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## City-Greenbriar Discuss Parkway Overpass, Possible Reconciliation

by Elaine Skolnik

An air of optimism prevailed at the conclusion of a special meeting called by the Greenbelt City Council on April 9 to try to bring about a reconciliation with Greenbriar Phase I owners on the location of the overpass. The bridge would span the Baltimore-Washington Parkway from the east end of Gardenway in Old Greenbelt to Greenbriar Phase I condominium apartments. About 19 persons attended the meeting, including some Phase II owners.

After two hours of discussion, Phase I board president Bill Ayers and board member Donald Shell said they would report back to the owners on the possible accommodations presented (1) the city's offering more money for the necessary easement through the parking lot of Phase I, (2) a city-wide referendum on whether or not Greenbelters want an overpass, and (3) input by Greenbriar owners in the design of the overpass and in developing security measures.

Shell and Ayers said they would work toward reaching an accommodation with the city. They agreed with others in the audience that a long drawn out court battle would be distasteful as well as expensive for both the city and Phase I owners, especially since they believed that eventually the overpass would be built. Additionally their hope that the overpass location would be moved to Mandan Road, where private property was not involved, was dashed when the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) said "No" to a bridge at Mandan. However, some Phase I owners would not accept this verdict and said they are prepared to fight to the "bitter end."

### More Money

After the city's offer in December 1978 of \$3,768 was turned down for the easement (0.09945 of an acre) for a path from the overpass through the median strip of the parking lot between 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway, the city filed a condemnation suit against Greenbriar Associates and Greenbriar Recreation Association, owners of record. An easement is not the total taking of property but use of the property for a particular purpose. The city also offered \$771 for temporary use of adjacent land during construction of the walkway. Construction of the overpass by the FHWA will be carried out directly

### Spellman Aides Here

A constituent meeting sponsored by Maryland Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Case workers from Congresswoman Spellman's constituent service center in Hyattsville will be on hand to discuss individual constituent problems. Everyone is invited.

### WHAT GOES ON

Sat., April 21 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Constituent Meeting with  
Cong. Gladys Spellman's staff,  
Municipal Building

Mon., April 23, 7:30 p.m. Movies  
for Young People, Greenbelt  
CARES, Springhill Lake Rec-  
reation Center.

Wed., April 25, 12 Noon Golden  
Age Club's 24th Anniversary.  
Covered Dish Luncheon, Youth  
Center

Thurs., April 26, 8 p.m. GHI  
Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

from the Parkway.

Council was receptive to paying more for the easement if this would make the overpass at the Gardenway Phase I location acceptable, and to avoid the possible 1½ to 2 year delay if there is opposition.

### Referendum

Previously Ayers had suggested a city-wide referendum to settle the matter and Councilman Gil Weidenfeld had followed by making a motion for a referendum on the location (Gardenway versus Mandan). The motion had then been tabled until Councilman Thomas White's query as to whether or not FHWA would consider Mandan Road as a feasible location was answered.

In a letter dated March 14, FHWA reiterated support for the Gardenway route because it is the most direct, "fits into the environment in that the approach walks will not be unnaturally steep or obtrusive... serves the center of Greenbelt to center of Greenbriar" and is "expected to be an inducement for high school students to avoid the dangerous practice of crossing the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on foot."

FHWA felt that the Mandan location was an indirect route and that "building the overpass at that location could result in pedestrians not using it..." (An overpass at Mandan Road would also be more expensive to construct)

Weidenfeld said that a referendum would be palatable to him if "Greenbriar Phase I was willing to abide by the referendum results and drop the condemnation suit if the voters favored an overpass." He said that while he was sympathetic to the fears and wishes of Phase I owners and hoped to find ways to lessen the friction, as a city councilman he had to look at the entire community. In his judgment, the Gardenway location was the safest, and the only way he would feel relieved of making a decision was to have the electorate make the determination.

Mayor Richard Pilski and councilmen Charles Schwan and Thomas White said they would support a referendum. Councilman Richard Castaldi was absent.

"We would be very happy to be removed from the position of appearing like ogres to a large segment of the community. It is not a very comfortable position," said Schwan.

### Design

Council members said they welcomed Greenbriar owners' sugges-

tions on the aesthetics and design of the overpass.

"Do you seriously believe that the engineers will listen to citizens about engineering and design?" asked Richard Ley.

White responded, "FHWA indicated that there would be input at the design stage."

City Manager James K. Giese noted that citizens would be able to express their views. Final designs, he said, would not be firm until 90 days before construction of the overpass so that cost and budget figures would not be "out of whack."

Phase I Trustee Rosie Kandland hoped that the overpass would not be "caged." Giese explained that most overpasses are enclosed for safety purposes.

### Security

"The opposition to the overpass is our fear of high crime," said Shell.

"What is the possibility of 18 to 24 hour police surveillance in the area of the overpass?" asked Phase I board member Ann Perkins.

"Pretty expensive," said Pilski. "Greenbriar crime would have to exist to justify it." He explained that a third patrol sector covering Greenbriar, Glen Oaks and Windsor Green has been designated and partially implemented.

Council members stressed that they would take steps to ameliorate

See OVERPASS page 8, col. 1

## Havekost Named City's Outstanding Employee

On March 24, at the Annual Greenbelt City Employees' Banquet, Barbara L. Havekost, Administrative Assistant in the City Manager's office, was honored as Outstanding City Employee of the year of 1978.

Havekost first came to Greenbelt in 1954 with intentions of starting college at the University of Maryland. She moved into GHI and "never left," the reason being that she "loves Greenbelt" too much to leave. She started working for the city nine years ago, in 1970, as a Clerk-Secretary. Havekost then moved on to become Staff Assistant and was later promoted to her present position. As Administrative Assistant, she handles special responsibilities of purchasing and personnel programs for the city and enjoys her work "very much."

In presenting the award, Mayor Richard R. Pilski cited her "capable, efficient and diplomatic manner in which she handles her duties and her willingness to assume additional responsibilities and put in the time necessary to get the job done." It was also noted that during her employment with the City, besides devoting time to the job and raising a family, she was able to successfully earn her college degree.

Besides Havekost, nine other City employees were the recipients of Service Awards. Honored for 25 years of service were Norman (Buck) Powell, Public Works Department Foreman, and Police Lieutenant Marshall (Bud) Zoellner. Cecil Breeden, Public Works Department Mechanic, was cited for 15 years of service, while two members of the Police Department were recognized for 10 years; Secretary Judy Boone and Sergeant Phillip Coombes.

Those recognized for five years of service were City Accountant Zoltan Botykos; Harry James, Assistant Recreation Director; Public Works Crewman Robert Lush; and Police Communications Specialist Linda Scarlata.

## City-Greenway Enumerate Conditions For Annexation

by Leta Mach

On Tuesday, April 3, an amicable work session was held between city council and officials from Greenway Center Limited Partnership, developers of the Greenbelt East/Greenway Shopping Center, to finalize wording for an annexation agreement. All three Greenway General Partners, Herbert Miller, Gerald Dillon and Richard Kramer, were present. Greenway Shopping Center, the 26 acre tract to be annexed, is located south of Greenbelt Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Hanover Parkway.

A separate charter amendment resolution describes the boundaries of the annexation and the phasing-in of city property taxes. The annexation agreement discussed April 3 dealt with conditions such as road improvements, the character of the proposed shopping center and direct police and fire department tie-ins to Greenbelt.

The Greenway officials were concerned that these agreements be up front and forward to prevent any complaints after annexation. Council members remarked that they had not heard any words of opposition. (Annexation benefits to the city include increased tax revenues, more influence over the proposed development, and smoothing out the irregular city boundaries.) City Manager James Giese noted that both the charter amendment resolution and letter of annexation agreement would be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for Monday, April 30.

The city and Greenway developers had previously discussed the city, state and Greenway sharing the cost of a possible light at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. At this meeting, Dillon asked about extending this provision to cover synchronization of traffic lights if required. A decision on this question was postponed, however, until more information could be gathered about its necessity and cost.

The agreement spells out road improvements to the parcels. Only seed and sod will be required along

the median strip of six lane Hanover Parkway. A sidewalk will be provided on one side of a 70 foot (3 lane) dedicated road at the rear of the shopping center. Plantings on the berm at the rear of the property were also agreed upon. The city has agreed to support two additional curb cuts for the shopping center along Greenbelt Road if approved by the State Highway Administration (SHA).

The road improvements required will be financed by city general obligation bonds paid off by a special assessment tax on the Greenway property. Greenway developers and the city agreed the sum involved would not exceed 1.2 million dollars. The Greenway developers are requesting a twenty year term of financing.

Among other items, the city agreed to support the rezoning of the 5.1 acre triangular Smith-Ewing tract to C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center). Greenway developers are contract purchasers of the tract, which is located between the shopping center and Hanover Parkway. The city agreed a driveway across the tract from Hanover Parkway to the shopping center is advisable. (The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and SHA had recommended that Hanover Parkway be the major entrance to the development to help alleviate traffic congestion.) In addition, the city council agreed not to oppose a special exception for a full service gas station on the tract.

## Council Asked to Discourage Illegal Crossings of Parkway

by Elaine Skolnik

In an appeal before the Greenbelt City Council on April 16, Richard Ley requested that a resolution be passed that would "support public safety and discourage the crossing of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway." Ley reported that he saw four kids pushing bicycles illegally across the Parkway on April 12 and five kids crossing on April 6, both occurring around 4:30-4:45 p.m. "The sheer numbers of the problem are getting out of hand," he said.

Ley wanted the National Park Service (NPS) to patrol the area and the Greenbelt Police to be stationed on either side of the Parkway at the appropriate times.

"Because of the lack of police officers, time and resources," said Councilman Thomas White, "I don't know what could be done in terms of enforcement." Council thought it would be physically impossible to patrol the Parkway.

White suggested a public awareness program be initiated involving the Police Department and the News Review. "Parents," he said, "should be cautioned about the hazards of children crossing the Parkway."

"Pushing bicycles across the Parkway is really asking for it," Schwan said in dismay. He agreed with White that a public awareness campaign was needed and offered a motion to this effect, adding also that the principal, faculty and various student and parent organizations at E. Roosevelt be asked to participate. Council passed that motion unanimously. (Mayor Richard Pilski was absent.)

Schwan also thought the problem should be brought before the NPS. Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld recounted that when Eleanor Roosevelt High School was opened, the NPS became aware of the illegal crossings but found it very difficult to police. He felt occasional patrolling was more realistic.

Councilman Richard Castaldi suggested that the holes in the fence be plugged because "once a hole is made in the fence, others would think it's okay to cross." He

recommended signs containing warnings, penalties, fines and the fact that parents will be held liable be placed where people cross illegally.

## Greenbelters Set Records In Long-distance Race

by Alexander E. Barnes

Like Bill Rodgers, several Greenbelters set personal records at the seventh annual Cherry Blossom Classic, Sunday, April 1. Bill Rodgers' personal record of 48 minutes also set an American record as he led a throng of 3,200 registered runners in this popular 10 mile race. He used the race, as do many others, as a warm-up for the Boston Marathon to be held April 16.

Paul Sweeney led the Greenbelters across the finish line in his personal record time of 1:07:15. Not far behind was George Farris in 1:11:16. This was a personal best for George, who has been training for only ten months. This reporter went into the chute at 1:13, while Bill Clarke came in a brief fifty seconds later. Bob Baker kept a steady nine-minute pace, finishing in 1:30, for a personal record.

Greenbelt's first damsel to grace the finishing stripe was Carol Irvine. Her time of 1:17 was a personal record. She's a track coach at Oxon Hill S.H.S. Second woman was Maryanne Baker, holding to a steady ten-minute pace, finishing with a personal best of 1:42.

Runners, call us again at 474-5310 with your times at Boston, and we will compile a report for the next issue.



# City Manager Submits 79-80 Budget

by Mary Lou Williamson

At its meeting April 2, Council received a summary of the \$2.5 million 1979-80 budget proposed by City Manager James K. Giese calling for no change in the current tax rate of 97c per \$100 of assessed valuation. Council set dates for the various workshops and public hearings to run over the next two months as every aspect of the more than 150 page document is examined in detail and refined by council.

The budget proposes an 8.21% increase over the current year's appropriations. "This increase", Giese told council, "is proposed at a time when the rate of inflation is well in excess of 10%."

"The budget being submitted is a 'hold-the-line' and not a 'TRIM' budget", Giese advised council in his memorandum. "Such a budget would necessitate the curtailment of city services and such a decision should be made by the council and the citizens."

Giese is most concerned by the "deteriorating condition of city streets". He calls for use of unappropriated surplus funds to undertake more work in this area next year.

A proposed across-the-board pay increase for classified personnel falls just below the 7% limit set by the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability.

### Compromise

The city manager, according to his memo, has tried to steer a narrow course of compromise in his budget. On the one hand, funds have not been provided for many requested items and some will be disappointed. On the other hand, the budget does provide for increased taxes and others will be disappointed.

Because of increased property assessments during the current year, the 97c tax rate will bring the city an additional 8.99% increase in actual taxes. A new state law now requires the city to advertise any intentions to collect in taxes more than it did the previous year, allowing for new development.

Council will hold a public hearing on the budget on May 22. Approval of the budget is scheduled for Monday, June 4. The charter requires budget approval before June 10. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

Governor Harry Hughes designated Councilman Thomas X. White as an alternate to Prince Georges County councilwoman Deborah Marshall to the Metropolitan Interstate Air Quality Committee. The committee will "coordinate inter-jurisdictional planning aspects of air pollution control activities of party jurisdictions (District, Maryland, Virginia) and to further co-

### Phase II Greenbriar

The Third Annual Meeting of homeowners of Greenbriar Condominiums, Phase II, was held on March 14. Sixty-seven percent of the owners were represented and offered their votes for two vacancies on the Board of Directors and a Rule and Regulation change. The homeowners also had an opportunity to meet with and talk to Steve Bubbs, new managing agent of Greenbriar, as well as to discuss items of interest.

Within a week of the annual meeting the new board met and elected its officers for the next year. They are: President, Diane S. Vreeland; Vice President, Charles G. Sokol; Treasurer, Helen C. Shropshire; Secretary, Gary R. Thomas; Liaison to Managing Agent, Bruce Kerr.

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. All Phase II residents are invited to attend.

### Woman's Club News

In a County-wide Art Contest held on March 3, the Woman's Club of Greenbelt sponsored five local schools — Eleanor Roosevelt, Parkdale, High Point, DuVal and Greenbelt Junior High. The Eleanor Roosevelt Art Department students had 27 entries and 14 winners, including the Best in Show, by Lisa DeWitt with her pastel of a tiger and her cubs; Parkdale had 6 entries and four winners, including second-best in show, by Theresa Alston, a pencil drawing of a llama.

The winning entries will be entered in the State Youth Art contest sponsored by the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Gerri Parrish is Art Chairman for the Greenbelt Woman's Club.

operate among them."

### Intercounty Connector

Councilman Charles Schwan advised council of an apparent renewed interest in the Inter-County Connector—a portion of what was once called the outer beltway—which would connect 1-270 north of Rockville with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway south of Laurel. Schwan had observed in the Prince Georges County Council's Councilgram of March 23 a request for "citizens who wish to volunteer for a Citizens Advisory Committee to study the Intercounty Connector . . . volunteers are being sought to present to the council and the State Highway Administration the citizens' viewpoint regarding alternatives to the Intercounty Connector."

Schwan reminded council: "We have taken a great interest" in seeing that this highway is not built. He then asked councilman White whether he would volunteer to serve on this committee. "We've been opposed all along," agreed Mayor Richard Pilski. "The State legislature has said no, but like the fly in the ointment, this thing keeps coming back."

### Transcendental Meditation

A free public lecture on Transcendental Meditation (TM) will be given Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library.

The lecture will be given by Pauline Martin and Mark Stickels, two Greenbelt residents and TM teachers. The topic, "Health and the Aging Process," will cover new research indicating a reversal in the aging process. The lecture should be of special interest to senior citizens but all are invited to attend. A short film on the TM program will be shown. For more information call Pauline Martin at 441-9398.

### Visiting Youth Choir And Puppet Program

Greenbelt Baptist Church, Crescent and Greenbelt Rds., will be host to the 40-voice Youth Choir of Calvary Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N.C., April 27-29. The visiting Youth Choir will conduct special services, bring inspirational messages and present puppet programs. The services will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 27 and 28, and at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 29.

The public is invited to attend all the programs.

### Democratic Club

The next regular meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20 in the Greenbriar Community Building. The guest speaker for the evening will be Delegate Robert Redding (D-23rd District) his talk will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward.

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# GHI Members Attend Meeting About Contract Amendment

by Barbara Likowski

Approximately 150 people attended a special information hearing held by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt library. The meeting was held to give members an opportunity to ask questions and receive information about the proposed amendment to their contracts that they are being asked to sign. President Jim Smith presided and attorney Al Ginsberg gave legal information as needed.

Smith explained that the purpose of signing the amendment is to enable the board to obtain low interest loans in order to carry out the rehabilitation program which has been approved by the membership. Because of GHI's unique set-up, especially the necessity to have membership approval, both the State Housing Committee and HUD have stated that any loan made under the present contract would not be insurable. Since lenders want insurance on their loans, the board is seeking this means of making the loans insurable, Smith said. No action was to be taken at this meeting, Smith assured those present.

It was strictly an informational meeting. Also Smith stated that he would make no commitments for the board regarding what was discussed. The board members would make their own decisions.

There was much critical discussion about the wording of the codicil (amendment), especially the fact that it seemed to permit board action on other things besides the rehabilitation program. Members Mat Amberg who was against the codicil as written and Ted Pritzker seemed to feel that if the wording were changed to cover just the rehabilitation program more people would be likely to sign. Other members spoke favorably of this. Still other members spoke against the wording as is and asked for clarification. Debbie Rosetti asked that every single thing that would be signed be spelled out.

### Questions

Other questions asked included — If I elect to pay cash for work done, am I still obligated to pay? Answer: if there is no need to borrow, there would be no need to repay. — Quest. — How will contracts be let? Ans.: by bid. — Money for payment will be put in an escrow account and when the job has passed inspection, it will be paid. Quest. — Are new members who have already signed counted? Ans.: according to the Maryland Housing Committee — GHI needs half of the old contracts signed — approximately 650 are needed. Several people expressed fear that their houses would be taken away from them. Member Miller replied that if the houses are not kept in good repair they would be lost to slum clearance.

When asked about the amount to be borrowed Smith explained that the membership had authorized up to \$5,000,000 to carry out the rehabilitation program. Others, he said, had discussed other amounts and he wanted to clarify that only that amount could be borrowed, no more. Smith mentioned that 8,000 gallons less oil had been used this year and rehabilitation should result in cutting down more.

When other subjects were brought up, such as a demand by Mrs. Martha Hutzler for an audit, Amberg said "Whenever we have major decisions to make, complaints about things done in the past are resurrected . . . a meeting of this sort ought not to be turned into a kangaroo court . . ."

Some criticism centered on poor

workmanship of the under-the-house insulation. Mrs. Wilson, member, reminded the group that the meeting was held to give information on what the need is and urged that members not lose sight of the fact that "insurance is our protection."

### Flyers

As the meeting drew to a close three speakers spoke in connection with two flyers that had been delivered to GHI homes. Mrs. Bettie Denson, announced that she had written the first flyer and said she was surprised by letters in the News Review criticizing the fact that the flyer was unsigned. Denson said that it hadn't occurred to her that it would be necessary to sign it.

In regard to a flyer allegedly written by a former member of the maintenance staff, Manager Roy Breashears said that he had asked the board to appoint a committee to investigate the charges about him and his staff. He asked that no staff members or elected officials of GHI be on the committee.

Arthur Gropp, chairman of the audit committee, declared that this was a job for his committee. Gropp explained that the audit committee had been elected by the membership and was responsible to membership and not the board. He promised that the audit committee would start its investigation immediately and that they would have a report for the annual membership meeting.

## Laurel Beats Greenbelt City Demands Rematch

Laurel left the Springhill Lake Recreation Center with a narrow 66-61 victory over the Greenbelt City Council and staff on Friday evening, March 16. Plans are being made for a return match in Laurel, where Greenbelt will get the chance to regroup and atone for this loss. Players and spectators alike joined in a night of fun and entertainment.

The game was played for the benefit of the Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded and the Prince Georges Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

## Local 17 Basketball Team Wins County Championship

Tim Foster's 15 points, ten rebounds and five blocked shots led the Greenbelt 17 Boys Club team to the Prince Georges County Basketball championship on April 5, as Greenbelt dropped District Heights 55-48 for the county crown.

Both squads had even records (12-4) at the close of regular season play. The one-game title match pitted the same two teams that had met for the P.G. County Championship two years ago. District Heights was the winner then.

"That made this victory all the sweeter," Greenbelt coach Phil Straw said after the game. "We stuck to the basics, made our free throws, and played good defense. I was especially proud of the fact that we played well enough to win, despite the long lay off between the end of regular season play and the championship game."

Greenbelt came from a ten point deficit in the first quarter and led by as much as 10 in the third. Curtis Mitchell led the team in rebounding with 13. Mitchell added nine points to the winning total. Greenbelt's Mike Jones had 10 points and eight rebounds before fouling out late in the final quarter.

The victory wraps up Greenbelt's season, leaving the 17-year olds with an overall record of 16-5, and a league mark of 13-4. In addition to the P.G. County title, the team also won the Greenbelt Invitational Tournament.

For Straw, the County title represented the second time in five years his teams have won Boys Club's most prestigious basketball title.

## Weight Training-Fitness Class for Adults at GJHS

A Weight Training and Fitness Program for men and women, ages 18 and up, is now being held at Greenbelt Junior High School. The 3 month program is conducted on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. There is a fee. Registration will be held at Greenbelt Junior High during the program hours. For further information, call Mary Ellen Baker at 953-9595.

This program is sponsored by the Northern Area of the MNCPPC.

### Spring Class Registration

There are still openings in some of the Spring Leisure Time classes. Saturday classes begin on April 21; weekdays on April 23. Registrants must sign up at the Youth Center Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information and for days and times of free programs at both Recreation Centers — Arts & Crafts, Chucks 'n' Lassies and Funtime, call 474-6878.

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# BREASHEARS REFUTES ALLEGATION MADE AGAINST HIM IN FLYER

by Barbara Likowski

At the April 12 Board of Directors meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., General Manager Roy Breashears spent some time refuting allegations made against him in a flyer recently distributed to GHI homes. Although the name of a former member of the maintenance department was on the flyer, there was no written signature. Breashears asked the board to appoint a committee of responsible members to investigate the charges.

To the first charge of mental harassment of the alleged author, Breashears stated that all subjects discussed with him had been work oriented, and at times he was reprimanded, other times commended.

Breashears told the board he felt the allegations were made because the accuser was disappointed when he was not made maintenance director, a job Breashears did not feel the man was qualified for.

Breashears conceded there are problems in the maintenance department. Since it is the largest operation and in the public eye, it is the most vulnerable, he said. A large turnover in the position of maintenance director has also had an impact on supervision of other workers. Breashears reminded the board that he has kept them informed of all such matters; but because of the very personal nature of the problems, and to protect confidentiality, most of this has been done in executive session. Contrary to charges made, many of former maintenance director Mulder's ideas regarding rehabilitation were "adopted and supported" and his "separation had nothing to do with the rehab program."

But authority to spend funds in the maintenance department rests with the manager (with the consent of the board), not with the maintenance director, as charged, Breashears attested. If he hadn't been alert, Breashears maintained, violators would not have been caught and fired.

He also stressed that all contract work is done only after competitive bids from qualified contractors and reviewed by the purchasing expeditor and again by the comptroller.

### No Bids

To the charge that the staff engineer had selected window rehabilitation contractors, Breashears stressed that no bids have been received nor contractors selected for the rehabilitation program, including the windows. Before selection "each bid will be presented to the board for approval and contractors will be selected at that time in accordance with provisions of our bylaws," Breashears said.

The only exception was installation of siding on the dentists' offices. For demonstration purposes and economical reasons, the staff engineer asked through Dryvit contractors in the area for certification from the Dryvit manufacturer to make the installation. When work is done on the block homes, however, it will go out for bid.

### Supports Engineer

Labeling charges against the staff engineer, Ove Kongsted, as untrue, Breashears questioned the lack of specific instances.

The salary of staff engineer Kongsted is slightly lower than the \$34,000 listed in the flyer. Breashears reminded the board of the difficulty they have had in getting a qualified man for the job. After advertising twice, "we were fortunate to catch Mr. Kongsted between jobs and hired him on a negotiated salary basis," Breashears said. He added, "Mr. Kongsted's fine qualifications are a matter of record." Later, when offered a much better job, Kongsted turned in his resignation. He finally decided to stay on at a lower salary than he had been offered elsewhere, but at a salary increase.

As for the charges that the condition of the frame homes has been withheld from the manager and board, Breashears pointed out that the condition of these homes is well documented as a result of numerous surveys.

Plumbing work is not in direct code violation, asserted Breashears, but in accordance with BOCA codes. If there are any code violations, Breashears said, they are the result of members doing their own work and are being corrected at the time of resale.

Breashears maintained that all

work done for himself or on his car was done after work hours and at his personal expense and he has cancelled checks to prove the payments. He did take an old fire extinguisher off a trash pile that was to be carted to the dump because he thought he could make a lamp out of it. In retrospect he said he would not do this again.

Because of the necessity for late night and weekend working hours (for which he receives no additional remuneration), Breashears said he did not try to keep an 8:30 to 5 schedule. He is, however, available at all times when needed.

### Committees Investigate

After the board discussed possible ways to deal with the charges, director Norman Weyel moved that the board establish an ad hoc committee to investigate the charges and to report back as soon as possible. Motion passed. The audit committee, which is directly responsible to the membership and not to the board, is also making its own investigation and plans to report to the membership at the annual meeting.

### Heating Alternatives Committee

The board received a request from its ad hoc committee on heating alternatives that they receive answers on the cost of installing and operating electrical heat equipment. They asked for the answers by May 1 so that they can prepare a report for the annual meeting.

### Heat Experiment

The manager presented the board with the results of his meeting with member Robert Wilhide, 59-G Ridge. Wilhide is developing a total electric unit and has asked for permission to convert his unit to total electric power and to be allowed to remove it from the present hot water and heating system. It would, in effect, be a laboratory in GHI and save the corporation the expense of doing a sample unit. Wilhide will give management copies of his electric bill for study. The board gave permission for this test provided charges can be worked out with the finance committee.

### Housing Assistance Criteria

Criteria for selecting members for section 8 designations were approved by the board. Priority will go to those who have been members longer than 2 years as of May 1, 1979 and have lowest income. Application deadline is May 1, 1979.

Early in the meeting, when the board hears from its members, member Eunice Coxon, spoke against the proposed codicil to the

## Our Neighbors

Duplicate Bridge wrap-up; March 30, Top winners - Tony Pisano and Harvey Geller, 2nd place went to Madeline Green and Lars Bronstein; April 6, first place - Doris Johnson and Ruth Schultze, 2nd - Peg Wainscott and Charles Porter; April 13, - winning team - Madeline Green and Peg Wainscott, 2nd - Laura and Bill Walker. Weekly games are on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. New players are welcome.

Congratulations to William Kellaher, 13 Empire, who set a new Greenbelt Weight Lifters Club record on April 16. Kellaher is the first club member to bench press 310 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, 35-D Ridge, recently held a dinner celebration for their granddaughter Kimberly's first birthday at the Fireside Inn.

Brian Rudy and Butch Cassarella of Laurel Hill Road celebrated their sixth birthday at a combined party at McDonalds in Greenbelt on March 26.

Leo Gerton spent a week in Largo, Fla., as a guest of John and Ann McLoughlin, long time residents of Greenbelt. Both John and Ann are well and send their fondest regards to friends and former neighbors.

Anne Ricciuti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricciuti, was named to the Dean's List at Hood College in Frederick for the fall semester.

Michelle McGee, daughter of Mrs. Bernie McGee, 135-A Northway, and a junior at the University of Maryland, was recently inducted into the Iota Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in Education. "Mickie" is also on the Dean's List of the College of Education for the Fall, 1978 semester.

For the third year, Terri and Kerri, the four-year-old twin daughters of former Greenbelt residents Paul and Shirl Reamy, will be in the Annual Double Talk Twin Club Style Show in Oklahoma City. The

members' contracts. Coxon said members may have to consider a class action suit to protect members' rights. She asked that interested people contact Betty Denison, Carl Conrad or herself. She asked for immediate answers to charges made in the flyer mentioned earlier in this article (the subject had already been added to the agenda by the manager). A month is too long to wait, Coxon added.

Some other members present, not hearing the president ask if anyone else wished to speak because of the noise in the audience, became irate when they realized the board had moved on to other agenda items. They tried to force president Jim Smith to stop and listen to them, but the meeting continued. When business had been conducted, Smith again asked if there was a member who wished to speak, but none did.

girls will be modeling swim suits. Terri and Kerri are the granddaughters of Dot Reamy of Greenbelt and nieces of Betty and Wayne Rohey, also of Greenbelt.

Navy Seaman Recruit Susan E. White, daughter of Elizabeth B. White of 46B Crescent, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. She joined the Navy in January 1979.

John and Debra Sparks, 2 Plateau, proudly announce the arrival of Justin Kane on April 2. Weighing 6 lbs. 8 1/2 oz., Justin is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sparks and the great-grandson of Francis Rhoades, all of Greenbelt.

Charles Schwan Jr. is a grandfather - for the fourth time. Gregory Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwan III, was born on April 5, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. He joins siblings Deborah, Julie, and Michael Charles.

Ruth Ann Weyel was elected president of Pi Alpha Xi Theta Chapter at the University of Maryland on April 4. The chapter is an honorary horticulture society.

Seen discoling at "Les Mouches" in New York City on April 1 were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanyok, Evelyn Wagner, Tillie Wetter, Elaine Skolnik and former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Simon Justman. The occasion - the wedding of Michael Garin and Ellen Yass. Michael is the son of Sonia and Robert Garin of Lakeside.

Sgt. Audie C. Bell recently was assigned as a missile repairman with the 3rd Support Command in Hanau, Germany. He entered the

Army in June 1973.

Karen A. Goldstein of 56-C Crescent Rd. was awarded a Certificate of Scholarship in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement at the Honors Convocation of the University of Maryland on April 4.

Beth O'Keeffe, a junior at Regina High School, has been inducted into the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Dave O'Keeffe and the late Mary O'Keeffe of 18 Lakeside Drive.

Ms. Susan Cornelius has recently moved into 10-B Crescent Rd. with her 7 year-old son, Torey John. Susan is a day care teacher and will be finishing her B.A. as a student at the University of Maryland. The house belongs to her grandmother, Miriam Cornelius, long-time resident and friend of Greenbelt.

Bob Kreuger of 7730 Hanover Parkway and Avis Ortner of Washington, D.C., are winners in their section and tied for sixth place overall in the Eastern States Mixed Pairs, a one-day regional bridge championship in Norfolk, Va. There were 704 contestants.

Tony Pisano and Harvey Geller took top honors at the March 23 duplicate bridge game at the Youth Center, with Laura and Bill Walker in second place.

Navy Boiler Technician Fireman Recruit Charles O. Link, son of Anna M. and Charles A. Link, Jr. of 13-E Ridge Rd., has completed the basic boiler technician course at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes. He joined the Navy in June 1978.

## City of Greenbelt Voter Registration for 1979 Council Election

On September 18, 1979, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt to elect five members of the City Council who shall be elected at large. City elections are non-partisan and any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may be nominated for the office of member of Council during the period of July 1 through August 6, 1979. Information may be obtained from the City Clerk - 474-3870.

In order to vote in a city election, it is necessary to be a registered voter of the City of Greenbelt. REGISTRATION WITH PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DOES NOT ENTITLE GREENBELT CITIZENS TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTIONS. However, it is very easy to register with the city, and the only requirements are:

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- Of sound mind
- Domiciled in the City of Greenbelt.

Any person meeting the above requirements, may register at the City Offices, Monday-Friday, during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In 1977 the Greenbelt Charter was amended to permit voter registration by mail. All that is required is a phone call to 474-8000 or 474-3870, or the submission of an application form which will be made available to citizens who are interested in encouraging citywide voter registration. Also, to encourage maximum voter registration, a

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**OVERPASS con't fr. page 1**  
 problems that the overpass might cause in the area of 7716, 7718 and 7720 Hanover Parkway. White thought that the overpass could be secured at night.

The present illegal crossing of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway by students and others, however, continued to frustrate and anger Greenbriar residents.

"Is there any way to place obstacles to prevent them from crossing the parkway?" asked Don Curry.

"What about fines?" asked Shell. Pilski described how the young people were cutting through the strong fences built by the federal government. "The Park Service and maintenance have cooperated on these problems, but could not figure out anything to do about barriers," he said.

Weidenfeld noted that the park police made significant attempts at trying to catch the offenders but, he said, "there is no practical way of policing the parkway; it would be a continuous never-ending problem."

**Greenbelt Rd. Bikeway**  
 The question of providing a pedestrian-bikeway on Greenbelt Road also cropped up again. The Maryland State Highway Administration has consistently opposed this because planning for reconstruction of the Parkway is now taking place. Major changes in the Beltway-Parkway Interchange and the Greenbelt Road ramps to the Parkway are being considered and decisions won't be made for years. When reconstruction is complete, SHA officials believe that all the turning movements will make walking on Greenbelt Road too hazardous, even if there were a sidewalk.

This discussion prompted White to remark, "The overpass controversy will pale into insignificance when the whole Greenbelt community will have to deal with reconstruction."

**Overpass Opposition**  
 Several Greenbriar owners have vowed to oppose the overpass in Phase I.

Irma Rosenthal reminded everyone about the snail-darter stopping the construction of a dam. "Don't say the federal government won't build at Mandan Road," she said.

Ley, in a letter to the FHWA, took issue with the reasons the agency gave for not approving the Mandan Road location. He advised that "We will ask the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a noise pollution study . . . (and) will request a court injunction to halt construction at the Gardenway site . . . There is no energy crisis in Greenbriar's determination to fight a bureaucracy's unreasonable arbitrariness. We will go to court to contest condemnation. . . We will consult the National Highway Safety Administration. We have just begun to fight. We will not cease our opposition to the Gardenway location as long as an acceptable alternative exists at Mandan Road."

However, several Phase II residents in the audience made it clear that the Mandan location was not acceptable to them. Although sympathetic to the concerns of Phase I, they pointed out that council had already made the decision by a 3-2 vote. Previously, Phase II board of directors went on record opposing the Mandan location.

In a letter to the city dated April 6, Morgan Langston, president of Phase III wrote, ". . . the overpass as proposed entering into Phase I property is unacceptable. It is our hope that the city council will reconsider its position and drop all plans to install the overpass in the Phase I location or any location within the property limits of the Greenbriar complex."

**CITY NOTES**

As of April 12, 17 apartments were occupied and 63 other leases had been signed in Green Ridge House.

The curb and gutter on Centerway was backfilled and the old base material from Crescent Road was spread at the parking area at the old landfill. Sidewalk was replaced in front of the City Office Building.

The backstop at the old landfill was installed. Picnic tables were put out in the Lake Park. Grass mowing was started on the golf course and the ballfields.

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Remember that TRIM is now here and the county operating fund will be cut back. Once again - HELP US TO HELP YOU.

**G.H.I. Members**

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**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 23-24, 1979. If elected, I will serve to the best of my ability as a member of the:

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