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APB Hears Owners Plans for Apartments Or Highrise Offices in Greenbelt East

by Diane Oberg

At its November 4 meeting, the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) was faced with a choice between two plans for the development of the Sunrise Property. APB met with Jim McCaig, owner of the property, attorney Russell Shipley and architect Jack Thrower to discuss the new proposal.

The parcel, also known as the Bednarik property, is a 10-acre tract located along Hanover Parkway south of the Maryland Trade Center. A three-acre parcel owned by Michael T. Rose lies between the property and the Greenway Village apartments.

The land is currently zoned for high-rise apartments, a use long opposed by the city. Recently the owners have offered an alternative proposal to construct an office complex on the site, if the city supports the necessary rezoning.

APB member Gary Cohn said the overall impact of the development of the property concerns him. Cohn was also worried that rezoning would set a precedent for other rezoning applications. Cohn admitted that part of his opposition reflected his preference for single-family homes. However, he recognized that that is not an available alternative for this property.

Bobbi McCarthy of APB was dismayed by the massiveness of both the commercial and the residential proposals. She said that to put a massive office complex next to the apartments is less compatible than another apartment complex would be.

McCaig said he and his partner could go with either development proposal, but that they had conceived the commercial alternative in part because of the city's opposition to additional rental housing. He reminded the board that he has the right to go ahead with the apartment development.

APB member Bill Wilkerson noted that this proposal contradicts the current practice of lessening the density of development along Hanover Parkway on properties farther back from Greenbelt Road.

APB chairman Don Volk called the choice between residential and commercial use a toss-up and said he was more concerned about the size of the project. He said that the proposed 600,000 square feet was larger than he had expected.

No member of APB voiced a final position on the new proposal. The board accepted McCaig's offer to prepare a scale

model of the project for APB's review. J. Davis, of APB, requested that they also provide line-of-sight sketches showing the project from various viewpoints in the city.

Apartment Plan

The residential plan calls for almost 500 apartment units comprising 500,000 square feet in two 11-story buildings. Each of the buildings would have two wings angling in a wide V-shape away from the other building. A two-story lobby would join the two buildings. Together, the buildings would stretch close to all four corners of the property in an X-shape.

Shipley said that they have obtained water and sewage authorizations and that construction on the apartments is scheduled to begin in the spring. The first tenants could move in 18 months later, according to Shipley.

However, Shipley said that the owners prefer to build offices. McCaig said that commercial space is more profitable in the long run. The total value of the office complex would be near \$100 million, versus \$42 million for the apartments.

The office complex would be better for the city as well, according to Shipley. Because of its higher value it will generate more taxes than the residential property, and should require fewer services. He said that offices generate fewer trips than apartments and generate few evening and weekend trips, thus conflicting less with residential traffic than the apartment project would.

Office Plan

The office plan, described by Shipley, calls for three office towers and a total of 612,000 square feet. In comparison, city Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson said the Maryland Trade Center will contain approximately 480,000

square feet in three buildings when complete.

The three buildings would vary in size with nine, 11 and 13 stories. Because of the slope of the land, the tallest building would appear to be only two stories higher than the shortest.

The first building to be constructed would be the closest to the Beltway. It would contain approximately 167,000 square feet in nine floors. The other two buildings would be constructed as rental demand indicated.

As described by Thrower, the three buildings would be placed approximately 45 feet apart, perpendicular to the Beltway on the portion of the property closest to the Maryland Trade Center. Between the office buildings and the Greenway Village Apartments, three parking garages would be built, with a single entry road off Hanover Parkway. The garages, like the buildings, would take advantage of the topography by increasing in height as the land slopes down. He said that the parking decks would be "just visible over the trees" from the Beltway.

Thrower called the design not "visually aggressive" with a "quiet elegance" obtained by sheathing the building in a dark glass curtain wall of dark grey or green. He assured APB that no reflective wall covering would be used.

Although detailed plans for signage have not yet been developed, McCaig said he would be willing to cede control of signage to the city, with the understanding that it will not be unreasonably withheld. He said that he would be willing to consider alternatives to concrete for the garages in order to make them less visible.

McCaig assured the board that he is not going to invest \$100 million in a project and do it lightly. He said he wanted to set standards for quality in commercial development.

Detached Houses Only In New Plans for Parcel 1

by Elaine Skolnik

In a work session scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 8 p.m., the Greenbelt city council will review Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc.'s revised plans for the development of Parcel 1, the land between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property, north of Northway extended and south of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (see map).

On the developer's drawing boards at this time for the 103-acre tract are 175 single-family detached homes to be constructed in the existing rural-residential zone. The new set of plans replaces those calling for 218 townhouses and 125 single-fam-

ily detached homes presented to the city on November 19. The earlier plan would require rezoning to the Residential-Suburban Zone.

Servicing the parcels with sewer lines continues to be a serious problem. Addressing the

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WILL BEGIN THIS WEEKEND

by Michelle Nachison

Sparks aren't flying, but excitement is burning as the opening ceremonies for the 16th Annual Festival of Lights draw near.

The festival will ignite at Roosevelt Center, Fri., Dec. 4 at 6:45 p.m. with a flag raising ceremony at the newly renovated flagpole adjacent to Mellon bank. (See separate story.)

Following the flag raising ceremony, a chorale performance and caroling featuring traditional holiday music will take place in front of the city evergreen tree between the municipal building and Sovran bank at 7 p.m. Santa Claus will be on hand at 7:30 p.m. to join in lighting the tree.

"Toys for Tots," a campaign to provide gifts for needy children will accept donations December 4 from noon to 8 p.m. at the bandstand adjacent to the Municipal Building. Toys can be brought to the Youth Center both Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Toys for Tots" is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Holiday Craft Show will open at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 5 featuring more than 80 craftsmen exhibiting a wide variety of crafts. The hours of the show are till 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 6.

The anniversary book, Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987, will be on sale in the Youth Center during the Craft Show. Authors will be on hand Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. to autograph books.

Weekend activities for children, preschool and older include a puppet show performed by the Blue Sky Theater entitled "Three Pigs Go to the North Pole" on Sunday, December 6 at 1 and 2 p.m. Children may also make and buy crafts in the children's room Saturday during craft show hours. The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Clubs will operate a concession stand to earn money for the city's youth programs.

The first weekend of festival activity will close with an evening of song. The Community, Mowatt Memorial Methodist, and Baptist Church choirs will be highlighted at the Greenbelt Community Church, Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

For information about other upcoming events, consult the advertisement in this week's News Review.

News Review Staff Meets

The annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt News Review will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mavis Fletcher, 12 Pinecrest Court. This is a business meeting which will include election of members of the Board of Directors. All staff members are urged to attend.

matter are the company's engineers. Greenhome and O'Mara and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

The primary access to the development would be via a new road emptying onto Northway extended. Permission would be required to build this new road across the county-owned surplus school property.

The Rocky Gorge building and development firm has been in existence for 13 years. The com-

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Merchants Sponsor Flag Raising at Festival

by Eileen Peterson

An American flag that has waved above the U.S. Capitol will be the focal point of a special ceremony this Friday, December 4 at 6:45 p.m. in Roosevelt Center to which all Greenbelt citizens are invited.

Planned by the Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association, the ceremony is a rededication of the historical commercial core of the city. The Center, renamed in memory of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has been the business hub of the city for 50 years, comments Michael Burckick, Chairman of the RCA.

The Honorable Steny Hoyer, U.S. Congressman from Maryland's Fifth District, presented the flag to the Association and is among distinguished invited guests. County Councilman Richard Castaldi, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and members of the city council. Outstanding Citizen Sandra Barnes and Miss Greenbelt Michelle Lee are expected to attend the ceremony. Also invited are City Manager James Giese, Chief of Police James Craze, Director of Public Works George Smith and Director of Recreation Hank Irving.

This event, which will include an American Legion Honor Guard and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, is part of opening ceremonies for this weekend's Festival of Lights.

Organized in September, 1985, the Merchants' Association works to promote the Center's many and diverse businesses and professional offerings as well as to work for renewal and upgrading of the physical facilities. A logo for RCA has been developed by John Fetty, a University of Maryland graduate student. There are 28 business or professional identities located in the Center's buildings. Other officers include Linda Callahan, Leo Walder, Joe Natoli, Jr., and Ben Rosenzweig.

What Goes On

Fri., Sat., Sun., Dec. 4, 5, 6, Festival of Lights - see Ad elsewhere in this issue
Mon., Dec. 7, 7 p.m. Police Station Groundbreaking Ceremony on site - 550 Cressent Rd. across from Public works building
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Tues., Dec. 8, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession, Parcel 1 Rocky Gorge development, Municipal Building
Wed., Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Park & Recreation Advisory Board Business meeting, Youth Center
Wed. & Thurs., Dec. 9 & 10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Surplus Food Distribution, Municipal Building

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School Mourns Loss

by Dorrie Bates

As the word of Joseph Wilson's death spread, the students and faculty at Springhill Lake Elementary School began to deal with the loss of one of their own. According to Principal Stanley J. Klein, the first grader was a special youngster who held a unique place in the school community.

Joe was killed last week when he ran behind a delivery van that was backing up in a Springhill Lake parking lot.

Joe found ways to help out in many aspects of the school's daily life. He showed new students around the school, encouraged the kitchen staff and held regular consultations with the school custodian. "Joe always had a smile on his face," said Klein. "He had tremendous resilience and endeared himself to everyone."

Students seem to be handling the loss of their friend well, observed Klein. A crisis team was at the school the day after the accident, helping his friends and classmates talk about their feelings. Members of Joe's class wrote letters to his mother.

A memorial service was held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Klein delivered the eulogy. A Joseph Patrick Wilson Memorial Fund has been set up at Springhill Lake Elementary. For more information, call 345-6150.

Co-op Mails Patronage Refunds to Members

by Jim Cassels

The Greenbelt Co-op supermarket and service station mailed their 1987 patronage refunds to members this week. The refund totaled \$63,693, amounting to 2.4% of member purchases.

The Co-op's income for the 1986-87 fiscal year amounted to \$137,385. The refund was paid from this, plus \$17,120 was paid in federal and state income taxes, and \$51,573 was added to reserves.

The patronage refund was divided three ways: \$14,539 went to cash vouchers, \$26,479 to member capital and \$26,675 to loan capital. After distribution member capital totaled \$217,346 and loan capital totaled \$89,709.

Total membership in the Co-op is now 2410. Of these, 451 have between \$100 and \$200 in capital. In addition, there are 514 members with more than \$200 invested in the Co-op.

Dorothy Caruso

Former Greenbelter Dorothy D. Caruso, 78, died on Wednesday, November 18 at her home in Orange City, Florida. Before moving to Florida, Mrs. Caruso had lived in Mesa, Arizona.

While living in Greenbelt Mrs. Caruso was an active member of the Carrollton Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Washington stake.

She is survived by her husband, Vincent of Orange City; sons Carl of DeLand, Florida; Ronald of Salt Lake City; Lewis of Medford, Oregon and James of West Laurel, Maryland; sisters Rubye Mikesell of Greenbelt; Sadie McGee of Barborsville, West Virginia, and Beatrice of Charlottesville; brothers, Lamont Dudley of Gordonsville; and Stanford Dudley of Charlottesville; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ERHS Music Groups

Plan Winter Concert

The Winter Concert of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Music Department is scheduled for Friday, December 11 in the ERHS auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Performing at the concert will be the Wind Ensemble, Concert Bands I and II, the Concert Orchestra, and the Flute Choir. Guest euphonium solo artist will be S/Sgt. Robert Powers, U.S. Army Band, playing "All Those Endearing Young Charms." Also featured will be a tuba and euphonium ensemble with Sally Wagner, Michael Wagner, and S/Sgt. Powers in concert with tuba and euphonium students from Eleanor Roosevelt's Music Department.

Admission is free and refreshments will be offered. Call 345-7500 for further information.

**TO THE
 GREENBELT
 CENTER BUMS**
 Merry Christmas and a
 Happy New Year
 from Steve Langone

Gray Panthers Meet

Gray Panthers will have their December meeting Saturday, December 12, 1 to 4 p.m. jointly with the Montgomery County and Metropolitan D.C. Gray Panthers at the Shiloh Baptist Church at 1500 9th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. (Ample Parking). This meeting will be a joint public hearing on our national health care system. Daniel Lindheim, Legislative Counsel to Congressman Ron Dellums, and Art Mazer, Boston author of "How to Fight City Hall and Win" will speak.

Among the panelists will be Joslyn N. Williams, President Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO, Bernard Demczuk, National Political Organizer, AFGE, Dr. Jannell Goetcheus, Columbia Road Health Services, and Marchel Smiley, President Local 722 Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO. Carpooling and rides will be provided from the Greenbelt Suburban Trust Bank to this meeting. Persons planning to go should call Ann Pisano, at 474-7841.

Museum Opening on TV

The Greenbelt Municipal Access Channel B-10 will present "Greenbelt Museum - Opening Ceremonies" on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 8, 9 and 10 at 2 and 7 p.m. The program features the ceremonies in their entirety. Guest speakers included many elected officials: Sandra Barnes, chairperson of the 50th Anniversary Committee; and William LaSalle, the first resident of 10-B Crescent Road. The program is 57 minutes long.

Joseph & Beverley Izzo wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and parishioners who prayed for and helped us through our trying times during the past years.
 God Bless You All

Surplus Food Will Be

Distributed on Dec. 9 & 10

On Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 and 10, the city will participate in the surplus food program sponsored by Prince Georges County. Cheese, butter, dry milk, flour, rice, cornmeal, and honey will be distributed to eligible persons on these two days from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd.

Eligibility requirements are: (1) receipt of food stamps, Medicaid, welfare, Supplemental Security Income, or Maryland Energy Assistance, or (2) an income that is lower than \$8,250 for one person, \$11,100 for two people, \$13,950 for three people or \$16,800 for four people.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the distribution or needing additional information should call the city offices, 474-8052.

Springhill Lake Boy

Scout Troop News

Congratulations to Kenny Quелlette and Conrad Chang for winning 3rd place in their grade level for a book entitled "Invasion of the Giant Food," which they wrote in connection with the Write-a-Book Festival.

Troop Leadership elections were held with the following results: T. J. Torillo and Jimmy Fielder elected to the position of Patrol Leader; and Mike Belle elected as Senior Patrol Leader.

It will be a busy time in December as preparations are made for a cold weather campout at Watkins Park and a 10-kilometer hike through Old Town Alexandria.

The Boy Scouts worked at Greenbelt's Mini-Carnival selling cotton candy and popcorn. It was hard work but fun.

For information on joining, contact John Holloman, Scoutmaster, 937-3549.

E for Error

The News Review regrets that an Errant and Embarrassing 'E' was added to the name of Greenbelt Service Center Mobil in the 50th Anniversary edition. Our apologies.

Young Republicans to Meet

The Prince Georges Young Republican Club will be holding their next meeting on Monday, December 14 at the Fireside House of Beef, 6011 Greenbelt Road, at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans between the ages of 18-40 are invited to attend. The P.G.Y.R.'s are constantly searching for individuals interested in politics, social activities, and even public service projects. Needed are people who want to get involved and at the same time have some fun. For more information, contact Don Rockwell at 498-1763.

CHORALE PERFORMANCES

The combined Chorales of the Beltsville and Greenbelt-Lanham communities will present Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. on December 6 at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville). The group will perform Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitor" at 7:30 p.m. on December 13 at Beltsville Presbyterian Church (corner of Powder Mill Road and I-95N) and again on December 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church (10110 Greenbelt Road, Lanham). There is an admission fee.

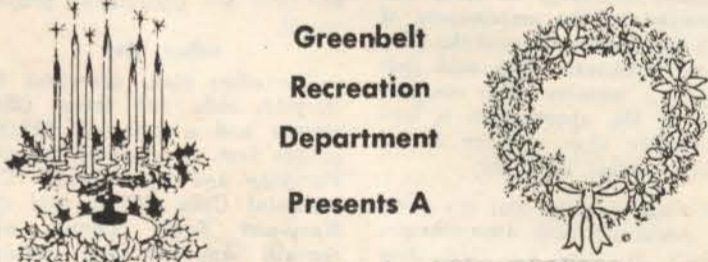
ROOSEVELT CENTER FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The Roosevelt Center Merchants Association is sponsoring a Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday, December 4 at 6:45 p.m. as part of the City's Festival of Lights holiday program. The ceremony will be held in the Roosevelt Center at the newly renovated flag pole adjacent to the Mellon Bank.

Invited guests include Congressman Steny Hoyer, County Councilman, Richard Castaldi, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, members of the City Council, Miss Greenbelt, Michelle Lee and Outstanding Citizen, Sandra Barnes. The Greenbelt American Legion will present the Colors. Master of Ceremonies is Mike Burchick, Chairman of the Roosevelt Center Association.

Following the Ceremony, the City's Holiday Tree will be lighted by Santa Claus at 7:30 p.m. in front of Sovran Bank. Join us and share in the Holiday Spirit!

Send holiday and new year greetings to all your friends and neighbors through the News Review



Greenbelt Recreation Department Presents A

Holiday Dance

WHO: Everyone 12-17 years of age
 WHEN: Saturday, December 12, 8pm - 11pm
 WHERE: Greenbelt Youth Center
 COST: \$2.50 Single \$4.00 Couple

"The Visitors" will provide the music for your listening and dancing pleasure!

Call 474-6878 for more information.

THANKS

Thank you so much to the Greenbelters who were so kind to us in the loss of my mother, Rhoda Dennison.

A special thanks to my dear friends, Doris Hall and Irene Delano, who so graciously took us into their homes; Helen Peterman, who prepared such a delicious meal for us after the services; and Louise Hooper and Ginger and Basil Simms for their delicious food.

Also special thanks to Bea Noble for the beautiful write-up she put in the *News Review* in honor of our beloved mother, Nanny, sister and aunt.

God bless all of you.

Iris Conway and
All the Families

Need Wild Land

When I read that a proposal was being made to develop Parcel 1, and that council, with some minor reservations, seemed to be in favor, I felt physically ill. I thought that we had won this battle — but of course those who fight for preservation of green space must win every battle, while the developers must win only once in order for a forest to be destroyed forever.

City Manager James K. Giese says that the city has "a mild interest in" a green belt. Surely that was meant to be a joke? Even so, I find it to be in poor taste.

If this land is stripped and covered with houses of whatever kind, the Perimeter Park will be nothing but a walkway—at best, a tame over-crowded strip like the Lake trail. The quiet and solitude will be gone, and so will the deer, forest birds, and many other species that vanished long ago from the rest of Greenbelt. Surely this is not in the best interests of our citizens. We need wild land far more than we need yet more people crowded into the north end of town.

Metro will be here in a few years, bringing with it even greater pressure for development of our last remaining open spaces. The issue in Parcel 1 is not single-family homes versus townhouses; it is this: in this 50th year of Greenbelt, do we really want to kiss away one of the last remaining fragments of our green belt? Once made, that decision could never be reversed.

I beg council to fight any development on Parcel 1, and I urge all those who feel as I do to attend the council meeting on December 8.

Tina Rhea

Letters to the Editor

Save the Green Belt

The *News Review* editorial of May 9, 1985 reads in part: "A few years ago, Greenbelt was a small town beautifully surrounded by woodlands. Now, only scattered oases of green remain to offer respite from our urban clutter. Many of these spots are privately owned and ripe for clearing and construction. If some of these forested areas are not acquired soon with public money for public use, the pleasure they give us will be lost forever. This is why passing the proposed municipal bond issue during the referendum next Tuesday is so urgent a matter for all of us."

In no way could I express my thoughts better, so I copied the words of the editorial, which is more relevant today than ever. For the headline of the November 26 issue of the *News Review* reads: "Townhouses, Detached Homes Proposed for Underdeveloped Parcel 1 in North End."

The city has finally sold five million dollars worth of bonds, so it has the money to buy the land. The legal papers, under "Application of Proceeds," spell out that proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used (among a long list of public improvements) for "... acquisition and development of one or more tracts of land to provide additional City parks, athletic fields, and playgrounds."

I therefore urge everyone to sign the petition to "Save the Green Belt." This petition opposes any development of parcels 1 and 2; requests that city council take immediate steps to preserve parcels 1 and 2 as part of the original green belt; insists that the \$1,765,000 allocated for parkland acquisition be immediately applied toward the purchase of as much of parcel 1 as is possible and urges the exploration of options to raise additional funds for the acquisition of the entire parcels. Anyone who has not yet come across this petition and would like to get a copy may give me a call (441-8943).

Also, attend at least one, and preferably both of these meetings: December 7, city council meeting; and December 8, work session of council with representatives of Rocky Gorge, the company which has a contract to purchase parcel 1.

Leonie Penney

An Unsafe Sidewalk

This fall a new sidewalk was constructed on the corner of Crescent Road and Gardenway, across from the Mobil station. This sidewalk directs pedestrians away from the safety of the inner-sidewalk system to the corner of the most dangerous intersection in Old Greenbelt. The concern for safety of Greenbelt citizens has been ignored, in favor of paving an unsightly pre-existing dirt path.

I remember as a child my parents forbidding the family from using the dirt path across from Woody's (Mobil) to go to the Center. Instead they encouraged us to use the underpass located just a few yards from the path. We largely ignored this advice, opting to cross the road because it was faster. Besides we never heard of anyone getting hit by a car in Greenbelt! Well, those days were short-lived, for a few years later, a citizen was killed at this intersection while trying to get across the street to the dirt path.

Now that the dirt path is paved, its use has increased. One morning this week while passing this intersection I observed several very young children going to school. These children were in a sprinting runner's starting position readying themselves for the next opportunity to cross the busy street. This scene really scared me, prompting the writing of this letter. Not only is there no safe landing in front of the service station, but these children must also cross the entrances of the service station, the realty office, and Roosevelt Center before they are safe from vehicular traffic.

The building of sidewalks is to provide a margin of safety for those walking from the dangers of vehicular traffic. They should not promote the unnecessary crossing of dangerous roadways.

Bruce T. Coulter

Phantom Green Belt

Ruth Kastner lavishly praises members of our city council for long hours devoted to city business and for "commitment to Greenbelt." As a disgruntled resident of Charlestowne Village I would stop far short of this praise because council has dumped a new development in our laps, Parcel 15, further eroding the increasingly phantom "green belt." The return wasn't 30 pieces of silver but 10 acres of lake land and a gravel parking strip. Big deal, Parcel 15 should have been fiercely guarded as a buffer strip between Charlestowne and the Beltway. I question how developers got their hands on much of our green belt in the first place.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kastner for her stand on non-development of Parcels 1 and 2. It may be too late for Parcel 15 but I urge all concerned residents to attend the city council meeting on December 7 to express their opposition to development of Parcels 1 and 2. Mrs. Kastner stated the situation best: "Greenbelt's future depends on it."

B. Sue Benson

Editor's Note: Developers purchased the green belt in the '50s and do have the right to develop their property. Council's efforts have been to obtain the most favorable development plans possible or, as in a number of parcels around the lake and elsewhere, to purchase the land for public use.

Woman's Club News

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held Monday, December 14, at 1 p.m. in the meeting room in the Greenbelt Library.

This will be the annual Christmas Party and members are asked to bring a gift for the gift exchange.

Last Call for a Hike

Hey, Greenbelt — there are 100 beautiful acres of land in this town that you may not know about. The trouble is, it's about to be plowed down so we can have hundreds of additional cars for morning and evening rush hour. If you'd like to see it before the destruction or construction takes place, meet me at the Dump at 1 p.m. this Saturday at the end of Northway extended for a grand tour. There'll be free sandwiches and drinks. For more information about a great hike, call me at 474-4653.

Paul Downs

Last Call for Deer

When I was a kid, I used to play in the woods that are called Parcel 1. I lived all the way across town, but it didn't take a 12-year-old boy long to find such an enchanted forest. I saw my first deer in those woods. At the age of 27 I still go back there to take walks and relax. I'd like to be able to walk through those woods 10 years from now.

Leave Parcel 1 alone.

Mat Durintine

Last Call

It would be a real shame if Parcel 1 is developed. It's as simple as that.

Tom X. White, Jr.

Renew the Tradition

We've had a wonderful year in Greenbelt, with so many events to bring us together and renew our faith in our community. It is ironic this special year should be the one when Greenbelt's single ecumenical event failed to occur—the community Thanksgiving service. We hope that these comments and those of others who gave thanks together in past years will cause the renewal of this important tradition.

David and Deanne Lange

At the Library

Thursday, December 3 and 10, 10:30 a.m.—Drop-in story-time for ages 3-5.

Saturday, December 5, 2-3 p.m. — Puppet show: Cinderella. All ages and family welcome.

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Woodland Scenes
Simmering Potpourri
Etc. Etc.
Wassail Punch & Holiday
Cookies served.



TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Once again, the Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with the United States Marine Corps will be accepting donated toys for the area's needy children in conjunction with Greenbelt's 16th Annual Festival of Lights Holiday Program.

Collections will be held during the following times and locations.

- ** Friday, December 4, 12 noon - 8 p.m. at the Bandstand adjacent to the Sovran Bank
- ** Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the Craft Show and Sale in the Greenbelt Youth Center
- ** Saturday and Sunday, December 12, 13, 19 and 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., first floor lobby of the Greenbelt Hilton and Towers.

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Meet the Authors

by Sandra Barnes

Meet the authors of *Greenbelt: History of a New Town*, Sat., Dec. 5 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. During this one afternoon, people who wrote and edited the 285-page book on Greenbelt will autograph copies and talk about their roles.

This book, which was produced especially for Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary, features over 350 photographs spanning 50 years of Greenbelt life. Many photos, from private collections, have never before been seen by the public. Some are early issues of *The Cooperator* (the *News Review* before its name changed) and reveal humorous controversies on Greenbelt life when it was run by the federal government. Find out why pets were banned from the city and shorts from the center mall.

Discover who lived in this area in the 1800s. Learn the facts on why the government sold Greenbelt in 1952, and how developers have changed the city.

Each of the books 11 authors wrote a specific chapter. Mary Lou Williamson, *News Review* editor, served as the overall editor. It is unusual for books of this type to be written by a committee, but not in Greenbelt, where committees are a way of life.

The book is available in both hard and soft cover. It makes an ideal Christmas or Hanukkah present for both present and past residents. Children especially will appreciate learning about what life was like back in the '30s, '40s, and '50s. Each chapter contains important events in Greenbelt's evolution from a planned community of low-income housing built by the federal government to the growing urban city of today.

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Mishkan Torah to Honor Frank Pearlman Dec. 12

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will be honoring Frank Pearlman at a gala Testimonial roast and dinner on Saturday, December 12. A long-time resident of Greenbelt, Pearlman and his family have been members of Mishkan Torah for over 20 years. Frank served as president of the congregation's Men's Club for a number of years and was on the executive board.

For 10 years he has been an active member of the Synagogue's Ways and Means Committee and managed the Mishkan Torah Sunday Morning Coffee Klatch, a popular gathering place for the congregation and members of the community.

An actor in Mishkan Torah productions, Pearlman also directs Mishkan Torah Sermons-in-Drama. He also participates in community theatre as an active member of the Greenbelt Players, appearing in "The Bad Seed" and "You Can't Take It With You." He can be currently seen in "Raisin in the Sun" at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

For reservations to the roast call Linda Bargteil at 681-3688.

Combined Choir Will Perform Sun., Dec. 6

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday evening, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the Greenbelt Community Church. The church is located on the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads.

The performance will include the Christmas cantata "The World's Redeemer," choral holiday music and favorite Christmas carols. The audience will be asked to join in the singing during portions of the concert. The choir is accompanied by Rosemary Birchard and is directed by Jean Cook.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the performance.

Senior Citizens Program To Adopt-A-Pet Begins

Doctors and psychiatrists are finding pets may be a good form of preventive medicine for senior citizens. Keeping a pet has proved to be physically and emotionally beneficial. With this in mind, Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening has announced the implementation of an Adopt-A-Pet Program for senior citizens. This program proposes to match persons 60 years or older with shelter animals free of charge.

Interested seniors must complete an application, determine personal preference for pet desired, and attend an orientation and counseling session to discuss future costs and other pet care responsibilities. Once the application is approved, the senior citizen will be assisted in selecting a pet.

For more information on this program, contact Mary Fulton, Humane Educator at the Animal Control Facility in Forestville, at 499-2880.

New Ridesharing Lot

The Maryland State Highway Administration has opened a ridesharing lot at the I-95/I-495 interchange. The new 240 space lot, located along the inner loop of the Beltway at I-95, provides commuters in the Washington suburban area a safe and convenient place to meet their carpools. It is available for use 24 hrs a day and can be reached from both I-95 and I-495.

For additional information regarding the ridesharing lots in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, contact SHA Ridesharing Coordinator Howard Simons at 333-1145.

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Caitlin Joins City Staff

by Dorrie Bates

There's a new face in the Municipal Building: Blythe Caitlin has joined the city staff as an administrative assistant to City Manager Jim Giese.

Originally from Wayland, Massachusetts, Caitlin came to the Washington area to get a master's degree in public administration. While finishing her studies at American University, she interned in the Rockville city office as a budget analyst.

According to Giese, it was her training and experience in budget work that set her apart from other applicants. Already she has worked on many aspects of Greenbelt's budget process, including preparing the recent bond issue statement. "We're pleased with the way she's pitched in," said Giese.

Acknowledging that Greenbelt is certainly different from Rockville, Caitlin said that she enjoys working with a more closely knit group. Furthermore, she pointed out, without a large staff, fewer people do more jobs, a situation which gives her a broad base in what makes a city work. The variety of the work that comes her way, along with the history unique to Greenbelt, was a factor in Caitlin's decision to come here.

Despite the demands of her job, Caitlin does find time to relax. Horseback riding is one of her current interests and she has participated in several rigorous three-day events in the area.

Parent Ideas Sought For School's Budget

To reduce last-minute school budget requests, the county council of PTA's and Suzanne Plogman, the District 2 school board member, are co-sponsoring a pre-budget public hearing on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt High School auditorium.

Plogman says she is looking for good ideas from parents and administrators to help guide her through the upcoming budget negotiating sessions.

Plogman is also sending an attitude survey home to parents with District 2 students this week. She says the survey will be a report card of sorts for the school board and should give her feedback on what the schools are doing well and not so well.

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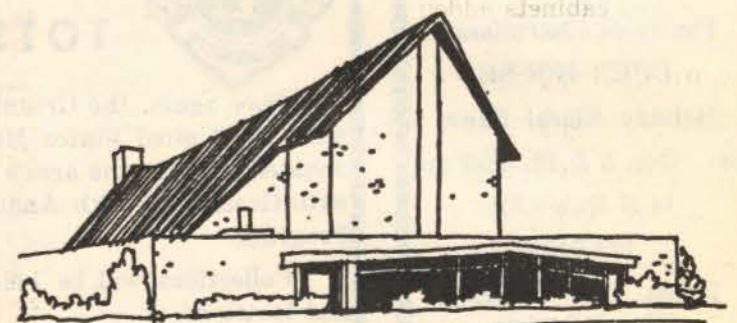
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A Review

"The Photographs . . . Alone Are Worth the Price"

by Eugene L. Meyer

As general editor Mary Lou Willimson writes in her acknowledgments for Greenbelt's 50th anniversary book, "In Greenbelt, everything is done by committee, and this volume is no exception." This is both the strength of Greenbelt and the weakness of "Greenbelt: History of a New Town 1937-1987."

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The warmth, the human element is in the pictures — and in what may be considered a companion volume, "Looking Back," a collection of recollections of 79 past and present Greenbelters compiled for the 50th anniversary dinner-dance.

It's a shame the two efforts weren't combined, because the recollections in one book complement the pictures in the other.

Unfortunately, the text of the bound and professionally-printed "Greenbelt: History of a New Town" is for the most part dry,

a two-dimensional recitation of facts. Except for the early chapters, it has all the excitement of a set of minutes recording the activities of the City Council.

Fortunately, the book — of which only 2,000 copies were printed — is mostly photographs, and they alone are worth the \$25 price of admission. The bulk of them picture the early years. There are many views of Greenbelt being built and of the early "utopia" years, when everyone looked happy and everything was new.

Of course, there are some ironies in the pictures, not noted in the captions but apparent from a close reading of the text. For example, blacks helped build Greenbelt but were barred from living there, the text notes. Yet, since Greenbelt was more progressive even in the segregated South, blacks were served at its lunch counters. The pictures of New Deal make-work, use of wheelbarrows instead of machines, are also fascinating.

The epilogue (five paragraphs written by three people) seems a bit too self-congratulatory. Greenbelt ain't what it was and never will be. But it is good to recall its origins, trials and tribulations as the original dream largely fell victim to the forces of economics, politics, reaction

and development.

And it is well to recognize, too, that the dream survives, even in a Depression-era town of government superblocks now surrounded by superhighways, shopping centers and high-rise office buildings. I found the most moving reminder of this in the reunion dinner book, in a letter from Alexa Lauber Kiefner, raised in Greenbelt in the 1960s, glad to be away for a few years and now grateful to be back.

"Growing up and living in a town like Greenbelt is a privilege," she wrote. "I am very much aware of this after living and working in New York City for almost four years . . . Why did I leave? I wanted a challenge. . . ."

"I don't want to sound too corny, but I just wanted to share my feelings about Greenbelt, and to say, don't ever take it for granted. Sometimes I think it's best to experience another place, because then you really know what you want."

Wish your friends and neighbors a Happy Holiday Season in the News Review

IRS to Provide Free Guides to New Tax Law

To help taxpayers learn about the changes made by tax reform, the Internal Revenue Service has developed two new publications available that explain the new tax law.

Publication 920, Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Individuals, and Publication 921, Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Business, show how the new law compares to the old.

Publication 920 covers topics on simplified and reduced tax rates, changes in IRA rules, itemized deductions, limits on personal interest, and tax credits.

Publication 921 covers business topics such as deductions for travel and business use of the home.

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Greenbelt Museum Still Needs Household Items

Although the Greenbelt Museum is one of the smallest of the row-type housing built by the federal government in 1937, it has one of the largest kitchen cabinets—a three section model, 46 inches long. In the process of restoration, the original countertop disappeared and though several replacements have been offered, none has proven to be the correct size. So, anyone who may have a spare 46-inch-long kitchen countertop stashed away in an attic—or anyone who is remodeling a kitchen soon and will be disposing of a kitchen countertop—is urged to contact the Greenbelt Museum at 474-1936.

Other items that the museum members are looking for include pots and pans for the kitchen. Anyone have a 1930s-1940s tea kettle? The museum was fortunate to receive a donation of three place settings of Harlequin ware, a popular type of china produced during the 30s and 40s that an average family of middle income might have purchased. Anne Meglis donated the china which is turquoise in color. Additional pieces—such as the creamer and sugar bowl, salt and pepper shakers—are also needed.

When the Lassell family, who were the first to occupy 10-B Crescent Road, moved to Greenbelt, Mrs. Lassell brought the family's pictures to hang on the wall. These included a reproduction of Thomas Gainsborough's "Blue Boy". The museum members are looking for similar framed pictures that might be typical of the period between 1935-1945. Table lamps, clothing, books and magazines would also be most welcome donations.

At its annual meeting on September 30, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) membership elected Board of Directors for the coming year. The FOGM board includes Sandra Barnes, president; Mary Linstrom, vice president; Sally Sims, secretary; and Dorothy White, treasurer; Janie Mutchler, membership. Other officers are: Alan Virta, Don Volk, Linda Warner, Martha Sinden, Christina O'Boyle and Barbara Havekost. Council person Toni Bram continues as a non-voting member.



The weather was perfect for the large crowd of Greenbelt's past and present residents, friends and dignitaries who gathered under the large trees near the playground behind 10-B Crescent Road, Greenbelt's museum. Balloons added a festive air, and the 50th Anniversary Committee handled last minute needs for commemorative souvenirs. The site for the ceremonies is virtually unchanged from 50 years

ago, and this gave many a strong sense of nostalgia. The trees have grown, of course, but the paths still converge to go under Crescent Road to the right and children could be seen riding bikes up out of the underpass as if they had just moved out of a scene in the black-and-white movie "The City," which featured the "new" Greenbelt.

FOGM will soon begin its third annual membership drive. Volunteers are needed to assist with typing names onto a computer disc—preferably using an Apple or IBM computer. Discs and moral support will be supplied by FOGM. Depreciation on equipment used for this purpose is a tax deductible item. Anyone who can offer assistance is asked to call Linda Warner at 345-8361

Persons who designate their United Way contributions to go to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum are urged to notify

FOGM so that their gift can be acknowledged. (Normally the donor is not identified when the contribution comes through the United Way.)

The sign says it all — the whole Homecoming Weekend was built around the first families who participated. In the front row from right, Ed and Annie Halley, and Frieda Pelzweig.



Laughter draws two people together and reflects the joy of the crowd that came to the museum dedication. In the background, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and his wife take their place at the end of a long line which formed all afternoon in anticipation of a tour through the newly opened museum. Some people avoided the first rush by attending the catered reception across the street at Center School. A children's art show and a display of photographs and some artists' conceptions of the New Town of Greenbelt filled part of Center School's auditorium. —photos on this page by Bill Cornett



EVERYONE helps cut the ribbon to open the new Greenbelt Museum. From the left, Tilford Dudley, Secretary of State Winfield Kelly, Dorothy Sucher, 50th Anniversary Committee Chair Sandra Barnes, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Council members Toni Bram, Ed Putens and Joe Isaacs. Sally Sims directs the operation. — photo by Bill Cornett

Council Hears Plan for Matching Office Building Alongside Commerce Center 1

by Mavis Fletcher

At its regular meeting on November 16, the Greenbelt city council heard about a plan to construct another office building adjacent to Commerce Center 1, the large new red building with green glass windows which occupies a site at the southeast corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. The tract under discussion for the second building is the Smith-Ewing Lot 2, where a residential hotel was planned when zoning for the three lots making up the Smith-Ewing property was put in place. Lot 2 is specifically restricted by covenants to a corporate suite hotel designed to house guests, often business travelers, in suites for short stays.

Richard Reed of the law firm Fossett and Brugger represented the Midland Company. This company and the Rubin Company developed Commerce Center 1, and also intend to develop Smith-Ewing Lot 3, where low-rise commercial office buildings are planned. Only the Midland Company is proposing to develop Lot 2. According to Reed, Hotel Investors Trust, the current owner of Lot 2, was restructured in a corporate takeover and is no longer in the hotel development business.

Celia Wilson, the city's Planning and Development Coordinator, said that Hotel Investors Trust had indicated to her that the firm would not hold the property but would attempt to sell it. Reed told council that the firm he represented was paying the owner of the lot \$20,000 to keep the lot off the market for the present. Reed said that the possibility of the lot's being sold for the construction of a budget hotel was of concern to his client because it would detract from the other two sites and lower the quality of development in the surrounding area. For that reason, the firm had taken an option on the land to see if it would be possible to get approval of another office building.

The plan Reed presented called for a six-story building containing 128,000 square feet. The building would be one story higher than the building already completed but, because of the lay of the land, the tops of the buildings would be at the same height. The exterior of the buildings would be of the same materials. Since the proposed building would be taller, the 'footprint' would be smaller. The plan also proposes to turn the building with the narrow side facing Hanover Parkway and the Glen Ora Gardens homes behind it to minimize its apparent size. The smaller footprint also allows for more parking.

Reed pointed out that a high-rise building would allow more buffering between the homes and the building than a low-rise hotel would have had; and that the land around the building drops 20 feet below the homes so that parking should not be visible from the homes. He admitted, however, that an office building would generate more traffic than a hotel but insisted that a high-rise office building generates less traffic than a low-rise town-house-type of office building.

The city's Advisory Planning Board, while not rejecting the plan, said in its report that hotel development would be preferred. It suggested that traffic impact, visual scale, and buffering and berming of the area between the residences and the building were among the areas of concern.

Homeowner Reaction

City Manager James K. Giese's report to council indicated that the board of directors of Windsor Green had supported the office building plan, although Wilson said she "didn't have this in writing." Gary M. Kittay, a resident of Windsor Green, then left the council meeting, took this statement to a meeting of the Windsor Green board (taking place at the same time) and returned to tell city council that the board neither supported nor rejected the plan. Kittay, when asked for his own opinion by council member Antoinette Bram, said that, like the Windsor Green board, he had an open mind.

Council, after emphasizing that they wanted to get much more input from residents, chose to discuss the plan further in a work session. No date was set for the work session, which will probably be after January 1. Council member Edward Putens advised the developer to meet with the homeowner associations and coalition of associations in Greenbelt East before the work session.

Senior Citizen Task Force

Also deferred to a work session was a resolution put forth by Putens to form a senior citizen task force. This resolution would set up a group to develop recommendations on a comprehensive senior citizen policy. The resolution had been given a first reading at the council meeting

on November 2 and Putens said he would like to see it move forward.

However, the city staff recommended that passage of the resolution be delayed until after a work session where such subjects as the size of the task force, the relationship of the work of the task force to the consultant's study dealing with many of the same tasks, and the previous study by the Community Relations Advisory Board could be considered.

Ann Pisano of Lakewood urged that the council should "get the task force started and then worry about all the rest of those things." Council, however, on a motion by Bram, voted unanimously to defer the resolution to a work session where the consultant who made the recent study, Dr. Therese van Houten, will be present. The work session was set for December 3.

Petitions

Bill Rowland, Jr., a former employee of the Public Works Department, petitioned council to improve safety measures in city operations. He also asked council to consider payment of certain medical fees and reimbursement of back pay during a period when he had been dismissed from his job and subsequently reinstated. He had finally resigned his job on November 4. In response to a question by Bram, he said he had resigned because of unsafe working conditions. Rowland charged that unsafe practices in the Public Works Department had persisted during the time he had been employed there.

Rowland brought to the council nine recommendations on improving safety on city public works jobs. These suggestions included improved training for new employees, defensive driver training, more supervisory in-

volvement, banning of open unshored trench work in the city, and prompt vehicle repair.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, clearly unwilling to get into personnel matters in a council meeting, suggested that the matter be delayed until the decision of the Employee Relations Board had been reviewed by Giese. Council member Thomas White indicated that he thought that review should be accelerated.

More Petitions

Alice Robinson of Research Road appeared before council to support Putens' resolution to form a senior citizens task force, but she also raised a question regarding enforcement of the city's animal control regulations and asked to see the list of citations issued under the regulations.


According to Robinson's statement, she had been told by a member of the police force that council did not want the animal control regulations enforced. Council members vehemently denied this allegation. Robinson then explained that she is being annoyed by a barking dog and cannot get the police, the animal control wardens or Greenbelt

Homes, Inc. (where she lives) to do anything about the problem.

City Solicitor Robert Manzi explained that the police can issue citations for life-threatening infractions under the animal control regulation (dog bites, for example) but that the city ordinance leaves enforcement of less serious cases to the county Animal Control Commission. He added that Robinson could try to get enforcement through the courts, but that courts are reluctant to hear such cases because of the press of other cases.

Council also received a petition from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. asking that that organization become part of the annual budget process under the public safety section. The letter from the department specifically asked that the city forgive a loan made to construct an addition to the fire station and to obtain some funds to apply toward needed equipment.

In accordance with council rules, action was not taken on any of these petitions but was deferred to a later meeting to allow the city staff to assemble the relevant facts.



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Museum Gets \$2000 Gift From Coakley & Williams

by Steve Galanis

Maryland Trade Center Park developers Coakley and Williams presented the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) with a two-thousand-dollar ceremonial check last month after holding a 10-kilometer benefit race on its home ground.

According to Coakley and Williams spokesman Steve Williams, the museum contribution is being made in commemoration of Greenbelt's Fiftieth Anniversary. Ceremonial checks were also presented to the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, \$10 thousand; and to WLTT's Goodlite fund, \$2 thousand. WLTT, a local F.M. radio station, co-sponsored the race. (A ceremonial check is a super-sized check for presentation purposes; the money follows later in a regular-sized check).

According to FOGM president Sandra Barnes, the money has not been earmarked for any specific purpose, but it is likely, she said, to go toward converting the museum garage into office space. Barnes said that along with the garage conversion, FOGM is focusing its fund raising efforts toward hiring a part-time curator for the museum, and for educational programs and exhibits. Barnes said FOGM advisory board member Bernard Farchino, a Coakley & Williams representative, played a key role in the event.

Coakley & Williams, which owns Maryland Trade Centers I and II and the Greenbelt Holiday Inn, is building its third commercial office building. According to Williams, excavation for Maryland Trade Center III has taken place and the building's footing has been poured. Williams said the scheduled completion date of the 12-story building is Spring 1989.

Legal Information Hot Line Messages

To meet the public's increasing comprehensive need for legal information, the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) has expanded Maryland Legal Line, a free telephone service providing tape recorded explanations on legal topics.

Launched in 1985, thousands of citizens have called Legal Line to learn more about legal issues ranging from divorce and child support to wills and bankruptcy. Three new tapes, written by the MSBA Section of Estates and Trusts, have now been added: the legal procedure to follow when someone dies, what probate is, and what to be aware of when choosing a power of attorney.

To hear any of the two-to-five-minute taped messages on legal rights and services in Maryland, dial the toll-free number 1-800-638-8862. For a free brochure listing the complete range of Maryland Legal Line topics, call Kim Meyers at the Maryland State Bar Association, 1-800-492-1364.

Collegium Musicum Offers Free Concert

The University of Maryland Collegium Musicum, Richard Wexler, director, will present a concert on December 10 at 8 p.m. in Tawes Recital Hall, College Park Campus. Elizabeth Barber and Robert Petillo will be the guest soloists. The Collegium will perform music from late 15th-century France on replicas of period instruments. The free concert is open to the public. For information call 454-6669.

Eye Exams Offered To Needy Elderly

Anyone who knows an older person who needs medical eye care, but cannot afford it should ask him to call 1-800-222-EYES, the toll-free Helpline operated by the National Eye Care Project. Eligible callers will receive a referral to a nearby eye physician and surgeon (ophthalmologist) who has volunteered to provide care.

Every patient will be given a comprehensive medical eye examination for eye diseases and any needed treatment to protect vision. Services of the volunteer ophthalmologist are provided at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. For this project, volunteer ophthalmologists are accepting Medicare and/or other health insurance assignment as payment in full for their services. If the patient has no insurance coverage, medical eye care is provided without charge.

Although there is no financial qualification for the program, the emphasis of the project is to help those who may be without the means to pay—those who need the care the most.

To be eligible, a person must be age 65 or older, a U.S. citizen, and no longer have access to an ophthalmologist he or she has seen in the past. The National Eye Care Project is designed to provide comprehensive medical eye examinations and treatment to prevent or control eye diseases. Eyeglasses are not cov-

"Kitchens are sensibly modern"

by Mary Moien

In the fall of 1937, it seemed as though everyone in the country wanted to know more about this special community. No detail was too small to be reported and picked up by large and small newspapers across the U.S. One very detailed account of Greenbelt was written by William Utley and appeared in the Minneapolis (Minnesota) "Headlight."

Utley provided a detailed physical description of the community, emphasizing the layout of the town and details of the homes and other buildings. Current residents may be able to recognize it.

About the homes, he said, "kitchens are sensibly modern, compact, economical — but not faddish. There are metal cupboards with deep shelves and smooth, easy-dusting doors. All fixtures are sturdy and in good taste. Foundations and walls have been built to last a hundred years."

Of what is now Greenbelt Center Elementary School, Utley commented that "the (school) is

ered by the program.

If hospitalization is needed, volunteer ophthalmologists may be able to work with the patient to obtain needed care. Hospital charges are not covered under this program or by the doctor. The National Eye Care Project is for needy persons who do not have an ophthalmologist. It is not a second opinion program.

perhaps the most remarkable building (in Greenbelt). Gray concrete pilasters flank its sides like inverted flying buttresses. There is a chiseled frieze of cubist characters. Interiors are the ultimate in scientific design." Light shines into classrooms through large windows and 'glass brick panels' in the walls. Students have private lockers for their belongings. He concluded this section by stating that "conditions such as these are about all a teacher could ask for."

Utley stated categorically in

1937 that Greenbelters "will be living in the most completely planned community in America. Where they may have lived in city slums with poor environment for their children, they are now set down in the rolling green hills of Maryland, where fresh air is plentiful, where there is a good school, where their budgets will allow them to live as well as their much wealthier city neighbors."

That's how the country saw the experimental community of Greenbelt, Maryland in November 1937.



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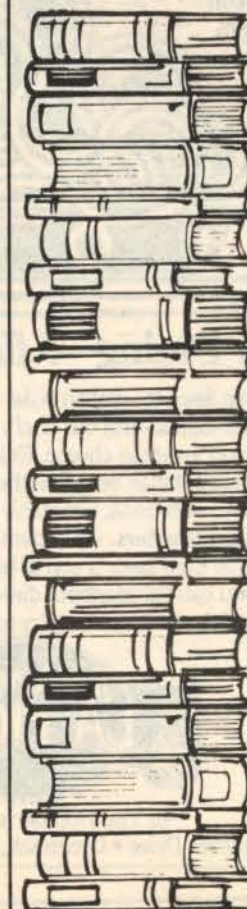
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AGENDA Regular Meeting of City Council Monday, December 7, 1987 8:00 p.m.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
 5. Approval of Agenda and Additions
 - II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Petitions and Requests
 - Letter from Ruth Fastner on Parcel 1 (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
 7. Minutes of Council Meetings
 - * - Regular Meeting of November 16, 1987
 - * - Special Meeting of June 29, 1987
 - * - Council Work Session of November 10, 1987
 - * - Council Work Session of November 16, 1987
 - * - Council Work Session of November 19, 1987
 - * - Council Work Session of November 24, 1987
 8. Administrative Reports
 9. Committee Reports - Presentation
 - * - CRAB Report on Strategic Planning
 - APB Report (87-27) Bednarik Property
 - III. LEGISLATION
 10. Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Police Communications Center Equipment for the New Greenbelt Police Facility from Motorola Communications and Electronics Incorporated on the basis of Competitive Bid Prices Established in the Sale of Similar Equipment to Charles County at a Total Cost of \$68,625.45, Including Installation and Implementation Except for Video Switches and Monitors, Said Purchase to be Made Through E2mar Construction Company, the City's Building Contractor, as an Added Contract Expense.
 - Second Reading
 - IV. OTHER BUSINESS
 11. Drug Awareness/Enforcement Program
 12. Proposed Rehabilitation Baltimore-Washington Parkway
 13. Appointments to Boards and Committees
 - V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS
 - Regular Meetings in January and February
- NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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NCSL Soccer

by Manuel Pereira
 The Greenbelt National Capital Soccer League (NCL) 1976-and-under team had two beautiful wins one against the Longreach Strikers (3-1) and the other against the Laurel Wildcats (3-1). The game in Longreach was considered one of the most important of the season. Aware of that, the Greens started very well, with the inspired midfielders Peter Timer, Kevin Lynch, and Miguel Pereira setting the tone of the game by controlling the midfield, keeping the ball close to the Strikers' goal and creating chances to score, as when Kevin's shot hit the bar. Despite that effort, halftime came with the teams tied 0-0.

In the second half, Miguel began playing striker to overcome the "off-side trap" that Longreach had been using successfully until then, and stunned the Longreach defense with his speed. He was very well supported by the midfield and by right wing Daryl Harrington. Miguel scored the first goal with a long shot, assisted by Ashish Khatta on an indirect kick. Assisted by Miguel in two skillful breakaways, Corey Lee then scored the second and third goals. On the defense, Dylan Powell and Jamie Despres played

an outstanding game.

CARES

On Nov. 1 against Laurel the Greens came out flat, and the Wildcats, the last team in the division standings, dominated and almost scored. It took some time for the surprised Greens to react, but when the first half ended, Greenbelt was completely dominating—just failing to capitalize. That domination continued all second half and the goals came as no surprise. Corey, one of the players showing the most improvement this season, played another excellent game and scored two more goals while the third goal was scored by left wing Tommy Bradley, assisted by Miguel. Greenbelt now has a 3-4 record. The team is sponsored by Springhill Lake and also by Three Brothers Pizza. The Greenbelt Hilton, and Capital Office Park.

Carol Leventhal attended a seminar on Drug Abuse in the Workplace, sponsored by and held at the Council of Governments office in Washington, D.C.

Greenbelt hosted the Adult, Children, and Executive Committee meetings of the Human Services Coalition. Paul Fischetti is the chairperson of the Human Services Coalition.

Judye Hering went to the following schools to meet with the Guidance Counselors to discuss CARES' tutoring program and the work/training program: Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School and Duval High School. She also met with a student to assist him in the work/training program, in pursuit of a job and future career.



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