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## Water Resources Lists Conditions For Sewage Plant; Coalition Hits Action

by Elaine Skolnik

by Al Skolnik

In announcing its intent last week to issue a State permit before the end of the month for effluent to be discharged from the Greenbriar temporary sewage treatment plant into an unnamed tributary of Beaverdam Creek, the Maryland Water Resources Administration (WRA) also listed changes it has made in the conditions and standards that will govern the plant.

(1) The limitation on the presence of aluminum in the effluent would be deleted because of its irrelevance, according to WRA, in light of the fact that aluminum is normally found in uncontaminated surface waters.

(2) The need for routine examination for virus would be eliminated because of "the provisions of chlorination capabilities to provide the specified residual (of chlorine) for one hour." WRA noted that with the type of system to be operated for viral inactivation, the routine test for total coliform would be a reliable control test which would assure a virus-free effluent with a probability of 99.9999+%. This judgment, according to WRA, is "based upon work done across the country which showed that virus was demonstrated only during a breakdown of the treatment system." The applicant will still have to examine for virus in the event that one routine coliform sample and a subsequent check sample exceeded the 1 coliform/liter limit. WRA also cited the relatively low reliability of the viral analysis, the fact that it takes several days before a test is completed and its high cost.

(3) The requirement for total residual chlorine concentration would be changed from 0.01 mg/l to 0.02 mg/l.

(4) The upper limit of pH would be changed from 8.5 to 7.5 in recognition of the normally acid character of the receiving stream.

(5) The total phosphorus limitation would be reduced a third from 1.0 mg/l, to 0.3 mg/l monthly average and 0.5 mg/l maximum.

The WRA stated its opinion that these changes will not interfere with attainment or maintenance of water quality standards. The permit will expire at midnight, June 30, 1975.

At WRA hearing on the plant in November, the Greenbelt city council was concerned that some of the proposed standards for the plant operation were much lower than the claimed capabilities for the plant set forth by the developer. Accordingly, WRA changed its standards for pH and phosphorus, but unchanged was the proposed WRA standard for BOD5, which is some fifty percent greater than the developer's, the WRA standard for suspended solids is four times as much. WRA did not accept the city's request for nitrogen removal.

The permit cannot officially be issued until the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission gives its stamp of approval. The commission is presently reviewing the legal and technical aspects of the permit. WSSC will operate the plant at the developer's cost.

### School Holiday Extended

Prince Georges county schools and offices will be closed on Jan. 2, 3 and 4 and all activities, day and evening, scheduled in schools during this period are cancelled. Community use planned for school buildings during the holiday break, excluding Jan. 2, 3 and 4, may be held as scheduled.

The Prince Georges Environment Coalition Land Use Committee has blasted the decision last week of the Water Resources Administration to issue a permit for the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant, taking most vigorous exception to the specifications set down for the plant.

"In our view," committee chairman Rhea Cohen said in a letter dated December 17, 1973 to State officials, "it is both shockingly irresponsible and scientifically unjustifiable for the Administration to refuse to require routine virus testing of the sewage effluent and a minimum of 85% total Kjeldahl nitrogen removal from the effluent."

The committee was particularly embittered that the hearing testimony was apparently ignored. "In issuing the permit the Administration casually dismissed the testimony of every person who spoke at the hearing," Mrs. Cohen said, "except the Greenbriar developers' paid agents, who were the only ones who testified in favor of such issuance. The hearing record shows that four municipalities, a public agency, a private homeowner's corporation and numerous citizen associations and individual members of the public plus a nationally recognized expert in virology, all opposed the granting of a discharge permit for the Greenbriar plant. To our knowledge, the record shows no testimony at all from the applicant, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission."

The Committee requested of James Coulter, Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, that the WRA decision be reviewed and reconsidered and that a hearing be held on the issues which may arise after a study of the permit. In particular, the Committee wanted to see the documentation which supported the WRA decision.

In addition, Mrs. Cohen charged that WRA ignored (1) the Prince Georges Ten-Year Water and Sewage Plan requirement that virus sampling be done on a routine basis, (2) the State Policy on Interim Treatment Plants that privately financed interim treatment plants must be publicly owned and operated, and (3) possible conflicts of interest arising from alleged public officials (Richard Schiffer and John T. Cookson, Jr.) representing private interests before State agencies.

The letter from the coalition was co-signed by representatives of the Greenbelt Save Our Community Committee, Prince Georges Civic Federation, Citizens for a Better Environment, and Montgomery County Environment Coalition.

### NOTICE

Although Twin Pines will be closed for the 3-day holiday, the News Review office will be open as usual on Tuesday evening, December 25 to take advertising copy and news stories.

### Festival of Lights

The final weekend of the Festival of Lights brings Santa Claus and a play, "The Christmas Star". Santa will arrive at the Youth Center on Fri., Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. and will be on hand to hear the children's wishes until 5 p.m. Movies will be shown and there will be treats for everyone.

Friday night, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, at 3 p.m. the Recreation Dept. will sponsor a children's play, "The Christmas Star" at the Ridge Road Center. The play is being directed by Mrs. Sue Simko and will feature many Greenbelt youngsters. There will be no admission charged.

### WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Dec. 21, 2-5 p.m. Santa visits the Youth Center.

7 p.m. "The Christmas Star" Ridge Road Center

Sat., Dec. 22, 3 p.m. "The Christmas Star"

Sat., Dec. 22, 3 p.m. Ridge Road Center

Thurs., Dec. 27, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

## GHI's Nov. Fuel Bill Twice That of Yr. Ago Despite Savings Effort

Greenbelt Homes Inc., is anxious to abide by the Government-stated need for energy conservation, especially in fuel oil consumption. GHI management is urging any Greenbelt Homes members to call Maintenance - 474-6011 - if they are having heating problems or if they cannot, by their own efforts, reduce the heat in their homes to an acceptable level.

The number of heating personnel is limited and they make every effort to detect excessive heating; however, it would be a great help to know from the members themselves which houses are being overheated.

During November 1972, Greenbelt Homes burned 262,473 gallons of #2 fuel oil at 13.07 cents per gallon for a total cost of \$34,279. In November 1973, the total consumption was 250,029 gallons, of which 120,669 gallons was #2 oil at 32.14 cents a gallon and 129,360 gallons was #4 oil and 129,360 gallons was #4 oil cost for all oil burned of \$68,562.

If all of the plants supplying the corporation's members with heat, and hot water had burned #2 oil in November 1973 as in the previous November, the total oil bill for November this year would have been \$80,359. However, during November the eleven boilers in the four large plants were converted to the use of #4 oil, thereby saving the corporation \$11,797 in one month—more than the cost of changing the burner heads on the eleven boilers. These are the only boilers large enough to make economical use of #4 fuel oil.

### GREENBELT LAKE PARK ICE SKATING POLICIES

The Greenbelt Lake is open for ice skating when weather conditions are favorable. The following policies are advised:

1. A green flag will be displayed on the Bandstand flagpole to indicate "Skating At Your Own Risk".

2. Recommended areas of skating are the shore lines and the bay around the peninsula.

3. No skating after dark.

4. No fires except those provided by the city.

5. No skating around the dam and spillway, as open water is usually found in these areas.

6. Skaters should not gather in groups.

7. Parents should accompany young children.

8. For current conditions of the ice, call the Greenbelt Police Dept. 474-5454.

The Recreation Dept. will attempt to provide assistance at the lake during week days from 4 p.m. until dark and on holidays. Parents should keep in mind the dangers of skating on the lake.

### Area Artist Exhibits

Jerry King, 20 Empire Pl., an art instructor at Prince Georges Community College, has received an invitation to exhibit his figurative realism paintings at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington. The exhibit will run Dec. 8 through Jan. 20.

## Council Moves Ahead On Long-Standing Concerns

by Jim O'Sullivan

At their December 17 meeting the Greenbelt city council set in motion plans to achieve mandatory dedication powers for the City of Greenbelt. The council passed a motion by councilman Charles Schwan which would direct the city manager to move on two fronts to secure this power for the city.

A key provision of a city-sponsored amendment to the county mandatory dedication regulations would provide that the dedication be made to "the appropriate park authority." Under the existing county regulations the mandatory dedication of land in new subdivisions is made to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The council also directed the city manager to prepare the appropriate enabling legislation to be introduced into the 1974 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Under the present regulations 10% of the land in new subdivisions must be dedicated for public use. In

certain cases where the dedication of land is considered impractical a fee in lieu of land dedication amounting to 5% of the assessed value of the land may be paid. In most cases developers prefer to pay the fee which is much less than the value of the land. The proposed amendment would designate the city as "the appropriate park authority."

### FDR High School Facilities

The council unanimously approved the draft of a letter to the Prince Georges County Board of Education concerning the new F.D. R. Senior High School. The letter urges that provision be made for bicycle and pedestrian access to the school as well as adequate landscaping, a clear policy governing the use of the school by groups and organizations, and the summertime use of athletic fields.

The letter to the school board also calls for the lighting of the athletic fields. Taking note of the current energy crisis, the letter nevertheless recommends that F.D.R. High School be selected "if and when it is appropriate to install athletic field lighting."

Joseph Wilkinson, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, commended the letter and recommended that it also suggest that the underground work for the lights be done now while the school was still under construction. The council agreed and incorporated this addition into the letter.

### Basketball Participation

Ralph Bram, chairman of the CYO Athletic Board of St. Hugh's Church, brought to the council his concern over a ruling by the county organization of the Boys Club which prohibits youths who participate in another athletic program from also being active in the Boys Club. For example, a boy who played basketball for the St. Hugh's CYO could not play on the Greenbelt Boys Club team. Bram said that it was unfair for boys to be excluded in this way. Fred Ford, president of the Greenbelt Boys Club said that the Greenbelt Boys Club was in agreement with the CYO request. The problem is the county Boys Club regulation.

Mayor Richard J. Pilski directed the city manager to get the necessary background information on this problem including the county organization's reason for the regulation, and present it to the council in January. Bram was delighted with the interest and action that the council took.

### Other Business

In other business the council moved to facilitate the construction of Metro bus shelters at Gardenway and Crescent Rd. and at Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive, adopted the plans for the improvements to the Mobil station, and accepted an Advisory Planning Board report on the state highway improvement program. The council also granted a special holiday to city employees on December 31. Finally, noting that the evening was the 11th anniversary of James K. Giese as city manager, the council members each expressed their thanks to him for his excellent service to the city.

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# To Gabe and Mary Jo Huck Greenbelt Will Miss You

by Sandra Barnes

It is rare that two people can come into a community and within a short span of 2½ years add so much to it that the people they leave behind are forever enriched by their presence. Such, I think, has been accomplished by the Hucks, Gabe and Mary Jo.

Gabe arrived in Greenbelt on May Day 1971, and settled into their brick house on Ridge Road. Not long after that, Gabe became interested in GHI; he worked on a committee which was involved with problems in the environment and from this beginning he stirred the city council as well as the community with his environmental activism. Periodically his column, "Environmental News," appeared in the *News Review* giving sound and interesting advice on his two favorite topics, composting and recycling, among others.

He worked hard on the environmental booth at the 1972 Labor Day Festival which featured a can crusher, articles recycled from aluminum and glass, and a water-saving device for toilets. Also, in 1972, Gabe devoted his Saturdays for several months to work on the McGovern campaign, canvassing by himself or with his young son, Jeremy, the Berwyn precinct.

## Opens "Oz"

Gabe's latest experiment combines his interest in business with that of crafts. He joined three other people in partnership and opened "Oz," a craft shop next to the Co-op Supermarket. Failure to see the shop through its first year of operation is one of his disappointments.

It is Gabe's abiding love for the church that has touched many lives in Greenbelt, particularly those of children, and is, in part, what is drawing him away. Gabe taught a course in liturgy at St. Hugh's and began that church's first Christmas Eve service which involved entire families in a joyous celebration. "The church was alive with the sound of bells and the blaze of candles," said Mary Jo. As Gabe goes on to his new job as adult and teenage religious education director at the Sacred Heart Church in Yankton, South Dakota, he looks forward to using the church as a tool for education, a vehicle for integrating community needs with the celebration of the past life of the church.

Mary Jo's artistic bent led her from pottery classes at the Youth Center to devising her own craft course, Creative Carousel, aimed at four and five year-olds. Nothing was being offered to this age group, said Mary Jo, and she strongly felt the need to give children the opportunity of experiencing many kinds of art forms - clay, sand sculpture, drawing, painting.

While attending St. Mary's College, Mary Jo participated in the art department's Christmas festival which featured the pottery, graphics, sketches of the students. This provided the seed which germinated into Greenbelt's own Festival of Lights, a month long celebration which now includes a craft show, puppet show, toy exchange, caroling, and Xmas play.

The Women's Conversation Group, at the Greenbelt Library, grew out of Mary Jo's own need to provide an intellectual outlet for herself and for other women who were at home most of the time, "to get their heads into something else" besides kids, cleaning, and cooking. Together with the librarian, Shirley Beane, and several of her friends, she came up with a number of topics for and about women to be covered in monthly lectures.

Educated in parochial schools, the Hucks sent their children, Jeremy and Sarah, to the Mishkan Torah Nursery School. "This was our first experience at being integrated into community life," said Mary Jo, "and we enjoyed it . . . We really felt totally at home here. Greenbelt has done a lot for us as individuals, as a couple, and as a family. We're surrounded by people of different ages, education and economic conditions - yet we can exchange ideas with all of them . . . Once we moved here, we never felt isolated . . . There is an amazing kind of life here . . ."

The Hucks are strong-minded and individualistic. They are people of firm conviction who find compromise difficult and people not always swayed to their beliefs. But one never doubted their desire to add to the quality of life. Their friends and neighbors will long remember their short stay among us.

## Community Church Christmas Sunday

On Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23, the Rev. Ralph E. Weisser's sermon at the 11 a.m. service at Community Church will be "The Day of Salvation." At 7:30 p.m. an "Old-Fashioned Party," will be conducted by the Christian Education Department. The children of the Church School will give a surprise program and there will be refreshments and a social hour. Everyone, regardless of age, is invited.

On Mon. at 7:30 p.m. a Family Christmas Eve service will be held with Christmas songs, followed by a candlelight communion service. The Rev. Weisser will speak on "The Light of the World."

## Property Tax Reform Bill

According to Senator Edward T. Conroy (Dem., P.G.) his mail is running heavily against a recent announcement by the Prince Georges County Assessor's office that some 45,000 residents can expect to receive notices that the assessed value of their property has risen as much as 40%.

Senator Conroy is preparing a tax reform bill similar to the one of last year which died in the Maryland House of Delegates.

Conroy said he is also putting language in his bill to either freeze real estate tax re-assessments for a year or limiting the increase to 5%.

Conroy says "What is happening is grossly unfair to the home owning taxpayers" . . . "The rise in inflation, the scarcity of homes and apartments due to the sewer moratorium, and the dry-up of mortgage money have caused an unusual jump in home values in our county."

"There is an apparent injustice in raising a family's real property tax 40% while limiting his federal, state, county or private industry salary to a 5% increase," Conroy added.

Conroy further stated he thought many citizens would file appeals to their notices of increased assessment - an appeal must be filed within 20 days after receipt of notice.

## "The True Facts"

To the Editor:

As a member and homeowner I have the right to attend any or all GHI Board meetings and I have exercised this right for the past three years. For that reason and the added fact that I work for GHI, I get to know the true facts. I do not attend meetings, as some do, just to lodge a complaint. I do not attend meetings, as some do, to listen to just what I want to hear and then go out and spread distorted facts among the membership. I attend the meetings with interest because the board is representative of the membership and they were placed to set the policy of the corporation. They too must pay the bills, just like you and me. It is such a shame that most of you are content to obtain distorted facts and figures from a few members that tell you only what they want you to hear so that you will vote down anything.

At the recent membership meeting a fellow member yelled at me saying that I was voting in favor of the 15% increase because I was getting a 5% wage increase. This member could hardly have made a worse distortion, for I do not believe he has ever attended a board meeting nor do I believe he even reads our informative local *News Review*. As for the cost of living increase, I am certain that all of you who are receiving a like increase will recognize the merits of trying to keep even with an ever increasing economy.

Another distorted fact is with respect to the work the staff provides. For instance, how would you like to be called out in the middle of your turkey dinner, or at 3 a.m., or at any other time after you had worked a regular tour of duty of eight hours. For what? To undo your sink, drain or sewer, or fix your commode that you were more than likely responsible for in the first place. While this type of work is not the responsibility of the heating department, we do it anyhow. We do not take overtime pay but compensatory time so that your expenses will be kept to a minimum.

Again, I wish to say that the board of directors was voted in by you, the membership, and they are doing one fine job in spite of the problems presented by a few members whose sole aim is to distort the facts and tear down the corporation.

Henry R. Fisher

## Bake Sale For Hart

To the Editor:

Our thanks to everyone who helped with last Saturday's bake sale for Royal Hart. Please remember we have another sale this Sat., Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the center mall, in front of Tanner's. Donations may be brought there from 10 to 12 or call one of us.

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7:30 p.m. Old-fashioned Party for everyone.  
Monday, Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. Family Service -  
Christmas music, followed by Candlelight Communion.

## "HOLIDAY AFFAIR"

That's what the Beltway Plaza is having on Saturday, Dec. 22, - a "Holiday Affair."

There will be something for everyone in the family to enjoy; Santa Claus for the kids, a fashion seminar for sis and mom, and a holiday song festival for the whole family to enjoy.

The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with Santa at his throne. At 11 the fashion seminar featuring Lynn Casyll will begin with slimnastics and make-up techniques, and 2 fashion shows at 3 and 7 p.m. The fashion show will feature local models and the fashions and accessories from the participating Beltway merchants. Holiday songs will be sung throughout the day.

## Recreation Review

Santa Visits the Youth Center

On Fri., Dec. 21, Santa Claus will be at the Youth Center from 2-5 p.m. Boys and girls, pre school thru elementary school, can visit with Santa and his helpers. Coffee and donuts will be available for mom and dad, and all the youngsters will receive a treat from Santa. Movies will also be shown.

Youth Center Holiday Schedule

Dec. 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, Jan. 2, 3 and 4, 9-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

Dec. 29, 9-5 p.m. and 7-11 p.m.; Dec. 30, 1-11 p.m.

Roller Skating will be held 9-10:30 a.m. for grades 1, 2 and 3; 10:30-12 for grades 4, 5 and 6; Dec. 26 thru 28 and Jan. 2 thru 4.

The Youth Center will be open Christmas 12-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. and New Years Day 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 7 - 10 p.m.

## Roland Fund

The Boys and Girls Clubs, along with Boy Scout Pack 202, are now selling Christmas trees to benefit the Roland fund. The trees are on sale at the city pool.

## CYO Basketball Marathon

Saint Hugh's CYO Teen Club and Holy Redeemer Teen Club will participate in a 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. basketball marathon on Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Greenbelt Armory.

Admission will be by donations to benefit the Maryland Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Trophies will be presented immediately following the contest.



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## Memorial Service

On Friday, December 21 at 8:30 p.m., Mishkan Torah will hold a Memorial Service for the soldiers who fell in the recent Middle East war. The regular memorial service for the dead will be publicly recited. There will be a reading of Nathan Alterman's poem, "The Silver Platter," translated from Hebrew, and "David's Lament" from the Book of Samuel.

The usual Friday night Oneg Shabbat will take place after the service.

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- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10 p.m.
- Christmas Day Festival Service 11 a.m.

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# Fire Station Improvements

Prince Georges County Council adopted two resolutions Oct. 30 to improve the public safety image of the county by equipping certain fire stations with "page boy" communicators and implementing a driver training program for all fire and rescue drivers.

The first resolution urges the County Executive to ask Council for an appropriation as the first step in eliminating the manual siren activator system now used in fire stations across Prince Georges County. The system proposed by Council would give four fire stations: West Lanham Hills, Berwyn Heights, Riverdale Heights and District Heights, silent page boy communicators that fire fighters are to wear on their person when on duty.

The Landover Hills fire station already has tried the system and finds response to fires much better than with the traditional firehouse siren system. Page boy communicators do away with the inconvenience to a community that firehouse sirens have caused when they blast to notify volunteer fire-fighters of an emergency call.

The council looks toward the gradual elimination of all manual sirens.

The second public safety resolution proposes a driving safety program for fire and rescue drivers, whether paid professionals or volunteers, that would require certification before any safety official could get behind the wheel of a fire or rescue vehicle.

# Area Highway Plans

The State Highway Administration Five-Year Improvement Program (1974-78) has three items of interest to Greenbelters. One is the plan for constructing an interchange at the Kenilworth Ave. - Greenbelt Road intersection, another is the extension of Kenilworth Ave. as a 4-lane highway to Route 1, and the third is extension of Greenbelt Road as a four-lane highway east of NASA.

Actual construction for the grade-separated interchange is not scheduled until fiscal year 1977, but engineering studies costing \$281,000 will be undertaken in fiscal year 1974. Right-of-way acquisition funds of \$550,000 are also scheduled for fiscal year 1976. Total cost of the project is an estimated \$6,511,000.

The widening of Kenilworth Ave. from the Beltway (I-495) north to Rt. 1 will cost an estimated \$23,116,000 but construction is not scheduled until after fiscal year 1978. The State Highway Administration program for this item calls for planning and engineering funds of \$710,000 in fiscal year 1974 and right of way expenditures of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1977. Average daily traffic on this intermediate arterial road is currently 20,800.

Scheduled for construction next year is extension of Greenbelt Road (Md. 193) as a four-lane highway from near Du Val Senior High School to Md. 556. In effect, the new route will be a relocation of Glendale Road and will include a bridge over the Penn Central railroad.

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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION

### City of Greenbelt, Maryland

There will be no refuse collection service on Monday or Tuesday of Christmas week and New Year's week. Also, there will be no newspaper collection Christmas week. Instead, the City will provide two regular trash pick-ups on each truck route that week. Newspapers will be collected during the week following New Year's, but instead of on Wednesday and Thursday, they will be collected on Friday and Saturday. There will be only one regular trash collection scheduled for that Wednesday and Thursday.

City refuse customers may bring their household trash to a City refuse truck that will be parked behind the Greenbelt Fire Station on Crescent Road between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each Monday — December 24 and December 31.

Christmas wrappings and trash other than garbage may be placed by Greenbelt refuse customers in the special trash trailer parked behind the Fire Station at any time. **DO NOT PUT WRAPPINGS WITH NEWSPAPERS.**

	Mon-Wed-Fri Route	Tue-Thurs-Sat Route
Monday, December 24	No collection	_____
Garbage and trash may be brought to rear of Fire Station - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.		
Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas)	_____	No collection
Wednesday, December 26	Regular trash	_____
Thursday, December 27	_____	Regular trash
Friday, December 28	Regular trash	_____
Saturday, December 29	_____	Regular trash
Monday, December 31	No collection	_____
Garbage and trash may be brought to rear of Fire Station - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.		
Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's)	_____	No collection
Wednesday, January 2	Regular trash	_____
Thursday, January 3	_____	Regular trash
Friday, January 4	Newspapers only*	_____
Saturday, January 5	_____	Newspapers only*

\*NOTE: Do not put Christmas wrappings with newspapers.  
Please place with regular trash.

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## HONOR LOCAL POSTMEN KLING AND LEIDERMAN

by Rosemary Gallick

Neither rain, sleet, snow, robbers nor accidents can prevent Greenbelt postmen from delivering mail to local residents.

On September 11, Larry Kling of 3801 Kenilworth Ave., a six-year Greenbelt postman, was making his routine deliveries when he heard a child crying. Following the cries to a playground, Kling saw a child trapped at the top of a sliding board. The child, a foot caught between two iron bars, was in danger of being abruptly turned upside down, losing his grip and falling. Postman Kling was able to rescue the child, unharmed.

Postman Myles Jay Leiderman of 8543-A Greenbelt Road, serving two years as a Greenbelt postman, was passing a local Drug Fair on July 28. He became suspicious upon seeing two men running away from the store "carrying filled pillow cases over their shoulders." Leiderman followed the two men a few blocks to a getaway car and driver. Immediately he contacted the police, giving a description of the suspects and the license plate number of the car. Based on this information, the District of Columbia police arrested the three suspects an hour later. The suspects had \$2500 in cash and possessed loaded revolvers. Congressman Larry Hogan, (R-Md.), praised the actions of Leiderman as an example of personal concern for law and order.

Both Kling and Leiderman have been recommended for special commendation by Postmaster Emory Harman. The commendation could be in either certificate or monetary form. Postmaster Harman believes Kling and Leiderman deserve respect and recognition, stating that he is proud of all Greenbelt postmen, especially Leiderman and Kling, for setting an excellent example.

Leiderman and Kling have been praised nation-wide in the postal newsletter, National Association of Letter Carriers.

## Boys and Girls Club

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club are playing Langley Park in a single elimination basketball tournament, Sat., Dec. 22, at 12:30 p.m. The game will be played at Langley Park. For further information call Fred Ford, 474-8343.



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This is one of a series of three races co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation department and organized by the D.C. Road Runners, who conduct distance races every week. For information call Larry Noel 474-9362.

Two Greenbelt men and a former Greenbelt runner competed in the first annual Maryland Marathon in Baltimore on November 24. A large field of almost 400 persons (including 11 women) entered this 26 mile, 385 yard race from Memorial Stadium out to Lock Raven Reservoir and return. The race was won by Victor Nelson from Havre De Grace, Md. in 2 hours, 22 minutes and 56 seconds. Bob Harper, formerly of Greenbelt, finished 26th in 2:43:32; Robert O'Brien of Breezewood Court, was 47th in 2:52:33 and Alexander Barnes, 5-D Laurel Hill, was 105th in 3:11:00. All three easily met the qualifying time of 3 1/2 hours for next year's Boston Marathon. Another long distance race coming to the Greenbelt area is a 3 miler on February 17, 1974, to be held on the Agricultural Farm.

## CITY NOTES

Greenbelt took the snow in its stride. Except for minor "fender bender" collisions, there were no accidents that could be attributed to the snow fall.

The general crew found it necessary to salt and plow hills. Beginning 4 p.m. Sunday until 4 a.m. Monday the crews were out salting and plowing, continuing all day Mon. and Tues. In many cases the plows were not able to plow all the way to the curb because of the many parked vehicles. As the cars are moved, the plows will again plow the area.

Because of the many children home from school, the city received many requests to block streets for sledding. These requests had to be refused because access was needed for those who lived on the streets. Also it was necessary to keep the streets open for emergency vehicles; particularly through streets.

All the baumonite has been laid in the Center Mall. Part of the special wax treatment has been applied. The rest will be done at a later date. The treatment is applied for sealing purposes and also to bring out a brighter color.

Last week the general crew began work on improving the steps at the top of Periwinkle Ct. which leads to the Boxwood buffer strips.

Before the storm the parks crew spent time picking up leaves, operating the chipper and cleaning debris from the parks.

The parks crew also put fill dirt in the tree planting areas at the center.

Paper recycled for the week ending Dec. 14 amounted to 20 tons, 1,850 lbs. For the week ending Dec. 7, 14 1/2 tons were collected.

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## City of Greenbelt, Maryland

## NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS

On November 19, 1973 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-6, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

### Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-6

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OR ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957) EDITION AS AMENDED) TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL". SUB-TITLE, "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, SAID CHARTER BEING SECTION 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SUBSECTION 2 OF SECTION 3, TITLE, "GENERAL POWERS" TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO GRANT FRANCHISES FOR COMMUNITY ANTENNA CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

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 8th day of January, 1974, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 29th day of December, 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.

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Jule Churchill was again a winner at last Friday's duplicate bridge session, this time teaming up with Gloria Schulstad to beat out by 2 points the team of Madeline Green and Margaret Clymer. Third place went to Larry Fink and Sid Barnett. Because of the holidays, the next game will not be held until Friday, January 11.

Navy Seaman Ronald B. Tilton, son of Mrs. Elaine Dunham, 2-N Gardenway, was commended as a crew member of the USS Elmer Montgomery for his efforts as part of the U. S. Sixth Fleet task force in the Mediterranean during the recent Middle East crisis.

Staff Sergeant David C. Wigley, son of Mrs. Ruth Wigley, 29 Woodland Way, has received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Beale Air Force Base, California. An administrative specialist, he was cited for meritorious service at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand.

Former Greenbelters Mac and Billie McDonnell send holiday greetings to their friends. Both report they have joined the Fire and Rescue Squad in Pearce, Arizona, where they reside. Mac is a dispatcher and Billie an ambulance attendant. They also have become proud grandparents for the second time.

Condolences to Linda Braun, 20-M Hillside, who lost her grandmother recently.

Julius Aulisio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Aulisio, 2-B Northway, has received the Most Improved Freshman Harrier Award from the Saint Francis College of Pennsylvania Athletic department. The award was made for his improvement of 4:35 and earning 60 points in cross country competition.

On Dec. 5 the Springhill Lake Community hosted the Golden Age Club with a holiday party. About 125 members attended the gourmet luncheon, enjoying both the magic show and gifts.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ella Cooley, 20 Ridge.

**Hannukah Celebration**

On the fourth day of Hannukah, Sunday, December 23 at 2 p.m., Mishkan Torah will hold a Hannukah Party and Open House for area families. While the children are entertained by the talented ventriloquist and folk guitarist Mark Silverstein, adults will meet over refreshments for a social hour. For additional information, call 474-4223.

**Greenbelt Grab-Bag**

by Punchin' Judy

The other night my friend Merlin Sterling, the famous mythologist, dropped in unexpectedly.

"You sick?" he asked, seeing me crunched out on the sofa.

"Nope," I yawned. "Just suffering from an energy crisis."

"You've been in a critical stage ever since I've known you," was the unsympathetic reply. "Energy, schmenenergy. That's all anybody can talk about any more."

"But Merlin," I demurred, "You must admit that the fuel shortage is really bad news."

"Bad, yes," he admitted. "News, no. Why they had a similar problem in King Arthur's time."

"At Camelot?" I said disbelievingly. "O Come on now, Merlin. What could they have run out of - firewood?"

"Dragon fuel!" he announced dramatically. "Their supply of dragon fuel was cut off by the dragon fuel producing countries on the other side of the English Channel. Things got so bad that the dragons barely had steam coming out of their nostrils, never mind fire. The Knights weren't allowed to rescue damsels in distress on Sundays. St. George was even reduced to fighting with compact models. And the kids weren't allowed to take theirs to school anymore."

"The kids had dragons?" I asked. "Come now, you're putting me on. Certainly," he insisted. "The kids had old souped up dragons. They called them tin lizzards."

I threw a pillow at Merlin. He ducked and continued "You know, that dragon fuel shortage had an interesting side effect. When the knights stopped fighting dragons they had more time to spend at home playing with their kids. Also they started to sit around the Round Table with King Arthur, drinking a little ale and telling a few stories. In fact, although not many people knew it, that was how the Tales of King Arthur originated."

"I always thought that King Arthur's Round Table was sort of like the President's Cabinet," I said.

"So it was," he agreed. "A lot of top-level decisions were made there."

"Wouldn't it be nice if we had that sort of a set-up in modern Government?"

"Oh, I don't know," said Merlin. "There's one good thing about our modern Government."

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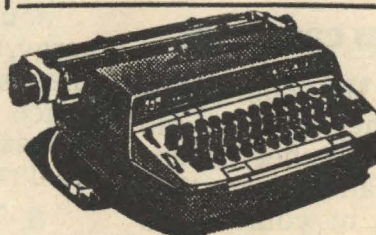
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**2. Storm windows and doors can pay for themselves.** An alternative, though somewhat less effective, is sheets of clear plastic (polyethylene), taped or tacked over windows and screen doors.

**3. About your thermostat.** Set your thermostat at least three degrees below normal during the day. And another couple of degrees lower

at night. You'll conserve energy and save money. The recommended daytime setting is 65 to 68 degrees.

**4. Let the sunshine in, keep the cold out.** You can let sunshine help heat your home during the day by opening drapes and raising blinds. But keep them shut against the night cold. Make sure fireplace dampers are properly seated, and keep them closed when not in use.

**5. Check your filter.** A furnace filter's only job is to gather dust. When it gets clogged, your furnace works harder to produce the same amount of heat. And you waste energy. Only you can tell when the filter needs replacing, so check it at least once a month and replace it when necessary. A new filter comes cheap. A dirty one costs extra.

**6. Think lighting.** Be particularly sure to turn off house lights . . . inside and out . . . when they're not actually in use. It's easy to have unnecessary lights burning without realizing it.

**7. Load up!** Always wait for full loads before using your clothes-washer, dishwasher, or dryer. It might be a little inconvenient, but it would save energy and help us get through the winter.

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**9. Your oven is one of your biggest energy users.** Plan meals so more than one dish can be cooked in the oven at one time. To conserve both energy and vitamins, place vegetables in the oven in a covered casserole . . . along with other dishes. And allow frozen meats to thaw before cooking. This cuts down on cooking time.

**10. We all love Christmas trees.** But if you usually light up two trees, try one this year. And keep a practical eye on your decorative lighting . . . both indoors and outside. We estimate that if all of our 397,000 residential customers were to use just one less string of lights (twelve 7.5 watt bulbs) during this Christmas season, it would save 3,200 barrels of oil (about 30 tank truck loads) or 800 tons of coal (11 railroad coal cars).

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