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## Greenbriar Project Nears Climax As Sewage Decision Awaited

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbriar apartment project moved one step closer to realization on Tuesday, December 21, when the Prince Georges County Planning Board approved the record plat for the 1,193-unit luxury complex scheduled for the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The project will be built in three phases: the first will be the westerly portion, where the recreation building and the swimming pool will be located; the second will be the easterly portion, extending north from Greenbelt road on both sides of the elementary school site; and the last phase will be the area around the apex of the triangle, where the temporary sewage plant is planned.

The city of Greenbelt, through city manager James K. Giese, gave its assent to the record plat, but not without expressing its concern over the failure of the planning board staff to keep Greenbelt alerted to developments. Giese said that the staff had agreed last summer to consult with the city over recreational facilities for the project but that he had not seen the final plans until the Tuesday meeting.

Chairman Philip R. Hogue of the Planning Board said that Greenbelt should be given as much time as is needed to review the plans, but was advised that the one-year deadline for filing record plats was running out. The preliminary site plan had been filed on December 23, 1970 and according to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission regulations is canceled if not followed up by a record plat within a year. The developers, represented by George Brugger, stressed the time element, stating that the \$18.9 million mortgage financing must be settled by December 27.

In order to give Giese an opportunity to review the plat, the hearing was deferred until after lunch. Giese then suggested a few changes dealing with the relocation of a tot lot and the substitution of a grassy play field for a multi-purpose court, which were accepted by Brugger and the MNCPPC staff.

### Facilities Provided

Among the facilities now shown on the record plat are one grassy play area, three multi-purpose courts, one softball field with backstop, two half-size basketball

courts, three tennis courts, and 12 tot lots. These facilities will be built concurrently with each phase of the project.

According to MNCPPC officials, these facilities are being provided in exchange for MNCPPC waiving the county mandatory dedication ordinance. The latter requires that a subdivision must dedicate 10 percent of its area for open-space and recreational use, or pay a fee in lieu of dedication amounting to 5 percent of the assessed valuation of the land.

The city was advised at Tuesday's meeting that the fee in lieu of dedication will come to \$39,800 and will be turned over to the city. The city expects to use this sum to supplement the amounts promised by the developer, Alan Kay, to purchase open space in land adjacent to the Greenbriar project.

To assure that the developer will provide the recreational facilities as promised, the Planning Board is requiring him to post a bond or irrevocable letter of credit for \$179,500. The bond will run with the land.

### WHAT GOES ON

Tues., Dec. 23, 7:45 p.m. - GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

### BOXWOOD CIVIC ASSN.

The regular meeting of the B.C.A. will be held on Wed., Jan. 5, 1972 at the North End School in the multi-purpose room at 8 p.m.

The newly elected officers will be installed at that time. They are Jim Parachetti, President, Ed Roan, Vice-President, Jane Kelleher, Treasurer, Doris Elliott, Recording Secretary, and Loren Linstrom, Corresponding Secretary.

At this meeting we will vote on a change in the by-laws pertaining to the number of meetings to be held each year.

by Al Skolnik

All signs point to the likelihood that the Greenbriar sewage problem will reach a head in the next few weeks. On December 15 the Prince Georges county council introduced a resolution establishing policy for temporary package sewage treatment plants. County executive William Gullett also has the matter under review.

The final decision rests with the State Department of Health (SDH) but a spokesman for the Department said that before any permit is issued it will want the recommendations of county authorities. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission last month voiced its opposition to a package treatment plant disposing treated sewage into an intermittent stream. Dr. Perry Stearns, county health officer, has also expressed concern that discharging effluent into an intermittent stream could cause a health hazard and urged that proper safeguards be taken if any treatment plant is approved.

But of major influence will be the recommendation of Gullett. When a temporary package plant was first broached by the developers (Alan Kay and associates) in March 1971, Gullett opposed it, and as a result the SDH suspended its evaluation of the request. At that time, the county suggested that the developer seek alternative ways of getting a sewage hook-up during the State moratorium. The request for the temporary sewage package plant was reactivated in October when alternatives ran into snags.

### County Council Action

The resolution, introduced by council members Charles Callow, Francis Francois, Gladys Spellman and Francis White, lists six minimum conditions or standards that sewage package treatment plants in general would have to meet:

- (1) The proposed treatment plant should serve property that has immediate sewage rights (Area 3 of the county 10-year Water and Sewer Plan).
- (2) The use of the treatment plant shall be strictly considered as temporary. As soon as additional public sewage capacity is available, the temporary plant shall be terminated and the plant hooked up with the permanent Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) system.
- (3) The quality of the effluent and the standards to be met will continue to be the responsibility of SDH.
- (4) The treatment plants shall be maintained and operated by WSSC with all costs of this service to be borne by the developer, who must also post a bond to assure payment of these costs.
- (5) The treatment plant construction, operating procedures, and quality of effluent must receive written approval of SDH and WSSC.
- (6) Safeguards must include (a) a meter to record the flow of sewage into the plant; (b) a large surge tank to equalize the flow; (c) a recycling capability which would safeguard against any unit of the plant falling below the standard of treatment; (d) a double, completely independent power supply; and (e) a method of sewage sludge disposal.

Final action on the resolution will be taken sometime in January. In the meantime, the contents of the resolution were to be sent to the SDH.

Councilman Ronald Reeder intro-

## Council Passes Tax Ordinance For Center Mall Improvement

by Al Skolnik

Creation of a special taxing district composed of center mall property owners was the subject once again of debate at city council's regular meeting on Monday, December 20. Up before council for final passage was an ordinance enabling the city to undertake improvements to the mall and to the parking facilities and to provide lighting as well. To finance these improvements, the city would issue bonds and levy a special tax on the property within the special taxing district to pay annual principal and interest costs for these bonds.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETS

The next city council meeting will be held on Monday, January 10. The council has decided to hold its January meetings on the second and fourth Monday, instead of the first and third.

## Rhea Cohen Appointed As County Consultant

County Executive William W. Gullett has named Greenbelt Councilwoman Rhea Cohen as a special consultant to investigate the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Gullett said the appointment of 33-year-old Mrs. Cohen will be the first of several consultants he will name to look into the overall operation of the bi-county water and sewer agency.

Mrs. Cohen is well known in the city for her work on the Prince Georges Citizens for a Better Environment, on city anti-pollution ordinance and on the Save Our Community Committee.

### Opposition

Abraham Chasanow, representing the Greenbelt Realty Co. and William and Charles Cohen, owners of most of the remaining commercial property, argued that the ordinance will not hold up in court. He said that a similar ordinance enacted by council a few years ago was knocked out by the court on the grounds that the center mall property owners were being doubly taxed — that they were already paying city taxes for the type of services that would be provided through the assessments of the special taxing district.

The earlier ordinance provided that the cost of maintenance and improvement of the mall would be shared equally by the city and the property owners in the special taxing district. The new ordinance provides that the property owners would bear the entire cost of the renovation plan but would not pay any annual maintenance and cleaning charges. City solicitor Emmett Nanna has given the council his opinion that the measure would stand up in court.

## TRASH COLLECTION

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, there will be no trash pick-up on Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25, Friday, December 31, 1971, or Saturday, January 1, 1972. City crews will follow their regular schedule at other times.

## Parcel Q Plat Approved

At the December 21 hearing of the Prince Georges County Planning Board which saw the approval of the record plat for the development of Parcel Q in Beltway Plaza, city manager James Giese once again expressed the city's desire for a definite over-all comprehensive plan for the area west of Cherrywood Lane.

"In the absence of such a plan," he said, "we are getting strip commercial, hodge-podge development. This is not good planning."

Giese said he recognized that the County Planning Board had no choice but to approve because it did not have the tools with which it would require such a plan. But he reiterated that the Board should seek those tools.

Planning Board staff members had explained that on subdivision plats, the applicant need not designate the uses of the property,

duced an amendment to the resolution which would require evacuation of residents in the event the effluent falls below health department standards.

How applicable these standards are to the Greenbriar situation is uncertain because the major problem facing a package treatment plant for Greenbriar is the fact that the only available conduit for the discharge of the effluent is a tributary of Beaver Dam Creek, which is an intermittent running stream part of the year. The county council policy statement sets down no standards for using intermittent streams.

Reeder had introduced an amendment to the resolution which would have forbidden authorization for a package treatment plant unless the point of discharge was into a moving natural stream of water with an average daily flow at least six times the average daily flow of the package treatment plant. He later withdrew the amendment.

### Who Will Benefit?

Chasanow argued that in most cases of special assessments it is the property owners who petition the city for the improvement. In this case, he said, none of the owners want the improvement.

Mayor Richard Pilski interrupted to ask if Chasanow's clients were against improving the center mall. Chasanow quickly replied, "No, but they are against paying for an improvement from which they can see no benefit." Chasanow maintained that the renovation of the center mall was of chief benefit to the city and community as a whole, rather than to the adjacent commercial businesses.

Chasanow thought that the city should go ahead and pay for the improvements in its properties in the hope that by setting such an example the property owners will in turn reciprocate and upgrade their properties. The city owns the center mall land between Centerway and the statue. The sidewalks between the stores facing Centerway and Centerway itself are mostly owned by the Cohens. Similarly, the passageways running to the east and west parking lots alongside Co-op and the Medical Center are partly privately-owned.

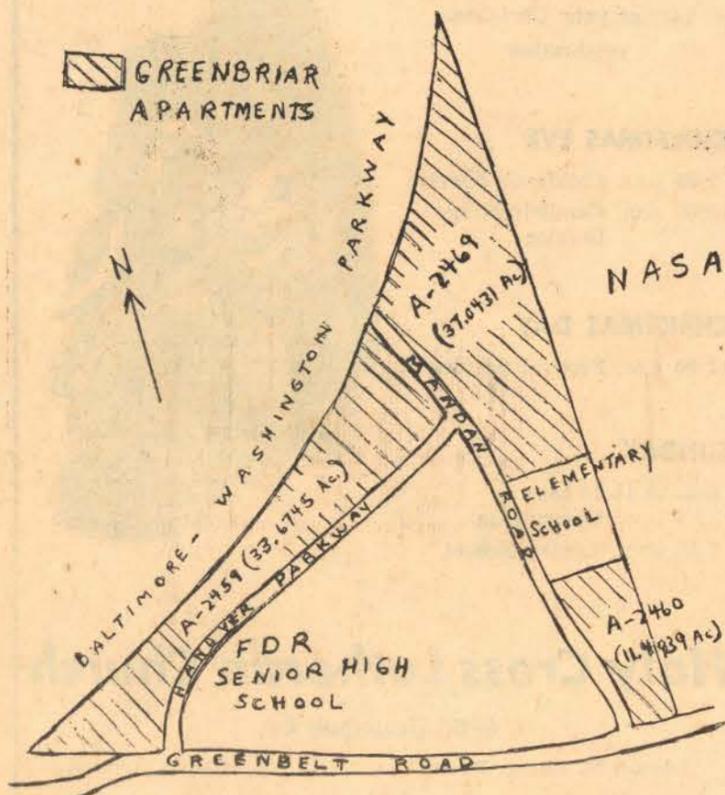
### Negotiation?

Pilski responded that the city has been waiting in vain for the Cohens to come forth with plans for repairing their sidewalks and upgrading the property. "What will be different now?" he asked.

Chasanow said that he is not authorized to negotiate for his client, only to represent him in court, but that he could offer his good offices to seek a settlement and he thought that his client might be persuaded that it would be more productive if the moneys used to pay legal fees were diverted to improving the property.

"I may be talking myself out of a legal fee," Chasanow said, "but I am a citizen of Greenbelt and I would like to see the mall im-

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**Correction**

To the Editor:

I want a retraction of your statement that "I wondered whether the proposal was the beginning of the welfare state." Your reporting has been more than careless, or deliberately inaccurate."

I said, "Mr. Beck of Oehmann & Company, our auditors, stated "going into welfare would be the surest way to destroy the cooperative".

I want you to print this statement in your next issue. You can verify the statement by the Minutes of December 9, 1971.

Martha Hutzler

**Support the Fire Dept.**

To the Editor:

Is there anyone in Greenbelt who would hesitate to call either the Fire Department or the Rescue Squad if needed? I think not.

Then, please, citizens of Greenbelt, support your volunteer Fire Department.

We had occasion to call the Rescue Squad and we could hear the siren right away and they soon were there. They are efficient and courteous and deserve respect and support.

Mrs. C. D. Cunningham  
49-A Ridge Rd.

**Cub Scout Pack 746  
Christmas Meeting**

Cub Scout Pack 746 invited Pack 1746 to their recent Christmas Pack Meeting at the Ridge Road Recreation Center.

George DeCuir's Webelos Den 4 opened the meeting with a flag ceremony. Stephen Sinden, new Cubmaster, then introduced officials of the visiting pack. He also commented on decorations made by Den 6, and exhibits made by Dens 1, 3 and 4. Balloons were distributed and a prize given for the largest balloon which was won by Scott Fitzenreiter of Den 6. A race involving one parent from each den to blow up balloons to bursting was won by John Evans of Den 6 by two breaths.

A demonstration on Tenderfoot Scout requirements was given by Webelos Den and they also received the attendance award for last month's pack meeting.

William Sutton, Pack Chairman, presented Webelos activity awards to Billy Abell, Gary Cousin, Peter Bracken, Jamie Sinden, Ray King, Quentin Williams, Paul Felsher, Alexander Likowski, Joseph DeCuir, Christopher Dwyer, Craig Fitzenreiter, Alan Goldstein, Eugene Kellaheer, Stephen Kelly, Thomas Savage, Scott Goodall, Darrell Doster, John M. Shearer, John Balch, Jonathan Birner, Clint Boushell, Scott Farkas, Tom Hanyok, Pat Leech and Drew Talbot. Gene Turner also received his award.

Sutton also presented Wolf badges to Chris Collins, Scott Thompson, and Billy Thorpe. Chris and Scott also received gold arrow points. Jamie Sinden received his Bear badge, a gold and two silver arrowpoints.

Howard Savage, Assistant Cub Master, led the combined packs in a rollicking stunt, "The House Where Santa Lives."

Sinden invited those present to the Hockey Game get-together on December 18 and announced next month's Pinewood Derby. He then introduced Scott Anderson, George Moryadas, Lysle Rice, and Andy Hahn as "Bobcats" into Pack 746.

The evening ended with a kazooing of Christmas songs, since the pack did not have a music leader.

**Kidney Machine Needed**

To the Editor:

A high school student in Vergas, Minnesota, Russell Richter, needs a kidney machine.

General Mills will get him one of 600,000 points in Betty Crocker coupons are collected by the end of December.

Do you have any coupons you can give him? Call 474-6923 and we will pick them up.

Lorene Hanna

**Alaskans Need Fire Engine**

To the Editor:

Delta Junction, Alaska (population 870) desperately needs fire protection. At the present they have no fire engine, but with your help they can get one.

Generals Mills generously offered them a new fire engine in exchange for 5 million coupons and stamps by January 1972. They need about 2 million more to reach the goal.

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad will forward all your donated Betty Crocker coupons, S & H Green Stamps and Top Value Stamps to Delta Junction, Alaska, as a Christmas gift from the citizens of the Greenbelt Area.

Many fire departments in the nation are supporting this project, the most active in the area being the Alexandria, Va., Fire Dept.

We urgently appeal to you and the Spirit of Christmas giving to help provide security to this small community. Call 345-7000 for our pick-up service or bring the coupons and stamps to our fire station. If you desire, mail them to the Greenbelt VFD and RS at P.O. Box 35 Greenbelt, Md. 207701.

Thank you and have a fire-safe and happy holiday season.

Bob Mogel  
Past Fire Chief and  
Past President, VFD and RS

**Christmas Gym Program**

Greenbelt Junior High School will be open for supervised gym activities during the Christmas Holidays. Sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Department of Parks and Recreation, the gym will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 28, 29, 30 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Children, teens and adults may participate in activities such as basketball, volleyball and indoor games. The program at each Gym Center is geared to the interests and age of the participants.

**Bus Lot Expansion**

The Prince Georges County Board of Education at its December 14 meeting authorized the superintendent to begin work on the expansion of the Greenbelt bus lot on Greenbelt Rd. at an estimated cost of \$14,500. No county funds are involved since capital outlay expenditures for school bus transportation facilities are reimbursed by the State up to 1% of the total State allowed pupil transportation allotment.

**TRAFFIC TIP**

Your eyes play tricks on you at night. You can see an unexpected object only about half as far ahead as an expected one. Since the unexpected could be almost anything, use extra care when driving at night. Remember: darkness doubles traffic troubles.

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proved." Council Views Councilman Gil Weidenfeld recounted the basic history of the proposal — that the city had originally offered to share half the costs of maintenance and improvements, but that the owners refused and went to court. Now the city has the alternatives of paying all, or having the owners pay all, or of doing nothing.

Chasanow replied that even if the city ordinance prevails, it will only take care of half the problem. It still will not do a thing toward upgrading the property in private hands, he argued.

Council member Rhea Cohen wondered whether the solution might not be for the city to condemn and purchase the privately-owned sidewalks. Pilski was opposed to this procedure. First, he said, it will cost the city thousands of dollars to purchase the property, and then the city would be burdened with the cost of maintaining all the property.

**Discriminatory?**

Chasanow basically argued that the ordinance was unfair, arbitrary, and discriminatory by picking on certain property owners to pay the costs of renovation. He noted that certain city properties, such as the municipal building, were not included in the special taxing district, while his property, almost as far from the mall and from which one cannot even see the mall, was included.

Dr. William Weintraub, representing the medical center owners, also thought the assessment was unfair. He said that when the medical building was built about six years ago, the owners landscaped and beautified the building, even to the extent of making plantings on city-owned property. He thought that they should at least get credit for that contribution. He also thought that the medical center would pay a disproportionate share of the assessment, which would be on an ad valorem basis (taxes proportionate to assessed valuation).

The final vote came after several members of the audience urged council not to delay any further. They were concerned about the safety hazard created by broken crumbling sidewalks and the need to upgrade the property so as to avoid being called "a slum."

**Jobs Available At  
Passport Office**

As a result of the perennial travel explosion, the State Department's Passport Office, anticipating another busy season, has put out the "HELP WANTED" sign.

Typists and clerks are needed to work from January through August at the Passport Office, 1425 "K" Street NW. Applications are being accepted now in order to complete the processing and background check prior to appointment in January.

Hours will be from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for this eight month period.

Interviews are held daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 2826, U.S. Department of State, 22nd and D Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. For further details call Mrs. Barrett at 632-0581.

**Consumer Protection  
Scope Is Widened**

Contracts for consumer goods and services may no longer "disclaim" the warranty that those goods and services are fit for the purpose for which they were purchased, according to Delegate James J. Lombardi, former Chairman of the Prince Georges County Consumer Protection Commission.

"It has been a common practice for sellers, especially of automobiles and household appliances, to write contracts waiving their responsibility for the proper functioning of the goods and services they offered," explained Lombardi.

"Consumers should be alerted to the fact that legislation, effective July 1, 1971, has made such contracts unenforceable," he added.

Lombardi has written to major manufacturers doing business in the State of Maryland to advise them of the implications of the new law.

**Rec. Activities Brochure**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is offering a varied list of activities ranging from auto mechanics to ceramics for children, teens and adults. The Department's Winter-Spring Leisure Time Activities brochure has been circulated through the four Greenbelt schools. If you have not received yours, please call 474-6878 and we will mail you one. Don't delay, most classes begin January 15!

**Drug Treatment Center**

A long awaited drug treatment center that will provide medical help for up to 300 addicts a week has been opened by the Prince George's County Government at 405 Crane Highway (Route 301).

Services offered by the Center will include methadone detoxification and individual and family counseling. Future programs will soon be added to cover job placement, vocational training, methadone maintenance and seminars on drug abuse.

The program includes not only the treatment center, but also a Roving Leaders Program (one will be located at the Ridge Road Center in Greenbelt) which features 18 youth counselors who go out into the community to locate drug users and persuade them to take the treatment and counseling services now being offered.

**City Xmas Trees**

Instead of a large Christmas tree to decorate the Municipal Building, the city is using three small living trees — one each in the police office, the finance office and the city manager's office. These will later be planted outside the Public Works Building.

The large wreath on the Crescent Rd. entrance of the Municipal Building was redesigned this year by Mrs. Tony Minge, arts and crafts program manager for the Youth Center. She chose a Sukuli Indian motif.

During the Christmas holidays the city will not place a special trash trailer near the Center, as it has done heretofore. Instead, the trailer will remain at its normal location, for use by regular refuse customers only.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL PARTY  
FOR SCHOOL PATROLS**

The Greenbelt Police hosted their annual Xmas party for the city's schools patrols at the Greenbelt Theatre, this afternoon at 4 p.m. Chief William B. Lane wishes to thank Lawrence Perry, theatre owner, who supplied the film and part of the refreshments as well as Clarence Weidaw, of Greenbelt Variety, and Leo Gerton, of High's, who also supplied refreshments. In addition each child was given a gift as the city's thank-you for services rendered.

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

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

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. Telephone 474-9410  
Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Pastor - Tel. 474-3381  
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
(Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00)  
Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.M.

**ST. HUGH'S CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road 474-4322

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Dec. 24	6:00 P.M.	Midnight
Dec. 25	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.	

**SUNDAY, DEC. 26 MASSES**

Dec. 25	6:00 P.M.
Dec. 26	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

The clergy and parishioners of St. Hugh's cordially extend the season's greetings to all members of the Greenbelt community.

Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Boland      Rev. Robert G. Amey

**An Invitation to Worship**

Let this be an important part of your Christmas celebration

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

7:00 p.m. Children's Service  
10:00 p.m. Candlelighting Service

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

11:00 a.m. Festival Service

**SUNDAY**

8:30 & 11:15 a.m. Communion  
9:50 a.m. Sunday School

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
6905 Greenbelt Rd.  
Edward H. Birner, Pastor      345-5111, 474-9200



# City Backs County's Position On Highway Development Needs

by Al Skolnik

The last city council meeting of calendar year 1971 on December 20 offered to some extent a replay of some of the main issues that had plagued council during the year. These included the question of the perimeter road, open-space grants, disposition of parcel 1, and the center mall improvement (see accompanying article).

## Perimeter Road

The city council unanimously looked with favor on certain changes made by the county council in its list of critical highway needs. These included advancement of the Kenilworth Ave.-Greenbelt Road intersection improvement to priority level A, advocacy of a comprehensive study of I-95 with respect to its route south of the Capital Beltway, and deletion of a proposed improvement to widen the perimeter road from four lanes to six lanes.

Tom White, speaking on behalf of the Save Our Community Committee (SOCC), urged that the perimeter road be dropped in its entirety from the State Twenty-Year Highway Needs Study. He strongly opposed the position of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB), which advocated placing the perimeter road in priority A, even ahead of the Kenilworth Ave.-Greenbelt Rd. interchange.

Councilman Charles Schwan stated his belief that it was premature to drop the perimeter road until one knows more about what is going to happen to parcels 1 and 2 and surrounding areas. He thought that the perimeter road's present position in the State listing was appropriate — a non-critical item which will be studied further in the coming decade.

Council by its action of letting sleeping dogs lie, in effect rejected both the advice of APB and SOCC with regard to the perimeter road.

It was announced that Mayor Richard Pilski will be meeting with other elected officials of the county on January 5 to discuss the Five-Year Plan for Financing Primary and Secondary State Highway Construction. The city will seek to include the Kenilworth underpass in this financing plan, which is the critical test for determining what will be done in the years 1973-77.

## State Open Space Grants

The council authorized the city manager to apply for Maryland State open space grants for the acquisition of the Springhill Lake golf course and the Furey tract. City manager James Giese informed council that the deadline for filing for 1971 funds is Dec. 31. The city is entitled to \$50,000 of grant money, and these are the only authorized open space projects that can be applied for at this time.

The council made clear that it was including the money for the Furey tract (5.7 acres just outside the city's northern boundary near Boxwood Village and east of Lakeside North Apartments), just in case the owners might change their minds and decide to sell the property in the next few years. The city had sought the property in the past to assure a buffer to homeowners in that vicinity and to facilitate road accesses servicing that area, but is no longer actively pursuing the matter.

Council members Pilski and Rhea Cohen opposed the inclusion of the Furey property in the application, but were outvoted by the remaining members, who did not wish to lose out on possible State money in case the situation changed. If just the Springhill Lake golf course were included in the application, the city would receive only about \$29,000 in State money.

## Parcel 1

The council authorized the city manager to obtain appraisals of parcel 1 in order to assist in the determination of the amount of land to be acquired for open space and in preparation of the submittal of application for Federal funds. The \$950,000 bond issue allocated funds for the acquisition of a portion of parcel 1 (30 acres of stream valley). Such appraisals may help in determining the feasibility of the

# New Safety Standards For Md School Buses

Maryland has become the first state in the nation to enact new safety standards designed to minimize the disintegration of school buses involved in highway collisions.

The safety standards were adopted by the Motor Vehicle Administration of the State Department of Transportation following a critical study of school bus construction by the National Transportation Safety Board in July, 1970.

The new Maryland school bus standards will apply only to those buses put into operation after December 31, 1972, in order to permit school bus manufacturers sufficient lead time to comply. In the meantime, the existing school bus standards, established by the State Board of Education, will continue in existence.

To enforce both existing and new standards, school buses will continue to be inspected "no less than three times a year," under the supervision of the Motor Vehicle Administration. Owners of school buses with major defects must immediately surrender the vehicle's license plates to the Motor Vehicle Administration pending correction. Repairs of minor defects must be made within 30 days after inspection.

In addition to tightening construction standards for school buses after December 31, 1972, the new standards also:

- Provide uniform lighting systems.

- Make escape routes through emergency windows easier.

- Provide seat belts for drivers and padding for student seats.

Requirements are included for brakes, wiring, vehicle identification, fuel and exhaust systems and all aspects of mechanical operation. Special warning devices are required to alert school bus operators of pending failures in the brake system, emergency exits, and other key systems.

## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

"Mother, what's for dinner?"  
"Shh. I'm busy writing a column."

"What's it about?"  
"I'm calling it 'How the Blintz Stole Chanukah.'"

"You're kidding!"  
"It's about this character who hides all the candles, and dreidels, and Chanukah Gelt . . ."

"What if Dr. Suess sues?"  
"Is that supposed to be funny?"  
"Would you believe mildly amusing?"

"No, go away. This is my column and I'm the one to make the jokes."

"Well, hurry up and get humorous. Your children are starving."

"You look it! If Shakespeare had had all these interruptions he'd never have finished 'Hamlet.'"

"I bet he didn't let his kids die of malnutrition."

"I know what the problem is. You are unhappy because Mother is paying attention to the typewriter instead of to you."

"Oh, mercy, she's been reading Dr. Glinott again!"

"See, there you go. In his examples the kid would have answered 'Oh, Mom, you do understand!'"

"Look, why don't you do a whole column on that. Right after we eat."

"All right, all right. I'm starting supper."

"Oh Mom, you do understand!"

Merry Xmas & Happy

New Year to

all our friends.

Leo & Olive Mullen

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

# GHI Board Approves Increase In Charges

by Elaine Skolnik

Following membership acceptance of the 1972 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. budget, the board formally approved on December 13 the 12.9 percent increase in monthly charges. At the same time, the board had a small Christmas present for its membership when it announced that the deferral of the 1972 increase for the low-income elderly will only cost the rest of the membership 25 cents a month. The original estimate was 50 cents.

Referring to the special membership meeting, GHI president Nat Shinderman said it was heartening to see the GHI members rise to the occasion, get involved, come out and express their convictions and do what was in the best interest of the community at a great expense to themselves.

"It is always difficult to vote oneself a raise, but the membership bit the bullet and took the necessary action when they recognized that the chips were down," he said. Members of the GHI staff were complimented for the long hours spent in preparing the budgetary documents.

The board formally approved the 3 percent increase in pay for GHI employees, effective the first full pay period in January. The board also moved ahead on the management audit by authorizing management to negotiate a contract with the firm of Cresap, McCormick, and Paget.

Both the pay increase and the management audit were approved by the membership as part of the 1972 budget.

## Willow Trees to Weep

The board, informed that the roots of weeping willow trees may be causing the clogging of sewer lines, authorized the removal of such a tree in the 9 Research court which recently had a major crisis with its sewers. The cost of correcting such blockages have ranged from several hundreds of dollars to \$1500.

To avoid future situations, board member Katherine Keene recom-

mended that all members having willow trees on the service-pipes-side of their property be required to agree to have the trees removed, unless they are willing to assume any liability for possible clogging of lines by tree roots.

In the ensuing board discussion, objection was raised to the discretion given the member, because of the possibility that the tree may be affecting other member's lines, instead of those of the individual having the tree. It was also suggested that perhaps the corporation could offer to replace the trees. The matter which would also include poplar trees was referred to the maintenance committee for recommendations.

## Working Capital

The board referred to the finance committee the proposal for raising working capital in new contracts by requiring the amount to be 3 percent of the current sales price rather than 3 percent of the original price of the homes in 1952 when the government sold the project to the co-op. GHI attorney Albert Ginsberg has given his opinion that the board has such authority to alter the contracts.

## ECHO Meeting

GHI manager Roy Breashears reported on the Eastern Cooperative Housing Organization meeting of December 11-12 which GHI hosted here in Greenbelt. Attendance was not as great as expected, probably because of the proximity to the holidays, Breashears said. Breashears has been elected treasurer of the organization.

An interesting commentary on GHI was heard at the meeting, Breashears said. One ECHO speaker thought that GHI was more like a condominium than a cooperative because members sell their homes on the open market, additions to homes are allowed, membership controls the budget to some extent, and the membership can prevent refinancing.

The speaker thought it would be difficult for GHI to qualify for Federal aid programs, because the government could not hold the board of directors responsible (on fiscal matters).

To All Our Friends

Season's Greetings from the Lange Family —

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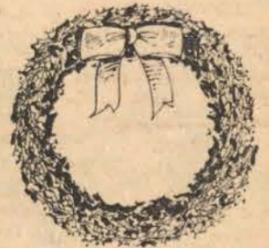
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# Atlantis on the Hill

by Robert Muller

This is the fifth and final series of excerpts from a manuscript entitled Atlantis on the Hill: A History of Greenbelt, Maryland, 1932-1970 prepared by a New Jersey scholar, Robert Muller. Today's material deals with the sale of Greenbelt by the Federal Government and the problems of development of the vacant land.

## Chapter Eight

### Out of the Clutches of PHA

"Since the first scare headlines appeared in 1945, 'Greenbelt to be Sold,' a group of Greenbelters has worked steadfastly to put over a plan for mutual ownership by the residents . . .

"Whether we like it or not, Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation has secured the financing of mutual housing, and negotiated successfully to take title this week to all Greenbelt. It is a tremendous achievement . . .

"Their goal has been a Greenbelt owned by the residents and not exploited for profit; a Greenbelt developed as the original planners meant it to be, a demonstration of cooperative living at its best.

"It is our opportunity in the New Year to work together to make the vision a reality. We are partners in a great adventure." 145 Thus, in 1952, the first transactions of Greenbelt real estate, involving most of the 896 original dwellings and 1000 war units, took place.

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Greenbelt now called for renewed dedication to the original objectives of the Resettlement Administration, especially to demonstrate in practice, the soundness of planning and operating towns according to garden city principles. "It will take ceaseless vigilance by the residents to keep Greenbelt the safe and beautiful place it is—the city that still prompts the publication, in such far away places as the University of Liverpool, of articles extolling Greenbelt's virtues.

"It has been difficult, but possible, to run our affairs while under the paternal hand of the PHA. The chance to own and operate our city presents a challenging opportunity. Will we throw it away in pointless arguments revolving around personalities? Or will we all give our best efforts toward achieving our mutual goals?

"We agree with the great majority of Greenbelters who have joined together in the GVHC, that democratic ownership of the city offers the most practical method of attaining our goals.

"We do not believe that even GVHC offers an easy road to their attainment. It is a difficult job we set for ourselves, and many people are going to have to continue to give great amounts of their time and energy if the obvious problems are to be met successfully." 147

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In October, 1954, the Federal government wrote finis to its interest in Greenbelt when the Public Housing Administration opened bids for the sale of the last properties in federal ownership at Greenbelt. "With the sale of the shopping center and a small commercial tract in the North End, the government will end a nineteen year experiment in the development and ownership of planned suburban towns." 151

Greenbelt was no longer considered a sacred piece of real estate, and private ownership quickly materialized. By 1958, suburban developments had sprung up in and around Greenbelt proper. Lakeside 1953, Woodland Hills, 1954; and Lakewood, 1958, combined to usher in the end of a unique way of life.

## Chapter Nine

The introduction of private ownership eventually led to complications in Greenbelt living. Such an untapped source of customers so frustrated private enterprise that it became necessary to determine what rights private concerns could enjoy in a cooperative community.

The News Review editorialized, "As more and more of the plans for the vacant land in Greenbelt come off the drawing boards it appears obvious to us that our concept of

Greenbelt as a planned community differs widely from that of the developers.

"Our concept, and one that we believe is shared by the majority of Greenbelt's citizens and officials, visualizes the future of Greenbelt as a balanced community. There would be some apartment dwellings, some commercial zoning, some low-cost housing, some medium individual and duplex housing, and some high quality free-standing homes.

"Such a balance would provide the broad tax base needed to finance desirable city services. At the same time it would retain the present character of Greenbelt as a city primarily of homeowners who have a deep and abiding interest in the development of Greenbelt and its services . . .

"Yet, the developers keep pushing their plans for high rise and rental apartments. If these plans are adopted without change, about 80% of Greenbelt's eventual population will be living in rental dwellings, compared with 25% today.

"The developers boast that this will make Greenbelt the most densely populated area in Prince Georges County . . . that such development will bring Greenbelt out of its isolation and provide its citizens with many new community services . . . that such development, as compared with that of individually owned homes, will produce less of a burden on the city tax rate.

"Has any one asked whether such a metropolis is what Greenbelt residents want? Has anyone asked whether Greenbelt residents are so desirous of tax relief that they are ready to turn the rest of Greenbelt into a community like Langley Park, consisting primarily of commercial strips and rental apartments? Has anyone asked Greenbelt residents whether they are ready to accept the consequences of such development—traffic congestion, crowded schools, elimination of green spaces?

"We think the developers would be well advised to consult once again the Community Goals adopted by the city council . . . This document prepared by the Advisory Planning Board as a guide for the future development of the city, calls for the preservation of Greenbelt as a residential community and for development to the maximum of individually-owned homes or apartments.

"It can safely be predicted that failure to heed these objectives will find the developers faced with constant, endless opposition and controversy along every step of the way." 153

Such sentiment eventually overcame the pressure of high-density zoning, and in 1966 Greenbelters finally prevailed upon their public leaders to realize that "Greenbelt is not just a plain, ordinary town. In another hundred years it will be a monument, and losing it to four-lane highways created by greenback-centered, fast buck zoning will be a loss to many more people than the few of us who presently live here. If we are to keep Greenbelt, we have to fight for it, loudly, clearly, and aggressively now, and later at the polls." 154

Armed with a Master Plan, the community set its sights on goals of the future.

145 Greenbelt Cooperator, December 31, 1952 (editorial).

147 Greenbelt Cooperator, June 8, 1950. (editorial).

151 American City, "Final Sale of Government Property in Greenbelt," September, 1954, pg. 207.

153 Greenbelt News Review, March 5, 1964 (editorial).

154 Greenbelt News Review, April 22, 1965, (Letter to the Editor).

## Environment Group Opposes Sewage Plant

The Prince Georges Environment Coalition voted Dec. 2 to oppose the installation of a package sewer treatment plant in Greenbelt. As proposed by developer Alan I. Kay for his future Greenbriar and Glen Ora subdivisions in east Greenbelt, the plant would be a tertiary (advanced) treatment facility operated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and would discharge "drinking water quality" effluent into an intermittent (dry in dry weather) stream valley.

State Senator William J. Goodman, who was present at the meeting at the Hyattsville Regional Library, pointed out that there are presently no state standards for tertiary treatment.

Dr. Perry Stearns, County Health Officer, also attended and said, "No matter what it is called, the effluent from such a plant is still treated sewage. Discharging it into an intermittent stream could cause a health hazard."

Discussion covered effects of nutrients on wooded valleys leading to Indian Creek, increased flooding in Berwyn Heights and College Park, and the Sanitary Commission's poor performance record regarding its own sewage treatment plants.

Environment Coalition Chairman Rhea Cohen announced receipt of a study by the Watershed Protec-

## Red Cross Nursing Class

The American Red Cross announces that free Home Nursing Classes will be given from 10 to 12 noon each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks starting Monday, January 10, 1972 and continuing Wednesday, January 26, 1972. These classes will be held at the Chapter Building, 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville. They will teach basic nursing skills that can be used in the home, such as bathing a bed patient, recognizing symptoms of illness, safety in the home, and improvising sickroom equipment.

For registration or further information call the Red Cross Chapter at 559-8500.

tion Committee which calculates that the Greenbriar plant would produce about 10 cubic yards of sludge per day. Unless buried in a landfill, the sludge would have to be processed by the public sewerage system. "This would amount to an end-run around the sewer moratorium," Mrs. Cohen said.

The study also indicates that the treatment plant's discharge could increase the flow of Indian Creek by as much as 16%.

In its opposition to the package plant, the Prince Georges Environment Coalition joins the Greenbelt Save Our Community Committee, the Prince Georges Civic Federation, and the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission.

## Xmas Tree Safety

The National Fire Protection Association urges the following safety precautions:

**TREE**—Select a firm, fresh one, and put it at once in a cool place with its base in water. Before setting it up, cut about an inch off the base to help the tree absorb water, then place the tree in a sturdy stand containing water. Be sure the water level stays above the cue—check it daily. Locate the tree away from heat and where it won't block exits. Take it down as soon as possible after Christmas—the more it dries out, the more of a hazard it becomes. Don't rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatments.

**LIGHTING**—Check sets of electric lights closely, for worn insulation, broken plugs, loose bulb sockets, and use only sets with (UL) or (CSA) label. Use extension cords sparingly. Never hang sets of lights on a metallic artificial tree—to avoid shock hazard, use only indirect spot lighting on such a tree, which should carry the UL label if it has a built-in electrical system. Turn off all indoor tree and decorative lights when leaving the house or retiring for the night. Outdoor lights should have special wiring.

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Please follow these simple instructions in turning in your scrap glass.

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by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Greenbelters Carol Polley, police sergeant, and Beverly Stone, attorney, have been appointed to the P. G. County Ad Hoc Committee to Study Women's Rights. The committee will work to improve the status of women in P. G. County.

Siniti Oneda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Oneda of Greenbelt, is one of four Parkdale Senior High School students nominated for the title of Outstanding Teenager of America. The students will compete with others from across the nation for the title and for state, regional and national awards and scholarships. Siniti has been the area's Hunger Hike coordinator, is an officer in the Science Club and the Interact Club, serves as vice-president of National Honor Society, and has won numerous science fair honors.

Newly inducted members of Parkdale High School's Quill and Scroll society include Greenbelters Kerry Drohan, Fran Hromulak, Andy Kliman, Rita Polaschick, Will Ronchi, and Fern Stone. Quill and Scroll is an international honor society for high school journalists. Fern Stone has been elected president of the Parkdale society.

## Official Opening Of Vehicle Admn. Bldg.

Governor Marvin Mandel will join Maryland's Secretary of Transportation Harry R. Hughes, and Motor Vehicle Administrator Ejner J. Johnson in cutting the ribbon officially opening the Motor Vehicle Administration's new Prince Georges County office located at 5112 Berwyn rd. in College Park on Thursday, Jan. 6.

The College Park office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and will offer full services, including, tag sales, title transfers, driver's license applications, driver testing, driver rehabilitation clinics, and license review hearings.

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## Sparkling Leaves 4-H Club

By Chris White

The Sparkling Leaves 4-H Club has recently elected its officers for the coming year. They are:

President - Patti Fowler; Vice President - Patty Briansky; Secretary - Mary Lucy O'Brien; Treasurer - Beth Barber; and Song and Game Leaders - Karen Lundregan and Donna Olverson.

We are planning our annual Christmas Party for Thursday, Dec. 23, at the home of our leader, Mrs. White, and are going caroling afterward.

So far we have 27 girls in our group and are in desperate need of project leaders.

## Dial-an-Event

A special 24-hour answering service designed to inform residents of cultural, educational and entertainment programs on the University of Maryland's College Park campus is again being offered by the Office of University Relations. The service is known as Dial-An-Event. Information concerning campus art exhibits, dramatic programs, special classes, and guest lectures is available to callers on 454-4321.

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### Holiday Tournaments

Ping Pong and Bumper Pool Tournaments will be offered on the following dates: Tuesday, December 28 and Wednesday, December 29. A junior and Senior Division exists in each tournament. Sign up now at the Recreation Center and reveal your hidden dexterity by competing with the best in Greenbelt. Winners will be awarded a plaque commemorating the event.

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In this joyous

Holiday Season

it is fitting to extend our thanks for the many happy associations and friendships which we have been privileged to enjoy through our years in Greenbelt. May we offer the hope that our many friends and neighbors in this community have a Happy Christmas and Holiday Season, and a most happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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**CITY NOTES**

The city's last experience with the glass recycling operation was only a break-even affair. The slightly less than 30 tons of glass turned in netted \$59, but in the process one truck tire was cut and ruined in the yard of the recycling plant. Cost of a new tire: "just about all the profit."

The last paper drive brought in \$216. Twenty-seven tons were collected, down slightly from the previous month's figure. Apparently a self-appointed collector drove around the city the night before, collecting whatever papers had been set out early. Reports of his private enterprise operation reached the city's switchboard.

Drivers using the Lakecrest entrance to the city have been discommoded for some time by an excavation that traverses the roadway. The ditch was dug by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in order to correct a too shallow slope in a sewer line that serves University Square apartments. The original elevation of the line had been limited by a 40" water main just beneath it. When the ground settled, the sewer line's slope decreased to the point that its contents tended to back up. The problem was rectified by dropping the sewer line below the water pipe.

The city has so far received no information on when the work will be finished.

The lake was saved from a new threat of oil pollution recently when the driver of a fuel oil truck making a delivery to a GHI residence alerted the city that oil meant for a furnace had accidentally flowed into a storm sewer instead. The Public Works Dept. erected oil traps immediately on feeder streams, and all oil was contained.

The paving contractor did corrective work recently on Laurel Hill and on the pathway at Braden Field. He eliminated low places where water had been collecting.

The city crew replaced a Bradford pear tree in the median strip of Southway which had been knocked over by a car.

On the Saturday following Thanksgiving the refuse crew had to solve the problem of what to do with the extra-heavy load of holiday trash. The College Park landfill, which the city uses, is closed on Saturdays. Normally, therefore, the city's trucks stand full over the weekend and are unloaded early Monday mornings. But the Thanksgiving trash load overflowed the trucks. To accommodate the last patrons, the city crew dumped one load in the former landfill off Northway extended.

**"Mini Albums" on Sale**

The Greenbelt Post Office now has the first of a new series of small commemorative stamp folders, or "mini-albums", on sale.

The mini-albums contain 24 1971 commemorative stamps, stamp hinges, and descriptions of the stamps in an attractive folder.

The albums are designed especially for the young or beginning stamp collector, and would make excellent Christmas presents.

**City Personnel Changes**

While the post of Assistant City Manager remains unfilled, following the resignation of Gary Stenhouse, city council has appointed Public Works Director Albert S. ("Buddy") Attick as Acting Manager during those times when City Manager James K. Giese is absent from the city. Applications for Stenhouse's former post are coming in daily—about 30 so far on file. This deluge apparently reflects a changed job market, since only two applications were received by the city at the time Stenhouse was hired.

The Police Dept. reports new changes in personnel. Five-year veteran police officer, John Salvatore, has submitted his resignation, effective the first of the year. During the years he has been on the force, Salvatore has been attending law school part time. He recently received his law degree and passed his bar examination. He resigns to join the law firm of Edward Conroy.

A former police dispatcher, Kenneth Stair, has recently been rehired, following his discharge from military service, some of which was spent in Vietnam. Stair began his new duties on December 7. His mother, also a city employee, works for the Finance Department.

In addition to Stair, the city has hired another dispatcher, Edward Blake, who began work on December 10.

With the recent retirement of Hans Jorgensen, Parks Superintendent, the city has been advertising for a replacement to take over the landscaping responsibilities for the Public Works Dept. Jorgensen held the post for less than three years, being formerly employed as landscaper for NASA. He was for many years a Greenbelter, serving several terms on the GHI board of directors, where he took particular interest in the corporation's landscaping problems.

**COLLEGE NEEDS STRING PLAYERS**

The Prince George's Community College Orchestra has a variety of vacancies in their string section. Violin, viola, cello, and string base players are needed to fill these vacancies. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building on the PGCC campus, Largo, Md. For more information, call 336-6000, extension 338.

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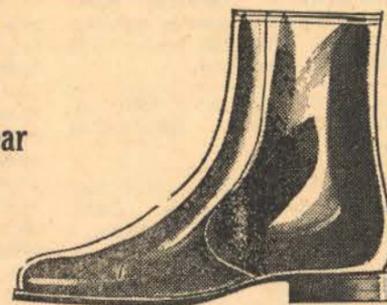
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**Recreation Facilities  
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Friday December 24	9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	1st - 3rd grades - Roller Skating 4th - 5th grades - Roller Skating Youth Center Open Gym and Multipurpose Room (Ping Pong, Bumper Pool, Floor Tennis) Ridge Road Center - Drop In
Saturday December 25	<b>Merry Christmas</b> 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Youth Center Open Gym and Lounge
Sunday December 26	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Youth Center Open Gym and Multipurpose Room Men's Gym
Monday December 27	9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon 12 noon - 1 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	1st - 3rd grades - Roller Skating 4th - 6th grades - Roller Skating Boy's Club Open Gym and Multipurpose Room Ridge Road Center - Drop In Boy's Club Men's Gym
Tuesday December 28	9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	1st - 3rd grades - Roller Skating 4th - 6th grades - Roller Skating Open Gym and Multipurpose Room Ridge Road Center - Drop In <b>Ping Pong Tournament</b> Boy's Club
Wednesday December 29	9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	1st - 3rd grades - Roller Skating 4th - 6th grades - Roller Skating Open Gym and Multipurpose Room Ridge Road Center - Drop In <b>Bumper Pool Tournament</b> Boy's Club Open Gym
Thursday December 30	9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.	1st - 3rd grades - Roller Skating 4th - 6th grades - Roller Skating Open Gym and Multipurpose Room Ridge Road Center - Drop In Boy's Club <b>KAVA ("BOB BRADY AND AS YOU LIKE IT!")</b>
Friday December 31	9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	1st - 3rd grades - Roller Skating 4th - 6th grades - Roller Skating Open Gym and Multipurpose Room Ridge Road Center - Drop In Boy's Club Open Gym
Saturday January 1	<b>Happy New Year</b> 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Open Gym
Sunday January 2	10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Boy's Club Men's B League Multipurpose Room

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