

Greenbelt's Team

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Greenbelt Competes for All-America City Title

News Review Marks Another Anniversary Starts Forty-ninth Year of Publication

This month the Greenbelt News Review will begin its forty-ninth year of continuous publication. Originally, a letter-size mimeographed publication consisted of sixteen pages, then titled the Greenbelt Cooperator, the paper began publication on November 24, 1937 — within six weeks after the first Greenbelt families had unpacked their household belongings.

History

Much is owed to the early Pioneers who recognized the immediate need for a news medium to keep people informed of local events and to provide a forum for the exchange of views. They laid down the principles that still guide the actions of the present News Review — a non-partisan nonprofit, cooperative endeavor, whose aims are to print the news accurately and fairly and to respect the Greenbelt "good neighbor" philosophy of life.

At first the paper was prepared at the homes of various staff members. In January 1938 the Federal Government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) made space available at the town commercial center, free of cost, and also loaned much-needed fur-

niture, typewriters, and office equipment. From its original second floor quarters in the commercial center, the paper moved its offices four times before finally coming to rest in the present basement office at 15 Parkway.

With the withdrawal of the Federal Government from town,

"Much is owed to the early Pioneers who recognized the immediate need for a news medium to keep people informed . . ."

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., through its wholly owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, continued the Federal policy of providing free office space with the paper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses.

Free Delivery

An important development in the history of the newspaper was the decision to deliver the Cooperator free of charge to every home in town, beginning with the issue of September 7, 1939. The additional cost of local distribution was small, and this radical change of policy provided larger

circulation figures, which could be used as evidence of the value of advertising in the Cooperator, once its distribution had become community wide. The town government engaged more and more space for publication of pending ordinances, budgets and the like.

The policy of free distribution remained unchanged until July 1953, when the paper was forced by financial straits to go to a subscription basis — \$3 a year. The response was fairly encouraging, but the added cost of maintaining subscription records convinced the governing body that the additional income was not worth the additional workload. More important, the board wanted every resident to receive the paper. In January 1955 the paper returned to city-wide circulation.

Financial difficulties continued to plague the newspaper, and appeals were made to the businesses and organizations in town for funds. Finally, in April 1959, the News Review resorted to a house-to-house community-wide drive for funds. Organized by the drive chairman, Elaine Skolnik, who was aided by 125 volunteer court collectors, the drive netted over \$1,500. It proved such an unqualified success that it was

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"Our goal," according to Chairman Jerry Gough, "is to prepare a first-class presentation that truly depicts the tradition of citizen involvement in Greenbelt." Around the table left to right are: Joe Timer, Jim Giese, Gil Weidenfeld, Tom Renahan, Virginia Beauchamp, Micki Weidenfeld, Gough, Bob Zugby and Mary Lou Williamson. Seated behind the table, are left to right: Mark Davis, committee member Toni Bram, and Ed Putens. The beginnings of the booth can be seen in the left rear corner. — photo by J. Henson

Getting Ready for Cincinnati

When Greenbelters learned that our city was a finalist in the All-America Cities competition, we did what we always do—we formed committees. With very little lead time, the several work teams went right into action—each committee taking on a special task. The News Review, whose early summer drive for funds and volunteers was one of three citizen activities featured in the application, set about to produce a special edition—whose pages are included in this week's issue. That team—old timers and some of the new volunteers—have worked separately.

Other committees have been writing and preparing the oral presentation, doing fund raising, and arranging a visual display. And just to be sure nothing falls through the cracks, an umbrella group — the coordinating committee — was also set up. Here's a run-down of what's been going on.

Presentation Committee

"How many Greenbelters does it take to give a ten-minute presentation at the All-America City competition? (The answer is two to five.) This is one of the many issues that the ten members of the

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Council Gives Go-Ahead to Trade Center 3 Glendening Replies to Council's Questions

by Bob Hickman

The third tower of the Maryland Trade Center and expansion of the Holiday Inn were given a green light by the city council at its November 4 regular meeting. Council also agreed to take no position on the use of tax-free revenue bond financing for the Sunrise Village apartment project.

With Mayor pro tem Thomas White dissenting, the council agreed to release Coakley and Williams from the covenants which required them to delay construction until road improvements in the East Greenbelt area were in place.

Citing the cooperative record of Coakley and Williams and the quality of the development, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said that the city now has a commitment from the county executive that the road improvements will be in place, and that the only remaining problem is the bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Park-

way. "There are federal funds that we hope will eventually be around for the bridge," he said.

White, who said he remained unconvinced, cited the low priority attached to the bridge project by the State Highway Administration, and said that the intent of the covenants was to insure that development and road improvements proceed together in a coordinated fashion. He said that the covenants with Coakley

and Williams were all the city had to ensure that such scheduling actually takes place.

"You give up the covenants and you give up all the leverage," White said, adding that as soon as the motion was passed it would be "Katy bar the door" for development in Greenbelt without a real assurance that those improvements would follow. Russell Shipley, attorney for Coakley and Williams, pointed out the benefits to the community provided by the further development and the record of quality development by the firm. He said the assurances from the county were "as good as you can get, as good as any I have seen."

White countered that the schedule received from the county is "just a piece of paper saying 'we will do everything possible.' You can drive a truck through that." He added that he would like to have a letter from the state agency committing them to accelerate the bridge project to

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What Goes On

- Thurs., Nov. 7, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board of directors, Hamilton Place
- Fri., Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Crime Prevention Committee meeting, City Council Chambers
- Mon., Nov. 11, 10-11 a.m. Veteran's Day observance, War Memorial, Centerway
- Tues., Nov. 12, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session, Greenbrook (Tidler Tract) preliminary site plan, City Council Chambers.

Angry S&L Depositors Prepare for Major Rally

by Sid Kastner

The Saturday afternoon meeting of Maryland Savings and Loan Depositors and ATOM, at the Greenbelt Library meeting room, was one of seven area-wide rallies which are preparing for a second, larger march on Annapolis at noon on Saturday, November 16.

The urgency of participation in the march was stressed by ATOM (Access to our Money) chairman David Lange, who reviewed the recent history of the S&L freeze and told the audience that in the absence of leadership by the governor on this issue, recourse would be taken to other elected officials and legislators. (Full information on the march will be published in next week's News Review.)

Lange started the meeting by noting that Greenbelt got the ball rolling on September 17 with the first public meeting in the state

on the Savings and Loan issue. Now Bowie, Gaithersburg, Glen Burnie and Baltimore County have organized chapters of the movement to free depositors' accounts, with pre-march rallies being held Friday, November 8, in Ocean City and Thursday, November 14, in Baltimore County. He noted that while Community S&L depositors have been locked out for two months, Old Court S&L depositors have been so treated for five months and are "hot." The governor's approach, according to Lange, is to "wait until a bank

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GHI NOTES

Members who have loans with Community Savings Loan, EPIC or their predecessors are encouraged to complete the questionnaire which GHI recently sent them and return it to the Manager's Office. GHI is still awaiting a response from Melville Brown, Director of the Maryland Deposit Insurance Fund, concerning the status of these loans. Members are also encouraged to support the depositors' committees and join the November 16 rally in Annapolis.

Recreation Review

Shopping Spree—

Reading, Pennsylvania

The bus will depart from the Municipal Swimming Pool at 7 a.m. sharp on Saturday, November 16, and return approximately 9 p.m. Transportation will be by deluxe motor coach with rest-room facilities aboard. The group will shop at the Venity Fair complex in the morning, then move on to Moss Street for the afternoon. The shops on Moss Street cover many blocks. For further registration and fee information, contact the Recreation Department Business Office at 474-6878 or 474-4980.

Correction

In the MedServ advertisement appearing in the October 24 issue of this newspaper, the professional specialty of James N. Kalonturos should have read D. C. (Doctor of Chiropractic). The News Review regrets the error.

GHI Bylaws Meeting Fails to Gain Quorum

The special membership meeting, called on October 22 by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to consider changes in the corporation bylaws, had to be adjourned for lack of a quorum. Only 36 of some 1600 GHI members chose to ignore a chill rain and the first game of the World Series to attend to corporation business.

Under the GHI bylaws and Maryland law, the members and Maryland law, the members of the corporation may, at a meeting which lacks a quorum, decide by majority vote to hold another meeting at which a quorum will not be needed for conducting business. A motion to allow GHI to call another meeting under this law was passed by a large voice vote at the meeting Tuesday night. That meeting is scheduled for November 19 in the Council Chambers in the City Administration Building at 8 p.m.

'Peanuts' Crowd at Utopia

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," a musical based on the "Peanuts" cartoon strip created by Charles Schultz, will open a three-week run at the Greenbelt Arts Center's Utopia Theatre on Friday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m.

For group rates, tickets must be ordered in advance of a performance. Ticket information and reservations may be obtained by calling 474-7763.

SCIENCE CENTER HOLDS OPEN HOUSE NOV. 15

An open house will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center on Friday, Nov. 15 from 6-9 p.m. It is sponsored by the county public schools. On display, in addition to planetarium programs, will be work with computers, science shows of various types, the launching of a hot air balloon, and even demonstrations of pet reptiles. The science center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road, immediately west of DuVal High School.

Zoning Bill Public Hearing Set at MNCPPC

A bill to reinstate Article VII charter, P.G. 407-1985, will have its public hearing before the County Affairs Subcommittee of the Prince Georges Delegation to the House of Delegates on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at the Planning Commission Auditorium, 6607 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale.

Article VII, which was adopted in 1970 to give citizens greater control over the zoning process, was declared inoperable by the Planning Commission through court action in 1973. If the state legislature votes to approve P.G. 407, it will be reinstated. (Last year's bill to reinstate Article VII (P.G. 413) failed by 5 votes.

For more information, call Carmen Anderson, 372-6949 or Mike Maloney, 937-3848.

"Wilshow '85" — The Washington International Lions Stamp Show — will be sponsored by the Silver Hill Lions Club on November 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Armory.

The show features stamp dealers, exhibits, U.S. Postal Service and special show cancellations, door prizes, raffle and snackbar. Parking and admission are free. All proceeds go to local Lions charities.

For further information contact Lion Tex Whitehouse at 599-6200.


At Greenbelt Library

The library will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. All operations of the library system will be closed on November 11.

On Wednesday, November 13 there will be an evening book discussion at 7:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is The Peter Pan Syndrome by Dan Kiley.


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shows interest, then use the interstate banking law as a carrot to lure the bank in (and) depend on the deal that an out-of-state bank puts together."

ATOM has also contacted Judge Joseph Kaplan and asked for a depositors' representative to be named. According to Lange, the judge's response was that he would be glad to do so, but that depositors would have to provide an attorney.

Rally Transportation

The city council, Monday night, unanimously voted to contribute bus service to transport senior citizens to the S&L depositors rally at Annapolis on Saturday, November 16.

munity S&L adding up to \$75 million for a total of perhaps \$250 million that would have to be made up.

Lange emphasized that the state promised in written policies that funds would be provided to insure depositors, so that the state is still responsible for coming up with the necessary funds.

With respect to local and other efforts to achieve fair treatment for depositors, Lange said that "Greenbelt is the one place that has had a long history of activism . . . where people have always worked together and solved problems as a community."

State's Reply Draws Fire
A reply sent to at least two Greenbelt letter-writers by state-assigned lawyers, in response to requests to Judge Kaplan for information, raised the hackles of those who received them.

interest rates must keep in mind that legislators and the governor cannot bankrupt the state in order to assure them instant access to their funds."

Other contradictions were noted in the lawyer's reply, particularly the statement "No exceptions are permitted" to a policy of no deposits or withdrawals at Community S&L in view of known exceptions which have already occurred.

ATOM treasurer Alex Barnes expressed his outrage at the "canard" of the letter and requested a copy for ATOM's files. In connection with further content of the letter dealing with so-called "hardship" definitions, Barnes said, "It is the position of this organization that we are all hardship cases."

Coming back to the main purpose of the meeting, Lekh Batra described preparations for the major rally at the State Capitol and urged people who are participating to notify the ATOM steering committee so that activities can be coordinated, including a motorcade from Greenbelt to Annapolis.

This serious-minded conclusion of the meeting contrasted, incidentally, with the beginning in which a mock "bag lady" covered with S&L news clippings entered the hall carrying a sign: "Brother, can you spare a dime? Community S&L has all of mine!"

Depositors Seek Leadership Now From Legislature in S&L Crisis

A major shift in leadership within the State government on the savings & loan crisis took place in Annapolis this Tuesday. On October 30 at a depositors' rally in Randallstown, Senate President Steinberg and House Speaker Cardin, who were in the audience, were asked by John McHale, representing the depositors, to take on the leadership role because it was felt that the Governor's leadership was inadequate.

On Tuesday, Speaker Cardin announced a set of six alternatives for addressing the S&L crisis. At a joint press conference after the session, President Steinberg stated that the set of six were a joint legislative proposal. They principally are actions to be taken by the Executive Branch and which will be closely monitored by the legislature.

Four of the alternatives deal with the banking problem and two have already been applied. They are: obtain federal insurance (FSLIC), purchase of S&L by out-of-state bank, sale of an S&L by branches, and sale of "packages" of loans and deposits to existing banks.

Help for Depositors

Two alternatives deal directly with assisting depositors, for the first time. One would involve loans by large commercial banks to the State of Maryland, which in turn would use the money to release deposits.

counts as collateral. Although MDIF would initially pay the interest on these loans, Cardin pointed out that the deposits would continue to earn 5 1/2% interest and the depositors would be expected to reimburse MDIF for the interest on the loans when the accounts were finally released.

These proposals were presented to four leaders of the depositors' movement—Marje Hoban, David Lange, John McHale, and Fred Schnur—by Speaker Cardin and President Steinberg and then to the full House and Senate on Tuesday, the final day of the second 1985 special legislative session.

At the information meeting on Tuesday night, co-sponsored by the Gaithersburg Chamber of Commerce and the depositors' organizations, David Lange warned that these were only proposals and that the pressure must be maintained by the depositors to ensure that real progress was made. He urged the members in the audience to demonstrate their concern by participating in the Statewide rally at noon on November 16 in Annapolis.

In a surprise announcement,

Ben Bialek, the Governor's Chief Legislative Officer and the evening speaker, said that the Governor had agreed with the legislature's recommended deadline of January 8 for preparation of a depositors' plan. "This is the first time the governor was known to agree to any deadline," said Lange.

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All Aboard!

The Greenbelt Connection, the city's experimental bus system serving the Greenbelt community, is now operating on a Dial-A-Ride basis.

Service is offered every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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June Drive Seeks Volunteers, Funds In Support of the NEWS REVIEW

The "Friends of the Greenbelt News Review" announced in the May 30 issue of the News Review that they would conduct a search for volunteers and funds for the 48 year-old newspaper throughout the month of June. "The News Review must continue publishing," insisted David Lange, president of the newly-formed steering committee. Members of the committee expect Greenbelters to respond enthusiastically and generously.

The independent, non-profit newspaper has been published by volunteers in the community since November, 1937—never missing a week. The size of the paper has grown in recent years from 4 pages to 12. With the continued growth of residential and commercial development in Greenbelt, both the number of pages and the weekly circulation can be expected to grow.

Last March the Board of Directors of the News Review called on the city's homeowner and tenant associations for help. "Our staff is so busy publishing the newspaper each week that we cannot address the problems of finding volunteers and raising money. If Greenbelters are to continue to know what goes on in their city, the News Review—we—desperately need your help." Elaine Skolnik, president of the board told the 25 representatives present from all parts of the city.

Overwhelming Problems

While the city has been growing, with related increases in news to be covered, advertising to be solicited, and circulation to be made, explained vice president

A Personal Memoir of An Editor

(Ed. Note: Dorothy Sucher, editor of the News Review during 1963-65, recalls her early days on the News Review staff.)

by Dorothy Sucher

The News Review is very dear to me. I remember those early years on the staff and how much fun it was to learn about Greenbelt and meet the people who were active in politics and the many local organizations, for they all came down to the News Review office to submit their stories, ads, and Letters to the Editor.

I especially enjoyed the gadflies, citizens who seemed to live in a perpetual state of indignation and could be counted upon to show up on a copy editing night with six-page letters in hand, ready to defend each precious word against the threat of editorial inroads.

Some of our citizen columnists, too, were memorable—the publicity chairman of this or that organization, whose job it was to write stories for the News Review about the achievements of the swim team and the Little League (which somehow always featured the exploits of his or her own offspring), the organizers of starving cultural groups, the aspiring politicians. I remember one of the latter who brought in a story stating that "100 Greenbelters" had attended a meeting he had organized. In a town as small as Greenbelt, 100 people at a meeting was news, and feel-



Working hard at the Recreation Center, friends of the News Review Cheryl Jones, Jenny Erickson, age 15 and David Erickson, age 10 prepare flyers for door-to-door distribution. Photo by J. Henson

Bill Rowland, the supply of volunteers has not kept pace. The staff has not succeeded in attracting volunteers from new parts of the city, despite repeated pleas. The few long-time mainstays in key positions lack an experienced cadre to both supplement and replace them. He cited in particular Skolnik with 30 years on the News Review, and Mary Lou Williamson with 23 years, each of whom often puts in 40 or more hours a week on the paper. Williamson is editor and Skolnik is news editor, yet both must spend time each on such other tasks as obtaining advertising, collecting

bad debts and writing stories. The paper's cash reserves are almost depleted, Rowland told the group. As expenses increased to cover larger and more papers, it has been difficult to solicit enough advertising to pay the costs.

Help Is Offered

The group of community representatives was swift to respond. A steering committee of volunteers agreed to run the drive for volunteers and funds with the help in each individual neighborhood to be provided by the homeowner or tenant associations.

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ing a certain skepticism I called him to check. He admitted that the actual number of participants had been 28. I said, "So how come . . ."

"Well, I just rounded it off to the nearest hundred," he replied innocently.

And there was the thrill of being in touch with the seamy side of Greenbelt. Crime! The mystery of the missing wig, for example. And the memorable Fainting Thief, who broke into a car in the Beltway Plaza parking lot, unable to resist a Klein's Department Store box on the back seat. Unfortunately, the owner of the car had happened to run over a cat on the way to the shopping center and had picked it up and put it in the box, intending to give it a decent burial after she had done her errands. The thief opened the box, passed out, and had to be revived by the Rescue Squad.

Eventually I became the big cheese. Editor in Chief!—the twenty-second citizen to hold that august title in 24 years of publication. I kept it for a year and a half, then quit because I was expecting a baby, for in those backward, pre-liberation years, no woman in her right mind would have expected to continue with a job when she had a new baby. Another woman, Mary Lou Williamson, who didn't happen to be pregnant at the moment took over, as I recall. And the job was traded back and forth over the next several years between us.

Almost twenty years have pass-

ed since I left the staff of the News Review to go back to graduate school, but the paper is still a part of me. I feel an irrational annoyance when I read the names on the masthead and mine isn't there, and I find myself wondering, "Who are all these new people?" even though some of them have now worked on the paper longer than I did. But I'm glad to see new names, too. I know their presence means that the paper will continue. It's dear to me, and I hope it goes on forever.

The People Respond

A past carrier of the News Review (1966-1971), David Warner, wrote . . . "Hope the enclosed contribution helps a bit. The News Review is a large part of what Greenbelt is."

Philip Schmitt, Greenbriar, said, "A tough informative, newsy paper — ESSENTIAL reading for ALL Greenbelters!" His donation was made in the memory of Charles Schwan.

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club sent a large donation, including some collected at the monthly luncheon sponsored by the American Legion, Post 136.

Sidney Brown, owner of Beltway Plaza, wrote, "Greenbelt has come a long way and so has your newspaper. Your dedicated volunteers have much to be proud of and it is proper that the Greenbelt citizens and property holders should rally to support your effort to keep up with the needs of our fast growing city."

" . . . As Greenbelt grows, the News Review plays an increasingly important role in keeping citizens informed of local news. Donated in loving memory of our dear friend Charles F. Schwan, Jr." — the Weidenfeld family.

" . . . I've lived in Greenbelt for 43 years and have looked forward to receiving my News Review every week. Four of my sons delivered the News Review." — Henrietta Haslinger.

" . . . The staff of the Prince George's Post-Sentinel extends its congratulations to the News Review and good wishes for its continued success."

"We have been in Greenbelt for 30 years. Every week we look forward to receiving and reading the News Review. Thanks for a job very well done." "Thanks for the News Review . . . without it I would be lost in Greenbelt."

"We need you - keep up the fine work!"

"Please accept this donation for a truly outstanding community service. The News Review is one of the most essential community institutions in Greenbelt — 'the pulse of the community.'"

"Thank you for your service to the community through the News Review. It is a very valuable newspaper to me—helps to make me feel part of Greenbelt."

"As a native Greenbelter, there are certain aspects of our city which will hold life-long memories for me. The weekly arrival of the Greenbelt News Review is certainly at the top of this list."

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt, in a letter with their contribution, noted that, "Greenbelt just would not be Greenbelt without the News Review. In this day and age we need more communication, not less. You are the link between residents and city. Please continue the good work."

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The Volunteer and Fund Drive By the Friends of the News Review

A Visit

It is late, about 9 p.m. on a Monday night, yet it is time for a final meeting with the Greenbelt News Review staff regarding the upcoming drive for the paper in June. Located at 15 Parkway in the basement of one of the Greenbelt Homes apartment buildings the News Review office is reached after you pass through two doors. Looking into the works of the operation in dim surroundings, one sees the obvious need for both financial and volunteer support.

A seat is provided for me at the end of a long working table. I bash my knees, the table's underpinings are too low. I wait while staff members attempt to finalize an article before the meeting can begin. It gives me time to examine the surroundings. Not only has our city's self-supporting paper been in existence for 48 years, much of the equipment that is used can also be dated back that far. Underwood typewriters stored on top of the filing cabinets are no longer in use, and only one old electric and several manual typewriters are available.

The phone is ringing, but I cannot locate the equipment. A staffer disappears behind the rows of file cabinets and reaches high up on one to answer the phone. Next I am distracted by conversation at the ad desk, where a resident is asking for a photo copy of her ad. A short chuckle is followed by an explanation that the paper does not have the benefit of such modern equipment. The bookkeeper sits close to the ad desk balancing the monthly records. The calculator used is brought from home—the office adding machine is older than its user.

Interruptions continue throughout the discussion: "Elaine, where is the other pair of scissors?" "Mary Lou, we only had two reporters last week, therefore some events that required coverage were missed!" "Elaine, our delivery was missed last Thursday night because the papers were not delivered until 11 p.m. from the printer." A rather lengthy discussion takes place on the need to meet with the circulators to stress the importance of delivery.

Several staffers are editing and cutting, but some of the articles will have to be deleted to keep the paper to 12 pages in order to cut printing costs.

May 30, 1985

This special section, "A Tradition of Citizen Action" was prepared by: Alexander Barnes, Sandra Barnes, Louise Berman, Dorothy Daley, Janet Hartley, Jay Henson, Allison Hermann, Katherine Keene, Barbara Likowski, Leta Mach, Cathie Meetre, Lori Moran, Eileen Peterson, Jim Simon, Norman Scherstrom, Elaine Skolnik, Sandy Smith, Dorothy Suher, Otilie Van Allen, Mary Lou Williamson and No-rene Yoch.

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reasons for her volunteering.

"I think I'm probably a compulsive volunteer. I have a need to be busy and to help people. I've done volunteering all my life." She added that, "we have a local paper at home, the Scarsdale Inquirer. You get to know everybody. It's real nice."

Allison, who has participated in the Dancers Against Cancer and alcohol awareness workshops at the university, said, "there are a lot of students from the University of Maryland living in Springhill Lake. I think they deserve to be represented."

She sounded a familiar theme when she said that small town papers should survive, adding, "I hate to see anything die without reason."

The students have nothing on the teachers when it comes to volunteering. Dorrie Bates, a teacher at Sandy Springs Friends School, has suspended her ten-year teaching career to care for her six-month-old daughter, Sarah, but she finds time to edit stories and write headlines for the News Review.

"I really love Greenbelt," she said. "I think that one of the things that will help it survive is to put something back into the community. I think it's important for all facets of the community to be supported by all facets of the community."

Smiling, cradling her infant in her arms, the young housewife offers that she very much enjoys the change of pace the News Review provides from her homemaking chores. "I'm getting experience on a newspaper, the

company of adults. I really like the people. You know when the regulars are coming; you know where they sit. There's a lot of gossip. There's quite a convivial chaos."

There are other threads that bind these volunteers together. They, themselves, have volunteered before or they have friends and relatives who are volunteers. They enjoy seeking new challenges and keeping busy.

Such are the people that nourish the democratic traditions of the small town in America, a tradition exemplified by the continuing success of the Greenbelt experiment.

But more than history, tradition, patriotism and self-interest appear to be at work in these volunteers. Just as the forces of nature, the life-sustaining rain, the life-giving sun, keep the garden of Greenbelt green; so, too, does some force maintain and give life to the causes of these volunteers.

Whether it be Darwin's drive to survive, Lincoln's belief in an ideal that "shall not perish from this Earth," or a theologian's view of an eternal God being expressed through man, each volunteer exhaled a deep desire to carry on the life of something greater than themselves.

That desire was the strongest link between the volunteers. However, for these, and the other volunteers they represent, there was another more essential link. When the call for help went out, they answered.

That is how the garden grows.

Imagine for a Moment . . .

by Cheryl Jones

. . . Imagine for a moment, if you will, the logistical problem of a drive with the two-fold purpose of collecting volunteers and money; add to this the need to contact 500 businesses and more than 8,000 residences and you'll have some idea of our problem.

Mark Davis generated the list of commercial enterprises in the area. Using phone books, building directories and sometimes just physically scouting, he was able to gather names, addresses, and phone numbers of the almost 500 businesses in Greenbelt.

Becky Putens drafted the letter to go to the businesses, and the article for the News Review that kicked off our campaign and was also reprinted for the residential campaign.

Mary Jo Amani designed the flyer for residential distribution and wrote want ads for the various positions "open" at the News Review.

Ann Pisano called the apartment developments in the area to determine the number of units, their distribution methods for the

News Review, and whether they allowed solicitation.

The Recreation Center on May 29 was the scene for the final preparation for the drive. With the support of Hank Irving and his staff, 19 heroic people faced a mountain of 8,000 flyers, reply envelopes, and plastic bags and assembled the packets for the door-to-door distribution. They were Mary Jo Amani, Todd Amani, Bill Ayers, Fran Bates, Mark Davis, David Erickson, Jenny Erickson, Shirley Hibbs, Joe Isaacs, Cheryl Jones, Jean Jones, David Lange, Deanne Lange, Jon Lange, David Moran, Vic Nicholson, Becky Putens, Bill Rowland, and Elaine Skolnik.

Press releases and public service announcements for local newspapers, radio stations, and cable TV were written and mailed by Cheryl Jones.

Dave Lange had the task of keeping us organized and on schedule.

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Response to a Shared Problem

by Alexander Barnes

ATOM—Access to Our Money—Greenbelt's newest citizen action committee began in September when a short letter to the editor appeared in the Greenbelt News Review. A meeting would be held during the next week "to plan a course of action" for the depositors of savings and loans whose money was frozen.

That small notice drew an overflow crowd of 160 people including newspaper reporters and a TV crew. Lekh Batra opened the meeting which turned into an active sharing of stories about individual hardships and uncertainty about what could be done. The group elected David Lange as its president, selected a steering committee, adopted the name ATOM as its purpose, and agreed to invite Governor Harry Hughes to answer questions at the next meeting.

The October 1 meeting brought out 800 depositors. The governor selected his S&L conservator, Melville Brown, to present information and field questions at the meeting. In introducing Brown, ATOM president Lange warned the audience that there would be no quick solution, they came to the meeting frustrated and they would go home frustrated. He was right, but many of those unhappy people signed up as ATOM members and over \$400 was raised.

ATOM chapters were established in Bowie, Bethesda and Gaithersburg. A telephone tree was organized to alert the depositors to new developments and activities. Also ATOM then combined forces with the Columbia-

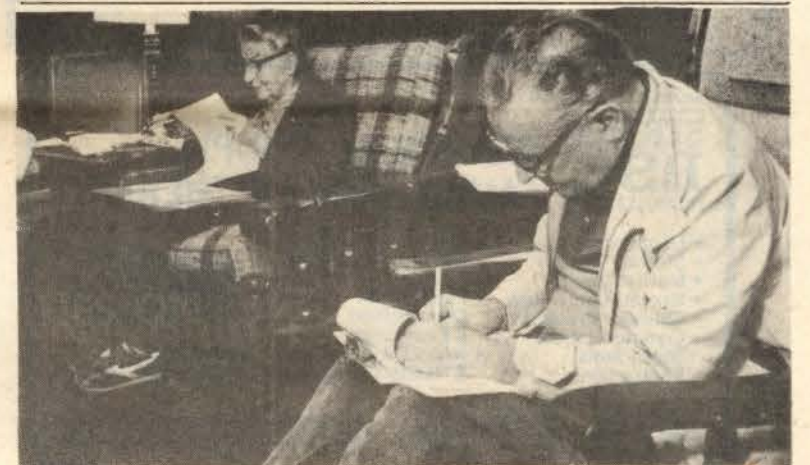
based Maryland S&L Depositors' Committee.

By October 10 the movement was ready for the legislature's special session. While 500 people rallied outside, testimony was presented to the Senate and House Committees, and a group met with the governor. The depositors' goal of full access by all depositors to all of their money was now being actively expressed.

The pressure from this day's activities and subsequent lobbying was credited as a major factor in getting legislation approved. Three ailing S&Ls were sold and re-opened as a federally-insured bank; 70,000 depositors regained access to their money.

The Greenbelt and Columbia groups continued to expand their activities, ten new chapters were established across the state. Meetings were held with the speaker of the House, other legislators, and the Circuit Court Judge involved. Area meetings were scheduled, leading to a state-wide rally in Annapolis on November 16.

The depositors had finally developed effective organizations to confront the state government and to seek "access to our money." And it began in Greenbelt.



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A Museum Celebrating Greenbelt History Moves Closer to Reality

by Leta Mach

The idea that the city of Greenbelt is worthy of its own museum has been gaining momentum and supporters since it was first publicly expressed in 1972. But it was not until 1980 that two events spurred progress on the museum. Greenbelt was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the cooperative owner of the original depression-era homes, began a massive rehabilitation program.

A GHI ad hoc historic preservation committee was appointed. Over 17 members of this housing cooperative met numerous times during the summer of 1982 to debate 1) what was the best site for a museum, 2) what items should be saved from rehab for the museum and 3) how should

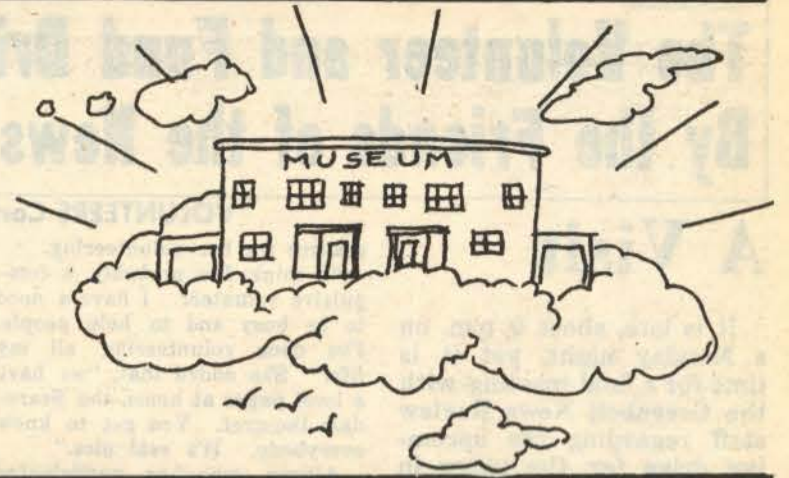
the museum be established. The committee felt that a duplex home would be ideal for a museum and that enough windows, radiators and other artifacts should be saved from rehab to historically refurbish such a duplex.

In answer to the third question, the committee felt a community-wide group should be formed because the museum would serve the whole community and beyond. Announcements were placed in the local newspaper and a meeting was called and a new committee formed as one of the sub-committee's of the city's 50th anniversary committee. Their goal was to establish a museum in either temporary or permanent quarters by the city's 50th anniversary in 1987.

They launched a membership drive in October and are planning their first gala in April 1986. Goals have been set for obtaining a home and work has

begun on exhibits.

Throughout the years, the dream of a Greenbelt Museum has been pursued by numerous citizens. The individual who spoke out for a museum in 1972, Dorothy Sucher, became the new committee chair this summer. She and other volunteers feel a Greenbelt Museum is no longer merely a dream.



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Shoppers get the grand tour from Co-op staff on Grend Re-opening Day.

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the old Co-op and start their own.

Other citizens who attended that city council meeting in mid-January had other thoughts. They wanted somehow to persuade the old Co-op to reconsider its decision. They wanted all the membership to vote on the divestiture. They sought to interest an established supermarket chain into buying the Co-op. These actions did not deter the Cassels group from their goal of forming a new co-op.

"I thought it best to explore all alternatives," Cassels stated. "The efforts of the other groups helped to publicize our effort."

Timer was less kind. "We did not have the luxury of time. There were 90 days from the city council meeting to the announced closing of the store on March 30," he said. "At the time, the persistence of other groups—particularly those who sought legal action to stop the divestiture—diluted our efforts," he commented. Timer pointed out that his group had to attend meetings of the other groups to keep informed on what each was planning. He felt, moreover, that Greenbelters were "getting a fuzzy picture of what was happening."

As the legal battle cleared and petitioners lost their fight to force a membership vote on the divestiture by GCI of its super-

market and service stations, the Cassels group was able to persuade local citizens that its solution—formation of a new co-op by Greenbelters—was the only viable alternative.

Organizing Problems

Having cleared one hurdle, others loomed. "We found ourselves in violation of the Maryland Securities Act," Timer recalled. "We were required to have a prospectus and we needed to inform members of possible risks" in joining a new co-op.

With no secretary, no office, no copying machine, and no computer, Cassels used his considerable skill in personal contact to convince state officials of the legitimacy of his cause. "The state bent over backwards to help us," he said.

A massive membership campaign ensued. Members Mike Burchick, Ann Pisano and Katherine Keene staffed a membership table in the Co-op store for 12 hours a day. Membership fees were \$100, but one could subscribe for membership by paying \$10 or more. The goal was to raise \$80,000 from the members. Additional funding would come from the National Co-op Bank and the National Co-operative Development Corporation. With the assistance of the old Co-op, a mail campaign to transfer membership from the old Co-op to the new one was conducted. As in the days 44 years earlier when the citi-

zens raised funds to purchase the supermarket, again the citizens—500 of them—raised enough cash to make a proposal to buy the food store, pharmacy and service station.

On March 30, GCI accepted the group's bid for the supermarket and pharmacy. Initially they were unsuccessful in purchasing the service station but a few months later were able to lease the station.

From early in January, 1984 the group met every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. into the wee hours of the morning to iron out problems. Almost at once they decided that in order to be economically viable in a competitive market, their employees could not belong to a union. The organizers were concerned, however, that the union might picket their fledgling operation. Other problems were more concrete. It would take months to transfer licenses, particularly the pharmacy license that permitted them to sell "dangerous drugs." The organizers were also intent on establishing a "full service supermarket" but had to contend with a store which was not fully stocked in the beginning. They feared that customers would shop elsewhere if they could not immediately find what they wanted.

On June 10, 1984, Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative began actual operation of the supermarket. On June 30, they held a re-opening celebration. The new Co-op has been a success. One year

Sitters Club Over Three Decades Old

by Catherine Meetre

Time was, perhaps, when Grandma lived up the street and Sis round the corner and the struggling young parents had someone tried and true with whom to leave the kids. Now Grandma is in Florida and Sis is in Colorado and you don't know a soul. It turns out that the problem wasn't just invented. At least thirty years ago Green-

belters tackled the same difficulty by forming the Greenbelt Cooperative Sitters' Club, and it still provides young families with reliable, experienced babysitters.

The basic idea is that parents trade babysitting time using a system of points, debiting the sittee and crediting the sitter. Transactions are handled by the current month's bookkeeper and members are mailed their balance each month.

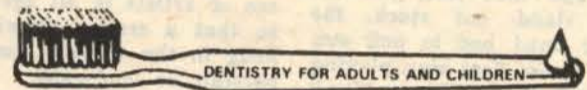
One particular advantage of membership in the club, especially for those without family in the area, is that it provides an introduction to a like-minded group of growing families with knowledge of the local area, and for many members, friendships formed within the club have provided an enduring bond.

Those wishing to discuss the organization in greater detail are invited to call the Baldauf family (441-2640) or Schultz (474-4038).

later, on June 5, 1985, Greenbelt Consumer Co-op mailed to its members 1,210 cash vouchers worth \$10,500 in patronage refunds.

"The hurdles are behind us," says Timer. "We're a much smoother organization and we now meet ever other Friday night, often for only two or three hours." Once again the Co-op food store and service station is in the hands of its citizen owners. Its future seems assured.

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Chronology

12/17 Greenbelt Co-operative, Inc. decides to divest itself of the supermarket and service station in Greenbelt.

1984

1/14 Greenbelters form "the Committee to Preserve Greenbelt's Co-op Facilities."

1/16 Greenbelters hold public meeting in City Council Chambers to consider appropriate responses to GCI's announced closings.

2/10 The Committee to Preserve Greenbelt's Co-op Facilities adopts the Articles of Incorporation for the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative. The seven incorporators constitute GCC's first Board of Directors.

2/13 GCC sends a preliminary proposal to GCI regarding buying the Greenbelt supermarket, pharmacy and service station.

2/28 The Circuit Court of Prince Georges County orders GCI to cease temporarily its movement toward divestiture.

3/30 GCI accepts GCC's proposal to buy the supermarket and pharmacy. GCC's bid for the Greenbelt service station is rejected for a higher offer.

6/4 Settlement occurs, transferring ownership of the supermarket and pharmacy from Greenbelt Co-operative, Inc. to Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative.

6/10 GCC begins operating the supermarket.

6/30 A re-opening celebration is held.

1985

1/9 GCC leases the service station in Greenbelt.

3/30 Greenbelt Consumer Co-op holds its first membership meeting to review operations during 1984 and to elect its Board of Directors.

6/5 GCC mails out patronage refunds to 1,219 members.

Old-Fashioned Holiday

by Sandra Surber Smith

"It's an old-fashioned holiday — one you don't see celebrated in too many communities" — the Washington Post reporter commented in his September 3, 1985 article on Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival. He was assigned to Labor Day duty and began his work at the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

The parade, like all other parts of the Festival, brings together hundreds of volunteers to march in the parade, coordinate the show, or serve as marshalls. Some people have served as marshall for many years and therefore have never seen the parade from their positions in the staging areas.

Wayne Williams, working with a team of volunteers, handled the parade responsibility for six years. He remembers his first year—1975—as the "year it rained." It rained all parade morning, some groups showed up, some groups didn't, some groups arrived and then left, the reviewing stand got stuck, the marching band had to pull out, the only music float was playing a recording of the "Candy Man." But that day the residents came out to see the parade, just as usual. Alerted by Bob McGee and Jerry Gough using loud speakers on their cars, Greenbelters came to see a shorter but still spirited parade.

The Labor Day Festival is four days of entertainment, recreation, games, carnival rides, and community spirit. The first Labor Day Festival was held in 1954 to raise money to furnish the Greenbelt Youth Center. The Festival has been run ever since

as an opportunity to celebrate the community, its people and organizations, and as a fundraiser for community groups. Each year dozens of organizations, from youth groups to church groups, from civic associations to athletic clubs have booths in the carnival area to raise money for their activities throughout the year. They sell food or games of skill or knowledge or feature activities or information. "The biggest challenge to putting it all together and opening on time, says five year chairman J. Davis, is that "it's all done by volunteers."

All Ages

The Labor Day Festival calls on participants of all ages. For many years, the Golden Age Club, led by long-time volunteer Katie Basinger, sold all of the carnival tickets. This year some younger workers were also there.

Children from crawlers to teens participate in the special events, of which the annual diaper derby is the most popular. The art show, and the recently added photo show, display the endeavors of artists in all age groups, so that a crayon drawing may hang in the exhibit alongside a portrait or landscape.

The Salute To American Workers is a special part of the Labor Day Festival. Drawing upon Greenbelt's historic roots and its recognition of the American worker, the Salute demonstrates many traditional and contemporary occupations. From blacksmithing to violin making, all are demonstrated by Greenbelters. The Festival is operated by a Steering Committee, a set of officers, many volunteers and an entire city. Coordination among business and community groups,

city departments, and the Festival committee is essential and continuous. But the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival doesn't just involve current Greenbelt residents. The Labor Day Festival is also a time of reunion with early Greenbelters returning to the city. Although the Labor Day Festival holds with tradition it is also open to change, with events and activities added or improved. Open meetings invite participants and citizens to comment and make suggestions. Even though the 1985 Labor Day Festival has just been completed, volunteers are actively working on next year's festival. In addition, the plans for a "big" Labor Day celebration for Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary in 1987 are well underway.



1985 Outstanding Citizen Jose Morales greets crowd. — photo by J. Henson

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Members and Corporation Unite To Complete Housing Overhaul

by Leta Mach

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) is a housing cooperative of 1600 homes, most built by the federal government between 1936 and 1941 as an experiment in planned communities, in providing homes for low income people (and later defense workers) and in employing thousands of jobless men during the Great Depression. The project was bought from the federal government by many of its residents and the cooperative housing group was formed on January 1, 1953. In 1984, the 40-plus-year-old housing cooperative completed a massive rehabilitation program.

Over 1500 townhouses received new storm windows and a complete overhaul of their electrical and plumbing systems. Radiators were ripped out and individual electric heat and hot water units were installed. Deteriorated asbestos shingles on the frame homes were replaced with vinyl siding. Structural repairs to termite infested wooden units were made. All this was accomplished while 5,000 residents remained in their homes leading almost normal lives.

This remarkable feat could only have occurred with the support of the GHI membership. It was an alert membership that in 1974, with the beginning of the energy crunch, instructed the GHI Board of Directors to develop a long-range plan to meet the twin crises of rising fuel costs and an aging, inefficient heating system.

For the next ten years, surveys were conducted, systems were analyzed, studies were undertaken and debates flourished. Members attended numerous hearings, small information meetings and large membership meetings to explore, to learn, and finally to vote on the major decisions affecting their homes and lives. The key decision to convert from the central oil-heating system to individual electric heat was made only after a massive informational campaign during

which every aspect of the issue was hotly debated.

In tandem with the achievement of consensus among its diverse membership came the monumental task of obtaining financing for what was finally conceived as a \$17 million rehabilitation program. Eventually GHI management secured a low interest Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rehabilitation loan for \$6 million. This represented 10 per cent of the entire country's allocation for rehabilitation loan financing from HUD that year and was one of the largest rehabilitation loans ever given. In addition, GHI received the largest loan made yet by the National Consumer Co-op Bank.

Rehabilitation began in 1980 following a decision by the corporation to act as its own general contractor. A wholly-owned subsidiary, GHI Development Corporation was established in order for GHI to retain control of the rehabilitation as well as be responsive to member concerns. For the next four years, GHI was to walk a tightrope among members, government agencies, bankers and subcontractors.

A constant flow of information was key to minimizing the disruption to members' lives. Weekly bulletins in the News Review informed members of schedules,

work to be done and options. This was reinforced with door-to-door hand-outs, a bi-monthly newsletter and a new publication, the Rehab Bulletin.

With its tradition of cooperation, participation and active citizen involvement in community affairs, GHI was able to complete this innovative and complex rehabilitation program under budget and within its scheduled timeframe. From its unique beginnings in 1937 to the present, residents of Greenbelt's original housing complex continued to be a model, showing leadership skills and member participation in the decision-making process. GHI held an end of rehab celebration in 1984 during which members sported T-shirts with the wry comment "I Survived Rehab"—a fitting tribute to their humor, patience and good will.



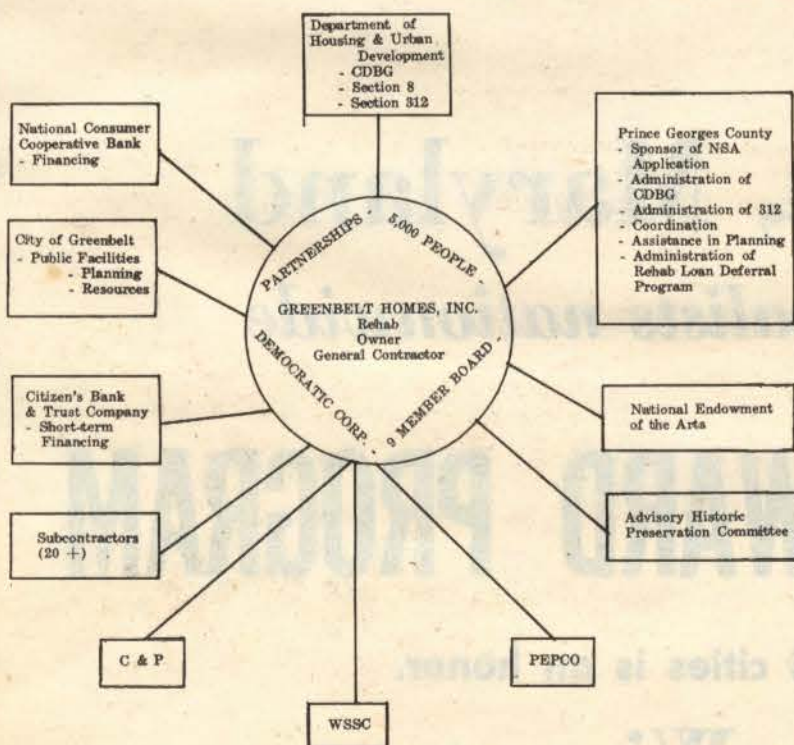
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Fiftieth Anniversary Has Diverse Agendas

by Sandra Barnes

When the City of Greenbelt decided it needed to form a 50th Anniversary Committee more than three years in advance of the event, citizens responded with enthusiasm. Many had private goals they wished to fulfill in connection with the 50th anniversary. Some wanted to establish a Greenbelt Museum to preserve Greenbelt's heritage. Others wanted to plant more trees, publish an anniversary book, sponsor a photographic exhibit. Still others dreamed of commissioning an original work of art — a statue, a play or a musical score — that would be a lasting tribute to Greenbelt.

When the group had its first meeting in January 30, 1984, many ideas were exchanged. Forums were subsequently held with citizens groups. Letters were sent soliciting thoughts on ways that all civic and religious organizations, homeowners' associations, businesses could participate. Block parties, community picnics, a city-wide house and garden tour emerged as possible events in 1986 and 1987. Mementos were suggested. Commemorative coins, pins, flags, post cards and a calendar were all souvenirs to treasure, to pass on to friends and family.

By mid-year of 1984, the Committee had set up eight subcommittees to work on special projects. More citizen volunteers were drawn into the planning of these special projects.

The Museum Subcommittee now has 25 members who meet monthly at the city offices. (See separate museum story.)

The Adopt-A-Tree Committee

with seven members has sold and coordinated the planting of 152 trees throughout the city.

The conference on Greenbelt and planned communities subcommittee, with 12 members, has obtained a \$5,600 grant award from the Maryland Humanities Council. This subcommittee has an advisory committee of 17 local humanities scholars and an honorary committee of five distinguished nationally-known figures in history, architecture and planning. The conference agendas call for citizen participation in organizing a bed-and-breakfast for conference attendees, a community pot luck dinner and a concert. Committee members are working with university professors and students on designs for a logo, poster and brochure as well as a photographic exhibit.

The Greenbelt News Review staff is coordinating the preparation of the anniversary book. Other groups are working on an anniversary dance, videotaping oral histories, promoting the sale of

mementos. Plans are underway to sponsor special events in 1987 at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, a Greenbelt neighbor.

The Statue Subcommittee, with five members, had sought bids

from area artists to commission a plaque, bust or life-size statue of Franklin Roosevelt. Four anniversary committee members have worked throughout the year to assemble a slide presentation on 50 years of Greenbelt history.

In one short year, anniversary projects have mushroomed from dreams to realities. The whole city is gradually being drawn into the spirit of the celebration. The thread that weaves the many events into a single whole is the core of citizens who have committed their time and their talents to three years of planning, organizing, telephoning, writing, typing, selling, cajoling, fundraising, and an endless succession of meetings.



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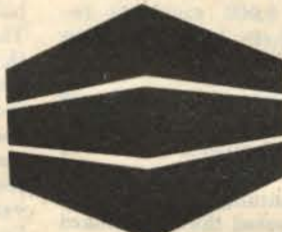
by Leo Walder

Representatives of the business firms and other organizations within the Roosevelt Center have been meeting during the past month. In rapid succession they have selected a name, Roosevelt Center Association; elected officers: Mike Burchick, chairperson; Linda Callahan, vice chair; and Leo Walder, secretary; decided on a promotion program; and arranged for regular meetings of the association.

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Arts Center Draws Volunteers

by Eileen Peterson

When early Greenbelt residents were asked what they did in this new experimental town near Washington, they said "we organize." That spirit is still in Greenbelt as the rebirth of the Utopia Theater as The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center testifies.

Theater Empty

When Konrad Herling discovered—in the Fall of 1979—that the Utopia Theater, empty for three years, was to be leased as a health spa, he marshalled a group of friends to lobby city council on behalf of a performing arts center in the theater. At a public hearing on November 5, 1979, over 60 supporters of the idea urged city help.

Aided by Hal Siegel and Dave Lange, a group called The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc., was legally incorporated and obtained non-profit, tax-exempt status.

George Christacos, owner of most of the shopping center, leased the theater to the GCAC, and on December 8 an Open House tour showed no seats, no ticket booth, no movie screen. Fundraising began, and over \$4,000 was raised by volunteers knocking on doors throughout the community.

Opening Play

The inaugural play in 1980 was presented by the Greenbelt Players (formerly Grenoble Hall Theatre Guild). Largely through the efforts of the Schreibers, Tom and Angela, over 700 people watched Lucille Fletcher's "Night Watch." The Arts group found 240 plush seats which were installed by volunteers Ken Voight, Trix Whitehall, Fred Baluch,

John Ward and Tom Schreiber. The box office was soon repaired.

City funds added to County and State Arts Council funds have been important in supplementing box office receipts. City funds provided stage props and more recently the multi-colored curtains that hang over most of the side walls.

A 17-person board directs the life of the Arts Center. The officers (Konrad, president; Norene Yoch, vice-president; John Ward, treasurer; and secretary Suzanne Plogman) and board members are more often found cleaning, painting, fixing, carrying, and doing the dozens of physical tasks needed doing at the Center.

Fund Raising

Raising money has been a priority which created bake and rummage sales, paper drives, membership efforts and ice cream and root beer sales at the annual Labor Day Festival. Prominent in these efforts have been Gail and Ken Voight, Trix Whitehall, Paula Lipman, Norene Yoch and Nick Mydra. For three years, Ann and Tony Pisano have run monthly flea markets on the mall during the Spring and Summer. In June, the Arts Center will host its Third Annual Arts & Crafts Fair in Roosevelt Mall.

Behind a theater curtain donated by a former Utopia Theater tenant, Tom Schreiber has built or directed the building of all the sets for the Greenbelt Players during these five years. The Players now schedule a gala after their opening performance, and Lori Hopson Paul arranges for someone to sign for the hearing impaired the second Friday of each play run.

A Tradition Of Citizen Action

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There were consumer study groups which held discussions and also tasting parties to educate their members about good nutrition and wise buying and a mothers' club that studied the needs of children.

A Cooperative Organizing Committee was formed in April, 1938 and a nine member volunteer board elected to set up the necessary machinery through which the citizens of Greenbelt would eventually take over the ownership and operation of the business ventures of Greenbelt. A citizens group helped plan the drug store.

In January 1938 a theater group was formed and several plays were performed. An athletic club organized sports and exercise groups and a recreational program was begun.

Certainly these civic endeavors did not always run smoothly if one is to judge by exhortations in the *Cooperator* to cooperate, be tolerant, and work together, and the complaint in an editorial that "no one seems to be willing to follow the leadership of anyone no matter how capable he may be . . ." Yet the end result was one of a functioning community with many different kinds of groups and activities, all run by community members.

Not to be outdone by their parents Greenbelt children became doers, too. Even before the first city council election, the school children had formed a student council. Later they formed a cooperative school store and sold shares in it. A Junior Police Patrol was started at the school and a Junior Citizens Association

begun. This latter group helped to run the city on that first Labor Day.

With all this activity these early Greenbelters certainly

proved wrong the comment made in the Baltimore Sun November 27, 1937, "It is seriously to be feared that life in Greenbelt is going to be dull."

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A City Where Democracy Is Practiced With A Vengeance

by Katherine Keene

In the early 1960's the Washington Post said that "in Greenbelt democracy is practiced with a vengeance." Most residents of the city probably will agree that the statement is true. So thoroughly is democracy practiced that it sometimes seems as if Greenbelters end one crusade only to start another. But these citizen efforts have contributed much to the quality of life that is maintained in this city.

Other communities have severe problems, but in few of them are the problems so invariably met with community-wide efforts to face them squarely and solve them. The most recent effort, A.T.O.M. (Access To Our Money), formed during Maryland's savings and loan crisis, is not unusual in this community. It is merely one in a long line of citizen efforts to solve problems.

After the first residents moved to Greenbelt in the fall of 1937 they immediately began to establish the town's political, economic and social institutions. The first step was taken on November 8, 1937, when over 200 persons gathered in the school auditorium to organize the Greenbelt Citizens' Association to provide a forum for consideration and discussion of city problems. In addition to discussing issues, the association members formed subcommittees to provide various community activities such as dances, movies, and educational programs. The early years saw a proliferation of organizations so great that at one stage a local resident suggested a moratorium on meetings for one week.

In the early 1960's the community was threatened both with high-rise development on literally all the undeveloped areas surrounding the city core, and with the turning of residential Ridge Road into a four-lane highway to service the proposed forest of apartments that would replace the existing forest of oaks and maples. Irate, the citizens formed Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt (CFPG). Dues were ten cents and few Greenbelters failed to join.

For almost five years CFPG vigorously opposed high density zoning on undeveloped land in the city, as well as county construction of three schools on land at the edge of the original town.

CFPG pressed for an area master plan that would preserve the planned community concept that is the heart of the city.

CFPG sent delegations to County Council zoning hearings and Board of Education hearings in Upper Marlboro. wrote letters, conducted petition drives and attended heated city council meetings. The group could not prevent all apartment development within the city limits, but it did keep such development less dense than the developers wanted.

CFPG demonstrated that a community could fight developers who sought zoning contrary to the residents' wishes. The organization ceased to be active when the county adopted a new Master Plan for zoning that gave more attention to individual homeowners, and that preserved more green space and allowed less concrete jungle than had been feared.

Books and News

Two other major citizen groups, the Friends of the Library and the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee, sprang up during the 1960's.

Greenbelt had long had a library—one room at Center Elementary School — plus regular visits from the Bookmobile. When citizens learned that no county library branch was contemplated in the proposed Greenbelt area master plan they were outraged and quickly organized Friends of the Library. They successfully lobbied the County Council, the county Librarian's office, and state officials. Greenbelt got a large new library in the heart of the city.

For four years the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee collected funds to help the Greenbelt News Review fight a \$2,000-

000 libel suit brought against the paper by a developer. The case was lost by the paper in the circuit court and in the Court of Appeals, but committee members raised the funds needed to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. There the paper was vindicated and the right of a newspaper to publish all proceedings at public meetings was established as part of the definition of freedom of the press.

From the ashes of CFPG a new group formed, Save Our Community Committee (SOCC). The first target for this group was to get the school board to reverse its decision to build the three-school complex. Soon this goal was expanded to include putting a high school on a site away from the center of Greenbelt. SOCC was successful and in the end the school was located where the community felt it should be.

SOCC was also active during the zoning and planning process for Greenbriar, initially a rental and later a condominium development. SOCC fought the developer's plan for an on-site sewage treatment plant during the state moratorium on building more sewer lines. While SOCC could not stop the plant, the developer was forced to build a sophisticated treatment facility.

The Ultimate Compliment

Perhaps the greatest compliment to SOCC came later from a county council member who had been on the school board at the time of the fight over the location of the high school. When Greenbelt became involved in another zoning dispute, she announced that she would support the city's position "because I don't want to tangle with those people again."

Citizens For Greenbelt was or-

ganized in the fall of 1979, and its members quickly undertook a vigorous—and successful—campaign to prevent townhouse zoning on Research Road adjacent to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). Testifying at zoning hearings, CFG pressed for more single family homes on Greenbelt's undeveloped land and was critical of commercial development where public facilities, particularly roads, were inadequate. CFG has consistently opposed the sale of any parcels of BARC land, and supported a county bill that would give back to citizen organizations the right to be parties of record in zoning matters. CFG also sponsors candidate forums and informational programs on timely issues.

Now Greenbelters are leading the way again with A.T.O.M. If the past is prologue, the citizens won't give up until they have at least kept a situation from being as bad as it would have been had they not struggled to find a better solution.

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"What Is a Charrette?"

by Norene Yoch

"It sounds like Christmas in February," said Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, after hearing a proposal for a design project called a "charrette," to rehabilitate the old commercial Roosevelt Center.

"So what is a charrette, anyway?" This question was heard time and again all through the spring of 1985 in Greenbelt.

A charrette is a French word meaning little cart. The word in architectural and planning circles today stands for an intense, rapid study of an area or design problem done by volunteers. In the past, at a famed architectural school in France, students were presented with a planning or architectural problem to solve. They toiled 'round the clock until the deadline. At that time, a cart or charrette, was pulled through the classroom area. Students were required to stop work at that

instant and turn in their work. Legend has it that students even climbed into the cart to complete their submissions.

The modern version was carried out in Greenbelt in the spring of 1985, the design problem was the center—the commercial buildings, the related sidewalks and landscaping and the surrounding parking lots. All were in need of repair and more.

In early March, landscape architects, city planners, citizen volunteers, owner of the Center buildings George Christacos, and members of the city council met to plan the charrette. They formed committees, surveyed wants

and needs of citizens and merchants.

All these efforts came to fruition beginning May 31. On that evening, citizens and professionals met at the Greenbelt Arts Center to discuss the assets, liabilities and possible changes for Roosevelt Center. An orientation session two weeks earlier had provided background information for the professionals.

On Saturday, the landscape architects, city planners, architects, artists and citizens went to work, divided into five working teams. Drawings and ideas were generated by each team with citizens providing essential information during the entire process.

Sunday brought top level professionals together to survey the work of the day before. A group of jurors deliberated on the submissions of five teams. Chaired by Joseph Passoneau, former Dean of the School of Architecture of Washington University (St. Louis), the jury was comprised of Wolf von Eckardt, architectural critic for TIME MAGAZINE; John F. Downs, Jr., Planning Director of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; landscape architect Mark LaPierre of Washington, D.C.; City Manager James Giese; landscape architect, architect and city resident Joanne Volk; and Roosevelt Center owner George Christacos.

The results of the deliberations were presented to the public early in the afternoon. While a clear winner was not singled out, all designs proved to have a great deal of merit and many segments were suggested for possible incorporation into a future Roosevelt Mall.

both groups were pleased with the responses they received. This meeting was quickly followed by a petition drive. Although only 25 percent of Hunting Ridge residents' signatures were required, the condo association presented the city council with signatures from 60 percent of the owners.

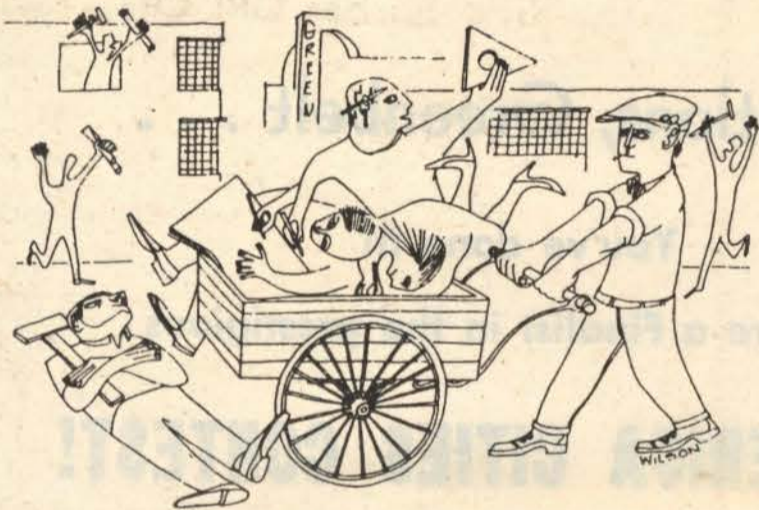
Throughout the summer of 1984, Hunting Ridge directors worked with city officials to smooth the path toward annexation. The city agreed to waive payment of municipal taxes until July 1985 (Fiscal Year 1986) so that residents would not be hit with paying both city and county taxes in the same year. Other issues of concern such as maintenance and widening of roads

within Hunting Ridge were agreeably ironed out with residents assured that they would not be assessed for street improvements.

With annexation on Nov. 29, 1984, the city gained 274 acres of land adjoining its boundaries including a vast area of undeveloped property about to be rezoned for a variety of development. Additional tax revenues would also come to the city.

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At Greenbelt Park

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Their visit will include an interview with administration aide McLaughlin.

Professor Brower considers the city of Greenbelt a particularly important example for the study of city planning and has made these visits for his students in this course a regular feature for a number of years.

Auditions for the third and fourth plays of the Greenbelt Arts Center's current theater season are set for November 16, 17, 18 and 24, according to Greenbelt Players spokeswoman Marie Tousignant.

Directed by Judith Holland, Agatha Christie's mystery "Black Coffee" will open January 17. Auditions to fill roles for five men and five women will be held Saturday, November 16 at 7 p.m., Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m., and Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. at the Utopia Theater.

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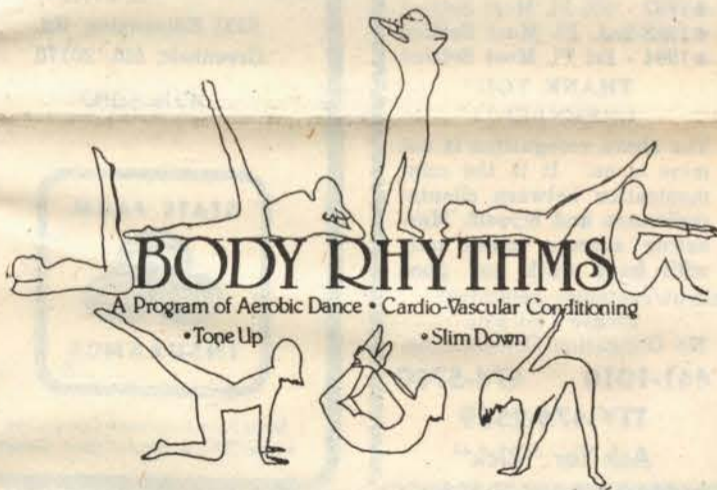
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COUNTY Exec. Responds to Questions

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match the widening of Md. 193 (Greenbelt Road).

Weidenfeld summarized by voicing his confidence in the promises by the county executive to provide the needed road improvements in time and to come through with the other promised amenities, such as the transfer to the city of Schrom Hills park and a 72-acre park site.

Council member Antoinette Bram said that she would vote for the motion to release Coakley and Williams from the covenants on road improvements, and would take no position on the Sunrise project. She said she was against the addition of apartments in the city, but opposing the Sunrise Village project or the use of revenue bonds for the project would result in a lower quality project for the city.

Weidenfeld agreed that the city would rather not have apartments but that it looked as though the project would go ahead with or without revenue bonds or city opposition. "At this point it would make sense for us to cooperate with Coakley and Williams and the county government." He added that the East Greenbelt Coalition of Homeowners Associations had urged the council to withdraw its opposition to the use of the revenue bonds in order to insure a higher quality of development.

County Executive's Reply Considered

During a lengthy October 28 work session on development, the city council had discussed the reply of County Executive Parris Glendening to a council letter requesting his written commitment to nine conditions and promises that he had earlier offered to the city.

The reply from Glendening expressed puzzlement over another request for a statement of commitment when he had just sent the city a letter outlining his authority to follow through on the various promises. In the reply, Glendening said, "I cannot infringe on the rights of the county

council, nor can I commit to actions requiring approvals and initiatives by other agencies."

The letter stated that it is the intention of the county executive to adhere to timetables previously given to the city on road improvements "except where circumstances are beyond our control or the actions of the city should require delay."

The letter also stated that there is a limit to which the county can provide money for improvements to state and federal roads, and described the rehabilitation of the Md. 193 bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway as "essentially a State bridge over a federal highway." But Glendening did state in the letter that "We intend to see that the State funding for the bridge widening is available at the time we widen Greenbelt Road, which is scheduled for the summer of 1987."

White expressed concern regarding the funding sources for the bridge widening and ramp construction. City Administrative Assistant Michael McLaughlin read from a letter received from the State Highway Administra-

tion which said that the bridge project should be funded by the county, not the state, because it would be low in the state priorities. Later in the session, Bram said, "I'm still worried about this division between the state and the county," and asked if there was any way to get one or the other to commit to constructing the bridge and ramps.

Weidenfeld pointed out that the city may have to accept a degree of uncertainty with regard to the funding source, adding that "I think the federal money will be along, but not perhaps in time. We don't have any assurance as to who will provide the funds—hopefully the federal government will."

Glendening further promised in his letter to "take care that the city council is informed" on progress on road improvements. He also stated that the county will not agree, without the approval of the city council, to any special concessions such as revenue bonds, financial or special benefits or fast track promotions until county road improvements are completed.

Other commitments made by Glendening in the letter included the following:

1. He said he was willing to

submit to the County Council a resolution declaring surplus the 72-acre former Board of Education land between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., with the intention of transferring the parcel.

2. He promised to seek additional Program Open Space funds for park development for Schrom Hills Park, "sufficient to fund substantial facilities."

3. In reference to a question about the status of a 10-acre school site in East Greenbelt, he promised to work with the city and County Council as to an appropriate use for additional school sites "if and when they are declared surplus."

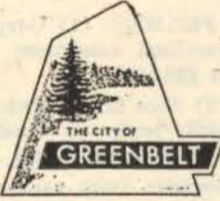
4. He agreed to request the M-NCPPC to conduct an additional traffic study in the Greenbelt area, to include all proposed development.

5. He promised to keep Greenbelt informed on development proposals, "to the extent that we can do so without establishing

extraordinary mechanisms," and added that there were many offices and agencies involved and that he knew of no one single entity that could insure complete information.

Glendening's letter closed with the following call for action by the city on the development issues:

"Gil, you and the members of the Council and community that know me well, know that I live by my commitments. Promises made are implemented. There have been numerous letters from the City asking for a constant restatement of those same commitments. I respectfully, and with a spirit of friendship, suggest (it) is time for the City to make the key decisions relating to these projects or enter into appropriate communications with the applicants. Regardless of the substance of those decisions I shall fully and aggressively implement my commitments."



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GHI Board Discusses 1986 Budget Disagrees About "Handyman" Service

by Mavis Fletcher

A proposed GHI handyman service came to the fore as a divisive issue immediately at the October 24 Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board of directors meeting. As explained by General Manager Ron Colton, the proposed budget would add three lower-paid laborers to the maintenance staff, to be used as various tasks are required. No one of the three would necessarily be assigned to any one group of tasks; the availability of lower-paid staff, however, would allow better management of the time of experienced members of the staff, Colton explained.

As outlined to the board, staff time equivalent only to one new staff member would be devoted to the fee-for-service (handyman) program. This would not increase members' charges since the service fees would cover the equivalent of one person's salary. Staff time equivalent to a second person's salary would be partially recovered by a reduction in the hiring of summer help. A third person, to be assigned primarily to playground and common area maintenance, would be paid by an increase in members' charges.

Director Janet Cantwell led off the opposition by stating that she was "adamantly opposed" to GHI's getting into the home im-

provement business. She stated that there are grass cutters, home improvement firms and other local people who will do these tasks for unit owners. Cantwell also pointed out that such service would raise difficult questions of priorities. She cited a case where a member was allegedly told there would be a week's wait for a regular maintenance job when four GHI workmen were working on a "home improvement type job" in the neighborhood.

Director Debbie Hartwick also pointed out that GHI members would expect a "special guarantee" if the work were done by GHI. She said the fee-for-service program should remain as it is now — to be used in "extreme cases" where members cannot or will not perform needed maintenance or on a time-available basis when all regular maintenance is complete. "But," said Hartwick, "we shouldn't have extra time while people are waiting for routine maintenance."

On the other side of the argument, Director Nancy Hutchins said that it is hard to get small jobs done by outside contractors. President Margaret Hogensen said that it is "not easy to get someone to move a heavy piece of furniture upstairs."

Director and Finance Committee Chairman Ray McCawley reported that the committee supported hiring the extra person for maintenance of the grounds and a one-year trial of the expanded fee-for-service program. On a motion by Hartwick, the

board voted to add one additional person to the maintenance staff.

At the October 29 members' meeting on the budget, Member Diane Oberg questioned the absence of the handyman program from the budget as presented, saying that she thought it was a good idea. But on the other side there was a loud chorus of negative reactions. Arguments against the handyman program included a comment by Member Joe Comproni that he didn't see how GHI could do these jobs any better or as well as people in the community. Member Lucille Jacoby asserted that no one "needs" a dryer vent installed (one of the small services cited as being hard to hire done) since the members can use outside clothes lines, and member Steve Curtis warned that the service would open "Pandora's box." Members Ben Elkins and Betty Denson also added comments against a handyman program.

Colton explained that GHI, even at the \$15 per hour charged, can do many small jobs cheaper than an outside contractor because they do not have as much unproductive travel time and waiting time. Member Steve Polaschik pointed out that many GHI members are "just squeezing by." The difference in charges would be very important to them.

Staff Raises Reduced

At the October 24 meeting the board by unanimous vote reduced the proposed five percent staff salary raise to 3.5%. Members of the board commented that

the lower figure was closer to the increase in the cost of living in the past year.

The board also deleted or reduced a number of minor items in the proposed budget in an effort to hold down the increase in members' charges. However, a badly split board eventually mandated an increase in the amount to be set aside to replace money earlier taken from reserves and working capital to pay for removal of asbestos from the frame units.

The budget had proposed a payment of about \$38,000 in 1986 to start to replace this money. Speaking in favor of increasing this amount, Director Wayne Williams pointed out that the reserves were used for purposes for which they were intended. He recommended that they be brought back up "with the same energy as we did in the past."

Cantwell, however, said that the board had promised the membership that rehab would stabilize charges and that "we need to cut back where we can."

On a motion by Director David Warner to increase the replacement payment to \$50,000, the board split 3-3-2. Directors Williams, Warner and McCawley voted for the increase. Directors Cantwell, Mac Wirick and Hutchins voted against it and Directors Hartwick and Todd Amani abstained. Hogensen then broke the tie in favor of the increased payment.

Smaller Increase in Charges

The budget, as originally proposed, would have resulted in an average increase of 5% in members' charges. After changes and deletions made by the board on October 24, the budget as presented to the members on October

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29 called for an average increase of 4.3%. Comptroller Don McGinn handed out a breakdown by representative unit which showed monthly increases ranging from 4.05% (\$10) for a 3-bedroom frame end to 6.10% (\$11.75) for a 2-bedroom masonry middle unit. The highest dollar increase was projected at \$12.75 for a 3-bedroom duplex.

Budget review will continue at the board of directors' meeting on November 7 and, unless approved at that meeting, on November 21.

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Hungry Jack 10 oz. Buttermilk or Butter **49¢**

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OYSTERS - CLAMS - SHRIMP FISH FILLETS - HEAD FISH

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Sealtest 1/2 gal. ICE CREAM **\$1.69**

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Brawny Jumbo Roll Paper Towels **59¢**

Filberts Qt. Mayonnaise **\$1.29**

Ocean Spray 16 oz. Cranberry Sauce Reg. or Whole **59¢**

Wesson 64 oz. Cooking Oil **\$2.69**

Folgers 13 oz. Flaked Coffee **1.99**

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Pillsbury 11 oz. Pie Crust Mix **2 for 99¢**

FROZEN

Sunkist 12 oz. Orange Juice **99¢**

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Banquet 8 oz. MEAT PIES **3 for 99¢**

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FRESH RIPE Bananas **4 for 99¢**

Juicy Florida Oranges **10 for 69¢**

Tender California Broccoli ea. **79¢**

Crisp Red or Golden Delicious Apples 3 lb. bag **79¢**

Large Florida Tomatoes lb. **69¢**

Ripe Florida Yellow Corn 5 for **89¢**

Large Spanish Onions 2 LBS. FOR **29¢**

Firm Ripe Green Peppers lb. **69¢**

Fresh Loose Turnips 4 LBS. FOR **99¢**

Fresh 1 Gallon Apple Cider **1.99**

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6 pk. - 12 oz. N.R.'s MICHELOB BEER **3.19**

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