

# Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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## Everyone Gets Into the Act in Public Discussion of Greenbelt at Kenilworth

by Diane Oberg

Approximately 90 people packed the council chambers on September 28 for a public forum on the Greenbelt Road - Kenilworth Avenue interchange. Among those attending were State Senator Leo Green, Delegates Joan Pitkin, Mary Conroy and Charles Ryan and County Councilmember Richard Castaldi. District Engineer Michael Snyder and Deputy Chief Engineer for Traffic Engineering Thomas Hicks represented the State Highway Administration (SHA).

The mood of the crowd was demonstrated early by the groans and laughter that greeted Mayor Gil Weidenfeld's remark that "We're here tonight to hopefully work together toward a common solution. We're not here to throw rocks at each other or throw rocks at the State Highway Administration officials."

### Council Comments

Weidenfeld said that there is widespread concern about the confusion facing motorists traveling through the intersection and that it is considered hazardous by many residents.

Council member Thomas White said that traffic was moving better during construction than it is now. He said that action is needed to regain the confidence of the motoring public.

Mayor pro tem Joseph Isaacs called for structural changes to the interchange and called the ramp from Springhill Lake "a mistake."

Isaacs also said that the SHA should have anticipated that the crossing traffic patterns of the ramp from southbound Kenil-

worth and the funneling of traffic from two lanes to one would cause problems.

Council member Antoinette Bram had the audience's sympathy when she called the intersection "difficult at best even on a Sunday morning when we were teaching my daughter to drive." She criticized the SHA for not conducting an educational program to keep the city up-to-date.

The audience applauded loudly when she said that she was "not going to . . . offer you . . . a hand of peace until I see what you plan to do . . ."

Council member Edward Putens remembered saying, "It's not going to work," to the SHA in 1981 and 1982 but that "you knew better." He said that during his one trip through the intersection he had nearly been killed and "I don't plan to go back."

### City Presentation

City Manager James Giese presented the city's concerns about the intersection. He said they were of two types—temporary

See KENILWORTH, p. 16

## SHA Makes Intersection Changes After Meeting

by Diane Oberg

After the public meeting on September 28, the State Highway Administration made several minor changes to the intersection.

District Engineer Michael Snyder said that the length of the green light for traffic exiting the ramp from southbound Kenilworth has been increased to 26 seconds from the previous 20-second length.

In addition, Snyder said that additional signs were placed on eastbound Greenbelt Road for traffic turning onto northbound Kenilworth. He said that more signs and markings are expected to be installed this week.

Some of the barriers guiding traffic along the ramp to northbound Kenilworth have been moved, but Snyder called that a previously planned change related to construction progress, rather than a change made as a result of the meeting.

The city received a letter from Snyder summarizing the issues raised at the meeting and establishing a schedule for evaluation and response. Snyder said that issues relating to signal timing, the temporary ramp to northbound Kenilworth, and pavement

See CHANGES, p. 16, col. 5



Public Works personnel move a piece of original Greenbelt furniture into 10-B Crescent Rd. - the site of the new museum opening at noon on Saturday. Ribbon cutting will be at the museum, rain or shine. The ceremony, in case of rain, will be moved to the Municipal Building.

— photo by Steve Galanis



## 50 Years Ago In Greenbelt

by Sandra Barnes

September, 1937, was an extremely busy time in Greenbelt. The federal government was preparing for the first set of "ideal" families to move into the 885 dwellings. Not everyone moved into Greenbelt at once. Approximately 25 families came in the first wave on October 1 as only "D" block, the superblock bounded by Gardenway on the south, Ridge on the east, Eastway on the north and Crescent on the west, was completed.

The government selected Roy Braden to be the first community manager. The first council appointed him town manager also. Braden was well-suited for his dual role having been appointed to the first county manager position in the United States in 1932 by Arlington County, Virginia. He served Arlington County until 1936 when he joined the federal Resettlement Administration. Greenbelt had the first council-city manager charter granted in the State of Maryland.

The first residents to move into Greenbelt were the family of Sergeant Julian M. Ashley, who received permission with 4 other families to move in early on September 30. Ashley was described by the *Washington Herald* as a "husky Marine sergeant, as he carried rugs and chairs and mattresses and floor lamps into his new home . . ." with his two sons Lynn, 18, and Edward, 5. His wife, Hazel Mae Ashley and daughter Dorma were to join him later. The family moved into 1-G Gardenway, and their next door neighbors were City Manager Roy Braden and his wife at 1-F Gardenway. The Ashley's 6-room home would cost \$36 a month.

In addition to the homes, the commercial center would soon be open for business. The original stores in the town center included a service station, barber shop, beauty parlor, drug store, movie theater, food store and general store. In the general store the government displayed the furniture designed for the homes by the Special Skills Division of the Resettlement Administration. It was reported that six out of seven families were interested in purchasing some of the furniture which they could do by adding small payments onto their monthly rental fee. An entire house full of furniture could be purchased for \$300.

The Community building which would be used as an elementary school during week days was ready to use when the families moved in. No churches were built as the federal government

could not by law build churches. Interdenominational protestant religious services were initially held in the building's auditorium. Services were held in other rooms in the community building by a

See 50 YEARS, p. 6, col. 1

## Poster and Essay Contest Deadline Is Thurs., Oct. 15

Thursday, Oct. 15, is the deadline for the co-op poster and essay contest entries. They will be received at the Co-op grocery store until 5 p.m.

The Greenbelt Credit Union, the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. are cosponsoring the contest to commemorate the October National Co-op Month.

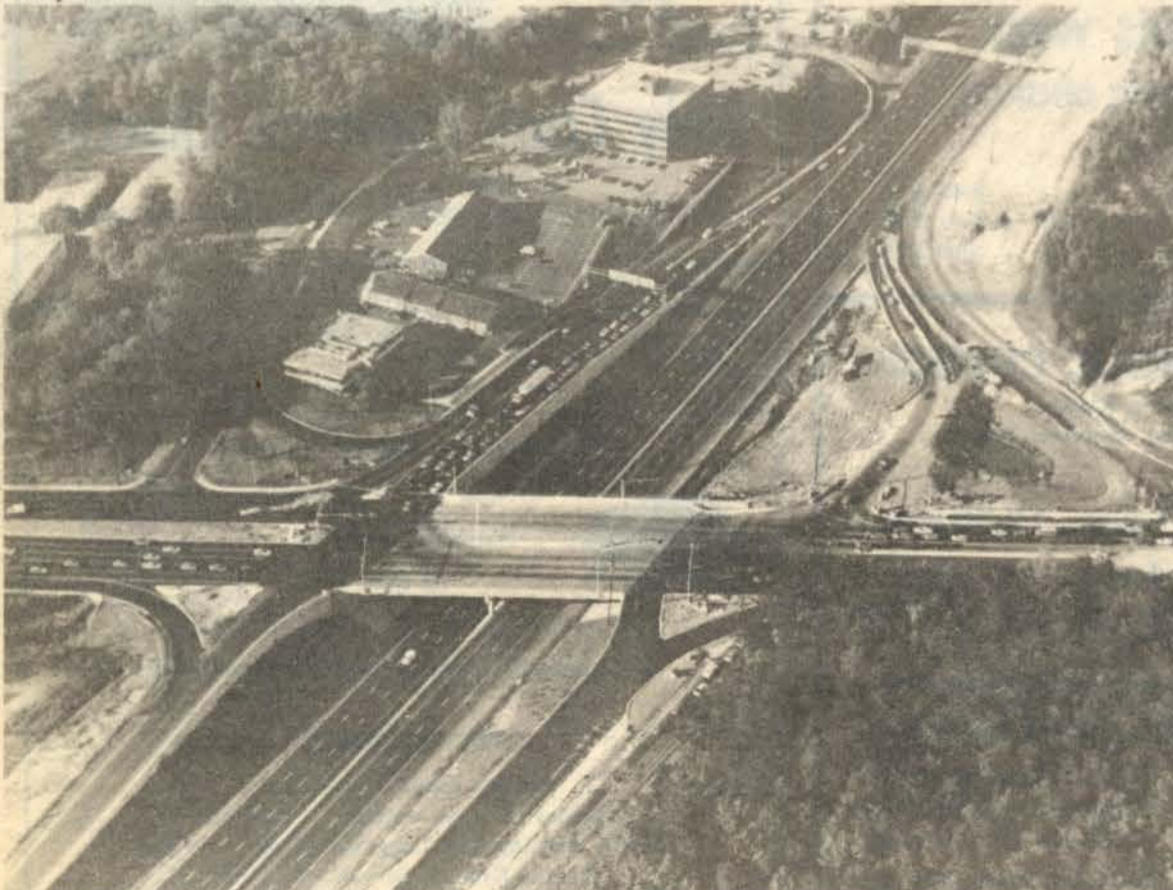
The national theme for Co-op Month is "People in Partnership." The contest has three age categories: kindergarten through sixth grade; seventh and eighth grade; and high school grades nine through twelve.

The entries will be displayed at the former Ben Franklin Store, from time of receipt until Sun., Oct. 25, at which time the prize winners will be announced. Judging will be done by the President and Manager of each of the three sponsoring Cooperatives. The entries will be judged on their effectiveness in defining the month's theme. The first prize winners of each category will receive a \$50 savings bond. The second prize winners of each category will receive a \$25 savings bond.

### What Goes On

Fri.-Mon., Oct. 9-12, 50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend (see schedule in this issue)

Wed., Oct. 14, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board, Conference Room, Municipal Bldg.  
8 p.m. Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Center



Aerial photograph of the Greenbelt Road/Kenilworth Avenue interchange. At far right is the permanent ramp to northbound Kenilworth. A third signal will be installed at the entrance to this ramp, governing only westbound traffic. Note that left turn traffic is backed up past the point where the ramp from Edmonston Road joins the ramp from southbound Kenilworth. The permanent ramp from northbound Kenilworth is in the foreground.

— photo by Bill Cornett

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**Louise Edinger**

Margaret Louise Edinger, a long time resident of Greenbelt, died on September 27. A resident for about 35 years, Mrs. Edinger resided first at 32-B Ridge Rd. and for the last eight or nine years she and her late husband, Joseph C. Edinger, resided at Green Ridge House.

She had been a telephone operator at the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Edinger was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 Auxiliary. She recently received an outstanding citizen award from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce for her volunteer work with the sick at Green Ridge House.

In Greenbelt she liked to play Bingo and could often be seen cheering for the teams coached by her son, Clifton.

She is survived by sons James and Clifton Raley, sisters Eileen Sherwood, Mattie Frank and Dorothy Eshbaugh; brothers Bill and Ira Wright, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Thursday, October 1 at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery

**In Memoriam**

Louise Edinger was very well loved by her friends and neighbors at Green Ridge House. She gave of herself to all in need and never hesitated to nurse a sick neighbor back to health. She will be sorely missed by all.

Friends at Green Ridge House

**Recreation Review****Special Trips and Adventure Programs**

Upcoming activities include: Spelunking for Beginners, Rock Climbing Bike Trip/Octoberfest, Capitals Games and Day Sail on the Bay. For more info, call 474-6878, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**CPR**

The Fall class schedule is noted below. To register, call the Recreation Department, weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 474-6878. The two day class is offered on October 13-15 and November 10 and 12 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Youth Center.

**Free Films at Goddard**

The Goddard Visitors Center is offering two free NASA films on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11 at 1 p.m. "Adventures in Research," shows how the space agency performs research in aeronautics, life sciences, and advanced computation. "Moon Flights and Medicine," a 1973 film, explains the medical spin-offs from lunar landings. The Center is on Soil Conservation Road just north of Greenbelt Road.

**Gray Panther Meeting**

Joe Isaacs, Greenbelt Mayor Pro-Tem, will speak on Long Term Health Care at a public Gray Panther meeting Saturday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m., at the Greenbelt Youth Center (Multi-purpose Room). Author of the book "Long Term Health Care — In Search of a National Health Policy," Isaacs is Director of Government Relations for the National Health Council (a large umbrella organization composed of health organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association). He frequently speaks on this issue.

Esther Webb, convener of the Gray Panthers, pointed out that "long term health care is a critical issue which has yet to be taken up because it is not covered in the principal catastrophic health care bill now being addressed in Congress. It is one of the most serious unmet needs of older people."

There will be ample time for discussion. The public is invited; free refreshments.

**Margaret Parrish**

Margaret B. Parrish, 19 Hillside, died on September 30.

She is survived by her husband Cleo R. and daughter Dolly Ann Kelly, sons Paul W. and James F. Parrish, brothers Michael J. and John J. Byrne, and 3 grandchildren.

A mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Saturday, October 3. Interment was in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

**THANKS**

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the Greenbelt Nursing Home residents and staff, St. Hugh's Catholic Church, the Catholic Community of Greenbelt and the City of Greenbelt for all of their continued prayers and support. It is greatly appreciated and we love you all.

Al. Mary Jo and Lisa Eckstorm

**At the Library**

On Wednesday, October 14 there will be a Happy Ears Read-Aloud Program for ages 8-11 at 4-4:45 p.m.

The evening book discussion will also be on Wednesday. Robert Heinlein's *Job, A Comedy of Justice* will be discussed at 7:30 p.m.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Sunday School 11:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Rev. Dr. James Chong Park  
Pastor  
474-1924

**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

**Paint Branch Unitarian Church**

3215 Powder Mill Road  
(near Cherry Hill Road)

Sun., Oct. 11, Services 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. "Albert Einstein: Religion & Humaneness" Dr. Roy Harrison

Church School 9:30 a.m.

Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

On Thursday, October 15 there will be a Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 at 10:30-11 a.m.

The morning book discussion will meet on Thursday at 10:15 a.m. Necessary Losses by Judith Viorst is the book that will be discussed.

**Baha'i Faith**

Love is unlimited, boundless, infinite! Material things are limited, circumscribed, finite. You can not adequately express infinite love by limited means.

—Baha'i Sacred Writings

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of Greenbelt

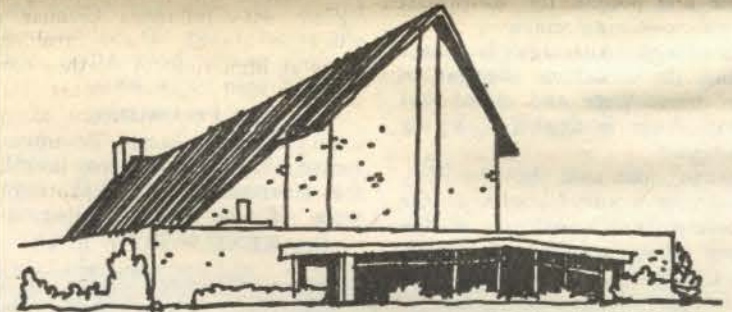
MASS - Utopia Theater

Sunday, 10 A.M.

**Berwyn Presbyterian Church**

6301 Greenbelt Road  
College Park, MD  
(Next to McDonald's)  
Phone - 474-7573

11 AM - Sunday Morning  
Worship and  
9:30 Sunday School for all  
ages. Child Care Provided  
during Church Service  
The Rev. Sidney R. Conger,  
Pastor

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services Sunday 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. (Infant care provided each service)

Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:50 a.m.

Pre-School Department 9:50 and 11:15 a.m.

For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the Church office.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

**Independent Baptist Church**

invites you to attend

Worship Services

at the

Greenbelt Center Elementary School

15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland

**SERVICE TIMES**

Sunday school - 10:00 AM

Sunday morning worship - 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Sign Language Class - 6:30 PM

Sunday Evening Service - 7:30 PM

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:30 PM

(301) 459-5280

Pastor Dale J. Belcourt

Deaf interpretation available at all services.

**START A NEW HABIT  
WORSHIP THIS WEEK  
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**

474-4212

Bible Study For All Ages (Sun.) 9:45 A.M.  
Worship Services 11 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.  
Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 P.M.

**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Rev. John P. Stack, Pastor

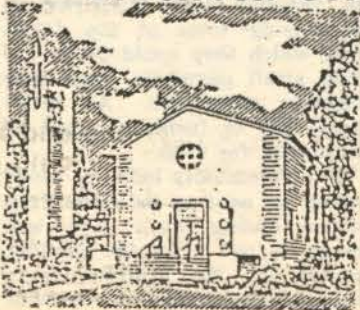
Rev. M. Valentine Keveny, Associate Pastor

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

Saturday 6 p.m.

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

**Greenbelt Community Church**

(United Church of Christ)  
Hillside and Crescent Roads  
Phone 474-6171 mornings

10:15 am Sunday Morning  
Worship and  
Church School for Children

Infant Care Provided at  
Fellowship Center behind Church

The Rev. Daniel Hamlin,  
Pastor

# Utopia Presents 1937 Play: 'You Can't Take It With You'

The Greenbelt Arts Center will celebrate Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary by presenting "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman this weekend. "You Can't Take It With You" won the New York Critics' award in 1937 when it first opened on Broadway, and in commemoration, the Arts Center's opening weekend will offer the same prices as those charged in New York 50 years ago.

Directed by Kevin Kneisley, "You Can't Take It With You" features a cast of 19, many of whom are well known to Greenbelt area theatergoers. Kneisley last directed "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" one of the Arts Center's finest productions in its eight-year history.

"You Can't Take It With You", will preview Friday, October 9

## Lupus Awareness Month

Prince Georges County Executive, Parris N. Glendening issued a proclamation designating October Lupus Awareness Month. Greenbelt resident, Truman Sinkovic, a lupus patient, accepted the proclamation in behalf of the Maryland Lupus Foundation.

October has also been designated by President Ronald Reagan and Governor William Donald Schaefer as Lupus Awareness Month. Chapters of the Lupus Foundation of America all over the country are joining efforts to reach Lupus patients and their families and to educate the general public to the importance of finding the cause and cure of this baffling disease.

Lupus Erythematosus, a chronic and potentially life-threatening disease affects over 3,000 in Maryland. Although the disease can attack anyone, the majority of lupus patients are women of child-bearing age with a significant incidence occurring in the black population.

Persons interested in more information about Lupus should contact the Maryland Lupus Foundation at 12 West 25th Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 or call (301) 366-7272.

## Library Friends Meet

Friends of the Greenbelt Library will hold a short meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Greenbelt Library conference room.

Plans for the Saturday, Oct. 24, books and baked goods sale will be discussed, and reports on the Novel Endings Bookstore (which is staffed under the direction of the Friends) and the Labor Day Festival activities will be shared. The meeting is open to all, and those who can't come but want to help at the upcoming sale should call Barbara Simon, 474-2192, (bake sale) or Eileen Peterson, 345-2454.

**Greenbelt Park And Recreation Advisory Board**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

TOPIC: Special Populations Study Results

WHEN: Wednesday, October 14, 1987

WHERE: Greenbelt Youth Center

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

at 8 p.m. and will run Friday and Saturday evenings through October 31. There will be two galas, Saturday, October 10, which will include 1937 prices and Saturday, October 17, which will be co-sponsored by the 50th Anniversary Committee. There will also be a Matinee performance, Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m.

## Eshbaughs Celebrate 61 Years Together

Dorothy and George Mahlon Eshbaugh, 12 Ridge Rd., will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 11.

The Eshbaughs are pioneer Greenbelters, having moved into Greenbelt in October 1937. They are the parents of 2 children, Marilyn of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mahlon, Jr. who died in 1952, and have 4 grandchildren.

Their daughter Marilyn started first grade in Greenbelt Elementary School (now Center School), completed all of her schooling in Greenbelt, and was graduated from Greenbelt High School.

"We've really enjoyed every minute living in Greenbelt," Mrs. Eshbaugh said.

## Free Flu Vaccinations Offered During October

Free influenza vaccinations will be offered during October by the Prince Georges County Health Department at sites throughout the County. In Greenbelt they will be given Thursday, October 15 from 9 a.m. - noon at Green Ridge House.

Persons who have difficulty coping with influenza because of age or chronic health problems are at high risk for further complications from the disease. It is these groups, which are at the greatest medical risk of influenza-related complications, that the Health Dept. wants to protect by immunizing them against disease.

For additional information call the Health Department's Communicable Disease Control office at 386-0110.

## WANTED GREENBELT CITY POLICE



## Clerks Tied to Chairs During Armed Robbery

by Jack Brickman

Greenbelt police report that during an armed robbery about 7:30 p.m., October 2 at the Designer Fashions women's wear store in the Greenway Shopping Center, the two women clerks on duty were menaced with a handgun and forced to a rear room where the robber bound them to chairs with a roll of packaging tape.

According to police the suspect entered the store and, pretending to be a shopper, began looking at dresses. He selected three and brought them to the cash register. As the cashier began to ring up the purchase the suspect put on a pair of gloves and produced a revolver from a portfolio-type briefcase. He ordered the dresses put in a "Designer Fashions" store bag and the money from the register in his brief case, after which he ordered the store employees to the back room, taped them to chairs and left through the front door.

The suspect, pictured here in a composite identification sketch prepared by Greenbelt police, fits the description of a holdup man who has already committed several other robberies in the county, said Greenbelt spokesman Patrick McAndrew. Described as well-dressed, the suspect was black, about 30 years of age, 5'-8" slim build with a possible light mustache and short black hair. When last seen he was wearing a rust-colored jacket, rust pants, rust loafers, a brown hat and clear plastic glasses described as "bubble glasses."

Anyone having information concerning this suspect is asked to contact the Greenbelt police at 474-7200.

## Laurel Man Arrested In L.A.-type Shooting

by Jack Brickman

After three weeks of investigation, Greenbelt police reported the arrest last week of a Laurel man in a Los Angeles-type traffic shooting which occurred September 4 in the 9300 block of Kemilworth Avenue.

In that incident a 35-year-old Greenbelt man was shot in the neck while driving his car, the shot coming from another moving auto. According to police spokesman Patrick McAndrew, the assailant had apparently been angered when he thought he had been "cut off." By good fortune the 22 calibre slug was deflected by the door frame of the victim's car and the victim's wound was minor.

On September 24 Detective/Pfc. James Parker arrested the suspect on a warrant charging assault with intent to murder. The man was incarcerated in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

## Students to Feature Art for City's 50th

The City of Greenbelt is celebrating its 50th birthday and the city's schools are participating with a student art exhibit. Public, private and parochial students in kindergarten through grade 12 who either reside or go to school in Greenbelt have been invited to participate by submitting their works of art.

The art work will be exhibited

## Time Capsule Ceremony At Springhill Lake

A time capsule will be sealed in the Greenbelt community of Springhill Lake as part of a series of events saluting education.

County Executive Parris Glendening, the Keynote Speaker for the program, has been quoted: "The Springhill Lake Community is an excellent example of how one business makes a difference. I challenge other businesses to follow Springhill Lake's lead and make a similar commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of our county."

The Time Capsule will contain essays written by students throughout Prince Georges County, who have been challenged to write a Message to the

## Local Democrats to Hear About AIDS Program

At its monthly meeting on Friday, October 16, the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hear a presentation on AIDS as a disease, and the county's program for combatting it. The featured speaker will be Maureen McCleary, AIDS Coordinator with the Prince Georges County Health Department. At the conclusion of her presentation, McCleary will be available to answer questions from the audience. Club president Robert Zugby points out that everyone is invited to participate in the discussion of this vital topic.

Also on the agenda for the October 16 meeting is the Nominating Committee's report on its slate of candidates for club office. Elections will be held in November.

The meeting will take place at 8 p.m., in the Greenbriar Community Building.

for public viewing from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, in the Greenbelt Center School multi-purpose room. A ceremony and reception honoring the students who participated will be held. Certificates of merit will be presented to all participants and entries at the high school level will be juried with prizes awarded. The public is invited to view the exhibit.

Future about their lives now and how they perceive their lives will be in 1997. The Time Capsule will be buried for a 10 year period, at which time it will be opened to reveal changes that have occurred through the decade.

A large lantern will be placed in front of the Springhill Lake's community building, the Fountain Lodge, and a switch will activate a light as a symbol of a "Lantern of Learning." The switch will be flipped by Byron Whyte, a young Springhill Lake resident who assisted President Reagan in lighting the National Christmas Tree last year.

These events will take place on October 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fountain Lodge, 6220 Springhill Drive.

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136  
6900 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
345-0136

PRESENTS



Saturday, October 24, 1987  
Dinner 6:00 - 9:00 - Dance 9:00 - 1:00

Music by "THE BAVARIANS"  
Menu  
Sauerbraten - Pork and Sauerkraut - Sausage  
German Cole Slaw - Potato Pancakes - Galumpke  
Bread & Butter - Coffee

Donation \$12.00 Senior Citizen \$10.00



Gemuettlichkeit  
at its best!



## Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center

and the  
Greenbelt Players  
present

## "You Can't Take It With You"

by  
Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman  
directed by  
Kevin Kneisley

Friday and Saturday Evenings  
Oct. 9 thru Oct. 31, 8 p.m.  
Sunday Matinee - October 18, 2 p.m.

\$6, \$4 for Students/Seniors  
Group Sales Available - Call 441-8770

### Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

An 18-year-old male resident reported being attacked and robbed about 4:30 p.m., October 1 while walking in the 8000 block of Lakecrest Drive. The victim told police he was approached by two men who punched him, threw him to the ground and went through his pockets, removing cash. The first suspect was black, 17 to 19 years, 5'7", 160 lbs., wearing a black T-shirt with an unknown design on the front. The second man was black, 21 to 23 years, 6'0", 190 lbs.

A 35-year-old woman, walking near No. 10 Parkway about 10:30 p.m., September 26 was subjected to an indecent exposure when a young man approached her and unzipped his pants, exposing himself to the victim. He was described as white, 25 years, 5'5", 150 lbs., dirty blonde to light brown curly hair, wearing a gray pullover sweater with an unknown design on the front, blue jeans.

A 29-year-old Baltimore man was arrested about 6 p.m., October 1 at the Greenway Liquor and Deli in Greenway Shopping Center after he entered the store's office and tried to remove money from the safe. He was held on \$3000 bond charged with attempted theft.

Two apartments were reported entered on September 25, one in the 100 block of Westway where a 19" color TV was stolen, and the other in the 400 block of Ridge Road where jewelry was stolen. The method of entry in both cases could not be determined.

Musical and camera equipment were reported stolen Sept. 30 from an apartment in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive. Method of entry was unknown.

A purse left unattended in an

unlocked car was stolen about 8:25 a.m., September 24 in the 7600 block of Hanover Parkway. The purse was returned to the owner the same day by the U.S. Postal Service after it was found in a mailbox in the Seabrook/Lanham area. The money was gone.

A wallet was stolen from a purse about 2 p.m., September 30 in an office in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive. A suspect who was seen in the vicinity was described as a black man in his 20's, 5'11", thin build, wearing a black two-piece suit, white shirt and dark tie.

About 3 p.m., September 30 Officer Tom Keifline arrested a 25-year-old man at Bud's Discount Drugs in Beltway Plaza for obtaining prescription drugs on a forged prescription. The suspect, who violently resisted arrest, was also charged with assault and battery on the officer and resisting arrest.

About 3:20 a.m., September 27 vandals set fire to a net and windscreen at the city-owned tennis courts on Braden Field. The net and windscreen were destroyed.

About 8 p.m., September 27 vandals set fire to the contents of a mailbox in the hallway of an apartment building on Parkway.

Officer Mike Jeffreys, investigating the reported theft of a 1984 Ford van about 8:40 a.m., September 29 from the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, found the vehicle at Mandan Road and Mandan Terrace. A door lock had been punched out and the ignition had been destroyed. The van was returned to the owner.

A red 1966 Ford Mustang, Md. registration RDW237 was reported stolen September 25 from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Ter-

### Woman's Club News

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held on Monday, October 12 at 1 p.m. in the meeting room in the Greenbelt Library.

An interesting part of the program will be a 20 minute video of "The Green City."

"green towns" was the late Charles T. McDonald whose wife is a member of the Greenbelt Woman's Club. Mrs. McDonald is a past president of the Greenbelt Woman's Club, the Prince Georges Federation of Women's Club, and a past president of the Golden Age Club.

Anyone interested in viewing the video is invited to attend.

**"Rick" Barber, GRI, CRS**  
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**Pediatric Predicaments**  
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**The Cholesterol Story**

During the past decade or two, all of us have been bombard- ed almost daily by information about cholesterol. For most of the public this is very complicated and confusing especially be- cause if one reads seven articles one gets ten opinions.

There is little doubt that high levels of cholesterol in the blood are somehow related to hardening of the arteries, and heart attacks in middle age. The controversy is about how to prevent these. Unfortunately there is much that we don't know. What are the upper limits of normal for cholesterol and triglyceride levels at various ages? If those levels are high, must we put people on rigid diets to prevent heart attacks? Must we give them some- what dangerous medications if diet alone won't bring down the cholesterol levels in the blood to within normal range? Will such diets and medicines really prevent heart attacks?

Many factors can cause hardening of the arteries. The most important ones are: heredity (number one, about which there is nothing we can do), obesity, high blood pressure, high salt intake, high cholesterol levels in the blood, high saturated fat intake, cigarette smoking, sedentary habits.

The group of diseases which are related to hardening of the arteries are known as HYPERLIPOPROTEINEMIAS, because people who suffer from them reveal an increase of one or another lipoproteins in the blood. (Lipoproteins are chemicals associated with the metabolism of fats.) By far the most common type of hyperlipoproteinemia is known as Type IIa, or HYPERCHOL- ESTEROLENEMIA. This condition is often hereditary. Family history reveals an abnormally large number of relatives who have had heart attacks while they were relatively young (under 60 years of age). Most authorities agree that children born into such families should have their blood cholesterol tested periodically, and if they are high, such children should be put on a special low cholesterol diet.

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Hebrew congregation, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, and a Roman Catholic group that was affiliated with Holy Redeemer parish in Berwyn. Later the Catholic group moved to the theater because they needed more room.

The benefits of living in Greenbelt were touted in the local press. As more than 2,000 qualified applicants competed for the 885 homes throughout September, government officials interviewed families, determined how badly they needed a place to live, assessed their financial stability, and their willingness to participate in community affairs. There were ratios for number of school-age children so as not to crowd the classrooms, restrictions on size of family to conform to the number of bedrooms in each dwelling. No family with four or more children would be selected. The proportion of government workers and religious groups was in the same proportion as those in the Washington, D.C. area. Political affiliation was not a factor.

On September 29, the Greenbelt post office, opened its doors for handling of mail although "no equipment had arrived and . . . painters and other workmen were still busy working on the interior. This deficiency has been overcome." reported the Evening Star of September 30. And Roy Braden sent First Families welcoming letters with the "First Day Issue" stamp from the newly opened post office. Mail however, was not delivered and had to be picked up at the post office.

"To Your Smile"



Dr. Ray Vidal

What Should Be Done In Case of Injury From Sports?

Our children are constantly involved in contact sports throughout the year. We must always be aware of the possibility of injury to the mouth and teeth. The routine use of protective helmets and mouth guards should be encouraged to minimize the chance of injury.

Although most injuries are minor and heal quickly, occasionally a tooth will be completely knocked out. If this happens, the tooth should be kept moist by placing it in a wet towel or tissue. Immediately contact your family dentist. In many cases the tooth can be repositioned in its proper location. Usually it is secured with a wire or plastic splint to aid in healing. The degree of success varies and greatly depends on obtaining professional care in the shortest possible time.

Another serious injury is fracture of the jaw or other bones of the face. If a fracture is suspected, the person should be kept as immobile as possible until a professional evaluation is obtained.

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CARES

Wendy Wexler participated in the second annual conference of the National Association of Foster Care Reviewers which recently met in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Maryland Foster Care Review Boards in Baltimore. This year's theme was "Helping Systems Work for Children."

Charles Mansueto, PhD, returned to Greenbelt CARES on September 23 to discuss his current work. Dr. Mansueto, a CARES volunteer counselor from 1975 to 1980 is chairperson of the Department of Psychology, Bowie State College. In his remarks, he stressed how important the behavioral family counseling he encountered for the first time at CARES was for his future professional growth and development.

Paul Fischetti chaired a meet-

GHI NOTES

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

Offices will be closed Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day. For Emergency Maintenance on that day call 474-6011.

Remember October is Co-op Month. Children between kindergarten and 12th grades are encouraged to enter the Poster/Essay Contest sponsored by GHI, Co-op Food Store, and Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. (See ad in this issue of News Review).

ing of the Human Services Coalition on September 23 dealing with legislative issues concerning Human Services in Prince Georges County.

Womens Soccer

The American Legion-sponsored women's soccer team is 1-0-1 after the first week of the fall season. Their first game was a tough loss under cold, wet and miserable conditions. But their second game was a close battle, which they won 2-1. Wendy Ham-

bleton and Anne Herink scored the goals, and goalie Barbara Brown was instrumental in holding the other team to 1 goal. The sweetest part of this game was that Greenbelt played the entire game—one player short. They were not and tired but held out defensively for a sweet victory.

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# Recollections of Greenbelt Pioneers



by Sandra Barnes

Over the last five years the City of Greenbelt has been collecting oral and written histories of pioneer Greenbelt families to be stored in a permanent archive. Dorothy Lauber, secretary to the city manager, James Giese, who lovingly recorded many of these recollections, is chiefly responsible for assembling the collection.

Nearly all of these stories of life in the "ideal community" hold a common thread: the richness of family life, the closeness of neighbors, the sparkling beauty of the community. Many people tell of how much it meant to their family to move to affordable new homes in the country, and later, of moving away but retaining and treasuring friendship with their former Greenbelt neighbors.

These recollections provide for us who were not pioneers an understanding of our remarkable heritage. For those who lived then, they stir nostalgia for a way of life they found so sweet. From their memories we sense that there was no time more wonderful than when these first families lived in Greenbelt.

Favorite themes that run throughout stories are of Fourth of July parades and the Town Fair; community garden plots; the community band; spotting planes from the roof of the Greenbelt Theater; blackouts during air raids; collecting Japanese beetles in traps provided by the government; the Drama Club; community rules prohibiting pets; requiring laundry in by 4 p.m., and the radio off by midnight; Saturday morning matinees at the Greenbelt Theater; sledding down the big hill in winter.

The most prevalent memories of the pioneer families are about the meetings. Said one, "I think the main recreation was going to meetings . . . Greenbelt was like a college. Instead of going to classes, you went to meetings." Some things never change.

Excerpts from the collection of recollections are provided here as we celebrate this Homecoming Weekend, the 50th Anniversary of that time when the first families moved to Greenbelt. Enjoy!

## Martha Likens Spudis

*(The Everett Ray Likens lived at 6-P Ridge Road from June 1938 until the early 1960s.)*

I often have occasion to describe to friends the rules and requirements we had to follow in order to live in Greenbelt in the early years. As children, we were not concerned with them, but I suppose our parents were. I know my parents were so happy to be residents there, the matter of having your clothes off the lines by a certain time was a small thing. From a child's perspective, living in Greenbelt was idyllic. I shall never forget the gleaming beauty and wide open spaces of it all. I am sure my childhood sense of satisfaction about it reflected my parent's pleasure too. There was a wonderful camaraderie among all the young parents at a time when economic survival itself was a difficult thing.

## Adele Trumbule

Many landlords were hostile to the idea of Greenbelt and resented losing their tenants to the new town. Ours was different and one Sunday she asked us if we would like to drive out and see it. We came, and were really impressed with what we saw.

The houses were lovely brick units, and it was a great surprise later to find they had all been painted. We put our names on the list for housing, and the following spring, just as we were going out to Kansas on vacation, we were told a house was ready for us. We put up half a month's rent so they would hold it till we got back, and in May, 1938, we moved into 9-E Ridge, a 1½ bedroom unit. We paid \$30.00 a month rent and bought some new furniture. We still have the amber maple bedroom suite, the dark gumwood twin beds and dresser, and some miscellaneous pieces. Furniture cost us \$2.50 a month in addition to our rent.

When our second child was born, we were offered a bigger house, and we moved to 35-L Ridge Road, which was a two bedroom unit. They didn't want families to be crowded, so as they grew larger, bigger units were offered. When our fourth child was born, we moved into a three bedroom unit at 56-C Crescent.

## Ed Trumbule

There was organized softball and other sports. Greenbelt had one of the first lighted fields in Maryland. We had an athletic club that was second to none with about 250 to 300 members. There was no money for entertainment and there would be 300 to 400 people at the ball games most nights. The town was divided into blocks (we were in Block B at 9-Ridge), and the teams were formed from each block. Our block team won the basketball trophy in 1939 and it is on display at the Youth Center.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church was first formed when we were at 35-L Ridge. We had some meetings there but soon began using Center School, paying the sum of \$2.00 each week to cover the janitor's services. The Catholics used the theater. Later an Interfaith Committee was formed and it worked with the Federal Government to get parcels of land for the churches. There were rumors that the Schrom Airport, which was out where the new Greenway Shopping Center now is, was going to expand so it

## Evelyn and Walsh Barcus

*(The Barcuses first lived at 54-C Crescent Road, and now live at 2-T Gardenway.)*

. . . Walsh worked here before we got married, and we knew we wanted to live here. We came down to look at the apartments, and we went from place to place, to pick out one. Most of the other couples looking that day were young people in our age group. It was so pretty, with the trees—just ideal . . . I was coming from the country, and it reminded me of that. I fell in love with it right away.

In our apartment building . . . there were couples from everywhere—we were from Maryland, one couple was from Wisconsin one from Indiana, one from Montana. . . . And in the next building, every couple was from a different state. We were always talking about the different states. . . . We'd all go to the softball games together, and to the theater where the Greenbelt Players put on plays. Then there were the elections, which were very exciting. I remember that first city election. A very good friend of mine only lost by eleven votes.

We couldn't have any pets, the laundry had to be off the line by 4 o'clock, and the radio off after midnight. I will never forget—I was pregnant with our oldest boy. A police officer came and rapped on the door around 12:15 a.m. because I had fallen asleep and the radio was playing. And of course, we didn't have any mail—it was general delivery then. We had mass in the school at first, and confessions in a little efficiency apartment on Parkway. . . .

could be used by army transports, and we got a tract of land of 3.13 acres for the Lutheran church on Ridge Road for only \$3,000 instead of the \$10,000 the government had originally asked, because it was in the flight pattern. We didn't even care about that, we were so anxious for some land, and then the airport didn't expand so we got a real bargain. . . .



Greenbelt High School (now the Middle School) steps hold 24 members of—a P.E. class? Note the three Greenbelt (probably team) T-shirts. — photo by Paul Kasko

## JOIN THE Greenbelt Museum!



With the opening of the historic Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) has launched a special drive for contributors to the newly-established Roosevelt Club. Members of the Roosevelt Club will be given special recognition at museum events including free admission to future fundraisers, and will have their names displayed on a plaque to be hung in the Museum. The club was established to permit individuals and families to make a special, one-time \$500 contribution to the Museum in the same manner as local business establishments are doing. Contributors of \$100 will have their names placed in a special Donors' Book to be placed in the Museum.

The Greenbelt Museum is operated by the non-profit FOGM, a group of community volunteers dedicated to promoting the history of Greenbelt from its New Deal roots to the present. FOGM also serves to strengthen an understanding and appreciation of Greenbelt's unique planning and architectural elements as well as community life.

Future plans call for exhibits, lectures, tours for school groups, and renovation of the garage into exhibit space. Contributions to the Roosevelt Club will help support these special educational activities. To join the Roosevelt Club, or become a member of FOGM, complete the form below and mail to FOGM, P.O. Box 1025, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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A mother and daughter in matching, hand-made dresses respond to a lunchtime story by—father or visitor? Maybe that is Dad in the doorway. — photo by Gretchen van Tassel

**Betsy Wood Walters**

I wonder how many of the values my brothers and I grew up with are common to other children of Greenbelt. Most of them are something I would wish for every child in the world.

Before we moved to Greenbelt when I was in the third grade, there were family discussions. My parents were excited by a dream of Eleanor Roosevelt and Rex Tugwell, of a planned community where no child would have to cross a busy street to get to school or playground. My grandmother said you could build three greenbelt communities for the cost of a single battleship. It was exciting to be accepted for this special experiment.

My parents certainly enjoyed the tremendous level of social activity available. Any activity that anyone dreamed up seemed to be actuated. Mother, Kathryn Wood, joined a neighborhood quilting club, wrote for the newspaper and worked on developing a Health Association with her friends, Peggy Arness and Claire Warner. This was an early form of prepaid health coverage, if memory serves me.

My father, Denzil became active with bowling, pinochle, the softball team, and eventually went on to help lead the Co-op Board in the acquisition of a drug store, movie theater, variety store and gas station. What wonderful role models this civic involvement provided for my brothers and me. Where else would this have been available to ordinary citizens? My brothers and I became aware of our responsibilities, not only to our communities, but to the entire world, as a result of spend-

ing many of our formative years in Greenbelt, and because of the influence of our parents. Our parents went on to work on co-ops in other communities and mother's developed sense of world citizenship led her to the presidency of the Whittier (California) United Nations Association and to World Federalist activity.

Somehow the sense that the community is everyone's responsibility permeated Greenbelt Elementary. No one littered our community any more than we would our own homes. We kids knew and trusted the three policemen on the force. We saw them as an extension of civic responsibility. Didn't Buddy At-tick wave to me if I got up at dawn to walk and think? Didn't he call up Daddy to talk about civic defense, their judo classes and proper blackout precautions during the war?

In those days play activities were mostly imaginary. I roamed the piney woods between our house at 11-A Ridge Road and Indian Springs or Greenbelt Lake. Nature became part of my sense of God. I'd find a circle of pine trees around which I would arrange rocks and pine cones and play at having an Athenian temple. Mostly, when I was discovered, the neighbor kids thought it was fair game to attack my "fort." Imagination was king. . . .

**Patricia Dunbar Gray**

I moved to 13-D Ridge Road on March 28, 1938 with my father, Paul, mother, Vivian, and brothers, Paul Martin and Charles Stanley Dunbar . . . Vivian Dunbar had rheumatoid arthritis and was unable to participate in many activities, but she had many friends such as Eleanor Ritter, who still lives in Greenbelt, was active in the Community Church and enjoyed raising her family. What Vivian could not contribute, Paul made up for.

If it happened in Greenbelt, he was involved. Among some of his activities were: The Board of Directors of the Co-op (he was a holder of some of the first shares of GCS stock, and was part of the original group of 25-30 persons who went from door to door selling shares in the then-new Greenbelt food store); served on the Town Council for several terms, acted as Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner of Police, Planning Committee for the Fairs, Planning Committee for town celebrations such as the 4th of July, etc., active in the Men's Athletic Club (at the Lake) and a member of the Beltsville Masonic Lodge, and active in the Community Church. My mother used to say that she was a member of the elite group known then as "the Greenbelt Widows." . . .

During the War, the townspeople of Greenbelt exuberated patriotism. We supported our men in service and stuck together to help those families who were left without a man in the home. As young people, we collected newspapers and toothpaste tubes. I recall what a big happening it would be when there would be an air-raid practice and we would go to the adjoining basements, and black curtains hung at every window; our fathers were out in the streets with their white hard hats and flashlights. I remember the day the war was over, and my mother took me and several of our neighbors and we piled in the car with pots and pans and any noisemaker we could find and rode all around the streets of Greenbelt yelling and singing—we were a happy

family. Shortly afterwards the town fathers planned a huge celebration in the school auditorium, gathering together all of the talent in town to celebrate the fact that our boys would be coming home. Over the years I participated as a soloist in many of the town events and remember well on that particular occasion being dressed in a satin red, white and blue outfit marching on stage with boys in uniform proudly displaying our flag as I sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy." During the war, the town also sponsored busloads of entertainers to go to Walter Reed Hospital and the surrounding service bases to entertain the troops—and I was a participant because I lived in a town that let me be a part of the big picture! . . .



**Albert and Pearl Ellerin**

(Al Ellerin came to Greenbelt in October 1939. He worked in the Greenbelt Co-op Pharmacy. Pearl came as a War Bride, arriving February 8, 1946. Their first home was an apartment at 2-D Parkway. They now reside on Lakeside Drive.)

. . . We washed clothes in the basement of the apartment. My day was Wednesday. People really objected if you washed on their day. The washer was a wringer type. Though it took hours, it washed better than what we use today. We had no dryer. Our apartment was on parkland but we hung out our clothes anyway. There was a town rule—no clothes on weekends or after 5 p.m. One day officers Faulconer and Zoellner knocked on the apartment door, and I had to take down all the clothes. WET. Nettie Granims, who lived on Plateau Place, was kind enough from then on to let me use her clothes lines. . . .

Greenbelt Lake—but from what point and when? There was a boat pier, but no houses or hi-rise building on the horizon. — Library of Congress photo

**Greenbelt's  
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If you are looking for your thrill on Blueberry Hill, 'stroll' down memory lane at the Youth Center Friday night. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration, THE VISITORS will be making the scene, providing the look, sound and spirit of the 50's and 60's. Join in the special contests — best fashion costumes of the era, a hip-twisting hula-hoop marathon plus an oldies trivia. Prizes will be awarded. Ah-h-h-h, don't chicken out — put on your best bobby socks, dust off your old letter sweater, grab your shades and bop on down. See you later alligator.



**October is  
Co-op Month**

To focus on the cooperative theme this year, "People in Partnership", a Poster & Essay Contest is being sponsored by Greenbelt Credit Union, Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, and GHI. Entries will be received at the co-op food store until 5 p.m. October 15. Age categories are: Kindergarten through 6th grades, 7th & 8th grades, and 9th through 12th grades. Prizes of \$50 and \$25 Savings Bonds awarded in each category. Tell the kids about this contest and see their entry displayed in the window of the former Ben Franklin Store during October — and they may be a winner.



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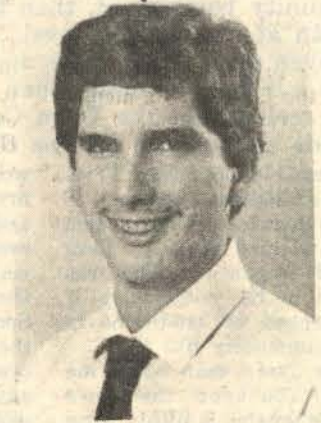
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# Dorothy Lauber: Collector of Recollections

by Eileen Peterson

You can hear Dorothy Lauber smile.

When she describes, over the telephone, how she has always loved history, always enjoyed talking to people about their day-to-day living, you can sense she is smiling at all the Greenbelt anecdotes she has stored in her memory while organizing the oral history of Greenbelt as a 50th anniversary project.

It was the late Charlie Schwan, long-time City Councilman, who suggested that a series of oral "recollections" would make a nice project for celebrating Greenbelt's 45th birthday. A small story in the News Review invited people to tell what life was—and is—like in Greenbelt. People began calling, and writing the city office where Lauber is secretary to City Manager James Giese. She typed enough memories for a booklet. At first, copies were sent only to those who had participated in the project. Then copies were sold for a small fee.

An oral history project by stu-

dents of University of Maryland history professor Martha Ross in 1980 was discovered, and excerpts from about 16 tapes were eventually recorded. Some tapes were given to Betty Allen for the Tugwell Room in the Greenbelt Library. By arrangement with the university through the good offices of Keith Winsell, duplicate tapes and typed transcriptions were given to the city in return for the histories becoming part of the greater project being formed for this year's city celebration.

In all, 73 recollections were gathered, including remembrances

of more recent residents like Lauber's daughter, Alexa. During 27 years here, the Lauber family has had many experiences to recall. Bob is systems analyst for the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington; son Cole is in the Army in Germany. Alexa and husband Mike Kiefner live nearby, and Alexa is an office assistant at the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Lest anyone think that Dorothy Lauber had only an outward interest in history, it should be pointed out that her father and his family participated in the first "run" for a homestead when Oklahoma was opened by the government. Even Bob has history in his blood: his great-grandfather's cabin is preserved behind the state capitol in Topeka, Kansas. His was one of the first houses in the capital.

Oral histories of some Greenbelters have also been recorded by the city cable staff and have been shown on Channel 10 but that's another story. "It's been a real pleasure talking to all those people," Lauber admits (most assuredly smiling), but now that her collecting is over, she's going to "take a rest."



An arm hugging her bare skin against the cold touch of a stethoscope, a young Greenbelt girl shyly accepts the smile of one of the city's first doctors. But which one?

— Library of Congress photo

## William C. Lassell, Jr.

(Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lassell and their son, William C. Lassell, Jr., usually known as Clyde, were the first residents of 10-B Crescent Road, now the Greenbelt Museum.)

... There was a garage attached to our house, but since we didn't have a car, we weren't allowed to use it - not even to go into it. It was locked for all the years we lived there. Sometimes I'd climb up on something and peer in the windows, and it looked the same as it must have the day it was finished. My parents would have liked to use it for storage, but that wasn't allowed ...

Every winter the maintenance crew would remove all the screen doors, then in the spring they'd bring them back. Maybe this was to save wear and tear on the screens. The number of the house was on each door so it could be identified.

We moved out here right after they closed the lake to swimming, when the boy from Beltsville drowned. We used to slide around on the ice in the winter; sometimes the ice would start cracking, and we'd start running for the sides. Didn't always make it

but it wasn't deep where I went through.

Another thing we used to enjoy was sledding. There was a big hill under some power lines that was perfect for sledding, and there'd be a big bonfire to warm up by. In summer the town had a soap box derby. Alan Wilson was a genius; he would build a car that looked like a professional race car, and I think he almost always won. The race was down Crescent Road, which was roped off. A big ramp was built up at the top of the hill as the starting point. ...

## Elizabeth Harrington

(Elizabeth Harrington served on the city council from 1945 to 1947 and as mayor from 1947 to 1949.)

The first time I ran for office ... there had been one woman member on the Council several years before. It made no great splash, I don't know why. But at any rate, four men and I were elected to the Council. We served for two years ... I came to realize that if you really believed in community betterment, then there is no better place to work than at the political level. There's a certain kind of power, even on a small scale, in a little community - and this was a little community then of 7,500 people ... I had come to realize that the Town Council was really the body that made the policies for the community ...

The second time I ran I received the highest number of votes, and therefore the four men who were elected chose to have me as their Mayor. ... This was traditional in the community if you can speak of traditions in a young community like that.

... One time a man called me and said, "You know the men's room at the theater is filthy." And I said, "Weil, no, I've never been in it so I wouldn't know about that. There are four men on the Council, why don't you call one of them?" His answer was, "They will do nothing about it. You will, because you're interested in children, and the boys go into that filthy men's room." So I made an appointment with the manager, told him what I had been told and he cleaned it up. So I was told later—I didn't inspect it.

... I think probably the main issue which I had to deal with was that of the leadership of a

woman. ... I think I was the first woman mayor in the state, and some of my friends in PTA, some of my male supporters, wanted to have me named to the Democratic Central Committee. Some of the important people in the Democratic Party in the county said they wouldn't have any woman, and if they had any woman, that they would not have that Mrs. Harrington, that she had too independent a mind and ideas. I don't know whether anyone else thinks this or not, but I think that I was somewhat of a forerunner, that I somewhat paved the way for women to be in politics. ... I knew how to cooperate with men, and I did cooperate with them. We worked together as a team and had no serious disputes on the Council in the time that I was the Mayor. ... But I do believe that I made it possible for other women to go into politics. I think that's pretty important. ...



The 50th Anniversary Committee and Subcommittees — The subcommittees include: museum, anniversary, book, adopt-a-tree, photo exhibit, sales and promotions, oral history, conference, homecoming week-end. Front row: Dorothy Lauber, Austin Green, Al Herling, Sandra Barnes, Mike Burchick, Betty Allen, Joe Polanin, and David Moran.

Second row: Martha Sinden, Leta Mach, Mary Lou Williamson, Keith Winsell, Barbara Likowski, Joan Neumann, Pauline Bordas, Barry Solomon, Virginia Beauchamp, Ray McCawley, and Sandy Smith. Third Row: Lester Whitmer, George Smith, Donny Wolfe, Ellen Domchik, Bob Sommers, Joe Wilkinson, Gudrun Mills, Tom White, and Charles Howey.

— photo by Allen Bronstein

# Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

Announces its

## 50th ANNIVERSARY!

1 p.m.

Clown & Balloons

October 13, 1987

Refreshments Served

Drawing to be held

Special Notice to Greenbelt Residents who are not members of GFCU: We are your Credit Union and hope you can come to our special event, meet our staff, and start your membership.

112 Centerway

Roosevelt Center

Greenbelt, MD

## Credit Union Celebrates Its Fiftieth Anniversary

With balloons, a clown doing magic tricks and clerk-tellers in period costumes, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will celebrate its fifty years in Greenbelt on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Refreshments will be served to Credit Union members all day, but the clown's appearance at 1 p.m. is for the enjoyment of anyone, as are the decorations and the wall display of its history the credit union is preparing. Every one in the office, from Manager Cynthia Comproni and Loan Officer Christine Rall to the tellers, will be wearing clothes reminiscent of the various decades since the '30s. There will be a drawing for a prize: the 50th Anniversary book. "This would be a good day for new members to join and celebrate our special history," comments Comproni.

On October 18 1937, a group of Greenbelt residents, just barely in their new homes, gathered to form the first community credit union in the country: the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. (Credit Unions are universally connected to businesses or institutions.)

Since then, it has become one of the first credit unions to offer checking accounts, and it was the first financial institution to finance Greenbelt Homes, Inc., formed in 1952.

Located at various sites in Roosevelt Center over the years, the organization has a rich history.

At the end of 1940, the credit union's assets were \$22,100; its charter was only within Greenbelt. The most recent 1987 asset

figure is \$8.6 million, with its boundaries having expanded — for instance, Doctor's Hospital's participates in the credit union's payroll deduction plan. The National Credit Union Administration, the Federal government insurer, in 1985 gave the local union a rating of "1," the highest rating on a scale of one-to-five.

Besides being Greenbelt's first banking facility, the credit union's greatest expression of its commitment to the Greenbelt spirit was its financing of 125 of the 500 GHI homes at a time when other lending agencies were reluctant. By campaigning for savings by members to cover the deluge of mortgage applications, and by borrowing from another credit union, GFCU kept its faith with Greenbelt.

By coincidence, next week is International Credit Union Week. The credit union is a cooperative; over the years it has merged with the Greenbelt Consumer Services Federal Credit Union.

The past of this Greenbelt lender is detailed in the 50th Anniversary history. Today the credit union is active in several credit union associations and in the Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association, and it donates to community activities such as the Labor Day Festival. James Rice, first-Vice-President; Ben Rosenzweig, President; and the Rev. Kenneth Buker, member of the Board, are all long-time local residents and activists. The late Joseph Comproni, Manager from 1971, was in the group that organized the GFCU. His daughter-in-law also a resident here, succeeded him as manager in 1985.

## Elizabeth Ann Pels

*(The Siegfried Pels family first lived at 21-F Parkway. They later moved to 23-C Ridge, where Elizabeth now resides with her father.)*

... When I was in grade school, Wednesdays were always exciting. That was the day the Jewel Tea man came and some ladies came to our house to make goodies from whatever they had purchased. I could always be sure there would be cinnamon rolls, though. Everybody made them...

We went to Mass on Sundays at the theater in the Center... and knelt in the leftover popcorn from the Saturday movies. From that, we progressed to the auditorium of St. Hugh's School with folding chairs with kneelers which folded down from the chair in front of you. They used to collapse, one at a time, without any rhythm whatsoever. From that, we progressed to removing the kneelers and having a long wooden kneeler for each row, with the nails from the supports under the kneeler tearing at least one of your stockings every week. We worked very hard to have a real church with real pews and kneelers; we succeeded in building St. Hugh's Church on Crescent Road. In the earlier years, we used to hurry home to follow along with the Sunday comics as the man on the radio read them...

Springtime also brought a couple of special events. One was that some people would come and teach the children how to do "tricks" with yo-yos. After a couple of weeks of practice, there would be a contest near the War Memorial at the center... There was a winner for the girls and a winner for the boys. One year I was the winner for the girls and got a shiny red yo-yo with "diamonds" (rhinestones, I'm sure) as prize...

My mother never put coffee in the coffee canister; that was where you put the store receipts when you came home! At the

end of the year the receipts were totaled and turned in to the Co-op and then my parents would get a patronage refund check which was used for license tags for the car...

Another common denominator among youngsters as we grew up in Greenbelt was to practice driving at "the Farm." Naomi "Boots" Williams took me there to practice so I could get my license. I met her in the Girl Scouts and today she is still a close friend.



Co-op employees and the Greenbelt Navy Wives Club hold a benefit bake sale. In background are the statue, Center School and (seen through trees at right) the swimming pool. This scene is set in the supermarket lobby.

— photo by Paul Kasko

## Greenbelt Revisited (TV)

Earlier this year WETA Channel 26 produced a program entitled "The New Towns." It focused on three "new towns" in the Washington metropolitan area that have been successfully planned, built and settled since the 1930s, providing viable alternatives to haphazard urban sprawl.

"The New Towns," which originally aired on WETA in May, examines these alternatives: Greenbelt and Columbia, Maryland and Reston, Virginia.

WETA Channel 26 will rerun the one-hour program this Friday, October 9, at 10 p.m.

## Harry A. Falls

*(In 1935, Harry Falls was hired by the Resettlement Administration to build models of the new town of Greenbelt.)*

... Gordon Herr, a young architect who had just graduated from Frank Lloyd Wright's School of Architecture at Taliesin, West, was employed shortly before I was. The two of us built models of different phases of the development of Greenbelt. The models were used by the architects and planners to study particular designs in three dimensions. In addition to models of houses, blocks of dwellings, the school, the business center and underpasses, we finally built a large model of the entire community of Greenbelt...

My wife and I moved into the small one-bedroom, concrete block building at 2-H Eastway on October 6, 1937 and lived there for about eight months, after which we moved to Parkbelt. The Fisher Brothers, who had developed the experimental, steel frame dwellings at Parkbelt, wanted someone to manage and maintain the ten dwellings. Although I was still employed in Washington, I accepted the responsibility of taking care of those dwellings. Since they were experimental houses the developers wanted someone to keep daily records of the operation and see that repairs were made when necessary...

I would work a full day in Washington, then come home to find a list of complaints that had to be taken care of at Parkbelt. There were many nights when I never had dinner with my wife, and she finally insisted that we move elsewhere. The "bugs" which usually showed up in the Parkbelt Houses were mainly plumbing, electrical or roof problems...

## Greenbelt Book for Sale

"Greenbelt, History of a New Town," the 50th anniversary pictorial history is now being printed and should be here within the next 10 days. Until the book arrives in Greenbelt, the discounted price will continue to be good. Members of the book committee will be on hand at most of this weekend's events to take orders.

## Dorothy Harris

Frank and I moved to Greenbelt in October, 1937. We were the seventh family to arrive, and we lived at 56-J Crescent Road. Our rent was \$37.50/month. Our house was on the poster that showed the new planned community...

The first thing we did after moving to Greenbelt was put up curtains. Hoards of people used to come out here, especially on weekends. We would be eating dinner and there would be the sound of voices. We'd look up and people would be walking up the hill in front of our house. Some would peer in the windows and say things like, "They're

## Thad Shannon

... After living in the District for about three years I learned about the planned town of Greenbelt, Maryland for moderate income young families. I arrived there in February, 1938. After completing the necessary papers in the office, I was told that they had 24 apartments just coming out of construction on Parkway. So I went over and selected 16-B, and happy was I. My wife was very much pleased also. Next day we went over to the warehouse and picked out furniture to completely furnish 16-B and moved in.

To show how good the furniture that we picked out... was, we have used that same furniture... to the present date which is July 4, 1987 so that makes this furniture 49 years old...

eating their dinner," just as if we were on display and were not real people. It happened often. Greenbelt was written up everywhere, it was so different. It was innovative with a capital I...



CHANNEL B-10

presents the

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October 13, 14 & 15

2:00 & 7:00 P.M.

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# 50th Anniversary Celebration

on Sunday

the twenty-second of November

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# 1937 City of Greenbelt 1987

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND

### OCTOBER 9-11, 1987

In October of 1937, the first families began moving into the first planned community in the United States - Greenbelt, Maryland. The exciting experiment in community living had begun. How fitting, therefore, that Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary Celebration includes a Homecoming to commemorate that beginning.

Whether you and your family are original Greenbelters, new arrivals or

just friends of the Greenbelt community, we hope you will participate in the joy and remembrances during Homecoming Weekend, October 9-11, 1987.

The schedule of events and activities have been developed so that the entire Greenbelt community can participate. Special events are planned for friends and former neighbors who will be returning home to join in the celebration.

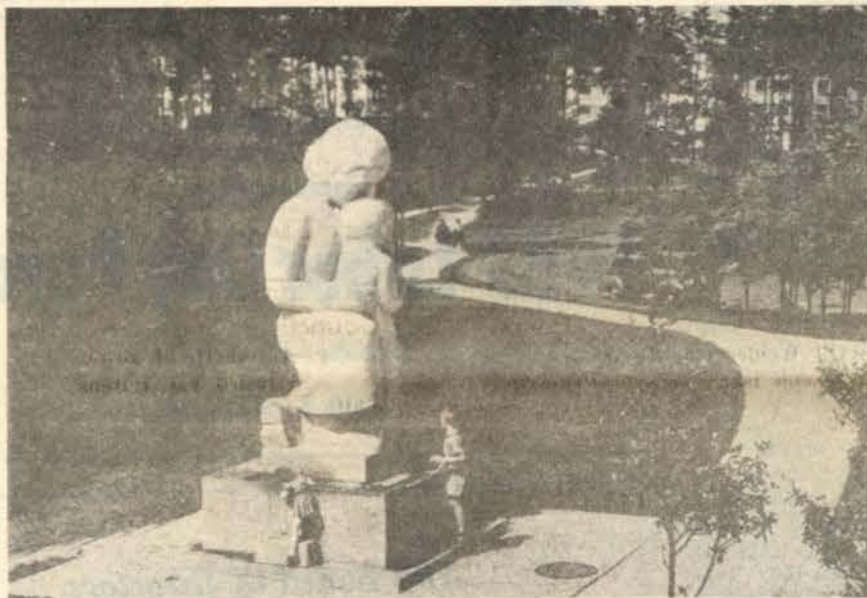
## FRIDAY, October 9

### 10 a.m. Greenbelt "Old Timers" Softball Classic

Greenbelt Senior All-Stars vs. Dundalk, MD State Champions. Braden Field

### 5:30 p.m. Public Assembles in Roosevelt Center Mall

All past and present Greenbelters are invited to meet and greet one another while enjoying the sound of the "Dixiecat Band". Rain location: Greenbelt Youth Center. Free parade hats & balloons.



### 6:30 p.m. Public Walk to the Youth Center - "New Orleans" Style Parade

Everyone will walk together to the Youth Center amidst music, color, and fanfare to take part in the Formal Opening Ceremony. Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Cheerleaders and members of the Golden Age Club, Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, and the Greenbelt Fire Department will lead the march. All City organizations and individual residents are encouraged to join the procession. Meet 3' 11" Leprechaun Sammy Ross.

### 6:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony

Greenbelt National Guard Armory Color Guard, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble - directed by Sally Wagner and the Greenbelt Concert Band under the direction of John DelHomme will help us open the Homecoming Weekend Celebration. Photo Exhibits, and the 50th Anniversary Book will be available at the Youth Center. Please bring your favorite photos to share with everyone! Introductions of elected officials and remarks by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld will be included as part of the program. Refreshments will be provided by the Greenbelt Lions Club as their gift to the community immediately following the opening ceremonies.

### 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Free Hot Air Balloon Rides

Courtesy of Re-Max Realtors. Hot air balloon will be tethered on Braden Field behind the Youth Center. Free rides will be offered for all ages. In case of inclement weather, the hot air balloon will appear on Braden Field on Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

### 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Community "Sock Hop" - Musical Memories of the 50's & 60's

Top area band, "The Visitors" will play "oldies but goodies" for your listening and dancing pleasure. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed of the times. ALL AGES INVITED. Dust off your Letter Sweaters Gang!

## SATURDAY, October 10

### 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. David R.S. Craig Memorial Tennis Tournament

Braden Field Tennis Courts #1-#6 are reserved for a tennis tournament to benefit the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year a college

scholarship award is made to an Eleanor Roosevelt High School student. Sponsored by: Greenbelt Tennis Association, Greenbelt Recreation Department and David's friends. SPECTATORS WELCOME

### 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Boys & Girls Club Homecoming Football Games

All of Greenbelt's youth football teams play at home this week on Braden Field. Come and cheer for the home team! Refreshments will be available provided by the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

#### Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. GREENBELT 110 lb. vs. Langley Park
- 10:45 a.m. Beltsville 125 lb. vs. District Heights
- 12:00 p.m. GREENBELT 75 lb. vs. Beltsville
- 1:15 p.m. GREENBELT 85 lb. vs. College Park
- 2:30 p.m. New Carrollton 70 lb. vs. Lanham

### 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary Exhibits

Photo exhibits will be available for your viewing pleasure at the Youth Center. You are also invited to bring your favorite pictures to share with fellow Greenbelters.

### 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Homecoming Mini-Carnival - Free Rides

Children 12 and under will enjoy the mini-train, mini-whip, mini-ferris wheel, Moon Bounce, pony rides, face painting, carnival games, roving clowns, balloons and best of all - it's free! Refreshments will be available, provided by local boy scout and cub scout troupes and specialty vendors. In case of rain the carnival will be cancelled.

### 10:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Cookie Contest

The contest is sponsored by the Greenbelt Homemakers Club and Greenbelt Consumer Co-op. Roosevelt Center Mall will be filled with delicious cookies and cash awards being the prizes. For information call Fay Anderson 474-2432.

### 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bandstand Performances

Continuous entertainment will be provided on Braden Field

#### Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. Puppet Show - "The Missing Piece"
- 12:00 p.m. MEET A FRIEND  
An opportunity for children to visit with, talk to, hug, and have their picture taken (if you bring your camera) with a friend.
- CLOWNS  
SMOKEY THE BEAR  
CHUCK E. CHEESE  
MCGRUFF
- 1:00 p.m. Puppet Show - "Cups and Saucers"
- 2:00 p.m. "The Visitors" Music from the 50's to the present

Rain location: Greenbelt Youth Center

### 12:00 noon Greenbelt Museum Dedication Ceremony

The Greenbelt Museum is located in an original home constructed by the federal government in 1937 to provide construction jobs for the unemployed and housing for persons of modest income. The Museum is furnished with pieces designed by the Special Skills Division of the Resettlement Administration. Many dignitaries and special guests will be present for the festive opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Tours of the Museum and a reception at Greenbelt Elementary School will follow the opening. The Museum is operated by the non-profit Friends of the Greenbelt Museum under the auspices of the City of Greenbelt.

### 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Children's Art Exhibit

Children who live in Greenbelt or attend Greenbelt schools are eligible to participate in the exhibit at Center School. Award presentations will be made at 1:30 p.m. Several categories of artwork including drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed-media and photography will be displayed. For more information, call Jeanette Elmore 474-0520

### 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hot Air Balloon - Courtesy of W-Lite Radio Station FM 94.7

Hot air balloon will be tethered on Braden Field behind the Youth Center. It's appearance subject to weather conditions.

### 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary Photo Exhibit

The 50th Anniversary photographic exhibit on historic Greenbelt will be

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displayed at Greenbelt Center Elementary School. The exhibit is comprised of original watercolor drawings painted by WPA artists employed by the Special Skills Division of the Resettlement Administration and 40 photographs primarily from the Library of Congress collection. The exhibit is a special project of the 50th Anniversary Committee and was funded in part by the Maryland Humanities Council through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**2:00 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament**

A Singles Tournament will be held at Braden Field Horseshoe Pits. Registration will be held from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Matches begin at 2:00 p.m. In case of rain, the tournament will be cancelled.

**6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance**

A Homecoming Weekend Reception Dinner and Dance featuring Trux Baldwin and the Starlight Orchestra will be held at the Greenbelt Hilton. Present residents of Greenbelt will have an opportunity to meet many of Greenbelt's "Pioneers" and share in their recollections and memories of the early days

**SUNDAY, October 11**

**8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m David R. S. Craig Memorial Tennis Tournament**

Matches continue on Braden Field Tennis Courts to benefit the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Tennis Association, Greenbelt Recreation Department and David's friends.

**9:00 a.m - 1 p.m. Women's Flag Football Games**

**Schedule**

- 9:00 a.m. Sonny Decesaris & Sons vs. Costabile Associates
- 10:15 a.m. Charm City Raiders vs. Sterlings
- 11:30 a.m. Tom Hatton Pontiac vs. Bowie Inn Silver Bullets

**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Nostalgia Visit to Original Greenbelt Homes**

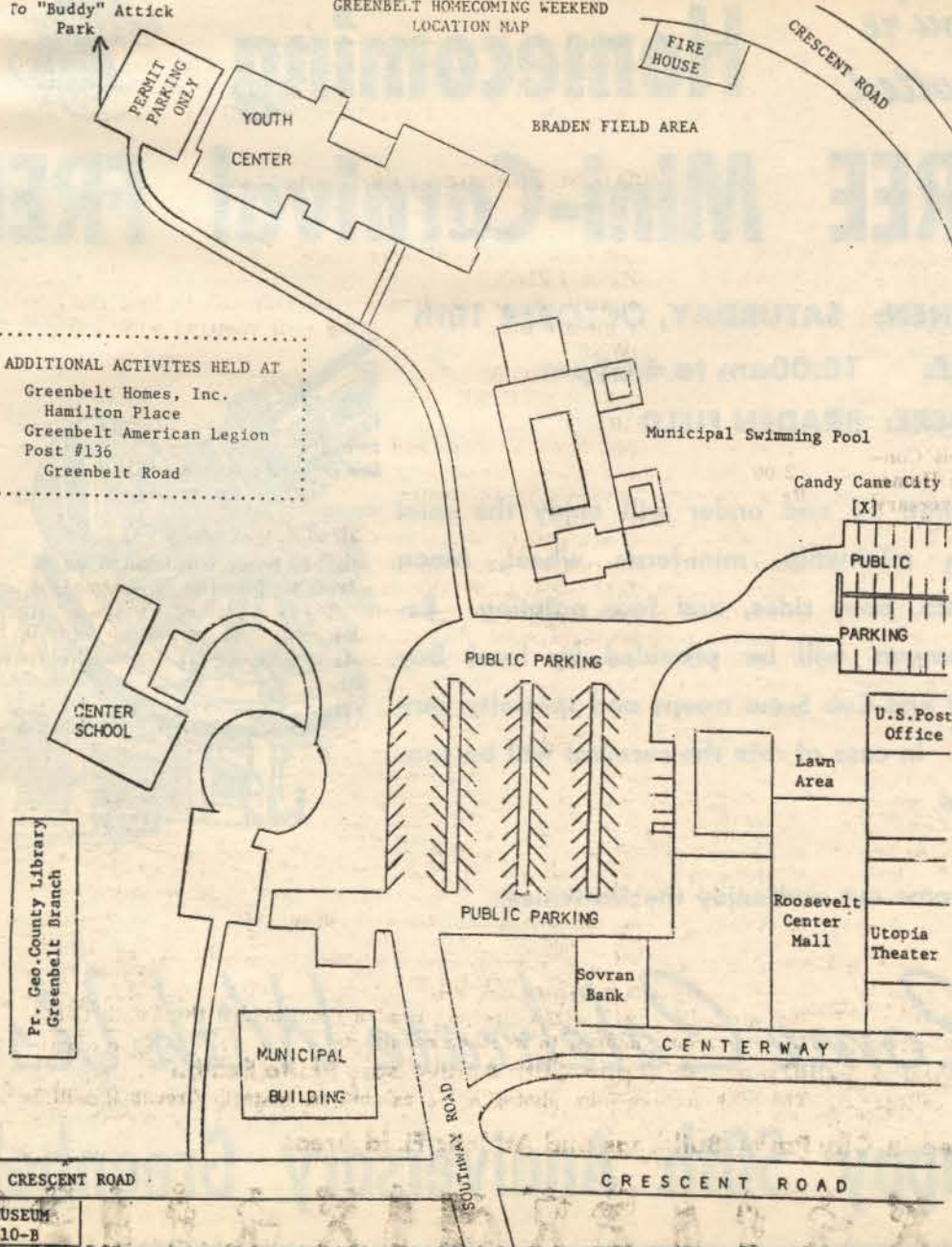
Pioneer families will have an opportunity to visit their original Greenbelt home. Interested families will meet at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Office on Hamilton Place. By invitation only. Sponsored by: Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

**12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pioneer Family Luncheon**

A luncheon honoring 1937 - 1938 Pioneer Families will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. Invitations to this event were extended by American Legion Post #136 to "pioneers" and their children who moved to Greenbelt in 1937 and 1938. Responses have been received from more than 400 early residents — some from as far as Canada, Maine, Florida, Colorado and many other States. Much reminiscing is certain to take place.

**12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. Greenbelt City Tour**

National Bus Company will provide the transportation for this tour of



Greenbelt which will include both old favorites and newly developed areas. Tours will depart from the Municipal Pool at the designated times.

**1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary Nostalgia Exhibits**

Photo exhibits of "YESTERDAY" will be available for your viewing pleasure at the Youth Center. Please bring your favorite pictures to share with fellow Greenbelters.

**1:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary Walk/Run**

Get some exercise by joining past and present Greenbelters in a trek around Greenbelt Lake. Choose from 1 3/4 miles or 4 1/4 miles in distance beginning at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Registration will be held in the Youth Center from 12:00 - 1:00

**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Boys & Girls Club Homecoming Soccer Games**

All of Greenbelt's youth soccer teams have home games this week on Braden Field. Come and cheer for the home team!

**Schedule**

- 1:00 p.m. 6 year olds Greenbelt 1 vs. Greenbelt 2
- 2:00 p.m. 8 year olds Greenbelt vs. College Park
- 3:00 p.m. 10 year olds Greenbelt vs. Lewisdale

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Greenbelt Museum**

The Greenbelt Museum will be open for tours at 10B Crescent Rd.

**2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bull and Seafood Roast**

The Greenbelt Fire Department is hosting this eating extravaganza at the fire house. Tickets are still available at the fire house and city offices.

**3:00 p.m. Golf Contest - Closest to the Flag**

Come and test the accuracy of your golf shot on Braden Field. Several divisions will be formed so everyone will have a good chance at an award. Register on Braden Field prior to the event.

**4:00 p.m. Baseball Speed Pitching Contest**

Test your arm and compare pitching speed with that of the major leaguers. The Greenbelt Police Department will clock your pitches on their radar equipment set up on Braden Field.

**50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend Committee**

- Tom White - Chairperson
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- Gudi Mills
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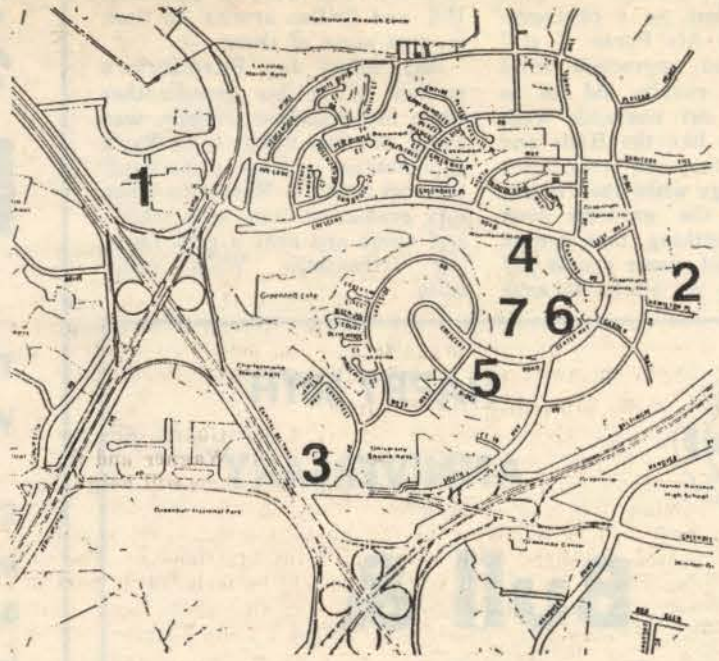
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**50th Anniversary Committee - Sandra Barnes - Chairperson  
Greenbelt City Council**

- Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor
- Joseph Isaacs, Mayor Pro-Tem

- Antoinette M. Bram
- Edward V.J. Putens

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**AREA MAP**

- 1 GREENBELT HILTON
- 2 GREENBELT HOMES INC.
- 3 AMERICAN LEGION
- 4 FIREHOUSE
- 5 GREENBELT MUSEUM
- 6 ROOSEVELT CENTER
- 7 YOUTH CENTER

For details contact the Greenbelt Rec. Dept.

474-6878

**Lucille Howell**

*(Carson and Lucille Howell lived at 1-K Gardenway, and now live on Lakeview Circle.)*

We had been living in an apartment which had formerly been part of a townhouse in Washington, and it wasn't working out very well . . . We applied for housing in Greenbelt and gave (our) dog to my mother.

Fortunately for us, the first occupants of 1-K Gardenway had slipped in with a bulldog and Mr. Braden (the town manager) who lived straight across the sidewalk made them move out, and he chose us to replace them. However, my whole family came down from Pennsylvania to help us move, and Mr. Braden wondered at first how large a family was really going to be living there, and if he had made a mistake in his selection. . . .

During the war, Carson was an air raid warden, and I was an airplane spotter. The air raids would occur at all hours, and some times it would be 1 or 2 a.m. Carson would put his clothes on over his pajamas, put on his helmet and armband, take a

flashlight and go out. The air raid wardens would walk through-out Greenbelt in the area assigned to them, and if they saw any lights, they had to knock on the door and get them turned off.

At one time my sister-in-law, her daughter and baby came to stay with us and so I had to get black material and make curtains so we could feed the baby at night during air raids. Even then, we had to use flashlights while we heated the milk and everything. We would put our daughter, our niece, my sister-in-law and her baby in the big closet under the stars because it was safest there. Most of the air raids were just alerts, but some were the real thing. . . .

**Edith Frank**

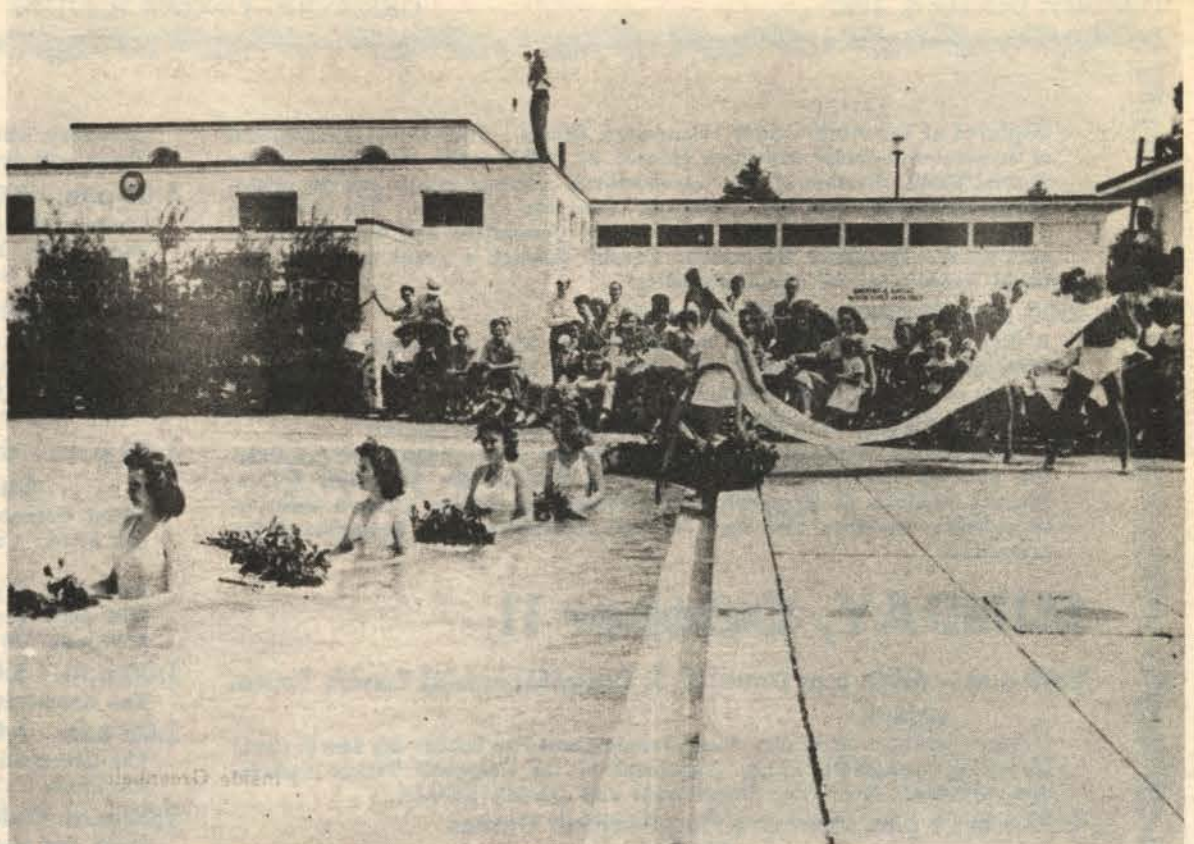
*(John and Edith Frank moved to 4-A Parkway in the spring of 1938 with their small son, John Ray. They were the first Greenbelt residents to occupy an apartment.)*

Our apartment in Takoma Park was costing us half of my husband's salary. When someone told us about Greenbelt, we immediately applied for an apartment. The houses were already occupied and we were the first family to move into an apartment. It had a nice porch, which we screened in. There was a very large, attractive playground right outside and I could watch through the windows as Ray played . . .

We lived there for ten years and it was a wonderful experience. Times were hard and we had almost no money, but it was the same for everybody. My husband was the kind of person who volunteered for things, and he helped others whenever he could. During the war, John was gone for a long time, as a photographer for the Air Force. I still remember and appreciate what all the older couples did for us wives, when our husbands were away. People like the Halls and the Bryans—they ran errands for us, fixed things when they broke, helped with the gardens, took us places—anything that needed doing, they did. Some people put their cars up on blocks to save

rubber, oil and gas. Some of us used ours only in emergencies or for very important matters. The Halls were from England and had a daughter living in Canada. During the war, they sent mail and packages regularly to sons, sons-in-law and other family members who were in Canadian, U.S. and British armies. In time, we met some of them.

Ray asked Joe Fitzmaurice's mother to be his grandmother while her grandson, Jimmie, was away. She was happy to be Ray's grandmother as long as she lived. She was living in Wisconsin when Ray graduated from high school, and wrote and sent a gift. Lasting friendships. What memories. . . .



In the 1940s, a water ballet "wedding" draws a photographer to the top of Greenbelt's swimming pool for a better camera angle.

— courtesy Marion Hastings

If you can identify people, locations or situations which inspired these pictures, please write to the News Review or drop a note in the paper's box at the Coop grocery store.

**Henry L. Trattler**

*(Bernard and Pauline Trattler and their son Henry, moved to 1-H Southway in February, 1938.)*

Without question, the Fourth of July was the most glorious celebration in our town. People came from all around to watch or march in the parade,

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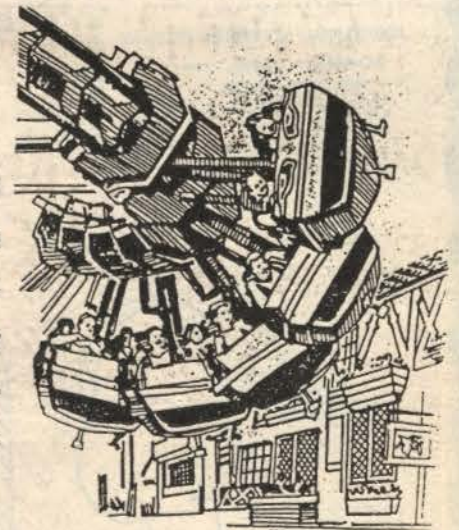
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# Board Changes Rules for Trash Enclosures; Considers Maintenance of Additions

by Mavis Fletcher

The board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. spent most of its September 24 meeting finishing up matters which it had previously considered. The board passed for second reading a motion to authorize spending up to \$38,000 for a computer system to replace the one GHI is now using for its fiscal management and to expand the system to automate maintenance management. The board also revisited the subject of trash enclosures and adopted new language for the rules and regulations governing trash enclosures.

Under the new rules trash cans do not have to be placed in an enclosure which has four sides, a roof and a floor but may be screened from view by evergreen plants or by a screen constructed of wood or other approved material. The GHI staff had put together a slide show for the board to illustrate what different types of screening might look like. This slide sequence also clearly showed up the deficiencies of the \$65 metal trash enclosure which is now offered by GHI to members who request it. Director Wayne Williams, who made the motion to revise the language of the rules and regulations, said that the slide show had convinced him that the enclosures being used are not satisfactory.

Not all the board members were happy about the use of natural screening. Director Ray McCawley said he was against screening and would like to have GHI provide a better enclosure. However, Director Mac Wirick said it is inconsistent for GHI to encourage natural screens instead of privacy fences and then not to allow natural screening for trash cans.

When the final vote came, the motion passed unanimously. All screens (whether man-made or natural) must be approved by GHI. The staff presented several

drawings of designs which they would be recommending to the members.

## Maintenance of Additions

Colton introduced for the board's discussion a proposed plan to bring most or all additions into the GHI maintenance program at some time in the future. Maintenance of additions is the responsibility of the member unless they are enrolled in the GHI maintenance program at, currently, a fee of five cents per month per square foot of space in the addition. Colton estimated that there are about 400 additions in GHI and only 28 are enrolled in the maintenance program.

He noted, however, that there is considerable discussion within GHI about the appearance of many of the additions. He raised some questions for the board's consideration: Should new additions be required to be brought into the program when built? Should old additions be required to be brought up to some minimum standard? Should old additions be required to go into the maintenance program on resale? Should the rate structure be revised to reflect the different amounts of maintenance required by different interiors, for example, plumbing fixtures and heating systems typically require greater maintenance than an unheated room with no plumbing such as a screened porch.

Most of the board members seemed to be interested in the proposal. Director Betty Deitch noted that the alternative was to let some additions "go on looking awful." Director Nancy Hutchins felt that such a requirement would be a fairly major change for some members and counseled involving the membership. Williams agreed and suggested that the board would want to go to the membership with such a proposal. Directors Alan Freas and Andrea Haslinger thought that the board could, however, require new additions to go into the maintenance program.

President Margaret Hogensen suggested that Colton bring back refined proposals based on the

discussion for the board's further consideration.

## NCB Dividend

Colton reported to the board that the National Cooperative Bank had announced its 1986 patronage dividends and that GHI had received \$66,748 in cash, \$211,541 in Class B stock, and \$55,454 in Class C stock. Class B stock is currently non-redeemable and non-tradeable. However, Class C stock is registered tradeable and saleable with NCB's approval. Currently, Class C stock

can be sold or transferred only to other eligible borrowers of the bank. Board members asked Colton to prepare for them a status sheet showing GHI's holdings in NCB stock.

## Character Reference Support

During the previous two meetings, the board had heard suggestions that the GHI membership application should require personal character references. At the September 24 meeting, Yelena

Gapanova, who described herself as a fairly new GHI member, appeared before the board to support that suggestion. She said that she felt that some inquiry into an applicant's background would be good.

## Meetings

GHI board of directors will meet in October on the 8th and 22nd. The proposed budget for 1988 will be taken up at these meetings.

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# Kenilworth Interchange Brings Packed Public Hearing

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construction problems mostly involving the need for improved signage and lighting, and permanent problems most of which involve the ramp from southbound Kenilworth Avenue combining traffic from Kenilworth, the Beltway and Springhill Lake.

The city staff had prepared a video tape between 8 and 8:30 one morning. It showed traffic in the leftmost two lanes of the ramp backing up past where the Edmonston Road traffic merges onto the ramp. This required drivers to stop and wait for an opening to dart across the road. Giese said he had come to admire the skill of the Springhill Lake drivers. Giese suggested that 100 feet of the barrier between the Edmonston ramp and the main ramp be replaced with guardrail to improve visibility. Other problems cited by Giese were: (1) drivers turning left off the ramp are not sure in which of the five Greenbelt Road lanes they should be and (2) pedestrians trying to cross at the top of the ramp may not be seen by motorists turning right who are concentrating on the traffic to their left. However, he said his principal concern remains the cross traffic on the five-lane ramp.

## SHA Comments

District Engineer Snyder said that the video had convinced him that traffic turning left off the ramp needed a longer green light. He said that would be done the next day. Snyder said that additional pavement markings and signage is needed, and that the SHA will look at possible modifications to the barrier beside the Edmonston Road ramp. Ways to modify the traffic flow on Kenilworth will also be explored, he said.

Snyder explained in a telephone conversation with the News Review that the modifications being explored are replacement of 150 feet of the barrier with a double-faced guard rail and the installation of a traffic signal to govern traffic exiting in both directions from the inner loop of the Beltway. He stressed that the signal is just an option being considered, not something that will definitely be done.

At the meeting Snyder also explained that once the final pavement mix is put down on Greenbelt Road, traffic sensors will be installed. These will permit automatic variation of the signal timing in response to traffic flow. Snyder said that he was confident that once this is done, traffic flow will be better than it was before the intersection opened.

## Citizen Comments

Several citizens lambasted the SHA for the interchange design in general. Albert Herling noted that "... you have solved one problem—you are reducing the flow of traffic at that point because people are afraid to use it."

## Avoidance

Putens apparently is not the only one who feels that the best way to deal with the new interchange is to avoid it. White told of seeing drivers from Springhill Lake turn right onto Greenbelt Road from Edmonston, then make a U-turn at 63rd Avenue near McDonalds. He said "that is a bizarre movement and that was not part of the design, I'm sure..."

Eunice Coxon was the spokesperson for the Avoiders. Although her method of avoidance was use of the Greenbelt Connection, she described some lengthy detours being taken by others. She

called for a light to regulate traffic coming off the Beltway just prior to the intersection. Coxon said that much of this traffic fails to yield to the traffic coming down Kenilworth and said she does "not want to die maintaining my right of way."

Several citizens noted that non-Greenbelters are also avoiding the intersection — some by cutting through old Greenbelt. Liane Holder and Norman Weyel both complained of tailgating and excessive speeding by these commuters.

## The Ramp

As expected, one of the major areas of concern was the five-lane ramp combining traffic from the Beltway, southbound Kenilworth and Edmonston Road. Many speakers complained of the fact that in a relatively short distance, traffic from Kenilworth and the Beltway are crossing to the right to turn onto Greenbelt Road while traffic from Edmonston Road is trying to cross in the opposite direction to reach eastbound Greenbelt Road and the Beltway.

In addition, Mike Gelchis said that the signage on Kenilworth is confusing because while drivers are attempting to read the signs off to the right, the road veers to the left.

## The Funnel

Several speakers also complained of "the Funnel," the temporary ramp from Greenbelt Road onto northbound Kenilworth. Leonie Penney complained that drivers were forced to "make quick turns between barriers like the ones put up outside the White House to keep the terrorists out. We are the ones terrorized..." This problem will be eliminated when the final ramps are opened. Snyder said all work on the intersection is expected to be completed by the end of October.

## Beltway Exits

The changes in the intersection have also changed conditions for traffic exiting from both loops of the Beltway onto Kenilworth. Bill Cornett said that the drivers on northbound Kenilworth often do not see the signal at the ramp from the outer loop and proceed through the red light at high speed.

Judy Ott said that it is difficult to turn left onto northbound Kenilworth at the exit ramp from the inner loop. She said it is difficult to see the traffic coming at high speed from the underpass. She suggested a merge lane so entering traffic does not have to move onto Kenilworth from a dead stop. Snyder said that he will look into that possibility.

Several speakers echoed Coxon's point about the failure of traffic exiting the inner loop to southbound Kenilworth to yield to the traffic on or exiting Kenilworth. Mike Gelchis called for a larger merge sign along with a warning of the upcoming cross traffic.

Council member White mentioned that traffic exiting from the outer loop to northbound Kenilworth also fails to yield to the Kenilworth drivers attempting to turn right onto Crescent.

## Traffic Signals

"Eternity light has grown," said Doug Love, referring to the third light that will control westbound Greenbelt Road traffic when the final ramps are opened. This light will be located at the ramp to northbound Kenilworth. Hicks, of the SHA, said that after completion, the total signal cycle will be about two minutes long, rather than the current three-minute cycle.

Hicks said that when the intersection is completed, traffic will be able, at times, to move in two directions at once, rather than the current situation where each direction of traffic must have its own exclusive green cycle. He said that most drivers will be stopped only once.

Snyder said that the final light cycle will improve the situation for Springhill Lake drivers by reducing the length of the left turn queue, thus allowing them enough room to complete their crossover.

## The Future

Bill Cornett presented aerial views of multiple construction projects in progress along Greenbelt Road to the east and in Capital Office Park. He said that these projects along with further construction planned for the Golden Triangle and Capitol Office Park, will send additional traffic through the intersection.

Cornett, Coxon and Walter F. Maloney all warned that the county's plan to extend Kenilworth Avenue to Virginia Manor Road and the Inter-County Connector (ICC) would funnel additional traffic through Greenbelt. Maloney said that while it is too late to change the intersection, it is not too late to stop the ICC. (The ICC is intended to serve as an "outer beltway" through Montgomery County into Prince Georges County.)

Herling noted that the city had already been cut into pieces by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Beltway and warned that it is now to be "smothered by the Inter-County Connector." He said the ICC would damage the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and result in the construction of more homes, shopping centers and partially filled office buildings. "We all talk about growth and its value; gentlemen, cancer is a growth too but not a very positive one."

Gelchis pointed out that the six lanes of Greenbelt Road east of Kenilworth must narrow to four to pass under the Beltway. Noting that Greenbelt Road is supposed to be widened to six lanes on the other side of the Beltway underpass, he said the SHA was creating a "brand new bottleneck."

## Calvert Road Closure

Another source of future pressure on the interchange mentioned by Cornett was the closure of Calvert Road at the railroad crossing, scheduled to occur within the next year. This closure is required for Metrorail construction. Cornett expected that some of the traffic currently traveling to College Park on Calvert Road would instead use Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road.

## Non-Motorists

Doug Love spoke of the difficulties faced by bicyclists and walkers. He said there were no sidewalks or lights available for their use during the construction period.

Leonie Penney said that on a recent Sunday none of the pedestrian lights now installed were working. Dick Good noted that before construction began, there was a bike lane on the south side of Greenbelt Road. Now, he said, there is no lane and no shoulder. He requested that the shoulder be re-established.

Marty Scheel said that while the intersection was "not ideal" for bicyclists before construction, at least all the traffic stopped. She described northbound Kenilworth near the Beltway as a

"disaster before and hell now." Not being suicidal, she said she would not even attempt to go southbound on Kenilworth and exit onto the ramp.

Snyder said that while he did not feel that the new interchange was less safe for cyclists and pedestrians than before, the SHA bicycle coordinator is reviewing the situation.

## Other Concerns

Charlie Glickman did not comment on the safety of the interchange, other than to say that he has "seen a lot of St. Christopher medals jump out of cars." He warned that within five to 10 years, the air pollution in the area, already bad, will reach its peak.

Joe Haskill of Westchester Park said that the SHA has designated the left two lanes of southbound Kenilworth as turn lanes into the complex. He said that there is not sufficient room for both these lanes to turn left while traffic from northbound Kenilworth turns left into Berwyn Heights. He said that the potential for disaster is obvious and should not have to be pointed out to the SHA.

## Solutions

Several speakers suggested whole or partial solutions for the problems of the interchange. Doug Love presented a design that would eliminate the five-lane ramp. The plan calls for a ramp from Edmonston behind the Nationwide building merging into Kenilworth beside the Beltway ramp. A series of looping ramps, plus one elevated ramp, would eliminate all stop lights and left turns. Love also said that the University of Maryland Civil Engineering Department will be undertaking a long-range study of the interchange.

Maloney said that "roads are too important to be left to the State Highway Administration." He urged a rethinking of the role of General Assembly in dealing with the SHA, saying that only by involving roads in politics can citizens have realistic input into road projects.

Gelchis suggested that while there is not enough room to construct a full high-speed cloverleaf, there is enough room for tighter low-speed cloverleaf ramps in all four directions. He also said an exit from the north end is needed. Numerous voices of opposition were heard, however, when he suggested connecting the road to the Northway ballfields with the NASA interchange to the Baltimore-Wash-

## CITIZEN REACTION

A taxpayer and voter who viewed the public meeting on Kenilworth Avenue/Greenbelt Road interchange on cable TV called to express his view that the citizens present at the meeting were very rude to the State Highway officials and that such conduct could result in the State Highway Administration's not being as cooperative with the city on other matters.

## Changes

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markings would require approximately one week to evaluate. Questions concerning traffic exiting from the Beltway onto Kenilworth and the walk light timing on Greenbelt Road at Beltway Plaza would require approximately 30 days to evaluate. The concerns of the city and its citizens about the five lane cross-section of the ramp from southbound Kenilworth, which must be referred to the Highway Design Office in Baltimore, would require about 60 days to review.

Snyder promised to inform the city of the results of these evaluations as they are completed.

At the October 5 regular council meeting, City Manager James K. Giese noted that he had suggested to Snyder in August the changes in signage made since the meeting.


At the suggestion of Councilmember Arnette M. Bram, the city will send a letter to State Highway Administrator Hal Kasoff describing the hearing and the number of people attending. Accompanying the letter will be a copy of the city's video presentation and excerpts from the tape of the hearing. At the suggestion of mayor pro tem Joseph Isaacs, copies of the communication will be sent to Governor William Donald Shafer and to the chairman of the State Transportation Oversight Committee.

Isaacs said the communication should be a "strong letter" on the lack of responsiveness of the SHA to the city's concerns and stressing the need for improvements even if significant added expenditures are involved.

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## Response

Snyder said that he would report to the city on markings and signage within a week, but that the other questions require involvement by the Highway Design staff in Baltimore, with a response expected within 30 to 60 days.



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# No Football Strike In this Old Town

by Jeff Keir

What strike? Football is still being played in Greenbelt with the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Raiders. Three weeks into the season the 75 lb. team has a 2-0 1 record; the 85 lb. team has a 1-1-1 record; and the 110 lb. team has a 3-0 record.

On Sept. 28 both the 75 lb. team against College Park and the 85 lb. team against Silver Hill #2 played scoreless ties. Both defenses looked solid, but the offenses just could not get the ball into the end zone. Both teams are making adjustments and are looking forward to their next opponent. The 85 lb. team plays next Homecoming vs. College Park, Oct 10 at 1:15 p.m.

The 75 lb. team plays at Homecoming vs. Beltsville at noon. The 110 lb. team plays next at Homecoming vs. Langley Park at 9:30 a.m.

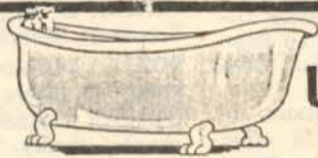
The 110 lb. team played two excellent games. On Sept. 23 they played Laurel in a 25-0 victory. Offensively, Quarterback Brian Smith had a 31-yard pass completion in five attempts and directed an outstanding running game. Running back David Crooks had a super game, carrying the ball 11 times for 205 yards (an 18.6 yard average) with three touchdowns. Running back Tommy Ray also had a good game, carrying the ball five times for 63-yards (a 12.6 yard average) with a touchdown. Running back Jeff Miller made an extra-point conversion and defensive players David Crooks and Peyton Tomblin both made pass interceptions.

On Sept. 26 the 110's played Silver Hill #2. Offensively, Quarterback Brian Smith was 4-4 for 85 yards, 75 of those yards to Adam Patton for a 66-yard

gain and for a nine-yard touchdown completion. Adam Patton also kicked a two point conversion and passed to Mike Sweeney for an extra-point conversion. Brian Smith and Tommy Ray both ran the ball in for touchdowns. Running back David Crooks had three carries for 53 yards with touchdown runs of

32 and 11 yards. Jeff Miller ran for two extra point conversions. Defensively, the 110's had four quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and one pass interception. Final score 35-0. The 110 defense have shut out their opponents in all three games played.

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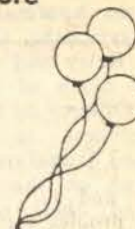
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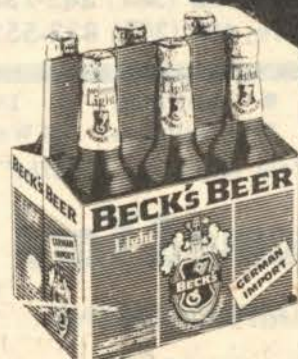
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