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Council Receives Committee Reports

Installation of a fence on Braden Field, a turning wall at the swimming pool, and new playgrounds were the subject of three reports submitted by the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board to city council last week.

Braden Field Fence

The first report (No. 5-75) recommended that a fence along the outfield at Braden Field be reinstalled this season with three stipulations:

(1) that there be no infringement on the right field foul line of the hardball field;

(2) that a gate be installed in the center field area to provide access; and

(3) that the city inform all pertinent city organizations and have the appropriate announcements placed in the News Review as to the date (April 21) this item will be considered by council.

Turning Wall

The second report (No. 6-75) recommends installation of a three-foot wide turning wall at the swimming pool, with the pool bottom being raised at the shallow end to maintain an overall depth of 3'6" to allow for swimming instruction. City manager James Giese told council that no money has been placed in the 1976 budget for this item, which is estimated to cost about \$15,000.

Playgrounds

The third report (No. 7-75), prepared by Mary Clarke for PRAB, proposes a three-phase plan for the revitalization of the city's playground system:

(1) Renovation of Candy Cane City and the Lake Park playground with the type of "free equipment" that can be constructed by city employees.

(2) Encouragement of citizens to overhaul city playgrounds in their neighborhoods as community projects by installing equipment such as tires, telephone poles, cable spools, and the like. This is anticipated to be a joint citizens-city project with the city providing materials and the citizens labor.

(3) The third stage of this plan would involve the establishment of new playgrounds in such areas as Lakeside, Boxwood, and Woodland Hills. There are five possible locations for additional park areas within the city. Parcel 7, the Lakeside Drive area, and the Valley Stream area would easily accommodate playgrounds. Because of the terrain, the report noted, careful design would have to be used in the area between Periwinkle Court and Orange Court.

Odyssey House

The council last week also received a report from the city's Community Relations Advisory Board on the Odyssey House residential therapeutic drug rehabilitation program. While recognizing the need for such a facility in the county, CRAB felt that such a facility could not be located within the city of Greenbelt due to limitations of zoning, sewer moratorium, and lack of adequate existing facility. However, CRAB felt that the city council should write to the county council urging the latter to actively pursue such a program.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., April 17, 7:45 p.m. PRAB Meeting, Youth Center Conference Room
8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
Sat., April 19, 8:30 p.m. Greenbelt Choral Society St. Hugh's
Sun., April 20 - 11 a.m. Greenbelt Ride-A-Bike for Retarded, Youth Center
Wed. April 23, 8 p.m. Work Session on Police Budget, Municipal Building

City of Greenbelt Maryland Regular Meeting of City Council AGENDA Monday, April 21, 1975 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 7, 1975
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests -
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports -
APB Report - Housing for the Elderly
Short and Intermediate Term Goals

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Peddlers and Hawkers, to Provide a Fee of \$25.00 for Each Organization, a Fee of \$5.00 for Each Salesperson, and a Fee of \$75.00 for Each Permit for a Fixed Roadside Location; to Restrict Sales from a Vehicle to 15 Minutes at Any One Location, Unless a Special Permit is Obtained; and to Restrict the Sale of Goods from a Fixed Roadside Location - Second Reading
10. Odyssey House - CRAB Report
11. Fence at Braden Field - PRAB Report 5-75
12. Turning Wall at Swimming Pool - PRAB Report 6-75
13. Playground Survey - PRAB Report 7-75

IV. NEW BUSINESS

14. Budget FY 1975/76
15. Jaycee Lease
16. Voter Registration
17. Library Hours
18. County Tax Package
19. Metro Hearing
20. Baltimore-Washington Parkway Comments
21. Outer Beltway - Citizens Participation
22. B&O Railroad Rate Increase Requests
23. Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Garden Apartments
24. Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE AID FUNDS SOUGHT FOR CITY

The major piece of legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly that helps the Greenbelt budgetary situation is a police aid bill. It provides for \$4.9 million to Prince Georges county and \$500,000 to the county's 28 municipalities. According to the bill's co-sponsor, Del. Gerard F. Devlin, Greenbelt's share will be about \$68,000 based upon the 1973-1974 figures. The bill is now before the Governor for signature.

"The formula is based upon police effort and the extra effort Greenbelt makes is reflected in a larger amount coming from the State," Devlin explained. Greenbelt will receive more than twice as much as Bowie although Greenbelt is about half the size of its neighbor city. The difference comes about because Greenbelt has a full-time police force while Bowie employs contract policemen under an arrangement with the county government.

City Curtails Expenditures, Places Freeze On Hiring

A general freeze on hirings and curtailment of all non-essential expenditures has been ordered by the city of Greenbelt in order to prevent a deficit arising from the current year's operations, which end June 30.

City manager James Giese said that in adopting the 1975 budget last year "it now appears we were too optimistic on our revenues and that there will be a substantial shortfall." This net shortfall in revenue is approximately \$35,000. To help make up, in part, for this shortfall, the city manager has proposed applying another \$20,000 of Federal general revenue-sharing funds to the general fund budget at the expense of foregoing certain capital expenditures.

Contributing to the shortfall in revenue has been the following items:

- (1) A \$7,300 drop in property taxes on public utilities and ordinary business corporations.
- (2) A \$4,350 drop in State-shared track revenue
- (3) A \$6,900 drop in State-shared highway taxes
- (4) A \$9,500 drop in State-shared income taxes
- (5) A \$13,500 drop in revenue from the sale of recycleable newspapers.

In addition, revenues of \$7,190 collected in special taxes for the Center Mall improvements had to be refunded. Also, as a result of a court decision abating assessment increases for Charlestowne Village for a three-year period, the city had to refund \$18,800 of tax payments.

New Regulations For Vendors and Sellers

New regulations regarding commercial peddlers and hawkers are contained in an ordinance introduced for first reading at the April 7 city council meeting.

One change would raise the annual permit fee for commercial organizations desiring to sell wares in the city from \$10 to \$25 and for each sales person above one, from \$2 to \$5.

In addition, each vendor requesting permission to conduct business at a fixed roadside location would be required to pay a fee of \$75. Such permits would be limited to vendors selling agricultural commodities. No peddler would be permitted to park on a city street at any one place for more than 15 minutes without first obtaining a permit.

Other changes involve the location of the site. It must be no closer than 50 (previously 25) feet from the nearest intersection and must be no closer than 10 (previously 5) feet from the traveled portion of the roadway.

Ride-A-Bike For the Retarded

The annual Greenbelt Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded will be held on Sun., April 20 from 11 a.m. to sundown beginning at the Youth Center. The trail through the city and into the Research Center is approximately 10 miles long and can be repeated or shortened as each rider wishes. Monies collected through Sponsors of the bikers will be directed to the Prince Georges County Association for Retarded Citizens (PGARC) in support of their programs. Other cities in the county will host similar trails.

For information call the Recreation Dept. 474-6878.

GHI Members Overwhelmingly OK Energy-Saving Program

by Elaine Skolnik and Mary Lou Williamson

More than 200 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members turned out at the April 10 meeting to endorse phase 2 of the board of directors' energy-conservation program. Only about 25 persons voted against this action which involves the expenditure of \$125,975 for the following three projects in the frame homes:

(1) conversion of all the remaining frame home steam plants south of Northway Road to variable temperature hot water control (\$105,000); (2) installation of the Cottell/Tymponic Ultrasonic oil water emulsifiers on the four large steam plants in the North End (\$17,900 to cover installation and 1-year rental charge); and (3) installation of fuel recording meters in the four large heating plants and the 12 court Ridge Rd. plant (\$3,075).

Source of Funds

The money for these projects is to come from the 1974 deferral of \$319,000 in GNMA mortgage principal payments. This deferral amount will have to be paid back in a lump sum balloon payment by December 1977. In April 1974 the membership voted to expend \$166,000 of this amount, two-thirds of which was used in the brick homes, one-third in the frame homes. At that time the membership also authorized the amortization (pay-back) of the \$166,000 through an increase in monthly charges for both brick and frame homes in proportion to the way the money was spent.

By its action last week, the membership approved the expenditure of another \$126,000, to be used exclusively for the frame homes. Also approved by the membership was amortization of this sum by increasing the monthly charges for the frame homes, effective June 1, 1975. The increase will average about \$4 a month, ranging from \$2.86 a month for 1-bedroom units to \$4.79 a month for 3-bedroom units.

Opposition Denounced

At last Thursday's meeting, the opposition to the energy-conservation program was led by Martha Hutzler and Eunice Coxon who argued for no further capital expenditures until there was a fiscal investigation of GHI, such as the one Mrs. Hutzler is asking of the Maryland Attorney General's office.

This prompted a sharp retort from Mat Amberg from the floor, who characterized their position as "nonsense". He said, "It would be like going to a supermarket and refusing to pay your food bill because someone somewhere has asked for a governmental investigation of the supermarket."

He received a prolonged burst of applause when he castigated those who would engage in a reckless campaign of vilification against the board. "First you flay the board for not acting on heating problems such as too much heat. Then when the poor dopes (the board) take you up and seek to take action, you flay them again. No matter which way they go, you are going to flay them."

"Not only do you flay them," he continued, "but you charge them with corruption and illegality." He charged that such destructive actions will make it difficult to get anyone to run for the board for fear of being maligned.

He ended his remarks by saying that he thought serious consideration should be given at some time to "buying back some contracts." — a statement which was greeted with another burst of applause.

Other Discussion

A few questions were raised as to the merits of the proposed energy-savings projects. Eric Barber wanted to know how well the conversion from steam heat to hot water had worked in the experimental project in 12 Ridge court.

Steve Polaschik, the only member present from the court, said that after the early quirks were resolved, the conversion has been successful — heating is more consistent, air is not as dry, temperatures are kept at a more comfortable level, and there has been a

savings of about 23-25 percent.

Barber also inquired as to whether there wouldn't be a savings to GHI if it bought rather than rented the Tymponic emulsifiers. Hugh O'Donnell, who made the presentation for the heating program on behalf of the corporation, said that the board will be seeking an arrangement with the manufacturer to purchase the emulsifiers after three years (if the project proves worthwhile).

Mrs. Winona Nicewarner wanted to know why monthly charges had to be raised to pay for these projects when they will be paying for themselves in a few years. It was explained that the corporation has to raise sufficient sums to meet the lump-sum balloon payment by December 1977 and that the savings will not be fully realized until later.

By-law Changes

During the bylaws part of the meeting, the major discussion centered around the proposed bylaw change, submitted by petition, which would eliminate the voting at the evening annual membership meeting and make the current use of voting machines mandatory. This motion was amended to death and finally tabled.

The key vote came on an amendment by Amberg to retain the current procedure of voting at the evening meeting. This motion for 2-day voting was overwhelmingly supported by the membership. Arguments put forth by the proponents of 1-day voting that somehow cutting back the hours of voting would increase voter participation were not persuasive with the members.

The issue of mandatory voting machines was muddled by charges of GHI voting irregularities by Mary Welsh. Amberg, former chairman of the GHI elections committee, took great exception to charges of past tampering with GHI election results. In rebuttal, Hugh O'Donnell stated that he supported mandatory voting machines, not because he thought there had been any dishonesty in GHI elections, but because their use would ease the fear of those who distrust the GHI electoral process. Amberg maintained that voting machines were just as susceptible to tampering as paper ballots, if anyone was so disposed.

No final vote was taken on the issue, but a preliminary vote indicated membership preference for the use of voting machines, but a reluctance to forbid the use of other types of voting systems.

Another major proposed bylaw change concerned substitution of 3-year terms for 2-year terms for directors of the GHI board. Although a majority of the membership present favored this proposal, the vote in favor was just 70 to 51, which was short of the two-thirds majority required to amend the bylaws.

Two minor bylaw changes were adopted by voice vote with little opposition. One made it clear that petitions for special membership meetings must contain the motion or motions to be voted on at the meeting. The second clarified the right of the membership to determine the order in which items on the agenda of the annual membership meeting can be taken up. Another dealing with the process of amending the bylaws was sent back to the board for rewriting.

Because of the lateness of the hour, two other bylaw changes were postponed for consideration at the annual membership meeting on May 29. These dealt with a board-sponsored proposal to meet deficits arising out of uncontrollable items and a petition-submitted proposal on working capital.

Voting cards were issued for 108 brick homeowners and 105 frame homeowners.

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Meeting the Challenge

After what may be termed several winters of discontent, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. membership and board of directors can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. This is the message that was conveyed to us by the special membership meeting of April 10.

GHI, with its antiquated heating plant was especially vulnerable when the fuel crisis hit the country two years ago. The tripling of fuel oil prices within this period threw the finances of the corporation out of kilter and forced it to curtail services to a minimum in order to meet mounting fuel bills.

Fortunately, the corporation was blessed with an energetic Engineering and Maintenance Committee under the leadership of director Hugh O'Donnell which mapped out an energy-conservation program. The program called for borrowing \$319,000 in GNMA mortgage deferral funds, to be used for a series of energy-conservation projects that would be most cost-effective in terms of paying for themselves through fuel savings.

Phase 1 of the program, which included installation of variable heat controls in the brick homes, modification of burners in the four large frame home steam plants, and conversion of steam heat to hot water in an experimental court, was approved by the membership on April 17 a year ago. Phase 1 has proved far more successful than had been anticipated by most observers, with preliminary results showing savings in fuel consumption all down the line.

At last week's meeting the membership approved proceeding with phase 2. If the savings in phase 2 approach those of phase 1, then the corporation may be well on its way toward reaching a situation where the whopping annual increases in monthly charges of 10 to 20 percent in recent years can be avoided in the future.

Nor is the board of directors content to stop here. Its Engineering and Maintenance Committee is now getting ready to propose additional measures directed to the heating problems of the North End homes. For the long-run, GHI is engaged with NASA in an experimental solar-heating project designed to relieve GHI of full dependence on oil for its heating needs.

Congratulations are thus in order to both the GHI board of directors for its steadfast support of the energy-savings efforts of Hugh O'Donnell and his committee, and the GHI membership who, in voting for the projects, was not led astray by the reckless charges of corruption and mismanagement levied against the board and management by a disgruntled minority.

"Death With Dignity" Panel

The regular monthly meeting of the Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah will be held on Thursday, April 24, at the Mishkan Torah building, Ridge and Westway roads. Following the meeting, there will be a panel discussion on "The Living Will." Panelists will include Dr. William Weintraub, attorney Stephen Leventhal, Rabbi Kenneth Berger, and Hedda Sachs, who worked on the "Death With Dignity" statute, recently defeated in the Maryland State legislature. The public is invited to attend the panel discussion, which will start at 9 p.m.

Career College Fair

Prince Georges County senior high schools will hold a Career College Fair at Landover Mall on Wednesday, April 23, from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., when nine area high schools will present continuous entertainment. Representatives from more than 40 colleges and career schools will be on hand to answer questions about future college plans, scholarships and financial aid.

Pat-Ern Ceramics



Greenware Firings

Hours
 Mon.-Thurs. 10-9 Fri. & Sat. 10-4
 Closed Sundays
Day Classes
 Beginner, Wed. 10-12
 Intermediate, Mon. & Fri. 10-12
Night Classes
 Mon.-Thurs. 7-9
 (Basement of Greenbelt Realty)
 153 Centerway 345-5443

Greenbelt Choral Society To Perform On April 19

The public is invited to hear "Frostiana" and Faure's "Requiem", sung by the Choral Society. The concert is free and will be held April 19 at St. Hugh's at 8:30 p.m.

The soprano and baritone solo sections of the "Requiem" will be sung by guest soloists Diane and Lowell Murdock. Each has been a winner in the San Francisco Region Metropolitan Opera auditions and Murdock was a soloist in the Feb. 1974 performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Prince Georges Symphony Orchestra.

The Choral Society is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For membership in the society, contact Patricia Martone at 345-5871.

The Society, under the direction of Douglas R. Freeman, performed March 31, in the Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill. Congressional representative Gladys Spellman had asked the Society to sing at a reception given for Prince Georges officials within the Fifth District.

City to Use School Bd. Property For Recreation

The Prince Georges Board of Education on March 13 authorized the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an appropriate use agreement with the City of Greenbelt for the use and development of land owned by the Board in Greenbelt for recreational purposes. The sites involved are the Springhill Lake Elementary School Center Elementary School North End Elementary School, Greenbelt Junior High School and the unimproved property owned by the Board on Parcel 2 (land between GHI homes and Baltimore-Washington Parkway).

Greenbelt city solicitor Emmett Nanna is reviewing the agreement which must be approved by the council and the school board.

Weidenfeld Assigned

Gil Weidenfeld, 123 Rosewood Drive, has been assigned to the legal staff of the Presidential Clemency Board. In his work for the Board, Weidenfeld will prepare cases for those individuals who have applied for clemency and will present those cases before the Board. Only persons who have been convicted of draft evasion or who have received a punitive or undesirable discharge from the armed forces are within the jurisdiction of the Clemency Board.

Weidenfeld, an employee of the U. S. Patent Office, is one of four attorneys selected from his agency from over 100 attorneys considered for this assignment. He is the Mayor Pro-Tem of Greenbelt.

Holy 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.

Phone 345-5111

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

New Pastors at Community Church

On Sunday, April 20, the Greenbelt Community Church will welcome as its ministers a young married couple, Harry and Sherry Taylor. Both of the Taylors received the degree of Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1971.

The Taylors will conduct the 11 a.m. worship service on April 20 and will be honored at a reception at the Greenbelt Community Church at 5:30 p.m. the same day. They come to Greenbelt from New York State, where they have been serving as pastors of the United Church of Christ churches in Norwood and Winthrop. They have a 2-year-old son, Joshua, and will reside in the parsonage at 2A Hillside, opposite the Greenbelt Community Church.

An appreciation dinner on April 13 for Dr. and Mrs. William Murry and their sons marked the end of Dr. Murry's interim ministry. The Murry's who reside in Columbia, Md., will continue to maintain active membership in the Greenbelt church.

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* There is no question about it;

* The word is out;

* Yes, We are sure;

* We want you to know;

What? You are invited - you are Welcome

Greenbelt Baptist Church 474-4212

Bible Study for All ages (Sun.) 9:45 am

Sunday Worship Services 11 am & 7 pm

Mid Week Service (Wednesday) 7:30 pm

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Greenbelt City Council is considering whether or not to build apartments for Senior Citizens in Greenbelt. It is possible, without cost to the City, to build 100 apartments in which Greenbelters 62 or older could live paying only 25% of their income for rent, including electricity, heat and air conditioning. Each apartment would have its own kitchen and bath, but residents would have to eat at least one meal a day in the central dining room. If you are interested, please fill this in and mail to Senior Citizens Housing Committee, c/o Anthony Madden, Box 8, Greenbelt, or leave it in the Twin Pines Office.

1. I am _____ or am not _____ interested in living in such a development.

2. I would prefer it to be at the following location:

_____ Crescent Road west of St. Hugh's School

_____ Crescent Road at Parkway

_____ Over the north parking lot at the Greenbelt Shopping Center

Name _____

Address _____

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Sun., 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School

Nursery Care for infants (2-B Hillside)

Sun April 20, 5:30 p.m. Reception to welcome Rev. Harry Taylor and Rev. Sherry Taylor, Ministers

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410)

Church School 9:30 A.M. (For ALL Ages)

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: "Your Religion: A Joy or a Burden?"

Nursery Care for Infants through Kindergarten

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Minister 474-3381

Official City Announcements

Public Hearings

The City Council has scheduled the following Public Hearings to receive citizens comments:

LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN - including proposals for the development of Parcel 7
 APRIL 28, 1975 - 8:00 P.M.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY
 MAY 12, 1975, 8:00 P.M.

Appointments to Boards

and Committees

Council is seeking resumes from Greenbelt residents interested in serving on any of the city's advisory boards or committees for consideration in filing present or future vacancies:

- Advisory Planning Board
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Bicentennial Committee
- Board of Elections (see below)

Board of Elections

On April 7, 1975 the City Council enacted a Charter Amendment to revise city election procedures and to establish a Board of Elections. This amendment will become effective May 27, 1975 unless petitioned for referendum. However, due to the upcoming city elections, Council wishes to make appointments to this Board as soon as legally possible, and is seeking resumes from interested persons as early as possible. The duties of the Board of Elections, as established by the Charter Amendment will include the following:

1. Review periodically city election procedures;
2. Recommend to the Council amendments to city election regulations and procedures when it deems such amendments will provide for the improved conduct of elections;
3. Hear appeals of decisions of the City Clerk as provided in the Charter Amendment;
4. Appoint and remove Election Judges and Clerks with or without cause;
5. Certify the results of elections;
6. Conduct recounts of votes cast at elections whenever there is doubt as to the accuracy of the count;
7. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by this Charter, ordinances and resolutions, and by the direction of the City Council.

Fence at Braden Field and

Turning Wall at Swimming Pool

These two items will be subjects for discussion at the Regular Council Meeting, Monday, April 21st, and Council is seeking citizens comments on proposals for the installation of a fence at Braden Field prior to the beginning of the ball season, and for the installation of a turning wall at the swimming pool. The proposal for a turning wall also includes a recommendation to fill in the lower end of the pool to maintain an overall depth of three feet, six inches. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board has recommended favorable consideration of these proposals.

Further information on any of the above items may be obtained from the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, or by calling 474-8000.

Any comments or communications should be addressed to the City Council, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

All meetings and hearings will be held in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at the above address.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Letters to the Editor

What Kind of Game Is This?

To the Editor:

Apparently the Maryland Department of Transportation is following a game plan that goes something like this:

1. Ram I-95 truck traffic across an Outer Beltway link, down the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, to force the District of Columbia to give up its opposition to a new gateway into Washington; offer this in 1972 just in the nick of time to avert outright massacre of the freeway extension through Prince George's County to the Washington boundary;

2. Tinker with the Metro rapid rail system in 1973, to swing the Greenbelt line away from a waiting population, west to where I-95 ends at the Capital Beltway, where no walk-on residents exist but where speculators could build a new town and lure the Metro up the I-95 median to yet another new town in West Laurel;

3. In 1974, take the surplus I-95 money from the unbuilt extension and, instead of using it in the same western Prince George's transportation corridor for vital alternatives like improved commuter rail and better bus service, carry 75% of it away to Baltimore and Annapolis to build freeways there, and offer the remaining 25% only to fund the westward switch in the Greenbelt Metro line;

4. Also in 1974, plan in secrecy the study for the expansion of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and provide no process for citizen involvement in the planning of the study and the decision making along the way;

5. In early 1975 meet growing resistance to the Parkway expansion by speeding up the Outer Beltway study to link I-70S and I-95 to the Parkway, to justify an eight-lane superhighway which would attract Beltway-to-Beltway suburban development and would carry trucks and affluent patrons between Montgomery County and the Baltimore-Washington International Airport; time the Outer Beltway study to end before the Parkway study does so as to provide the argument for doubling the lanes of the Parkway;

6. In March 1975, promote a 40% fare increase for the B&O Railroad's orphan commuter rail service between Washington and Baltimore and piously proclaim that riders must pay the rising costs while spending multi-millions in tax money to subsidize the MTA bus system in Baltimore, the expansion of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport and the 5-year Capital Improvement Program for freeways in Baltimore and in the Baltimore-Washington Corridor; and,

7. Stand by while commuter rail fails just in time to justify expanding the Parkway for commuters.

Are we playing some kind of colossal chess game with a carefully programmed computer? Is it a card game with the deck stacked against us? Or is it the classic game of freeway dominoes?

The Regional Transportation Study Committee asks the Maryland Department of Transportation to stop playing this grim game, and to bring those projects all together for fair consideration of probable impacts and workable alternatives. We ask for a single environmental impact study and statement under the Maryland Environmental Policy Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, of the transportation proposals for the Baltimore-Washington corridor and the city of Baltimore, to include the projects listed above, and the 5-year Capital Improvement Program on transportation. This environmental impact study should be interfaced with an environmental impact study and statement simultaneously undertaken by the U. S. Department of Transportation on the transportation plans of the District of Columbia.

Rhea L. Cohen,
Executive Coordinator
Regional Transportation
Study Committee.

Reflections On GHI Meeting

So, YOU didn't attend the GHI Bylaws and Energy Conservation Meeting April 10? Frankly, I hated to go myself but I felt my financial and legal interests demanded it!

The same pattern of planned confusion on bylaws matters, the same lack of privacy in voting by the continued use of the antiquated 'HOLD-UP-A-CARD SYSTEM', the same brazen evasion on answers to financial questions (Ask Messrs Allen, Hogensen, Kevin Burke to name just 3) and the unfair and prejudiced presiding of the chairman was almost an exact replica of my first GHI meeting in 1966. Why not? The same tired, uninspired and somewhat desperate board majority and their entrenched clique held the balance of power by virtue of a shocking attendance of only 213 members out of a membership of 1608.

The only new twist was the threats leveled at board critics by their unofficial spokesman, Mr. Mat Amberg, who keeps insisting ad nauseam that he is quite independent of either faction! This member has yet to admit that any statement, any research, any improvement (even voting machines) Mrs. Hutzler and I were connected with for our own legal or financial protection and those of our member-friends has any merit! In addition, he lacks even the saving grace of chivalry toward a lady of 77-years young whom the members should salute for her political courage and financial research and prowess. I would suggest to him that he save his energies—he doesn't scare us!

Mary Welsh, Martha Hutzler and Kevin Burke gave out very good flyers at this meeting. If you are really interested in your affairs, you will call them for copies, which are, I understand, available.

Eunice E. Coxon

Protests Name-Calling

On April 10, about 200 members out of a possible 1600 GHI members came to participate and express their opinions. The 1,000 frame home owners left the decisions of how to spend their money to the bricks and the larger homes. The old faithfuls are always on call.

Mr. Amberg brashly made a public statement about me which he better make sure he can verify when called upon.

It is a sure sign of frustration and fear when a person has to stoop to billingsgate's vernacular to express himself.

The chair did not object, looked rather pleased, in spite of present and previous pleas for verbal restraint, at our meetings. It was obviously a planned attack to intimidate me. Having been called a "rabblouser," "crackpot" and various choice epithets by people completely ignorant of the issues involved, I must assume that this intelligence came from higher up.

It was Shakespeare who wrote "Who steals my purse steals trash, but he who robs me of my good name, robs me of something which not enriches him, but makes me poor indeed." In this case, they are attempting to rob me of both my purse and name.

I want a clearcut answer, a statement from our Board concerning the 1974 charge carried over to 1975 and a possible refund for the four months already paid.

Characterization is not an answer to my questions!

Martha Hutzler

Senior Citizen Housing

As a senior citizen I would like to express my preference for the site of the Senior Citizens Apartment building.

I hope that the advantages of the site behind St. Hugh's will be given very serious consideration. I believe that this site will give senior citizens the comfort of living in a park-like atmosphere that can be made into a very attractive home for them. The walk across Braden Field to the Center is enjoyable as well as healthy.

Helen Oring

How Long?

The recent actions of Coxon-Hutzler, in attempting to get the State Attorney General to investigate GHI's management and then apparently giving information to the *Journal*, that the members are so much the victims of mismanagement and financial skulduggery as to require an investigation, are worse than unmitigated gall.

First, have these people no notion of what these unsupported charges do to our property values? Why should anyone want to move into a cooperative that is charged with poor management? Those outside GHI have no way of knowing that we had an expensive and extensive management audit by Cresap, McCormack and Paget that investigated the Coxon-Hutzler charges and found them to have "no tangible supporting evidence." Those outside GHI have no way of knowing that not one but two CPA firms have audited our accounts and found nothing amiss. Those outside GHI who might think of moving in have no way of knowing that these people have made the same threadbare charges—and had them answered—until we're all exhausted.

Second, have they given any thought to how their antics may jeopardize the efforts of the corporation in securing outside financial assistance in connection with energy-conservation, solar heat and other federal programs?

Third, how much of our money are we going to have to waste on these people and their friends. The staff has spent hours and hours showing Mrs. Hutzler the books attempting to explain bookkeeping procedures to her, meeting with her attorney and answering his questions. We all paid for their silly suit, which never got out of the first court. You could fill Grand Canyon with the amount of paper GHI has had to fill with answers to their groundless charges.

Fourth, as a taxpayer I resent the waste of my money for an investigation that has been made repeatedly by qualified CPA's, by a management audit firm, and by our own committees.

Finally, what about the constant harassment of Board and Audit Committee members? I don't like the irresponsible manner in which board members' children are made aware that these people are holding their parents up as criminal types, hinting that they engage in all sorts of vague plots, in acting in a careless manner. When I was on the board myself I did not relish remarks that we were "afraid" of audits (when in fact we were audited twice a year by a CPA firm), the constant insinuations that we had something awful to cover up, or the charges that we were totally incompetent.

How long must this go on?

Katherine Keene

Acquire Park Land

With parkland areas and open spaces rapidly disappearing in the metropolitan area everyone should be interested in the future of the area's open spaces. Fortunately, there is an area of about 10,000 acres that can be acquired as a regional park. The area includes part of the Agriculture Research Center near Beltsville, the surplus parts of the Fish and Wildlife Service near Bowie, and the area south of Fort Meade near Laurel. This area if acquired for a parkland would make one of the largest parks in Maryland. Right between the busy congested Baltimore-Washington corridor, a space of green in an otherwise sea of concrete.

If we don't all act to keep this area as an open space it may well be lost to the developers. That would bring more suburban development in an already developed area. We must all act to preserve this area for hiking, camping, and other similar uses. We cannot delay, time is running out for this area. Write your Congressman and Senator and let them know that this area should be acquired by the state for a regional park. Do it today tomorrow may be too late!

Herbert B. Hecker

Voting Procedure

To the Editor:

The Board of Directors of GHI has been negligent in carrying out the expressed will of the membership. In a referendum held in May 1972 the membership declared a preference for the 3rd of three election procedures submitted by the Nominations and Elections Committee, by a margin of 248 to 126 over the first two procedures.

This mandate by the membership to the board should have resulted in a bylaw amendment, submitted by the board for membership approval in timely fashion.

The board majority has opposed this bylaw change and has taken no action, thus depriving the membership of its right to decide the issue.

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Notice of Charter Amendment

On March 17, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-2, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1975-2

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," SUB-TITLE "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 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 SECTION 40-63, TITLE "TAX PROCEDURE," TO BRING THIS SECTION INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAWS OF MARYLAND.

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 6th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 26th day of April, 1975, 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



Bicentennial Activities

by Steve Polaschik

The following item was carried in a letter from John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Bicentennial Administration. It contains a suggestion for Greenbelt churches and synagogues for the evening of Friday, April 18 and a participation project for all Greenbelt citizens on Saturday, April 19, at noon.

"The shot heard 'round the world" was fired on April 19, 1775. This year, we will celebrate the Bicentennial of one of the most important and symbolic milestones of our history, the confrontations at Lexington Common and Concord Bridge.

Each year on the evening of April 18 (the anniversary of Paul Revere's ride), a simple lantern service is held at Old North Church in Boston, from whose belfry the two lanterns were hung to signal the approach of British troops. At the close of the service, lanterns are again carried up to the steeple and the signal of liberty again shines over Boston. This year the Reverend Robert J. Gollidge, Vicar of Old North Church, has asked the ARBA to convey the invitation of his church to people of all faiths to join together in a National Lantern ceremony, and to show lights or lanterns from their own houses of worship an hour after sunset on April 18.

On April 19, the tradition of sounding church bells, factory whistles, horns and sirens could be observed at noon to honor Patriots' Day. This could be followed by a minute of silence in remembrance of those who faced the "shot heard 'round the world" on that day two centuries ago.

If the usual spirit of participation prevails, we should see many lights at places of worship on Friday evening, and hear a lot of sounds at noon on Saturday.

Many thanks to the city council for its enthusiastic support of Bicentennial programs and especially for the upcoming Greenbelt Day celebration which promises to be one that will be remembered for a long time. The Greenbelt Day Dance which is under the chairpersonships of Bill and Barbara Lawson will set the stage on Saturday night, May 31, for a general get-acquainted evening for present, past and future residents who want to do something to share the joyful Bicentennial spirit. All ages will find music to their liking at a price which will be within their means. Greater details about the Dance and Greenbelt Day will be carried in future issues of the *Greenbelt News Review*.

The Greenbelt Baptist Church has formed a Bicentennial Task Group and proposes the following: On June 1, the church will recognize Greenbelt Day during church worship and will have special music of a patriotic nature; the Women's Missionary Group plans to host an ethnic-oriented dinner and the Music Department offers its services to the Community in its music programs.

Other Greenbelt organizations are also requested to send in their program plans so that they may be recognized as Greenbelt Bicentennial activities.

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All interested citizens are invited.

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Meet Councilman Casula

First District Councilman Frank P. Casula, Vice Chairman of the Prince Georges County Council, will hold an informal meeting on Sat., April 19, at 9 a.m. in the council room, Municipal Building. All residents are invited and encouraged to talk personally with him about their county-related concerns.

In Greenbelt Nat'l Park

Greenbelt Park will hold its Second Annual Three Mile Bicycle Race on April 19. The race begins at 11 a.m. at the intersection of the Dogwood Nature Trail and Park Central Road in Greenbelt Park. The race will be run along Park Central Road and the finish line will be at the Good-Luck road entrance into the park. For further information, call 426-6816.

Women's Political Caucus

The Women's Political Caucus of Prince Georges County will meet on Sat. April 19, at 2 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. Two Caucus members, Kay Elenen and Lorraine Sheehan will speak on their experiences as freshwomen in the House of Delegates at Annapolis.

The Caucus seeks equal legal, political, and economic rights for women of all ages, races, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. Guests and prospective members are welcome.



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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On April 7, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-4 and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-4

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, 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 SECTION 4, TITLE "CREATION; QUALIFICATIONS; COMPENSATION," BY DELETING AN UNNECESSARY SENTENCE RELATING TO COUNCIL VACANCIES, AND BY AMENDING THE TERM "REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION" TO READ "REGULAR COUNCIL ELECTION."

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 27th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 17th day of May, 1975, 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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Jewish Community of Greenbelt has played an active, vital and important role in the development and growth of the City of Greenbelt since its earliest days, and its members have contributed to every aspect of life in our city, whether in education, politics, journalism, the arts, social services, humanism, or civic service; and

WHEREAS, for the past 36 years the focal point of Jewish life in Greenbelt has been the Hebrew Congregation of Greenbelt, which later became the Jewish Community Center, and which has been known as "Mishkan Torah Congregation" since 1968; and

WHEREAS, "Mishkan Torah" on Saturday, April 5, 1975 observed the 20th Anniversary of the Synagogue located at Westway and Ridge Road, thereby marking an important milestone in the history of the Congregation; and

WHEREAS, on this 20th Anniversary the Jewish Community remembered the early dream of its own permanent building and the efforts long hours of physical labor, and the cooperation and the contributions of all of the community, which brought this dream to fulfillment against predicted unsurmountable odds; and

WHEREAS, "Mishkan Torah", a "Sanctuary for the Torah" today represents to all our citizens an example of true community spirit, dedication, willingness to 'chip in and do it yourself', and proof of what people with determination, enthusiasm, and energy are able to accomplish; and

WHEREAS, many early citizens of Greenbelt are still active members of Mishkan Torah Congregation and along with many newcomers to our city are continuing to work in the same spirit for the betterment of our community which made the Mishkan Torah a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard R. Pilski, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt, hereby issue this Proclamation on the occasion of the

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF "MISHKAN TORAH"

to express our congratulations to the Congregation of Mishkan Torah and best wishes for their future growth and happiness, and to also give special recognition and to express our thanks and appreciation to the Jewish Community for their many past and ongoing contributions to the City of Greenbelt.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of April, 1975 and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed hereto.

Richard R. Pilski, Mayor
City of Greenbelt, Maryland

ATTEST:
Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On April 7, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-3, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-3

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, 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 THAT PORTION OF THE CHARTER WHICH PERTAINS TO ELECTIONS, WHICH PART BEGINS WITH SECTION 14, TITLE, "DATE; NONPARTISAN" AND CONTINUES TO EACH SUBSEQUENT SECTION, THROUGH AND INCLUDING SECTION 33, TITLE, "VOTING MACHINES," TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE CHARTER REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS TO REVIEW ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS, HEAR APPEALS OF DECISIONS OF THE CITY CLERK, APPOINT AND REMOVE ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS, CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS AND CONDUCT RECOUNTS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO IT.

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 27th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 17th of May, 1975, 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.

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Corvette Display at Plaza

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A model car contest, open to the public, will also be held. The model cars, not limited to Corvettes, will be judged in the afternoon, and entrants may bring their models to the shopping center the morning of the show. Further information on the model car contest may be obtained from Gary Long at 552-1678.

Breakfast Theatre

Greenbelt Breakfast Theatre celebrates Shakespeare's birthday on Mon. April 21 in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library. The film, *Shakespeare: Soul of an Age*, narrated by Michael Redgrave, will be shown at 11 a.m. Coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome to this free program.

Reunion Plans Finalized

The members of the 1965 graduating class of Northwestern High School in Hyattsville will be having their ten-year reunion the weekend of July 12-13. For those who have not yet been contacted, or for those who have not formerly responded to mailings, there is still time to reserve a spot in the planned activities. To make reservations write to Karen Walker, 2306 Drexel Street, W. Hyattsville, Md., 20783, or call 422-9517 before the end of April.

Greenbelt's Library

The Children's Department of the Greenbelt Library's "Folklore" series continues on Tues., April 22, for children ages 6 to 10 and their parents from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Part Three of the four-part series will include films, stories, costumes and games about the Orient. The film to be shown is *The Dragon's Tears*. Admission is free.

Parkdale Symphony Concert

The Parkdale Sr. High School Symphony Orchestra and the winners of the Greater Laurel Piano Teacher's Concerto competition will present a combined concert on April 22 at Laurel Sr. High School at 8 p.m. The program will feature 5 soloists. There will be a small fee.

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Among the items for sale will be plants, a large variety of white elephant items, books, and clothing.

On Sat. a bake sale will be featured starting at 10 a.m.

Rain dates are May 2 and 3, except for the bake sale which will be held regardless of the weather.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Goldigger Majorettes are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner April 20 at the Greenbelt Fire Hall. The dinner is open to the public from 2-5 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert.

The proceeds from the dinner will be used to finance the group's way to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania for the USTA Eastern Regional Championships.

Lion Belles Meet

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, the Greenbelt Lion Belles will hold a meeting and workshop at President Margie Harman's home, 204 Lastner Lane. The dinner preceding the meeting will be pot luck.

The Implosion Conspiracy

A discussion of the book *The Implosion Conspiracy* by Louis Nizer will be held in the Greenbelt Library, April 22, at 7:30 pm. in the Conference Room.

In the book Nizer re-examines the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed as atomic spies in 1953. The case and the resulting death penalty were sufficiently controversial to enlist the interest and sympathies of many famous people.

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County Proposes Curb On Apartment Zoning

The Prince Georges County Council's fiscal and planning committee is studying some far-reaching zoning amendments. County legislators set a May 1 deadline for enactment of a curb on garden apartment development in the county that may include a proposal to increase their tax liability. The following bills use different approaches.

CB-49 would, in effect, (1) eliminate the two garden apartment zones R-18 (about 21 units an acre) and R-30 (about 14.5 units per acre); and (2) require that the approximately 2,600 acres of property already zoned R-18 and R-30 be developed in accordance with uses permitted in the R-R zone for single family homes on one-half acre lots.

CB-50 would decrease the densities allowed per acre in the R-T (townhouse) zone from 10 to eight and would create two new garden apartment condominium zones to increase the tax base of garden apartment development. The bill, while decreasing from 21 to 14 the allowable units per acre in the R-18 zone, also would require all new garden apartment units to be taxed like a single-family home on their fair market value.

CB-51 generally decreases per acreage density for the two garden apartment zones and the townhouse category. Only 12 units will be allowed per acre in the R-18 zone, previously open to 21 units; 10 units for the R-30 zone, previously allowed 14.5 units per acre; and eight units in the R-T zone, previously allowed 10 units.

The three zoning bills will be introduced soon, and a public hearing will take place in April. According to county officials the bills address themselves to the low-cost housing and high population densities which consultants have attributed as main reasons for the county's fiscal dilemma.

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Recreation Review

Kava-Teen Club

A teen club canoe trip down the C & O Canal has been planned for Sat., April 19. The group will meet at the Youth Center at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. All Greenbelt youths, 13 years and over are invited. A nominal fee will be charged.

Drawing For Fun

This course was designed for youth between the ages of 12 and 15 years for both fun and skill. The class will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for 8 weeks.

Tennis Court Use

Tennis time is again upon us and the city's courts are as usual in heavy demand. Tennis players are advised to check posted rules and regulations for court use as well as schedules for lessons and tournaments to avoid unnecessary inconvenience. Lessons are held as follows on Courts 7 and 8: Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursday, 10:30-12 noon; and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Please sign in as required.

Chucks and Lassies

Boys and girls, 6-8 years old, Chucks and Lassies started last Sat. There is still time to join in the fun; it will continue for seven more weeks. The program will be held at the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. We also have a program on Saturday afternoons from 5-7 p.m., at the Youth Center for 9-12 year olds. This free activity includes group games, physical fitness and T-ball.

Arts and Crafts

Spring classes are held on Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. for the 6-12 year olds at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Classes will be held in the Youth Center from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Mondays (1st & 2nd grades), Wednesdays (3rd & 4th grades) and Fridays (5th & 6th grades), beginning next week.

Ball Field Permits

All residents should be aware that permits for the city's ball fields will go into effect Saturday, April 19. Permits are posted in the Youth Center Control Room. Persons using the fields should have permits in their possession at all times.

Needlework in Exhibit

Katherine Keene, 6-H Hillside, has had some of her needlework accepted to be shown in "An Elizabethan Presentation" at the Folger Shakespeare Library's Anne Hathaway Gallery.

The exhibition will run through May 11 and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Keene's entry in the exhibition is four place mats, one of Henry VIII and the other three of his wives, of original design and done in Elizabethan blackwork. Blackwork uses only two colors, black or brown and gold.

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City Council Opposed To PEPCO Increase

City council recently made known its opposition to a proposed 20 percent increase in electric rates by PEPCO in a statement submitted to the Maryland Public Services Commission (PSC).

The council raised a series of questions that it felt should be examined before any rate increase is approved. Among these questions were

- (1) Has PEPCO demonstrated through previous action its intention to keep down costs?
- (2) Have PEPCO, and the PSC, to paraphrase the Washington Star, assured themselves that the fuel used to operate power plants is not subject to price fixing?
- (3) What does the cost of commercial production and advertising add to the average consumer's bill?
- (4) Has PSC done everything it can to educate the public to conservation measures?
- (5) What steps is PEPCO taking to secure less costly fuel?
- (6) Is PEPCO utilizing, to their maximum, their most efficiently operating plants?
- (7) How much of PEPCO's power plant capacity is being utilized, and how much is being retained in reserve for future consumption based on user projection that may never be attained?

Council also wanted to know why the "fuel adjustment cost" was not providing ample compensation for the increased cost of fuel. It also asked if the 20 percent increase were granted, would the fuel adjustment cost be eliminated.

The council commented that although the city decreased its electric consumption by 6.2% from 1972 to 1974, its electric bill rose by 25.2 percent, which it felt was "disproportionately inverse."

MNCPPC Permit Clerk Now At County Service Building

As of April 1, all building permit applications must be filed with the Department of Licenses and Permits at the County Service Building, 5012 Rhode Island Ave., Hyattsville. No longer will the Park and Planning Commission be the first stop in the permit review process, and the "walk-through" process instituted several months ago has been eliminated.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will have a permit clerk at the County Service Building for the purpose of reviewing residential building permits dealing with minor alterations and additions.



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