# Greenbelt News Review

#### AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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# Mayor Castaldi Resigns City Post To Take County Council Position

#### by Mavis Fletcher

Greenbelt's popular young mayor, Richard J. Castaldi, resigned his position at the city council meeting on November 22 preparatory to assuming his elected office as County Council member from the 4th district. The resignation is effective at noon on December 6 when the new county council will be sworn in.

In an emotional speech, Castaldi thanked his fellow councilmen, the city staff and the people of Greenbelt for their "help, guidance and support" and said that "leaving Greenbelt is the hard part" of his new job. The other council members were obviously sincere in their praise of Castaldi and his long service to the Greenbelt community.

Councilman Richard Pilski summed up the general feeling of good wishes when he said he was "proud of Richard — he accepted a challenge when many felt it was impossible" (for a Greenbelter to win the county council seat). Pilski went on to praise Castaldi's experience, his willingness to "learn and listen" and predicted that he will serve the people of Prince Georges County well. In the end, the council passed a motion, formulated by Councilman Edward V. J. Putens, to accept "reluctantly" the mayor's resignation.

When Castaldi's resignation becomes effective, Mayor pro tem Gil Weidenfeld will become mayor as provided in the city charter and the resulting vacan-

#### Castaldi to Be Sworn Into Office Monday

Richard Castaldi will be among the newly elected members of the Prince Georges County Council who, along with County Executive Parris Glendening, will be sworn into office on Monday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held out of doors at the rear of the County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro. An open house will follow (1:30-3 p.m.) in the executive's fifth floor suite. The public is invited to both functions.

#### **Federal Health Plans**

A seminar on health benefit plans available to federal employees and retirees will be held tonight (Thursday, December 2) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium. Walton Francis, auhor of the Checkbook's Guide to Health Insurance Plans for Federal Employees will analyze the major health plans. Representatives from the major health carriers will be present to answer questions. Sponsored by Congressman Steny Hoyer, the seminar is open to all. cy on the council will be filled by appointment by the four remaining councilmen from among residents who express an interest in the position.

Castaldi's resignation came at the end of a long meeting during which the council dealt with, among other things, the prospect of the sale of two parcels of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) by the U.S. Government. These parcels, although they are intended for future use by BARC, are at pre sent underutlized. Thereafter, under present criteria the lan<sup>4</sup> must be disposed of at fair market value.

Councilman Thomas X. White forcefully expressed the opinion that the prospect of this land being sold is an urgent problem and asked that every effort be made to find out whether an state or local agency had received notice that the land is surplus. City Manager James K. Giese agreed to undertake to find out whether any such notification has been received by other governmental units.

Council also voted to write a letter to Congressional representatives in an effort to change the criteria by which lands designated for future use must be sold. The letter to the Congress will point out that such criteria cannot be considered sound fiscal policy since replacement land will persumably have to be purchased later to meet future requirements.

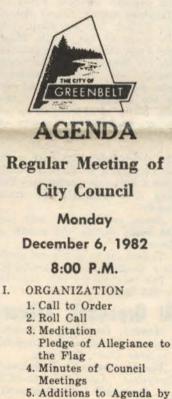
Council also took up a request for additional administrative leave made by Sgt. Kenneth L. Stair of the Greenbelt Police Department. In 1975, Sgt. Stair injured his hand while on duty. The injury has recently required corrective surgery making it impossible for him to perform his duties until around the first of the year. His workmen's compensation payments, based on the amounts being paid when the injury occurred, are inadequate by 1983 standards.

Sgt. Stair, who had already received 30 days of administrative leave, applied for an additional 60 days to carry him through the prospective end of the therapy.

Council adjourned to a brief executive session to deal with this matter in the privacy usually accorded personnel matters. They later returned to the meeting having decided that the city would grant Stair anmanager other 20 days of administrative leave and council would grant another 10 days - a total of 30 days retroactive to the date when the previous leave had run out. This adjustment would thus restore the sick leave which Stair had been forced to use.

Council also briefly considered a letter from Coakley and Williams, developers of the Mary-land Trade Center Park, containing a request that the city participate in financing certain offsite development costs by a bond issue. The bonds would be repaid by taxes from a special assessment district. The developers are asking that bonds in the amount of about \$870,000 be issued, although that figure may be revised downward. Council accepted the letter, deferring consideration of the request to a work session.

Bus Route in Greenway At the instigation of White, council agreed to contact the Prince Georges County Department of Transportation to determine if it is feasible for Metro buses to go at least part of the way into Greenway Shopping Center. Until recently, the Met-See COUNCIL, page 5, col. 1



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  - Appointments to Employee Relations Board
     Council Vacancy
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminar agenda — subject to chang

# **GHI Board Votes to Maintain Heat, Hot Water Systems**

#### by Mary Lou Williamson

After a year and a half of uncertainty, the Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors decided, at their regular meeting on November 18, the corporation will continue its policy of maintaining the heat and hot water systems of almost all of its 1600 member-owners. Special provision will be made for the handful of non-standard systems.

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With the heads of both board and management, James W. Smith and Tim Mitter, out of town, their roles fell to vice president Margaret Hogensen and assistant manager Shekar Narasimhan, in each case for the first time.

#### **Proposed** policy

In the plan proposed by management, all standard heating and hot water systems would be maintained by the corporation with members paying a standard maintenance fee. This plan includes those 30 to 40 units which were converted to electric baseboard heat by individuals ahead of the rehab program. For the 11 non-standard units:

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management proposed that the owner pay (1) the regular maintenance fee to cover emergency care and related plumbing and electrical work; (2) a sur-charge, estimated at \$10 per month, to cover routine maintenance plus minor parts replacement; and (3) a contribution to reserves for major parts and eventual system replacement. The contribution, staff suggested, could equal the amount oth-ers are paying for their heat conversion under rehab, Phase II. If a member chose not to contract with GHI for (2) and (3), they would have to show evidence of a similar service contract with an outside company, management proposed.

A similar system of charges for maintenance has already been established with the owners of three prefab units on Woodland Way that are keeping their individual oil furnaces.

Board member Mark Dombrowski, one of the 11 nonstandard system owners, pointed out that under the proposal he would have to chose between two options for a service contract, no such requirement was made when he received permission from the board to install his system.

Management's concern, said Narasimhan, is that "nobody is left out (of maintenance), if they want to be in."

"What you're doing," said member Nat Shinderman, "is forcing a member to get a contract either through GHI or a private contractor." Only a few

#### WHAT GOES ON

- Mon., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Good Neighbor Group, Anti-Crime meeting, Community Room above Springhill Lake Pharmacy.
  - 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (preceded by Council work session at 7:30 p.m.)
- Tues., Deec. 7, 8 p.m. Council Work Session, Coakley-Williams Bond Issue request Cable TV Public Ac

quest, Cable TV Public Access Corp., State Legislative Agenda, Municipal Building. of the 11 signed codicils relieving the corporation of responsibility for maintaining the heating system.

Board member Janet Cantwell found the policy "inconsistent and unfair. I am against the proposal." She wondered why "all of a sudden now we need (the corporation) to maintain the units." Originally, she said, members who asked for nonstandard systems were told they would have to maintain them. Joe Comproni agreed: "Members who applied for exceptions said they were ready, willing and able to provide maintenance."

While Joe Jenkins agreed with Cantwell's point, he was concerned: "If a unit owner doesn't care for his system and damage re-

#### FLASH

On a vote of 6 to 3, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors told its management to find \$40,000 to cut from the proposed 1983 budget, but not from reserves or contingencies. Supporting the motion were Margaret Hogensen, Frank Gervasi, Joe Jenkins, Janet Cantwell, Mark Dombrowski and John Lewis. Opposing were Jim Smith, Don Volk and Wayne Williams. The board is expected to give final passage to the budget at this evening's meeting.

sults, members would be on the hook. We have to ensure that these systems are maintained."

Shinderman again cautioned the board to "encourage" rather than "require" service contracts. "You wanted a comprehensive

program that doesn't leave anybody out," said Gary Morningstar, chief administrative officer, "We've got to go one way or the other."

"You can't force them," insisted Shinderman.

"It would not be a compulsory system," said Narasimhan in search of a compromise. "The corporation does have ultimate responsibility." "Ask these people what they

"Ask these people what they want," offered a dubious Frank Gervasi. "I don't see how the thing would pay for itself at \$10 a month. I don't see it working."

"Legally, it is our responsibility," Narasimhan drew the line more clearly. "If a non-standard hot water tank does not work and the member calls the county, it is GHI, not the member, who will be cited."

Inquiry was then made of the other board member who has a nonstandard system.

"I am not interested in paying the \$10 per month fee," said John Lewis, "It is too onerous."

Don McGinn, comptroller, offered an alternate idea. If a major expense were needed, the corporation could go ahead and pay the cost and then be reimbursed by the member, if necessary over a period of time, with interest, in effect a loan.

On Gervasi's motion, the board directed management to develop a plan that would be guaranteed to pay its way for routine maintenance and would make clear a member's responsibility in case of major expense. The vote was unanimous with the exception of See GHI BOARD, page 3, col.

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## **Craft Show Opens Festival of Lights**

The Eleventh Annual Festival of Lights, month-long holiday program, will open Friday, December 3, 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, December 4, 10-6 p.m., with the traditional Craft Show and Sale at the Greenbelt Youth Cen-Handicrafted items, fashter. ioned by over 70 exhibitors, will be available for the winter holiday gift-giving season.

For the "Little Folks" as usual, the Children's Room will be open on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday, the children will have the opportunity to make unique holiday crafts as well as buy inexpensive gift items for their family and friends. At the same time that the craftspeople are exhibiting, the Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club will be operating a concession stand. Proceeds will benefit their youth programs.

On Sunday, December 5, at 3 p.m., in the Youth Center Gym-nasium, the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County will be in concert. Under the direction of John DelHomme, an afternoon of traditional holiday music will be presented for the enjoyment of all ages.

Continuing through the month of December, the Festival of Lights will offer weekly holiday events including concerts, decorating displays and contests, caroling, Santa's visit and much more.

A full calendar of Festival of Lights program events will appear in this week's edition of the News Review. Brochures are available at the Youth Center and several city businesses, library and municipal building.

## Santa, Sleigh to Begin "Toys for Tots" Campaign

That jolly old elf, Santa Claus, will arrive at the Greenway Shopping Center in a horsedrawn sleigh on Saturday, December 4, at 3 p.m. There will be candy canes for all and rides for the kids! Santa will help kick off the "1982 Toys for Tots Campaign" sponsored by the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Last year. over 40,000 toys were given to needy children in the Greater Metropolitan Area. A Toys for Tots Barrel will be in front of the Curiosity Shoppe from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Toys collected will be donated to needy children. Shoppers are invited to bring toys in good condition to the Greenway Shopping Center.

Contact: Patrice Kahane, 298-3893 or 298-3841.

# "Noel" in Many Styles

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 5, at the Greenbelt Community Church. Everyone is invited to attend this performance, which is a yearly part of the city's Festival of Lights. The music ranges from a light calypso carol to Handel's "Shout the Glad Tidings," with a selection of old and new holiday songs and hymns to round out the program.

The choir is composed of singers from St. Hugh's Catholic Church, Greenbelt Community Church, Greenbelt Baptist Church, and Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, as well as singers from the community who are not affiliated with other church choirs. The group is accompanied by Mildred Kern and Rosemary Birchard and is directed by Jean Cook.

Immediately following the concert, the audience is invited to share in refreshments with the Choir in the church's Fellowship Hall.

#### **GIFTS FOR NEEDY**

#### AT HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be gathering gift itens throughout the month of December for "Martha's Closet," "Hel-By Phone," and other agencies that administer to the needs of people in nearby communities.

Items that are most welcomed include: socks, wallets, change purses, powders, lotions, slippers, soap, hard candy, combs, per-fumes, jewelry, face creams. Clothing and food are needed, too.

People should bring gift items (unwrapped) to the church or make them a part of the offering when they come for worship on Sunday morning at 8:30 or 11:15 a.m. Special Advent services will be conducted on Wednesday, December 8 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. Special music will be provided on December 8 by the Capital Lutheran Handbell Choir.

### Sing-Along at Holy Cross

"Ephesus," five adults who make up a national concert ministry team, will present a onehour program at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lutheran Youth Encounter, "Ephesus" will present nearly 200 sing-along, faith-encouraging programs to congregations throughout the Eastern United States and Canada this year.

**Greenbelt Concert Band Gives Concert Sunday** 

Correction

on the November 18 Green-

belt Homes, Inc. board meet-

ing, Evelyn Feller's recom-

mendation to the board was in-

correctly stated. She asked

the board to poll its members

for guidance in determining in

which year to use the rehab

charges that were collected in

1979. She felt many mem-

bers would like to see the 1983

charges eased slightly, rather

than in 1984 as management

and board had favored. Feller

wanted management to in-

clude a letter of inquiry in

next month's energy rebate

"I Remember Mama"

by Paula Lipman

matinee on Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

The play will also run during

The play, based on Mama's

Bank Account by Kathryn For-

bes, is a series of vignettes on

the life of a large Norwegian

immigrant family at the turn of

the century in San Francisco. Daughter Katrin (Janet Schrei-

ber Cripe), now an adult, tells the story of her youth. Mama

and Papa (Marie Tousignant and

Aubrey Williams, Greenbelt resi-

dents), are strong characters who portray the traditional roles

of the European family of that

era. Many of the situations are

extremely humorous, others are

the entire large cast have work-

ed very hard to give the audi-

ence a first rate production. This

play is a treat for the entire

the lobby during the month of

door. Group rates are available.

At Greenbelt Library

concert, the Eleanor Roosevelt

Chamber Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 6: Holiday

Tuesday, December 7: Outreach

Storytime. Ages 3-5. 10-10:30

a.m. Springhill Lake Community

Wednesday, December 8: 10-11:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5. 7:30 p.m. Portraits of Deaf Artists, "Echo from John Carlin," by Harold Domich. Cel-

ebration of Deaf Heritage Week. This program will be interpreted

Exhibits at the Greenbelt Li-

brary during the month of December: Paintings, Elaine Goad,

Bladensburg; Mouse House and

Doll House at Christmastime,

Betty Harrison, Greenbelt; and

Dickens Stamps for Christmas,

New Show at Planetarium

dolf Flu" will be offered at the

Howard B. Owens Science Cen-

ter of the Prince Georges County

theme to demonstrate the vari-

ous constellation formations in

the center's planetarium and will

be offered December 8, 10, 15, 17

and 22. All shows begin at 7

p.m. The center is located at 9601

Greenbelt Rd. There is a fee. For

additional information call 577-

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A new program entitled "Ru-

Josephine Vella, Greenbelt.

Santa and his elf will visit

Tickets can be purchased at the

For information call 474-7763

Director Angela Schreiber and

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two weeks in January.

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the error.

In last week's brief article

by Steve Polaschik The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County is presenting its gift to Greenbelt residents in the form of a special concert on Sunday, December 5, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center. In addition to such favorites as Santa Claus is Comin' to Town, Silver Bells and the Little Drummer Boy, band director John DelHomme has included The Voice of Love Serenade featuring French horn and trombone soloists, plus A Dream featuring Caroline Cherrix as alto saxophone soloist. The Nutcracker Suite, Nordic Symphony and Russian Christmas music help to

'So powerful is unity's light that it can illumine the whole earth.' -from the Baha'i Sacred Writings

Baha'í Faith Greenbelt Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, Md. 20770 474-4090/345-2918

# **GIVE YOUR FAITH A LIFT** AND YOUR FAITH CAN LIFT YOU THIS WEEK

You are invited to worship with us

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474-4212	Crescent & Greenhill Rds.
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(United Church of Christ) Hillside and Crescent Roads Phone 474-6171 mornings Church School for All Ages -11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School 8 p.m. - Missions Concert Infant Care Provided at Fellowship Center behind Church Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. David Conway, Pastor Rev. Francis G. Kazista, Associate Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.



round out the musical gift. Admission is free and parents are invited to bring their children to help them gain an appreciation of concert band music.

The concert is an expression of gratitude for Greenbelt's support of the band.

#### **Mowatt Memorial** United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor 474-1924 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville 8:30 a.m Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist First and third Sundays

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Second and fourth Sundays Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

# **Greenbelt Choir to Sing**

Thursday, December 2, 1982

#### **Starts This Weekend** The family drama, "I Remember Mama" by John Van Druten will open at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, at 8:15 p.m. Other performance dates are Dec. 10 and 11, and a Sunday

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John Lewis, who abstained.

Don Volk pointed out that the board had spent considerable time on the sticky issue of nonstandard systems, but had left out the other 1589 units. His motion, calling for the corporation to "assume responsibility for maintaining the standard heat and hot water system," was

unanimously adopted. Wayne Williams, in another motion, called for GHI to inspect each of the 11 non-standard sys-tems "once a year." Gervasi questioned the need. But staff architect, Stan Sersen, replied, "in a couple of systems, safety is a question."

"Are we liable if we inspect?" Audit Committee member Katherine Keene wanted to know. No, she was told by management.

The cost would be covered under the base maintenance fee that all 11 will pay.

The motion was approved. Voting in favor were Williams, Volk, and Gervasi; Jenkins and Cantwell voted no; Lewis and Dombrowski abstained.

#### Window maintenance

Exhausted by the preceding discussion, the board took little time with windows. Management proposed the corporation handle maintenance of the standard windows, as with the standard heat, to be paid by a regular maintenance fee. In the case of nonstandard windows, maintenance would be on a charge basis. Cantwell and Jenkins again opposed the concept. "Stay away from maintenance of non-stand-ard windows," said Jenkins. However, there was little agreement on the direction the board should take. Unanswered questions included: what responsibility does the corporation have for encouraging masonry homeowners to go ahead with new windows on their own? Should nonstandard winndow owners pay the regular maintenance fee as the heat system owners are required to do? Should owners who kept their original casement windows be treated the same as those who have new windows? In the end the board asked management to do more research and come back with a review of recent window policies and a new proposal for maintenance policy.

Conduits to be Moved Management is preparing to relocate seven of 13 service side conduits that were positioned

**Poinsettias, Hollies Sold** By E. Roosevelt PTSA

The Fund Raising Committee for PTSA at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is trying to get revenue to help furnish the school with laboratory supplies and books that are needed throughout the school. As a first attempt, there will be a sale of poinsettias and holly bushes by order with delivery on Saturday, De-cember 11. The poinsettias will be in  $4^{1/2}$ " pots with 3 to 4 blooms and in 6" pots with 4 to 6 blooms and the holly bushes will be in 5 gallon containers that can be planted outside after the holiday season.

For further information and to order, call 474-4418 or 577-8129.

next to the owner's porch. (An inquiry of the 13 members found only seven that expressed the desire to have the conduits moved.) GHI will pick up the tab, \$7,900; Capital Electric will do the work.

The board deferred discussion of (1) the use of boiler plants and (2) how to cover up meter pads on the ends on some frame buildings.

The board voted to

- renew its contract with Stegman and Company to perform the 1982 end of the year audit for the corporation. - outlaw non-vented kerosene

heaters - encourage members with pets to "abide by the pet regulations" of GHI and laws of the City of Greenbelt.

- to direct management to pursue its search for a new phone system at a cost equal to that now budgeted for telephone maintenance and equipment (\$550 per month). Staff is most interested in systems by Honeywell and RCA.

- to direct management to further explore a variety of plans to aid members who need help with their monthly charges. - to award tree removal contract to the low bidder, Atlas Stump Removal, for \$4410 for 49

trees to be cut down and 20 to be trimmed. - set December 2 and 16 as

the next regular meetings of the board of directors.

The Finance Committee recommended: Info weatherstripping; bathroom heaters.

**College Financial Aid Program at Roosevelt** 

A meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday, December 7, from 7:30 to 10 p.m., will focus on the application procedures for student loans and grants. Representatives of various institutions will be on hand to discuss the kinds of financial assistance available to college students in the Fall of 1983. The program is sponsored by the Guidance Department of the county public schools.

#### Baby Shower at St. Hugh's For Pregnancy Aid Center

Pregnancy Aid Centers is holding a baby shower this weekend at St. Hugh's Church. Donations of new and used maternity clothes, baby clothes and baby furniture will be accepted after the 6 p.m. mass on Saturday and after the 8, 9:30, 11, and 12:30 masses on Sunday. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Pregnancy Aid Center, located in College Park, is a volunteer organization dedicated to the welfare of the pregnant woman and her unborn child. The center provides free pregnancy testing, counseling, and material assistance to pregnant women and mothers. For more information, call the center at 441-9150.

Leaving Greenbelt?

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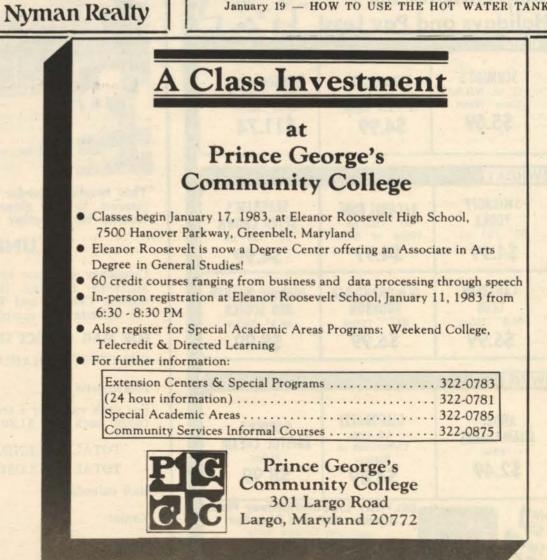


# GHI PRESENTS ENERGY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

On the third Wednesday of each month, GHI holds an Energy Management Workshop for members. At these workshops, you can learn how to conserve energy and lower your energy bills. GHI staff members and outside speakers are available to help you. The workshops are held from 8-9:30 p.m. in the GHI Office Building. Each workshop presents general tips on energy and bills before focusing on a specific topic.

Upcoming Workshops

December 15 - HOW TO USE ELECTRIC HEAT January 19 - HOW TO USE THE HOT WATER TANK

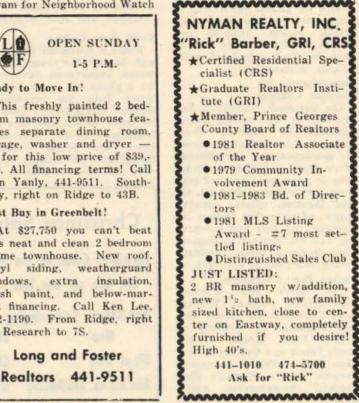




and Operation ID will also be SHL Good Neighbor Group **Holds Anti-Crime Meeting** The Springhill Lake Good

discussed. Officer Doug Sappington of the Greenbelt Police Department's Crime Prevention Team will speak on the Watch Program. The meeting will begin at 7:30

p.m. and will be held in the Community Room above the Springhill Lake Pharmacy.



### **Recreation Review**

Youth Center Gym Closed The Youth Center Gym will be closed from Monday, December 6 through Friday, December 10. At this time, the gym floor will receive its annual refinishing in preparation for the 82/83 basketball season. Drop-in and Lounge activities will be held on their regularly scheduled basis without interruption.

Entertainment '83 Discount Coupons

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now selling Entertainment '83 booklets. These coupon booklets contain hundreds of get-acquainted two-for-one offers from well-known attractions in your area. You and your guest are invited to dine out, attend theatres, sports, concerts, shows and more. For further information on fees and purchasing, call the Recreation Department Business Office, Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m., at 474-6878.

Turkey Bowl Champions The Men's and Women's Thanksgiving Football Tournament Championship games were held Thanksgiving morning on Braden Field. Winner in the Men's Touch was Coakley & Williams, who defeated Enterprise Carpets. In the Women's Flag Football championship, Amy's Raiders were victorious over Tom Hatton's Pontiac.

Men's Basketball League

Slots are filling up fast with only a few spaces left for the Men's Franchised Basketball League. Brochures, with league information, may be obtained at the Youth Center Business Office, weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For additional information, call 474-6878. to all youths who won turkey gift certifices in the Annual Thanksgiving Foul Shooting Contest. The winners are as follows: 8-10 years - Lou Van-Wambeke and Brian Bailey 11-13 years - Mike Gross and Robert Bowen; 14-16 years - Tim Tompkins and John Robinson.

North Pole Calling

Would a youngster like to talk with Santa? The Greenbelt Recreation Department can arrange for a phone call, right from the North Pole, for pre-schoolers through 2nd graders. Calls will be made in the evenings from December 21-23. Information flyers are being distributed throughout the schools. To receive one, call 474-6878.

**Christmas Sale** 

Christmas Cards by the Box

Buy one, get one free

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## **GHI NOTES**

Rehab work is nearing completion. One final inspection of rehab work will be done for each GHI home. A schedule of the inspections which will begin in early December will be available in the near future. Anyone with rehab questions is encouraged to call the hotline (474-6644).

The Member Services Office has application forms for PEP-CO's average payment plan. Some people may find this plan helpful for budgeting their energy bills. For information or to receive a form, call the hotline.

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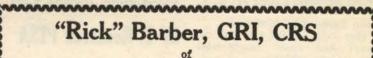
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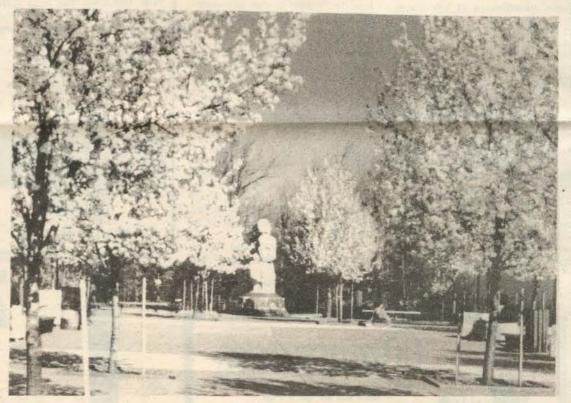
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# The 1983 Life in Greenbelt Calendar

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### A UNIQUE MEMENTO OF GREENBELT

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ro buses made a circuit ino the shopping center; now they discharge passengers at the entrance to the shopping center and Greenbelt Road, a dangerous area where traffic is very heavy.

There was some discussion about the merchants' interest in keeping the bus route into the shopping center in view of the deterioration of roadways in the shopping center and the possibility that the buses contribute to this damage. According to Giese, there are no county standards for construction of private parking lots — which is what Greenway is — so that the construction was not necessarily designed to accommodate vehicles as heavy as buses.

Public Access to Cable TV

Turning to the matter of a nonprofit community access corporation for cable TV, council considered a detailed staff report recommending that this corpor-ation should be separate from the city government and that it be established in a manner similar to that being followed by Prince Georges County. The County has created a citizens' committee to set up the nonprofit corporation.

The whole subject of commun-ity access TV will be discussed at a council work session on December 7.

Other matters scheduled for this work session include the request from Coakley and Willi-ams, the legislative agenda of the city for the next session of the Maryland legislature, to be discussed with area representatives and the resolution governing the granting of administrative leave to city employees.

Council also accepted the resignation of Betty Moore, who resigned from the position of chairman of the Board of Elections. In addition to this vacancy, vacancies also exist on the Crime Prevention Committee, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Community Relations Advisory Board.

The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church, Beltsville, will hold their annual Church Bazaar on Saturday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's Christmas bazaar will feature arts and crafts, Christmas gifts, white elephants, baked goods and "homemade chocolates." There will also be a light lunch. Santa will at-

Christmas Bazaar

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

#### Soccer News by Sue Cornelius

tend.

It was previously reported that Nick Jones scored one goal when the 9 year old County team beat Kettering 4-0, which was a mistake. Nick didn't score one goal, he scored TWO!!

On October 7 Greenbelt's 10 year old team played College Park and had a big 4-1 victory. Mary Stringfellow and Chuck Lorenzetti and Shawn Luddy and Chris Adams all took turns scoring for their team.

Last weekend the Intramural team played in the Lanham Invitational Tournament for three games in two days. Greenbelt 2 (six year olds) took first place, and Greenbelt 1 (also sixes) covered second place. The eight year olds were in 4th place, and the 10 year olds took third place. All team members received very nice trophies to remember the tournament, and to wind up in exciting and very satisfying season of super soccer!

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## Golden Age Club by Gertrude Law

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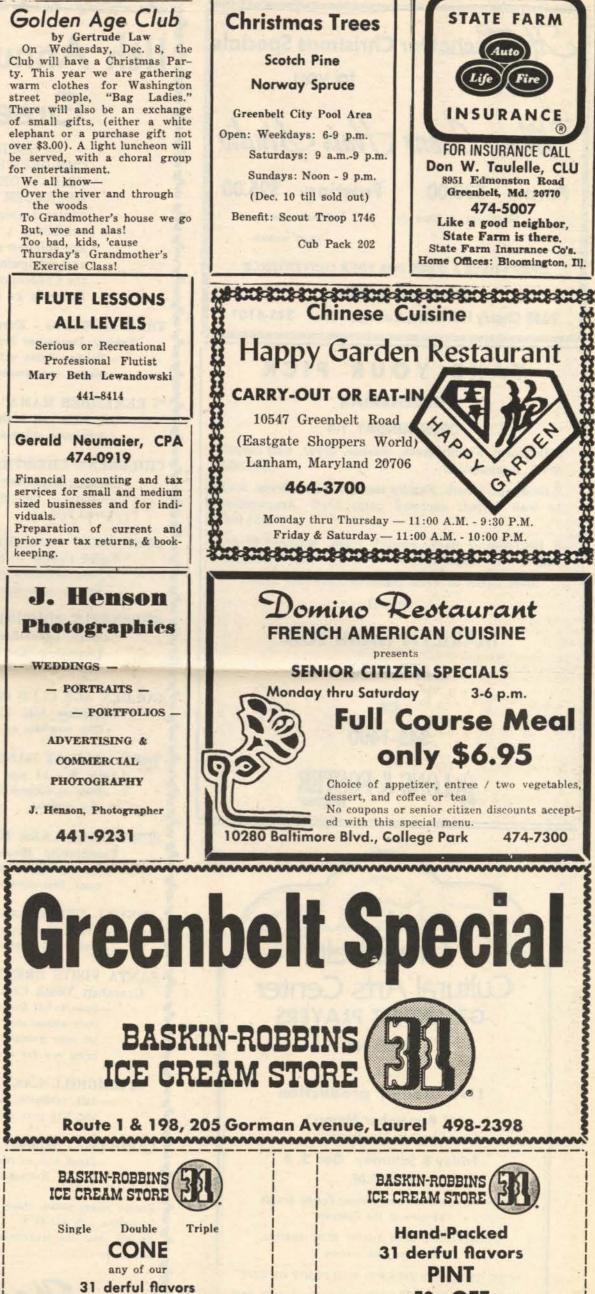
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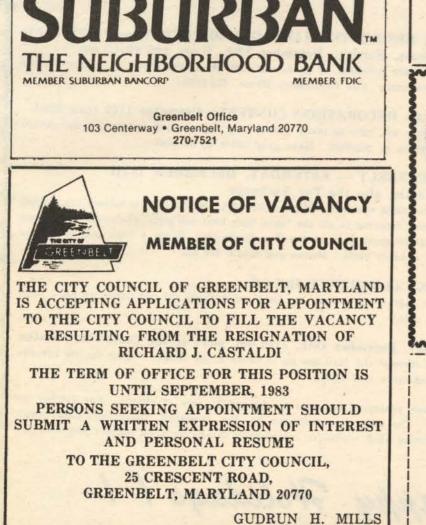
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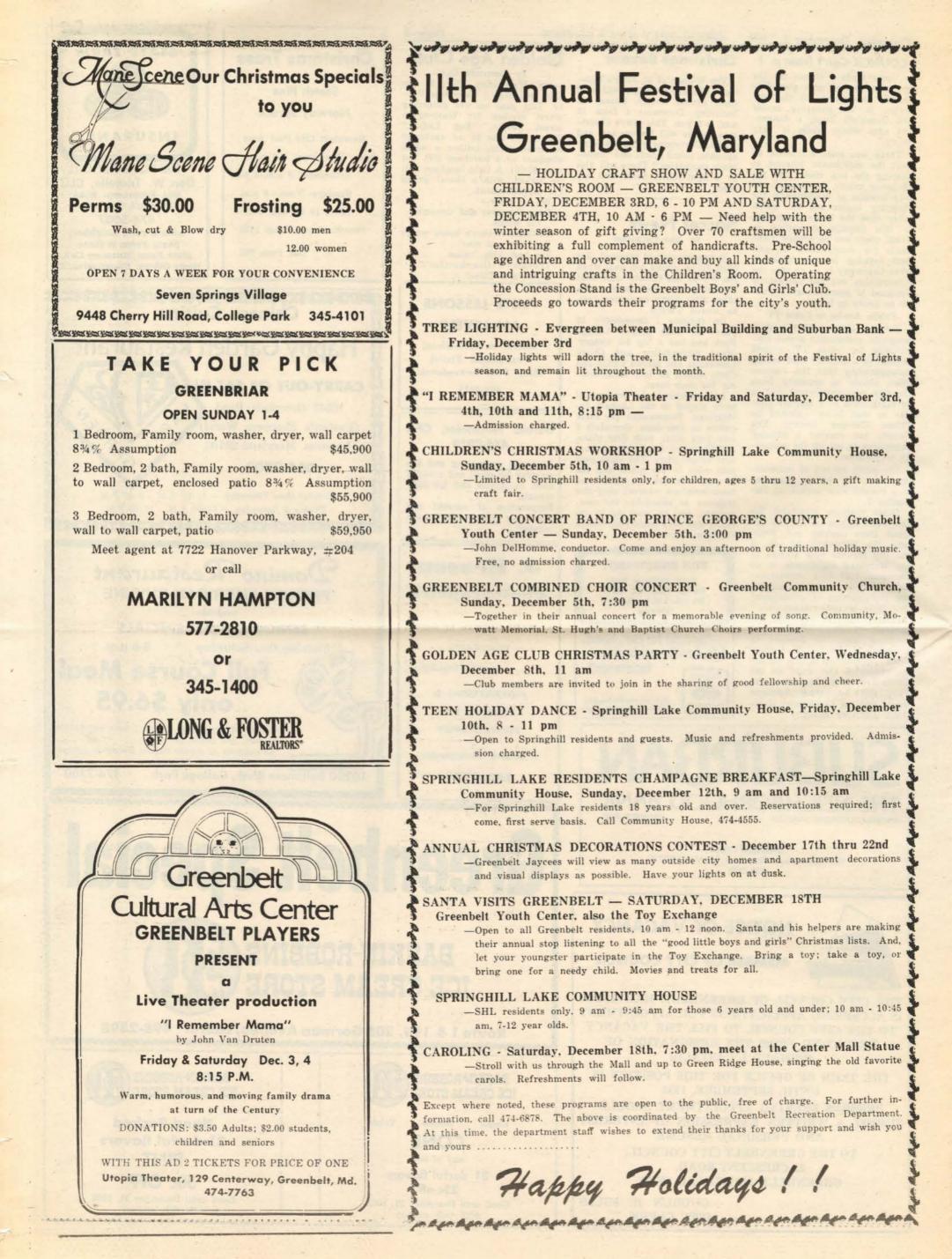
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# **Unexpected Rebate for GHI Members**

#### by Mary Lou Williamson

One more energy rebate than expected will be paid to members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., probably in March. This good news was one outcome of the GHI board meeting on October 28. Wind-up of rehab, further winterization needs and larger homes equity also provided lively discussion and a few skirmishes.

(Director Joe Jenkins was absent because of illness.)

An approximate \$70,000 more than needed was collected from members for energy (fuel oil and energy rebates) during 1982, and is proposed to be returned to the members it was collected from. Management feels the checks to members, to be sent probably in March after the year-end audit is completed, will help pay February electric bills - the month in which members will be hardest hit paying for their new electric heat. Arguments against the payback garnered no support. Even comptroller Don McGinn agreed. "I am usually not in favor of giving money back," he said. "But in this case (by returning the funds to those who actually contributed them) everyone is treat-ed the same." Those members who had converted to electric heat ahead of Phase II had not contributed this year toward fuel costs.

#### Larger Homes Equity

GHI owns a portion of each of its 29 larger homes. At present, following the recommendation of the Finance Committee, owners of these homes are being encouraged to purchase GHI's equity. The process would require a current appraisal (cost to be shared by GHI if the member agrees to buy the equity within 60 days), If the member is interested, the corporation would finance the sale. The committee suggested the following guidelines: (1) time of repayment not to exceed 10 years, (2) financing due in full at time of resale, (3) interest rate to be set at  $1^{r_i}$  above GHI's borrowing costs from commercial sources at the time of equity sale transaction.

The board accepted the recommendations with a few changes. The 10-year time limit, they felt. should be suggested but not required. The interest rate, the board decided, would have to be more attractive in order to encourage the member to buy the plan. Since the transaction is a paper one for GHI, 10<sup>-7</sup> interest would be better than nothing.

Rehab Wind-up

Inspectors have been checking over completed rehab work, in-

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cluding those units done individually. Apparently standards have tightened up with experience and now some of the early units done by individuals lack certain details.

Sharon Alfaro, whose entire row converted to electric heat prior to the start of rehab, appeared before the board to question a notice she had just received. The notice was a "list of things I must do to comply" with present standards, she said. An inspection had been made on October 8, according to the notice which she received on October 25. The compliance date was Nov. 1.

When work on her house was completed, she told the board, GHI had inspected the work and approved payment to the contractor. The letter, signed by GHI staff architect Stan Sersen, stated the work was 100% complete.

Management reported that all units for which they had keys received the same inspection, "as if the work were done under Phase II." The purpose was to discover problems. For example, where 3/4 inch insulation on pipes in crawl space beneath the building was considered satisfactory when Alfaro's work was done, under Phase II the requirement was upped to one inch. Similarly, a "union" between the hot water tank and the pipe leading to it and an overflow pan underneath the tank in certain circumstances were not written into early specs, while under phase II they were required.

President Jim Smith explained the corporation's responsibility. We need to know what will be required for maintenance of the different systems, he said. Furthermore, future disclosure will be necessary for new members purchasing a unit not done under rehab. Some deficiencies will have to be corrected now, he said; others can wait.

"GHI must assume responsibility if it okays the work done," warned Nat Shinderman, in support of the Alfaros. "Those members should not be required now to do further work."

GHI wrote the specs, Alfaro reminded the board. "The contract was between GHI and the contractor. I operated in good faith."

The discussion got down to specifics: "Was there a union?" a board

member asked, referring to the water tank connection. "No," said management.

"How much would it cost to install now?" "\$20."

"It would be dumb to do it

now. The point of the union is an easy disconnect from pipes if the tank should fail and need to be replaced."

"Throughout the work on those early units, GHI was learning something," said Wayne Williams.

Good point," acknowledged Mitter. Smith agreed there was "some corporate responsibility."

"Insulation, especially where there is none now," headed the list of things that need to be done now, said Mitter, "also grounded electrical circuits. Other items are relatively minor."

"The deadline troubles me," said Margaret Hogensen. "These people ought to be told this is going to be reconsidered." She chided management for putting out a letter saying certain things needed to be done. "Now we're going to have to say they don't."

GHIDC director Gary Morningstar took blame for the letter and its contents, pointing out the need for immediate attention.

"Management's concern," explained Sersen, "is that it would be more cost effective to take care of these relatively minor problems while contractors are still here."

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