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GHI DISCUSSES COST OF BOND ISSUE TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

by Al Skolnik

The city's proposed \$950,000 bond issue for capital improvements, if approved, would cost the average Greenbelt Homes, Inc. homeowner roughly 50 cents per month in taxes, (more for brick homes, less for frame homes), GHI board members were told last Thursday night. This is an estimate for the first year. In future years the amount would be less because the cost of the bond issue would be spread over a larger tax base (assessed valuation) resulting from the growth of the city.

GHI manager Roy Breashears also noted the likelihood that the GHI homeowner's city tax bill may not go up the full amount of 50 cents per month, because the city's tax rate for operating expenses has been steadily dropping for the past few years. From 1965 to 1968, the city tax rate declined from \$1.07 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$0.85, mainly as the result of increased State aid and the higher yield from an ever-increasing assessable tax base.

In return for the 50 cents per month, GHI members will get an addition to the Youth Center; acquisition of parcels 7 and 8 as parkland to protect the scenic entrance to Greenbelt at the corner of Kenilworth Ave. and Crescent Road; additional facilities at Greenbelt Lake park, such as tennis courts, softball fields, and comfort station-picnic shelter; acquisition of certain rights-of-way for a perimeter road that will help minimize future traffic burdens on the residential roads that go through the core of GHI property, especially in the North End; and improvements in roads, including the extension of divided Southway Road to corner of Ridge Road.

Board Favorable

Sentiment on the GHI board was generally in favor of the bond issue though not all the projects were considered to have equal priority. Concern was expressed that if the bond issue were defeated, and construction projects and land acquisition programs postponed, the eventual cost to the city would be much greater because the price of land, material, and labor is rising faster than the interest the city would be paying on the bonds.

The board decided to mail out to individual GHI members a fact-sheet describing the effects of the bond issue on GHI in terms of benefits and costs.

Town Houses Proceed

The board authorized GHI to enter into a contract with builder J. R. Lawrence to construct 25 townhouses on the 5-acre property across from North End School. At the same time, GHI will apply for financing with Suburban Trust for a construction loan of \$500,000 at 7 1/2 percent interest with 1 point. A 25-year mortgage loan for \$450,000 will follow.

Parking Problems

In connection with a membership request for alleviation of parking problems in the 14 court of Hillside, it was noted that zoning regulations present difficulties for GHI in constructing new parking lots. The GHI board had planned on two new parking lots in the current year's budget. The money

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ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

The Member Relations Committee of G.H.I. is sponsoring another Member Information Meeting for all GHI Homeowners on Wednesday, December 4, 1968 in the Social Room of the Greenbelt Community Church, at 7:30 p.m. All GHI Members are urged to attend.

Vote on Bond Issue Referendum Tuesday

Unlike voters in other local areas, Greenbelters have a chance to vote twice this month. The second election is the special city referendum on capital improvements which will be held on Tuesday, November 26. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Building.

Any person who voted in the 1965 or 1967 city election is eligible to vote on the referendum, as well as those who have registered since then. The total number of registered voters is 2,120.

The ballot will consist of one simple question: "Shall bonds in the amount of \$950,000 be issued by the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, secured by its full faith and credit, in and for the said city for the purpose of providing capital improvements to municipal facilities, as authorized and provided by City of Greenbelt Ordinance No. 662."

If the referendum is approved, the proceeds from the sale of the long-range bonds will be used to finance a variety of projects. These include an addition to the Youth Center, a Springhill Lake Recreation Building, parkland acquisition and development of facilities, road construction, acquisition of right-of-way for a perimeter road, and a firehouse addition.

Municipal League Discusses 1969

Legislative Program

The annual fall conference of the Maryland Municipal League, held in Annapolis on Nov. 14-16, saw Greenbelt represented by Councilmen Gerald Gough and William Hoff and by City Manager James K. Giese and Administrative Assistant Gary Stenhouse. The purpose of the autumn conference is to formalize a legislative program which the League will present to the House of Delegates and the State Senate when the legislative session begins. The League represents 130 municipalities in the state.

Giese was particularly interested in what he described as "two good sessions"—one involving municipal financing, the other unionization of public employees. In the former session two banking officials and one officer from a bonding house discussed various aspects of a municipal bonding program, particularly the sale of bonds. From Greenbelt's point of view—with a major bond issue up for referendum next week—this was a timely subject. Topics dealt with included an investing program, bank services, and the planning of bond sales.

Although Greenbelt employees are not unionized and there has been no known interest for unionization, the topic has assumed importance nearby. Rockville recently signed a union contract for its employees and Hyattsville is now negotiating with representatives of two competing unions. City employees in Bowie recently turned down a union attempt to organize them.

League members from the metropolitan area were pleased with the election of a Prince Georges man to the office of President. He is E. Michael Roll, Mayor of District Heights. Previously the post has been held by a representative from the Eastern Shore area.

Post Office Xmas Hours

Starting Fri., Dec. 13, the Post Office will expand its window service on week days only to 6 p.m. After Dec. 20, window service will be as usual.

Councilman W. Hoff Clarifies Position on City Bond Issue

by Al Skolnik

Last Monday's brief city council meeting featured some final statements on the \$950,000 bond issue, which will be voted on in a special referendum on Tuesday, November 26.

In order to clear up any misconceptions of his position, councilman Bill Hoff stated that he was in favor of the bond issue and that he had only questioned the voting procedure whereby the bond issue would be voted upon as a package.

Hoff stressed that even if voting were on individual items, he would vote in favor of every project included in the package. He urged similar support from his fellow-citizens.

Francis White, who presided over the council meeting in the absence of Mayor Edgar Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Gough, explained the nature of Southway Road improvements covered by the bond issue. Southway Road, which now narrows to two lanes as Ridge Road is approached, would be widened for the short stretch that extends from the end of the State highway to Ridge Road.

This widening, it is thought, will considerably ease the backing up of traffic, since much of the incoming traffic turns off at Ridge Road, either to the right or left. At the same time, White said, the shoulders on Ridge Road will be corrected so as to control drainage, and the opportunity will also be used to provide a sidewalk along Southway.

White said there definitely will be no widening of Southway into a four-lane divided highway between Ridge Road and Crescent.

As for conjecture that the State Roads Commission might make Southway a major artery, City Manager James Giese commented that the SRC considers its main mission that of expediting traffic from one community to another, rather than handling traffic within a city. He did not see much likelihood of SRC injecting itself into the Southway situation, especially since SRC has only \$6 million to meet \$20 million worth of backlog projects.

Council also read into the record the report of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board favoring the bond issue, although the Board felt that the amount to be expended for parks and recreation falls short of meeting long-range needs.

Special Requests

Council heard a request from a representative of David Building Corporation for waiver of building permit requirement that a sidewalk be built along the undeveloped sides of Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane. Mr. Levin, the representative stated that he had sodded the area instead which was in accordance with Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission desires for storm drain control.

A decision was postponed until a full council could hear the plea. White expressed concern that if the waiver was granted, the city would have no assurance that sidewalks would be built by the developer when the land is developed. Levin suggested a bond to guarantee that sidewalks would be built

by whoever develops the land.

Also postponed until the next regular meeting on Monday, December 2, was the hearing on the proposed rezoning of Lakeside North tract from R-30 zoning (14 units per acre) to R-18 zoning (21 units per acre) to permit construction of 136 additional apartment units. The attorney for the owners was present, but it was mutually decided that his presentation should be made before a full council.

The council approved a special request from a Lakewood subdivision homeowner for reimbursement of \$75 in costs incurred in repaving a driveway apron which he contended was not finished in a satisfactory manner. According to the owner, he was advised at the time (1959) that the city would replace the section when the deterioration was sufficient to warrant replacement. In approving the request, council noted that this case had occurred before the city's new policy of not maintaining driveway aprons had been adopted.

Fire House Construction

The council approved for final passage the ordinance appropriating \$20,000 from the general fund surplus for the temporary financing of construction costs of the addition to the Fire House. If the bond issue is approved, the expenditures incurred will be recharged to the loan fund. If the bond issue is not approved, the Fire Department will reimburse the city for these expenditures and the appropriation will revert back to surplus. By the city's borrowing the money and the Fire Department's reimbursing the city for these expenditures, the Fire Department will save in excess of \$15,000 on a 20-year loan.

Introduced for first reading were two ordinances concerning acceptance of streets into the city road system. One dealt with streets in University Square and the other with portions of Springhill Lane and Breezewood Drive in Springhill Lake development.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 21, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Board Room, Hamilton Place.
Fri., Nov 22, 8:30 p.m., Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room.
Tues., Nov. 26, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Vote on Bond Issue, Municipal Bldg.
7 p.m., Sex Education Film, St. Hugh's School.
Wed., Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Services, Methodist Church.

Notice Of Special City Election

To Be Held On

Tuesday, November 26, 1968

On The Bond Issue Referendum

QUESTION: "Shall bonds in the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$950,000) Dollars be issued by the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, secured by its full faith and credit, in and for the said City for the purpose of providing capital improvements to municipal facilities, as authorized and provided by City of Greenbelt Ordinance No. 662."

POLLING PLACE: Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
FROM: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Nita Maschauer
City Clerk

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"Word To The Wise"

To the Editor:

"A word to the wise should be sufficient." Ever since I can remember—which has been sixty years—it has been the practice of the Republican party to upset the economic apple cart in this country. Therefore, not until the new administration establishes its policy in this regard do I consider it wise for the City of Greenbelt to borrow \$50,000 dollars.

Next Tuesday at the polls and for the next few months to follow marks the first time in the history of Greenbelt when G.H.I. home owners come face to face with multiple increases in taxes and monthly mortgage payments. Some way must be found to offset this running wild, lost control situation and you and I CAN do something constructive about it by voting NO next Tuesday.

The all-or-none, take-it-or-leave-it \$950,000 package leaves us with no choice to vote yes or no on the many controversial projects involved. The approach to this bond issue since its introduction has been, in my considered opinion, highhanded and arbitrary, which generally reflects dictatorial ways. How else can one logically reason when there is no choice provided to vote for or against each sizable item in the breakdown as to how our money will be spent? This is no European carte blanche power. According to city hall, the cost of this bond issue, if it is railroaded through and based upon our current taxable base, will amount to fifteen cents on every \$100 assessed valuation.

In addition to that possible increase Prince Georges County assessors have already reassessed G.H.I. real property values by 25 percent, effective next year. Furthermore, G.H.I.'s 20 percent increase to its blue collar workers will indeed be included in its next annual budget, which I and others understand will be distressing. Furthermore, G.H.I. is currently conditioning its membership through a series of meetings for approval of one sizable loan which you and I will pay to keep the corporation on its feet. All of these increases combined should give negative pause before another bond issue is considered.

Space here does not permit me to go into the many facets of the breakdown of the bond, but as scuttlebutt has it, why does the proposed bond include \$68,000 for park land development if there is approximately \$60,000 remaining from the previous bond issue?

As a former grateful councilman for two full terms plus two broken terms, I wholeheartedly concur with former city manager Charles McDonald in his plea in the News Review to VOTE NO in the coming referendum. My appeal is directed primarily to G.H.I. home owners, who can ill afford the oncoming impact. It is generally conceded that new construction softens the impact of increased taxes, but it is a well known fact that new construction is tapering off in Greenbelt. Therefore, it would appear prudent at this time to delay the bond issue until parcel 7 and the so-called Golden Triangle is developed. Let's hope so.

Jim Smith, 4-H Southway

National Symphony

The Washington National Symphony will be playing four concerts on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Ritchie Coliseum, University of Maryland.

The concerts are normally sold by series subscription only. You now have one last chance to buy the remaining four concerts on a pro-rated basis. Tickets must be ordered promptly from the Washington National Symphony, 2101 16th St., N.W., Wash., D.C. 20009

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so allocated has been used to repave an additional number of court parking lots.

Open House

Director Jo Seay told the board that the Member Relations Committee is recommending an open house hospitality hour at the GHI offices during the Christmas holidays. The board approved, with the time and day to be decided later. The Committee decided against having a Christmas house-decoration contest among GHI homeowners this year.

Other Matters

A report was received on the recent Washington conference of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives attended by GHI officials and members Breashears, Katherine Keene, Norman Weyel, and David Lange. Breashears observed that all the cooperatives are faced with heavy increases in monthly charges, some as much as \$10 to \$15 per unit. An interesting development was the proposal for a co-op group purchasing plan whereby GHI could acquire for its members certain items, such as refrigerators, at a reduced price.

The board authorized the sales department to check swales and fences for conformity with corporation regulations before approving a house for sale. This was a recommendation of the Landscape Committee.

Director Nat Shinderman asked management to look into the possibility of more formal responses to maintenance requests that cannot be attended to immediately. He felt it would be helpful if members received written notification of the reasons for any delays. The matter was referred to the Member Relations Committee.

Pictorial History Of Center School

A committee of the Center School PTA, working on a school beautification program, is planning a pictorial history of the school for exhibition in the lobby.

Mrs. Dona Thorpe, chairman of the group, has requested that Greenbelters having pictures of the school or its events lend them briefly for the committee's use. As soon as the photos have been enlarged, originals will be returned to the lenders. Anyone willing to loan pictures please call Mrs. Thorpe at 474-6298.

City Notes

When the developer of University Square had a section of curbing at the intersection of Westway and Lakeside Drive removed and replaced to meet city standards, the new gutter was raised about two inches above the adjoining street pavement.

The Public Works Dept. has undertaken to replace that section of paving at the foot of Westway since the developer was unable to find a contractor willing to undertake so small a job. The city will be paid for doing the work. The job necessitated cutting out a large section of the pavement and repaving to raise the grade. Weather permitting the job should be finished this week.

The city crew also has been winterizing the municipal swimming pool. This involved draining and bleeding the water pipes and letting some of the water out of the pool itself to allow for expansion due to freezing.

A line painting crew from the county was in town Friday to paint center lines on major arteries. They skipped one section of Crescent Rd. where construction vehicles from the new library keep the street perpetually muddy. Presumably they will return later to repaint this stretch.

One outdoor job was completed—installation of a 25' length of 15" pipe for a storm drain from the Junior High School property into Breezewood Dr.

The city has been in contact with representatives of the State Inland Fish and Game Commission, who plan to conduct studies on the fish population of the lake. They plan to remove undesirable species and to count and restock species for fishing purposes. In order to carry out this project, they may need to drain the lake altogether, as was done a few years ago.

Sex Education Film

All interested parents and educators are invited to attend a film seminar dealing with the most recently developed information on sex education. These films will be shown 7 p.m. Tues., Nov. 26, at St. Hugh's School Richard Maloney from Divine Savior Seminary will present the program.

County Police Squad Nabs Bank Robbers

A new, carefully programmed system of "aggressive patrolling" by uniformed and unmarked police cars is showing marked results in nabbing bank robbers in Prince Georges County, usually within minutes.

Since May 20, when a new robbery squad was established to supplement the accelerated patrol system, there have been 15 bank robberies where County Police were involved. Of the fifteen, eight were closed by County officers, in three other cases arrests were made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation after specific identification of the suspects by Robbery Squad detectives and four are still "open."

A grand total of \$65,758.50 has been recovered during this period and 18 suspects have been apprehended.

Major Thomas Rogato, Commander of the Patrol Division, said that in several of the arrests police cars were only blocks from the bank involved at the time of the holdup—that in one instance, the bank manager pointed out the fleeing getaway car a block away to a police car at the scene which pursued and captured them.

Spot Checks

He attributed the fast work to a program where uniformed patrol cars spot check each bank, savings and loan company and loan agencies during routine patrol, often going into the bank and checking with the manager or "even just waving through the window" to be sure all is well.

Special meetings with bank officials and employees to develop procedures and a coordinated plan of operation have been developed in recent months.

Major Rogato pointed out that these patrols are not on any regular schedule. They are supplemented by "floaters" cars which split the various regular patrol areas. Detectives, off-duty radar units, even administrative officers have joined the "aggressive patrol" and the scorecard is beginning to show results.

Since the robbery squad was organized in May, 1968, there have been 194 armed robberies in Prince Georges County and detectives have "closed" 42 percent of them. The national average in such cases is 17 percent.

Thanksgiving Service

A community Thanksgiving celebration will be held on Wed., Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. in the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge. Laymen will lead the services which are sponsored by the Interfaith Committees of the Methodist Church, Community Church, St. Hugh's, Mishkan Torah and Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770
Rev. Wm. E. Ravenscroft, Pastor Telephone: 474-9410
Church School 9:30 A.M.
(3rd grade thru adults)
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
(Nursery with classes thru 2nd grade)

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Edward H. Birner, Pastor, GR 4-9200
WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
WEEKDAY NURSERY



9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
Wednesday, 8:00 P.M. — Prayer Meeting

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

Open Letter to Hogan

Open Letter to the Editor and Congressman-elect Hogan

Spaceships are fine. Vietnam is noble or non-noble, depending on your point of view. A chicken in every pot is utopian. What we need, however, is decent speedy transit to and from our jobs in the District of Columbia. We have been neglected too long. If we can't have bread, we won't eat cake, either. You have a clean slate. Why don't you take some chalk and write "Rapid Transit First" on it? Then we will.

Edward Zahniser

Mishkan Torah School To Get New Building

In a membership meeting held Sunday, November 17, the members of Congregation Mishkan Torah (Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County) voted to start construction on a new school building. The building will be located on the new extension of Westway, about 100 feet from the congregation's present building, and is scheduled for completion by the fall of 1969.

The planned building will be a two-story structure with an area of about 6000 sq. ft. on each level (comparable to that of the old building) and having a brick exterior and a cedar-shingle side-roof. In the present stage of construction, eight new classrooms will be provided, all of them on the upper level (the lower level will be finished at a later time), as well as two offices and a gift shop.

The school building was designed by Victor Smolen Associates, architects, and is part of a general expansion plan which also calls for a new sanctuary, having a seating capacity of up to 600, and a large parking lot, to be constructed at some later time on the downhill side of the new building. Architects' drawings showing the appearance of the planned buildings can be viewed in the existing Mishkan Torah building.

McDonough-Blanchard

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Schuldiner announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Jane McDonough, to Bruce Lawrence Blanchard, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Blanchard of Norwalk, Conn., on Nov. 19, in the Greenbelt Community Church. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents at 5 Pinecrest Ct. following the ceremony. The bride, a graduate of Bellevue School of Nursing, is a commander in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. The couple will reside in Portsmouth, Va., where the groom is in business.

The Greenbelt Life Of New Notables

Since the Labor Day visit here of Julie Nixon and David Eisenhower, their two families seem to be making Greenbelt connections every time you turn around.

Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, the Nixon motorcade, including the whole Nixon family, passed through Greenbelt on their way between Andrews Air Force Base and Walter Reed Hospital, where they visited General Eisenhower. Greenbelt police were asked to send two cars to guard the Beltway interchange here. No untoward incidents occurred.

David's sister, Barbara, was recently married to Fernando Echarria-Urbe, a second cousin of Greenbelt's honorary citizen, Ambassador Eduardo Urbe of Colombia. Ambassador Urbe was made an honorary citizen in 1965 when he participated in the Greenbelt Festival weekend.

The Police Blotter

A 12-year-old girl was struck by a car and suffered a broken leg after alighting from a WMA bus which had pulled off to the shoulder to let her off. The child, having her first trip on a public bus by herself, ran across the road without looking. The driver's view was obstructed by the bus.

The accident occurred at 3:42 p.m., Nov. 13, on Crescent Rd., near Lestner Lane where, incidentally, Greenbelt's first pedestrian traffic fatality in 23 years occurred a few months ago. Radar is being used extensively on Crescent Rd., as well as on Ridge Rd., because of the higher incidences of speeding and accidents on these two streets.

Chief William Lane is sending letters to some owners of boats, trailers and campers, reminding them of the city ordinance prohibiting such equipment being stored on the street in front of the set-back line (front yard).

The ordinance exists to protect the beauty of the neighborhood, therefore the Chief's letter requests that the equipment be stored either in the back or the side of the house. The Chief notes that this situation becomes a problem this time of year.

A Bowie youth, 16-years-old, was apprehended following a high speed chase in a stolen automobile. The youth was first spotted speeding on Ridge Rd. by Officer Miskell who attempted to stop him. A chase ensued in which both state and county police assisted. It ended on Conte Rd. when the youth's car blew a tire. The youth then

fled on foot into a wooded area where he was caught by Trooper Lester and Officers Miskell and Kerr. It was then learned that he and a 17-year-old Bowie boy had stolen the car from Springhill Lake. The trunk of the car contained a great deal of merchandise, most of which was later recovered. In addition to traffic violations, the youths were charged with possession of stolen property.

New and safer bicycle tags are now being issued for a 25c fee by the police during after school hours. The new tags, instead of being metal, are made of reflectorized tape which can be placed on the fender and are reflected at night by automobile lights. They sport the city's colors, green and white, and the city's emblem. All bicycles are required by law to be registered. Tags are periodically issued at Springhill Lake also.

Officers Alvin Hall and Carl Goodwin, who captured the suspects who robbed the Equitable Trust Bank in Seabrook recently, received letters of commendation from the Prince George's County police as well as from Chief Lane.

City is Subject of Theses

Allen D. Morrison, former mayor of Greenbelt, has recently interviewed two college seniors, each of whom is writing a thesis on the city of Greenbelt. One of these young men was from Duke University, and the other was from Boston College. Both hope to complete their theses by the first of the year.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Provisions will be made for absentee ballots for the November 26, 1968 Bond Issue Referendum. Requests must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk, City Offices, Greenbelt, Maryland. Ballots must be returned by mail and received at the City Offices before closing of the polls, November 26, 1968 at 7:00 p.m.

Nita P. Maschauer
City Clerk



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Issues Summarized On Bond Issue

by James K. Giese, City Manager

(This is the last of a series of articles concerning the proposed \$950,000 bond issue to be voted upon by Greenbelt electors at a referendum to be held next Tuesday, November 26, 1968.)

The Ordinance

The question on the ballot is whether or not the City shall issue \$950,000 in bonds "as provided by City of Greenbelt Ordinance No. 662?" The full ordinance is posted at the City Offices. Because of its importance in determining the answer to the question, the following summary is provided:

1. Authorizes \$950,000 in general obligation bonds for capital improvements to municipal facilities.
2. Capital improvements include:
Park land acquisition
Park land development including tennis courts, ball fields, comfort stations, picnic areas, parking areas
Fire Station Addition (to be paid for by Fire Department)
Youth Center Addition
Recreation Center Facility in Springhill Lake
Reconstruction of portions of Southway and Crescent Roads
Construction of access roads and extra-wide roads in newly developed or developing areas
Street right-of-way acquisition, including perimeter road
3. Bonds may be issued all at once or partial issues at more than one time.
4. Bonds shall mature in not more than 25 years. (Note: Due to bond market conditions, will probably be issued for 15- or 20-year time.)
5. Cost of issuing bonds may be deducted from proceeds of bond sale.
6. Proceeds may be temporarily invested in U.S. Treasury Notes until required for payment.
7. City obligated to levy annual ad valorem tax (property tax) each year sufficient to pay cost of maturing bonds and principal.
8. The faith and credit of City will be irrevocably pledged to repay loan and interest.
9. This ordinance not effective until approved at referendum by city voters.

The Tentative Budget

The following tentative budget for the \$950,000 has been approved by Council. Final determinations must wait on detail cost estimates prepared by engineers, architects, and appraisers which cannot be employed until funds are available.

Item	Budget
1. Park Land Acquisition	\$402,000
2. Park Land Development	68,000
3. Youth Center Addition	150,000
4. Springhill Lake Recreation Bldg.	60,000
5. Road Construction	170,000
6. Right-of-Way Acquisition	45,000
7. Fire Department Addition	55,000
8. Addition to City Office Building	None

Questions and Answers

The following are some of the questions raised in the News Review and at various meetings:

- Q. Why not share the cost of the bond issue in some other way than the property tax—such as equal amounts for each family or special assessments against those benefiting?
- A. The Council believes this proposal offers a balanced program of benefit to the community as a whole. While some areas or groups may benefit more than others, the proposals that result in such benefits are

intended to correct known deficiencies that exist so as to equalize City programs and facilities for all. The Springhill Lake Recreation Building, for example, is not being provided as a special benefit to that area, but rather to equalize City recreation facilities for all parts of the city, recognizing that it is not possible for residents of all parts of the city to get to the existing facilities with equal ease.

Besides giving no consideration to ability to pay, dividing costs on a per family basis would result in no taxes being paid on the vacant land where future residents will live. With all its defects, the property tax is still the basic source of municipal revenue, and its legal acceptability makes it the best assurance of repayment to bond sellers and, therefore, results in the best terms of sale.

Q. Why not vote separately on each budget item?

A. The Council believes that the combined proposal provides a balanced program of community improvements for all. If considered separately it would be merely a contest between benefiting groups to see which was the most popular.

Q. Why are Federal Aid moneys not budgeted?

A. The present need for Federal expenditures in Vietnam and in poverty areas limits the funds available for the type of programs for which the City would be eligible. Therefore, we can't be sure we'll get them. Also, in the case of street construction, the Federal Government establishes rigid standards of design that might be unacceptable to the City. Requiring Crescent Road and Southway to be a four-lane divided highway throughout their entire length would be one such reason for rejecting Federal Aid. An engineering study of these standards is presently being made to see if Federal Aid for street work is feasible.

Because of the uncertainty of Federal funds, a number of contingency items are provided which can be undertaken if surpluses develop due to receiving Federal Aid.

Q. Why is the Fire Station included when the Fire Department can borrow its own money?

A. While the Firemen can borrow the money themselves, it would be at a higher interest rate and the added cost could exceed \$15,000 over a 20-year loan period. This money could better be spent in providing added rescue and life saving equipment. Through increased rent on this City-owned building, the Fire Department will repay the City all costs so this part of the bond issue will not be a burden on the general taxpayer.

Q. Will Southway be a four-lane highway?

A. If preliminary plans are approved, the median strip at Greenbelt Road will be extended to Ridge Road in a boulevard fashion. At Ridge Road traffic divides in three directions so there is not a need to extend the four lanes further. In addition, the lack of width between homes prohibits such construction. Between Ridge and Crescent, Southway will be reconstructed with somewhat wider driving and parking lanes, curbs and gutters, and improved drainage facilities.

Endorsements

The following organizations have endorsed the bond issue proposal:

- Greenbelt City Council
- Greenbelt Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Boxwood Civic Association
- Lakeside Citizens Association
- Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
- Greenbelt Golden Age Club
- Greenbelt Teen Club
- Greenbelt Boys Club

— Space purchased by City —

Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Robert Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greene, 3-K Eastway, left for service in the United States Army. Stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Greene is a graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School.

A speedy recovery to David Zarofsky, 69 Ridge, who was recently hospitalized.

Happy birthday greetings to Beverly Brooks, 2-K Northway, who celebrated her eleventh birthday on Nov. 11.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Cathy O'Neal, 12-A Hillside, who was twelve years old on Nov. 20.

Here's a Greenbelt service man who would like to hear from all his friends: SP/4 Wayne Felde, RA 11575304, Co. D, 2/35 - 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Div. (D-40) APO San Francisco 96355. Wayne is stationed in Vietnam.

Note the following new addresses: E. Heller, 51-L Ridge; S. Jenkins, 3-C Plateau; H. Klug, 59-B Ridge; K. McDermott, 51-K Ridge; O. Rose, 23-A Parkway.

Our deepest sympathy to Paula Smith, 118 Greenhill, who lost her mother, Mrs. Mildred Philips, of Salisbury.

Mary Ann Velthuis (captain), Connie Stratton, Gail Bryant and Joanie Comproni are among the nine seniors on High Point's intramural volleyball team.

Jimmy Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown, 8509 Glendale, (formerly of 5-A Ridge) was promoted to Sergeant in the United States Air Force. In Stembach, Germany, for the past two years, Jimmy has been pursuing studies in calculus. He has visited seven countries, the latest trip taking him to London, England.

Congratulations to Nancy Weintraub, 25 Lakeside, who received second prize in the Third Division of the recent county-wide Fire Prevention Poster Contest. She was one of twelve winners.

Congratulations to Maria Hagan, Rosemarie Hambrick, Retha Channell, Alverta Shanahan and Blanch Curaso, who received their certificates after successfully completing the Red Cross Home Nursing Class held recently at the Springhill Lake Community House.

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond E. Smith, MSC, 111 White Birch, has been assigned to the Manpower Management Division of Personnel and Training Directorate as Assistant Chief of Branch II. He comes to this new post at the Office of the Army's Surgeon General from assignment at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Col. Smith returned recently from a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

City Analyzes Police Department Statistics

The city has received a recent newsletter from the city of Hyattsville citing its police department statistics for the month of September. Comparison of Greenbelt's statistics with those of Hyattsville, a city of nearly identical population, brought out some interesting differences and some similarities. Greenbelt police patrolled more miles during that month, but Hyattsville outdistanced Greenbelt in number of accidents, number of complaints about animals, number of prowler complaints, and number of vandalism complaints. They listed 150 disorderly persons, as against Greenbelt's 11. (The term was not defined, however, and Greenbelt officials note that the two cities may not be counting the same type of behavior under this category.) The two cities were equal in number of missing persons listed and in traffic complaints.

Bazaar Will Benefit Retarded Care Center

The annual bazaar to benefit the Prince Georges County Retarded Day Care Center in conjunction with the Activity Center will be held Saturday, November 23, at the Berwyn Heights, Maryland Community Building, 57th and Berwyn Road, in Berwyn Heights, College Park, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale of food, soft drinks, baked goods and Christmas items will be used to help reach the goal of providing short term boarding care for the children and young adults in the Center programs. A boutique will be featured along with some surprises. The public is invited to come and take advantage of the opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Of special interest will be the merchandise made by the young adults at the Activity Center.

Fire Prevention Tip For November

J. G. Wenrich - Fire Marshal

Clothing Fires Can Kill

Fashion may be the "mini", but there's nothing "mini" about clothing fires.

Each year, burns from clothing fires cause hundreds of deaths, thousands of serious, often disfiguring injuries. Most frequent victims are children and the elderly.

A helpful prevention measure is care in clothing selection. Wool of any weight is slow burning. Heavy, smooth-surfaced fabrics of other fibres resist burning better than light-weight, long-napped ones. Designs avoiding billowing folds of material and long, loose sleeves reduce the chance of clothing catching fire.

Most important of all is to appreciate that just about any fabric can burn, that a flame, spark or other intense heat may start it burning, and that the burning may be dangerously rapid.

Safety from dangerous clothing fires calls for watchful care in all activities around stoves, heaters, fire places, and outdoor fires, and in using matches and smoking materials.

A recent fire in the Greenbelt area was caused by a foam-rubber pillow igniting in a clothes dryer. If such a pillow is left in a dryer for a long period of time, the heat generated will reach an ignition point and the pillow will burst into flame. This applies to any object or garment that has any foam rubber backing, padding, etc. If you MUST use the clothes dryer for articles of this type, check it frequently while it is in operation.

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USO Suggests Xmas Gifts for Servicemen

Items ranging from paint brushes to transistor radios, crossword puzzles, insect repellent, packaged foods and vegetable seeds are among the 50 most-wanted gifts, as indicated by a recent USO poll of servicemen stationed in Vietnam and Thailand. Shaving equipment, paperback books, Christmas stockings, candles, tire-patching and first-aid kits and jigsaw puzzles also rate highly with overseas personnel.

The USO advises all persons sending gifts overseas to mail them as soon as possible, because the longer one waits the more costly the postage. Before November 21, the sender may avail himself of SAM (Space Available Parcel Air Lift Mail), which usually costs less than \$1.00; from now until November 30, PAL (Parcel Air Lift) is in effect and costs a flat \$1.00; and from November 30 to December 11 the sender must use straight airmail, amounting to 10 cents each ounce over 7 ounces, to guarantee delivery before December 25. The sending of inflammable, magnetic and radioactive materials is prohibited.

POST OFFICE URGES EARLY MAILINGS

More mail than ever before will be delivered between now and the holidays.

Postmaster Emory A. Harman urged mailers to start to plan for their holiday mailings now and to be "Early Bird" mailers.

The postal service can handle the unusually heavy load of mail expected this year if the mailing public will give us a hand by depositing their cards and packages into the mail a bit earlier than usual and by using ZIP Codes, Postmaster Harman said.

Packages should be wrapped well, without rattles. Addresses should be legible.

New postal laws have eliminated the lower rate for greeting cards weighing an ounce or less. Therefore, all "regular" Christmas cards will be mailed at the six cent rate this year.

This is also a good time to record the ZIP Codes in the return addresses of incoming mail. Postmaster Harman noted.

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Recreation Review

Teen Club Chatter

On Friday evening, Nov. 22, from 8 to midnight, a dance will be held at the Armory. Featured will be THE NEW BREED AND THE IMPALAS, THE SOL-JERS, recording artist, FRANKIE KARL, and singing sensation, JOANIE LATE. Teen club members will be admitted at a discount.

Results of Foul Shooting Contest

On Monday evening, Joe Sanford won the men's "Turkey Shoot," with a score of 16 out of a possible 20. On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Helen Glick, won over all the women and girls with a score of 18 out of 20. The final contest was played on Wednesday evening for the boys in Greenbelt. Hugh Cottingham won with a score of 16 out of 20. Thanksgiving turkeys donated by Greenbelt Consumer Supermarket, were given as prizes to the above winners.

Pickwick Players Present Snow White

Again, the Pickwick Players will visit Greenbelt. This time with the delightful story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. This presentation will be held at Center School on Saturday, November 30 at 2. Advance tickets are being sold at the Recreation Department office.

Thanksgiving Schedule

On Friday, November 29 the events scheduled at the Youth Center will be as follows: 9 to 10:30 a.m. - 1-3 grade skating with table games for 4-6 graders; 10:30-5:30 4-6 grade skating with table games for 1-3 grades; 1:00-2:30 jr. high skating; 2:30-5:30 open gym. From 7-10 p.m., the Youth Center will reopen for Teen Boys Gym. The Youth Center will be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. Our regular schedule will resume on Saturday.

Go-Carts/Mini-Bikes

The Recreation Department's Director is interested in obtaining the number of Go-Carts and mini-bikes owned by city residents. This inventory will be used in determining programs and areas for special use for these vehicles. Please register by calling 474-6878.

Adult Ceramics

The Thursday evening ceramics class, instructed by Mrs. E. Boggs, will begin on December 5. All persons interested in joining this class in hand building and throwing on the potters wheel should call the recreation department at 474-6878.

Ballet Classes: Miss Kathleen O'Neil's Saturday morning Ballet classes will continue with a winter session immediately following the session now in progress. Pre-registration will be by mail for those presently enrolled. Classes will meet December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25, and February 1, 8, and 15. Call the Recreation Department for further information. Hurry: these classes are filling up.



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"SNOW WHITE"

The Pickwick Players will present a new musical version of "Snow White" on November 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Center Elementary School.

The Pickwick Players is a non-profit corporation that presents original musical versions of fairy tales and literary classics. The group, which aims its productions at the family audience, is under the direction of Sarah Schlesinger and Forest Gossage. All productions are attractively mounted and feature imaginative costumes and scenic effects. Music and dance are integral parts of every performance. Cast members are young professional actors and advanced college students who enthusiastically bring the scripts to life.

"Snow White" features seven musical numbers in an original score by Michael Dansicker. The script, which describes Snow White's series of conflicts with her evil stepmother, includes an episode involving dancing rabbits and a chorus of animal puppets and a family band concert which Snow White and the Dwarves present using everyday items in the Dwarves kitchen. The authors, who are past winners of the National Children's Musical Competition, are currently members of Engel's Musical Theatre Workshop in New York City.

Tickets will be available at the door for performances and advance tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Department Monday thru Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. ONLY.

Cub Scout Pack 746

The November Showboat meeting of Pack 746 will be held at the gym of St. Hugh's School this Friday, November 22, at 7:45 p.m. A special invitation is given to all who are interested in Cub Scouting.

All cubs are asked to bring an item of non-perishable food as a thanksgiving to our sponsor for their HELP program.

The leaders of Pack 746 were responsible for the idea program put on for the monthly Roundtable for all packs in District 81, Prince Georges County on November 11. Mrs. Allen Douglas acted as the mistress of ceremonies, aided by Mrs. William Lawson and Mrs. William King, Mrs. Albert Felsher, Mrs. Jerry Dean, Mrs. Michael Talbot, Mrs. Connie Kubichar, William Lawson, James Hanna, and A. F. Geiger. Behind the scenes help was given by Mrs. Edward Birner, Mrs. Charles Collins, Mrs. Sarah Winkler, Mrs. John McAuley, Mrs. Barbara Havekost, Mrs. Howard Hunt, Richard Gilbert, and Ralph Noble.

The program was greatly appreciated by all who were present.

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All supplies are delivered as gifts from the American people. Contributions may be sent to: CARE Food Crusade, 1028 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Wash., D.C. 20036

TURKEY TROT

Three long distance races will be held Sun., Dec. 1 through the streets of Greenbelt. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees to promote physical fitness, the races will be as follows: a 20 miler with 15 trophies; a 5 1/2 mile handicap race with 5 trophies; and a two mile "Run for Your Life" race with trophies to all Greenbelt finishers.

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"Heat pump" is a good technical description of how the system works. (Pumps heat out of the house in hot weather; pumps heat from outside air into the house in cold weather.)

On the other hand, it's not a very good name for a system that cools as well as heats . . . that can switch back and forth automatically between heating and cooling, once you set the thermostat.

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