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Pros and Cons of City's Position On Master Plan Amendments Debated

by Diane Oberg

At a worksession on January 29, the Greenbelt City Council worked to develop positions on the remaining issues in the county's proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA). Council expects to take formal action on these positions at its February 12 regular meeting. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld will present the final position at the public hearing scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13 in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium.

The first of the remaining issues is the Transit District Overlay (TDO) proposed for the area around the planned Greenbelt Metro station. The two others relate to Sunrise property and Green Springs II. When approved, the SMA will rezone properties in the Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt Planning area in accordance with the recently adopted master plan.

As usual, the Sunrise property caused the greatest problems for council. The property, a 9.9 acre tract between the Holiday Inn and Greenway Village apartments, is currently zoned R-10. This zoning permits the construction of high-rise apartments. The

property owner has taken the necessary actions to protect his right to build such apartments on the site, regardless of any future rezonings.

In approving the master plan, the district council left open the possibility of rezoning the property for commercial-office development. The district council is the county council sitting on zoning matters.

The Greenbelt City Council, once again, is left to choose between two options it finds distasteful. Council has frequently stated its opposition to the proposed high rise apartments, but neither the city nor county can revoke the owner's right to build. Many residents from Greenbelt East have urged council to seek and support commercial development of the property. However, the proposals presented by the owner call for a level of density that's far too high for council's taste. Originally the developer proposed three office towers containing a total of 650,000 square feet.

City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson told council that no conditions may be placed on rezonings done through an SMA. She said that if the property is rezoned commercial, and the developer could accommodate one million square feet on the site, he could construct that much. Because the property has already been subdivided, it will not be subject to the adequate public facilities test regardless of zoning, she said.

Wilson noted that council had earlier supported rezoning the property R-18, medium density residential. However, she pointed out that an R-18 rezoning would create a non-conforming use, which is not permitted. City Manager James K. Giese said that supporting R-18 or taking no position would both encourage the district council to make their own decision for the site. Wilson advised council that if the property were rezoned, the owner would be free to build either the planned apartments or an unlimited amount of commercial space.

Wilson said that there is a presumption of correctness for an SMA, making it unlikely that a rezoning request would be approved for at least five years. She agreed that the district council could approve a rezoning, but Giese noted that the county would risk being sued by an aggrieved party.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld urged council to take no position and notify the planning board that the city is attempting to reach an agreement with the developer. He suggested that staff notify the developer that the city is willing to discuss possible commercial development of the property. Weidenfeld said that he would not agree to support R-10 zoning.

Council members, Edward Putens and Joseph Isaacs saw little choice but to support the current zoning. Putens said he understood Weidenfeld's concern, but said the council members must ask themselves what is the worse of two evils—continuing with the current zoning or allowing the developer to build an unlimited amount of commercial development.

Isaacs argued that council has let the developer know they are willing to support a lower density commercial project, but has received no response from him. He argued that there is no indication that the developer is willing to restrict the square footage. He said that he could not support even the developer's lowest density proposal for 450,000 square feet. Isaacs opposed Weidenfeld's suggestion that council take no position. He argued that there is already momentum in the district council toward C-O zoning.

Council member Antoinette M. Bram urged council to continue to support its previous position in recommending R-18. She asked whether the city could recommend commercial townhouse development, but Wilson said that would constitute a condition on the SMA rezoning, which is not permitted.

Mayor pro tem Thomas X. White said that council should tell staff if there is a limit to the amount of commercial development it will

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Council Raises Fine for Handicapped Parking

by Diane Oberg

In a response to a petition, council voted 4-1 on January 22 to increase the fine from \$25 to \$50 for illegally parking in a handicapped space. Other parking violation fines are \$10. The measure will take effect after council approves a revised parking ordinance. Council also directed the chief of police to present information on the extent of the handicapped parking problem and the effectiveness of the current fine.

Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram voted against Mayor pro tem Thomas X. White's motion to increase the fine. She argued that people should not be penalized for parking in a handicapped space when the severe parking shortage on the petitioner's street, Parkway, has not been resolved. She suggested looking for other ways to resolve the problem.

Councilmember Edward Putens favored increased towing, since merely ticketing requires the handicapped person still to park elsewhere. City Manager James K. Giese said that towing would increase the city's liability and delay the ticketing officer, who must remain with the vehicle until the tow truck arrives. He noted that the city uses a towing service with a secure im-

TWO YOUNG HEROES SAVE GHI HOMES FROM FIRE

by Bill Rowland

Two Greenbelt teenagers are credited with probably having saved a four-residence row of frame homes from destruction by fire on the morning of Thursday, February 1. The fire started in an electric clothes dryer in the laundry room addition of 4-T Laurel Hill Road in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). The two young men used a couple of fire extinguishers and a garden hose to fight the blaze until the first fire equipment could reach the scene. Although the home at 4-T was left uninhabitable, three houses flanking it were untouched except for a bit of smoke odor in two of them.

Tim Grady of the 4 Court and his friend Ted Sacra of Lastner Lane are both 17-year-old students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Both are so-called "Junior" volunteers with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, running fire and ambulance calls in their spare time but still taking advanced first aid and fire training courses.

On that Thursday, only a couple of minutes before nine o'clock, Ted was at Tim's house ready to drive them to another day at Eleanor Roosevelt. When they heard a Greenbelt fire engine leaving the fire house, they flipped on Tim's scanner radio and heard that the Greenbelt company was being sent to a problem on the Beltway. The next call they heard was for the Berwyn Heights department to respond to a fire in the 4 Court of Laurel Hill Road in Greenbelt!

The two young men dashed into the parking lot and at first glance thought the dispatcher had the wrong court number. But then a resident of 4-T ran out yelling that his house was on fire.

Ted broke the laundry window to release smoke and heat pressure, while Tim went home to get on his firefighting protective gear—helmet, jacket, pants and boots. Then Tim discharged a home fire extinguisher through the window opening at the focal point of the still small but smoky

poundment lot for such purposes. White jokingly suggested that the city purchase a used "boot."

Gerald Jenkins, speaking for the petitioner, praised police for their prompt response to violations, but said that they sometimes gave warnings instead of ticketing violators. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld questioned the logic behind issuing warnings and hoped the practice would be discontinued.

Other Actions

Giese discussed the city's 1988-89 audit report and some problems with the city's records. Some of these problems stemmed from the departure of the city's accountant just before the end of the fiscal year.

Problems with the city's computer system required extra work from the auditors and staff to correct. These problems also required the city to prepare October refuse collection bills manually.

Despite these problems, Giese reported that the city's financial condition is good. However, See COUNCIL, page 8

WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Feb. 12, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Tues., Feb. 13, 7 p.m., SMA Public Hearing, Eleanor Roosevelt High School

fire. Unfortunately that action proved useless—probably, Tim thinks, because the extinguisher may already have been partly discharged.

Tim's father, Tim Sr., finally found a nearby hooked-up garden hose on a faucet that hadn't been shut off for the winter. Tim first tried pouring water on the now-major blaze from outdoors through the broken window. When he found that strategy ineffective, he entered the smoke-filled house, with his father feeding the hose to him until he could get directly at the flames through the laundry doorway. Fellow-volunteer Ted, despite his lack of protective gear, also went inside to use a neighbors fire extinguisher and provide backup for Tim.

The first fire department officer from Branchville, arrived only six to seven minutes after the original phone call to 911 was logged in. The officer immediately ordered Tim and Ted out of the house. According to Tim, he and Ted were told they had put out maybe 90 percent of the fire.

Out in the fresh air again, Ted started choking and became dizzy from smoke inhalation. He was taken to Doctors Hospital where he was examined, treated and released. No one else was injured.

Fire destruction was almost completely limited to the laundry room, but the rest of the house and its contents were severely damaged by smoke and heat. GHI's Assistant General manager Steve Wright estimates that it will cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 to repair the structure. A county fire department spokesman put a figure of \$1,000 on personal property damage.

GHI's General Manager has sent a letter to the chief of the county fire department commending the two young men as well as the responding fire companies. The county spokesman says that the fire battalion officer is also putting Tim and Ted in for commendations. And during an interview in Tim's home two days later, the pride felt by his mother was clearly evident. Tim himself was quick to give credit for the help provided by his father.

GHI's Wright sees this event as emphasizing for all GHI homeowners and renters how essential it is for them to insure their personal property, including appliances. The housing cooperative insures only the structures, not their contents. (The same is true for rental units throughout the city.)

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Commercial TV in School? Public Hearing Feb. 12

The Board of Education has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, February 12 on a proposal to provide in-school broadcasts of a specially produced and commercial-supported television news and information show in interested middle schools and high schools.

The broadcasts would be shown each school day for approximately 12 minutes on classroom television sets that each school would receive free from the production company, Whittle Communications of Knoxville, Tenn. The cost of the daily program would be offset by two minutes of paid advertisements accompanying the news program.

The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Education meeting room at the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. Anyone who wishes to testify at the hearing should register in advance by calling 952-6115. Individuals will be granted three minutes of speaking time; five minutes for representatives of groups.

The proposed program is designed to provide national and international news, feature stories and other information in a format that would be specifically interesting and useful to teenage viewers.

The advertisements would also be directed at this specific audience. Guidelines established by Whittle Communications would govern the type and content of the commercials, as well as the content of the news program.

Whittle Communications will give each participating school a television set for each classroom, a satellite dish to receive the centrally broadcast program, and other equipment. The schools could use the equipment for other educational programming.

Schools would be required to provide the necessary 12-minute block of time each day for students to view the program in their classrooms.

SHL Toastmasters Club

The newly elected 1990 officers for the Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club are as follows: president — Mark Poindexter; educational vice president — Tim Allmond; administrative vice president — Jim Whitney; secretary treasurer — Joyce Chestnut; and sergeant at arms — Marvin Holmes. The Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:15 p.m. in the Community Room above the pharmacy at 9240 Springhill Lane. Call Mark at 350-2217 or Joyce at 474-0567 for details about joining.

CFG Needs Help For Flea Market

Citizens for Greenbelt will have a table at the February 17 flea market at the Youth Center. The organization needs people to work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations of items are also needed. Call 345-2756 to help with this annual community event.

Health & Fitness Program For Adults Has Openings

Adults Health and Development Program, University of Maryland, has openings for adults aged 50 years and older. This health, health education and physical fitness program runs Saturdays, Feb. 17 through April 28, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

University and high school students and volunteers work on a one-to-one basis as "friendly coaches" with each member to engage in such activities as modified aerobic activity, yoga, tai' chi, bowling, square dancing, games and weight training. Spanish-speaking staffers are available. There is a fee. Full and partial "scholarships" are available. Call Dr. Leviton for application at 454-3295.

Herling to Offer Classical Piano Concert on March 3

Classical pianist Al Herling takes over the stage at Center School for a concert honoring his 75th birthday on March 3 at 8 p.m. He will play a selection of pieces by Bach, Mozart and Schubert.

Though Herling insists he is strictly an amateur, concert goers will find he plays with a passion both for music and the instrument itself. Since retiring from a career in journalism, Herling has continued to study at the University of Maryland under Santiago Rodriguez, who won the Silver Medal at the 1981 Van Cliburn International Competition.

Almost 400 people packed the Utopia Theater in 1985 to hear Herling's first birthday concert. The phrase heard and repeated by that evening's enthusiastic audience was "An amateur? Unbelievable!"

This year's concert will benefit both the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Prince Georges Arts Council. A portion of the Arts Center's share will be used to establish a Facilities Development Fund to help pay for a performing arts center.

Herling was a charter member of the Greenbelt Arts Center and a founding and current member of the Prince Georges Arts Council. He is a long-time resident of Greenbelt known for his support of the arts. He was selected as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1983.

For ticket information, write or call the Greenbelt Arts Center, P.O. Box 293, Greenbelt, Md. 20770, 441-8770.

DATING GAME RETURNS TO SHL FEBRUARY 15

The Fountain Lodge invites residents and their guests to attend the fourth annual Dating Game Thursday, February 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. There will be a small fee.



Municipal Channel B-10 Presents

City Council Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 8:00pm

Cablecast Live

Keep informed on City activities

MUNICIPAL CHANNEL B-10 WITH THE GREENBELT LIBRARY PRESENTS: "STORYTIME"
 Stories and Musical Games For Young Children.
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday February 13, 14, & 16 at 10AM & 2PM
 Wednesday, February 14 at 7PM
 This week's stories deal with morningtime.

Seniors Tour East India
 by Ruth Morris

Greenbelter Margaret Benjamin was the guest speaker for "Exploration Unlimited" on February 2 at the Youth Center. A native of eastern India, she delighted the audience with a report on tourists who flock to ski resorts on Mt. Everest, the peak mountain in the Himalayas. She also discussed religious and social customs and fascinated the audience with stories about the architecture and sculpture done by the masons in the high mountain regions of Kashmir. There was a display of delicate and intricate handicraft of rosewood carvings, silk, brass, leather and a perfumed sandalwood fan. Alberta Tompkins was a beautiful model when a sari was demonstrated.

Nick Pergola will be the presenter when "Explorations Unlimited" meets on February 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Youth Center. He will be discussing and demonstrating how to compose and take effective indoor photographs. How does the light affect the outcome? How can one

Metro Schedules Change Feb. 19, Presidents' Day

Following is a listing of transit schedules for the Presidents' Day holiday observance Monday, February 19: Metrorail will run 5:30 a.m. to midnight (modified Saturday schedule); Metr bus will run on a Saturday schedule with supplemental service; MTA Commuter Express will run regular service on Route 29, and Maryland Commuter Rail will run a modified weekday schedule.

Non-peak fares are in effect on Metrobus and Metrorail on weekends and holidays. Parking at all transit authority-operated lots is free on those days.

For information about transit schedules, call Metro at 637-7000.

arrange indoor scenes to effectively utilize lighting and atmosphere? Are there special techniques or tricks to avoid "red eye"? These questions and many more will be discussed and answered.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information call 474-6878.

Volunteers Urgently Needed to help the Greenbelt News Review

We desperately need 1-2 people to assist the business manager with billing and related tasks

- Learn dBase III +
- No experience necessary
- Nominal pay

Call 474-3917 or 441-2662 for information



COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET



Saturday

February 17, 1990

GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER

9:00am to 4:00pm

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

For more info call 474-6878.

Support the Community Groups

in GREENBELT!

LEAPIN' LIZARDS! THE DINOSAURS ARE BACK!



DINOSAUR ROCK

Come "Swing with the Sauropods" and "Dig the Smooth Talkin' Hackensack Hadrosaur"! Entertaining and Educational, a Musical Production for Children of All Ages.

FEBRUARY 11, 1990 AT 1 P.M.

For Tickets / Info Call 982-2558

Tickets \$4.50 / Group Rate Available

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Nursery School

LETTERS



The members of the 1989 championship baseball team, sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions' Club are: Left to right, front row: Shaune Williams, Jason Burt, Sean Sparks, Charlie Long, Leo Bordas, T.J. Windsor. Second row: Barry Blechman (president of Lions Club), Kenny Barron, Michael Carey, Santa Claus, Buddy Humphreys, Eric Jorgensen, Jeff Ferreira, Martin Murray manager). Kevin Eley, Sean Cullinan, not present).

THANKS

The Lions baseball team thanks the Lions Club for the great jackets they purchased for all the team members. The boys look great and have been wearing them proudly, the 1989 World Series Champions.

Special thanks to Ernie and Barry Blechman for all their help.

Martin Murray, Manager

NARFE MEETING

The Greenbelt-Beltsville-College Park chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet at the Greenbelt Library at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14. The program topic for this month is "Survival on the Roads," which will be presented by women highway safety leaders. All retired Federal employees are welcome to attend.

THANKS

We would like to thank our neighbor Timmy Grady and his friend Ted Sacra for their courageous efforts last Thursday when a fire broke out next door to us on Laurel Hill Road. Had it not been for their quick response in containing the fire with a garden hose until the fire department arrived, the fire would have spread to the other units. We are deeply grateful.

Nancy and Bill Marshall

THANKS

The family of Melda B. Harris would like to express appreciation to all of our friends and neighbors for their kindness and support.

Florence Abel

Open Letter

Citizens of Greenbelt:

Are you interested in any of the following?

The current "State of the City" and the vision of tomorrow's Greenbelt as perceived by each city council member and the city manager?

The current financial state of the city and financial projections by the city's auditor for next year? For 1997?

The results of the city poll taken at the last election?

The city planner's current estimates and projections regarding population, housing and office growth?

Future plans for public works, recreation, Greenbelt CARES, and the police department as stated by each manager?

That three key public officials are planning retirement within the next two years?

That a new metal building will be erected to house materials currently stored at North End School?

I'm sorry you missed this valuable information disseminated at the city council's planning session on February 2 and 3 at the Quality Inn in Westminster, Md. I was the only citizen that attended Friday's session: Richard Bates was there on Saturday. (Where was the News Review?) We'll be glad to share our insights! Better yet, ask our elected officials to inform you. Maybe they thought you weren't interested? And ask them why this planning meeting was held so far from home? If you find out, I'd like to know, too.

Betty Timer
Greenbelters' for Accountable Government

At the Library

Thursday, February 15 Drop-In Storytime 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5.

Happy Plantings

I've just written to the city's Public Works Director exclaiming our appreciation for the continued improvement of our city grounds. I feel my thoughts should be shared with everyone. Coming home to Greenbelt after seeing other cities, I recognized the work Bill Phelan and his staff have done in making our city a show place. Leaving and then entering through any of the entrances to our city, no matter what time of year, gives me a real uplift in the colors, the arrangements and the continuous new plantings.

To Bill and his staff a hearty Thank You . . . and Happy Plantings 1990.

Pearl Ellerin

THANKS

On Thursday morning, February 1, we had a fire in our laundry room. Thanks to two of our neighbors the fire was contained to our unit only. If these two young men had not been there, the fire would have spread upstairs and then to the other three units. Their names are Tim Grady, Jr. and Ted Sacra.

In addition to the superb work of these two we would like to extend our deepest thanks to the members of the Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park Fire Departments as well as the many members of the GHI staff who have assisted during and after the fire.

Finally we are grateful to our friends and neighbors for their genuine concern and help. All of the people I mentioned are making it easier to see there is a good side to tragedies.

Darlene, Teresa & Tom Kauten
4-T Laurel Hill Road



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, February 12, 1990
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 Mary Ellen and George Fields Sidewalks on Northway (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 Meetings
 8. Administrative Reports
 9. Committee Reports - Presentation
- III. LEGISLATION
 10. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a 20 Ton Tri-axle Dump Truck from Albert Breeden at a Cost not to Exceed \$20,000 - Second Reading
 11. An Ordinance to Establish a New Fund to be Known as the Capital Improvement Fund III, to Provide for the Receipt by the Fund of the Proceeds of the Sale of Bonds Authorized by Ordinance Number 1035 -- First Reading
 12. An Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Sec. 11-36. Citation of Violators and Penalty of Article III. Stopping, Standing and Parking of Chapter 11, Title "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" of the Greenbelt City Code, to Provide that the Fine for Violations of Handicapped Parking Violations Established by Item of the Paragraph (2) of Section 11-39 Shall be Increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 - First Reading
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
 13. Sectional Map Amendment
 - * 14. Hunting Ridge Monument Sign
 - * 15. Employment of Jack Blevins and Associates Professional Services - Parcel 1 Condemnation
 - * 16. Additional Fees for Audit Report - FY-1988/89
 - * 17. Award of Bid 1990-1 Skid Mounted Hydraulic Sprayer
 - * 18. Request for Temporary Additional Lieutenant's Position
 19. City-wide Crime Watch Program
 20. Safeway Pilot Program for Grocery Deliveries
 21. State Legislation
 - * - HB 542 and SB 389 - State Policy for Children, Youth and Families
 22. Designation of Timing of Appointment for Arts Advisory Committee
 23. Boards and Committees
 - * - Resignation from Crime Prevention Committee - Appointments
- V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 474-3870.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

Greenbelt Arts Center

Presents

NUTS

A Courtroom Drama by Tom Topor
The State says she is!
The Defendant says she isn't!

Directed by Mary Lou Fisher
Produced by Virginia Zanner

Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 18, 2:00 p.m. matinee

City Council Room
Greenbelt Municipal Building
Crescent Rd. at Southway

This is an adult play with some strong language which may be offensive to some and inappropriate for young children.

Tickets: \$7.00/\$5.00 Seniors and Students
Seating is limited: Make your reservations early!
Reservations/Information: 441-8770



Remembering Tilford Dudley *Melda Harris*

by Sandra Barnes

One of the last persons connected to Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal—and the building of the Greenbelt towns—died recently at the age of 82. Tilford E. Dudley was a young lawyer with the Resettlement Administration when he was called upon by Rexford Tugwell, part of the so-called FDR "brain trust" and head of the RA, to acquire land in several parts of the country to build the "green towns" project.

As the nation was trying to recover from the Depression, building housing for low income persons was seen by the Administration as a way to employ the jobless and to house those who were living in overcrowded conditions in the cities. To accomplish this end, Tugwell convinced the President that planned communities could be built in the style of English garden cities which incorporated recreational and commercial activities on the border of a residential area, all surrounded by a belt of green.

To carry out this mandate, Dudley went to Ohio, New Jersey, and Wisconsin to acquire large tracts of land secretly. Discretion was crucial because, if the government's interests had become known, the price of the land would undoubtedly escalate. The government had previously acquired large holdings of land outside of Washington when it built the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Much of the land used for the development of Greenbelt had already been purchased when Dudley began his search.

Tilford Dudley was thus an important figure in development of Greenbelt's sister cities, Greendale, Wisconsin and Greenhills, Ohio. A fourth projected city, Greenbrook, New Jersey, was never built following strong

Gray Panthers

An open public meeting will be held by the Gray Panthers on Saturday, February 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. A representative of the Social Security Administration will answer questions on Social Security and Medicare.

The meeting will open with a short business meeting. Members present last month unanimously passed a resolution to go on record as supporting pro-choice. For information or transportation call 474-7841 or 474-6890.

citizen objections.

Dudley is further remembered for his participation in the City of Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1987. He was an invited guest at the "Greenbelt Conference on New Towns," where he introduced the keynote speaker, Roosevelt historian William Leuchtenberg. Dudley's recollections of FDR, Tugwell and the land acquisition for the green towns, as well as his warm regard for Greenbelt, are treasured memories of those involved in the conference. Dudley had a long and distinguished career in the federal government, primarily as an attorney for various labor organizations.

State Offers Income Tax Filing Help at Landover

State income tax representatives will be offering assistance at Landover Mall many Saturdays during the filing season to answer state tax questions and pass out forms. Representatives from the Internal Revenue Service will also offer federal forms and information.

The Saturdays of assistance are February 10, 17 and 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Officials will be on duty 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Melda B. Harris, 74, died January 26 of cardiopulmonary arrest. She had lived for the past year with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. David L. Abel in Boxwood Village.

Mrs. Harris, a registered nurse, had retired in 1978 from the staff of Glenn Dale Hospital. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Edgewater, the National Association of Registered Nurses and the American Association of Retired Persons.

She had been separated from her husband, Wilbur F. Harris, since 1951.

Survivors include daughters Florence Abel, Greenbelt and Joan Griffith, Edgewater; three brothers, four sisters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to one's favorite charity or to the New Tribes Missions, 1000 East First Street, Sanford, Florida 32771-1487.

Hubble Telescope Profiled

The launch of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope next spring may alter mankind's perception of the universe as dramatically as Galileo's telescope did nearly 400 years ago. A video presentation, featuring accounts of the 43-foot observatory and the scientific instruments on board, and a discussion of the basic missions of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, will be held at the Goddard Visitor Center on Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m. From 7 to 9 p.m. that evening, a Star Watch will be conducted on the grounds of the Visitor Center.

Roosevelt Student Wins Arts Contests

A junior student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Dan Bodner, has recently won two \$100 prizes in contests in which his art work had been submitted. He was the grand prize winner in a contest sponsored by the Human Relations Commission of Prince Georges County. The winning work is featured on the cover of a calendar published by the Commission. His prize, in the form of a U.S. Savings Bond, was presented on January 15 at a ceremony at Landover Mall.

Bodner's pen and ink drawing also won the prize as best of contest in a special contest for students from grades 10 through 12 on the theme, "What Is the Meaning of Martin Luther King Day?" The contest included students from 21 metropolitan Washington area schools. His winning entry was published in the Washington Times on January 12. All winners were honored at a reception on January 18 at the Washington Times auditorium.

Young Bodner is the son of Mary Jane Bodner of Empire Place.

State Social Workers Meet Monthly in City

All social workers in Maryland are invited to meetings sponsored by the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work. They are held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Greenbelt Library. Meetings start at 12:15 and conclude by 1:30 p.m. Those attending may bring a lunch.

The February 16 meeting is called "Legislative Issues." Current federal, state and local political activity can affect social work practice, and the middle of the Maryland legislative session is an ideal time to become aware of the issues and do something to protect and further the social work profession.

Denny McGihon, MSW, will guide the group in this effort. McGihon is the GWSCSW Maryland chairperson who has a private practice in Frederick.

Call Vaughn Howland (654-8871) for further information.

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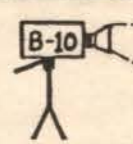
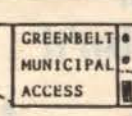
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"SENIOR CITIZEN OPEN HOUSE"
(Held at the Greenbelt Youth Center)
Monday, February 12 at 10AM & 2PM
Tuesday, February 13 at 7PM
Thursday, February 15 at 2 & 7PM
Find out about the various classes and activities for seniors that are held at the Youth Center.

Our Neighbors

by Dorrie Bates 345-5961
Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Ralph E. Noble, outstanding citizen of 1979.

Our deepest sympathy to Ralph Bram and family of Boxwood on the death of his mother.

Our sympathy also to Florence Holly and family on the death of her husband, Martin.

Condolences to Dova Kreimeyer on the death of her father, Joseph C. Smith, Sr.

Sympathy also to Florence Abel on the recent death of her mother, Melda Harris.

Congratulations to Bonita M. Bryan, 5 Crescent Road. A senior at the University of Maryland, Bonnie achieved academic honors in chemical engineering for the fall 1989 semester. Upon graduation in August, she will begin work with the Dupont Chemical Co. in Richmond, Va. Proud parents are Maura Henry, Waldorf and Chris Bryan, Sr., southern Maryland.

Congratulations also to Susan A. Aldridge, Megan Lane, who was named to the Dean's list for the fall semester at Frostburg State University.

Also from the halls of academia comes word that Mary-Frances Heaney made the President's List at James Madison University this fall which means she

maintained a GPA of 3.75 or better. She lives on Olivewood Court.

And Eric Weaver made the Deans List at the University of Delaware in the fall with a GPA of at least 3.25. He lives on Mandan Terrace. Congratulations to you both.

We have some more little rays of sunshine to report. Mary Jo and Michael Mallon are the proud parents of Janet Arleen Mallon, born at Holy Cross on January 15. Janet weighed 7 lbs 3 ozs and returned home with her parents to Greentree Place.

Sidney Dominique Cross arrived at Holy Cross Hospital on January 18. He weighed 7 lbs 2 ozs and joins a sister Shantea, 3½. Their parents are Sidney and Olivia Cross of Greenbelt Road. Welcome all!

Bernie McGee of Northway recently returned from Fort Worth, Texas where she met her new grandson, Colin Mackaye, son of Dan and Marci McGee Milligan. Colin arrived on January 13, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz., and is the little brother of Siobhan, 8 and Kieran, 5.

We hear that Leslie and Timothy Moore, Greenbelters, recently came back from a trip to Germany where their mother Betty is an instructor for the

University of Maryland, European Division. It was an exciting visit for Betty and her husband Durrel, who were presented with a copy of the September issue of the Washingtonian in which Leslie was honored as one of the 100 most powerful women in Washington. After a quiet Christmas at the Moore's home in Kaiserlautern, the family traveled to Berlin for a wild New Year's Eve celebration which included dancing on the Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate.

Marine Lance Cpl. Spencer N. Taylor, son of Shirley A. Tabb, Edmonston Rd., recently completed the U.S. Army Airborne course and is authorized to wear the Basic Parachutist Insignia. A 1988 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June, 1988.

Golden Age Club

by Bill Boswell
The club will hold a Valentine party on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

We were saddened by the death of our member, Martin Holly, and extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

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Monday, February 12 — Lincoln's Birthday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Monday, February 19 — Washington's Birthday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. IRS offices will be closed February 19.

State tax experts will answer any questions, provide the necessary forms and even complete Maryland income tax returns free of charge. Taxpayers must bring a completed copy of their

Recreation Review

Roller Skating
Skating is held in Center School Gym on Wednesdays and Fridays, 3-4:30 p.m. Kindergarten-3rd grade share the floor on Wednesdays while Fridays are for the 4th-6th graders. Skates may be rented at the door.

Renewal of Weight Cards
All 1989 Weightlifting Cards have expired. Anyone wishing to use the facilities, must purchase a new card.

federal return and all W-2 statements to take advantage of this free service.

The state tax office nearest Greenbelt is at Metro-Plex-I, Suite 459, 8401 Corporate Drive, Landover, Md. 20785, 459-2710.

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Do we have any elected representatives or Metro officials who can explain these inconsistent statements?

(i.e. County Councilman Castaldi, County Executive Glendening or Congressman Hoyer)

The Approved Master Plan recommends mixed-use development to include office, research, institutional, recreational, hotel/motel, residential, and appropriate retail commercial uses for the Greenbelt Employment Area bordered by the Beltway, the railroad tracks, Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane. In approving the Master Plan designation for mixed-use development, the District Council retained the existing zoning (R-R, R-P-C (R-R), I-1 and I-2) and directed the M-NCPPC to prepare a Transit District Overlay (T-D-O) Zone for these two properties in order to enhance the development opportunities in the vicinity of the transit station. In the long-run, a coordinated M-X-T development proposal prepared by the owners is encouraged.

Copied from the Prince Georges County Sectional Map Amendment (pg. 95). This document sets out land use policy for future development. A public hearing at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on February 13 will be the public's last opportunity to ask for a revision to this policy.

"Use of the Smith property for the Greenbelt (Metro train storage) yard would impact approximately 62 acres of wetlands."

Quoted from a letter written by the General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, explaining its rationale for refusing to relocate the Metro train storage facility to the environmentally ruined portion of the A. H. Smith property. Instead Metro currently plans to use greenspace and wetlands on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center property, located outside the beltway for a massive train storage yard (see map).

OUR POSITION:

Approximately 100 acres of the Smith property have been environmentally destroyed by sand and gravel operations. That area should be the location of the train yard. Other portions of the Smith property which are undisturbed forested wetlands should be designated for preservation by the Prince Georges County Sectional Map Amendment referred to above. BARC property should not be used for a train yard.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

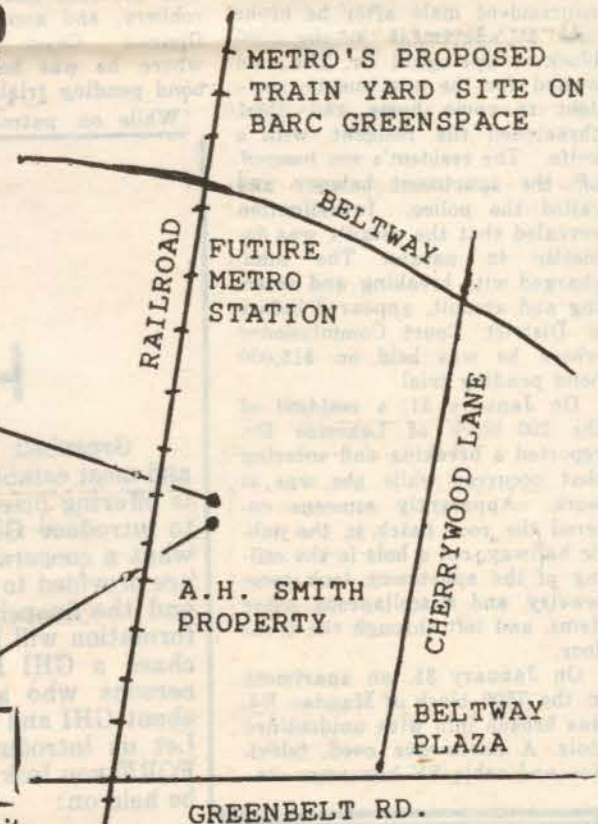
Express your opinion at the February 13 public hearing at Roosevelt H.S. Call 952-3600 to be placed on the speakers list.

Call or write to:

Councilman Castaldi
14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Dr.
Upper Marlboro, Md. 20770
952-3700

Congressman Hoyer
1513 Longworth Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515
225-4131

By the Committee to Save The Green Belt, Rodney M. Roberts, Chairman 345-5427



Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

POLICE BLOTTER

On January 28, Officer Jack Parker arrested a nonresident male for making a false statement to a police officer. The man falsely identified himself when Parker pulled him over for a traffic violation in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. The 22-year-old man appeared before a District Court Commissioner where he was held on \$7,000 bond pending trial.

On January 28, Pfc. Maria Arthur arrested and charged with battery a 25-year-old nonresident male in the parking lot of the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy. The man had struck his wife and then fought two citizens who were trying to help the wife. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner where he was held on \$500 bond pending trial.

Breaking and Entering

On January 26, two nonresident 13-year-olds attempted to break into the outside mail station of the U.S. Postal Service at Beltway Plaza, but were interrupted by a security guard. Pfc. Carl Schinner arrested the juveniles, charging them with attempted breaking and entering. The juveniles were released to their parents pending action by Juvenile Services.

On January 28, Officer Marie Croisette arrested a 22-year-old nonresident male after he broke into a vacant apartment in the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct. The man, charged with breaking and entering, appeared before a District Court Commissioner where he was held on \$7,500 bond pending trial.

On January 29, Officer Robert Dowling arrested a 32-year-old nonresident male after he broke into an apartment in the 6000 block of Springhill Dr. The man waited for the apartment's resident to come home and then threatened the resident with a knife. The resident's son jumped off the apartment balcony and called the police. Investigation revealed that the assault was domestic in nature. The man, charged with breaking and entering and assault, appeared before a District Court Commissioner where he was held on \$15,000 bond pending trial.

On January 31, a resident of the 200 block of Lakeside Dr. reported a breaking and entering that occurred while she was at work. Apparently someone entered the roof hatch in the public hallway, cut a hole in the ceiling of the apartment, took some jewelry and miscellaneous other items, and left through the front door.

On January 31, an apartment in the 7500 block of Mandan Rd. was broken into with unidentified tools. A microwave oven, television and cable TV box were sto-

len. Investigation is continuing. **Vehicles: thefts, recoveries**
On January 26 a resident in the 900 block of Breezewood Terr. reported the theft of her 1983 silver Pontiac 2000, W. Va. tags ZH5124.

On January 29, Pfc. Robert Keller stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and discovered that the three juveniles in it, two residents and one non-resident, had taken the vehicle without the owner's permission. All three were arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The two who were passengers were released to their parents pending action by Juvenile Services. The driver, however, was charged with driving without a license and with running a red light, and was taken to Cheltenham pending a hearing.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: 6100 bl. Breezewood Ct., Beltway Plaza and Greenway Center parking lots, and the 6000 bl. of Springhill Dr.

Assault and Robbery

On January 21 a 23-year-old nonresident man was grabbed around the neck in the men's restroom in Bob's Big Boy in Beltway Plaza and robbed of his wallet. Upon being notified of the incident, a security guard chased the suspect but lost him on the east side of Beltway Plaza near the school bus lot. Then Sgt. Danny Love and K-9 Sonny successfully tracked the suspect, a 24-year-old nonresident man. He was arrested and charged with robbery, and appeared before a District Court Commissioner where he was held on \$15,000 bond pending trial.

While on patrol in the 8000

block of Mandan Rd. on January 21, Pfc. Steven Keller and Alan Caho were notified by a citizen that several people were breaking into vehicles in the 7900 and 8000 blocks of Mandan Rd. Investigating the complaint, Pfc. Keller observed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot with its lights off and occupied by a driver. While speaking with the driver of the vehicle, Pfc. Keller noticed property in the vehicle that was later determined to have been taken from several vehicles in the area. Two nonresident males, one age 20 and the other 18, were arrested and charged with two counts of theft, malicious destruction of property, and conspiracy. Both men appeared before a District Court Commissioner where they were held on \$2,000 bond pending trial.

On January 24, in the 6100 block of Springhill Dr., a 10-year-old resident boy was cautioned by another boy to be careful when crossing the street and then was battered by him. The attacker is described as black, 11-12 year old, 5'3", medium build, black hair and eyes, and wearing a light-blue waist-length parka-type jacket.

In midafternoon on January 25, a 20-year-old resident man was approached by a man who asked him the time, continued walking, and then returned to the resident from behind with a black semi-automatic handgun. The man with the gun ordered the first man to lie on the ground, took his wallet and watch, and fled. The suspect is described as black, mid-twenties, 6'1", 160 lbs., and wearing an off-white T-shirt with blue trim and grey sweat pants. The incident oc-

curred in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terr.

Also on January 25 shortly after 6 p.m., in the 6200 block of Breezewood Dr., a 32-year-old resident woman was approached by a man who asked for directions, left, and returned moments later with a black handgun. He took the woman's purse and then fled. He is described as black, twenties, 6'0", medium build, wearing a yellow gym suit.

Two more similar incidents also occurred on January 25: A 23-year-old resident man entering his residence in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terr., about 9:30 p.m. was approached from behind by a man with a black handgun, who eventually stole the resident's wallet and then fled. The man with the gun is described as black, 22 years old, 6'2", thin build, and wearing a black hat and a light blue jacket.

A 22-year-old resident walking in the 6000 block of Springhill Ct. about 9:40 p.m. was approached by a man who asked for directions and then produced a black handgun. The man demanded the resident's purse but did not get it. He then fled. He is described as black, twenties, 6'0", thin build, and wearing dark clothes.

Drugs and Alcohol

On January 21 a security guard observed a young man smoking what the security guard believed to be a controlled dangerous substance. When Officer Richard Sullivan investigated

the situation, he found the young man had a pipe commonly used to smoke controlled dangerous substances. He arrested the young man, charging him with possession of drug paraphernalia. The 20-year-old nonresident was released on a citation pending trial.

On January 22 Pfc. Carl Schinner stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 9100 block of Edmonston Rd. and noticed the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle and the persons revealed 87.9 grams of suspected marijuana and a pipe commonly used to smoke a controlled dangerous substance. Three nonresident men, two of them 18 and one 20, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. All three men appeared before a District Court Commissioner; two were released and one was held on \$1,000 bond pending trial.

While assisting a disabled vehicle on Ivy Ln. at Cherrywood Ln. on January 23, Pfc. Michael Lanier detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a small quantity of suspected marijuana and a burning cigarette. Two nonresident males, aged 48 and 33, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Both men appeared before a District Court Commissioner, where they were released

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COUNCIL

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both revenues and expenditures turned out slightly below budget, resulting in a deficit of \$80,736 (.97% of total expenditures of \$8,300,423). Giese called the failure to meet revenue predictions, which staff tries to underestimate slightly, "disappointing" and a possible sign of decreasing economic growth. He noted that receipts from the admissions and amusements tax had declined.

Giese recommended that the city ask the auditors to survey its records in February, allowing time to address any remaining problems before the close of the current fiscal year.

Council tentatively scheduled a March 6 executive session to discuss the Fraternal Order of Police's request for collective bargaining. Bram objected to the work session, saying that she was prepared to take action that night. Weidenfeld said that the council members need time to discuss the proposal among themselves and with the city solicitor.

At the request of White, council directed staff to look into several issues raised by the relocation of the police department, including building security and access of citizens to information posted in the municipal building lobby.

Board Appointments

Council appointed Ray McCawley to the Advisory Planning Board (APB), Joyce Martin to the Board of Elections, and Sandy Getz and Shawn Orange to the Crime Prevention Committee (CPC).

The newly created Senior Citizens Advisory Committee was staffed with Marjorie Bergemann, Helen Geller, Leonie Penney, Bob Rudd, Betty Timer, Booker T. Hughes, Tony Pisano and Benjamin Wollery. Karen Haseley, the city's Therapeutic

Recreation Supervisor, will serve as staff liaison to the committee. Council also filled the Community Center Task Force, appointing William Stratton, Marie Tousignant, James Maher, Janet Jacobs-Parker, Sandra Schwartz and Brenda Cooley. The committee also will have city board representatives Joyce Chestnut (APB), Keith Chernikoff (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board), Sharon Alfaro (Community Rela-

tions Advisory Board) and Barbara Simon (Arts Advisory Committee). Assistant City Manager Michael McLaughlin was appointed staff liaison.

Legislation

Council approved a supplemental appropriation from the replacement fund for the purchase of new equipment. Most of the equipment has already been purchased. The only issue remaining is what budget account will be

charged. The appropriation of \$23,600 covers telephone equipment for the new police station not provided for in the original purchase, additional police computers and the purchase of a used tow truck. Giese took the blame for the computer allocation. He said the police had thought the additional equipment would be covered under the furnishings budget. He said that the \$9,500 originally allocated was

to cover two printers and some terminals, while in reality one printer cost approximately \$9,000. While all council members voted for the ordinance, Isaacs expressed concern about the size of the two mistakes. White objected to the tow truck purchase, previously authorized by council. He feared that when the used truck wore out, a new replacement would attain the status of a necessity.

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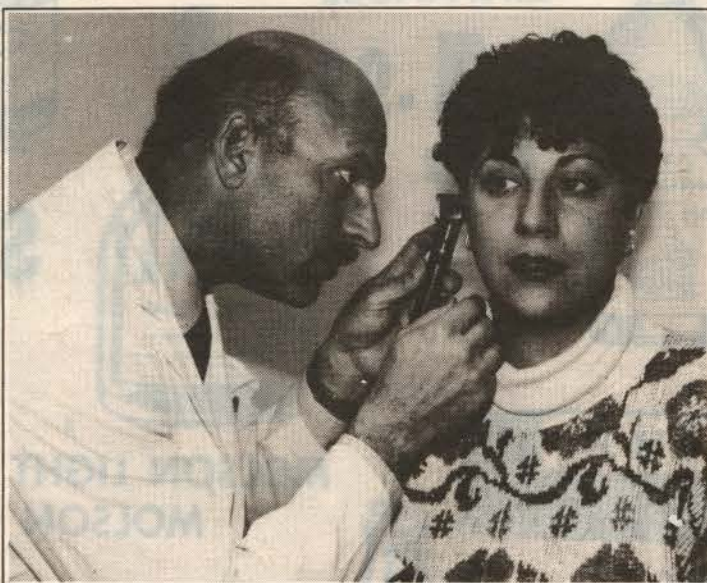
If you think the way computers work is complicated, think for a minute about your own body. Everything we do—from taking a step to reading a page to processing food—requires enormous coordination of systems within. When something is going wrong, the body often sends out signals to warn us.

These signals are commonly known as symptoms, and are the body's way of telling us that something needs attention.

Dr. Frank Pisciotta, an area gastroenterologist, states, "Two common signs of a digestive system in trouble are diarrhea and constipation. Others include painful swallowing, heartburn, nausea, cramping, unexplained weight loss, discoloration of tissue or the presence of blood in the stool."

Dr. Pisciotta says that for some 20 million Americans, minor digestive upsets are a daily problem. According to the National Institutes of Health figures, another 20 million are chronically ill with serious gastrointestinal disorders.

He states, "Almost every-



one suffers from occasional bouts of heartburn. Changing eating habits may help dramatically, however, if within a week's time self-care measures don't help, it's time to seek medical advice. The acids caused by heartburn can actually erode the esophagus and cause painful ulcers. Your doctor can likely prescribe something to prevent it."

Common sense, he says,

is the key. Many people wait too long for the symptoms to disappear on their own. By the time they seek medical advice, the problem has advanced to a more complicated stage.

Most digestive diseases are highly treatable in their early stages, includes malignancies. Early tumors can usually be effectively removed with little or no discomfort by a simple in-office

procedure called endoscopy. Dr. Pisciotta has offices that include endoscopy facilities, as well as on-site lab, and X-ray, so there is no undue disruption of the patient's daily routine. Should there be a need, he has hospital privileges at many of the areas finest facilities.

He says, "We often see patients who have suffered for weeks or months before they come in, thinking that the problem would go away. Our staff understands the importance of early treatment, so when someone calls, we accommodate them right away. A thorough evaluation and program of treatment, if needed, begins immediately."

Dr. Pisciotta, who is a graduate of the Universities of Maryland and Texas Medical School, trained at institutes including Hahnemann Medical Center and Hospital in Philadelphia; M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston; St Mary's Hospital at the University of Rochester in New York and Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. He prescribes preventive measures

as ways in which to avoid having trouble.

"Eat slowly," he advises, "and as your mother always told you, chew your food well. Have plenty of high-fiber food in your diet, drink alcohol only in moderation, don't smoke cigarettes, and be aware of any changes in your body's normal patterns. If you have doubts concerning the seriousness of a condition, see a doctor. Ignoring symptoms for long periods of time can wind up being very costly in terms of your health. When your body talks, listen."

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Try the Library

by Tom Simon

It's been just a year since the Greenbelt Library was completely renovated, including new paint, new carpeting, and a new Computer Connection. This year will bring additional changes.

Since March the library has offered the free use of computers at the "Computer Connection." This service has been augmented by the addition of several software packages including "Word Perfect" for the Mac, "Microsoft Excel," "Turbo Pascal," and for genealogists, "Family Reunion" for the IBM. The library has three machines, an Apple IIE, Macintosh Plus, and an IBM Model 30, PSII. All have dot-matrix printers. Time is often limited, so customers should reserve time in advance by calling 345-5800.

New for investors: the library now receives the Standard and Poor's Stock Reports, a weekly service covering the stocks traded on the New York, American, and OTC Exchanges.

The library has revised its Consumer Information area to include popular books and pamphlets on consumer affairs. All the materials on the table will be for reference use, but circulating copies will be supplied whenever possible.

It's February, and yes, the library does have tax forms and instructions. Anyone needing forms that are not available from the display near the top of the stairs, may obtain reproducible Maryland and Federal forms at the Information Desk.

By the way, the library just received the MNCPPC's "Sectional Map Amendment for the Langley Park, College Park, Greenbelt Planning Areas." There are copies for public dis-

tribution while supplies last.

Good news for parents of preschoolers: the library has two newly published directories that make it easier to find child care and preschool facilities. The county has issued "A Directory of Group Child Care Providers in Prince Georges County." It lists 120 facilities serving 7 or more children. The new edition of the comprehensive "Metropolitan Mothers at Work Book" by N. Susan Satterfield and L. Kim Smith has just arrived. In addition to child care options, it includes a section on childbirth options, and a parent's guide to products and services for infants. One interesting feature is a comparison of the child care benefits offered by 103 area employers.

In response to requests for a storytime for two-year-olds, the library is offering Tickle Toddle for children and parents. There will be two series featuring songs and activities and stories; March 8 through April 12, and April 19 through May 24. Both storytimes last 20 to 30 minutes beginning at 10:15. Anyone interested should sign up. To accommodate the Tickle Toddle, Drop-In Storytime for 3-5 year olds will be moved to 11 a.m.

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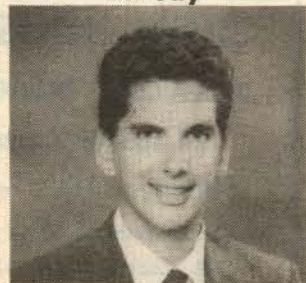
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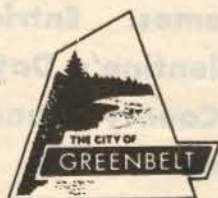
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SMA DEBATE

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accept on the site. He said that his upper limit is 300,000 square feet. Putens had earlier stated a preference for 200,000 square feet. Isaacs questioned the likelihood that the developer would decrease his lowest proposal by an additional 33 percent to obtain council approval.

Wilson urged the importance of council's speaking to the record on the proper Sunrise zoning by the time the record closes at the end of February. She said that if anything changed by the end of May, council could inform the district council.

(At a February 5 work session, council learned that the developer is unwilling to consider any proposal to limit commercial development to less than 510,000 square feet. Given this situation, council agreed to oppose rezoning to C-10.)

Green Springs II

Subject to completion of a legal agreement between the city and developer, council agreed to support rezoning for the Green Springs II property. This development is to be built on the remaining portion of the Magnolia Farms property. The land is located along Hanover Parkway, near Good Luck Road. The property is comprised of two parcels—one a twenty-acre parcel south of Hanover Parkway on Good Luck Road, the other a five-acre tract north of Hanover.

The developer wants council support for rezoning the larger parcel to R-55. This section would be used for single family homes of the same type as the adjacent Green Springs I property. While this zoning would normally permit higher density, attorney Michelle LaRocca said that the company is willing to

enter into covenants with the city limiting building density to that permitted under R-80. Richmond American President Thomas Pellerito said that the company wants the greater flexibility granted under R-55, which places fewer restrictions on lot sizes and setbacks.

The company's preferred proposal was for townhouses on the small parcel. Ken Bergs, Vice President for Land Development, explained that the triangular property backs up to the PEPCO right of way, with a steep hill rising to the property line. He said that PEPCO has informed the company that no regrading can be done on PEPCO property.

Bergs argued that townhouses are better suited to placement along the grade. Pellerito said that although townhouses "work best" on the site, the company would not insist on this type of construction. Council indicated a willingness to support R-55 (single family) rezoning for both parcels, provided a legal agreement is reached by the February 12 regular meeting.

Transit District Overlay

Wilson described the Transit District Overlay (TDO) proposed for the area around the planned Metro station. She said that the TDO is prepared by the district council and Park and Planning staff, not by private developers. This overlay will permit the city to influence the county plan.

According to Wilson, the major issue in the SMA concerns the boundaries of the TDO. The current proposal includes only the A. H. Smith property and the Metro station. Wilson suggested that all properties between Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road and between the

Beltway and the railroad tracks be included. She argued that once the Metro is built, market forces will create development pressures on Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake.

Originally, Wilson's recommendation had not included the school bus lot next to Beltway Plaza. She said she would review this possibility and present a final opinion at the February 12 meeting.

White and Isaacs were concerned that inclusion of Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza might create additional pressures for redevelopment. He asked if the TDO would give the county control over access, transportation improvements and amenities. Wilson said that the TDO will serve as a comprehensive master plan for the area and would thus address all of White's concerns.

Bram saw the inclusion of these properties as a plus. Giese said that he "has always had concerns" about Springhill Lake. He was worried about what would happen when such a large number of units, all built at the same time, got old. He hoped that Metro would provide an incentive for the owners to continue to upgrade and improve the property.

Weidenfeld agreed, the owners of these two properties, he said, are aware that Metro is coming; most likely they are looking at ways to get more value from their properties. Weidenfeld said that the TDO would provide a more comprehensive approach to development, rather than allowing each owner to plan independently. Putens also supported the TDO, saying that Metro will be the driver for redevelopment.

Rick Meetre suggested seeking open space zoning for the wetlands on the Smith property,

Wilson said, however, that privately owned property cannot be zoned in this manner. She said that this process would be considered as an illegal taking of the owner's property rights. In order to do so, the government would have to reimburse the owner for the lost value.

Weidenfeld noted that even within the current industrial zoning, some areas may be unusable because of wetlands and floodplain considerations. These prohibitions on use do not constitute a taking of property rights.

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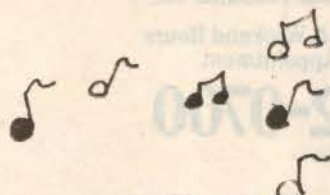
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