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## Greenbelters Lend Support To Requests For Grants

by Janet James

Throughout the audience at the Monday, Feb. 28 hearing for grants for the Neighborhood Improvement Program were people wearing little green tags saying "I live in Greenbelt." When Ken Kopstein, assistant general manager of GHI, who was responsible for the tags, asked for a show of hands of Greenbelt citizens present, about 40 hands were raised. This shows clearly the interest of Greenbelters in the preservation of Old Greenbelt, especially since the hearing had to compete in interest and attendance with a city council meeting and a hearing on area school closings held at the same time.

The hearing was held before county council members Wm. G. Amonnett (presiding), Frank Casula, Francis Francois, Parris N. Glendenning, David Hartlove, Sarah Koonce, and Floyd E. Wilson.

### Weidenfeld Speaks

Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor of Greenbelt, was the first speaker. In support of a request for \$100,000 for street improvements, Weidenfeld said that at the time Greenbelt was originally planned in the thirties, no one had any idea of the impact of the automobile on the community and the streets were not planned for modern traffic or present-day parking problems.

During the past decade, he said, the city has upgraded half of the area streets. However, because of the recent inflation, it took the city three years to accumulate enough funds to rehabilitate one city block which was done last year. Rehabilitation is needed in 17 more blocks and the funds requested will provide for two or possibly three of those blocks.

Weidenfeld also asked for \$30,000 for the improvement of neighborhood playgrounds, including the development of one or more park areas strategically located to elderly population concentrations.

### GHI Officials Speak

Donald Volk, vice president of GHI, spoke first on behalf of GHI. He said the grant money GHI is requesting would provide planning funds for a Master Plan for the part of the historic Greenbelt now occupied by the resident-owned cooperative, and it would also establish a below-market interest rate rehabilitation loan program.

In describing GHI, Volk said, "The fact that GHI has many low and moderate income homeowners (as opposed to renters) in a city of wide income ranges makes it a unique community."

Kopstein asked for \$150,000; \$50,000 added to the \$20,000 expected from the National Endowment for the Arts would go for architectural, engineering, and planning studies required to develop a GHI Master Plan. The remaining \$100,000 would go to help reduce the costs of the rehabilitation borrowing program through subsidization of the interest rate, as follows:

The county would make a one-time payment to a private lender to reduce the outstanding principal of borrowed funds. This would produce a lower effective interest rate while increasing the security for the lender.

Kopstein estimated that the cost of rehabilitating GHI homes will require approximately \$6 million for systems and basic structural improvements. He said that an investment of community development funds of \$150,000 this year, and \$250,000 per year for 2 or 3 subsequent years, could yield between \$5 and \$6 million of loan availability.

Kopstein thanked county employees for their help in preparing the proposal, especially Dick Foote, CDA Administrator, and Ted Llana, Chief of Operations.

A formula for allocating funds, known as the "hold harmless" formula will expire at the end of the '77-'78 fiscal year, and allocations of future funds will depend on Congressional or HUD action.

## GHI Receives Report On Solar Heat Savings

First reports on the operation of the solar heat facility at 2 A-D Southway are encouraging. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. manager Roy Breashears announced last week. The facility, which has been operating since February 7, 1977, has produced a savings in fuel of approximately 30 percent during this period. The savings, Breashears said, should improve with warmer weather which will allow more of the homes' heating needs to be met by the solar facility.

In response to a request by a resident as to how much inconvenience will be caused by the operation of the project, Breashears gave the following rundown. The remaining tasks to be accomplished which will require visits to the boiler room and collector area on the roof are adjustment of controls, collection of data, and maintenance of the solar domestic hot water and the space heating systems.

It is estimated that three visits a day to the boiler room during week days and two visits per day on weekends during the next two months will be necessary. Additionally, two visits to the roof per week will probably be required to assure operation of the facility. The number of these visits is expected to be reduced in the following months.

NASA is required to continue to monitor this project for some time to supply information in accordance with their receipt of grant monies from HUD.

Breashears said that the court would be restored to its original condition. GHI will repair the wrought iron fence, repaint the boiler room door, repaint the outside wall on the gardenside yards as soon as weather and work load permits. The yards on the gardenside will be resodded when sod is available in the spring.

## Balto Symphony March 23

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will continue its series at Prince Georges Community College on Wed., March 23 at 8 p.m. Sergiu Comissiona, the orchestra's musical director, will conduct a program featuring Beethoven's Third Symphony (the "Eroica") and the Bruch Violin Concerto #1 in G minor, to be performed by the orchestra's concertmaster Isidor Saslav. Good seats are still available for the concert, with group rates open to parties of 12 or more. The concert begins at 8:15 p.m. in Queen Anne Auditorium.

## Blair Lee to Speak

The Roosevelt Democratic Club will have Blair Lee III, Lt. Governor of Maryland and candidate for Governor of Maryland as its speaker on Fri., March 18 at the Greenbriar Community Center at 8 p.m. Lee has served in the Maryland House of Delegates, the State Senate, and as Secretary of State and Lt. Governor.

A question-and-answer period will be followed by a social hour. All Greenbelters are welcome.

## WHAT GOES ON

Sat., March 12, 10 a.m. - Noon Little League Sign-up, Youth Center  
12-3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club Sign-up, Youth Center and SHL Rec. Ctr.

Mon., March 14, 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Ballfields, Municipal Bldg.

8:30 p.m. Greenbelt Runners/Joggers Meeting, 105 Northway  
Tues., March 15, 8 p.m. Roosevelt PTSA

8 p.m. Greenbelt Citizens Comm. on School Closing, Municipal Bldg.

Wed., March 16, 8 p.m. City Council work session with PRAB on Lake-Park, Municipal Bldg.

## Outer Beltway Portion To Be Studied by DOT

Maryland Transportation Secretary Harry R. Hughes announced that his Department will study construction of two major highways proposed for Montgomery and Prince Georges counties.

Following in-depth review and consensus of local elected officials, Secretary Hughes ordered study of a 22-mile "inter-county connector" route between Interstate 270 north of Rockville and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Laurel, and a second connector between Rockville and the proposed inter-county route. The study will consider alternative locations and designs. The State Highway Administration is developing plans for the study and will apply for federal aid for 70 per cent of study cost.

The study for both corridors will take from two to three years, including public meetings, environmental assessments and public hearings, Secretary Hughes said, and will begin after federal approval is received and a consultant is selected. Hughes noted that the two facilities are included in the adopted master plans for both counties.

If a decision is made to proceed with the two projects, construction could cost over \$272 million, in dollars inflated to 1982. Conceding that the department does not now have the money to build the projects, Secretary Hughes stated, "we must continue to plan for the future, investigating problems where they exist. We must be prepared to act if and when money becomes available."

### Council Reaction

The Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting last Monday unanimously voted to seek a meeting regarding this study with officials of the four cities immediately to the south of Greenbelt—jurisdictions having positions similar to Greenbelt's in opposition to the development of an outer beltway or other development whose effects would be to increase the traffic on the B-W Parkway.

PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 14

## CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS BALL FIELD LOCATIONS

by Frances Hromulak

A public hearing has been set for Monday, March 14 at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers concerning the development of additional recreational areas within the city to reduce the intensive use of the Braden Field facilities.

The shortage of athletic fields was discussed at a city council work session on Feb. 23 at the Youth Center. Members of the council, the city manager, a recreation department representative and interested public attended the meeting.

"Our present inventory for fields is the same as around 1959," said councilman Charles F. Schwan, Jr. The population of Greenbelt has doubled since then. "It's absolutely imperative that we put Braden Field into shape within the next few years," he said.

Councilman Richard J. Castaldi agreed that Braden Field needed improvements. "They're poor fields because they're overused," he said.

More than 1,000 games are played each year at the Braden complex. According to James K. Giese, city manager, it is impossible to make the necessary improvements on the fields, while booked up.

The council would like to close Braden Field for one year in order to make the needed improvements. Before this can be done, additional fields must be built to replace the lost ones.

The council is concerned about a lack of free play areas in the city. Currently organized uses overwhelm the Braden facilities, a result of increased interest in men's and women's softball, football and soccer.

The council does not favor restricting organized use but feels more free play areas are needed. "I think we need both," Schwan said.

Braden Field has one baseball field, one non-regulation women's softball field, one lighted men's softball field and one football/soccer field overlapping the others.

### Staff Recommendations

"The (recreation) staff has recommended the reduction of Braden to two good softball fields," said Harry James, assistant director of recreation. A football/soccer field would have to be located in another area. "It's really hard to play soccer in Braden," he said. "It's not big enough."

The recreation department would like to see two additional softball fields and one soccer field. Potential areas under consideration for expanding recreational facilities are the sanitary landfill off Northway, behind the public works warehouse near the lake park, at North End Elementary School and near Hamilton Place off Ridge Road.

### Sanitary Landfill

The 4-acre sanitary landfill near Northway, according to Councilman Thomas X. White, has the greatest potential for relieving Braden Field. It is the only parcel under consideration which is large enough to take over the burden of Braden Field. Two softball fields with an overlapping football/soccer field could eventually be constructed on the tract. Some of the land would have to be filled in order to properly establish the football/soccer field.

"The land is a prime location for maybe a lighted field," said White. According to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Pepco would be willing to bring power out to the field but the city would have to connect its own lighting.

"If you worked hard, you might be able to get a usable softball field by next spring," said Giese. The area would need top soil and grass. There also is no source of water for the area. "So you have to rely on good weather conditions to get anything established," he said.

Currently there is a one lane gravel road leading to the tract. Garbage trucks stopped using the road several years ago. The council feels it would be very expensive to widen the road. An alternative could be strategic pull-overs.

"If you want the landfill area for a serious ball field facility, there would be a substantial expense," said Weidenfeld.

The city manager is looking into the costs for establishing a practice softball field on the tract and also the costs for a more substantial facility.

### Public Works Area

The second possible area is behind the public works warehouse next to the lake park. A little league or women's softball field could easily be established at this site.

There is a water supply available from the warehouse, but it still would take about a year to develop the ground.

"It's probably one of the easiest fields to develop," said Castaldi. According to Hank Irving, director of recreation, a women's softball field is strongly favored for this area. Parking and road facilities are already there.

Gardeners are currently using this area. If a field is developed there, they would have to be relocated.

### North End School

Another possible area for a children's or women's softball field is at North End Elementary School. There is a field under city control at the school but the land is rocky and in poor shape.

"I wouldn't consider it good for any play," said James. Right now it is just good for a practice field.

While the city has authority to improve the field, the school must approve the renovations first. There is not enough space for a soccer field at the site. "One good softball field is feasible," said Giese.

### Hamilton Place

A final alternative under consideration is to purchase land next to Hamilton Place off Ridge Road. Two softball diamonds with a football/soccer field overlay could fit on the parcel. It could also have the dimensions for a baseball field. The city would have to buy the land from Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Parcel 7, the 8.8-acre tract bounded by Crescent and Ridge Roads and Lastner and Ivy Lanes, is not under serious consideration because the area does not have approval from a majority of the council.

In a public hearing on Aug. 16, 1976, Boxwood residents opposed the establishment of an athletic field on the tract. They felt it would create an increase in traffic, noise and pollution. The residents noted that the lake park traffic is already out of hand and having an athletic facility across from the lake would worsen the problem.

### Other Sites

The city will be gaining some additional relief through fields located at Greenbelt Junior High School next to Windsor Green tract.

"We now have under our control three softball size fields at Greenbelt Junior High School," said James. There is also a possibility of a soccer field at this site but it would need some work. Springhill Lake baseball will get two of the fields exclusively leaving only (See BALLFIELDS, p. 8, col. 2)

## NOTICE OF

## PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on

## BALLFIELDS

on Monday, March 14 at 8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

All interested citizens are invited to attend.

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City Clerk

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**More About the Walkways**  
To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Don Volk's letter to the News Review on Feb. 17 about the sidewalk removals in the Center at the Municipal Building and the gas station. I want to thank Don for being aware of happenings in our city and bringing it to our attention. These changes affect us all and I think there should be more publicity about this type of thing before the decisions are made. How about the city and council giving us first-hand information through the News Review?

Being upset over the loss of two more sidewalk sections led me into thinking about our sidewalks in general. Where is the present trend leading us? Perhaps this is a good time for all of us to stop and consider the concept of the city walkway system and to weigh our commitment to it.

In fact, I suggest that we consider committing ourselves to sidewalks for our whole city. For instance, the original plan of connecting all parts of Greenbelt thru the inner walkway system was never completed in the North End and in some of our adjoining neighborhoods. All of Laurel Hill and Research Road and the upper end of Ridge, to name a few, are without an existing inner walkway system, or any sidewalk system.

Compare this to the old part of Greenbelt where the inner walkway system is a delight whether you are pushing a baby carriage or a stroller, taking little ones on an outing, or going for a walk yourself. The city, G.H.I., the Council, and all of us, as citizens or organizations, could be actively planning right now to bring all areas up to full use for the community. We have a unique community originally planned to benefit the pedestrian: Since we have a high percentage of citizens who regularly walk, it is important to keep our existing sidewalks and to include all areas of Greenbelt in the sidewalk system.

With the energy crisis and health problems we as individuals and as a nation are facing, our goals should be more and more geared to increase our walking and decrease our driving. In addition, there have been good ideas brought forward from time to time on walkways connecting neighborhoods and overpasses over highways. Let's get together and commit ourselves to some action. Here is a golden opportunity to re-activate that old Greenbelt spirit to work together to do something positive for our community.

Lorene Hanna

**Greenbelt Homemakers**

The Greenbelt Homemakers Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., March 16 at 8 p.m. The hostess will be Mrs. Lori Moran. The topic for the month will be "Metric Magic," and discussion will be led by Mrs. Winnie Phibbs. For further information, call 474-1706.

**Mishkan Torah Nursery**  
Accepting Registrations

The Mishkan Torah Nursery School is now accepting registrations for the fall 1977-78 school year. Three and four year olds are eligible to attend morning or afternoon classes three times a week.

The program, which is open to all youngsters, provides an environment and experiences that shape and reinforce positive interests, attitudes and values in the young child.

Parents are welcome to schedule an appointment for visitation. For information call 345-8914 or 593-2746.

**Commends Jerry Devlin**  
To the Editor:

This week the House Ways and Means Committee reported out three bills designed to ease the tax burden on that minority of Marylanders who live in and pay taxes to two levels of government - City and County.

The legislative leadership for those bills came from a freshman member of the House of Delegates, Jerry Devlin, one of the few first-term members of the Ways and Means Committee.

Delegate Devlin has worked tirelessly to end the adversary relationship between Maryland's municipalities and the 23 counties. It is significant that the three bills in question had the support of both the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Association of Counties.

Bowie and Greenbelt are fortunate to have Jerry Devlin working for them in Annapolis. In my eleven years in the General Assembly, I cannot recall any freshman member who has been more effective in working for his constituents.

Paul Weisengoff  
Chairman,  
Baltimore City Delegation

**Volunteers Needed**  
From Lakeside N.

Volunteers from Lakeside North Apartments are desperately needed to complete the survey of preschool and elementary students in their apartment complex. Interested persons may call Jackie Morrison, 474-0945.

The Greenbelt Citizens Committee to study school closings will meet on Tues., March 15 at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

**No Closing of Schools**  
In Area 8, Panel Says

The Task Force for Study Area 8 recommended recently that the Prince Georges Board of Education close no school in their geographical area. About 223 Greenbelt elementary school students are bused to two of the eight schools in Area 8 - John Carroll and Oakcrest. Other schools are Carmody Hills, Kenmoor, Matthew Henson, Palmer Park, Ranodiph Village and William Paca.

The Task Force also recommended that (1) Students from closed schools in other areas be reassigned to schools in Area 8 to increase the percentage of utilization in those schools and cause those schools to reflect the racial balance originally established by the school board, (2) No new schools be constructed and (3) Schools to be closed be chosen from the list of schools scheduled for replacement and renovation in 1977-78 in order to realize significant savings.

Approximately 127 students from the Boxwood development, Lakeside North and University Square Apartments and Charlestowne Village Condominium attend the 630 pupil-capacity John Carroll school. The September 30, 1976 enrollment was 327 or 53.5% of capacity. Projected enrollment for the next school year is estimated at 315, or 50% of capacity. This year 52.2% of the school's student body is bused; the ratio is 62.6% black, 37.4% white.

About 96 Springhill Lake students attend Oakcrest, which has a pupil-capacity of 570. This year the school is over capacity with 654 students or 114.7% utilization. Next September some 615 students are expected or 107.9% utilization. Approximately 72.9% of the students are bused; the ratio is 56.1% black, 43.9% white.

**Greenbelt's Library**

This week the ON-AGAIN OFF-AGAIN FILMS are on-again with "THE RED BALLOON" and "LITTLE GREY NECK"

Don't forget the Story Program for children ages 3-5 - every Thursday from 2-2:30 p.m. in the Children's Program Room.

Cinema Choisi - French films - Tues., March 15, "Le Million" - 7:30 p.m., meeting room.

**G.H.I. MEMBERS**

At the annual membership meeting and election to be held May 18-19, 1977, Greenbelt Homes members will elect five directors to serve two-year terms and three members to the Audit Committee to serve one-year terms. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please fill out the form below and give it to a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee: Josephine Seay, 6-S Plateau Place (474-9226); Katherine Keene, 6-H Hillside (474-6026); Wayne Williams, 38-D Ridge Road (474-1259); Martin Haker, 38-F Ridge Road (345-5576); or Janet James, 1-D Plateau Place (474-3604). If more convenient, the completed form may be dropped off at the Manager's office for forwarding to the Committee.

**GHI Nominations and Elections Committee Consent Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_

Greenbelt, Maryland, and being an accredited member of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and therefore eligible, do herewith consent to having my name appear on the Ballot for the annual GHI election to be held May 18-19, 1977. If elected, I will serve to the best of my ability as a member of the:

(please check where applicable)

AUDIT COMMITTEE (1- year term)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2-year term)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
(type or print)

Subscribed and sworn to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1977.

Notary Public

**Recreation Review**

**Spring Recreation Class Registration**

Begin to think about registering for spring classes which will include tennis, crocheting, trampolining, tumbling, slimnastics, yoga, bridge, floor acrobatics, ballet, ceramics and many more. Registration will be held at the SHL Rec. Center on Mon., March 28, 7-9 p.m.; Tues., March 29, 7-9 p.m. at the Youth Center and Wed., March 30, 3-5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Late registration will be accepted on Thur., March 31, 9-4 p.m. at the Youth Center Bus. Office.

**End of Winter Free Classes**

Classes of floor hockey, funtime, arts and crafts and model building wind up their winter classes this week. Remember, the spring classes will be starting the week of April 11.

**Career-College Fair**

The 3rd Annual Career-College Fair will be held Wed., March 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at the P.G. Community College Student Union Bldg. The Fair, which is sponsored each year by the county schools' guidance counselors, will have representatives of more than 100 colleges, vocational schools and employers.

The Career-College Fair will give students access to current information on financial aid, scholarships and the various job markets. Non-traditional career roles for women will receive special attention this year. Guidance counseling will be available to students, and to adults who may need information regarding obtaining a high school diploma or further job training.

The P.G. high schools will make school buses available to take students to and from the Community College between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Mato - Morton**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Mato of 16 Bolduc Street, Lewiston, Maine, formerly of Greenbelt, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tracy Lynn, to Paul F. Morton, son of Mrs. Glenys Morton of Lisbon, Maine. The wedding will take place at 2 p.m. on May 28 at Holy Cross Church, followed by a reception at the Le Montagnard Club in Lewiston. Tracy will be attended by Claire Jackson, a former classmate from Greenbelt.

Tracy is a graduate of Lewiston High School, class of 1976, and is now working as a swing manager at the Auburn, Maine, McDonald's. Paul graduated from Lisbon High School in 1975, and is currently serving in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Guam. After the wedding, the couple will reside at Norfolk, Virginia, where Paul is stationed.

**Seay - Caldwell**

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph W. Seay of Greenbelt are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Patricia Mae to Midshipman Nathaniel French Caldwell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel French Caldwell, Sr. of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

The wedding will take place on June 10 at 8 p.m. at the United States Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis.

Midshipman Caldwell will be stationed in Washington, D.C. until December. His next station will be in Orlando, Florida where he will begin training for the nuclear power program.

**MOWATT MEMORIAL**  
United Methodist Church  
Church School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,  
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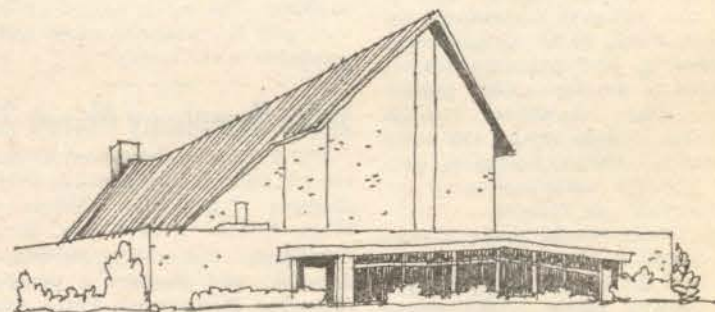
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Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

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# Greenbelt Plans Its Future

The following account of the cooperative efforts of the University of Maryland School of Architecture and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. in working up a master plan for the future rehabilitation and modernization of the housing cooperative appeared in the February 28, 1977 issue of *Precis*, the faculty/staff newsletter of the University of Maryland.

by Roz Hiebert

The biggest bash in 25 years — that's what the CO-OP-owned old town of Greenbelt is planning. But it won't be an ordinary run-of-the-mill party. It'll be a once-in-a-lifetime affair — a "ceremonial burning" of the town mortgage — on the day late this year that its CO-OP owners pay off the 25 year mortgage on Greenbelt, one of the oldest new towns in America. And on hand to help celebrate will be David Fogle, assistant dean of the UM School of Architecture, and a select group of students who are helping the town study its past and present and plan its future.

Updating the plan: It all started last month, when Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the company which mutually owns the 1,608 homes comprising the cooperative, looked to the day that its mortgage would be paid off. They began to think about updating the original master plan for the new town, one of three original "green towns" created by the federal government in the depression year of 1935.

The CO-OP succeeded in obtaining a \$20,000 planning grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. In January they asked a number of planning management firms to submit proposals for a study of total rehabilitation and modernization of structures and facilities of the old town. This included taking a look at its inadequate parking, changing recreation needs, antiquated town heating system, and houses so tightly designed in the '30s that there is not enough storage space today.

Planning simulation: But before May when the planners step in, sixteen architecture-urban studies students of Fogle's Urban Problems seminar will have paved the way for the urban planners — for they have already begun a simulation of the planning process, compiling statistics on Greenbelt for GHI to use. "The timing is perfect," says Fogle.

Why is this class so interested in researching Greenbelt's problems? "It's a beautiful example of a pioneering effort in town design," explains the urban planning professor. With its protective belt of green woodlands, long winding streets, houses that face to pleasant rear gardens, parks and pedestrian walkways, its urban design was years ahead of its time — the new town concept from which was born the modern subdivision.

And the University has a stake in its future. As Fogle says, "Greenbelt is a neighbor of ours. Many faculty and students live there, and it is a working model of a successful cooperative."

Making a model: Fogle's students have formed six research groups. Using funds contributed by the CO-OP, the first group is planning a 5 x 5 foot model of the town — sawing houses and constructing contour layers, landscaping, and trees. This model will sit in the administration building and eventually in a proposed museum, but before that, citizens and school children will study it to replan their town. The same group will also propose a design for an integrated signage system to direct people through Greenbelt's winding streets and walkways. Another group will prepare a slide-tape show on its history and present image for use in the CO-OP offices.

Recreation: "The population of Greenbelt is changing," says Fogle. Although its parks continue to be attractive and convenient, the recreational facilities could be expanded, and people would like to consider reallocating recreation space to accommodate the lifestyles of the projected population. A recreation group will tackle this problem, researching population groups and finding the most up-to-date equipment suitable for active as well as passive recreation.

Interior planning: Two pitfalls of Greenbelt's tight urban design during the '30s are that now there is no flexibility in parking — a severe community problem — and that houses lack adequate storage

space. To analyze interior space, several students are building six prototype models of houses with movable walls for citizens to experiment with in remodeling . . .

Money: Finally a sixth group will get down to the nitty-gritty of any urban rehabilitation — financing. They will compile a "money biography," with statistics on Greenbelt's financial history and an analysis of the CO-OP as it stands today, including possible sources of future funding.

So, what are the chances that this small class of student urbanologists will finish the ambitious Greenbelt project in four months? It's a big job, agrees Fogle — but he points out the valuable learning experience they are receiving in the process. Past classes have focused on three other urban projects: Tenleytown in Washington, D.C., Port Tobacco in Southern Maryland, and one in nearby Laurel — learning a good deal in each process.

"We try to find an issue of real concern to local government," he explains. The subsequent interaction between the community and School of Architecture works two ways: it gives valuable input to the community, and the students gain a practical learning experience. And he adds: "It's the learning process as well as the end product that we are interested in."

Original papers: There's an interesting sidelight to the Greenbelt story — the Maryland Room of McKeldin Library has agreed to house and catalog a particularly fascinating acquisition — the original maps, drawings, and documents on the construction of Greenbelt, now the property of GHI. The documents, hitherto drying up and fading away in the CO-OP offices, could be a gold mine to New Deal historians and urban planners.

"There is much to be learned from the Greenbelt experience," says Fogle. "Obviously we haven't found the complete answer to new towns. Suburban sprawl certainly isn't the answer. New towns ought

to be, but we haven't pushed all the right buttons yet."

Pushing right buttons: The results of the research of these sixteen "urbs-arch" students on the cooperative community of Greenbelt will perhaps push a few of the right buttons and help provide some answers to the critical question — how can we enhance the quality of our lives?

For, as Fogle says, "Successful experiences such as Greenbelt may give the clues we need as to what we should be doing in city planning during the next hundred years."

## E. Roosevelt PTSA

The first regular meeting of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA will be held on Tues., March 15, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend to participate in the election of officers and to make plans for the next year's activities.

The organization was formed on Thurs., Feb. 24 at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

Called by a concerned parents steering committee, the meeting was attended by about 50 people. Mrs. Doris Eugene, field service representative of the Maryland Congress of PTA's, chaired the meeting. Mrs. Eugene stated that the purpose of the meeting was to get a PTA organized by those parents who are interested in doing so. The group voted to form such an organization.

Bylaws, prepared by a bylaw committee, were voted on item by item and were then accepted by the group. Dues were accepted from those present and a nominating committee was formed—mostly by volunteers. The nominating committee will present their nominees at the March meeting when balloting will take place. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The Eleanor Roosevelt PTSA will meet on the third Tues. of the month. There will be 5 meetings per year—in Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. and April with the April meeting designated as the annual meeting. All parents, teachers and students of Eleanor Roosevelt Sr. High are eligible to join. Anyone who would like to give a name to the nominating committee should call the school at 345-7500 to obtain the phone number of a member of the nominating committee.

## PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED USES FOR REVENUE SHARING FUND

Monday, March 21, 1977 - 8:00 p.m.  
City Council Room - 25 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 20770

In accordance with Federal Regulations, the City Manager will conduct a public hearing in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council to hear all proposals for the use of revenue sharing funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977. In the past, the City Council has allocated approximately half of the revenue sharing funds for General Fund expenditures for Police and Recreation. The other half has been allocated to needed capital expenditures. Last year, however, the act extending the revenue sharing program was not enacted at the time of budget adoption and only half the city's normal allotment was budgeted. Therefore, no funds were allocated for capital expenses. Revenue sharing was later extended, and added revenues over last year's budget will be received and will be available for expenditure. Revenue sharing funds available for expenditure in the new fiscal year are estimated to be \$93,500. After the public hearing, the City Manager will prepare his budget proposal for revenue sharing funds and all other city funds for submission to the City Council on April 4, 1977. Subsequently, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the revenue sharing budget and all other city budgets prior to adoption.

At the public hearing, all citizens of Greenbelt, Maryland, shall have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the possible use of these revenue sharing funds. Senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens will be given every opportunity to be heard and present their views regarding the allocation of these funds prior to final allocation.

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## CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

### Notice of Charter Amendment

On February 28, 1977, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1977-2 (Resolution No. 352) and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

#### Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1977-2

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," SUBTITLE "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 AMENDING SECTION 3, TITLE "GENERAL POWERS" TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH 21 TO PROVIDE THE CITY THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION TO HOLD TITLE TO AND ADMINISTER A HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY PROJECT

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 19th day of April, 1977, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 9th day of April, 1977, 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 on 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 474-3370 or 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager

## Pre-school Children Get Break At Roosevelt

by Elaine Skolnik

Puzzled drivers travelling past Eleanor Roosevelt School have been asking, "What's a tot playground doing on the grounds of a high school?" The answer is that the equipment is used by pre-school children who are participating in a play school lab run by 75 students taking "Child Growth and Development I." Starting last September, two classes were taught by Linda Harrington. This semester she continues with the two, and Laura Rexon instructs an added class.

Designed for juniors and seniors, the course emphasizes all aspects of growth and development of the preschool child and gives the student an opportunity to learn the techniques of setting up and operating a play school. Since Roosevelt has no senior class this year, some sophomores were permitted to enroll in the program.

According to Harrington, students chose the course for different reasons. Many were interested in careers in early childhood education, others reasoned it would be a helpful course in preparation for parenthood, and some thought it would be a snap course only to find out that it was not easy to be responsible for preschoolers.

At the beginning of the course, students spend approximately four to six weeks listening, researching and reading. Then, each class is divided into three groups (about 7 in each). The groups take turns planning for, observing and teaching the preschoolers. Last term there were 12 preschoolers at play for two periods each weekday morning. This semester the same number of children will enjoy three periods of play since there are now three classes in the Early Childhood Program. Children are involved in varied activities that are both physical and quiet.

### Next Year's Program

Next fall the program will expand to include a double period course. Over half the students now participating have indicated an interest in the advanced course that would expose them to different kinds of day care centers and allow them to intern and observe at different area nursery schools, including the University of Maryland. The expanded program would permit additional preschoolers to enroll in an afternoon program at Roosevelt.

The course, while open to both boys and girls, has only attracted the female set, except for one young man. However, male students - most from Rexon's Bachelor Living classes - have shown an interest by dropping in to play with the youngsters. Other students have also reacted to the tots' presence. There was a Christmas show, gymnastic groups have performed and band students have entertained and shared their instruments with the inquisitive little ones. The preschoolers have also been taken on field trips within the school where they visited the cafeteria and the biology lab.

The teachers prefer that youngsters (ages 2 to 5) participating in the program have no previous preschool experience. It is mandatory that all are toilet trained.

Parents are given the opportunity to observe the play school, help on field trips and share with the tots any special resources they may have. Applications for the fall semester should be submitted in September.

Both Harrington and Rexon are enthusiastic about the program and hope that boys will opt for the course, especially since young chil-

dren respond enthusiastically to their presence. Judging by the popular Bachelor Living course, boys are becoming increasingly interested in areas once considered "only for girls"

### Bachelor Living

This course involves the study of household management and finances, clothing, sewing and mending, food and nutrition, etc.

Students in Rexon's three classes are constantly amazed at the work required to complete their projects. She explained, "When the boys think of food, they think of eating and want immediate results. They discover that it takes time to prepare food - that to follow the recipe math is required." Since the course utilizes all the disciplines, she sometimes must review and reinforce the basics that students learned earlier.

According to Rexon, most of the boys have positive reasons for taking the course. Students want to be prepared when they go out on their own after graduation, whether living away from home on a college campus or working and having their own apartment. Also, could the changing role of women, have influenced them in their course selection?

### "Piggy-Back" Tax Bill

A bill which has been described as the Maryland Municipal League's top legislative priority for 1977 has won preliminary House approval to town preliminary House approval. House Bill 169 by Del Gerard F. Devlin (D) would alter the distribution formula for local income taxes in such a way that future state income tax increases would also benefit Marylanders who live in incorporated areas.

The bill has been strongly supported by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and Council members. It is part of the City of Greenbelt's legislative package for 1977.

Devlin's bill would change the city's "piggy-back" formula from 37% of net taxable income of municipal residents to 8.5% of the state tax liability. In effect, when and if the state increases the state income tax from its present 5% maximum or increases the county surcharge, currently set at a maximum of 50%, the city's share of the county piggy back would increase.

Since 1968 the city's part of the piggy back has remained fairly constant while the counties have almost all increased their share of the piggy back from 20% of state tax liability to 50%. At present only 5 of the state's 23 counties have less than 50% surcharges.

### Kennel Club Dog Show

The National Capital Kennel Club will hold its 64th Annual All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trials on Sun., March 13 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Rosecroft Raceway Clubhouse.

All interested persons call Peg Johnson at 345-2660.

## Boys and Girls Club

Membership sign-ups this Sat. and March 19 between 12 noon and 3 p.m. at the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center. This sign up is good for all sports.

The P.G.C. Boys and Girls Club held an Awards Banquet at Sardoff Hall in Forestville to honor members of the various clubs for their outstanding service to the club. Members of the Greenbelt Club honored were Beth Osborne, Girl of the Year and Scott Goodal, Boy of the Year. The recipients were honored for outstanding citizenship, sportsmanship and service to the club. Also presented with the Distinguished Service Award were Jim Sacco for his many years as football coach, commissioner, vice-president and president, and Marion Sacco for all the time and work she has put into her job as membership secretary for the past 3 years.

Parents - note the ad in this issue of the News Review. The club cannot continue to operate unless people volunteer NOW.

The final home basketball games of the year will be held on Mar. 15. SHL Rec Center - 6 p.m., 12 yr. boys; 7 p.m., 13 yr. girls, and 8 p.m., 17 yr. boys. Youth Center - 6 p.m., 13 yr. boys; 7 p.m. 14 yr. boys; and 8 p.m., 18 yr. girls.

## License Tag Stickers

The 1977 tag validation stickers for passenger vehicles and motorcycles are available at MVA offices throughout the state. Motorists may now attach the stickers to the upper right-hand corner of passenger vehicle tags and the lower right-hand corner of motorcycle tags. Stickers are pressure-sensitive and should not be moistened.

Vehicle owners who have not yet received their tag renewal applications should contact the MVA immediately, (5112 Berwyn Rd., College Park) giving their tag number, the vehicle title and vehicle identification number (serial number), full name, and present address. Offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays (closed March 25). Stickers must be displayed by midnight March 31.

## Restaurant Expansion

The Fireside Beef House on Greenbelt Road is planning to expand its restaurant. A second floor is planned which will permit an additional 125 seats, bringing the total dining space to 425 seats. The restaurant plans to hire 20 more persons.

To accomplish this expansion, the Prince Georges County Council and the County Executive are seeking expanded sewage capacity in the Lower Anacostia Interim Treatment plant.

## Volunteers Needed

Greenbelt volunteers are being recruited to work on the American Cancer Society April Education and Fund Raising Crusade.

Each door-to-door worker will be able to pick up an at-home cancer detection test for cancer of the colon or rectum at this year's Bank Day at Landover Mall on May 1. This type of cancer is the most prevalent of internal cancers and the test is very helpful in detecting intestinal problems.

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## Council Tidies Up a Few Ends

by Bob McGee

The legal defense of public officials and employees, voter registration by mail, and high school students crossing the Baltimore-Washington Parkway were the major items discussed at the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday evening, March 7.

Introduced for final reading by councilman Richard Pilski was a resolution to amend the charter of the City of Greenbelt by adding a new section on "Legal Defense for City Officials and Employees" to provide authority for the appropriation of funds to defray expenses and to insure proper legal defense for city officials and employees for possible legal actions that might result from the lawful performance of their official duties.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld pointed out that the Maryland Municipal League is currently preparing legislation to limit the liabilities of municipal officials. City solicitor Emmett Nanna said that, since the civil rights interpretations of the sixties the crusty old doctrine of governmental immunity to suit—something akin to the divine right of kings—is definitely being chipped away. He thought that this amendment, which had been prepared as a model by the Maryland Technical Advisory Service, was therefore timely. It was passed unanimously.

### Greenbriar Problems

The council had received a letter from Margaret Lebkicker, president of the Board of Directors of the Greenbriar condominiums homeowners association, seeking help regarding students from the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School loitering in hallways of the buildings and picnic areas, and crossing the B-W Parkway through openings in the fence in order to reach the center of Greenbelt.

Councilman Thomas White asserted that the nuisance value to the residents of Greenbriar need not and should not be permitted and that the city should take vigorous action to see that loitering in hallways of the living units not be permitted. Pedestrian access to the Parkway, on the other hand, was a problem that White was not so confident the city could do something about.

Councilman Charles Schwan basically agreed with White, except that he thought that beefing up the fences—while perhaps not stopping teenagers—might at least prevent some younger children from possibly wandering onto the Parkway at some time.

Councilman Richard Castaldi and Pilski thought there should be a meeting of representatives of the city, the high school, and the Greenbriar homeowners association. Council voted unanimously for Manager James Giese to set up such a meeting.

### Voter Registration

At the February 7 meeting, council adopted a charter amendment permitting voter registration by mail. An implementing ordinance providing the procedures for such registration was passed unanimously. Persons wishing to register by mail may do so by requesting the city clerk by telephone, mail or otherwise to send a voter registration form to the person desiring to register, along with a set of instructions explaining the regulations. All forms would contain a certification by the registrant that the information obtained is true.

There was considerable discussion about use of city land for garden plots, but it was not known whether or not the lots behind the municipal warehouse would be available this year, so action was deferred. Council did act to extend administrative leave until June 1 for O.cer Fulgham, who had suffered a compound fracture of the ankle, and indicated its intent to participate in the 1977 cooperative county/city mosquito control program administered through the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

### Children's Choir Concert

The Northern, Central and Southern Area Elementary Children's Choirs will present a combined performance in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium on Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited and there is no charge.

## Parcel S Prelim. Plan Approved

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission on January 27 approved a preliminary subdivision plan for Beltway Plaza's Parcel S. The plan depicts the metes and bounds of the property as well as the streets that will be dedicated to the city. The next step will be the submission of the surveyor's completed drawings to the Planning Board for final subdivision record plat approval. This action allows the plat to officially become part of the county's land records.

Parcel S consists of 7½ acres located on the west side of Cherrywood Lane across the street from the A&P and next to the car wash and bank. Development on the property is subject to three zoning classifications: Heavy Commercial (C-2), Light Industrial (I-1) and Heavy Industrial (I-2).

According to developer Sidney Brown, the main purpose in filing the subdivision plan was to record the entire 7½ acres as one parcel rather than to have piecemeal subdivision of small lots. Brown hopes to eventually rearrange some of the stores in the mall (perhaps by moving A&P and High's across the street) so that a large department store could be constructed and connected with the western end of the mall.

The city council and the Advisory Planning Board expressed concern that the future development of this area will pose traffic impacts (including curb cuts) on Cherrywood Lane as well as potential impact on the nearby Springhill Lake residential area. They wanted to know how these problems will be treated and hoped to learn more about the development plans for the parcel.

## CITY NOTES

Cleanup work was done at the landfill, underpasses and in city buildings.

The water line to the drinking fountains at the Lake Park finally thawed out on March 1. There was no damage to the pipes or fountains.

A fire alarm sending unit that transmits an alarm to the Fire Board was installed in the Youth Center building.

Southway Road is receiving its spring cleaning, and work was performed on the Little League field. New picnic tables are being painted. Arrangements are being made to remove and relocate some of the trees and shrubbery from around the Municipal Building to make room for the addition.

The paper collection last week netted a little over 7½ tons.

## Another Meeting Set On METRO "E" Line

A public briefing on the Greenbelt or "E" route will be held March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland's Adult Education Center. The public forum will give citizens an opportunity to hear a complete briefing on the impact analysis by the consultant hired to do the study. A description of possible alternatives and background information will be included in the presentation.

Copies of the alternatives, already developed by the Corridor Task Force for initial consideration, are available to the public from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Riverdale.

The forum will be held before the five-member Corridor Task Force which will recommend no more than six alternatives. Final decisions on which alternatives will go to more detailed study rest with the county council and executive and the District of Columbia government, which must also approve the study's scope.

Among the options that could be studied for the Greenbelt line are truncation of Metro at Ft. Totten in the District of Columbia with express bus service or light rail from I-95 to the terminal in D.C.; feeder bus service to a Metro station along the proposed route; and better commuter rail service along the corridor.

Planners also propose that 'E' Route options include study of the rapid rail system to a station near the Springhill Lake apartment complex on the Capital Beltway, an end to the system at Prince George's Plaza and an alignment ending at I-95 and the Beltway.

The study will be totally funded by the federal government. The alternatives analysis is being conducted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Transportation Planning Board and the Metro Board.

Officials expect at least one more set of public forums on the alternatives analysis before June 1, when the study is to be completed. Additionally a set of formal public hearings will be held on the study's results.

General plans by the Metro Board already are moving ahead on the Greenbelt line, although the County Council has continually emphasized that authorization for General Plans does not commit Prince George's to building the alignment.

### GREENBELT RUNNING CLUB

Greenbelt runners or joggers are invited to a meeting of the Greenbelt Running Club, Mon., March 14, 8:30 p.m. at 105 Northway Road. Information is available concerning courses, roads and trails to be run or jogged in the Greenbelt area and races to be held nearby or in Greenbelt. At present in the Greenbelt Running Club are runners and joggers of all ages and abilities, from the beginning jogger to 26 mile marathon runners. The Club now has shirts with its name on it and all members receive a shirt upon joining. For information, call 474-9362.

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## Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Councilman Thomas X. White has been named chairman of the Council of Government's Health and Environmental Committee for 1977.

Ann Ricciuti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Ricciuti of Lynbrook Court, and Rosemary Fitzgerald, daughter of Mrs. Joan C. Fitzgerald of Breezewood, Terr. have been named to the Dean's List at Hood College. Both are sophomores.

The Smithsonian Institution has accepted a donation of George and Martha Washington apple dolls (with heads constructed from apples) made by Nina Lilja of Greenbelt. She has exhibited her dolls in crafts shows around the county. They were judged "outstanding" in the 1973 Prince George's Artists Today traveling exhibit.

Amy Walder, who is in the 9th grade at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High, was the winner in Violin Class 4B at the recent 15th Annual Broad Creek Music Festival, sponsored by P.G. Music Teachers' Assoc. Laura Millman and Rachel Turkiewicz, both in the 5th grade at North End Elementary, each won honorable mention. Betsy Turkiewicz, an 8th grader at Mary Bethune Jr. High, won Honorable Mention in Violin Class 5. Congratulations, girls!

Navy Dental Technician First Class Richard J. Booker, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McGallis of Springhill Lake, recently returned from a short deployment off the coast of Florida and North Carolina. He is serving aboard the amphibious command ship USS Mount Whitney.

Greenbelter Jane DeMarines, Public Information Director of Prince Georges General Hospital and Medical Center, and immediate past president of the P. G. County Public Relations Association, recently received proclamation of recognition from County Council Chairman Willard B. Amonett. In presenting the proclamation, Amonett cited DeMarines' effort in bringing a greater awareness of the hospital's services to the community and also noted that she was the first woman president of the County Public Relations group.

George S. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, 113 Northway, was named to the academic dean's list at Hillsdale College, MI. for the fall semester.

### FUN RUN

With the advent of good weather it is expected that more joggers and runners will participate in the FUN-RUNS held every second and fourth Saturday at Greenbelt Lake at 9 a.m. starting at the Refreshment Stand. This Saturday, March 12, three events will be offered; 1/4 mile, 1 mile and 2 and 1/2 miles. On other Saturdays the distances will vary with every person, jogger or runner running at his own pace and receiving a time. This event is open to everyone and offered by the Greenbelt Running Club without charge. The following FUN-RUN will be on March 26.

## Full Disclosure Asked For Sewer, Zoning Applications

Prince Georges Councilman Paris N. Glendenning, presented legislation March 1 mandating full disclosure of names and address of property owners seeking water and sewer hook-ups or zoning applications.

The two measures also will require corporations involved in water and sewer or zoning applications to disclose the names and addresses of stockholders with more than 10 percent interest. Further, the legislation requires that a corporation's board of directors be fully disclosed.

Councilmen must file a statement with the Clerk of the County Council whenever an applicant for water and sewer service talks with a legislator outside of Council chambers, in an attempt to influence his ultimate vote. This will give both the public and other Councilmen a chance to know all the details of a water and sewer request.

At the Executive's request, legislation will also be presented extending the same full disclosure provisions to companies contracting with county government for services or materials. The requirement was contained in an Executive order issued months ago.

Existing law already requires disclosure of ex parte discussion of a zoning case to insure that all official discussion of an application's merits are known by all participants.

"In Prince George's County in the past several years, the limited water supply and limited sewerage capacity has made the granting of water and sewer service as important to the county's development as the zoning process," Glendenning said.

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## Smoke Ban Resolution

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If enacted, there would be no smoking in Council committee sessions, public hearings before the Council or the Zoning Hearing Examiner and any other official meeting the county government may hold. The prohibition extends to meetings of the WSSC and the Park and Planning Commission.

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## Police Blotter

Officers assisted nine disabled motorists during the week. One of these vehicles was a school bus that had broken down; all the passengers were successfully transferred to another bus and transported to school.

After receiving a complaint of juveniles loitering in the post office, Cpl. Miskell apprehended two male residents when they were found tampering with mail boxes. Both youths were returned to the custody of their parents.

Sgt. Coombes recovered a car that had been stolen from Hyattsville. The car was found abandoned on Ridge Road extended.

A report was received by the Department that juveniles were throwing rocks at the school buses at the bus lot one evening. As a result, Sgt. Coombes apprehended two 13 year olds from College Park who had been observed by a passerby throwing rocks. Both youths were returned to the custody of their parents.

Sgt. Faulconer recovered a motorcycle which had been reported stolen four hours earlier, in the woods adjoining Springhill Lake.

Cpl. Stair, after observing a subject commit a traffic violation, attempted to stop him. The subject fled from the vehicle. Subsequent investigation disclosed that the vehicle had been stolen. Another vehicle found at the location of the traffic violation had also been stolen. Both were returned to the owners and investigation continues.

Two people reported being bitten by dogs during the week; both bites were minor. A total of thirteen animal complaints were reported, with six animals being impounded.

Stereo equipment and musical instruments were reported taken from Greenbelt Jr. High School. Investigation is continuing and look-outs have been issued for the stolen property.

Several reports have been received recently regarding thefts from storage bins at various apartments. Residents are reminded that they should not keep valuable items in these bins.

**BALLFIELDS from page one**  
one softball field available for other city use.

The city has also gained approval from the county to develop a football/soccer field with a baseball overlay on a tract located across from Greenbriar condominiums and next to Windsor Green on Greenbelt Road. The county bought this land for a potential junior high school. Windsor Green developers will construct and prepare the fields and then the city will maintain and control them.

The facilities are to be completed, hopefully by summer, before Windsor Green is occupied. The baseball field would not be ready for use until next spring because seeding would have to be completed. The football/soccer field could possibly be available for use by this fall.

### Co-op Nursery School Applic. Night

Greenbelt Nursery School, a cooperative nursery program, will begin accepting applications for the 1977-78 school year at their application night, Mon., March 14, at 8 p.m. The school, located behind the Community Church, Hillside and Crescent, accepts children 3 and 4 years old. It operates on a half day basis and requires parent participation. A fee is required with the application. For further information call Vivian Greville at 422-9437 or the school at 474-5570.

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## Light Rail Trolleys Being Considered

A so-called light rail trolley line for part of the Greenbelt "E" route is being given consideration as the result of a decision by a committee overseeing possible cut-backs of Washington's METRO system. The committee was created by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the COG transportation planning board, and the METRO transit authority to direct an analysis of alternatives to completing all 100 miles of the projected regional transit system.

The proposal would introduce modern trolley cars along an electric power line right-of-way owned by the Potomac Electric Power Co., running from the Ft. Totten Metro-rail station in D.C. to a terminal near the Capital Beltway. It would be a substitute for the rapid rail system north of Ft. Totten.

The suburban trolley line would be supplemented by increased commuter service on the parallel Baltimore & Ohio railroad line, which already has a few rush-hour trains serving Hyattsville, College Park, and Laurel.

Light rail's chief attractions are lower track construction costs and possibly fare collection aboard the car, eliminating the need for station attendants.

### Legislative Dinner

The annual Legislative Dinner, co-sponsored by the Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt, will be held on Tues., March 29, starting at 6 p.m. in State Senator Edward Conroy's office, room 400, in the James Building in Annapolis. For ticket information call Al Wright, 345-6981.

### Greenbelt CARES

Greenbelt CARES is interested in sponsoring craft shops, organized as businesses, such as bicycle repair or leather crafts. Anyone interested in participating is invited to attend a meeting March 15, 3 p.m., 22 Ridge Road. Call 345-3456 for further information.

### Speaker at Mishkan Torah

Dr. Max Singer will speak at the Mishkan Torah, on Fri., March 11 at 8:30 p.m. A physician and former resident of Argentina, Dr. Singer will speak on "The Problems of Argentine Jewry". Interested persons are invited.

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