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### **Demographic Study Would Close North End** While Students Would Walk To SHL; Center **Demographic Study How Greenbelt Would Be Affected Released December 8** by Mary Lou Williamson

were to be adopted.

#### by Mary Lou Williamson

Tagged as incomplete and stamped "Interim" in large letters across the cover. "A Study of Demographic Alternatives: Elementary Schools" was hastily released to the public on Friday, December 8, by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Feeney. Much of the information had already been leaked to the press. In a prepared statement, Norman Saunders, board chairman, staed: "It was my belief that the public interest would be better served by a full and accurate accounting of even the partial study, than to have the information presented ... piecemeal ... Each member of the board . . . concurred." The

complete study will be reported to the Board of Education by its staff in the regular public session tonight, December 15.

The staff had worked day and night since the leak to prepare as much accurate data as possible for immediate release. Both staff and board attorney Paul Nussbaum were aggrieved over what they considered the premature and untimply release of materials which they and the board had voted to keep under wraps until the entire study could be properly presented.

In a statement he read to the press, Nussbaum said the leak "is, in my opinion, but another contrivance aimed to perpetuate the feeling of instability that has been generated throughout Prince Georges County since January 29, 1973" referring to the date of court ordered busing to achieve racial balance in the county school system. "The precipitous and impetuous disclosure of the results of a study yet incomplete, can only lead to anguish . . . and polarization of communities," he said at a time when the board majority "is committed . . . to generate intentions of good faith . . . and a desire of stabilizing the community which we call our home."

Clearly the board, staff and attorney were embarrassed that they had been prevented from communicating privately with the original Vaughns plaintiffs before the study

### walk to school again if the staff study to be presented tonight, December 15, to the Board of Education of Prince Georges County All Springhill Lake students would walk to SHL elementary

school; Greenbriar, Glen Oaks and Windsor Green children would go to Magnolia elementary; and, the remainder of Greenbelt would walk to Center school.

Almost all Greenbelt elementary students would be able to

"A Study of Demographic Alternatives: Elementary Schools," will be formally presented to the Board by its staff at the regular meeting tonight, December 15, in Upper Marlboro. Preliminary and incomplete data was released at a hastily called press conference, Friday, December 8. See adjoining article and chart on page 3.)

Under the study, enrollment at Center would jump from 446 (as of Sept. 30, 1977) to 542. With full capacity set at 550 students, Center School's percentage utilization would rise from 80.3 to 97.7.

On the other hand, SHL would benefit from lowered enrollment. With a capacity of 660 students, the current enrollment of 622 would drop to 584. Likewise, the utilization figure would drop from 94.2 percent to 88.5.

In both schools all the students would be walkers. The black population at Center would be reduced dramatically from 40.8 percent to 1.7. The change in racial balance at SHL would be less noticeable with a drop from 34.7 percent to 23.6.

Since North End school is on the proposed list for closing, no projected figures were given in the **KREIMER TO DISCUSS** 

Prince Georges County Board of Education, will meet with interested residents on Fri., Dec. 16 at the Greenbelt Youth Center at 10 a.m. and on Saturday, December 17 at the Greenbelt Library at 10 a.m. to discuss the Demographic Study concerning school boundaries, school populations and school closures. The study could significantly affect Greenbelt students and other Greenbelt citizens. Ms. Kreimer is interested in hearing the views of Greenbelters and encourages participation in these meetings.

preliminary report released to the press on Friday afternoon, December 8.

Greenbriar students would attend Magnolia under the new study. There would be no room for them at Center, where they now attend. Magnolia's enrollment of 541 would go up to 604 (capacity is 630). Thus the school would operate at 95.9 percent of capacity. The percentage of black students would be 12.6.

# **City Manager Completes 15** Years; Council Gives Praise by Elaine Skolnik

It was at the 25th anniversary celebration of the News Review, held at the American Legion Post Home on December 8, 1962, that the name of James K. Giese first surfaced. The then Mayor Francis White excused himself midway through the program, announcing that he had a flight to catch and an interview with a certain James K. Giese, acting city manager of Western Springs, Ill.

Now, 15 years later, City Manager James K. Giese of Greenbelt is being recognized for his dedicated distinguished service to the and

by Giese, above and beyond normal working hours, especially at budget "His outstanding ability." time. Weidenfeld said, "is also recognized

# **Greenbelt Housing for the Elderly Groundbreaking on December 18**

#### by Mary Lou Williamson

The City of Greenbelt Housing for the Elderly is off the ground at last. "In the words of our attorney, Louis Pohoryles, 'Everything's hunky dory.' We're polishing the silver shovels and ordering the punch for Sunday," assistant city manager Dennis Piendak told the News Review late Tuesday afternoon. Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the site, 22 Ridge Road.

Mayor Richard Pilski, City Manager James K. Giese, City Clerk Gudrun Mills, City Solicitor Emmett Nanna and Piendak had just returned from spending all day in Annapolis. The net result: a signed loan agreement for \$3.3 million from the State of Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development and a signed contract with Thomas P. Harkins, Inc., the low bidder, for the construction of the elderly housing facility. Also in attendance to advise and/or sign agreements were special counsel Louis Pohoryles, title lawyer John Cassidy, elderly housing consultants Jennifer Alpern and Robert Silverwood, architect Steve Parker and Richard Lombardi representing Harkins,

**Council Actions** 

the council through a final array of

ordinances and resolutions under

the watchful eye of Pohoryles. Each

item was passed unanimously, often

with little or no comment from

Glese and no discussion by council.

They had been over it all so many

Council may have performed its

business in a perfunctory manner

but that business was profoundly

important to Greenbelt. Residents

have wanted to build an elderly

housing facility for at least the last

fifteen years. The city and council

staff have been actively working on

1. An ordinance creating a special

2. An ordinance authorizing a

mortgage-loan agreement with the

Community Development Adminis-

3. An ordinance to adopt an elder-

ly housing fund budget as approved

by the State and appropriations of

4. A Resolution authorizing the

city manager to sign a construction

5. An ordinance for a temporary

loan from the general fund if neces-

sary in case State funds do not ar-

rive in time to pay off the tempor-

ary loan from Suburban Trust used

to fund preliminary work (not ex-

6. A resolution authorizing the

negotiated purchase of additional

insurance: general liability from

Harford Mutual, \$825; builders all-

risk insurance policy from Millers

Mutual, \$5,958; mortgage-title in-

surance from District-Realty Title

Insurance Corp., \$5,201; and owners

title insurance from District Real

funds for construction.

contract with Harkins, Inc.

fund of \$35,000 or 1% of the total

development costs as security for

this project since 1974.

Council passed:

the loan.

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times before.

The previous night Giese had led

#### GROUNDBREAKING

There will be a brief groundbreaking ceremony for the new one hundred unit City of Greenbelt Housing for the Elderly apartment building. The ceremony will be held at the site, 22 Ridge Road, on Sunday, December 18, at 3 o'clock. Attendees may keep warm before the ceremoney at the Ridge Road Recreation Center, lower level, where refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

# Agencies Agree on Need For Parkway Overpass

#### by Elaine Skolnik

The National Park Service (NPS) has reacted optimistically to a request from Congresswoman Gladys Spellman to construct a pedestrian overpass over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway connecting east and west Greenbelt. A meeting of governmental officials including Greenbelt representatives met in Spellman's office to expedite the matter on Dec. 14. (Details in next week's News Review.

It appears now that all parties-State Highway Administration, and NPS - have agreed that an overpass is needed as soon as possible to avert a tragedy. Students attending Eleanor Roosevelt School and pedestrians from Greenbrian have been crossing the Parkway.

The Greenbelt City Council has been concerned that the overpass construction would have to be held up until reconstruction of the Parkway had begun. Presently, the project, which will be federally funded, is in the planning stage In his letter to the Federal Highway Administration, J. L. Dunning, NPS Deputy Regional Director for the National Capital Region, wrote, " . . . As you are aware, under the terms of the Federal Highway Act of 1970, we have entered into an agreement with the State of Maryland whereby the 17-mile Federal section of the parkway is to be transferred to the State of Maryland upon reconstruction "to meet interstate geometric and construction standards." One of the primary reasons for the reconstruction is to increase safety of the highway. According to the terms of the agreement, the actual transfer of maintenance responsibilities takes place upon the letting of the first construction contract by the State of Maryland, while conveyance of

#### DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY member Kreimer, Lesley

#### became public

The board does not "have any desire to seek another confrontation," Nussbaum said. He implied that hoped for cooperation between the two groups may have been seriously impaired by the manner in which the study was released.

It was the intention of the board, Nussbaum continued, to (1) formally present the demographic study to the board for acceptance, (2) schedule public hearings to find out whether there would be "general and total community support" for the plan and (3) "to seek the re-opening of the Vaughns litigation only if it were known in advance that there would be no strenuous opposition" from the total community of P.G. county.

#### Santa Coming to Boxwood

The Boxwood Civic Association is continuing with the visit of Santa Claus to the community. Santa will visit Sun., Dec. 18 from 3-6 p.m. He will distribute candy canes to all children. Parents are asked to listen for his visit and escort children to the "sleigh."

At Monday's city council meeting. council paid tribute to Giese in a resolution that expresses appreciation and recognizes Giese's "fifteen years of devoted and valuable service to the city and its citizens." The resolution was authored by Councilman Charles Schwan (see page 3).

Schwan wrote of the respect Giese commands "from those with whom he deals on behalf of the He charaterized Giese's sercity." vice as being distinguished by "integrity, efficiency, imagination and conscientiousness.

Councilman Thomas White said that the recognition was timely "in light of what we hope will take place tomorrow," referring to the closing of the loan financing for the elderly housing project. "Giese," he said, "deserves a great deal of credit for his efforts . . . The project was unique to the city, introducing factors and variables that the city never before experienced. Giese and the staff conducted themselves in their usual excellent fashion."

"Giese is dedicated and has a strong responsibility to the city," said Mayor pro-tem Gil Weidenfeld. He pointed to the many hours spent

by those in municipal and state organizations . . . Our City Manager is second to none." He noted that Giese's art of grantsmanship has saved the city thousands of dollars and "he hires the right people."

Councilman Richard Castaldi said, "I am aware how excellently the city works . . . Giese has done an excellent job . . . Those who deal with him outside of the city, including developers, respect the qualities of our City Manager . .

Mayor Richard Pilski told Giese, 'We are fortunate because of the things you had in mind for the city." Pilski spoke of Giese's ability to work with others. "We have had our differences, but we have ironed them out in an intelligent manner."

Giese, touched by the resolution and tributes, thanked council members for their kind words. "City managers," he said, "don't work by themselves. There must be a good elected body to make it work." Giese said that he was proud to have been Greenbelt's City Manager longer than any other person. "The fact that Greenbelt has had so few City Managers shows that this city is a good place for City Managers."

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pected to be necessary).

#### WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Dec. 16, 10 a.m. Lesley Kreimer discusses School Boundaries, Youth Center.

Sat., Dec. 17, 10 a.m. Lesley Kreimer discusses School Boundaries, Greenbelt Library 10 a.m. - 12 noon Santa visits the Youth Center

7:30 p.m. Meet at Youth Center for Caroling thru city.

Sun., Dec. 18, 3 p.m. Groundbreaking ceremony for the Elderly Housing project, Ridge Road Center, 22 Ridge.

the parkway to Maryland will take place on completion of reconstruction.

In view of the hazardous situation of pedestrians crossing the parkway at Greenbelt and the fact that reconstruction by the State of Maryland of the entire parkway is perhaps 3 or 4 years away, it might be appropriate to construct the overpass immediately rather than including it in the reconstruetion. In this case, the National Park Service would be willing to issue a construction permit as is the practice when construction by others on National Park Service lands is involved."

# NOTICE

The City Council meeting of December 19, 1977

has been cancelled. The next meeting will be

held on Monday, January 9, 1978 at 8 p.m. in

the Municipal Building.

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### **Greenbelters** Participate In **Maryland Marathon Run**

On Sunday December 4 at least five Greenbelters were among the 1700 starters in the Maryland Marathon held in Baltimore. The race was won in course record time by nationally ranked marathoner and 10,000 meter Olympic runner, Garry Bjorklund, 26, of Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2 hours 13 minutes and 46.4 seconds. The first Greenbelter was Jim Isenberg, who is also a 36 mile runner, 46th place in 2:34:03; Lee Aulisio 83rd in 2:42:44; Fred Bishop 577th in 3:21:16, Alexander Barnes 674th in 3:27:06 and Bill Clarke 829th in 3:36:49.

#### Long Distance Races To Be Held Dec. 26

At least 200 runners and joggers are expected in Greenbelt on Monday, December 26 for three distance running races starting at Braden Field at 11:15 a.m. The 1% mile race around the lake ending at Braden Field, for joggers and experienced runners, starts at 11:15, The 10 and 20 mile races for experienced runners start at Braden Field at noon and finish there after going through the Agricultural Farm along Beaver Dam Road. The 10 mile should be won in about 50 minutes and the 20 mile in about 1 hour and 50 minutes with stragglers finishing 31/2 hours after the start. There will be prizes for the various age groups and Greenbelters in any race will receive prizes. There is a fee for all races. These races are sponsored by the Greenbelt, Running Club, the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the D.C. Road Runners.

#### MAIL APPRECIATION WEEK

Mayor Richard R. Pilski has declared the week of December 11 through the 17 as Mail Appreciation Week in Greenbelt. A proclamation was signed by the mayor on December 10 urging all citizens to use the occasion to assist the Greenbelt post office by mailing as early as possible this year and thereby help insure a pleasant 1977 holiday season for everyone.

### Lion's Club Raffle Winner

The winning ticket of the Lion's 50/50 raffle was drawn on Mon. evening, Dec. 12.

The winner was Ed Smith, a livestock inspector for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Smith works at the APHIS lab at the University of Maryland.

The Lion's Club wishes to thank everyone who participated by purchasing tickets. The proceeds will go toward helping those less fortunate in the community.

Francis W. White Becomes **County Council Chairman** 

#### Thursday, December 15, 1977

**Baptist Choir Program** 

Chancel Choir will present its

Christmas Music on Sunday, De-

cember 18 at 7 p.m. It is "A Song

Unending" by John W. Peterson.

The Choir will be directed by

Frank Helms and the accompan-

ist is Dan Rembold. The public is

The Greenbelt La Leche League

will hold its monthly meeting on

Monday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at 8 Olive-

wood Ct. The topic will be: "Nutri-

tion and Weaning." For informa-

**Greenbelt Credit Union** 

**Receives Thrift Award** 

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Un-

ion has been selected as a recipient

of the Thrift Honor Award, a cita-

tion presented by the National Cre-

dit Union Administration (NCUA),

the U.S. government agency which

charters and supervises federal cre-

Joe Comproni, the award is present-

ed to the top 10 to 14 percent of

federally chartered credit unions

showing the largest average month-

ly rate of increase in total savings,

and demonstrating unusually effec-

Comproni points out that since

the NCUA's last annual examina-

tion, member savings in the credit

union increased by more than \$1

million. and by 49 percent. Total

savings exceed \$3 million and credit

union assets amount to \$4.2 million.

crease in membership and current-

ly has over 4,000 members. This

increase, Comproni believes, may be

attributed to the increase in the

annual dividend rate to 6% as well

as the offering of share drafts to

Earlier this year, GFCU was one

GFCU has also enjoyed an in-

tive service to members.

According to General Manager

La Leche Meeting

invited to attend.

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The Greenbelt Baptist Church

#### Tag Renewal for Residents

Thousands of Maryland motorists face the possible witholding of their tag renewal applications next February should they fail to pay parking tickets or comply with auto safety equipment repair orders, by Monday, December 5, the Motor Vehicle Administration warned recently.

Equipment repair orders, under Maryland law, can be issued by any Maryland law enforcement officer if, in the judgment of the officer, a vehicle fails to meet minimum safety requirements. If parking tickets are not paid by December 5, not only will the tag renewal application of the motorist be withheld or "flagged" but he may also face a special flagging fine of up to \$10.00 or monthly late fines or both.

In the case of repair orders, repair work requiring just visual inspection (taillights, windshield, mirrors, etc.) can be checked at any authorized inspection station, at most State Police installations or at some local police departments. Repair work requiring the use of test equipment, however, can only be checked at an authorized inspection station. Only after an inspection station, a State Police installation or a local police department certifies that the repair work is satisfactory and the proper certification is returned to State Police Headquarters in Pikesville 'is the repair order officially satisfied.

For further information, telephone 474-8000, Greenbelt City Police Dept. City Treasurer, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770.

### Synagogue Dramatic

Program

The Mishkan Torah Players will dramatize an original Eternal Light radio broadcast "A Chassidic Tale" on Fri., Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. Music will accompany the sermon-in-drama. Interested persons are invited to attend.

> MOWATT MEMORIAL United Methodist Church

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Pastor 474-3381 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

All residents of Greenbelt are eligible for membership in GFCU. GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH (United Church of Christ). Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings) Nursery provided at 2B Hillside Sun., 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church Schoel Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors Children still need an example IF worship of God is to be important .....

# **News Review Carriers Bring Season's Greetings**

Around this time of the year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Christmas cards and greetings. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our delivery crew very high remuneration. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

We wish to remind our readers that our newsboys and girls are of a very tender age and in almost all cases this is their first job experience. It is a learning process for these youngsters and in some cases the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to provide encouragement to these youngsters for their efforts and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

#### THANKS To the Editor:

Well, the Greenbelt Gong Show is over. Although not a horde of cash was collected, we did manage to raise \$163. Considering the amateurism of the organizers as well as participants in the show, I feel it went rather well.

I would like to take this moment to thank those people who made the Greenbelt Gong Show possible. To Senator Ed Conroy, Leo Gerton and Louise Tousignant I am grateful for their time acting as judges of our show, Their sense of humor did not wane. Particularly Leo who stood in during lax periods (he is quite talented, you know).

Without the professionalized printing of Paul Tousignant, Louise's brother, we would have had no tickets to sell nor posters to hang. His time and effort is greatly appreciated. This publicity, combined with that of the News Review's granting of space in several issues, helped to bring in people we could not otherwise reach. Thank you News Review.

Because of the donations of Fireside Restaurant, Sir Walter Raleigh Inn, Emerson's, Radio Shack, Maryland Book Exchange, High's, Pepsi Cola Co., 7-11, McDonald's, Judy Goldstein, Doris Walker and my mother, we had prizes to give away. Their gifts were quite helpful in making for a good show.

The Greenbelt JayCees came through in our hour of need by covering the expenses of using Greenbelt Junior High. To them,

#### December 12. The branch is located at 6329 Greenbelt Road. Marshall Moore, senior vice president cut the kelly green satin

ribbon held by: James H. Anderson, vice president for branch administration; Winnie Kelly, Prince Georges County Executive; Dr. Evelyn Bata, executive vice president of the P.G. Chamber of Commerce; Cecelia Neville, manager of the new Greenbelt branch; and Irving Kidwell and Emmanuel Tsourounis, part-owners of the shopping center.

Lovola Opens New Branch

helped to dress up the ribbon-cut-

ting ceremony as Loyola Federal

Savings and Loan Association op-

ened its 26th branch on Monday,

A green belt with gold buckle

The largest savings and loan in the state, Loyola Federal is approaching a billion dollars in assets. According to Anderson, Loyola "already has a sizable number of savings and mortgage customers in this area." Branches are spread from Ocean City to Hagerstown, though most are in the metropolitan Baltimore area. Loyola will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1979.

Neville, a native of Baltimore, has completed the management trainee program with Loyola. She expects to move into the area in the near future.

# **Recreation** Review



of 10 metro area credit unions to provide services to members through the use of automated tel-Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m. lers located in seven area drug stores. It was the first effort of this scope by credit unions to offer au-Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, tomated teller service on an area-



Let YOUR example lead the WAY!!

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a big thank you. Thanks to the several persons who donated baked goods for sale at the show. I am sure the people who bought them were rather well satisfied.

To the contestants in the show I am thankful, And last but not least, thanks to my friends, Richard Rose and Mike Burke, for the unexpected pie in my face.

Bob Phillips

#### Congratulations To the Editor:

Congratulations to you, the staff, and the contributors on the fortieth birthday of the Greenbelt News Review. I'm sure the people of Greenbelt will be reading your paper for many many more years because, you know, life begins at 40!

The News Review not only refleets the Greenbelt community, it has helped to make it the unique community that it is. A newspaper such as yours does much to bring people together.

My very best wishes for another fabulous forty years. Your anniversary issue was great!

Leo E. Green House of Delegates

#### Men's "A" League Basketball

For those who want to enter a team in the city's Men's Franchise League, the deadline is Fri., Dec. 16. For more information, call the Recreation Department, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878.

#### Roller Skating

The Recreation Department sponsored roller skating program at Greenbelt Center Elementary school is held twice a week from 4:00 -5:30 p.m., the 1st thru 3rd graders skate on Wednesdays with the 4th thru 6th graders on Friday, Rink skates are for rent. A nominal fee is charged at the door.

#### Open Gyms

Following is a schedule of other open gyms in the area: Greenbelt Junior High School - Sundays 2 - 6 p.m.; Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School - Sundays 6 - 10 p.m.

#### Boys' and Girls' Club Uniform Turn-In

All football and soccer uniforms should be turned in on Tues, or Thurs., 8-10 p.m. at the Youth Center. Basketball uniforms will not be issued to any person holding other uniforms.

Second term County Councilman Francis W. White 'a veteran of 15 years in municipal and county elective office, will take over the Council reins of leadership December 13 following his election to Council Chairman.

White, for the past four years Council's spokesman on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, began his political career as Greenbelt mayor from 1961-63. He served on the Greenbelt City Council an additional four years before beginning his second term the city's mayor from 1969-71, then he was elected to the Gounty Council following adoption of the

A professional registered engineer, White worked for 15 years, until 1971, as planning engineer with the University of Maryland. He served as the Council vice

chairman from 1972 to 1974 and, since 1973 as Council's representative to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, the bi-county agency handling Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties' mass transportation issues. The at-large Councilman was WSTC chairman in 1973 and vice chairman in 1974.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH 474-4212 Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Mid-week Program (Wed) 6:00 pm For bus transportation, call church office 9 a.m 1 p.m. weekdays
March
Holy Cross Lutheran Church 6905 Greenbelt Road
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9:50 a.m. Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m. Edward H. Birner, Pastor Phone 345-5111

# Need Carpools For Housing Assistance Applications ...

Beginning Monday, December 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Prince Georges County Housing Authority will be taking applications for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program. This federal program provides financial assistance to low-income families (whether they be young, middle-aged, senior citizens or the handicapped). The aid permits a person to pay only 25% of his income for housing costs while the federal government, through the county's Housing Authority, pays the rest.

Only a limited amount of money is available for this program. Therefore, the person who applies first has a better chance of being accepted. Income criteria range from \$11,300 for a one-person household; \$12,900 for two people; \$14,600 for three people; \$16,200 for four people, and on up to \$20,300 for eight

Anyone wishing to apply should go to the Housing Authority Office, Hampton Mall (2nd floor), 9171 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights. Hampton Mall is at Exit 33 west on the Beltway, just past Landover Mall.

Sixteen GHI members are now benefiting from this program, and many more are eligible. GHI will also try to organize car pools to arrive at Hampton Mall by 8:30 a.m. Monday. Anyone who can drive or needs a ride should call Sandra Barnes, Coordinator for Member Services, at 474-0720 as soon as possible.

People who have doubts about whether they meet the income requirements may also call Sandra Barnes or the Housing Authority at 336-8900.

Those who apply must bring with them: 1) names and ages of all persons living at home, 2) amount of cash on hand and in savings account, 3) value of stocks and bonds, 4) amount of equity in home and in other real estate, and 5) income from all members in the household.

### Clothing Needed

Due to the recent cold weather many school children are unable to attend school because of lack of coats and winter clothing. Especially needed are jackets and coats for all ages - kindergarten through high school (including adult sizes). Used clothing is now being collected by "Clothing for Kids", sponsored by Radio Station WMAL TV). All clothing will be dispensed to children in the D.C. Metropolitan area certified to be in need. For pick-up of clothing donations call Mrs. Webb - 474-6890.

Our Neighbors Mary and Wayne Lewis, 12-L Ridge Rd., are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Lisa Marie, on Nov. 4. Lisa weighed in at 7 lbs. 14½ oz. Upon her arrival at home she was greeted by her sis-

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ter Kendra and her brother Joel. The winners of Duplicate Bridge were Peg Wainscott and Gretchen Eanes in first place; second place winners were Laura and Bill Walk-The next game will be held on Fri., Jan. 13 at the Youth Center.

Birthday greetings to Peter Williamson who celebrated his 13th birthday on Dec. 2.

Congratulations to Alan Schultz and Bryn Wadley on the occasion of their marriage. They will live in Charlestowne Village.

Navy Machinists Mate Third Class John V. Coloe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Coloe, 22 Woodland Way, has completed a Basic Machinist's Mate Course at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes.

It's a girl for Betty and Jimmy Canning, Charlestowne Village. Jessica Lee made her debut on Nov. 18, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz. Jessica's grandparents are former Mayor and Mrs. Thomas Canning.

#### **Fireplace** Guidelines

Since home fireplaces are being used more frequently during the energy crunch, the Prince Georges Department of Licenses and Permits has prepared a set of guidelines for the most efficient and safe use of fireplaces.

Certain precautions should be taken before using a fireplace;

· Make sure the flue is not blocked, and that damper operates freely. Check for cracked or loose .

bricks. · Inspect the chimney inside the

house and attic for smoke stains since these could be indicative of leaking flue gases.

• All floor and attic framing should be at least 2 inches from chimney.

• Fire screen should fit snugly. · Hearth should be kept free of combustibles.

In addition, since fireplaces can actually waste fuel by drawing warm air from the house and sending it up the chimney, the following suggestions should prove useful:

· Close the damper as soon as possible after the fire is out.

• Always keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use.

The guidelines also note that green and soft woods do not burn well and can cause soot build-up in the chimney. Firewood comes complete with termites and other pests. and should be stored off the ground

Some street patching was accomplished and leaves and other debris were moved from storm sewer catch basins.

Someone removed the plywood that had been securing the old Athletic clubhouse (Jaycees) last week. More material was obtained and placed over the windows and door. Considerable time was spent at the Youth Center building, working on the sump pumps. Clay from the pottery room had gotten into the sump pits which had to be removed and the pumps repaired. Some electrical work was done at the city office building. Wires are being installed for parking lot lights at the Springhill Lake recreation center.

Chips were put on muddy areas at the Youth Center building. Some wood chips were taken to the old landfill site to make the disposal of leaves easier by providing better traction for the leaf vacuum. The playground equipment, incuding two basketball backboards, has been removed from the Ridge Road center area.

The CETA crew worked on the open ditch along Braden Field.

For the month of November, 115 CARES individuals were counseled of which 55 were under 18 years of age.



WHEREAS, James K. Giese has served the City of Greenbelt as its City Manager for the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS, his service throughout this period in the several facets of his position has been distinguished by integrity, efficiency, imagination and conscientiousness; and

WHEREAS, the respect he commands from those with whom he deals on behalf of the city enhances the stature of the city: and

WHEREAS, he enjoys the respect and affection of those who work under his supervision, the employees of the city, and those who supervise his works, the City Council and the citizens of the City of Greenbelt;

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> Richard Pilski Mayor

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# **Council Concerned By Intersection** Looks into Annexation Possibilities

#### by Sandra Barnes

A chock full, 45 plus item agenda called for a continuation of the regular city council meeting to Wednesday, November 30. Council agreed to support the concerns of the principal of Greenbelt Junior High School, Charles Collins, in his request of the State Highway Administration to erect a six-foot chain-link fence along the median strip of Greenbelt Road opposite the school. School officials are worried about the dangers involved when kids cross all along that busy street rather than at the designated crosswalk where the crossing guard is stationed.

Though recognizing the hazards and sympathetic to them, councilman Tom White refused to go along with the other members on this issue because he disliked the idea of an unsightly chain link fence. He suggested that SHA come up with other solutions to the problem. Other council members stated that their support of Collins' suggestion did not rule out other possibilities.

The long-standing traffic problems at the Greenbelt Road-Ken-Hworth Avenue intersection were also discussed. Construction of an interchange is slated for the intersection, council was informed by eity manager James Giese, but not for another five to seven years. Council members chided officials who would permit development of businesses and houses before development of public facilities. Couneilman Charles Schwan reminded the other members that Kenilworth Avenue-Greenbelt Road is now the second busiest intersection in all of Prince Georges County - what will it be like in a few years after completion of development on the Golden Triangle, Springhill Lake North, Glen Oaks, Windsor Green, the Schrom property? A collective shudder echoed throughout the council chambers.

Council agreed to contact the county executive, the Prince Georges County delegation to the state legislature and the county council to speed up plans for improvements to the intersection.

Schrom Annexation

Annexing the Schrom property on Greenbelt Road (next to Hunting Ridge) into the city limits of Greenbelt interested all council members as they asked the city manager to look into the matter. And, while he was at it, "look into the possibility of annexing the Goddard Space Flight Center property as well" Mayor Richard Pilski requested and council agreed.

What's In A Name?

Council decided to name one of the courts in Windsor Green after former Mayor Thomas Canning, and to discuss the further naming of streets at a work session.

A list of names for the senior citizens housing building was received. Suggestions were: Greenwood House, McDonald Manor, Hamilton House, Green Ridge House. A petition signed by 85 people also recommended McDonald Manor or McDonald House, after former city manager Charles McDonald. Tom White added Cassels Ridge, after Jim Cassels who worked on obtaining housing

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County's Mental Health Dept. -endorsed restructuring of Council of Government's air quality planning committee . . Council also heard a report from the city manager on some Bowie residents' objections to use of the Bravard site in Bowie as the county's new landfill. The city will support the Bravard site as long as

sing concern on the proposed cutback of nine employees in the \$200 Balto, Blvd.

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Another name Mayor Pilski liked, but didn't like its size. He wanted "City of Greenbelt" to be as large as the sign proclaiming "Springhill Lake Recreation Center" on the building so named. The city manager will look into the cost of larger letters.

#### Prison Labor

The city manager will also explore the program of using prison laborers in the Public Works Dept. These would not be hardened criminals but people incarcerated for somewhat minor offenses.

#### Pot Pourri

Council

supported a strong liaison office in the county executive's office. Such a person would keep in close contact with the municipalities.

agreed to see how the owners of Charlestowne Village would feel about creating a ball field just west of the high rise. Extensive work would be needed to make it suitable for a practice field.

agreed to send letters to the County Executive, the County Council and the Dept. of Health expres-

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#### **Charlestowners** Join PD for Awareness Pgm by Linda Orenstein

Residents of Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North were participants in the first session of the Greenbelt Police Department's Community Awareness Program o Thursday, Dec. 1. The meeting opened with a dramatic presentation of police calls on a scanner, calls for help which would go unanswered if not for the police department.

Officer Charles Watkins introduced the program and gave a history of the Greenbelt City Police Department of yesterday and today. The officers then went on to discuss various topics. The question of what police can and cannot do in civil matters was explored by Sgt. Phil Coombes. Pfc. Paul Duprat then covered the manner of police responses to calls and elucidated emergeny procedures. Pfc. David Fulgham's talk dealt with various aspects of Crime Watch Programs, such as home security, community education, selected surveillance techniques and neighborhood watch.

The officers emphasized the importance of dialing 911 in a fire emergency but urged residents to call the Greenbelt Police Station. 474-5454, in all situations requiring police help. A call placed to 91 for the police is routed through

dispatcher and wastes valuable time. They also underlined the importance of the Communications specialists, Lt. Marshall Zoellner, Commander of Central Services; Dispatcher Supervisor, Judy Boone; Linda Scarlata; Cynthia French; Mary Coulter; Cindy McKnew; and Pauline Bordas, who follow the movements of the officers and route emergencies to them.

Chief Dutton, of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, was present and he stressed the importance of fire safety in the home and family preparedness in the event of a home

Gary Courtois of the State Attorney's Office explained the role of office in the judicial process, as did Bernard Womack, District Court Commissioner, who outlined the procedures of the District Court. also a part of the judicial system. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a question and answer period. There was a variety of literature made available on subjects of concern to all citizens. Officer Watkins stated that the police are there to serve and protect the community and to work with the residents. Each person holds his own concept of public awareness, but these officers voluntarily conducting this program, invite all who are interested to attend future meetings.

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# **Election Supervisors Hear Citizen Views on Precincts**

#### by Janet James

The hearing before the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Prince Georges County the evening of December 5 was the most nearly unanimous meeting of any kind that this reporter has ever attended in Greenbelt. Witnesses, from members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to Greenbriar, from Councilman Charles Schwan presenting the City Council position to Eunice Coxon who is frequently the loyal opposition, all agreed that cohesiveness of Greenbelt should not be disrupted by a division of voting precincts which would have Greenbelt residents and non-Greenbelters in the same polling places.

Surprisingly, the hearing started on time. All members and alternates of the Board of Supervisors gave the citizens of Greenbelt the compliment of being present. They are Thomas Dugan, 'President; Eileen M. Petrillo and Estelle Wood, members; Charles C. Deegan, Mary Devaney and Lona B. Hatter, alternates

Dugan opened the meeting with a statement that its purpose was to receive citizen input in proposed realignment of voting precincts of Greenbelt and surrounding neighborhoods. It is the intent of the Supervisors of Elections to have no more than 1500 voters in a precinct because more may result in long lines at the polls, thereby discouraging voters. Ballots themselves are longer now, more offices are filled by the election process and more peope are running for office.

The presently proposed plan of the Supervisors of Eections was described in last week's News Review. If it were carried out, residents of Greenbelt would be voting in six precincts, two of which would also have non-Greenbelters voting in them.

Senator Edward T. Conroy, the first witness, said he had spoken to many citizens of Greenbelt, not one of whom was in favor of the proposed plan. He himself felt that if carried out, it would disturb "the peaceful tranquility and integrity of Greenbelt." He asked that at least the decision be put off as long as possible in order to see how new developments along Greenbelt Road were coming along. The Board of Supervisors has until June 1978 to make a final decision.

Delegate Leo Green quoted from the News Review article of December 1 and asked the members of the Board to read it in order to see clearly the basis for Greenbelt's opposition to their proposed plan.

Delegate Gerard Devlin said that as a former Chairman of the Supervisors of Elections he knew their problems. He added, however, that the apparent absence of polling places in a given area was not a reasonable cause for setting boundaries of precincts since anything from a one-room schoohouse to the Capitol Center could serve as a polling place; rather the greater needs of communities should be the determining factor.

#### **City** Position

Councilman Charles Schwan, in giving the city council's position, explained that Greenbelt City elections must be held in the same polwith the ame ling p cinct division as the County, State and National elections. He questioned whether "peaceful tranquility" was always present in Greenbelt, but the sense of community is greater than in most municipalities of similar size and this despite the fact that the city is divided into nine segments by major highways. There is already enough confusion by the requirement of a special registration for a city election, the Greenbelt Homes Inc. elections for which membership in the cooperative rather than registration is required, and the highway segmentation of the city. "The council," Schwan said, "is aware that in the near future another polling place will be required in the Greenbriar, Glen Ora, and Windsor Green area." He asked that it be for Greenbelt residents only. In discussion following Schwan's statement, the subject of long questions on the ballots came up. Senator Conroy said he is preparing legislation which would permit sending the questions to be voted on to registered voters at their homes, where they can study them and vote on them in their leisure. This has been tried with great succeas in some Western states.

Both of the Chief of Election Judges for Precinct 6 (North End School), Margaret Baldovin (Dem) and Eunice Coxon (Rep) spoke in favor of keeping that precinct intact. They said it is well organized and that no one has to wait in line very long. Coxon suggested that both parties could do a better job by mailing to all registered voters complete sample ballots before the primaries and that two sets of sample ballots should be posted at the polling places by the Election Supervisors to relieve the crowding around the one set normally posted. Coxon also expressed her agreement with the city council

position as presented by Schwan. Marcia Krasnick spoke strongly in favor of keeping Springhill Lake together rather than sending some of its people to vote with Westchester Park residents and those living on Good Luck Road. Splitting SHL, she said, "would be destroying the image of a neighborhood . . . Splitting any of the precincts would cause more confusion and destroy the political integrity of Greenbelt.

Residents of other areas of the city spoke in favor of retaining the cohesiveness of Greenbelt in its voting. Muriel Weidenfeld pointed out that presently only Greenbelters vote with Greenbelters and asked the Election Supervisors to continue their present policy in that respect. Bruce Bowman, while testifying to the sense of community in Greenbelt, credited the News Review with large degree of responsibility for that cohesiveness.

Only Kathy LeFevre, who has worked as an election judge, said she saw no reason why, when a fourth precinct is added for Greenbelt residents on the East side of the Parkway, it could not also handle non-resident voters. She felt it would not be too big a job to separate out Greenbelt residents from nonresidents in that one precinct for local elections every two years.

#### **Assessment Hearings**

Harry E. Shipp, Jr., Supervisor of Assessments for Prince Georges County, has announced that evening and Saturday hearings will be held to accommodate residents who cannot attend daytime sessions. The non-business-hour hearings will be held at several sites conveniently located throughout the county. The request for these hearings must be made, in writing, with the submission of the protest

Shipp emphasized that while the new hearing times are now available, it is to the advantage of the taxpayer to have hearings scheduled during normal business hours when the full facilities of his office are avaliable.

### **Christmas Wrap-Up**

"Why take a chance of dampening someone's holiday spirit by sending poorly wrapped Christmas gifts through the mail," Postmaster Emery A. Harman asks?

According to Postmaster Harman, customers can be more assured that their gifts will arrive in good condition if the following package tips are followed.

A single item in a package should be cushioned with shredded paper, excelsior, compressed tissue paper, cloth, or expanded plastic foam. If two or more items are in the same carton, cushioning material should protect items from contact with each other, and each item should have its own individual inner carton.

· Fiberboard containers, including large soap, cereal boxes, etc. larger than the gift being mailed should be cut down to about the size of the gift to minimize shifting of contents. Breakable items should have at least one inch clearance between the sides of the boxes and the item to provide adequate room for cushioning.

· Fiberboard should have "pound test" strength of at least 175. This is usually shown in the box maker's certificate on the bottom of the box.

· Fragile articles must be individually cushioned, and all four sides of the container should be padded with cushioning material.

· Tape used to close containers should be reinforced and should cover and firmly secure all flaps.

· When paper must be used for the outer wrapping it should be at least equal in quality and strength to the kraft stock used for grocery bags. However, it is preferable that paper wrappers be omitted if the box itself constitutes an adequate shipping container.

• Proper packaging is particularly important for books and records. Because of their weight, books should be cushioned so they cannot shift within the box. It is not desirable to ship more than 25 lbs of books in one package.

• The thin, long-playing records should be placed in a carton which is at least one-fourth of an inch thick.

• Each package should contain the name and address of the person to whom it is being mailed inside the package as well as outside. An address contained inside is assurance that it will be received promptly even if the outside address should become lost or obliterated.

· Be sure to put your return address on the package.

• And, finally, address the package correctly and legibly, so that it can be read at two feet. Be sure to include the ZIP Code. (Call 345-1335 if you don't know your ZIP Code). Mail with proper ZIP Code is processed more rapidly. When addressing mail to a foreign country be sure to spell out the country's name in full. Do not abreviate.

### Page 8 Task Force Will Study **PG** Permit Procedures by Elaine Skolnik

The administrative aspects of reviewing, approving, and enforcing development and site grading plans, particularly when conditions are attached, were discussed at a meeting called by Prince Georges County Council Chairman Francis White on December 7. In attendance were Councilman Charles Schwan, City Manager James K. Giese and representatives of the county executive's office, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and the Department of Licenses and Permits (DLP)

Triggering the need for the session was the breakdown in communications and procedures that had permitted an amended Capitol Cadillac grading plan (from 6.5 to, 27 acres) to be approved by DLP without first being referred to MN-CPPC for review and recommendation. DLP said this action was an oversight, but the failure to route the amended plan to MNCPPC resulted in the city's not being apprised of the revised grading permit for half the Greenbelt Triangle. The city found out about the clearing and grading operations after the bulldozers were at work.

In communications to county officials, the city council stressed its need to receive timely notice of applications for permits, amendments to and issuances of permits within Greenbelt's boundaries.

White told the News Review that he feels municipalities should be notified of permit applications and issuances in order to have adequate time to make their views known. He also expressed the need for improved communication among the technical agencies.

#### **Task Force Formed**

A Task Force consisting of MN-CPPC and DLP staff was formed to sample a representative number of developments in the county to determine (1) if conditions imposed had been communicated to the appropriate agencies, (2) if proper referrals of the plans had been made to municipalities, (3) if the developer had been apprised of the conditions, and (4) if the developer had met the conditions. Inspections of the various projects will be made by Task Force members.

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### **Boys and Girls Club** by Kathie Reed

The Board of Directors for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club met December 6. During the meeting the outstanding boy and girl were chosen to receive awards of achievement from the Prince Georges County Boys and Girls Club. Representing Greenbelt are Gene Kellaher and Amy Hanks.

The Board also approved several fund raising activities which will be taking place early next year. These will include a raffle during the basketball season and a craft show/strawberry festival in the spring.

There are still a few openings in the intramural basketball program. Boys between the ages of 8 and 12 should call Rich Starkweather. 347-3691 or Pat Gainor, 474-3649. There are also many soccer uniforms which have not been returned and family members will be prohibited from participating in the club's programs until these uniforms are turned in. This may be done any Tuesday at 7:30 at the Youth Center.

The findings and recommendations of the Task Force will be given to John McDonough of the county executive's office, who will evaluate the report. The report will emphasize (1) whether or not there were a significant number of communications breakdowns between the agencies, such as occurred in the case of the Greenbelt Triangle, and (2) working out a better communications system with respect to coordinating plans through the review, approval, and enforcement process.

White said, "We will then determine if any administrative reconstruction is needed or, if it is determined that a change in the laws is needed, then we would want to move in that direction."





For additional information on the dates and sites of the evening and Saturday hearings, call 952-4040.

St. Hugh's Church

**Grenoble Hall** 

will be held on

Thursday, December 22 at 8 p.m.

Two Giant Jack Pots weekly, Free drawing for 1 turkey.

Chances will be sold on a food basket with turkey and trim-

mings for a complete Christmas Dinner.

• Be sure to put only one mailing address on the outside of the parcel. Do not address on more than one side.

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**Christmas Tree Sale** 

sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 1746 Starts Saturday, Dec. 10, noon to 9 p.m.

> weekend hours 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. weekday hours 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

#### **Greenbelt Pool**

Free chance on 10-speed bike with each purchase

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