

## What Goes On

Sat., June 22, 9-11 a.m., and  
Mon., June 24, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Summer Class Registration,  
Youth Center

Mon., June 24, 8 p.m. City  
Council Meeting, Municipal  
Building

Tues., June 25, 7:30 p.m. Re-  
cycling Committee Meeting,  
Public Works Building

## ... And More

Wed., June 26, 8 p.m. City  
Council Worksession - Ana-  
costia River Basin presenta-  
tion, Youth Center Multipur-  
pose Room  
8 p.m. Park & Recreation  
Advisory Board Public In-  
formation Meeting, Recruit-  
ing of volunteers to plan &  
build large community play-  
ground.

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Thursday, June 20, 1991

## Council Extends Savings Match to all Employees

by Mary Lou Williamson

All full time city employees, regardless of which pension plan they are under, may now receive a city match, up to five percent of salary, of the employee's contribution to the deferred compensation program.

The decision for council was not as easy as the 4 to 0 vote at the May 29 city council meeting would imply. Council was deeply split and the discussion took well over an hour. The city currently has three retirement benefit programs: the older Retirement Plan, the current Pension Plan and the new Municipal Corporation Law Enforcement Officers (MCLEO) Plan, which is open only to police officers.

On May 20 council had agreed to extend the voluntary five percent match to those police officers who had chosen to transfer from the 30-year Pension Plan to the 25-year MCLEO Plan. The motion by council member Thomas X. White, however, had called for extending the match to all city employees, meaning that those in the old Retirement Plan would also be included, whether they moved to MCLEO or not. But the discussion by others had focused on those officers moving from the Pension Plan to MCLEO. Thus, council was faced with clarifying its own intent.

### City Contribution

The city contributes most to the Retirement Plan and to MCLEO. Also, employees receive a higher percentage of their pay at retirement under the Retirement Plan and, to a lesser extent, MCLEO. However, most of the city's 140 or so full-time employees are under the Pension Plan. The city contributes significantly less to this plan and the employee at retirement receives significantly less than under the other two plans. (See charts.)

The issue then, was two-pronged: should all employees receive the five percent match, and how should the disparity among the different plans be evened up?

Two members of council, White and Antoinette M. Bram, placed top priority on providing the match to all employees as a matter of policy. The match "ought to be available to all," White stated.

Bram then wanted council to study the disparity issue during the year, with the expectation of bringing the Pension Plan in line with the others. Let's "give them the best we can give them," she said.

### Fairness

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and council member Joseph Isaacs were equally convinced the top priority was fairness to all employees. The five percent match had been given to the employees in the new Pension Plan in 1984 in order to help close the gap

with the much more generous Retirement Plan the state was phasing out.

Weidenfeld asked, and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) President, Chris Field, confirmed, that at the May 20 Budget Work Session, the FOP had only asked council to restore the match for officers who had lost it—those who transferred to MCLEO from the Pension Plan.

... City employees protest retirement plan additions. See story on page 5.

Isaacs wanted to "assess the retirement systems further, but not hold up the five percent match for MCLEO."

Bram pointed out that the cost to the city will be minor and that as those in the Retirement Plan reach retirement, the cost to the city will decrease and disappear.

### Commitment

Police Chief James Craze  
See MATCH, page 2, col. 4

## Pool Opens After One Day

The Greenbelt Municipal Pool reopened at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, after being closed one day to complete a minor repair.

Two hairline cracks in the "white coat," the top layer of the pool, met on Saturday causing roughness on the bottom of the pool in a heavily travelled area at the beach end next to the handicapped rail. The area was roped off Saturday and Sunday to keep swimmers away from potential danger. The pool was closed for repair on Monday, normally a less crowded day. The water level was dropped three feet to expose the area to be patched—a job requiring 10 minutes. Draining and refilling the pool took 24 hours.

The Recreation Department staff appreciated the cooperative spirit of inconvenienced swimmers, said Recreation Director Hank Irving. The problem was superficial and if it had been in an area where bathers were not walking, the patching could have been postponed to the end of the season. "There are no structural problems with the pool," assured Irving.

## Greenbelter Finds Dinosaur Femur, Largest Maryland Fossil Discovery

by Mary Lou Williamson

Tramping through a local sand and gravel pit not 10 miles from home with his two children on Sunday afternoon, May 19, Arnold "Butch" Norden, of Lakewood, made the biggest dinosaur discovery in Maryland during this century. An ecologist by profession, Norden finds Greenbelt "a fascinating area to live in."

He was walking on a level area, looking down where a bulldozer had scraped the day before, Norden told the News Review, when he saw the outline of a huge bone—six feet long. One end had been crushed under the dozer's tread and a section had been scraped. "I've seen lots of fossilized bones," said Norden. "The inner structure can be like honeycomb. Rocks don't look organic."

He studied his find, dug a bit around the edges, found the other end of the bone, and decided he was "absolutely positive" that his discovery was worth a call to the Smithsonian. Experts there have identified the bone, a femur (upper bone of the hind leg) of *Astrodon*, the largest dinosaur, 60 to 80 feet (or more) in length, to roam Maryland 110 million years ago. (See drawing.)

Norden marked the bone site late Sunday. Monday morning a call to the property owner brought assurance that "we'll avoid it." In fact they shut down. The call to the Smithsonian produced a three-man team by 11 a.m. to unearth and retrieve the 400-lb. fossil. Layers of burlap soaked in plaster were draped along the top and sides of the bone to keep it from breaking apart during the move. The process took all day. The team returned Tuesday to dig under the huge bone and surrounding clay, roll it over and secure the other side in plaster, supported by a wooden frame. Now weighing 600 lbs., the bone was carried by truck to the Smithsonian.

On Thursday Norden received a call from Dr. Nick Hotton, curator of paleobiology. The find, he said, was significant enough for the Smithsonian to hold a press conference the next day. Norden said each of the local TV news channels aired the story that evening, the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun

ran weekend stories and the Discovery Channel, which did an extensive interview, will air its piece in a week or so.

Norden, a very private man, has not welcomed all the personal attention. Phone calls interrupt him at work. Friends he and his family haven't heard from in years are calling. He found himself the subject of a children's sermon at church the following week. Nevertheless, Norden is pleased by the publicity. "All of a sudden people are becoming aware that there were dinosaurs in this area," he said. "They are really excited."

### Clean-Up

The bone is now in the Smithsonian's "prep lab." The encasing plaster and grey clay have been carefully removed. The clay makes the clean-up job easy, said Curator Hotton. But it also means the fossil will be more fragile than if it had been preserved in rock. Next the bone will be soaked in liquid plastic that will polymerize as it dries and thus hold the fossil together.

The Smithsonian, Hotton explained, has the best collection of Maryland dinosaurs. The importance of Norden's addition is that it is the "most complete single adult bone of anything we've got" in that collection, he said. Scientists want to know what the adults were like. Norden's bone, like the others, will be available for scientists to study.

See DINOSAUR, page 4

## Fossil Hunter Butch Norden

by Mary Lou Williamson

If finding a dinosaur is every kid's dream, Arnold "Butch" Norden is that rare adult who at age 45 is still looking. A native of Baltimore and product of its schools, Norden by the age of 12 had begun a life-long interest in collecting fossils and dinosaurs. Butch, as he is still known by family and friends, had seen the great halls of the Museum of Natural History in New York with its "incredible collection of dinosaurs." Thoroughly fed his early interest in collecting. At Towson State University he studied biology, receiving an M.S. degree in Aquatic Ecology. Today he loves best the field work of his Annapolis-based job — looking for adverse environmental impacts on projects that require use of land owned by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

He's an active member of the Maryland Natural History Society in Baltimore and credits that organization with maintaining his strong interest in fossil collecting. Norden has found fossils in every county in the state, particularly in Western Maryland, where he finds trilobites and other marine invertebrates and 300 million year-old plant fossils. Norden laughs and says, "I spend a lot of time breaking rocks."

Not content to spend only his weekdays in the field, Norden pursues his interests in Maryland's natural history also on weekends, often with his family.

When he moved to Greenbelt 6 years ago, Norden began read-  
See FOSSIL, page 4, col. 4

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John, Heather and Butch Norden at the site of the dinosaur bone discovery. The bone is partially excavated and the top and sides are encased in plaster. —photo by Beth Norden

## Pulling Together

We congratulate Daniel G. Hobbs on his appointment as Greenbelt's new city manager. As Mayor Pro Tem Thomas X. White pointed out, Hobbs will have to make his own mark on the city's history, taking his place among the distinguished ranks of his predecessors. This he must do himself. But in the process of making this important choice for the city, the Greenbelt City Council made a little history themselves.

Although the present members of council often pull separately on council agenda issues, on the subject of how to choose a new manager they significantly pulled together.

As became clear in Mayor Gil Weidenfeld's description of the six-month process of the search, all of the councilmembers must have devoted many hours from their own crowded schedules to screening and interviewing—first, in the careful selection from a nationwide pool of an outstanding consulting firm and, then, in the similarly meticulous screening of potential candidates. During this whole process the council seems to have maintained total confidentiality. Only the names of the final choice and the one in-house candidate, whose desire for the position was always on the table, have been revealed.

By recognizing their own "amateur" status, as one of the councilmembers put it, in conducting a search, they set out to educate themselves. In this process, they brought intelligence and diligence to a procedure worthy of the city they represent.

## Letters to the Editor

### Many Thanks

I want to say thank you to the many people who expressed support for me for the position of City Manager. Your supportive and kind words were most encouraging and gratifying and are deeply appreciated. It's been said many times before, but only because it's true, Greenbelt is a great community and it's the people in the community that make it that way.

Michael McLaughlin

### Meeting Issues

In the interest of informing the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members unable to attend the May 30 board meeting, and who have questions regarding the accuracy and omissions in the News Review coverage, here is . . . the written proposal I read to the board:

Re: Evaluation by the board members on their four areas of responsibility for the annual meeting. On a scale of one (excellent) to four (poor) how would you rate the below-named categories?

1. The Meeting Place, Center School Gym? Air Conditioning? Windows open? Fans? Convenience for Elderly and Handicapped?

2. Acoustical Quality: The ability of the members to hear the proceedings? Proximity of microphones; Assistance or adjustments?

3. Conduct of the Business Meeting: Moderator expertise? Presence or absence of a registered parliamentarian?

4. Handling of Membership Petitions: Quality and Fairness of Parliamentary Procedure? Clarity of Issues? Sufficient time allowance for democratic debate?

Since President Wayne Williams was unable to preside at the annual meeting, I felt he could referee the discussion. I even offered to furnish them ballots which they could fill in without their names. Director Don Comis was the only member who graciously made some points.

Since the board would not take any action I referred the suggestions for annual meeting improvement to the Audit Committee. Lest I forget, the windows could have been opened last year and this. Seventy percent of them work! Eunice E. Coxon

### Thank You, Helen

Having lived in Greenbelt for over 30 years I have seen many changes take place. However, there is one constant that remains and for that I am grateful for it continues to provide Greenbelt with the small, hometown atmosphere which I so enjoy. I am referring to Helen, who has worked at High's for as long as I can remember and has always demonstrated a caring for those she serves.

Personalized conversation, good eye contact, politeness and patience have been afforded me every time I have shopped at High's. In fact, when she is not on duty I feel like an old friend is missing. She takes the time to help educate my five-year-old grandson on shopping and making change. She has always been attentive to the needs of the customer.

Because of her human concern for others I do not mind waiting in line when the store may be crowded because I know that

## Prevailing Winds Charms Listeners

by Alexander Barnes

What a fun concert the Prevailing Winds had at Center School, Saturday, May 11! Their style was perfect for the setting and the mix of adults and children attending.

They began with a Jewish Folk tune arranged by their leader, Tom Puwalski. This was followed by each playing one piece featuring his/her instrument which he/she had arranged. Each player began by discussing his/her instrument. Puwalski, for instance, noted his clarinet was different than the others because his was the only one providing its player with a decent living. He then artfully displayed its range from a few bars from a Mozart concerto to a wailing jazz tune. The others performed likewise: Nan Raphael with the flute and piccolo, Cathy Miller with the french horns, and Roy Carson with the bassoon.

The performers were most inviting in their manner during these presentations which preceded the intermission. At intermission they invited the audience to ask whatever questions they might have about their instruments.

After the intermission the Prevailing Winds played as an ensemble, and a polished performance they gave. With the exception of a few fluffs by the french hornist the performers were clearly masters of their instruments and melded well as the group played together. "A Bouquet of Waltzes" afforded them the opportunity to show the evolution of the waltz from classical a la Strauss, to modern a la Nielsen, to jazz. Much to this reviewer's pleasant surprise, "Blue Rondo a la Turk" (Brubeck) was substituted for another work. When after the concert, we asked why, Puwalski said that his son was along and had asked to hear it. That answer typifies this unassuming, inviting, and excellent group.

when it is my turn to be served, it will be done with professionalism and love for her fellow man.

Greenbelt is truly blessed to have such a beautiful person in our midst and I encourage all those shopping at High's to express their thanks to Helen for a job well done.

Nancy Ward

## MATCH, cont. fr. p. 1

spoke in favor of offering the match to all employees, for that was how the employees had understood the May 20 commitment.

"I urge the city council to go forward with the five percent match," he stated, for to do otherwise, would "pull the rug out from under the employees." He called all three of the pension plans "not adequate."

Retiring City Manager James K. Giese took exception, saying he is pleased to be a member of the Retirement Plan.

First Weidenfeld and then Isaacs agreed with the chief's logic. Weidenfeld expressed concern that the "Pension people, the bulk of our people, feel lost in the shuffle." There has been a real split in philosophy, he said.

"I'm troubled," added Isaacs, who was not present at the May 20 work session. He recognized

the problem had come from that earlier meeting. He questioned adding a benefit to the more generous plan "I'm not happy," he said, "but I will vote yes because a commitment was made."

### City Contributions

(as percent of employee's pay)

	plus 5%	
	Current match	
Retirement Plan	18.37%	23.37
Pension Plan	*10.13%	—
McLeo Pension		
	17.18	22.18

\*includes 5% match

### Percent of salary paid

	after	after
	25 yrs.	30 yrs.
Retirement Plan	n.a.	54
Pension Plan	n.a.	31
McLeo		
Pension Plan	30	34
Retirement	50	60

## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, June 24, 1991

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 (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
  - \* - Regular Meeting, June 10, 1991
  - \* - Council Work Session, June 11, 1991
  - Executive Work Session, June 11, 1991
8. Administrative Reports
9. Committee Reports - Presentation

### III. LEGISLATION

- 10: An Ordinance to Adopt a Budget for the Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1992; to Repeal the Unexpended Balance of All Outstanding Appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund as of June 30, 1991; and to Make Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1992 for Various Capital Projects in the Total Amount of \$923,100
  - Second Reading
11. A Resolution to Amend the Uniform Compensation Plan for All Classified Employees
  - Second Reading

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Fire Department Lease
13. Nomination for Champion Tree Status
- \* 14. Proposal of Dr. Molly Schuchat to Provide Evaluation Consultation, and for Dr. David Pelegri to Provide Consulting Services to Greenbelt CARES for FY 1991/92
15. Advance Purchase from Replacement Funds - Computer for Parks

### V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA — SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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

Dorothy Lauber, CMC  
Acting City Clerk



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

#### Public Information Meeting

### COMMUNITY-BUILT PLAYGROUND

The City's Park and Recreation Advisory Board seeks to identify members of the community who are interested in helping to plan and build a large community playground. A public information meeting will be held June 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Youth Center. All persons interested in this project are requested to attend this meeting.

A significant volunteer effort will have to be organized in order to build the playground. Details will be discussed at the meeting.

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**Reading Program For Children 6-12**

"Hands on Percussion" with Doc B will start the Summer Quest program at Greenbelt library on Wednesday, June 26 at 2 p.m.

The ninth annual Summer Quest reading program is sponsored by the Prince Georges County library.

Children 6 to 12 years old who register for Summer Quest will receive a "passport" to keep track of their reading and a passport sticker for each book they finish. For finishing their first ten books kids will earn a certificate and a pass to Wild World amusement park.

Throughout the summer more prizes and incentives for eager readers will be provided by 7-Eleven's "People Who Read Achieve" program and other contributors. To register call the Greenbelt library at 345-5800.

**NOL Philharmonic**

The National Orchestral Institute (NOI) Philharmonic will perform on Saturday, June 22 at 8:15 p.m. in Tawes Theater at the University of Maryland. Guest conductor will be Catherine Comet, Music Director of the Grand Rapids Symphony and the conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra, New York. The program will include Divertimento by Bernstein, Symphony no. 34 by Mozart and Mahler's Symphony no. 1.

Complimentary tickets are available at the Tawes Summer Box Office, 305-7494.

**Menopause Support**

The Midlife and Menopause (WMM) Support Group will meet Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. at 5 Pinecrest Court. For information call Clara Wood 345-0566.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Practice T'ai Chi Saturday Morning**

T'ai Chi practice continues through the summer outside the Youth Center, Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate or watch. There will be a special introductory session for beginners on Saturday, June 29.

T'ai Chi is the classic Chinese exercise for health, self-defense and spiritual growth. Graceful in movement, slow in tempo, relaxed and fluid in beautiful natural postures, T'ai Chi is "meditation in movement" and practiced throughout the world for its health benefits.

**Green Belters Meet**

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will meet on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m., in the Greenbelt library, lower level meeting room. The public is invited.

**Toastmasters Meet**

The Toastmasters invite all comers to join them for stimulating conversation and a little humor at the next Toastmasters meeting. It will be held Tuesday, June 25, at 7:15 p.m., in the community room above the Springhill Lake Pharmacy. For further information, call Joyce Chestnut at 474-0567.

**Little League Standings**

As of June 16

	W	L
Athletics	9	3
Indians	8	3
Giants	8	4
Lions	8	4
Cubs	4	8
Orioles	2	9
Cards	1	10



**Festival Notes**

The Labor Day Festival Committee will meet on Thursday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Station meeting room to update progress on all Festival events. Committee members are asked to attend and residents are invited to participate.

Entertainment chair Mary Ann Baker has obtained new groups to entertain on the festival stage. They bring a variety of popular sounds from rock to reggae.

Other entertainers interested in appearing should contact Baker immediately at 474-1706.

Greenbelt girls aged 14-19 can still sign up to participate in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant, although the July 1 deadline is rapidly approaching. For information about pageant events, contact Natasha Chavrid-Jewell at 345-0929.

**Playgrounds Open**

Co-sponsored by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Greenbelt Recreation Department, the summer playground program is open to children ages 6-12. This program allows children to participate in sports, games, arts and crafts and special events. Children are free to come and go as they wish, so constant supervision during open hours is not guaranteed.

The playgrounds will operate as follows: Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 12 noon-6 p.m.; Mowatt Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Blood Drive**

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 17, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Donors should call 474-4161 for appointments.

Types "O" and "B" are especially in demand. Type "O" blood is crucial in emergency situations because it can be given to any patient when there is no time to determine the patient's blood type. Forty-five out of 100 hospital patients will need type "O" blood.

There is also a higher demand for Type "B" blood among the African American population, 25 percent of African Americans have Type "B" blood versus just 12 percent of Caucasians. Patients with certain diseases need blood closely matched for certain factors which can only be found within their own racial group.

**Democratic Picnic**

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, June 29 at the Ridge Road Park (opposite 73 Court) from 4 to 8 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. Drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied.

For information call Ann Castaldi, 345-7185 or Micki Weidenfeld, 345-2327. Club members are encouraged to bring their families and friends.

**Free Concert**

The National Park Service and the Washington Post will sponsor a free evening of traditional and jazz music on Saturday, June 22 at Greenbelt Park. At 7 p.m. Bruce Hutton will present traditional music for kids of all ages. Then at 8 p.m. the Extremities follow with contemporary jazz. Bring the family to "fun in the park" at Sweetgum Picnic Area.

**Greenbriar News**

The social committee and pool staff are gearing up for a moonlight swim to be held on Saturday, June 22, from 8 to midnight. All Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents and their guests are welcome to come and enjoy swimming, dancing to taped music or playing water volleyball. Beer, soda, and lots of good snacks will be served. There is a small fee.

The hot dog roast held on June 1, was a sell out! The social committee couldn't grill hot dogs fast enough to feed the hungry crowd. Even the thunderstorm didn't dampen the group's spirits. People who missed out on this month's roast, plan on attending July's hot dog roast, which will be held on July 27. Watch bulletin boards for details.

Don't forget. Children's movie time begins on Wednesday, June 26, at 2 p.m. sharp in the Terrace Room. All resident school-age children are invited to attend any week during the summer. There is no charge or registration required. Help pick out the following week's movie selection.

The 14th annual pool party picnic will be held on Saturday, July 13, from 6 to 11 p.m. The party menu will include: chicken, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, cold cuts, watermelon, beer and soda. The fun includes: 50/50 raffle, music by DJ, Dave Sutherland; games for the whole family and a dip in the pool. Tickets must be purchased in advance; so make plans early. For more information, call Kathy 441-1096.

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The Greenbelt Museum is currently signing up volunteers for its summer training session. Learn Greenbelt history and show the interesting house Museum at 10-B Crescent Road to a variety of local and out of town visitors. Volunteers give 2 hours one Sunday per month. Call Linda Warner at 731-1110 or leave a message at the Museum: 474-1936.



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—Maryland Geological Survey

## Dinosaur Bone Discovered

(Continued from page 1)

The bone would disintegrate if kept in someone's basement, Norden said. The original specimen of *Astrodon*, a tooth found over 100 years ago, he pointed out, is still safely preserved in Yale University's Peabody Museum.

"Scientists need more and better bones all the time," Norden explained, "so they can really begin to understand what the dinosaurs looked like and what they did."

### Under Greenbelt

Norden is excited that he is living over a formation, the Potomac Group of Early Cretaceous Age, that contains dinosaur fossils. In this area bones were found in old "bog iron" mines. Cuts made for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, between Beltsville and Jessup, also brought a flurry of finds in the 1880s. "At that time museums started scooping up all the specimens," he said. A fragment of a femur, "just the tip," was found recently in Baltimore County. Other pieces came from Muirkirk and the vicinity of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The early discoveries resulted from men who moved earth using picks and shovels, said Norden.

The site of his "find" is loaded with rock, particularly ironstone, which looks something like bone. Next, he said, you've got to pick the right layer—generally a grey clay containing jet black lignitized wood. "It's very distinctive, it looks like charcoal. That's where you zero in." Bones are typically long and brown, and have predictable protrusions, he explained.

Today the places to look are new excavations for buildings or highways and working quarries. (He's keeping a watchful eye on the Greenbelt Metro Station

site.) The old sites, Norden said, have grown over with weeds and trees or are under parking lots.

### Astrodon?

The plant-eating *Astrodon*, a sauropod, has a long neck, small head and long tail and was the largest dinosaur of Eastern North America. Or is it? Scientists really don't know. Fewer than half the bones of his hypothetical skeleton (see drawing) have been found and almost all except Norden's were from much smaller creatures thought to be juveniles, some as small as 10 to 15 feet in length. No two bones have been found in the same place. Only a partial skull has been found, Norden says the skeleton, as drawn, could be inaccurate. The bones that we have could even represent two or three or more related but different species.

Juveniles are the most common finds in Maryland, but are rare everywhere else. Why? Norden says scientists don't know. Bones from this period are rare also.

*Astrodon* or "Star Tooth" was named by a dentist in 1859 because the inner structure of the teeth that had been found were star-shaped. It is the most common dinosaur here.

The huge sauropod lived during the Lower Cretaceous period when this area was covered by coniferous forests and meandering rivers. Fossils seem to be found in what may have been logjams of bone, logs and stumps and other plant remains in a

## Claude Barb

Former Greenbelter Claude Barb, died Friday, June 7 in Athens, Georgia, after a long illness. Mr. Barb grew up in the Greenbelt area. His wife, Mary, a Greenbelt pioneer, who moved to Greenbelt in 1937, died in August 1990.

Mr. Barb and his wife moved to Athens, Georgia, a few years ago to be near their son and his family.

He is survived by his son Richard, his daughter-in-law Sue and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Flecks Funeral Home in Laurel on June 10. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Washington.

river's oxbow, which Norden explains as a swampy loop left behind when the river cut a new course.

Other area dinosaurs have left even fewer remains. One is identified by a single tooth, another by a few toe bones. Many bone fragments found here have not even been identified.

### Other Fossils

Fossils of crocodiles, turtles, some fish, plants and early flowering plants, which were beginning to make their appearance in the Lower Cretaceous period, can also be found locally. Cycads—ancient plants with trunks like huge pineapples and leaves like fern fronds—have been found throughout this area, including Greenbelt Park and along Paint Branch in College Park. Most Cycad fossils have also been found by amateurs, said Norden.

### Renewed Interest

Interest and fossil finds waned for almost a century. But new discoveries and new theories during the past 10 to 15 years have greatly expanded our knowledge of and interest in dinosaurs, Norden said. Both larger and smaller specimens have been found, flying dinosaurs twice as big as we thought could fly, mass graveyards out West containing 10,000 dinosaurs, nesting grounds with fossilized eggs, new and changing theories on why dinosaurs became extinct. There is a real revolution going on in what we know about dinosaurs, said Norden. Scientists are re-writing the text books.

Very young children are often wildly excited about dinosaurs. Norden can picture that interest utilized by elementary schools to teach beginning science.

## FOSSIL HUNTER fr p 1

ing original papers about the dinosaur finds of the 1880's and *The Maryland Dinosaurs*, a book by local collector Peter Kranz. Norden is pinpointing locations where today's searchers should look. Because field work in the East takes a lot of time and dinosaur finds are rare, professionals can't afford to spend time in pursuit of the local type-like *Astrodon*, he said. "That's why the amateur is so important and can make a significant contribution to science."

The actual looking, he said, is not just a lark. Sunday's adventure required "a long walk with no shade. It was hot as blazes." You spend a lot of time as close to the ground as possible, he said, your knees get cut-up on the rocks. The flies bite. Only those really interested keep going. Norden is certified as a fossil hunter by the Smithsonian. Commercial operations do not open their gates for the merely curious.

That Sunday, May 19, was Norden's first day out looking for dinosaurs. Now, he adds, "the gamble is—clearly there was an adult dinosaur, maybe 80 feet long, scattered over some area. When is one going to come to light again?"

Heather, age 10, and John, age 7, are pretty good naturalists, their father said. While he was working on his dinosaur bone, their explorations turned up insects, three different kinds of snakes and, in a pool of water masses of tadpoles changing into "spring peepers" (little brown frogs that sing high notes) and toads. The children's mother

## Vacation Bible School

"Share God's Blessings" is the theme of Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. Classes for 4-12 year olds will be held June 24-July 5. (Four and five year olds meet M, W, F only).

Students will study the Bible and participate in art activities, music, service projects, recreation and worship. To register or obtain additional information call 345-5111.

## Students Honored By School Board

Members of Carol Lubetzky's 6th grade class at Center School were recognized by the Prince Georges County Board of Education at its meeting on June 13, for winning the national bicentennial map contest.

Honored were James Parks, Ernest Vinson, Antonio Pominaya, T. J. Luby, Jeff Timer, Megan Thomas, A'jeenah Roscoe, Katy Roberts, Kitesha Bailey and Shante Ford.

Beth is an entomologist who teaches part-time in the Science and Technology Center at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. On May 19 she was at home grading papers!

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Crescent & Greenhill Roads



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services:  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. Infant care provided at each service)

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

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

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

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

## Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Municipal Building, Sundays,  
10:00 A.M.

Serve breakfast at S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, June 30.

Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 am; return  
to Greenbelt by 9:30 a.m.

# City Employees Protest Retirement Plan Addition and Seek Fairness

by S. R. Cherry

The vast majority of those attending the June 10 regular City Council meeting were city employees protesting recent changes to the city's retirement programs. Most were from the Public Works Department. The group was represented by Karl Skaggs, who presented a petition from the employees.

The petition stated that under Ordinance No. 965, passed by Council in 1985, a deferred compensation match was offered to employees on the Pension Plan in

an attempt to "address the inequities between the old Retirement Plan and the Pension System." Recently council extended the five percent employer match to all city employees under both the Retirement Plan and the new Municipal Corporation Law Enforcement Officers (MCLEO) 25-year plan.

Skaggs voiced employees concerns that this change again created a disparity between the employees in the Pension Plan and those in the other city retirement systems. He requested that the issue be placed on the agenda for future action as soon as possible.

The dilemma was best summarized by council member Joseph Isaacs, who interjected that the city employees seemed not to have so much of a problem with the MCLEO plan, "but with the five percent deferred compensation offered to all city employees on the Retirement Plan, accentuating the inequity between the two plans," to which he received overwhelming agreement. Prior to the May 29 ordinance, employees in the Retirement Plan had to pay 5-7% out of their own salaries, however the Retirement Plan offered higher benefits.

Mayor Weidenfeld told the employees, "I'm not at all sur-

prised to see you here." He acknowledged that he knew that council and staff would have to "go back and visit the pension program." Weidenfeld pointed out that council has already passed the budget for next year. The mayor also warned that it would not be easy because of the expense of pension programs. The mayor referred the request to staff to evaluate all possible benefits and determine what options were available.

### Capital Projects Fund

Isaacs introduced for first reading a revised ordinance to adopt the budget for the Capital Projects Fund for the fiscal year ending June 1992. This budget funds a variety of projects which are smaller in scope than those which require city bonds.

The new ordinance includes two changes: It deletes funds for Northway's curb and gutter. After inspection by council it was decided that the curb between Crescent and Hillside is in good condition and that no curb was necessary between Hillside and Ridge Road. The ordinance also shifts resurfacing of the Public Works Facility roof from FY 1993 to FY 1992 because of the low prices during the current slump.

Under the new ordinance the

following projects are budgeted: \$40,000; traffic signal at Hanover Pkwy. and Ora Glen Drive, \$112,000; planning funds Public Works addition, \$50,000; public works storage building and salt storage shed, \$120,000; resurface public works facility roof, \$35,000; resurfacing Research Road from 9 Court to end, \$19,100; engineering study of Lakewood storm drainage, \$12,000; engineering design for Schrom Hills Park storm water management pond, \$20,000; construction of Youth Center addition, \$101,800; replacement of the gym floor at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, \$30,000; lake improvement \$165,000; and reconstruction and resurfacing of Tennis Courts 1 to 4 at Braden Field, \$65,000.

In addition \$131,500 is budgeted to be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund III to finance the development of Schrom Hills Park.

### Tour the Green Belt

Tours of the "green belt", sponsored by the Committee to Save the Green Belt, are held each Saturday at noon. Meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway. Refreshments provided. For information, call 474-4863.



## GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

474-6878



# 1991 Daily Summer Children's Classes

The first registration of the 1991 Daily Summer Children's Classes, will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, 9 am - 11 am and Monday, June 24th, 9:30 am - 10:30 am at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This is an in-person registration on a first come, first serve basis only. By phone, registrations accepted 11:30 - 12 noon on a space available basis only on Monday, June 24th. Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday for two weeks beginning Tuesday, June 25th. EXCEPTION: NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will NOT be made up. Registration for the second session will be held July 6th and 8th.

ACTIVITIES (held at Youth Center Complex unless otherwise noted)	TIME / AGE	FEES	
		Resident/Non-Resident	
Archery	10:30a 8-15 yrs.	\$15	\$20
Arts & Crafts	2:30p 3- 5 yrs.	FREE	
	1:30p 6-12 yrs.	FREE	
Chucks & Lassies - Tue & Thu Group games. Physical Fitness Program for Boys and Girls	10:30a 6-12 yrs.	FREE	
Gymnastics	1:30p 3- 5 yrs.	\$15	\$20
	2:30p 6-12 yrs.	\$15	\$20
Suzuki Violin - Tue & Thur Center School	3:30p 5-14 yrs.	\$140	
Tennis	9:30a 8 & Over	\$15	\$20

### SWIMMING LESSONS

ONLY GREENBELT RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENT PASS HOLDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD. NON-RESIDENTS WITHOUT PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS ONLY.

Aqua Babies	11:30a 6-18 mos	\$20	\$25
Aqua Tots Beginners	10:45a 18mo-5yrs	\$20	\$25
Aqua Tots Advanced	10:00a 18mo-5yrs	\$20	\$25
Each child must be accompanied by someone 18 yrs. or over in all Aqua Lessons.			
Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Intermediate, Swimmers	9:00a, 9:45a,		
	10:30a or 11:15a 5 yrs. & Over	\$20	\$25

### ADULT - JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Businessmen's Lunch/Lap Swimming Swim Tuesday thru Friday 7-8am & 12 noon-12:50pm	16 & Over	\$40/season or \$2.00/day
Lessons Monday & Wednesday June 24, 26, July 8 & 10th	8-9p 16 & Over	\$20 \$25

### FREE GREENBELT SENIOR MONDAY SWIM PARTY

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A poignant evening of joy and sadness as James K. Giese, Greenbelt's City Manager for 28½ years, and Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk for 21 years, share their retirement party at Martins Crosswinds. The Greenbelt City Council sponsored the gala event: Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor Protem Thomas X. White and Councilmembers Edward Putens, Joseph Isaacs and Antoinette M. Bram.

Almost 200 friends, family, co-workers and elected and government officials joined the festivities.

### Thanks For The Memories

Thanks for the memories,  
From staff and council, too  
We know that we'll miss you,  
From Greenbelt East  
And Springhill Lake  
And Center City, too  
We thank you so much.

Thanks for the memories  
For leaky swimming pools,  
For broken Robert's Rules  
For Master Plans  
And Lake Park plans  
Through all they've just been  
jewels,  
We thank them so much.

Thanks for the memories  
For meetings that were long  
For minutes that were wrong  
Candidates' nights  
Election fights  
Gudi, where have you gone?  
We'll miss you so much!

Thanks for the memories  
Of forty-nine good years  
Much happiness — some tears,  
Greenbelt was blest  
To have the best  
A pair beyond compare.  
We'll miss them so much.



Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening presented Giese with a framed print of Maryland's state bird, the Baltimore Oriole.



City Councilmember Edward Putens gave Mills a farewell hug and the city's gift, a Waterford lamp.



Retiring James K. Giese and Gudrun H. Mills accept proclamations presented by State Senator Leo Green from the Maryland Senate and Governor William Donald Schaefer recognizing their distinguished service.



Recreation Director Hank Irving was master of ceremonies for the festivities.



Mayor Gil Weidenfeld gives King James a wall-sized memento capturing a highlight from "This Is Your Life."



State, County, and city officials, as well as representatives of numerous city organizations and private citizens, turned out to honor the retirees.

# A Salute

Dear Gudi and Jim,

Jim, you have been called the city manager's city manager . . . and you truly are . . . mentoring to others in your field, assisting other towns as they consider incorporation. You have a knack for balancing conflicting agendas and egos as well as balancing budgets. Other qualities you have been lauded for tonight are your professionalism, your objectivity, and your impartiality. You have an incredible talent for staying out of the fray.

Parris said it earlier — You have set the standard for all other city administrators, not only in Prince George's County but in the whole state.

Most of all, we celebrate you for your fierce loyalty to the city you have served for the last 29 years. We thank you for your protectiveness of all that makes Greenbelt great, particularly its beauty — from the lovely flower beds at the entrance to the city to preserving the very signature of Greenbelt, the ring of open-space around the city.

. . . You're a high class guy who has kept your solid hometown character, your honesty, your unassuming leadership, and your ethics. I'm proud to call you my friend.

Gudi, after my election in 1978 you and Charlie were among the very first to extend your hands in friendship. Your warmth and concern for me truly made me feel welcome in Greenbelt.

In my role as one of Greenbelt's delegates to Annapolis, I have know you to always be helpful, capable, and a magician at balancing the schedules and sometimes conflicting community demands and agendas. Through it all you have shown real respect and sensitivity to your constituents, the citizens, and your colleagues. You represent what is best about Greenbelt and you will be a very hard act to follow.

I am proud that our relationship goes beyond the professional and I hope we can always keep in touch.

Much health and happiness to you and Charlie. Happy retirement.

**—Joan Pitkin, Delegate  
23rd Legislative District**

*Delegate Pitkin presented Governor's Proclamations to both James K. Giese and Gudrun H. Mills.*



William Edwards, "nephew" of the original host, thoroughly embarrassed Giese and Mills with a version of "This Is Your Life," of questionable veracity, ably assisted by Celia Wilson.

**Retirement  
Dinner  
for  
James K. Giese  
City Manager  
and  
Gudrun H. Mills  
City Clerk**



Almost 200 individuals came together to wine and dine Giese and Mills.



Mills returns to her family members after accepting a framed print of the Prince Georges County official bird, the bluebird.



City Councilmember Joseph Isaacs presents Giese with the city's proclamation (the last in a long series written by Mills) honoring him for his 29 years of service to the city.

**Photos  
by  
Joe Gregory**



State delegate Joan Pitkin and Giese read the proclamation from the House of Delegates recognizing his achievements.

**Police Blotter**

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A woman reported being sexually assaulted by four males around 10:30 p.m. on June 7 while she was walking in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. During the attack, she was battered, and cut on her face. Two of the males are described thus: (1) black, 18 years old, 5'5", 135 lbs., wearing an orange windbreaker and black pants; (2) black, 18 years old, 5'3", 130 lbs., wearing a black hat and blue jeans.

Around 5:45 p.m. on June 11, a group of males entered the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and began arguing with other groups of people. Eventually the windows of the office were smashed and a phone was pulled off the wall. The group then fled.

On June 8 a resident in the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace reported that a burglary had occurred while she was asleep. Cash and a check were stolen.

On June 11 a 41-year-old non-resident male was arrested for attempted breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property after he attempted to break into a unit in the 7 Court of Research Road by breaking a lock and smashing a window. He was held on \$25,000 bond.

On June 7 a 34-year-old resident female was arrested for obtaining a false prescription at Safeway.

**Traffic Stops**

On June 8 a 25-year-old non-resident male was arrested for theft when it was discovered during a traffic stop in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road that the registration tag on his vehicle was stolen.

Around 12:15 a.m. on June 9 police tried to pull over a stolen car in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza. The car fled and the police followed. At the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and University Blvd., 3 peo-

ple jumped out of the car and ran away. A 16-year-old nonresident juvenile was apprehended and arrested for auto theft. A second person was identified and an arrest warrant was obtained for him, a 19-year-old nonresident male. The third person got away.

An arrest warrant was obtained for a 34-year-old nonresident male who fled from his vehicle during a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive and later battered an officer who tried to take him into custody on June 9.

**Vehicles**

On June 7 a 1989 Nissan truck was stolen from the 100 block of Westway and later recovered. On June 12 a blue 1984 Olds Cutlass 2S, VA tags AOD281, was stolen from the 6000 block of Springhill Drive.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of auto were reported in the following areas: the parking lot of Beltway Plaza, the 6100 and 6200 blocks of Breezewood Court, the 3200 block of Breezewood Drive, the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, the 9100 and 9300 blocks of Edmonston Road, the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, the 200 block of Lakecrest Drive, the 8

**City Notes**

The streets crew worked all week on repaving Research Road and dust control on Northway Field Road.

The special details crew worked on painted traffic control lines, finished installing power line at lake park, and picked up surplus food for distribution.

The parks crew worked on mowing and maintaining lawns and ballfields. They also repaired bus shelters.

The horticulturists crew watered flower beds and trees, and worked on the irrigation system at the center.


At the recent June meeting of Maryland Association of Youth Service Boards, Director Carol Leverthal was reelected treasurer.

Steve Alexander and Myra Burgee have joined the team of CARES Wednesday evening family clinic volunteer counselors. Both are Master Degree candidates from the University of Maryland's Department of Counseling and Personnel Services.

and 13 counts of Laurel Hill Road, the 7800 and 7900 blocks of Mandan Road, 4 Court Parkway, 9 Court Research Road.

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**WALK TO CENTER** - Opened kitchen with lots of counter space. Upgraded bath, W/D & shed. **\$57,900**

**FABULOUS** - Block unit. Large screened porch views picturesque yard. Upgrades everywhere. **\$69,900**

**JUST LISTED** - Pride of ownership shows. Remodeled bathroom is gorgeous. Sep laundry & pantry. **\$58,899**

**LOW LOW PRICE** Owner leaving country and must sell. Great yard; nice layout & lots of extras. **\$54,990**

**REDUCED** Brick home. 11X17 MBR. Sep. dining room, W/W carpet, W/D, deck, & 4 ceiling fans. **\$79,900**

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# Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Congratulations to David E. Moran on receiving his bachelor of science degree in political science from Maryland University. He graduated in December 1990, but commencement exercises were held May 18, 1991.

Get well wishes to Melissa Barber, who is recovering at home.

Rachel Jean Turkiewicz is a candidate for a master of arts

degree in music from the University of Iowa.

Congratulations to Phil Tompkins, who received his A.A. degree from Prince Georges Community College.

Phil's mother, Pat Tompkins, of Crescent Road, has returned from Japan after having taught there for two years.

Kandis Jessup, a junior at Earlham College has received the Charles Stubbs award which is given to those students preparing for a church vocation and who have demonstrated the most conspicuous ability in preaching. Kandis is the daughter of Bobby Jessup.

Congratulations to Katherine White, who received a bachelor of arts degree from Marymount University. Her parents are Larry and Marie White, Lakeside Drive.

Fred and Colleen Clarke announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Marie, on May 13. She weighed 7 lb. 3½ oz. and was 19 and 7/8 inches long. Proud grandparents are Ron and Carmella Rowan.

Erin Barcus, a student at St. Vincent Pallotti High School, was recognized during the school's academic/athletic awards assembly for earning honorable mention for her Spanish project which involved constructing a pinata. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Stephani Susanne Frohock, Cherrywood Terr, who is a bachelor of arts degree candidate at the University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

# Council Raises Taxes Three Cents Raids Savings to Balance Budget

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Greenbelt City Council adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and raised the tax rate three cents, to \$1.33 per \$100 of assessed value. The total expenditures in the general fund, \$10,319,300 will be paid for primarily through real and personal property taxes levied by the city, totaling \$6,394,400 or 62 percent.

Other miscellaneous taxes and shared revenue from the county and state make up most of the difference. Council balanced the budget by using \$182,800 of surplus monies not expended in prior years. Approval of the budget completes the two-year budget process, begun for the first time last year.

A significant cut—about nine percent—was required to balance the FY92 budget, the second year of the two-year budget. The economic downturn had resulted in lower assessments and slowed growth, reducing the amount of taxes the city collected in the present fiscal year and expects to collect during the next year. Each department of the city was able to meet that nine percent guideline.

A few last minute changes, tentatively approved at the May 20 budget work session, were approved: a five percent match by the city on deferred compen-

sation of city employees, \$45,000; one new police officer position (for drug enforcement task force), \$38,000; restoration of full one cent of the tax rate toward fire and rescue equipment, \$5,300; increased publications to market the new indoor swimming pool, \$8,300; pick up of county share of bus transportation costs for Golden Age Club, \$1,300; and increased health premiums for employees, \$10,100.

These added costs were offset by changes on the revenue side: additional one-cent increase in the tax rate (above the two cents originally planned) \$64,100; higher estimate for Highway User fees received from the state, \$18,900; decrease in state grant for Youth Services Bureau (Greenbelt CARES), \$21,600; and an increased estimate in the county's landfill disposal rebate (based on increased population), \$15,400. Also, the cost of new police cars came in lower than estimated by \$2,800 per vehicle and two cars rather than one will be purchased with forfeited funds for a savings of \$31,200.

Council also approved budgets for the Replacement Fund, Temporary Disability Fund, and Unemployment Compensation Fund.

## Capital Improvement Funds

Council approved budgets for four of the five capital improvement funds. These budgets generally handle specific projects and the monies come from either voter-approved bond issues or Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

—Capital Improvement Fund II, \$1,630,000, to pay for the indoor pool, a project expected to cost a total of \$3.93 million.

—Capital Improvements Fund III, \$1,007,500, for development of Schrom Hills Park.

—Capital Improvement Fund IV, \$230,000, to be used for planning and design of converting Center School to a community center.

—Capital Improvement Fund V, (CDBG) \$255,000 (for years 16 and 17) for reconstruction of Edmonston Road from Greenbelt Road to Edmonston Court, \$145,000; Parkway resurfacing, \$60,000; Planning and design of improvements to Roosevelt Center parking lots, \$50,000. (City has followed a pattern in recent years of utilizing two years of CDBG funds at one time).

The remaining Capital Projects Budget, \$1,087,500, encompasses a lot of smaller projects and is funded through the general fund budget. Council member Thomas X. White asked council to take another look at the very long list of projects for the next few years to see whether the items on this year's list ought to be revised. Council held a work session on the subject on June 4. Greenbelt's Charter requires the budgets for the city to be approved by June 10.

## Concerns

Retiring City Manager James K. Giese offered several cautions to council. The city is forced to make assumptions each year, he said, on the amount of income taxes the state will share with Greenbelt. The city does not find out exactly how much it will get until two months after the fiscal year is over. While the staff is confident of its numbers, he pointed out that if the assumptions are too optimistic, the city "could have to impose further restraints." He expressed concern that the state legislature plans to go back into session later this month to make further cuts in the state budget. Greenbelt could be affected.

Tax reform issues from the Linowes Commission's recommendations will come before the state legislature next year, including elimination of the personal property tax. The city's loss would be over \$1 million a year. No alternative tax source was suggested.

City-levied property taxes have risen faster than other sources of income, Giese noted, with an increasing load falling upon the taxpayer.

Finally, he cautioned council about the surplus which he said, "suffered a serious hit" this year and is now close to the minimum required to satisfy bond houses. The city "cannot afford to use much more."

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Lucky Leaf 46 oz. **Apple Sauce \$1.49**  
Cap'n Crunch 15 oz. **Cereals \$2.49**

## Dairy Dept.

Red & White 12 oz. **Amer. Singles \$1.29**

Imperial 1 lb. 1/4's **Margarine 49c**

Light & Lively 100 calorie 8oz. **Yogurts 2/89c**

Kraft 8 oz. box **Cream Cheese 99c**

Breakstone 8 oz. **Sour Cream 59c**

Our Value 2 lb. **Long Grain Rice 59c**

Prego Reg. or Ex. Chunky SPAGHETTI SAUCE 30 oz. **\$1.69**

Red & White 18 oz. **Peanut Butter \$1.89**

Golden Grain 6 1/4 oz. MACARONI & CHEESE DINNER **3/\$1**

Maxwell House 12 oz. **Instant Coffee \$4.99**

Our Value 100's **Paper Plates 99c**

Pompeian Red Wine 16 oz. **Vinegar 69c**

**Ajax Cleanser 2/79c**  
14 oz.

Sunshine 1 lb. **HYDROX COOKIES or VIENNA FINGERS \$1.89**

Sweetheart 60 pk. 9 oz. **Foam Cups \$1.49**

Red & White original 1 gal. **Liquid Bleach 89c**

Sundance Sparklers 23 oz. **Juice Drinks \$1.19**

Purina Alley 3 1/2 lb. **Cat Food \$1.69**

Campbells 16 oz. **Pork & Beans 2/89c**

Our Value 15 oz. min. PEAS-GR. BEANS KIDNEY BEANS **3/89c**

Open Pit 18 oz. **Barbecue Sauce 99c**

Lucky Leaf 1/2 gal. **Apple Juice \$1.49**

Red & White all flav. 12oz. cans **Sodas 5/99c**

Nabisco Spoon Size 17.2 oz. **Shred. Wheat \$2.79**

O-Cello Sponge **Scrubber 2/89c**

Guldens 15 oz. **Mustard 89c**

## Frozen Dept.

Breyers 1/2 gal. **Ice Cream \$2.79**

Cheese-Pep-Saus. 7 oz. Chef Boy-Ar-Dee PIZZA **79c**

Citrus Hill 12 oz. **Lemonade Mix 79c**

Banquet Family 24 oz. min. **Entrees \$1.79**

Giorgio breaded 8 oz. min. **Cheese Sticks 99c**

## Farm Fresh Produce

California Strawberries **79c**  
Pint

Western Cantaloupe **89c**  
Ea.

Washington Delicious Apples lb. **69c**

California Nectarines **69c**  
Lb.

California Blackberries **1.89**  
1/2 pint

Calif. 1/2 pint Red Raspberries **1.89**

Florida ea. **Mangoes 89c**

Romaine Lettuce lb. **49c**

California ea. **Cauliflower \$1.19**

Campbells 8 oz. **Mushrooms 79c**

New Crop Russet Potatoes 5 lb. **1.69**

Yellow 3 lb. **Onions \$1.49**

## Beer/Wine Dept.

Lite Beer **\$7.49**  
12 pk-12 oz. cans

Milwaukee's 6 pk-12 oz. cans **Best Beer \$2.29**

**Beck's Beer \$5.69**  
6 pk-12 oz. N.R.'s

Sutter Home White 750 ml. ZINFANDEL WINE **\$3.99**

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Vit. D Milk **\$1.99**  
gal.

2% **Lowfat Milk \$1.95**  
gal.

1% **Lowfat Milk \$1.95**  
gal.

**Skim Milk \$1.89**  
gal.