Greenbelt News Review

GREENBELT, MARYLAND

Long Delays in Renovations of Police Offices Discourage Staff, Impede Work

by John Kelly

"Morale has dropped so low in the department that it's affecting people's attitudes on how they work," said Fraternal Order of Police President Dave Fulgham concerning the renovation project at Police head-

Poor wiring in the dispatcher's office, warped wall paneling between the dispatcher's office and the rest of the department, and cracked walls on the side of the dispatcher's office are only some examples of the work done by the city Public Works Department, according to Fulgham.

These examples of the quality of workmanship of the renovation project were observed by this writer while on a tour of the police headquarters given by Fulgham on September 23. Fulgham noted that this type of workmanship and the generally slow pace of work has hurt the morale of the police force.

Officially, renovation started in June, 1978 when Chief of Police William T. Lane move into his new office upstairs, according to Fulgham. When contacted, City Manager James Giese gave this same date as the start of the renovation project.

'I'm publicly embarrassed to bring visitors in this office," said Fulgham. He charged that a cosmetic effect that calls for putting new walls up first and generally making the exterior of the police headquarters look good has in effect hidden the poor work done in the interior of the department.

For example, no restroom facilities exist for the officers or dispatchers. Inadequate office space exists where 19 officers share one room, and presently there is no safe place to put prisoners, said Fulgham. He further added that these problems are not seen by outsiders who just stop by the dispatcher's window.

Some employees in the building said they were embarrassed to come into the police offices because of the crude graffiti (now removed) on the walls pertaining to the city manager and others. Fulgham acknowledged this, noting that it was done in the hope that the work would be accelerated.

Reason for Delay

"Why has it taken 14 months to work on the renovation project" asks Fulgham. The new wing to the Municipal Center has been opened for at least one year, yet the work on this project is still far from completed, he added.

Councilman Thomas White agreed that the work had taken a long time and that the police have legitimate complaint about the slow progress of the work. However, he added that the City Public Works department has many other concerns to work on at the same

White mentioned the fact that the council made the decision that the work was to be done by the city's work force and not outside contractors and that the budget was not increased for this project. These decisions made the priorities of the city more important than the renovation project, he

Police dispatcher Cindy McKnew explained an incident that expresses the general lack of communication that exists between the police department and City Manager James Giese. Before July, the station alarms located in the dispatcher's office were at least 10 feet off the floor, making it impossible to reach them for the dispatchers, said Mc-McKnew filed a memo Knew. off the audible alarm that went off for the Twin Pines Savings and Loan on Centerway, I stepped on a chair and while trying to turn off the alarm the chair tipped almost causing me to fall," said Mc-McKnew filled a memo dated June 4, concerning this incident that took place on June 1.

The work was not done until about three weeks later and when the city lowered the alarms, they would not work for several days according to Fulgham. This particular memo never reached Giese. Fulgham said that he had been told by the Public Works Dept. this problem would be taken care of immediately. When Giese was informed of this incident, he said he had not been told of it.

Radio Outdated

Another problem is the condition of the radio that dispatchers use to keep officers in touch with headquarters. That radio must be "at least 20 years old," said Fulgham.

Mr. Glese asked us (the dispatchers) what new type of radio equipment was needed, said McKnew. "We put a great deal of work into it and presented what we thought was a good package," she added. When Giese was shown their plans, he said it was out of the financial range of the city according to Mc-

However, Giese then went to NASA and had a group of communications experts come to determine what type of radio equip-ment was needed, said Fulgham.

Their plans were 90% of what the dispatchers had come up with, according to Fulgham. When asked about this, Giese said there was no real problem about the new radio console that the police needed. He added that when the money was available, then it could be purchased. Yet, at the present time it remains necessary for the police to continue to use the clearly outdated radio, charged Fulgham.

Giese explained that he sympathizes with the police but he said that they must realize that the Public Works Department is also responsible for the general maintenance of all the public buildings in the city. Glese also said that there is a constant manpower shortage to work on this project. When asked how much money he estimated the city was saving by us-ing their own workers instead of private contractors, Giese could not estimate the amount saved.

Inadequate Security

In an interview with Councilman Richard Castaldi, he expressed the potential dangers of inadequate security that exists at police headquarters. "I'm concerned about the lock-up conditions," said Castaldi. Currently the detention room is under construction so there is no place to secure prisoners, he

"We have no place to put prisoners so we handcuff them to chairs, desks, doorknobs, an any-thing that cannot move," said Fulgham. Castaldi added that he is also concerned about this situation because if the police have inadequate security, then this endangers the public employees working throughout the building.

A good solution to these complaints from the police about this situation would be a working session between the council, the police and Giese, said Castaldi. He mentioned that the police were sched-uled to meet with council once before but the meeting had been cancelled because of Hurricane David. Castaldi also said that council had received another letter from the police requesting another meeting to be held as soon as possible.
"The police do not feel satisfied with the city manager, and when we get together these problems can worked out," said Castaldi.

Council will meet with Greenbelt's Fraternal Order of Police on

Wednesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. Giesc, Castaldi and the police all agree that after the first meeting the city began working more quickly on the renovation project. They also want to find solutions to these problems as soon as possible.

CARES Gives GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is offering an opportunity for residents to get a high school free classes to prepare for the General Education Development-GED Exam. Instruction will be given in the five test areas-math, social studies, science, literature and grammar-as well as in test taking skills.

The only requirements for enrollment are to be officially withdrawn from school and to be 16 years old or older.

Classes will be given on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Greenbelt CARES offices. To reserve a seat, as class size is limited, or for more information, call CARES at 345-6660.

Beltway Plaza Mall Shopping Center Attracts New Merchandising Firms

Basco, Inc., a department-catalog store, opened its doors in the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center today. Located in the former S. Klein's store, Basco is occupying 85,000 square feet on the ground level of the 310,000 square-foot building. Klein's has been closed for four years.

Basco, a Philadelphia based firm, operates 14 catalog showrooms and pick-up centers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. In addition, Basco provides shop-by-phone service to residents throughout the Middle Atlantic States.

According to Sidney Brown, developer of the Beltway Plaza, K-Mart will also occupy space on the ground floor of the building. Brown said the Motor Vehicle Administration is talking about locating offices on the second floor.

Mall Stores

Inside the Beltway Mall, there is also a new look. Webster Men's Wear will merchandise excess stock from its 87 stores and feature brand names, both at discount prices. Webster, a Baltimore-based organization, is located in the west end of the mall (formerly Robert Hall). According to the manager, Webster has signed a 30-day lease and will remain if sales continue to be strong."

Alpen Pantry, featuring cheeses and wines, is expected to open soon; the International Bazaar has already opened its doors; and Fash-ion Factory has doubled its size.

Brown also unveiled plans for a "Goodyear" facility next to the First Federal Savings and Loan Building on Cherrywood Lane. "We have a lease and a site plan," he said. He was also enthusiastic about A&P's proposed expansion of 10,000 square feet. The receiving area will be renovated to accommodate truck bays.

Brown noted that plans are on the drawing boards for an office building to the west of Cherrywood Lane, off Greenbelt Road.

Skateboard Park

The proposed all-concrete Skateboard Park is still slated for development. Construction, Brown said. will proceed as soon as erosion problems are corrected. The Skateboard Park, planned for a site onthe west side of Cherrywood Lane, was approved by the County Council a year ago.

Grading of the site was completed over the winter, but landslides occurred. In May, the county's Department of Licenses and Permits issued a stop work order. This decision was appealed before the County Board of Appeals on September 26 and a decision is expected tomorrow.

Post Office Closed Monday

The Greenbelt Post Office will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday Monday, October 8, Postmaster Emory A. Harman has announced.

There will be no window service, and lockbox service will be provided on a holiday schedule. Delivery service will be limited to Express Mail and Special Delivery at those offices having receipts of mail.

Collections will be made from boxes at mail offices, stations and branches, self-service Postal centers and where needed in business areas and on main thoroughfares. A full residential collection will be provided in residential areas at city delivery offices. The collection will be made in time to connect with the last dispatch of mail, which in most cases will not be before 3 p.m.

Customers may purchase stamps, postal cards, envelopes and insurance up to \$15.00 for packages from self-service postal centers, which are open 24 hours daily at the Beltway Plaza.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to Columbus Day Monday, October 8, there will be no refuse collection on that day. The regular Monday route will be picked up on Tuesday and the regular Tuesday route will be picked up on Wednesday. There will be NO PAPER COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAY. Refuse collection for Thursday and Friday will follow the regular schedule.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Oct. 4, 8 p.m. Aquatic Booster Club Annual Meeting, Youth Center Conference Rm.

Tues., Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. City Coun-Resolution on Contract for Greenway Center, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Rep. Gladys Spellman holds "Open Door" meeting at Center School

Wed., Oct. 10, 8 p.m. Council meets with Fraternal Order of Police and at 9:30 p.m. Council meets Fire Department, Municipal Building

Gladys Spellman Has **Constituents Meeting**

Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman will hold an "Open Door' constituent meeting at Greenbelt Center School on Tuesday, October 9 at 8 p.m. Residents of Greenbelt are invited to bring their opinions and concerns to Mrs. Spellman's personal attention at that time.

She is especially interested in the views of citizens on President Carter's legislation to overhaul the way the federal government pays its 2.3 million civilian employees which, she notes, will have a direct impact on everyone, whether employed by the government or in private in-

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

Congresswoman Spellman represents central and northern Prince Georges County and part of eastern Montgomery County.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council of Greenbelt has called a special meeting for Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m., to consider for second reading and final passage the following ordinance:

A Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Bids and the City Manager to Enter into a Negotiated Agreement with Western Construction Co., dinance Number 876, for Hanover Parkway and Greenway Center Drive Inc., for the Construction of Public Improvements Authorized by Orat Actual Cost as Certified by Ben Dyer and Associates, Inc., With Total Costs not to Exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000).

> Gudrun Mills City Clerk

New SHL Schedule For Md. Shuttlebus

by Michael Prosise

In a move that should help eliminate passenger overcrowding on 20 minutes under the new system. niversity of Maryland Springhill Lake route, shuttlebus officials are adding a 57-seat coach along with the current 24-seat minibus.

Ridership this semester unexpectedly increased over 25% on the Springhill Lake route, creating long waits and overcrowding. The increased service is scheduled to begin Monday, October 8.

Other changes in the Springhill Lake route include operating on a 40-minute instead of the current 30-minute run. Increased traffic congestion over the years has made it virtually impossible to complete the run in 30 minutes. With two

buses operating, there will be a bus by each stop approximately every

The other major change involves rerouting of the buses, necessitated by the new larger buses' inability to safely maneuver the tight turns in the apartment complex. The stops are the Metro stop at Beltway Plaza, Cherrywood Lane and Cherrywood Court, Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive, Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court, Springhill Lane and Breezewood Drive, Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace. Students can obtain a copy of the new route from the driver, the Student Union Information Desk, or call Shuttle-UM at 454-5375 or 454-5841.

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Showers of Good Fortune

A memorable freezing rain fell for the groundbreaking for Green Ridge House, and a June downpour for its ribbon-cutting ceremony. If those rainy afternoons connected with one of our city's great achievements set a precedent, the festivities Sunday to kick off GHI's new rehabilitation program took place in a shower of good fortune. Intermittent drizzles and heavier rains falling throughout the afternoon did not deter a large gathering of residents, friends and officials from participating in the ceremonies at North End School inaugurating the program. Many even ventured out into the weather to watch a demonstration of insulation material being pumped within the walls of a nearby frame home.

Greenbelt, as the first planned community in the United States, has an assured place in history. GHI, the recipient now of the largest federal rehabilitation grant under HUD Section 312, may be forging a new place in history as prototype for a national policy to conserve what is valuable from our past.

Greenbelt came into history on the winds of change. May the gentler weather of that autumn rain portend a spring renewal.

CARES Starts Parent Discussion Group

Raising children, especially adolescents, can be an extremely frustrating and thankless task. Drug use, unwanted pregnancy, chronic truancy and an assortment of other issues can easily reach crisis proportions in any family. In these situations, the young person's inability to hear parental advice or follow mandates helps escalate the conflict. Before long, parent and young person are not communicating effectively about anything. The generation gap becomes an ocean of anger, rejection, threats and tears.

Greenbelt CARES is now accept ing applications for a Parent Discussion Group to begin October 15. The group will be co-led by Jim Holmes and Wendy Wexler. CARES' juvenile counselors, and will meet every other Monday at 7:30 p.m. Single persons or couples are welcome to apply by calling Greenbelt CARES at 345-6660.

St. Hugh's Church

The women of St. Hugh's invite all to attend the Wednesday, October 10 meeting at 8 p.m. in Grenoble Hall. The special guest speaker will be Father Gerald P. Bell, S.J., who will speak on "The Family." Father Bell, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., is presently involved in planning and ecumenical evangelistic reach-out in the archdiocese. He is well remembered for his work at the Loyola Retreat House, where he was director for six years.

Following the talk there will be a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served. For more information call the Rectory at 474-4322

At the Library

Mondays: Two-Year-Old Story Program. 11 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for the youngest. the first a parent. Continues on Mondays through November 5. Please regis-

Exhibits at the Greenbelt Library during October: Collection of Buttons; Fire Prevention-Greenbelt Department; Paintings Alice Morrison, Beltsville; and Folk Art of Poland by Emily Nutku, Greenbelt.

Coupon Exchange

Coupons have over the years enabled thousands of shoppers to save money and for several years three libraries in Prince Georges County have provided coupon exchange

Although some formal presentation and exercises will be offered by the co-leaders, this will not be a counseling or therapy group. Simply stated, a discussion group draws on the collective knowledge, skills, and experiences of its members. Through sharing ideas and brainstorming strategies, parents can help one another increase their effectiveness as parents. This format has been highly successful in the past and has the important advantage of being responsive to the specific and unique needs of group members.

The tentative agenda for this Parent Discussion Group includes such topics as values clarification, communication, drug abuse, and sexuality. If demand exceeds limited space, other groups will be organized. Closing date for applications is October 10.

Jim Holmes, M.Ed.

Henry D. Hillier, Ir.

Henry Dale Hillier, Jr., was killed in a barge accident on Thursday, September 27 in St. Paul, Minnesota. A member of the United States Coast Guard, Mr. Hillier had been stationed since July on pollution control duty.

He is survived by his wife, the former Evelyn Donahue, daughter of William and Alice Donahue, 14F Ridge Rd., and a daughter, Donna

Burial was in Collinsville, Illincis, with full military honors.

Mrs. Hillier lived in Greenbelt until the time of her enlistment in the United States Navy.

AT ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

The Eleanor Roosevelt Chorus and Thespians will present the Eleanor Roosevell Student-Faculty Variety Show on Thursday, October 11 at 8 p.m. in the ERHS auditorium. The show will feature a number of individual acts by both students and teachers. Admission will be charged as this is a fund-raiser with the objective of raising at least a thousand dollars. Refreshments will be available for pur-

boxes for the public on a "help yourself"basis.

The Greenbelt Library has about 40 manila envelopes, each for a type of coupon (e.g., bread products, coffee, etc.), in a large box near their consumer guides. Staff and public donate the coupons and a volunteer keeps them sorted.

Sanford 74. Cornett

Sanford H. Cornett, age 60, of 14 Greenway Pl., died Tuesday morning. He had been a resident of Greenbelt for 30 years.

Mr. Cornett had retired from the General Accounting Office and had come out of retirement to work for the Office of Technology Assessment of the United States Congress. He was a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. During World War II, he served as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force where he had been a glider pilot instructor.

Active in local politics, Mr. Cornett was a past president of the North End PTA and a founding of the member and president Greenbelt Soccer Association. He was second vice-president of the Greenbelt Lions Club and had formerly been that organization's treasurer. Mr. Cornett was an instructor of the Potomac River Power Squadron.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Falcon of the home, and children, Joseph, former Greenbelt Adrianne Beaumont. resident; Carrboro, North Carolina; William of the home, who is presently in England under a University of Maryland study program; and Tod, of the home.

A memorial service was held by the Lions Club on Wednesday night at 8 at Beall's Funeral Home, Lanham. Graveside services were held at noon today at Cheltenham National Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the Holy Cross Hospital in Sil-

Greenbelt Combined Choir Begins Rehearsal Oct. 4

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Church. The choir will be rehearsing for both the Thanksgiving Day Ecumenical service and for their Christmas concert which will be held on Sunday evening, December 2.

The Greenbelt Combined Choir is made up of members from the choirs of the various churches in Greenbelt, as well as singers who are not members of Greenbelt churches. New members are always welcome.

The Christmas concert is one of the events in Greenbelt's Festival of Lights and features choral music as well as congregational singing of the traditional carols.

An audition is not necessary to become a member of the choir; only the ability and desire to sing are required. For further information please contact the director. Jean Cook, at 345-2597.

ACADEMY APPOINTM'NTS DEADLINE, OCTOBER 31

Maryland students interested in pursuing appointment to the Military, Naval. Air Force or Merchant Marine Academies should inform the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias Jr. before October 31, 1979, the deadline for applications for nominations to the class entering July, 1980.

The nominations are strictly competitive and are based on the recommendations of the Senator's Academy Review Board which evaluates the merits of applicants. College Entrance Examination Board (SAT) scores of 450 verbal and 600 math, or a composite total of 1050, are required to qualify for an interview.

Final decision on appointments is made by each service academy.

Students interested in obtaining further information and application materials should contact Ms. Linda Strine in Senator Mathias' Baltimore Office, 1616 Federal Office Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; (301) 962-4850.

Baha'i Community Holds Family Night October 12

In observance of the International Year of the Child (IYC) the Baha'i community of Greenbelt is sponsoring a family night featuring a talk by family counsellor Thom Thompson for adults, and films for children. The program will be held Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., at 120 Rosewood Dr. There is no charge.

"How to Teach Tommy to Want to Obey" is the subject of Thompson's talk. An associate professor of child development as well as a family counsellor, Thompson is best known for his appearances on Channel Seven's "AM Washington" talk show.

Also for IYC the Baha'is are offering for sale at cost blue and red bumper stickers and buttons saying "Love That Child." For more information or to order call 474-6779 or write P.O. Box 245, Greenbelt, Maryland.

MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor 474-1924

Bahar Fath

meetings every night during October call 345-2918

Greenbelt Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, MD

Rally Day October 14 At Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Rd., will hold Rally Day for its Sunday School children on Sunday, October 14, from 9:50 a.m.-1 p.m. The program for ages 3-12 will include the Bible lesson for the day, a movie, outdoor games, and a picnic lunch.

Rally Day is open to all interested children of Greenbelt.

Boys and Girls Club

A Football Spectacular will be held on Sat., Oct. 6 when all four Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club football teams will be playing at Braden Field. The 110 lb. team will start at 9:30 a.m. followed by the 90 lb .team at 10:45, the 80 lb. team at 12 noon and the 70 lb. team at 1.15 p.m.

There will be a refreshment stand and bake sale to help finance club programs. Everyone is invited to come down to the field and watch.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

Mishkan Torah

Rabbi Kenneth Berger Cantor Don Weisman

Fri., Oct. 5, 8 p.m. Family Services, Children with birthdays in Oct. & Nov. will be honored. Oneg Shabbat in Succah.

Sat., Oct. 6. 9:30 a.m. First day of Sukkot. Sun., Oct 7, 9:30 am. Second Day

of Sukkot. 10:45 a.m. Children's Service

Ridge and Westway - 474-4223

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)

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

Sunday

Church School for All Ages - 9:45 a.m. Family Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

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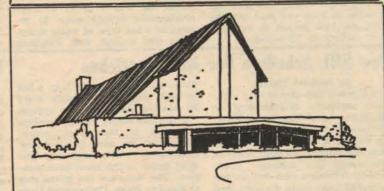
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Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) Worship services

Crescent & Greenhill Roads

9:45 am 11:00 am & 7:00 pm 8:00 pm

Mid-week Prayer service (Wed.) For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays.



Cross Lutheran C

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

Maffay Appointed to Commission for Women

Elizabeth Maffay, a former member of the Greenbelt City Council, was appointed to the Commission for Women by County Executive Lawrence J. Hogan, Maffay, a native of West Germany, holds a degree in Languages and a minor in Journalism.

In addition to serving on the City Council (1969-1973), Maffay ran for the Maryland House of Delegates in 1974, was an officer and charter member of "Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt", Chief Judge of Elections, Delegate to the OCDN Charter Convention, Steering Committee Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, La-bor Day Festival Talent Show Chairman, Advisory Board, APT (Against Poverty Together), Charter Petition Chairman, and has been a reporter for the Prince George's Post and Bel Air Express. A Greenbelt resident since 1957, she and her husband, John W. Maffay, have five children.

A swearing-in ceremony was held in Upper Marlboro on September 26. The Oath of Office was administered by Norman Pritchett, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The purpose of the Prince George's Commission for Women is twofold: advocacy for the rights of women and service to meet their special needs. The goal of the Commission is to seek equality for women in all areas, including employment, education, credit, health, law and legislation.

In order to provide as much service as possible, the Commission has established the following standing committees: Child Care, Court Monitoring, Education, Employment, Health, Ethnic Concerns, Legislation, Public Relations, Abused Women, Socio-Economic, Research and Data. Each is chaired by a Commissioner, and relies heavily on citizen membership and participation. In addition to those areas covered by the standing committees, the Commission offers the following services: referral for women's concerns, including discrimination in all areas, domestic problems, housing, credit, family violence, employment and career counseling, minority concerns and legal issues; a speakers bureau; and short-term crisis counseling.

The Commission meets the second Thursday of each month in Upper Marlboro, at 8 p.m. The phone number is 952-3383.

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Coxon Appointed to P. G. Advisory Board

Eunice Coxon, a Greenbelt resident since 1966, was appointed to the Prince Georges County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board by County Executive Lawrence J. Hogan. A swearing-in ceremony was held in Upper Marlboro on October 2.

Coxon, retired after 20 years with the Asphalt Institute, served on the county's Advisory Commission on Aging (1973-1975). She was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Elections for the City of Greenbelt (1970-1972), the League of Women Voters and the Save Our Community in Greenbelt.

Active in the Republican Party, Coxon was a Presidential Elector for Ford in the Fifth Congressional District, 24th Legislative co-chairman for the Republican Party, and Acting Precinct Chairman, Election Judge and Chief Judge for 21-6 (1976-78). She was county chairman of "Women for Ford" Committee and received the 23rd District Chairman's Award for Service

CITY NOTES

Bad areas of base on Laurel Hill Road at Hillside Road were removed. Three pieces of bad curb and gutter, which had been set by the previous contractor on Hillside Road at Crescent Road, were torn out and replaced by the new contractor.

The regular trash crew was on schedule last week. Paper pickup netted 7 tons, 820 lbs. Special trash requests are still running very heavy, and the crew has been working a six-day week.

The University of Maryland Landscape Architect class began their design proposals this week for the city athletic park on the old landfill site.

CARES

Behavior Service Consultants, Inc., in collaboration with CARES, has begun a weekly seminar on Child Development issues. The seminars are open to volunteer counselors and are being held in conjunction with the Family Clinic

107 CENTERWAY

to the Republican Party.

The county's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, composed of 11 members appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the county council, reviews matters pertaining to parks and recreation in the county. The board studies the budget and makes recommendations on parks and recreation programs to the Prince Georges County Planning Board of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the county executive and the county council.

Board members also attend meetings pertaining to Master Plans, as well as keeping informed on the views of local recreation councils and citizens' associations relating to parks and recreation.

The Board meets in the auditorium of the Parks and Recreation Administration, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Aquatic Booster Club Holds Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Greenbelt Aquatic Booster Club will take place on Thursday, October 4, at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the youth center. New officers for the coming year will be elected. The purposes of the Booster Club are "to support the Greenbelt Recreation Department competitive and developmental aquatic events and to develop in the children affected by this program a love of the sport, aquatic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship." With such goals the club has been both ambitious and successful, but it needs resident participation. Please try to attend and bring suggestions for the year ahead.

on Wednesday nights.

Jim Holmes and Wendy Wexler spent a day at Mary Bethune Junior High School presenting the topic of "Values Clarification" to a health education class.

Greenbelt Pizza - Sub Shop

1	FRIDAY - 12 inch Pepperoni Pizza	\$2.95
	Jumbo Meaball Sub	\$1.55
	SATURDAY - 12 inch Sausage Pizza	\$2.95
0	(Thur. 4 - Wed. 10)	
	Sodas: Dr. Pepper or 7-Up\$1.49	carton

Recreation Review

Roller Skating

During the week, Center School Gym is the lace for skating action. On Weds., from 4 - 6 p.m. Kindergarten through 3rd graders; on Fris., the 4th through 6th graders. A nominal fee will be charged at the door for skate rental. Those who own rink skates, should lease bring them.

Volleyball - Competitive and

Recreations

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Halloween

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Attention Greenbelt Craftspeople

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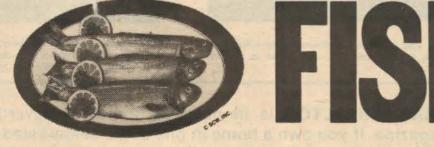
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Capitol Cadillac Sign Okayed Nothing New on Post Office

by Leta Mach

On Thursday, September 13, the County Planning Board approved the Capital Cadillac site plan amendment for a high rise sign near the Beltway. Capital Cadillac vice-president Jack Curlett told the News Review the sign was "in the best interests of our business and in the best possible taste." He hoped to erect the blue and white company sign before October 9, the official grand opening of the car dealership.

Jack Blevens from the County Planning Board staff felt the sign had been approved for a combination of reasons. First, there wasn't enough reason or legal basis to disapprove the sign and second, a low-lying sign would not fulfill the purpose of the applicants. The reason Capital Cadillac gave for changing from a low-lying sign was that there was not a location where such a sign could be seen from both Greenbelt Road and the Beltway from all directions. Blevins further added that this was the first sign reviewed by the Planning Board. Generally county regulations deal merely with the square footage and type of sign. He noted that it was an unusual situation because the Planning Board had created the condition of reviewing any sign for the site.

The city was represented at the mcrning hearing by Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak. Although the Planning Board staff recommended approval of the sign, the commissioners directed them to explore other alternatives. Howeve:, after Plendak left David Freishtat, attorney for Capital Cadillac, in a second appearance before the Planning Board, asked that the issue be settled and not deferred. Blevins, Freishtat, and Curlett then drove to the site and looked at six possible locations for a low-lying sign. However, none was found with good visibility from both roads in both directions. At the afternoon hearing, the high sign was approved 2-1 with one abstention in view of the fact a city representative could not be present.

Post Office

"It's been quiet," replied David Richards from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) when asked about developments in the proposed new Grienbelt Post Office. He exlained that the last he heard the Postal Service planned to leave customer services in the center and look for another site for distribution facilities. "The important thing is they seem to have given up the Parkway site," he added. When the postal service does select a site, the selection will be sent to NCPC for approval.

During the spring the Post Office sought the informal reaction of the city to parcel 8 or parcel 2. Parcel 8 is located between Kenilworth and Ridge Road, north of Crescent. The land was purchased partially with federal and state funds and is pledged as green space. In addition, council members felt the location at the entrance to the city was not good. Council also objected to parcel 2 off Hamilton Place because it was an inaccessible location and trucks would need to drive through a residential area.

owned land it might consider for the distribution site to the Postal Service. The list included unsubdivided land at Beltway Plaza, property at the end of Hanover Parkway, part of parcel 15 near the American Legion, and property near Edmonston Road and Kenilworth Avenue extended. In addition, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission officials have sent a list of seven publicly-cwned vacant sites in the Greenbelt area to Theodore Wade, Post Office Really Management and Acquisition Specialist.

Greenbelt Postmaster Emory

Harman stated that he had not heard anything about the new building. However, he added he was "still hoping". In the meantime, the post office is being repainted for the first time since 1972 by the landlord, George Christacos.

GHI NOTES

The Adivosry Committee on Personnel Policies and Procedures will meet on Friday, October 12, at 8 p.m., in the GHI Board Room to discuss some of the findings which have come up through their discussions with GHI management and staff. All members are welcome to attend this meeting.

The regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, at 8 .m.

GHI T-shirts are still available for sale. Most youth sizes are in stock. Orders may be placed for other sizes. See Sandra Barnes, Coordinator of Member Services. if interested.

Police Blotter

The murder which took place in the parking lot at the American Legion last summer went on trial on September 24 and continued for three days. The jury found the accused guilty of voluntary manslaughter and carrying a deadly weapon.

A "till-tap," a theft from the cash register when the clerk is distracted, was reported at High's on Centerway. A short time later Pfc. Lann arrested a man, who was charged and transported to Hyattsville.

The manager of the A&P at Beltway Plaza called to report a man had taken three hams and was leaving the store without paying. When he was stopped by the manager, the suspect pulled a knife and ran from the store. A lookout was given to area police cars and a few minutes later Cpl. Fulgham arrested the man. He was charged with assault and concealing a deadly weapon.

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GHI Rehabilitation Kick-off Attracts Large Gathering for Speeches and Insulation Demo

by Mary Lou Williamson

Last Sunday afternoon Greenbelters again proved that it takes more than a little rain and a Redskins game to keep them at home. More than 200 members and friends of Greenbelt Homes joined board and staff at the North End School to celebrate together the start of their multi-million dollar rehabilitation venture. After years of planning for the most cost-effective and energy-saving renovation of the 40-year-old homes and struggling for more than a year to find a reasonable means of financing the work, GHI is ready to begin. And, just in case anyone was still doubtful, a demonstration crew was busy installing insulation next door at 7-A and 7-B Laurel Hill.

"Renovation is the most-important event for GHI since its con-struction some 40 years ago," GHI president Don Volk told his warmly receptive audience. "The program is designed to reduce our heating bills. Now that we have finally gotten everyone to agree on what to do and how to finance it, the real work, which will take several years, can begin." The purpose, he noted, is "energy-savings"; the cause has been the dramatic rise in the price of heating oil. "In the eight years I have served on the board, I have seen the price of oil rise from 13 cents per gallon to 75 cents. Insulation and new windows to cut down on heat loss are the core of the program,' he said.

Volk reminded those present that GHI, in its heat-conservation projects initiated since 1973, has already cut its total fuel consumption from 2.2 million gallons per year to 1.6. If GHI can now reduce that figure to "1.2 or maybe 1.1, then we will have cut our fuel use in half in less than ten years."

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has committed \$6.4 million in loans to GHI to be repaid at 3% over 20 years under its section 312 program. Speaking for HUD, Nick Farr delighted the audience: "I gather Greenbelt has always been a unique community—first when it was built and later as the only one of the four green towns to become a co-operative owned by its residents. Greenbelt has maintained itself as a unique community for 40 years." Farr is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Farr praised GHI and the representatives of various governmental agencies for putting together in a short time "a very complicated joint venture: the largest 312 rehabilitation program in the country, both in the amount of money committed and in the number of housing units; among the largest section 8 substantial rehabilitation housing assistance programs in the country; virtually the only program that puts both sources of financing together and the only one that is a co-operative." Furthermore, he added, the overall program includes "substantial Community Development Block grant funds (one million dollars), possibly city revenue bonds, Maryland state housing rehabilitation funds and private sector financing. Putting the whole thing together is quite an accomplishment," he re-

"We like it," Farr smiled, "We like it because we can see how our programs can work together, particularly over the next few years. Energy conservation," he speculated, "is going to be where the action is in the eighties and you people are way ahead . . . So we'll be watching very closely."

Farr was impressed with GHI as an economically "integrated community—persons of all income levels can live here. The low-interest 3% 312 loan will mean that those with middle incomes can remain here. Section 8 housing assistance payments will make it possible for persons with very low incomes, particularly the elderly, to remain here and not pay more than a quarter

of their income on housing. The expense of this rehabilitation would be intolerable," he emphasized, "for these two groups were it not for our programs. These people could not otherwise stay in this extraordinarily attractive place to live"

Farr also told the audience that there will be an affirmative action program to offer this community as a place for minorities in the area to consider as a place to live.

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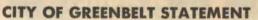
Public officials in person or by letter offered congratulations to the co-operative community. "Greenbelt has always had a program for tomorrow," wrote Congresswoman Spellman, "and has regularly affirmed its dedication to the wellbeing of its families and community." She too commented on "the uniqueness of Greenbelt. The City," she wrote, "has made the most of the land-use planning which was its heritage and has respected and preserved the human values which inspired the original dream."

Director of Licenses and Permits completion of for Prince Georges County, Wil- near future."

representing County Larry Hogan, was impressed, he said, though not surprised, by the size of the turn out. Calling Greenbelt "one of the most knowledgeable communities" in the county, he ventured a guess that "somewhere else only 5 or 6 people would have shown up." Hogan "is interested in upgrading the housing stock of the county. You may have read in today's paper that he wants only homes costing more than What makes even more sense," Gullett said, "is upgrading what we have." Speaking for his own department, he said "We will put our full resources into working with you."

County Councilman Frank Casula offered congratulations to GHI, praising the hard work, enthusiasm and the ability to overcome its periodic internal squabbles. The audience, in good humor, laughed.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld reviewed for the audience the city's involvement in the revitalization of the GHI neighborhood. With the assistance of CDBG funds in an ongoing program the city has been 'undertaking a variety of public improvements in the GHI neighborhoods," principally the reconstruction of some of the original streets. "The city is proud to offer its assistance to GHI and to participate in this exciting endeavor," Weidenfeld said. "I look forward to joining with you in celebrating the completion of this program in the



by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld

The rehabilitation program being inaugurated by Greenbelt Homes today is the most extensive in the history of the City. . . . GHI and the City have worked together in many ways to the benefit of both. We have fought for the controlled development of our city in a manner befitting the high standards of planning set forth for the original Greenbelt development. We have worked to protect our environment, avoid being turned into a massive highway interchange and to preserve green space.

Now, the members of GHI are inaugurating this extensive rehabilitation program after years of planning and deliberation. The hard work of the Board of Directors and the GHI staff has resulted in GHI and its members being assisted in the rehabilitation program with a low interest Federal loan and Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments for those members having low incomes. . . .

. . The City Council looks forward to working with GHI to successfully complete this major undertaking. While GHI will be improving the homes, the City, with the assistance of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds allocated to us by Prince George's County, will be undertaking a variety of public improvements in the GHI neighborhoods.

This summer, the City began installing playground equipment throughout GHI neighborhood playgrounds as a first step in rehabilitating and improving these small park areas.

Two other community development projects — the reconstruction of Research Road and the construction of a new sidewalk between Ridge and the Center Mall — now in the engineering stages, will benefit GHI as well as other city residents. We expect to begin design work shortly on the reconstruction of Hillside Road between Research and Laurel Hill with the construction of a pedestrian underpass in order to bring a new walkway to the North End.

In future years we expect to reconstruct Ridge Road from Eastway to Southway and Plateau Place. All of that work will be done with Block Grant Funds.

iWth City funds we have undertaken this summer the reconstruction of Crescent Road from Gardenway to Parkway, the reconstruction of Hillside Road from Northway to Laurel Hill and the reconstruction of Laurel Hill from Hillside to Ridge. These projects should be completed shortly with the resurfacing of the streets by a paving contractor. The City Council is currently considering the feasibility of a major capital improvement program which would include further street and public improvements in the GHI area.

The City will be participating directly in the rehabilitation of GHI homes by employing a rehabilitation loan specialist to assist GHI residents in making application for state, and possibly federal rehabilitation loans for home improvements over and above those to be done by GHI. This position should be filled by mid-October, and this individual will serve as a coordinator of Housing Rehabilitation throughout the City, with a primary initial responsibility of assisting GHI. This position is also funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

Lastly, with the strong support of Greenbelt voters who approved giving the City Council authority to issue revenue bonds for rehabilitation projects, the City stands ready to consider other financing needs of the GHI rehabilitation program, if necessary. There is now available still another means for obtaining low cost financing to assure the total success of this worthy project.

The City is proud to offer its assistance to GHI and to participate in this exciting endeavor . . .



Greenbelt Homes president Don Volk, assisted by Mayor Gif Weidenfeld, cuts the cake celebrating the start of GHI's rehabilitation program. The three tiers of the cake, designed by member Janet James, represent GHI, Prince Georges County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development working together. Member Dot Varda baked and decorated the cake.

- Photos on the page by Jay Henson



Workmen demonstrate installation of Cellin, cellulose insulation, which is blown into the outside walls through one inch holes. Bill Glass, representing the contractor, Universal, was on hand to answer questions. "No, Cellin will not burn. Yes, it is termite and varmint proof. Yes, the contractor will guarantee to fill the cavity 100%. No, there is no odor. All work will be done from the outside."

The drizzling rain did not seem to discourage the steady stream of members who walked the short distance from North End School to 7-A and 7-B Laurel Hill to observe the process. A large white pine tree in front of the building provided some shelter.



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Sincere sympathy to former Greenbelter Evelyn Donahue Hillier and her parents, William and Alice Donahue, on the tragic accidental death of Mrs. Hillier's husband, Henry Dale Hillier, Jr.

Sorry to hear that former Green-

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Erosion Control Work at Lake Park Is High City Priority

by Leta Mach

City Council received two reports about recreation facilities at its August 13 meeting. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) report requested that council review previous reports on the Greenbelt Lake Park because "conservation of the Greenbelt Lake Park and allocation of funds to prevent further deterioration is of highest priority." After council questioned City Manager James Giese about the work the city was doing at the lake, it moved to refer the action of the city manager to PRAB.

Although PRAB agreed the projects of the past year were "positive beginnings," it wanted "a more extensive program." "Except for time frame and different feelings of the degree of criticalness," Giese did not think there were any inconsistencies between PRAB recommendations and the city erosion control work at the lake. Council has approved a three year soil and lawn rehabilitation program for the area of the bandstand.

One of the reports PRAB recommended be reviewed was the Soil Conservation Report of November 1978. After a site analysis, the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service made several recommendations. One of these was that the tile drain and drainage from the bandstand be improved and the eroded area be filled with topsoil and revegetated. Part of this area was improved last year with composted sludge from the Agricultural Research Center and then reseeded. Eroded areas along the shore near the dam have been worked on this year. Glese said the city has also regarded the area of heaviest erosion by the bandstand and worked on the water drainage problem there. The city crews have also completed placing riprap along the banks of the peninsula, an action recommended in the 1978 report. The silt traps for the two lake feeder streams have also recently been cleared out with a drag line.

In general Giese agreed with the PRAB report, which found the overall appearance of the park good. The report felt the lake and the shoreline should be deepened in some areas. It also found that the overflow structure for the lake was in need of repair. Another suggestion was that access areas for the lake should be designated to eliminate erosion from pedestrian traffic, but Glese, in his comments

last fall on the report, expressed his view that regrading would be better than an "artificial walkway."

At the August 13 council meeting Councilman Richard Castaldi queried the safety in using sludge. However, Councilmen Thomas White and Charles Schwan felt the material would not have been released if there were any concern about it. Giese next recalled an old proposal for a new service road at the lake instead of the present one through the playground. Mayor Richard Pilski felt the next council should consider the matter.

Council also received a report from the Advisory Planning Board (APB) recommending that it urge the county executive to support

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