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Plans to Make Theatre Into Health Spa Spur Council to Hold Public Hearing

by Leta Mach

At a work session October 16, City Council registered its disappointment with an aspect of center shopping mall owner George Christacos' plans for the old theater, by deciding to hold a public hearing at 9 p.m. November 5, during the regular city council meeting. Council hopes to hear other viable suggestions for the theater space besides the health spa currently planned.

Christacos told council that the proposed health spa would take 4,000 feet of the old theater from the front hallway back to the third column. Behind the spa facing the co-op grocery store the shoe repair shop and the credit union would be relocated. On the other side would be a family restaurant. Twin Pines Savings and Loan plans to build new quarters between the restaurant and the sidewalk on Centerway. Christacos noted that Twin Pines was not interested in using part of the vacant theater. Suburban Trust will expand into the Twin Pines quarters.

Council members wondered whether a health spa would be a viable tenant in view of the present facilities available at the recreation center and a possible health spa in the future Greenway shopping center. Christacos responded that the health spa backers, a group of Georgetown investors, had surveyed the area and felt the location was good since it was convenient to the

Beltway and NASA. The investors are, in his words, "very sophisticated." Councilman Thomas White, however, was turned off by a health spa because in his view "that type of facility—tends to do the hard sell." Councilman Richard Pilski emphasized his lack of enthusiasm: "I don't think a spa is uplifting."

"Let's be realistic," councilman Richard Castaldi replied. Councilman Charles Schwan agreed with Castaldi's conclusion that a legal business couldn't be denied. The few alternatives suggested included a family restaurant, business school, craft center, or indoor swimming pool. A supper club was mentioned, but also an obstacle to it—the need for a liquor license. In addition, Christacos did not feel Greenbelt could support a supper club. White suggested asking the American Film Institute if they were interested in the theater space. He also noted that Storer Cable TV, which Winfield Kelly represents, will need a local studio. Konrad Herling spoke about using the theater for a cultural center.

Herling felt he had received 48% of the vote at the recent election "because of the strong support for a cultural center." Although he did not have the money yet, he noted that he was working with many individuals on the idea. Christacos found the idea very theoretical, something for a dream world. "Those things will not materialize," he said. "I've seen these things before but it doesn't last." Herling felt that a campaign to raise money for the center might take 6 months.

Christacos said he would need a reasonable amount to hold the option and a substantial backer to sign the lease. Noting that "I'm a little bit idealistic," he said "I will take a little less if it's better for the center." Although now he can get \$7-8 a square foot, Christacos said he would go bottom dollar \$4-5 for the city. Christacos said he would wait another month to see if a concrete alternative comes forth before signing the leases for the health spa.

Repairs

Now that the mall has been zoned (C-S-C - Commercial Shopping Center) Christacos is improving the property. All the roofs will be done at a cost of \$50-60,000. Presently one unit is being done for \$15,000. He hopes to be finished by the end of the summer. The heating system is being replaced with individual gas units, some are hot water and some forced air. This will eliminate the need for the steam pipes running through the mall. The property will also be getting a face-lift. For the proposed health spa a partition, a floor and air-conditioning will be put in by the end of the year.

Christacos suggested waiting before repairing the sidewalks because of this construction. City Manager James Giese showed council the plans for the sidewalks. Most of the stone would be replaced by concrete.

Christacos was also concerned about getting parking waivers, but Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said he would need to contact Park and Planning (MNCPPC) about the problem.

Police Dept. Remodeling Delay Attributed To Manpower Shortages and Tight Budget

by John Kelly and
Elaine Skolnik

The police renovation project has been going slowly, primarily because the city does not have sufficient manpower and funds to pay for the needed improvements, said City Manager James Giese at a work session held Oct. 10 at the Municipal Building. After much discussion and an inspection of police headquarters, council directed Giese to hire an additional person to work with the public works employee assigned to the project.

The meeting was attended by members of the city council, the police department, and the city staff.

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) President David Fulgham told council that the length of time taken to complete the project is causing serious morale problems within the police department. "On Feb. 1, I was told by Mr. Giese that the renovation was to get the highest priority from

the city," said Fulgham. He added that his men are bothered by the fact that the work seems to be proceeding so sluggishly.

Everyone sympathized with frustrated police officers and dispatchers, who have been performing their duties while renovation work was being done around them. There was agreement that the project was moving slowly. (Council made the original decision to do the job with city labor and not to increase the city budget.)

Giese said, "When we first planned this, we thought we could do sections (of the wing) without having the police force in them. Then Green Ridge House moved faster than anticipated. . ."

He noted that even though inexpensive city labor has been used, "tight money problems" are hampering progress.

"Only \$10,000 is budgeted for the remaining work," Giese added. This money must cover items which still need to be purchased, including carpeting, desks, file cabinets, and new communications equipment for the police dispatchers, which will total close

to \$7,000. In addition, a new emergency generator is needed, and labor costs must be met. The generator alone will cost at least \$3,500, he said.

Tour

Chief William Lane, Fulgham and Officers John Lann, Kenneth Stair, Charles Watkins and James Craze escorted council members through police headquarters. The officers were concerned with the wiring, alarm system and unfinished condition in the dispatcher's office, airflow problems in the air-conditioning and heating system and workmanship throughout the wing, and delays in equipment selections.

They were especially disturbed that the prisoners' detention area was unfinished, describing as "potentially dangerous" the procedure of handcuffing prisoners to chairs, desks or door knobs in the same room where prisoners are processed. "We never know when a prisoner will go berserk," Lann said.

After the tour, Giese pointed out that some of the problems were beyond the city's control. See POLICE DEPT., page 4, col. 4

Cultural Center Advocates Urge Theater Conversion

Advocates for a Greenbelt Cultural Center met last Sunday night to outline steps to be taken to convert the former Greenbelt movie theater into a cultural center for performing arts, visual arts and the humanities. Attending the meeting were Jeff Gallagher, Albert and Frances Herling, Bill Stratton, Rita Souweine of the Prince Georges County Association for the Arts and Konrad Herling. The meeting focused on three areas: (1) general objectives; (2) funding, and; (3) an effective presentation before George Christacos, owner of the shopping center, the City Council and citizens of Greenbelt at the public hearing concerning the future use of the theater to be held Monday, November 5 at City Hall.

General objectives were providing for a broad range of activities including plays, concerts, dances, films, speakers, sculpture, paintings and architectural designs. These activities would encourage the participation of Greenbelters not only as viewers but as performing artists as well.

The discussion focused next on funding. The initial cost of the project would include the lease of approximately twenty-thousand dollars for use of the facility. Funds would be derived from the

community by selling stock in a non-profit organization. The next cost to be met would be renovating the theatre itself. Estimated at \$250,000; funding from a myriad of endowment boards, county and state agencies and private individuals would be sought aggressively. The third financial obstacle would be operation costs. Rita Souweine indicated that the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly operates at an expense of approximately \$160,000 per year. Admission prices will partially cover those costs with the balance being derived from, again the various agencies. In order for all this to happen, however, the lease must be signed by someone who has strong financial support. Once the funding drive to raise \$20,000 is well underway, the group agreed, it should be easier to do just that.

The third aspect discussed was the method by which the group and the concept would derive support. It was concluded that a demand for such a center would have to be demonstrated—not only through such documents as the County Cultural Feasibility Study which concluded that there was enough demand in the county to justify six cultural centers (there are now three located in Bowie, Laurel and Cheverly)—but also through enthusiastic support from the community. It was agreed that an intense city campaign was the only way to bring about this result.

Little League Awards

The Greenbelt Little League presented Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year Awards to players in the two leagues at the Little League's annual awards banquet held Oct. 12 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The Bud Dean Trophy for the most valuable player in the American League was presented to Jimmy Lloyd of the American Legion Cardinals. The Bernie Emmet Memorial Trophy was given to Paul Kwiatkowski of the Gunner's Mate Cubs as the most valuable player in the National League.

Thomas McAndrew presented Rookie of the Year Awards to John Murray of the Lions in the National League and Don Leckliter of the Orioles for the American League.

The Jim Fountain Memorial Trophy for Sportsmanship was awarded to the Orioles, managed by Bob Dies.

Library Friends to Meet

Supporters and friends of the Greenbelt Public Library will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Library.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Library organization has been dormant for some time and the forthcoming 10th anniversary of the opening of the new library facility is considered an opportune time to revitalize the organization.

The meeting is being called by Albert Herling who served as President of the "Friends" in the past. Items to be considered at the meeting include reorganization of the group; nomination and election of officers; needs of the library and ways in which a Friends group can help; the impact of the Trim amendment to the County Charter on library services; and programs for the coming year.

Annual Meeting Scheduled For News Review Staff

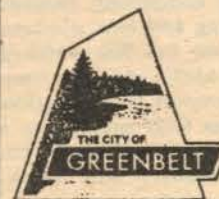
The annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Co-operative Publishing Association, publisher of the News Review, will be held on Sunday, October 28, at 8:30 p.m. at 2-E Northway. All present staff members of the News Review are asked to attend.

The five-member governing board for 1979-80 will be elected.

WHAT GOES ON

Tues., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. Supporters and Friends of the Greenbelt Library meet. Library.

Wed., Oct. 31 - 1:30 p.m. Costume Parade - Center Mall.
3:30-5 p.m. Halloween Costume Parade and Party.
Youth Center Gym
6-8 p.m. "Trick of Treat" Night



THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 1979 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND GREENBELT. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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Special Vocational Program Assisting City In Park Areas

A group of special education students from the Princess Garden Special Center have been performing a variety of maintenance services for the City of Greenbelt since early September. The students, who are multiple handicapped, are participating in the center's work experience program to learn vocational skills for future job opportunities and placements.

The group of 10 students is supervised by one of Princess Garden's Instructors, Bob Waelndner, and assisted by Charles Fletcher. The class has undertaken a variety of projects geared towards the individuals' ability levels. These have included routine maintenance tasks and housekeeping assignments. During the month, the students have provided an effective work force at several locations in Greenbelt. Thus, they have supplemented the city's various parks and public work crews in a multitude of daily tasks to maintain the community.

Separated into several work forces, the students are assigned specific areas and projects to undertake for the day's program. So far, locations have included the Greenbelt Youth Center and grounds, Braden Fields 1, 2 and 3, Candy Cane City Playground/Park Area and the Municipal Swimming Pool grounds. Future sites will be the Springhill Lake Recreation Center/Golf Course and Grounds and the Greenbelt Lake Park. Special maintenance projects in the city's other 24 playgrounds, tennis courts and Athletic fields are also on the schedule.

The possibility of the city becoming involved in a program such as this one was outlined by Greenbelt Park and Recreation Advisory Board Member Donna Fluke. The Recreation Department was put in contact with the principal of Princess Garden Special Center in Lanham, Mildred Gray, principal, together with Vocational Program Coordinator Dorothy Hallowsay, made all the necessary arrangements for site approval, supervision and transportation. The students are presently working three days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Each day, a morning break is provided and students bring their own lunches. Recreation Center facilities and equipment, in the gym game room, are made available during their free time. Motor development activities such as basketball, billiards and bumper pool are the most popular events at these times.

Recreation Director Hank Irving reports that the students are doing an outstanding job in every project they have undertaken. Their attention to detail and pride in accomplishment is unique. The students are not only willing and able to perform, but they enthusiastically tackle every job with dedication and spirit. The Center's staff is to be commended as

evidenced by the instructors' daily encouragement and guidance to these, their special students.

Rummage-Bake Sale

A Rummage-Bake Sale will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Sun., Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale will continue on Monday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featured will be clothing, household items, appliances, furniture, etc.

GHI NOTES

Seniors and handicapped interested in having their homes painted on the interior or their yards cleaned and raked may request this service free of charge from the YCCIP crew. The YCCIP is a federally-funded program which encourages private industry to hire and train young people, 16-19, so that they may find jobs when their year in the program is ended. If interested in either of the above programs, contact Sandra Barnes, Coordinator of Member Services.

Everyone is asking, "When will rehab start?" The answer is that GHI is waiting for HUD to work out a few more details on the program before settlement. The \$6.4 million has been committed by HUD for GHI's rehabilitation program. But some problems, such as that with the National Register for Historic Places (which GHI expects to be worked out satisfactorily) and the fact that procedures have not been printed by HUD for administering a 312 multifamily housing loan (GHI's is the first in the country) need to be completed. Peeling back the layers of involvement by local, county, state and federal agencies to get a project the size of GHI's rehab going cannot be accomplished without some delays. One member wanted to know if her home will be completely finished with new siding and new windows by the time she has her wedding reception in April. At this time, GHI cannot answer that question, but as soon as GHI establishes a schedule for accomplishing the work, the members will be informed.

MEETINGS: Board meets to night at 8 p.m., New Member Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, October 30, 8 p.m., meeting to discuss new manager Nov. 1.

Stan Brown, recently hired as the structures foreman, will also serve as the Acting Director of Maintenance until a new director is hired.

The Mopeds are Coming

by Linda Orenstein

Moped — a combination word of motor and Pedals — is a two-wheeled pedal vehicle that operates with a one to two horsepower single-cylinder engine. According to the Moped Association, located in Washington, D.C., in early 1979 approximately 550,000 mopeds were operational in the United States. Moped dealer Ron Timmons of College Park affirms that since the gas crisis, sales are up. He believes that the shortage has prompted greater acceptance of the moped and furthered its integration into the transportation system.

Mopeds average about 125 miles per gallon at speeds of 20-30 miles per hour. Their cost of operation is 1 1/2¢ per mile. They can be driven as easily as a bicycle and on any road that's not limited access highway with a speed of 50 miles per hour or less. Each state has its own regulations concerning these fairly new-on-the-scene vehicles.

The State of Maryland requires that the driver be at least sixteen years of age and possess any class driver's license or moped permit. There are no registration requirements and no mandatory insurance. Maryland moped enthusiasts have to remember, however, that the nearby District of Columbia does require registration.

Various precautions are recommended for those who use mopeds. Some are similar to those advocated for bicycle riders. Moped riders should drive defensively and slowly and yield the right of way to larger vehicles. They are primarily designed as low-speed vehicles and are not permitted on major highways.

The Mopeds are Here!

Drivers should wear brightly colored clothing, use their lights, bike flags — anything that would increase their visibility. Any extra weight carried on a moped should be evenly distributed over the wheels and hands should always be left free to operate the vehicle. Hazardous conditions may exist when driving on wet pavement, oil, gravel, sand and wet leaves. Drainage grates, potholes, railroad tracks and driveways can also be dangerous.

Despite those moped driver-beware, moped owners, or at least those three that could be located in Greenbelt seemed pleased with their purchase. Greenbelters Joan and Bob Dies and Kathie Reed have owned their vehicles for several months, and all are delighted with this economical way to travel short distances. The Dies and Reed limit their jaunts to the local area and refrain from driving in inclement weather.

Reed, who teaches and does research as a special student at the University of Maryland, says that she is an "outdoors" person and prefers riding out in the open to a stuffy car. Joan Dies thinks her moped is "great for scooting around" and for amusement.

Disappointed

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the Greenbelt Lions Club for the Health Fair they sponsored on October 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, it should not go unknown that they did a great injustice to those citizens of Greenbelt who had scheduled appointments in the afternoon.

Having only a few appointments scheduled between 2:30 and 4 p.m., the Lions Club closed down the Health Fair early.

When I arrived for my appointment for my blood test at 3:30 p.m., I was informed that the Health Fair was closed. After having fasted for 12 hours, I must admit I was greatly disappointed . . . Jeff Paccione

SQUARE DANCE

A square dance featuring the Ralph Case Dancers will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

For information call 345-1715 or 474-3551.

Consumer Credit Clinic

The Greenbelt Jaycees will hold a Consumer Credit Clinic at the Greenbelt Library Monday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. The Jaycees invite all Greenbelters to attend. There will be free light refreshments.

MOWATT MEMORIAL
United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Rev. Ira C. Kepeerling, Pastor
474-1924

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

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(United Church of Christ)
Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)
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Family Worship Service - 11 a.m.
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HALLOWE'EN Tips and Treats

O Hallows Night . . .

by Hally Ahearn

Ah October. On day one the onslaught begins. The air turns nippy, affecting the entire school age population. Even mothers who have forsaken bringing joy from anywhere but the dimstore hunch their backs.

The first dig comes home from school, an innocent scarecrow, dittoed in light blue and with his parts-to-color labeled: orange, yellow, brown, black. A harvest symbol, I say to myself. Never breathing the dreaded word, I compliment my six year old and concur with the teacher's star. But the cork is out. A witch and a ghost come home the next day. They're just learning black and white I say feebly to myself, but the word is spoken—Hallowe'en.

"Can you make my costume tonight, because so it will be done, not like last year?"

Last year, I think. O yes. Under the full moon I sewed white stars onto stretchy blue nylon (you try it) to adorn the prepubescent bottom in the regalia of her heroine—Wonder Woman.

"Not tonight, honey." But the deliberations have begun. First, all the TV characters—the Bionic Woman, Mork, Laverne or Shirley—are rejected. The dimstore hussies have already snapped these up.

"Trust me. You don't want to be the Incredible Hulk."

"I'm a baby." The unenlightened two year old searches for meaning in the conversation.

"No," I say sensibly, "you're a big little girl."

In two days big/little has developed a full vocabulary on the subject.

"Hallowe'en. He's coming. I say tweet, tweet."

"No! You say TRICK . . . OR . . . TREAT. Say it. Trick or treat!"

Six has two by the shoulders and is grabbing the opportunity to practice gestapo tactics.

"We have to make decorations" . . . in the whining-hour before bed.

"I can't draw it. You draw it."

"I can't cut it. You cut it."

"No, no, I want to tape it. I want to."

Next July I will glance at the Scotch tape on the window and, in a weak moment, think of scraping it off. But next October will be too near.

The decision across the street has been made. The friend will be a kangaroo. Worse, the material has been bought. The model for the costume, a stuffed toy, will go in the pouch.

I call, feigning interest. "Fake fur, huh . . . Not too expensive? Good!" But what I really want to know is "You haven't started sewing, have you?" "Well, not tonight." That's a relief. Then the jackpot. An old monkey suit, made for the friend when she was two.

"I'm Hallowe'en. I will be a monkey!"

"That's right, sweetheart," I say, humming "I get by with a little help from my friends" for the next few days. After all, the problem is solved—for one of them, at least.

The papers are pouring in now, frayed by the past-mid-month wind on their journey home—pumpkins, witches, cats, ghosts, goblins. Jack-O-Lantern happy faces smile from papers other times marked curtly "V.G." Illustrated poems copied to improve handwriting:

Jolly Wholly pumpkin face
What will your big eyes see
Owls and bats and pussycats
A moon that looks like me

Songs:
Stirring and stirring and stirring
our brew
Whoo-ooo! Whoo-ooo!

On the tenth repeated round, dear children, warts grow on your mother's face.

It's translation time. "A big white puffy dress"—Grandma has some old satin curtains. Buy a little netting for underneath. "A crown that glows"—glitter. "A sparkling necklace"—the family jewels. "Wings"—wings?

The fairy queen rules with an iron wand:

I see a ghoul on Hallows' night
Bending blackly over her machine
Bleakly wishing for a boy
A smudged bum's face, and not a queen

She is the witch of Hallowe'en.

Recreation Review

Attention Craftspeople

The Greenbelt Rec. Depart. is again sponsoring the Eighth Annual Christmas Craft Show and Sale Fri., November 30; Sat. and Sun., December 1 and 2. Gather crafts and enter the show. Applications are available at the Youth Center Business Office or call 474-6878 and be put on a mailing list. Limited spaces are available. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Area Gyms Open

Several area schools offer open gym hours to the public. Listed below are the Greenbelt schools and hours: Greenbelt Junior High, Sun, 1-5 p.m.; Roosevelt High, Sun, 6-10 p.m.

Men's "A" Basketball League

Information concerning the men's franchised basketball league is now available. Brochures may be obtained at the Youth Center Business Office and additional information may be obtained by calling the Rec. Depart., Mon. through Fri., 9-5 p.m., 474-6878.



The Recreation Department's staff are ready for the costume parade at the Youth Center.

Are costumes ready? Whether a child is Bat Man, Wonder Woman, a ghost or from a planet in outer space, he/she is invited to participate.

The costume parade will be held at the Youth Center from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. Judging will be done in various categories, for those in costume, from pre-school through sixth grades. Movies, treats and special activities are in store for all participating.

"Trick or Treat" Night is Wednesday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. Residents wishing to participate should turn on their porch lights, or for apartment dwellers, tie a piece of white cloth on the door knob.

Parents are urged to accompany young children and inspect all treats. Unwrapped candy should be avoided.

At Greenbelt Library

Hallowe'en Mask Making - Ages 4-9. Monday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Paper bag masks.

Hallowe'en Stories - Ages 6-10. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 4 p.m. Spine tingling tales for the very brave.

Holy Cross Christmas Fair

The women of Holy Cross Lutheran Missionary League are planning their annual Christmas Fair. The proceeds will go to mission projects. There will be crafts, baked goods, white elephants, Christmas decorations, dried flower arrangements, green plants and a Kiddie Korner. Lunch will be served, as well as coffee and desserts.

The Fair will be held Sat., Nov. 10 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church which is located on Greenbelt Road across from Charlestowne Village.

A Safe Halloween!

Greenbelt Unit No. 136, the American Legion Auxiliary, is in total support of Hallowe'en as "a safe and fun night". Hallowe'en at first was filled with superstitions; however, today it has become a time of fun and merriment.

Accidents can mar any occasion. Special care should be taken to reduce accidents that could have been prevented.

The National Americanism and Children and Youth Division of the American Legion offer these safety tips for "Trick-or-Treat" night recommended by the National Safety Council:

1. Advise children to wear costumes which are light in color, short enough to prevent tripping and non-flammable. For greater visibility, the costume can be decorated with reflective tape or bands so that it "glows" in the beam of cars' headlights.

2. Issue a special warning to motorists to exercise extreme caution on trick-or-treat day between the hours that the community has selected.

3. Warn against the wearing of Halloween masks by youngsters. (Masks restrict vision.) Colorful facial make-up can be used instead.

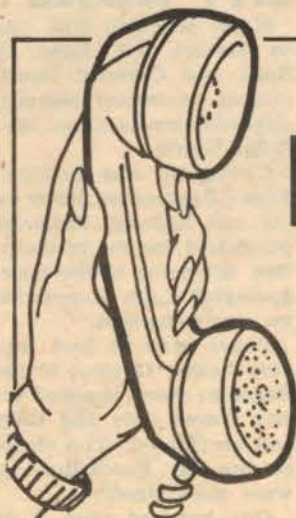
4. Advise children to carry flashlights after dark. If a pumpkin is carried, it should be lit with a flashlight, not a candle.

5. Encourage participation by young children only.

6. Suggest that children's trick-or-treat visits be confined to their own neighborhood.

7. Urge that parents or other responsible adults accompany young children in their trick-or-treat rounds.

8. Admonish children to wait until they get home to taste their "treats."



PLAY IT SAFE!

Call 750-1000 promptly if you smell gas.

We add a disagreeable odor to natural gas to warn people in case any gas should escape.

Gas leaks may occur from faulty appliances, loose connections, service lines inside or outside your home, or from gas mains. Such leaks should be dealt with immediately by experts.

If you ever smell gas—even if you do not use it in your home—take these precautions promptly:

1. Call Washington Gas at 750-1000.
2. If the odor is strong and you are indoors, open windows and doors to ventilate. Call us from a neighbor's house.
3. Do not turn any electrical switches on or off.
4. Do not light matches, smoke cigarettes or create any source of combustion.

However slim the chance of danger, don't take needless risks. Play it safe. Call us if you smell gas.

Never use your gas range or oven to heat a home or apartment. This is extremely dangerous.

Washington Gas

Costume Parade

Center School children will parade in costume around the Center Mall on Hallowe'en. All Greenbelters are invited to come and watch on Wednesday, October 31 around 1:30 p.m.



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APB Scrutinizes Windsor Green Plans For Last Section, Asks Many Changes

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council on October 15 accepted two Advisory Planning Board (APB) reports dealing with preliminary plans for subdivision relating to Greenbelt's newest townhouse development, Windsor Green (Glen Ora), and the Cafritz/Shapiro commercial property (outside the city limits). Council also supported a county council zoning bill that would provide Sectional Map Amendments for municipalities in addition to planning or urban renewal areas.

Windsor Green

According to the preliminary plan, which covers the balance of the Windsor Green subdivision (51.6 acres), an additional 369 units will be constructed, making a total of 642. The plan also shows a major recreation complex consisting of a community building, swimming pool and five tennis courts as required in an agreement between the developer and the Prince Georges County Planning Board.

APB recommends that the preliminary Plan of Re-subdivision for Parts of Parcel C and Parcels D and E be approved upon the resolution of certain matters.

For example, a dedicated street, Frankfort Drive, is proposed to exit onto Greenbelt Road opposite Roosevelt High School driveway. APB feels that the throat of this road should have sufficient stacking room for vehicles and that consideration should be given to the installation of a traffic light on Greenbelt Road at this intersection.

APB also recommends that (1) an interior pathway system be provided as well as tot lots, playgrounds and multi-purpose courts equivalent to those in Parcel A, (2) the five proposed tennis courts be consolidated for control purposes and economies in lighting if they are to be lighted, (3) as many townhouse units as possible should be oriented north and south instead of east and west for more efficient heating and cooling, (4) construction of units on large fill areas should be minimized, (5) Frankfort Drive should be changed to a name associated with Greenbelt, such as Tugwell Drive, and (6) the site plan for the parcels should be referred to the city for review and comment.

APB also restated its previous recommendation that mandatory dedication of acreage for park and open space should be required. In the Windsor Green development the County Planning Board exercised its option to accept private recreation facilities and entered into an agreement with the developer. APB was also concerned that a ballfield adjacent to property slated for a Junior High School "has not been completed

Police Blotter

Sgt. Phillip Coombes completed a crisis intervention course held at the University of Maryland. Det. Cpl. Thomas Ceccarelli completed a narcotic investigation course conducted at the Maryland State Police Academy.

Robert Ogden, principal of the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, and Mr. Brown, Security Officer at the school, presented a plaque to the police department for outstanding service to the school. Chief Lane accepted on behalf of the officers.

to a usable condition." The board recommends that a building permit for additional townhouses not be issued until the condition of the field is approved by the city or the county.

Council will take action on the preliminary plan at its next meeting.

Commercial Center

A retail shopping center is planned for 13.75 acres of commercially-zoned land at the southeast corner of Greenbelt Road and Cipriano Roads. APB recommends that the preliminary plan not be approved because it "questions the need for and economic validity of additional retail commercial development along Greenbelt Road" in light of the existing Beltway Plaza, the Greenway Shopping Center now under construction, and other smaller individual establishments. The board wants the site plan for the development referred to the city for its review.

APB also expressed its preference that Cipriano Road be relocated in conformance with the Greenbelt Area Master Plan so that it would enter Greenbelt Road opposite the NASA entrance. The recently revised Glen Dale/Seabrook/Lanham Area Master Plan drops this proposal and shows Cipriano Road remaining in

its current alignment. From a traffic standpoint, APB believes the relocation of Cipriano Road would be desirable rather than having two intersections so close together.

Council will consider the preliminary plan at its next meeting.

SMA's for Cities

Council will voice its support for county council bill 116 at a public hearing in Upper Marlboro on October 30. The bill would allow a Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) to be drafted for a municipality. Presently, SMAs—comprehensive rezoning proposals for large segments of the county—are only drafted for planning areas or combinations of planning areas. Greenbelt is in Planning Area 67 (College Park-Greenbelt and vicinity) and the Master Plan for this area is scheduled to be reviewed in 1980.

CB-116 was presented at Park and Planning Commission's request. If enacted, the bill would become effective immediately.

Council recently supported a county council bill which would require a two-thirds vote of the District Council to override a municipality's opposition to a zoning change in an SMA. The measure is consistent with similar provisions already in the zoning ordinance which give the county's 28 municipalities the same power in piecemeal zoning cases and in location of halfway houses.

Meeting to be Held On Intercounty Connector

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will hold a Project Initiation Workshop Meeting at Laurel Senior High on Nov. 1, at 7:20 p.m. on the Intercounty Connector. The Connector is a proposed interstate highway which would link the B-W Parkway to I-270. If constructed, the highway would be expected to dump heavy traffic on the Parkway which would have to be widened. City council has gone on record opposing the construction of the Connector.

SHA plans to inform the citizenry of different aspects of the Connector, including its history and environmental considerations, and to learn what the public thinks of it. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting, but no more than 225 persons can attend due to the format which will stress citizen participation.

To obtain more information, or to send written comments and requests to be included on the project mailing list, contact Hal Kassoff, Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration, 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Greenbelt Jaycees

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CITY NOTES

Street patching was completed on Laurel Hill Road, Hillside Road and Crescent Road. The cement contractor completed the sidewalk across from the Green Ridge House.

Ceiling tile was installed in the Police Department lobby area and the east hallway. Materials were purchased for the lavatory facilities. Stripping of the floor at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was completed.

Paper pick up last week was very heavy, 13 tons, 50 lbs. Begonias were removed from the city flower beds and tulip bulbs will be planted. The chipper was out one day. Football/soccer fields were maintained.

One hundred tons of salt has been ordered and will be delivered this week.



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He explained that the interrogation rooms and the processing and jail areas depend on completion of work by the plumbing contractor, and delivery of equipment. State jail requirements are also troublesome, he added.

"We checked with the state for jail requirements and they proposed substantial additions to our original plans," said Giese. These are more stringent requirements than imposed on the county and state, he noted. "When we raised objections to some of these expenses, the state said we could be liable to suits because of maltreatment of prisoners."

Commenting on the police and dispatcher's dissatisfaction with progress in the dispatcher's office, Giese said, "Whatever equipment is necessary to get the dispatcher's office in a good functioning situation, I will work toward achieving . . . ; the goal is to improve the communications set-up in the department."

Giese said that generally only one skilled worker works on the project. He added that it is difficult to find additional workers to help because of the city's other obligations in road construction and maintenance of playgrounds, parks and city buildings.

Giese took issue with a story in the October 4 News Review which, he said "seemed to criticize the quality of work done." He countered, "Anytime you are working . . . where you are remodeling in an operative office . . . where persons are working in

conflicting jobs . . . it is a difficult situation . . . I think we are doing more customized work than could be expected from a contractor . . ."

He thought that "If we could hire one more skilled person, then the work would be speeded up." However, hiring procedures are slow, he added.

Council Concerned

While they were concerned about the funding, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and councilmen Thomas White, Charles Schwan and Richard Castaldi (councilman Richard Pilski was not present) wanted the work expedited. Castaldi suggested that the city hire temporary part-time labor or borrow workers from the county or other governmental agencies.

Giese assured the council and the police that the city would begin work on these proposals immediately, and that the renovations would proceed as quickly as possible.

Giese suggested that better communication between the police and the city staff may alleviate future problems. He said, "A lot of problems that have caused irritation have been communication problems. . . (These) could have been avoided if the right message got to the right person. It would be helpful if problems could be relayed through the Chief."

The council concluded the meeting by agreeing to wait a few weeks to see how much additional progress is made before meeting again on the subject.



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Greenbelters Enjoy Growing Elderhostel College Programs

Volunteers Needed

by Linda Orenstein

When most people hear the word "hostel" they think of youth, hikers, and bicyclists - not persons aged 60 and over. The countrywide Elderhostel program, which began in New Hampshire five years ago, will quickly dispel this image. Over 230 colleges and universities participated in the summer of 1979 including three in the State of Maryland: the University of Maryland, College Park; Hood College, Frederick; and Salisbury State, Salisbury.

The Elder hostel office, operating in Newton, Massachusetts, lends administrative support to the vast program. The center obtains foundation grants, provides scholarships and establishes guidelines to maintain the quality of the sessions offered and to assure their smooth operation. A typical program may have two or more sessions, providing diverse courses taught by the regular faculty of that particular college or university. A minimum of three courses must be given and those are usually a mixture of classroom learning and "hands-on" experience. Renee Lewis, coordinator of the Elderhostel Program at the University of Maryland, gave a description of the summer 1979 session, the first such experience in this area. According to Lewis, a participant must be at least 60 years of age, though anyone younger may attend with a spouse who fulfills the age requirement. All hostellers live in the dormitories on campus and take their meals in the cafeteria. The accommodations, meals and coursework are given at a set fee which might range from \$65 to \$115 per person, the amount dependent upon whether or not funding is available. There are no education requirements and Lewis notes that the hosting groups are generally a combination of people with both formal and informal education. There are no tests or grades and the courses are on a noncredit basis. The objective of the program is to give participants informal educational experiences and to stimulate them to travel around the country, out of their own area. She notes that professors find elderhostelers avid students who bring their interests, enthusiasm and life experiences to the classroom, thereby enriching the experience for every one. Hostellers are responsible for their own transportation costs, but very often scholarships are available. At some places Elderhostel is open to local residents on a commuter basis. The program aims to help people learn more about college life, and tries to foster a spirit of camaraderie among those involved. Lewis explained that last summer's courses included golf, astronomy and the geography of Washington, D.C., all of which included practical experiences in each area. Extracurricular activities in the evenings are arranged at no extra cost and they may range from bringing in live entertainers to films or to encouraging people to attend campus activities. The program usually begins on Sunday afternoon with classes extending from Monday through Friday. Monday night is traditionally a wine and cheese party, which this past summer was hosted by the president of the university at his home. On another occasion, when Greenbelt's July 4 fireworks were cancelled due to rain, the hostellers, who were scheduled to attend, held an indoor picnic and then square dancing. The impromptu activity

attracted a group of high school students on an engineering program and the two groups closed the generation gap, one learning square dancing and the other disco.

Greenbelt Hostellers

Several Greenbelters have attended various Elderhostelers programs. George and Betty Holland were not available to comment on their hosting experience and neither were Abe and Gladys Chasoff, now in Florida, who attended a hostel in Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1977 Hy and Esther Gerson attended Shepherd State College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. They spent one week in that program and said they loved every minute of it. In that same year they were hostellers at Penn State, in State College, Pennsylvania. Gerson reminisced about the interesting

courses, the choice of subjects and the fact that seminars were given in between the one and a half hour class sessions. He said that the "sit back and listen" aspect of elderhosteling is refreshing although many take the opportunity to become seriously involved in their subjects. The Gersons took the gas crunch into consideration in their hostel choice for 1979 and went to Hood College in Frederick where they signed up for two weeks of different subject matter. They liked the session enormously and hope to hostel again next year.

Freda and Al Sarni, probably the most widely experienced Greenbelt elderhostelers have been to Misericordia near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Mt. Aloysius Junior College, Cresson, Pennsylvania; East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Penn-

sylvania; and West Virginia State College, Charleston, West Virginia. Al Sarni, who spoke for the couple, said that they enjoyed the college atmosphere and especially like meeting people from all over the country and from all walks of life. Sarni added that athletic facilities at these institutions were open for the use of elderhostelers. Sarni is involved with the program at the University of Maryland as a volunteer and prepares the mailing list which will be used when program information goes out in the early months of 1980. For general information regarding countrywide programs write to Elder Hostel, 55 Chapel Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02160. For information about Maryland sessions write to Renee Lewis, Room 3151, Undergraduate Library Building, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

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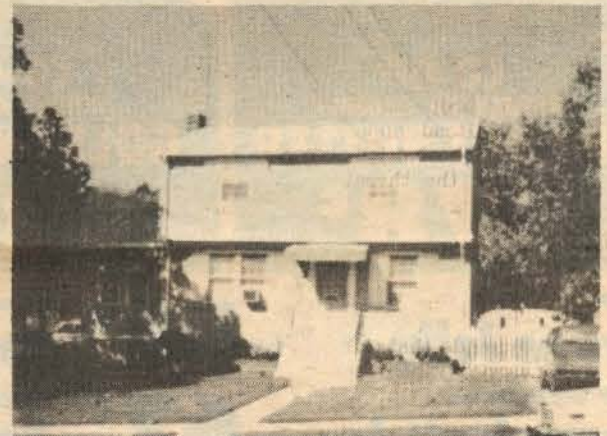
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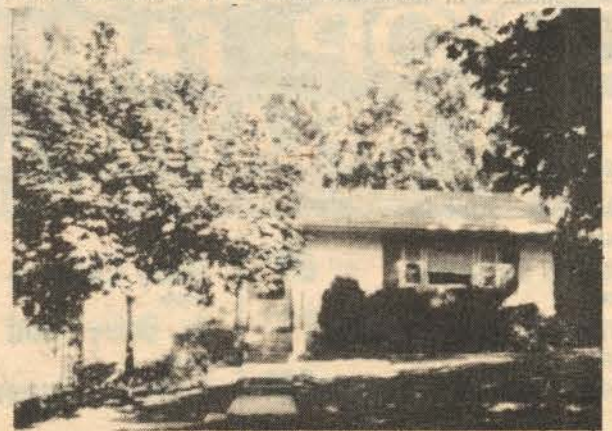
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Seniors Urged To Report Crimes

by J. Henson

"The biggest offenders in not reporting crimes are persons 60 years of age and older," said police officer Ceci Clark while speaking before a packed room at Green Ridge House recently.

Officer Clark, a five year veteran of the Howard County Police Department, appeared along with Greenbelt Police Officers Cpl. David Fulgham and Pfc. Charles Watkins as part of the Greenbelt City Police Crime Prevention Team. The team presented a program entitled "Crime Prevention and the Elderly" aimed at informing and acquainting elderly residents with members of the city's police department.

Pfc. Watkins, a three-year member of the city's force, related several humorous stories to the residents and urged the residents not to be afraid of the police department.

Cpl. Fulgham informed residents of the differences between criminal and civil laws in order to better acquaint them with what constitutes a crime. The residents were urged to report vandals and lawbreakers. "Greenbelt does have a juvenile problem," acknowledged Fulgham, "as well as a theft problem, and something has to be done, but we can't do it without help."

Fulgham viewed the elderly as "A most abused, misunderstood and mistreated people" in relation

to crime.

Officer Clark offered tips for the elderly on personal crime prevention and protection, re-emphasizing that elderly residents not be afraid of the police department or of reporting suspicious persons or criminal acts.

The Crime Prevention Team presented skits showing how professional criminals operate a "Bank Examiner Scam" and a fraudulent act known as the Pigeon Drop." Although the skits were at times humorous, the messages were well-received by the residents.

Pfc. Watkins reminded the assembled residents that the senior citizen is a valuable member of the community and society, and that the police department wants to work with and for the residents.



Officer David Fulgham tells Green Ridge residents about criminal and civil law. Pfc. Charles Watkins and officer Ceci Clark in background. — Photos by J. Henson

Handicapped Parking

Two types of special parking permits for handicapped persons one for a person who must be a licensed driver and one for a person licensed or not — are available at Motor Vehicle Administration headquarters in Glen Burnie.

Loss of "mobility" is the principal criterion for determining eligibility for the disabled driver parking permit. A physician must certify that the driver has permanently lost the use of a leg; or is so severely disabled as to be unable to walk without the aid of a mechanical device or is confined to a wheelchair; or is suffering from a disease that causes severely impaired mobility.

The second type of applicant need not be a licensed driver or even the owner of a vehicle, but must be certified by a physician as having any of the following conditions:

- permanent loss of the use of a leg or an arm;
- inability to move without a wheelchair or crutches;
- permanent impairment in both eyes;
- certain forms of lung disease; or
- permanent physical disability, which substantially impairs the driver's mobility.

There is no fee.

Both permits are portable-type placards, not pressure-sensitive stickers, and should be displayed on top of the dashboard on the passenger side in a manner that is clearly visible through the windshield. Both permits are primarily intended to allow the permit-holder to park with ease in any parking space set aside for handicapped persons.

Like handicapped license plates, these special permits will be valid only on passenger vehicles and small trucks, such as pick-up or panel trucks.

Persons interested in obtaining either type of permit should write for an application to: Handicapped Permits Section, c/o Motor Vehicle Administration, 6601 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, Md. 21062.



Officer Ceci Clark (in scarf) and volunteer Jackie Nellen help Pfc. Charles Watkins make a scary point about crime in a skit before Green Ridge residents. Cpl. Fulgham studies his lines in the background.

Our Neighbors

Brilliant sunshine and temperatures in the upper 80's for the second year in a row enhanced the pleasures for the Lakeside Citizens Association's annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 21. The potluck event was held on city-owned picnic tables placed in the street at the end of Maplewood Court. Background music was piped from the window of the Peterson residence as neighbors gathered for conversation over cups of beer or soft drinks and plates full of scrumptious food.

Ryan Patrick Shanahan of Greenbelt celebrated his third birthday Sunday, Oct 21 at McDonald's. Joining in the celebration were 35 guests, including his Aunt Margy and cousins Donna and Debbie Brunatti and grandmother Shanahan of Greenbelt. Great-grandmother Norris could not attend as she was resting up from the surprise party given for her at Green Ridge House on Oct. 14.

S/A Patrick Tompkins, son of Charles and Pat Tompkins, 7-B Crescent, graduates from HMA School on Friday, Oct. 26. After a few days visit at home, he will report to his assignment with the Coast Guard in Baltimore.

Parenting Lecture

Thom Thompson will speak to parents on "Raising Children in a World of Chaos" at the Baha'i Community Meeting on Friday, November 2. Films of folktales from different lands will be shown for children accompanying their parents. The free program will be at 8 p.m. at 120 Rosewood Dr.

Thom Thompson is an Associate Professor of Child Development as well as a family counselor, and frequent guest on Channel 7's "AM Washington" talk show.

At Eleanor Roosevelt

The Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School Band-Orchestra-Jazz Ensemble Concert will be held tomorrow, Friday, October 26 at 8 p.m. The groups will perform in the auditorium and the performance will be taped to determine whether the Symphonic Band and Orchestra will go to Bermuda this coming May. Everyone is invited. There is a nominal admission fee.

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