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GHI BOARD ADOPTS CONDITIONS FOR SHED POLICY EXCEPTIONS

by Al Skolnik

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors struggled manfully at its September 24 meeting to implement its shed enforcement policy without working hardships on individuals. The setting was a meeting room largely filled with GHI members seeking special exceptions to citations received from management directing that their sheds be brought into conformity with GHI regulations by September 30, later extended to October 31.

The GHI board had decided last spring to crack down on shed violations and had authorized management to conduct a house-to-house inspection, as the result of which 366 citations were mailed out.

The GHI shed regulations provide for three types of sheds. Types 1 and 2 relate to either under-window or upright sheds attached to homes. Type 3 relates to free-standing sheds in the yards. The regulations are quite specific with respect to size and location but are more general with respect to appearance and construction. Type 3 sheds, for example, are permitted only in certain locations, such as in yards adjacent to wooded areas on the garden side, and must not be visible from the street.

The board had long been concerned over the poor appearance and eyesores created by some sheds. At the same time, it recognized that many sheds were of sound construction and good appearance, and were in harmony with the general neighborhood; thus it would create great inconvenience and hardship to require strict conformity with respect to size and location in these cases. As the meeting wore on, it became obvious that the board was going to be liberal in granting special exceptions in these cases. The board was especially sympathetic where the shed had predated the present ownership.

In fact, early in the meeting the board adopted a motion delegating to management the authority to grant exceptions where (1) the shed is substantially unchanged from its state at the time the unit was purchased; (2) the shed is in good condition and does not constitute a hazard; (3) the owner is agreeable to bringing the item into conformity; and (4) the owner agrees to partial conformity if requested by management. All conditions must be met. This policy would also affect fences and other structural changes.

At the same time, the board indicated its adherence to its long-range goal of bringing the sheds into more uniformity by adopting another motion that in all cases where special exceptions are granted, the exception only applies to the shed in violation and not to its replacement and that the exception will be reviewed by management and may be denied at the time the member decides to sell his home.

This approach was generally accepted by the audience, as no one expressed dissent. About 15 special exceptions were granted, most of them involving type 3 sheds. In a few cases, the board requested management and the member to get together to see if a solution could be worked out.

Boxwood Civic Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Boxwood Civic Association will be held Wednesday, October 7 at the American Legion Hall on Greenbelt Road at 8:30 p.m. The program for the evening will include a speaker with slides from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

WHAT GOES ON

Monday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. Bake Sale and PTA Meeting, Center School.
7:30 p.m. PTA Meeting and Open House, North End School
Wed., Oct. 7, 7:45 p.m. LWV meeting on County Planning, Greenbelt Library.
8:30 p.m. Forum on P. G. Charter, SHL Community House.
Thurs., Oct. 8, 7:45 p.m. Woman's Club discusses P. G. Charter, Greenbelt Library.

Jaycees Begin Youth Program

by Jim McVay

The Youth Program is designed to help fatherless boys, of the Greenbelt Community, from the ages of 8 to 12. The Greenbelt Jaycees are currently planning activities to include sports, crafts, talk sessions, sightseeing, and in general, doing things the boys will enjoy. This program should not be confused with the Big Brother organization in that the program is geared to group participation as opposed to activities being carried out on an individual basis.

The first meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jaycee Center, which is adjacent to St. Hugh's Elementary School. Individual interviews will be conducted, at this meeting, to determine each boy's preference of activities; a film will be shown and lunch will be served.

Other meetings will also take place at the Jaycee Center on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Applications for the program may be obtained at local churches and synagogues, and should be mailed, to the Greenbelt Jaycees, 147 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 20770. For more information about the program or for applications, call Bob Tomlinson at 552-3160, Arnie Miller at 345-3775 or Jim McVay at 474-3080.

Greenbelt Man Invents Age Retardant Formula

Richard Passwater, 104 Lynbrook, has recently sold the patent rights to a formulation believed to retard aging and improve the quality of life. The formulation will be produced commercially in the form of a dietary food supplement called Factor 3X, and should be on the market, available without prescription, around November 1.

Passwater is Director of the Applications Laboratory at American Instrument Company, Silver Spring. His field includes research in luminescence and instrumentation development. His work in fluorometric analysis has had practical application in heart, cancer and mental disease research. He also authors articles and edits for Fluorescence News, a bimonthly, international scientific journal.

He has lived in Greenbelt with his wife and two sons for five years.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, October 5, 1970

8 p.m.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Roll Call
- 2 Call to Order
- 3 Lord's Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 14, 1970

- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports

III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of Tax Anticipation Note - Second Reading

- 10 Resolution Accepting Lakecrest Drive and Prince James Way - Second Reading

- 11 Architects Fee - Recreation Center.

- 12 Request for Variance of Driveway Entrance Requirements - Beltway Plaza

- 13 Proposed High School

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 14 Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the Greenbelt Jaycees

- 15 Appointments to Boards

- 16 Preliminary Plan - Beltway Plaza

NORTH END PTA

The North End School PTA will hold its annual Open House on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. Following a brief business meeting, all classrooms in the school will be open to the parents. Refreshments will be served.

This year, the PTA is awarding cash prizes to the three classes enrolling the greatest number of parents in the PTA. Membership applications will be sent home with the children and may be returned to the school, or memberships will be available at the school on the evenings of PTA meetings.

The schedule of meetings for the 1970-71 school year includes: Open House, Oct. 6; Panel Discussion on Drug Abuse in Greenbelt, Nov. 10; Christmas Program, Dec. 1; Second Annual Fine Arts Festival, Feb. 2; Combined Music and Physical Education Program, April 7.

VOTER REGISTRATIONS CANCELLED

Special registrations that had been scheduled in Greenbelt and elsewhere in Prince Georges County this week have been cancelled.

School Board Hears Greenbelt Objections To Parcel 2 Site

by Al Skolnik

A parade of witnesses, led by Greenbelt's Mayor Francis W. White, registered once again their objections to a senior high school on parcel 2 at the September 29 public hearing conducted by the Prince Georges Board of Education. About 300 persons turned out at the Greenbelt Junior High School Tuesday night. Most of the speakers, including representatives from 8 civic organizations and about 15 individuals, told the school board that traffic accessibility and safety hazards made the proposed site between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Ridge Road the worst possible site of all alternatives.

One group, called Save our Schools Committee, presented petitions with 175 signatures from all parts of town asking the county commissioners to reconsider and reinstate funds for a senior high school on parcel 2. Another group, called Save our Community Committee, reported that it had collected 1,600 names last spring in opposition to a 3-school complex on parcel 2.

A few speakers, while not registering a preference for a site, urged speedy action on a new school, citing the detrimental effects on educational services if there were any further delay.

City Council Position

Mayor White told the school board that the city council still favors as its first choice for a senior high school site parcel 15 —

Statement by Francois On School Site Problem

County Commissioner Francis Francois made the following statement on the school site problem. The commissioner was present during part of the hearing held September 29 at Greenbelt Junior High School by the Board of Education. He had intended to speak, but due to a prior engagement was unable to remain at the meeting long enough to take his turn at the microphone according to the procedural rules established earlier.

The commissioner told a News Review reporter: "I wish to thank the Board for holding this hearing. The County Commissioners had hoped, when we delayed the project for a year, the School Board would move promptly; and as a result, there should be no significant delay in the opening of the much-needed high school."

He urged the Board to take a careful look at all the sites, and to remember that there are "trade-offs" — for example, the cost of the road and bridge projected to provide access to the Parcel 2 site would be considerably in excess of the cost of the site itself. The whole economic picture, he said, must be examined with all the possible savings, to determine at which site the taxpayer would actually get the less expensive school.

Bake Sale Featured At Center School PTA

The opening meeting on October 6 of the Greenbelt Center School PTA will again feature a bake sale and refreshments before the meeting, starting at 7 p.m. This year's staff will be introduced during a short business meeting which is scheduled for 8 p.m., to be followed by classroom visitation.

Officers for 1970-71 are Charles Mills, president; Mae Gingell, first vice-president; Patricia Coombs, second vice-president; Donna Trope, treasurer; Linda Hicks, corresponding secretary; Sheila Gibbs, recording secretary.

Democratic Unity Dance

The Greenbelt Democrat Club is sponsoring a Democratic Unity Dance to be held on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the American Legion Post on Greenbelt Rd.

Music will be provided by Buddy Gayle's 14-piece orchestra. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the democratic ticket in P.G. County. Free beer, chips and pretzels and cash bar will be provided. All democrats are urged to attend.

a 29-acre tract between Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt Road bordering the Capital Beltway. To accomplish this goal, White said, the council is ready to purchase portions of the high school site at parcel 15, designated by the school planners as open space, as part of the city's park system and to make available portions of the adjacent lake property for high school utilization for athletics, recreational activities, landscaping, sidewalks, and other open space purposes at no cost to the school board. White added that the city will also construct access roads to the parcel 15 site as needed.

White said that the council will also support any other suitable site within the city such as Smith-Ewing — a 70-acre tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and north of Greenbelt Road. Both the Parcel 15 and Smith-Ewing sites, White said, front on major highways with vehicular access far superior to parcel 2.

MNCPPC Position

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission however, said that "there was not sufficient evidence to recommend another site" at this time. Instead, the Planning Board went on record supporting the parcel 2 site "provided that if the problems of sewage disposal and access — both short-term and long-term — cannot be satisfactorily resolved and the Board of Education so wishes" the planning staff will work on a further investigation of alternative solutions.

The MNCPPC representatives did not make clear what would constitute a satisfactory resolution of the access problem. A perimeter road that would connect the parcel 2 site with Greenbelt Road or Kenilworth Ave., thus channeling school bus and auto traffic away from the existing streets of Greenbelt, has been proposed. This project would cost up to \$2,000,000 and no funds are available either from the State, county, or city. No one ventured an opinion as to when such a road could become a reality.

Traffic Effects

Most of the speakers concentrated on the adverse traffic effects of a 3-school complex on parcel 2 in the absence of a perimeter road. Both Mayor White and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. manager Roy Breashears pointed out that Ridge and Northway, which would have to bear the brunt of the school traffic, are narrow, winding streets with a paved width of twenty feet, for the most part. They have no sidewalks and are lined with on-street parking. To alleviate these problems, Breashears said, would require widening of roads, elimination of on-street parking, taking of yards, and use of open-space areas for off-street parking.

Several Northway residents expressed concern over the additional safety hazards that would be created by the fact that school buses, numbering about 40 trips each way, and teen-age drivers, estimated at 400 to 500, would have to pass several elementary schools on the way in and out of Greenbelt. "We would be mixing our most inexperienced walkers — young elementary school children", Leonie Penney said, "with our most dangerous drivers". Others mentioned the depreciation of property values that would accompany the increased traffic.

MNCPPC Questioned

Some speakers wanted to know how the MNCPPC staff could rec-

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Trailer Park Gripe

To the Editor:

We have lived in Greenbelt for the past 28 years and always thought that Greenbelt was "different" - no crimes, no violence, just a nice place to live.

But for the past couple of years we have become very disenchanted.

In May of this year we purchased a trailer, went to the GHI office and requested that our name be put on the list for a trailer spot. My wife was informed that we were fifth on the list.

This past week, September 1970, my wife dropped into the office and inquired about the spot. She was informed that we were eighth on the list. It seems that the longer you wait the further down you go.

When my wife asked "How come?" she was told that they didn't know why.

There are other cases for disenchantment but my letter would be too long. Or, maybe as time goes on I will write about other cases.

Norman Granims

Not in Greenbelt

To the Editor:

Greenbelt's recent Labor Day Festival was all we could have asked for. It was entertaining, it was educational, it was fun. The Labor Day Festival Committee and all the people who worked to make it successful deserve the praises and thanks of all Greenbelters.

While in no way wishing to detract from the exciting spectacle of the parade, I do feel that one comment is in order.

Seeing the honor guard of a neighboring city pass by me with flags flying, and realizing that the three flags were the American flag, the Maryland flag, and the Confederate flag, was a strange shock. NOT IN GREENBELT, not here, where we understand the racial insensitivity, and/or bigotry that the Confederate flag represents to thinking people, black and white alike, NOT IN GREENBELT.

I look hopefully forward to more festivals as fine as this year's and more parades as good as this year's, but, please, no more shocks - NOT IN OUR GREENBELT.

Muriel Weidenfeld

Thanks

The family of the late Gail Kendall Barker gratefully expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to friends, neighbors and members of the Greenbelt Baptist Church for their many acts of kindness and condolences extended to us during our recent bereavement.

The Family of Gail Kendall Barker

Earnings of GCS Reach New High

Revenues and earnings of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., rose to a new high for the quarter ending April 30, 1970, it was announced by Robert J. Dressel, Chairman of the Board. Gross revenues for the quarter were \$12,175,423 and earnings after taxes were \$28,669. This compares to gross revenues of \$10,981,630 and a loss of \$11,039 for the same period last year.

Dressel said that all divisions made a contribution toward the improvement. The best percentage gains were made by the furniture and petroleum divisions.

Greenbelt is managed under contract by Checchi and Company, a Washington, D. C. based management firm. It operates 22 supermarkets, 10 service stations and 5 pharmacies, which do business under the name "Consumers," 7 furniture stores which do business under the name of SCAN, and Skinker Tires, which provides fleet tire service.

The Police Blotter

In early September, two male Springhill Lake residents reported an armed hold-up of \$100 in their apartments by two men. When the police investigated their premises, hashish and other narcotic implements were found in the apartment. Thus, while the police put out a look-out for the two robbery suspects, the robbery victims were put under arrest, charged with possessing and controlling narcotics, trying to distribute narcotics and maintaining a nuisance.

On September 14 a housebreaking occurred in the northern part of Greenbelt in which the owner reported a number of valuable items stolen from his home. No forced entry was noted. In checking a house next door, the police found narcotics and narcotic implements in the bedroom of a juvenile. The juvenile was charged with possessing and controlling narcotics. He will appear before the Juvenile Court. Chief William Lane reports that there have been "More narcotics cases this year than we've ever had."

During the week of September 4, it was reported that \$350 had been stolen from the cash drawer of the Co-op Gas Station. An employee has been charged in the larceny.

Investigation into the slashing of 13 tires on Ridge Rd. led to the apprehension of two juveniles, who have been charged with the crime.

At 1:15 a.m. on Sept. 4, a Springhill Lake woman reportedly saw two males removing tires from a parked vehicle in the parking lot. She alerted her husband and two friends, who attempted to capture the men. The men sped away in their car, the Springhill Lake residents pursued them into Berwyn Heights and sustained a bullet hole in their car. The suspects got away, but one was later arrested and charged with assault with attempt to commit murder and larceny. The second suspect is still being sought.

A 17-year-old Springhill Lake boy was charged with making a false report when the vehicle he reported stolen was discovered by the police not stolen.

Two incidents occurred at the lake during the week of Sept. 11. A woman emerged from the lake soaking wet and stated that she had attempted to commit suicide. The incident was reported to the police, and medical assistance for the woman has been sought.

In the second incident, a group of males, whom the police report as being intoxicated, visited the lake, and two of them decided on a swimming contest. Near the dam one of the men got into trouble and the other could not rescue him. A SHL resident, William Jeffries, jumped into the water, pulling the victim to safety. An officer arriving on the scene gave artificial respiration and the victim recovered. All were warned about not swimming in the lake, and Jeffries received a special commendation from Chief Lane for saving a man's life.

A car stolen on Lakecrest Dr. turned up at Andrews Air Force Base. Three servicemen have been charged in the incident.

Two indecent exposure cases have resulted in two arrests. In one case, a man had been stealing undergarments from clotheslines and in the other case a man followed a woman as she drove home from work in the early morning hours and appeared naked before her when she got out of the car.

Dog Tattoo Clinic

There will be a Dog Tattoo Clinic at the College Park Volunteer Fire Department, Sunday, October 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The dogs will be tattooed by the members of the Potomac Valley Doberman Pinscher Club and registered with the National Dog Registry in Carmel, New York. For further information, please call Leon or Helen Jackson, 248-6376 or Mike or Michele Bowser, 474-0226.

When you come, please bring your Social Security Number with you. This is the number which is tattooed on the dog. There is a nominal fee.

Cozad - Peters

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cozad, 1 Orange Court, announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia Ann to William Christy Peters, son of Mr. William Peters of 7-B Plateau and Mrs. Margaret Bruno of Odenton, Maryland. A fall wedding is planned.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



Twin Pines Newsletter

TWIN PINES SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN. GREENBELT SHOPPING CENTER GREENBELT, MD., 20770

OCTOBER, 1970

PAY 5 1/2% DIVIDENDS

As of October 1st, Twin Pines members' accounts were credited with their regular quarterly dividend at the rate of 5 1/2% per year. This is the 51st consecutive quarterly dividend paid by our cooperative savings and loan association. The first dividend was paid December 31st, 1957.

Dividends are calculated on multiples of ten dollars, and are based on the minimum amount in the account between the 15th and the last day of each month. Savings in by the 15th of the month receive dividends for the full month.

In the past the staff has done the work of calculating and entering the dividends on the statements, totaling and checking the work, and mailing the statements, at night after the days work had been finished, plus any spare time during the day. This time, in order to speed up the process and reduce the possibilities for errors, we closed the office the last day of the quarter to concentrate on the dividend work. How this works out for members and staff will determine whether or not we do it the end of next quarter.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Twin Pines members invested some \$349,000 in Twin Pines Savings Certificates during the third quarter of 1970. These certificates are in multiples of \$1000 drawing dividends of 6 1/2% per year if held to their maturity date, October 1, 1971. Cutoff date for sale of this group of certificates is October 15th of this year.

The next group of Savings Certificates will mature on January 1 1972. They will receive dividends at the rate of 6% per year if held to maturity. Those purchased by November 15th will receive 14 months dividends at that rate, and those purchased by December 15th will receive thirteen months dividends at the rate of 6% per year rate.

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9:45 A.M. Sunday School	6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship	7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday	Midweek Service

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Twin Pines to Loan On Individually Owned Homes

We expect to have money available this winter to make a few loans on individually owned homes. At the present time we have only three loans of this type, compared with over 400 loans on cooperative-owned homes.

Loans may be for up to 80% of the appraised value or the selling price, whichever is lower. The interest rate will be a true 8% per year, but will not include life insurance. Repayment period can be for up to 30 years. The homes must be in or near Greenbelt.

Interested members should phone or stop at the office for more details.

MONEY ORDERS STILL 15 CENTS

Twin Pines started selling money orders in August 1965. At that time we sold them for 15 cents each, and you could buy them for any amount up to \$250. Most prices have risen a lot since then. But our money orders are still 15 cents each.

By comparison, money orders at the bank cost 25 cents for up to \$300. At the pharmacy they cost 25 cents for up to \$150; and at the post office they cost 25 cents up to \$10, 35 cents to \$50, and 40 cents to \$100.

Board Meets October 23

The next meeting of the Twin Pines Board of Directors will be Friday, October 23rd at 8:30 p.m. Members are welcome to attend all Board meetings.

October is Co-op Month

Throughout the country the month of October is celebrated as co-op month. The various cooperatives in the Greenbelt area available to our members are sharing a full-page ad in the October 8th issue of the Greenbelt News-Review, and a display in the Greenbelt Public Library from the 6th of October to the end of the month.

These cooperative cooperatives are: Greenbelt Homes Inc., which supplies housing; Greenbelt Consumer Services with its supermarkets, pharmacies, service stations, furniture stores and group travel; Nationwide Insurance with Life, Home and Auto insurance; Greenbelt Nursery school for child and parent education; Group Health Association for preventive medicine and health care; Cooperative Publishing Assn., publishers of the Greenbelt News Review.

Plus the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, featuring savings with life insurance, and auto, furniture, appliance and personal loans; Rapidan Camp for recreation in the mountains; Senior Citizens Housing Cooperative, planning small apartments and a cafeteria in Greenbelt; Twin Pines Savings & Loan Assn., featuring savings, money orders, and loans for co-op homes; and Maryland Suburban Memorial Society for dignity and simplicity at the time of death.

Watch for the ad, or call the Twin Pines office to learn how to contact these co-ops.

BIG LOAN INCREASE

During the third quarter of this year our loans increased more than \$243,000. This was made possible because of the big increase in savings deposited with us. During the second quarter of 1970 when we were still in the money-short period, our loans actually decreased some \$50,000.

Total loans outstanding at the end of September amounted to more than \$2,280,000.

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oncle its position favoring parcel 2 with its previously published statement that school locations should be such "that they will not produce a detrimental effect upon adjacent residential areas, i.e. since a senior high school has a large service area, pupils are either bused or drive their own cars. If the school is accessible only by local residential streets, then traffic will become hazardous to local safety." Greenbelt's safety record of 2 pedestrian fatalities in its history was cited as evidence of the sound planning principles underlying Greenbelt's development which are now being threatened.

Another argument made against a 3-school complex on parcel 2 was the effects on elementary and junior high school students of an adjacent senior high school. Mentioned were the problems of drugs, extortion of lunch money from younger children, smoking, profanity, and premature dating.

School Staff Position

School board members made no comment on the testimony presented, but school board official Elliott B. Robertson defended the choice of parcel 2. The area desperately needs a new senior high school, he said, and there will be considerable overcrowding in existing schools before the new school is completed — earliest possible time now being September 1973. He cited the advantages of parcel 2 over other sites as involving the least delay and the least land acquisition and grading costs, and permitting 450 now and later 900 to 1,000 Greenbelt students to walk to school if the perimeter road overpass becomes a reality.

Robertson said that the traffic created by using parcel 2 for a housing project rather than a school complex would be at least 20 percent greater. He foresaw no insurmountable sewage problems for parcel 2, stating that a temporary package treatment plant could be used, with the eventual solution a pumping station to lift the sewage to Ridge Road.

As for parcel 15, Robertson said it is inadequate in size, since 40 acres is the present size standard.

Opposite Arguments

Witnesses took issue with these arguments. Rhea Cohen, representing the Save Our Community Committee, said that the sewer problem on parcel 2 is extremely serious. The three solutions offered all have drawbacks. The first, 3½ miles of gravity flow lines through the Agricultural Research Station, would cost \$570,000. The second, a pumping station, would require extensive enlargement of the city's sewer system, which has only 8" diameter lines on Ridge Road. The third, a package treatment plant, would have to discharge effluent into the nearest running stream, except that there is only an intermittent stream flowing north. Mrs. Cohen concluded that there can be no quick solution to the sewer problem on parcel 2. Other speakers observed that seeking a solution to the sewer problem on parcel 2 may cause more delay than the choice of another site.

Katherine Keene, a high school teacher, said that while no one defends overcrowded schools, experience at High Point High School has shown that good administration "can operate a school over optimum capacity for a limited time so that education is not impaired."

James Bates, president of Woodland Hills Development, maintained that the detrimental effects on the community of a school on parcel 2 far outweigh any temporary delay to relocate the school. "The community cost goes on forever," he said. He observed that the citizens of Greenbelt were neither lax nor late in attempting to call to the attention of the former school board the deficiencies of parcel 2.

Mayor White made much the same point. If there is poor access to the school, he said, it will be a problem for parents, students, and the community for the next forty years or more.

Furthermore, White said, when all site development costs are considered, such as the costs of road improvements, sidewalk construction, the bringing in of water service, and the maintaining of a temporary treatment facility until such time as a sanitary sewer line is built, the parcel 2 site loses its cost advantages.

Mrs. Penney said it was beyond her comprehension, in view of the increased risk to pedestrians caused by school vehicular traffic, that the school board staff would boast of putting another 500 to 1,000 walking students on the streets. She also observed that, because of the concentration of teen-age drivers, the nature of the traffic that would be generated by a school complex would be much more dangerous than that created by a housing project.

Dorothy Sucher, a Lakeside resident, said that the recommended guidelines for the size of a high school change and that the school board should be flexible in applying them. At one time, she said, 25 acres were considered adequate and she was sure that an excellent school could be built on parcel 15, even though the acreage may be a little skimpy by this year's standards.

Favor parcel 2

Three witnesses came out flatly for a school on parcel 2 now. One of them, Betty Anderson, said that she represented concerned GHI homeowners. She stated that she wasn't concerned about the effects on roads ("we can solve these problems") but she was concerned that no one was giving high priority to the educational needs of children.

This contention of school disinterest was disputed by Charles Schwan, former GHI president, and others, who cited the pioneering efforts of Greenbelt in achieving better-quality education through the initiation of nursery and kindergarten cooperatives, foreign language programs, and formation of its own library system. As further evidence, Schwan mentioned the GHI offer in 1966 of a 10-acre site to the school board for an elementary school at a nominal cost as well as city offers of land so as to get the senior high school in a proper location.

Several speakers stated their belief that if the former school board had pursued its original 1965 decision to construct a school on parcel 15 and had taken up the city and GHI offers of cooperation, a new senior high school would have been ready for occupancy this fall.

Arguments over Parcel 15

While the overwhelming opinion was against the parcel 2 site, there was less unanimity over the choice of an alternative site. The parcel 15 site incurred the opposition of several Lakeside residents. Ben Goldfaden, president of the Lake-

side Citizens Association, released the result of a written poll which showed that of 95 replies received, 65 opposed parcel 15 and 30 approved. Goldfaden cited the adjacent built-up development of the Charelstowne tract with its 3,000 population as another reason why parcel 15 would not be satisfactory. He expressed opposition to both parcel 15 and parcel 2.

John Bogumill said he opposed parcel 15 for the same reason as others opposed parcel 2, noting the traffic problem that already exists at Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive. Others feared that a proposed new access road to parcel 15, which would keep all school bus traffic off residential roads, would, would cut into the area reserved for parkland and contribute to its ruin.

Opposite views were expressed by still other Lakeside residents, who thought parcel 15 was the best site because the buses, and many of the cars could reach it without passing through residential neighborhoods. Marjorie Bergemann expressed the view that the questionnaire sent out by the Lakeside Citizens Association was misleading in its description of the possible fu-

ture access to a school on parcel 15.

White cited these advantages for parcel 15. It is the most centrally located of the sites, which means that school buses need run a shorter distance, thereby reducing operating costs over the life of the school. It has immediately available many facilities not found on parcel 2: paved roads to the property lines; adequate sanitary sewers; water, gas, and electric service brought to the site; and even a storm drainage system serving the property.

One of the closing speakers, Cathy Foster, summarized her impression of the meeting as clearly showing that a majority were against parcel 2, and a few were against parcel 15. She concluded that perhaps the school board should seriously consider the Smith-Ewing property.

Several speakers, including the representative of the Parkdale PSTA, urged the school board to make a speedy decision, but indicated no preferred sites. Others representing the High Point Citizens Association, the Beltsville-Vansville Civic Association, and the Seabrook Acres Citizens Associa-

tion, felt that the community's wishes on where it wants a school site should be given the greatest consideration. Mayor White had earlier pointed out that the hearing held that night was the first time that the school board had ever scheduled a meeting in Greenbelt at a time convenient to the citizens. School board president Ruth Wolfe announced at the close of the meeting that the record would remain open for 15 days to receive additional statements.

Art Appreciation Series

An Art Appreciation Series, a study of Matisse and Picasso, sponsored by the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, begins October 6 and continues for the following five weeks on Tuesday night from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

Joe D. Osmann will present the lives and works of Pablo Picasso. Osmann is a graduate of Penn State U. At present he is teaching School in Frederick, Md.

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The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, is seeking bids for the following items, for which bid specifications and forms may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000. Bids will be opened at a meeting of the City Council on Monday, October 19, 1970 at 8:00 P.M.

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City Notes

Five extra men worked with the two regular employees assigned to special trash collections to clear away a mountain of torn-down sheds in the GHI area. Residents there were responding to new regulations established by the GHI board, which outlaw unsightly sheds. Two or three trucks were assigned to the clean-up job.

A subcontractor removed five large dead trees on city property — some along Westway behind the Mishkan Torah Synagogue and some on a buffer strip behind residences in Boxwood Village.

The Public Works crew replaced temporary patches put in last winter in city streets. They also corrected drain line deficiencies which had caused flooding on the lower level of the Municipal Building. The paint crew began marking off parking spaces along Lakecrest Drive, which was recently newly paved.

Preliminary construction work has been started on a new gas station at the intersection of Gentry Drive and Breezewood in Springhill Lake.

Work is proceeding on the rebuilding of Southway. All road dividers have been constructed and sidewalks completed. One remaining major disruption will occur when the intersection at Ridge and Southway is reduced in grade by four inches.

During a special county voter registration in Springhill Lake during the month of August, the city also set up a registration table for citizens who wished to register to vote in the city's non-partisan elections. At that time 73 Greenbelters registered. Of these, five were from the North End section, three from Center, and the rest from Springhill Lake.

As summer ends, the city finds itself almost up to full complement in personnel. One vacancy remains for a police officer. A former employee, Raymond Vitch, has returned to the staff of the Public Works Dept. as an equipment operator.

The city of Greenbelt played host to the Prince Georges Municipal Association at a meeting in the council chambers on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. At the meeting Peter Harkins, the new Executive Director of the Maryland Municipal League — of which the Association is an affiliate — explained the reorganization of procedures within his office.

Galley proofs have been received in the city office of a new codification of city ordinances, being prepared by the Michie City Publications Company of Charlottesville, Va., under contract with the city.

Construction permits were granted recently for a new branch of People's National Bank of Maryland, which will be located on Edmonston Rd. opposite the Junior High School. Preliminary clearing of the site is expected to begin soon.

Other new construction within the city is progressing on schedule. Walls for both additions to the Youth Center are now one story high.

The city crew completed its own construction job — pouring concrete steps for the walkway between the Municipal Service Bldg. and the lake parking lot.

Election day brought extra work to the city crew. At Center school they marked off a 100-foot line around the entrance to the building, within which campaigning is illegal. At Springhill Lake the city crew put up temporary "no parking" signs. At all three polling places the crew did clean-up work after the election, removing litter from streets and municipal rights-of-way.

"A darn good job" — that was one city official's assessment of the Jaycee-sponsored clean-up of the lake park that was held on Saturday, September 19. A city truck was assigned to help in hauling away trash and debris that was picked up.

Our Neighbors

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Virginia and Ron Shepler won the Sept. 11 duplicate bridge game by 1½ points. Adelaide and Ed Kalghn had another good game, finishing in second place following their tie for first place the previous game. At the Sept. 25 game, Ann & Tony Pisano proved the victors by 1½ points over the combination of Sid Barnett and Joe Nusinov. Next game: Friday October 23.

Welcome back to City Manager James K. Giese, who attended the annual meeting of the International City Management Association in San Diego. Jim reports that on his return trip he saw four brush fires from the airplane window. Apparently they were the start of the enormous conflagration we've been hearing about.

Army specialist Four Robert M. Greene, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greene, 3-K Eastway, received the Good Conduct Medal Aug. 28 at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. He is assigned as a unit supply specialist with the 545th Personnel Service Company.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Edna White, 42 Lakeside.

Note the following new addresses: V. Devlin, 14-R Ridge, D. Kosisky, 25-B Parkway, E. Luttrell, 13-D Hillside, L. Vaughn, 8-V Laurel.

Glad to hear that Max Zabin is out of the hospital and doing very well after undergoing surgery.

Roseann Loskill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loskill, 9166 Edmonston Rd., has begun doctoral studies at Tulane University's School of Public Health in New Orleans, Louisiana. Miss Loskill received her BS and MS degrees from the University of Tennessee and served as a regional public health nutritionist on the Eastern Shore for the Maryland State Department of Health.

Joseph P. Finizio, 7840 Lakecrest Dr., Greenbelt, a fourth-year medical student at Georgetown University School of Medicine, has been elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha, a national medical honor society. He also received a Lange Book Award for "outstanding academic proficiency" based on his performance as a third-year medical student.

Prince Georges Little Theatre fall production "You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running," directed by Richard Simko of Greenbelt, is scheduled for presentation on October 16, 17, 23 and 24 at Robert Goddard Junior High in Lanham. The group is marking its tenth season.

Parkdale Senior High recently held elections for Sophomore class officers and delegates for the student council. All four class officers were from Greenbelt: President - Steve Gigliotti, Vice President - Patty Shaughnessy, Secretary - Beth Wilkinson, Treasurer - Jo Ann Miller. Four of the ten delegates elected were also from Greenbelt: Terri Pisano, Leslie Moore, Debbie Opsasnick and Jo Ellen Lewis.

Helping John Beauchamp celebrate his eleventh birthday were his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Beauchamp Sr. of Kissimmee, Florida who have returned from a European vacation.

First Aid Classes

The Prince Georges County Chapter of the American Red Cross has set up the following schedules for first aid classes during October.

Standard First Aid - held at the Prince George's Plaza Community Center. Starting Friday, Oct. 2, once a week on Fridays, from 7 - 4 p.m. Classes will run for six weeks. Register by calling 864-1811.

Standard First Aid - Held at the chapter building, 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville. On six successive Wednesdays beginning Oct. 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Register by calling 927-4400.

Advanced First Aid - Held at the chapter building, 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville. Beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 6, class will be for eight successive Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Register by calling 927-4400.

Greenbeltville LWV

Planning, with emphasis on the factors which influence development of Prince Georges County, will be the discussion topic at the Wednesday, October 7 meeting of the Greenbeltville unit of The County League of Women Voters at the Greenbelt Public Library at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Martin Levy of the League Speakers' Bureau will be the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Greenbelt Women's Club on Thurs., Oct. 8 at the Greenbelt Public Library at 7:45 p.m. Her subject will be "Charter-A Constitution and By-Laws for the County."

For further information call Mrs. John Davis, Membership Chairman at 937-6539.

Women's Club News

The first Board Meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. John Churchill at 65 J Ridge Road at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 1.

The first Membership Meeting will be held on October 8 at 7:45 p.m. in the meeting room of the new Greenbelt Library, lower level. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Martin Levy, League of Women Voters, who will give a talk on the Charter, Its Constitution and By-Laws for Prince Georges County. Any interested persons are welcome to attend.

Registration Extended For Drug/Sex Course

Registration for the Adult Education course combining drug and sex education has been extended until October 5.

The course, entitled "Parents' Concern in Drug and Sex Education," is being offered adults by the public school system at the following six senior high schools: Bowie, Crossland, Fairmont Heights, Laurel, Northwestern, and Parkdale.

The hours of the course will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Monday. There is a charge for tuition and text books.

Forum on Charter

The Springhill Lake Civic Association and local Democratic and Republican clubs are sponsoring a forum on the proposed charter for Prince Georges County on Wed., Oct. 7 at 8:30 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Community House.

The speaker will be William Kircher, elected member of the Charter Board and one of the writers of the Charter. An open discussion will follow. Everyone is cordially invited. For information call 474-0222 or 345-2327.

Women's Song Group

The Prince Georges Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., a non-profit organization of women barbershop harmony singers who perform for the public, is now holding auditions for prospective members. All voice ranges are considered for chorus and quartets. Rehearsals are held weekly in Hyattsville.

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Aquatic Booster Club Meeting

The Aquatic Booster Club Board will meet on Monday, October 5 at 8:30 p.m., to discuss program objectives of the Greenbelt Winter Swimming. Anyone interested in attending should call Mrs. Jones, 474-6001.

Greenbelt Jogging Club

The Greenbelt Jogging Club meets on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Youth Center. The 2 mile course begins at the Youth Center, past the tennis courts, turning left on the Lake Trail - East Entrance, around the lake and return. A pamphlet on jogging is available at the Youth Center. A basic physical examination will be given free if a group of people sign up. Call Larry Noel, 474-9362, or the Recreation Department for additional information.

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Children's programs: A Book Discussion group for children ages 10-12 will be held Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Conference Room on Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Saturday afternoon Show Times for children ages 6-12 will be held in the Meeting Room from 2 to 3 p.m. as follows: Oct. 10 - *Wood Duck's World, Moonbird, Flurina*; Oct. 17 - *Golden Fish, Shakespeare: Selections for Children, Animals Unlimited*; Oct. 24 - *Crayon, Bear Country*; Oct. 31 - *Winter of the Witch, Tell-Tale Heart, A Chairy Tale, Sunday Lark*.

A craft program for children ages 6-12 will be held Thursday, Oct. 15 from 3-4 p.m. in the Meeting Room during which time paper bag masks will be made. On Friday, Oct. 30, Halloween Storytelling will be featured from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Conference Room for children ages 8-12. The topic will be "Spooky stories in a haunted room."

Young Adult programs: A Folk Sing will be held Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Displays at the branch will include: Quilts, Cooperatives, Paintings by Mrs. Joy Vollrath, and Egg Carton Creatures by Meg Carnes.

Junior Highlights

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A paper bound edition of the Zoning Ordinance for Prince George's County, prepared and published by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is now available to the public.

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Beginning with this edition, the Zoning Ordinance for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County will be reprinted periodically as needed to incorporate all amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The cost of each edition will reflect the printing cost to the Commission. Separate amendments will be made available at a nominal cost as they are approved by the District Council.

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