8000 or 474-3870.

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GUDRUN H. MILLS, CMC
CITY CLERK

BE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED -- AND VOTE

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eral agencies, the matter is turned over for resolution to the Office of Management and Budget. Previously the Federal Property Review Board played a major role in the excessing of lands. However the board is no longer in existence and new plans guiding the management of the government's real property holdings are being drawn up by the Cabinet Council on Management (CCM).

Several sources told the News Review that it appears the Reagan administration would prefer to address the disposition of surplus lands "administratively" rather than "legislatively." CCM proposes that Congress stop reviewing negotiated land sales made for less than \$1 million. Presently, all negotiated sales of \$1,000 or more must be cleared by Congress.

Response to Proposal

In commenting on the proposal for the biotechnology center, Robert Cosby, NCPC's Director of Implementation and Review Section, observed: "From what we understand of the scale of the proposed building and its compatible use, there will be no negative impact on the library." He emphasized that BARC's retention of 3.3 acres of Parcel 5 would remain open, green and natural to protect the library and that there would be no adverse development along Route 1.

Jesse Jacobs, legislative assistant to Congressman Steny Hoyer, said that Hoyer, a long-time foe of disposing of BARC land, was studying the proposal. Hoyer's initial reaction, Jacobs noted, was that "we look favorably upon the University of Maryland's interest in that parcel since it is compatible with BARC's mission and future plans."

Similarly, Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening has given his nod of support. Tim Ayers, Glendening's press secretary, said "Glendening has written letters supporting the center and has offered assistance in helping the University obtain grants."

In its draft proposal the University stated that the biotechnology center would aid in the county's economic development because "it could attract private industry to locate in the area in order to be associated with the center and to be able to use its facilities."

Envisioned is a core research facility that would involve eventually as many as a hundred scientists from BARC and the University. "Such a building would enhance the current impressive research interactions between University and ARS (Agricultural Research Service) scientists," the proposal states. There would be space for sequencing laboratories, cell culture collections and tissue culture facilities as well as for symposia and regularly scheduled seminars and a public display area "where the promise and reality of biotechnology can be presented to the public."

The University will seek assistance from federal, state and county officials for the acquisition of the property. Initially a building of 30,000 to 50,000 gross square feet is contemplated at a cost of \$4.5 to \$7.5 million.

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services, if capital projects are not covered, he said.

Not Enough?

A major concern of the citizens was that \$6 million was not enough money to accomplish all the needs listed under the bond issue.

"The shopping list includes \$2.5 million for buildings alone, and this does not include the museum," said Warner Neupert, representing the Lakeside Civic Association. "How would the council put a limit on it (city building improvements)?" he asked. "How are you going to set priorities?"

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld responded, "Once the money is allocated the (city) council will set priorities." He said council would assess the most urgent needs after hearing from the advisory boards and the public.

Neupert said voters would be disappointed if after voting for the bond issue, their project was not one chosen for completion by the council. "Just because it is on the list doesn't mean it will happen," he said.

"There are more projects on the list than we can accomplish," conceded Weidenfeld. "We are looking at completion of all of these projects down the road."

Councilmember Richard Pilski said that his number one priority is the police department facility. The \$2 million for the swimming pool is also locked in, he said. One area where he sees some leeway in allocating funds is park land acquisition and improvement. On the other hand Councilmember White is determined to see that parks receive their share.

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Brown said that under the Civil Rights Act, prisoners could sue and obtain damage if facilities are inadequate. If sued, the city is required to correct the facility whether it has the money or not, he said.

Jose Morales, president of Springhill Lake Association, spoke in favor of the bond issue. He said, "It is important to let people know it is at the option of the city council which projects will be built."

Citizens who wish to vote in the May 14 referendum must register to vote in the city of Greenbelt by Monday, May 6.

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