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Pilski Re-elected Mayor

by Barbara Likowski

Richard R. Pilski was unanimously elected mayor of Greenbelt for his second full term (he became mayor in July 1971), after having been nominated by Richard Castaldi at Monday night's special council meeting. Waverly Webb, clerk of the Circuit Court administered the oath of office.

Pilski thanked the people for their confidence and votes and promised to "represent all sections of the city." He stated that he felt that it was a credit to the city that there were 12 well qualified candidates and especially that young men between the ages of 24 and 35 were interested in politics at a time when so many downgraded it.

Pilski urged council to unite and move ahead. He advocated a program that included: housing for the elderly; a recreation center for Springhill Lake; following the Master Plan for the lake, including parcels 7 and 8; additional purchase of parkland, including bike trails; sidewalks and gutters throughout the entire city; communication between GHI and the city in programs they felt to be necessary; tax rebate for services duplicated by the county; and the possible annexation of NASA and the Beltsville farm.

Gil Weidenfeld who was elected mayor pro tem, asked visitors to attend council meetings and express their views on issues. "Help us to help you," he urged.

Pointing out that none of the successful candidates was among the first five winners in all three precincts, incumbent Charles F. Schwan, Jr. felt that it was "hard to know what the mandate of any of us might be". Schwan did see a mandate as a council to preserve and enhance the social and physical characteristics of the city.

Elected for the first time, Thomas X. White stated that he felt that his election meant that a number of citizens approved of his stand on the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant. The other new member of council, Castaldi, a second generation Greenbelter, vowed to try to live up to his campaign promises.

Former councilwomen Betty Maffay and Rhea Cohen said they had enjoyed their terms on council and promised to come to future council meetings.

Greenbriar Hearing

The Maryland Council on the Environment - consisting of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, Secretary of Natural Resources, and Secretary of State Planning - will meet on Tuesday, October 2, in the Governor's Reception Room, State House, Annapolis.

The purpose of this public meeting will be a discussion of the proposed sewage treatment plant to serve the Greenbriar apartment complex in Greenbelt. The Council is advisory in nature and will not make any decision on the project.

The meeting will begin immediately upon conclusion of the Cabinet meeting, probably about 11 a.m. It will end no later than 12:30 p.m. Although the meeting is not a formal public hearing, limited amounts of time will be allocated to proponents and opponents of the project.

North End PTA

The first PTA meeting of North End Elementary School will be Tuesday, October 2, at 8 p.m. The program will be the traditional back to school night giving the parents the opportunity to meet the teachers who will discuss the curriculum. A membership drive will be conducted. Refreshments will be served.

WHAT GOES ON

Thur., Sept. 27, 8 p.m. GHI

Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl. 7-9 p.m. Voter Registration at Klein's

Fri., Sept. 28, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Rm.

Sat., Sept. 29, 1 p.m. Boys & Girls Cross Country Run, Greenbelt Lake

Mon., Oct. 1, 8 p.m. City Council Municipal Bldg.

Tues., Oct. 2, 11 a.m. Greenbriar Hearing, Governor's Reception Room, State House, Annapolis 7:45 p.m. Center School PTA 7:30 p.m. Northend PTA, Oakcrest PTA, John Carroll PTA

Wed., Oct. 3 7:30 p.m. Homemakers Wkshp. Greenbelt Library

IN GREENBELT'S LIBRARY

Alistair Cooke's "America: A Personal History" continues on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt library.

October 4 Home Away From Home - surveys the British Colonial period, taking a closeup look at two important colonists: Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts and Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia.

October 11 Making A Revolution - focuses on the events leading up to the War for Independence and the War itself. Included is a lengthy sketch of President George Washington.

October 18 Inventing A Nation - probes the aims and aspirations of the Founding Fathers in charting the U. S. Constitution and also explains the development of the Bill of Rights.

October 25 Gone West - retraces the routes of early pioneers from a cave in Kentucky to the California of the Gold Rush.

CENTER SCHOOL PTA

Center School PTA will hold a membership meeting on Tuesday, October 2 in the school gym. The hospitality table will be open at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:45 sharp.

Charles Brawn, Center's new principal, will speak during the short business meeting.

This will be followed by a 30 minute general discussion when members will be asked to suggest ideas for a general theme or topic which the PTA should concern itself with this year. All subsequent meetings will then expand on this central theme.

After the discussion there will be an open house in the classrooms. Parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers and see materials that will be used.

Craft Shop Opening

There's no yellow brick road (yet), but on September 29 a place called OZ will open in Greenbelt. OZ is called by its organizers "a land of crafts and gifts" and hopes to provide a place where area artists and craftspeople can sell their works.

Craftspeople who wish to display and sell their work at OZ are urged to call 345-9158 or 474-2067 (after five) as soon as possible. All work accepted will be sold on consignment and special orders will be taken for the various artists by OZ.

OZ is located next to the CO-OP supermarket (by its parking lot) in the shopping area on Centerway in the older part of Greenbelt. The public is invited to the opening on September 29 when refreshments will be served and many special creations will be for sale. OZ will be open weekday evenings and all day Saturday.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council,

Monday, October 1, 1973

8 p.m.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 10, 1973
- Minutes of Special Charter Meeting of September 24, 1973
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
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- 9 An Ordinance to Provide for the Periodic Filing Under Oath by Each Member of the City Council and the City Manager of a Report Disclosing His Financial Interests, Which Report Shall be Open to Inspection - Second Reading
- 10 An Ordinance to Require the Periodic Disclosure of Certain Assets, Liabilities, Income, Gifts, and Other Interests by Certain City Officials and Candidates for City Office, Providing for the Enforcement of Disclosure Requirements, and Relating Generally to Public Financial Disclosure Requirements, by Adding a New Article, Article VI, Financial Disclosure, to Chapter 2 of the Greenbelt City Code - Second Reading

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V MISCELLANEOUS

EDITH May Save Your Life

Exit Drills In The Home is the theme for Fire Prevention Week October 7 thru 13. Last year, in Prince Georges County alone, 22 persons died in fires. Most of these tragic losses could have been prevented. EDITH may save you and your family from such a disaster.

On Saturday, October 13, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will hold an open house. The public is invited to inspect apparatus, quarters, and view such demonstrations as how portable fire extinguishers are used and how a fire is extinguished by the use of fire trucks. During the open house, at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. the EDITH program will be explained and useful escape plans will be suggested to parents and homeowners for displaying in the home.

Parents of children are strongly urged to attend these sessions.

Also during Fire Prevention Week, home inspections may be requested by calling 345-7000. Home inspections are designed to point out hazards that exist in your home along with suggestions on how to correct them.

For further information call Lieut. William Bingham, Fire Marshall, Greenbelt Fire Dept., at 345-7000.

Alan Kay Files Suit to Speed Granting of Sewage Permit

by Elaine Skolnik and Sandra Barnes

Greenbriar developer Alan Kay has filed suit against Dr. Neil Solomon, State Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Dr. Perry Stearns, Deputy State Health Officer. Kay is asking the Circuit Court of Prince Georges County to grant a mandatory injunction to require Solomon and Stearns to issue a construction permit for the on-site temporary sewage treatment plant proposed for the 1,193-unit apartment project. The court will hear the case on Wednesday, October 3, at 10 a.m. in Upper Marlboro.

Greenbriar got into the metropolitan limelight last week when both the *Washington Post* and the *Baltimore Sun* featured lengthy stories that Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel and Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III had interceded with Dr. Solomon, in an unsuccessful attempt to have Solomon issue a construction permit for the treatment plant.

According to the press stories, Mandel and Lee made telephone calls to Solomon at the behest of Richard Schifter, the attorney representing the developer Alan Kay. Schifter is a political supporter of Mandel and Lee, and Kay and his brothers have contributed to Mandel's 1974 election campaign.

Solomon has refused to approve the construction permit because the developer lacks the necessary permits to discharge the effluent from the plant into a nearby creek. Such discharge permits are granted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, according to Solomon whose position is that it would be improper and against the intent of the law for the health department to act before the discharge permits are issued. In addition, NASA has refused to grant a right-of-way for piping the effluent from the plant to a receiving stream on NASA property.

"We have complied with all conditions and are entitled to a construction permit," said Kay. "A construction permit is not to be confused with an operating permit allowing the discharge of effluent."

As for EPA approval of a discharge permit, Kay insists that EPA does not have discretionary powers to approve or disapprove the discharge. Kay admitted that he is running a risk that NASA will still not approve a right-of-way for piping. "If at the time the plant is completed," Kay said, "we don't have our right-of-way, then we won't be able to operate but this is our risk and ours alone - no one else's."

Kay said that huge sums are tied up in the \$25 million Greenbriar apartment project and that continued denial of approval for the sewage plant would cause "financial chaos" for his firm. Banking officials have told the developer that without assurances that the health department will approve the project, they cannot fully commit themselves to its financing.

Kay received strong support from Lt. Gov. Lee. The *Washington Post* reported that Lee said it is "a scandal" that the State health department has failed because of bureaucratic "red tape" to approve the plant. He sharply criticized Solomon, saying he "is gun-shy and scared about the quality of his image suffering. He's afraid of criticism from environmental extremists." Lee told a *Washington Star-News* reporter that Solomon "serves at the pleasure of the governor and he damn well better remember that." He added that the sewage plant "meets all State and Federal standards and the effluent will be more pure than the water now in those creeks." Solomon's office does not dispute that. The State health department approved the developer's plans and specifications in March.

On being informed by Schifter of Solomon's refusal to grant a permit, Lee tried unsuccessfully on September 10 to have Solomon reverse his stand and then had Mandel phone the health secretary.

According to the *Baltimore Sun*, Mandel was also unsuccessful and finally told Solomon to "do what

you think is right."

Opponents of the plant accuse Mandel and Lee of giving preferential treatment to the developer because of his campaign contributions. The *Baltimore Sun*, in an editorial on September 19, also thought the actions of "Maryland's two top elected officials" were "ill-advised", given "the public's demand for equity in government, and the unhealthy conditions that have prompted that demand."

But Lee vigorously denied any impropriety, saying that he sought similar relief for non-contributors with worthy complaints. Lee said that to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, he and Mandel decided to return a contribution for Mandel's 1974 campaign from the Kay brothers, according to the *Post*.

Lee said a "public meeting" of the dispute will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, in Annapolis by the State's Environmental Council to which Mandel, Lee, Solomon and other key officials belong. Council meetings customarily are closed, but this one will be open, Lee said.

The council will hear statements by officials and, if there is time, will take questions from the press and the public. The council will adjourn no later than 12:30 p.m. The council is not empowered to overrule Solomon.

L. Kreimer Back on Ballot For School Board Election

The Prince Georges County Board of Election Supervisors has notified Mrs. Leslie Kreimer, a candidate for the county school board in the second district, that her name will appear on the ballot in the November 6 election.

Earlier Mrs. Kreimer had been informed by a letter from the elections board that her name would not appear on the ballot on the grounds that the bill which created the elected school board barred school employees from running. Mrs. Kreimer is a guidance counselor at Suitland Senior High School. Mrs. Kreimer was certified, however, in an out of court settlement on Tuesday. This ruling was based on a recently adopted Maryland code which in essence says that any resident who may vote and otherwise participate in an election (other than those restricted by the Hatch Act) may run for office. This law takes precedence over any other law passed by any other governmental body in the state.

Mrs. Kreimer, who had had to go to court to have her name placed on the ballot in the primary, expressed relief at the decision. "Now we can all get down to work on campaign, structure and campaign issues rather than having to spend time preparing a court case," she said.

Cross-Country Run For Boys and Girls

By Larry Noel

On Saturday, September 29, starting at 1 p.m. there will be an Eastern Regional Boys and Girls Cross-country run at Greenbelt Lake. This race is open to all boys and girls through 15 years. The girls will run first at two miles and the boys at 2.5 miles - all in age groups. The races are co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

The distance around the lake is 1.28 miles so the two races will start an appropriate distance back from the food stand at the lake. Anyone interested in running or jogging at all age levels each week throughout the year may contact Larry Noel, 474-9362, for information.

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Election Analysis

Almost all shades of opinion in Greenbelt can take comfort from the results of the city council election. Those who felt that the opposition to developer Alan Kay and his Greenbriar sewage treatment plant was carried to extremes can note the high vote of Mayor Richard Pilski, who was a forthright supporter of the project. For those, on the other hand, who felt that the intense attacks on the sewage treatment plant were warranted, the election of Thomas White, one of the project's most vociferous opponents, was welcome.

For those who felt that experience, common sense, and good works, combined with a liberal outlook, were desirable attributes of a councilman, the election of Gil Weidenfeld and Charles Schwan was reassuring. Those who felt that the youth were underrepresented in city affairs can view with satisfaction the election of Richard Castaldi.

We congratulate Mayor Pilski and the newly elected council and wish them the best. Knowing that each individual councilman has only the best interests of Greenbelt at heart, we are certain that any ill feelings created by the electioneering will quickly evaporate as council unites behind Mayor Pilski in meeting the city's problems.

Thanks

To the Editor:

I should like to thank all those who voted for me in the city election. I know but one way to repay and that is to perform in a way to justify the support I received. This I shall endeavor to do.

My special thanks are owed to those who worked to further my candidacy. Their contribution was particularly valuable in a large field of able and attractive alternatives. Without it my candidacy would have been foredoomed.

Charles F. Schwan

Thanks

To the Editor:

I would like to personally thank all the faithful friends who helped me at the polls. It is people like you who keep the American political system vital and strong. Thank you again.

Fred Ford

Community Church News

Greenbelt Community Church will open its grounds to the community on Saturday October 6, for an all-day yard sale and fish dinner (see ad). According to chairmen Bob Leo and Jay Brubaker, the sale will feature household and miscellaneous items and the dinner will be fish, potato salad and coleslaw. In case of rain, everything will be moved to the social hall in the church basement.

On Sunday, September 30, the 11 a.m. worship service will be led by Robert J. Leo, Sr., chairman of the board of deacons. Mr. Leo has chosen the topic, "Rejoice in the Gospel."

The Rev. Ralph E. Weisser, interim pastor, will preach October 7 on the theme: "Shalom" in our lives today.

Dangers of Forest Fires

by William A. Aleshire

Fall is the season when the dangers of forest fires increase. A forest fire, for example, raging on a mountainside destroys more than the growth of standing timber. It also destroys nature's animal nesting sites. In addition the scar of this fire will destroy nature's earth coverings and leave the rains to wash the after-math down its slopes into the lakes and rivers. The pollution of these waterways results in unfit water for fish. With the ground cover burned away on the watershed, the possibilities of flooding of these waterways increases which ultimately leads to flooding of communities. This adds to additional destruction of land and properties.

Natural resources are vital for both individuals and communities.

The solution rests with us all to make sure when camping or picnicking that our fires, matches and cigarettes are put out. Additionally, as parents, we have an obligation to counsel our children on the dangers of playing with matches in the home and out-of-doors.

Let us all think positively when we say, "Preserve the beauty of the forest as our recreational outlet and remember the high cost of carelessness with fire." Smokey the Bear is often quoted saying, "Remember, only you can prevent forest fires."

"Showcasing" Greenbelt

To the Editor:

I thought the Labor Day Festival was excellent and I know what an enormous labor of love made it that way. Knowing what is behind that success makes me wonder why we couldn't capitalize on some of our advantages by "showcasing" throughout the year some of the organizations, activities, and talents that may have been short-changed by the weather, by competing activities, by volunteer helpers spread too thin, and by too little time to show so much of interest and value.

Greenbelt has some physical characteristics that just aren't being advantageously used. Our Center (though rather bleak at the moment) has protective portices that in Cross Keys Village are made festive with bright, hanging banners. Why couldn't ours represent organizations, groups, activities? And how about a flower cart - instead of cans lined up on pavement? And three or four attractive, semi-permanent, flexible design booths (a contest could surely uncover some novel ideas) used each weekend by different persons, groups, or organizations to demonstrate, to promote, to sell, or to talk (very few had time to talk and discuss with so much competition at the Festival).

The younger, planned communities of Reston and Columbia have successfully used an idea we could develop even better with booths for artists, handcrafters, political or educational organizations. We could enhance our knowledge of our community with performances and demonstrations by our youth groups. Why couldn't the slope behind the statue become an outdoor theatre with simple benches and a platform? What could spread our feeling of community rapport, cooperation and festivity better - all year round?

I was amazed at the Goldiggers, the String Quartet, the Carol-tones, Three Gals and A Guy, the Indian Dancers - and I know I (along with too many others) missed as much as I saw - all of which deserve to be seen and heard more than was possible in the best of all Festivals.

Some of these activities could be combined in mini-festivals (they used to be called block parties, political rallies) in the original shopping center - an under-utilized area that could easily become what its far-seeing designers conceived over forty years ago.

I'm not unaware of problems of ownership, storage, and jurisdiction, nor of the money and work that are involved, but I think the benefits to all concerned could be impressive. Wouldn't it be nice to dedicate our rehabilitated Center with some such celebration to show what can be done?

Bruce Bowman

CLOTHING NEEDED

A clothing bank is being set up by the PTA of Center school. This will be an ongoing project. The clothes will be on sale at least once a month near the time of the PTA meeting. Funds from the sale of the clothes will not be used for regular PTA projects but will be used for emergencies and special projects.

Especially needed are baby, children, and young adult clothing, boots, shoes and small household items (iron, frying pan, etc.). Articles may be brought to the next PTA meeting or can be deposited in the school gym. Anyone needing someone to pick up clothing should send a note to school with their child or a neighbor's child.

Free School Meal Program

Mr. Camillo DeMuzio, Director, School Lunch Program, announced a free meal policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. The free lunch program enables children who are unable to pay the full price to have a well-balanced and nutritious lunch at no cost. A free breakfast program is also available to many children. An income scale is used to determine which children are eligible to receive free meals. Parents should request an application form from school. The form is confidential.

Apartment Security

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to bring to the attention of the public a deplorable security condition that exists in some apartment developments. I have been contacted by citizens who have been the object of attack in or near their apartments. I attribute these attacks to a lack of lighting and security personnel in the developments themselves and I plan legislative action to correct the situation.

There is nothing more frightening than to live in fear in your own home. Government has a responsibility to protect the citizen from criminal assault. The County government last year instituted a program whereby police officers were allowed to take their cruisers home. I believe this type of "crime preventive procedure" is a particularly effective method of deterring criminal acts. If a vandal or criminal sees a police cruiser parked on the street, he can't be sure if the officer is on duty or not.

Police sources in the County stated that approximately 2.3 criminal offenses are committed in residential areas for every one crime committed in a business district. I would eliminate what I call a "criminal atmosphere" by requiring by law that apartment complexes have sufficient lighting and/or night security personnel. Either the Zoning Ordinance or the Landlord Tenant Bill could be amended to require these new regulations.

I believe the apartment management companies have a responsibility to protect their residents from the dangers associated with living in high density areas. Many developments have, on their own initiative, instituted elaborate security measures. My legislation would be designed to control those developments that have not provided these improvements.

I need the help of individuals who live in or around apartments and are knowledgeable of the problems. Please contact my office at 627-3000, x577 and give me your suggestions.

Francis W. White
Vice Chairman

Prince Georges County Council

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. Wed. Midweek Service	

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill Rds. S. Jasper Morris Jr., Pastor - 474-4040

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On September 10, 1973 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-5, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-5

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE, "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SECTION 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 23A, CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORTS, TO PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE FOR THE REPORTING OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, PROVIDED SUCH ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS PRECEDING AN ELECTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE DEEMED ELECTED AS COUNCILMAN UNLESS ALL REQUIRED REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 30th day of October, 1973, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 20th day of October, 1973 there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager

Request Change of Venue
Open Letter to Gov. Marvin Mandel:

This is to request that the State Environmental Council's "airing" of the Greenbriar package sewage treatment plant controversy be held in the City of Greenbelt during the evening hours, instead of in Annapolis at 11 a.m. as now proposed. This would afford the interested public a fair opportunity to participate and would be consonant with your recently stated policy of bringing the government to the people.

The daily press last week quoted the Lieutenant Governor's statement that he works "for the rich and the poor alike." We are proud to have such a devoted public servant and we are sure that it is not the State's intention to exclude from the Greenbriar meeting those who have jobs, school or small children to attend to, and those who have no private transportation.

Having heard that the proceeding is scheduled for October 2, we also ask that the date be set back to October 16 or thereafter, so that citizens' organizations may have time to meet and to draw up testimony.

Until we hear otherwise, we will inform the public that the Greenbriar meeting will be on October 2 at 11 a.m. in the Governor's reception room, in the State House in Annapolis, and we will refer all telephone queries to the office of the Lieutenant Governor, 261-2523 (toll-free).

Rhea L. Cohen, Prince Georges
Environment Coalition,
Land Use Committee ChairmanHoly
Cross
Lutheran
Church

6905 Greenbelt Rd

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Weekday Nursery School

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Brown's Blast of City Gets Strong Giese Reply

Sidney Brown's latest efforts to get approval of piecemeal development of Beltway Plaza shopping center, which included a blast at the city of Greenbelt, drew a prompt retort from city manager James K. Giese last week.

In a 7-page letter to Philip R. Hogue, chairman of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Brown complained of the difficulties he had encountered in getting approval of a plat for development of parcel Q located on the east side of Cherrywood Lane adjacent to the ARCO service station. Brown wants to develop this plat for a free-standing High's Dairy store.

Among the complaints catalogued was the attitude of Greenbelt which he termed one of "how to frustrate, delay, impede, hinder, and make a patsy out of the developer." He said that the city of Greenbelt insisted that "we provide them with a plan as to how we are going to develop the rest of our site," when "we have been telling them" for years that it was impractical and a waste of time to dream up a proposed development plan until actual tenants indicate willingness to lease.

Giese responded in a letter to Brown dated September 12 that because of a continuing history of poor planning at the Beltway Plaza, the city had ample reason to be concerned with additional development. It is for this reason, Giese said, that the city has repeatedly

asked to see Brown's development plans.

"All we want," Giese said, "is to be assured that development is taking place in accordance with a plan that will assure the future economic viability of the center, avoid creating traffic congestion and nuisance to adjacent areas, and improve the overall appearance of the area. Without a development plan it is difficult to make such determinations."

In every other major regional shopping center in this area, Giese continued, "there is a clear integral relationship between the major center complex and the separated free-standing buildings. The free-standing buildings are very limited in number and are located so as to be properly served by the interior road system of the center." Beltway Plaza, Giese maintained, appears to be unique in the number of free-standing commercial establishments located on the property.

In the course of his denunciatory letter, Brown charged the city with responsibility for the difficulties he has had in obtaining a second department store. "They forced us to dedicate a road (Gentry Drive) through the shopping center which destroyed the site where a department store wanted to go," he said.

Giese, in turn, charged that it was Brown's poor planning in locating the first building where the major department store should be, more than the location of Gentry Drive, that is deterring a second department store from locating at Beltway Plaza. Giese further noted that roads connecting Greenbelt Road to Springhill Lake through the Plaza were established on master plans before major construction took place. "If you had recognized this problem and planned for a road initially," Giese said, "you might have been able to locate a road that would not have interfered with the development of your property to the extent that you say that Cherrywood Lane interfered." He charged Brown instead with attempting to avoid making land available for these facilities.

Giese mentioned other instances of poor planning — (1) the establishment of a grade elevation that has produced huge quantities of surplus dirt which have created environmental problems and have subtracted from the appearance of the center and (2) creation of an embankment at the east end of the property that was so steep that the slope could not be stabilized.

Giese charged that Beltway Plaza has not become the shopping center that Brown promised the city many years ago. Giese observed that at the time Brown initiated construction of the Plaza in 1963 there were two other proposals before the city and county for the location and construction of regional shopping centers within the city. Brown, Giese said, opposed the zoning of these properties on the basis that Beltway Plaza would be a quality shopping center.

Giese reminded Brown that in order to establish this claim, he erected a small group of stores and "a sign announcing the coming of the area's 'first' enclosed, air-conditioned mall for a shopping center." These actions, Giese said, were instrumental in neither of the other properties being developed as shopping centers. Now, Giese said, the city is looking to Brown to fulfill the promises he made at that time.

Fire Dept., Classmates Pay Hospital Visit

Joseph Roland, hospitalized while undergoing extensive cobalt treatments at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, was accorded a surprise visit by representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Joseph, ten years old, was presented with a regulation fireman's jacket and a membership card as an Honorary Junior Associate. Joseph's class at St. Hugh's also paid him a visit at the hospital, where they enjoyed a surprise party.

Joseph's brothers, Richard and Charles, were both granted emergency leave from their posts in Germany and are now at home. In a surprise move, the U.S. Army has agreed to grant both Charles and Richard hardship discharges so that they might be with their family during the difficult days ahead.

Joseph's cobalt treatments will be complete within the week; he has failed to respond positively to these treatments. Joseph will be returned to his home address, 2-B Plateau Place, when treatments are terminated early next week. Friends are invited to visit Joseph after he returns home.

Anyone who still wishes to help defray the staggering hospital and medical costs may leave a contribution in person or send a check by mail to the Joseph Roland Hospital Fund at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

Boxwood Civic Ass'n Holds Fall Meeting

Boxwood Civic Association will meet on Wednesday, October 3, at 8 p.m. in North End Elementary School's multipurpose room. This is the fall meeting, one of two regularly scheduled meetings of the Association. Election of officers will take place.

During the coming week, Boxwood members will receive a questionnaire asking for their opinion on the Recreation Department program. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has asked the Boxwood Civic Association for suggestions for improving the programs. There will be discussion at the business meeting on this subject.

Another item on the questionnaire and for discussion at the meeting will be the possibility of a Boxwood community project to control Japanese beetles with "milky disease". Milky disease treatments are most effective when they are made on a community wide basis, then reinfestation from nearby areas will be minimal. Milky disease is a bacteria fatal to Japanese beetles in the grub (larva) stage, and it does not affect other living things. The advantages of applying milky spore are: (1) does not upset the balance of nature; (2) easy to use; (3) attacks the weakest link in the life cycle of the beetle; (4) only one application is needed for permanent control; (5) the organism can spread to nearby untreated areas by natural means. Estimated cost is \$10 per lawn. A disadvantage of milky spore is that effective control is not immediate. It may take 2-3 years for the disease to become well established in an area.

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Local Woman Featured In New Jersey Story

(The following excerpts of a story by Terry Myer are reprinted from the Bergen County (New Jersey) Sunday Post, August 5, 1973. Barbara Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoff, 71-E Ridge Road, long time residents of Greenbelt. Barbara's mother, Anne, is also a nurse.)

Once meeting Richard and Barbara Moore you might call them a paradoxical couple. Beginning with their snug home at 874 Ridgewood Blvd E., the cozy appearance of the outside belies the spacious interior. Usually behind a desk at the Stop and Show home office in Fair Lawn, doing real estate research and leasing, Richard is far removed from his hobby, drag racing.

When not wearing his grey flannel suit, he puts on a blue denim jumpsuit and works in the grease-pit, keeping his friend's drag racer in tip-top racing form.

Tall attractive Barbara is a psychiatric nurse for the Central Bergen Community Mental Health Center in Saddle Brook.

Talking with Barbara about her case loads, family therapy groups and the enthusiasm she displays for the work of the mental health center, you suddenly notice the bright orange "crash" helmet on her desk. Barbara discloses that she is a motor cycle enthusiast and a red Honda 175 is her favorite mode of transportation.

Before long, one discerns the main force in Barbara's life is her job. It colors her attitude, puts sparkle in her eye and enlivens conversation when Barbara speaks of working with her patients and the strides they make.

The mental health center has been operating since Nov. 29, 1971, and Barbara believes she was the first psychiatric nurse hired. Calling herself the "liaison-contact," she has a 25 patient-a-week case load.

Barbara said the meaning of "liaison-contact" is the key to the whole process of psychiatric care.

"As liaison between Bergen Pines (short term care) and Greystone (longer confinement), my job is to help patients get ready for discharge," she said. She calls it "pre-discharge planning."

"I get patients thinking in terms of what they must accomplish and what steps they must take to become more independent," Barbara said.

Barbara's therapy also has her working with patient families to help them prepare for the time the patient comes home. In the past, she said, the family was often excluded from the patient's problems. "Often you treated a patient and you never saw the family. Including family in therapy was a welcome change in treatment," Barbara insists.

Barbara talks of another extension of her work: "There are patients at Greystone whose pathology is under control but have no place to go, no family still living, a no-room-at-the-inn situation." A recent grant of \$10,000 from the Bergen County Freeholders will enable the center to provide apartments for patients in this category.

Barbara is currently renting one apartment, to start off with six women occupants, each person employed or able to contribute to the rent and the apartment's upkeep. "They will be self-sufficient, paying their own rent, getting their own food and, best of all, getting out of the hospital," Barbara says proudly.

At the University of Delaware, where Barbara received her BA she took courses in every aspect of nursing in an attempt to find one she liked. While working at Delaware State Hospital for Mental Health, Barbara found working in the psychiatric ward never depressed her.

Barbara and Richard, a graduate of Cornell, met at Delaware, where he was doing graduate work. They have been married four years.

Barbara's background includes working in advanced clinical training and with psychiatric patients in the male psychiatric unit at Bergen Pines.



The Outstanding Citizen Award Goes to Al Cousin

by Barbara Lawson

During the opening ceremony of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Al Cousin was named the Outstanding Citizen for 1973. He and his wife Mary Ellen and their children Gary, Bill and Joy reside on Lakecrest Drive.

Al is a member of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church and serves as lay leader, president of the administrative board and is active in "Methodist Men." He was appointed by the city council to serve on the Human Relations Board, and is a member of the National Rifle Association and Center School PTA.

For the past 17 years Al Cousin has been Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 746, sponsored by Mowatt Church, even though his own boys have been old enough to be members of the Troop for only a little over a year. His scouts have a minimum of 15 nights of camping every year and also summer long term camping and hikes. He provides a place for summer camp in West Virginia so every boy can attend and only pay the cost of his food. Al inspires his troop to take part in all activities, such as tree planting, clearing up the Lake area, or gathering food for the Salvation Army. He does not expect perfection from his boys, only that they do their best. Over these 17 years, Al has shown outstanding leadership and ability in working with and guiding our youth. This troop has produced ten Eagle Scouts.

During the opening ceremony, Bill Lawson presented the plaque to Al donated by Don and Dottie Ault of Dottie's Trophies in Laurel. A large fruit basket was donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wood of Wood's Florist in College Park. On behalf of R. E. Temper, Mgr. and the C. and P. Telephone Co.'s Public Relations Department, George Matthews presented a \$100 savings certificate. Congratulations were given by Mayor Pilski and County Councilman Francis White.

In addition to the awards presented Al was given the honor of Grand Marshal of the 1973 Labor Day parade and was driven by Greenbelter George McKinney.

The judges for this year's selection were Bernina McGee, Sandra Bracken, Marion Mulvihill, Raymond Hibbs, James Hanna and David Lange.

Chairman of the opening ceremony and coordinator of the Annual Outstanding Citizenship Award was Barbara Lawson.

Thanks

To the Editor:

Many thanks to my 762 friends that voted for me in the city council election. Special thanks to Al Bistany and to those who helped in my campaign.

Mike Burchick

She has completed four years of Seminar work at the New York Transactional analysis seminar in Manhattan, a simplified way to look at interpersonal relationships and personal motivation as in Eric Berne's book "Games People Play," Barbara explains.

Another accomplishment of Barbara's is the initiation of a geriatric program, the first of its kind in the area, "because we are mandated to serve all the people but we often forget the elderly."

Greenbelt Girl Scouts

The Greenbelt Girl Scout Service Unit began Labor Day Festival participation for the first time. Girls and leaders manned the booth, which contained displays and literature of Girl Scout activities. Girls advanced in camping game tent and cookout demonstrations.

Another first — a Girl Scout float — replete with trefoil in green and gold won the trophy for Best Appearing Float. A trophy was awarded to the Service Unit for Best Civic Association participation.

Girl Scout Troop first meetings are taking place within Service Unit 8. Greenbelt Troops, meeting in Springhill Lake, include: Brownie Troops 1601, 2291 Junior Troops 2120, 2270; and Cadette Troop 1656, all sponsored by Community Realty. Troops meeting in old Greenbelt include Junior Troop 95, sponsored by Mowatt Methodist Church; Junior Troop 1223, sponsored by Twin Pines Savings & Loan, and Brownie Troop 1132.

National and local Girl Scout appeals for adult volunteers are being conducted. Interested persons please call Virginia Lasworth 345-7176 or Alice Schultz, 474-6799.

New Telephone Directory

The next edition of the Greenbelt Telephone Directory, to be published and distributed free to all residents as a public service by the Greenbelt Lions Club, is now in process. Any individual or organization not listed in the current directory, or whose listing is incorrect or incomplete, should telephone Lions Tom Hieber, 474-5657, or Don Kern, 474-7356, or mail information to Lion Hieber at 120 Northway.

Also, businesses not yet solicited but wanting to advertise in the next Directory should likewise contact either of the above-named Lions. DON'T WAIT - ACT TODAY!

Volunteer Training In County Schools

All volunteers wishing to work in the Prince Georges County public schools must attend three half-days of training before they begin their volunteer work in the school. Training sessions will be held at the Lincoln Center, 5201 Baltimore Lane, Lanham. The next session will be held October 9-11 from 9:30 a.m. - noon.

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Glad to hear that Janet James, 1D Plateau is recuperating at home after her recent illness.

Our deepest sympathy to Rudy Mund, 4-B Southway, who lost his father.

Happy - happy birthday to Dawn Mask, 20-K Hillside, who celebrated her fourth birthday Sept. 16.

Registration Drive

All citizens who have recently moved into the area or who will be 17 years of age on or before November 6 are urged to register so that they may vote in the forthcoming Prince Georges County School Board race.

Voter information can be obtained by calling the Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro at 627-2811 or 627-3000, ext. 411. The dates that eligible voters may register at Klein's Department Store, Beltway Plaza are Thursday evenings, September 27 and October 4, 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, October 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The same time and dates are available at the Hecht Co in Prince Georges Plaza.

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Recreation Review

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VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Volleyball is played every Monday and Wednesday at Center School. Men's volleyball is on Monday 7-10:30 p.m. and mixed men's and women's is on Wednesday 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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