

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Government Officials Lead Fight Against "Ill-Advised" Sale of Beltsville Lands

by Elaine Skolnik

Concerted efforts are being made by city, state and federal officials to prevent the sale of 260 acres of land in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Outrage is also being voiced at the latest move by the General Services Administration to evaluate the entire 7,500-acre center. This evaluation would determine if the land is being properly utilized and if it should be sold to other federal agencies or to state or local governments, or should be auctioned off to private individuals. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the State Highway Administration have indicated interest in obtaining all or part of the 260 acres already declared surplus.

Both the disposal of this acreage and the creation of the new special GSA study are being accomplished under President Reagan's executive order 12348 (dated February 25, 1982), setting up the Federal Property Review Board to screen available lands for sale. The executive action was taken in the hope that sale proceeds would help reduce the federal deficit.

Maryland Senator Paul Sarbanes objects to this "going-out-of-business-sale approach" to federal lands. Sarbanes feels it is "ill-advised to sell off long-term assets by the federal government to create short-term revenues against the national debt."

Both U.S. Senators Sarbanes and Charles McC. Mathias have introduced legislation to block selling, leasing or conveying of the 260 acres of BARC land. Their bill has been referred to the Senate's Governmental Affairs Committee. (Senate Bill 423 will be discussed at the February 22 meeting of city council.)

Congressman Steny Hoyer has drafted similar legislation. His bill to prevent the sale of BARC land also includes a further 5.6 acres adjacent to the Sunnyside neighborhood park (along Rhode Island Ave. just outside the Beltway).

Valuable Property?

The 247-acre parcel targeted

### WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Feb. 17, 8 p.m. GHI & GHDC Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Tues., Feb. 22, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting Municipal Building.

Wed., Feb. 23, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session on Lakeside West, Parcel 15, Municipal Building

Thurs., Feb. 24, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

for sale is in the northern part of BARC, west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and bordered on its northern perimeter by Odell and Springfield Roads. This densely wooded tract serves primarily as a buffer zone providing aesthetic relief and isolation for

### BULLETIN

The Goddard Space Flight Center has been informed that the General Services Administration with GSFC participation will survey the Goddard facility Feb. 28 to Mar. 1 to determine if the land is being properly utilized and if any should be sold. The evaluation is being carried out under President Reagan's executive order 12348, the goal of which is to screen available federal lands for sale to help reduce the federal deficit.

other actively used BARC property.

The 1979 BARC Master Plan designated the parcel for farm research, use as flood plain and protection for a future road corridor. Some research on frogs and special types of farming, as well as peripheral entomology research, has been conducted on the land.

The 13-acre parcel also proposed for sale is north of the agricultural library. It is bordered by Rhode Island Avenue, Sunnyside Avenue, and Baltimore Blvd. (Route 1). The soil on this property has been used intermittently for long-term turf research. The 1979 BARC Master Plan envisions future expansion of the administrative area on this parcel or a more intensive research use.

A GSA spokesman said that the BARC land has been targeted for sale because the center is in "a viable market area and deemed to have significant property value." Its proximity to existing and proposed office, commercial and shopping centers would be an attraction to private developers.

But John S. Porter, staff assistant to Sarbanes, told the News Review in a recent telephone interview that "the kind of revenues to be gained from the sale of the land have been vastly overblown..." News reports in other publications have shown the Reagan administration back-

ing off from its initial rosy predictions of high dollar revenues to be gained from its land-sale program.

### Adverse Impact

While the Goddard Space Flight Center had not taken a position on the 260 acres already excessed, it has gone on record opposing any further reduction of BARC lands. GSFC officials fear that further reduction could adversely affect (1) sites they lease from BARC for laser and optical research and antenna testing and (2) the main GSFC site which requires a compatible environment, free from radio frequencies and magnetic interference.

Patuxent Wildlife Research Center officials also stress that it is vital to retain BARC lands to preserve the relationship of Patuxent, BARC and GSFC in order to provide the proper environment necessary for the agencies' respective research programs.

The staff of the National Capital Planning Commission, the central planning commission for the Federal government, argues that "if the excessing continues, (BARC's) important mission may be seriously impaired and the significant role that this installation serves in providing valuable open space to the National Capital Region will be diminished or lost. This open land research operation is not only important to BARC but is also very important in providing a favorable setting for the research activities in the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the Goddard Space Flight Center as well."

County Councilman Richard Castaldi warns that selling BARC land on the open market would have an adverse impact on the communities of Greenbelt, Bowie and Glenn Dale. Any land use change from its designation as open space, he argues, could have a "severe environmental impact on these and other communities in northern Prince Georges County." He calls for a complete environmental impact study prior to any land use changes.

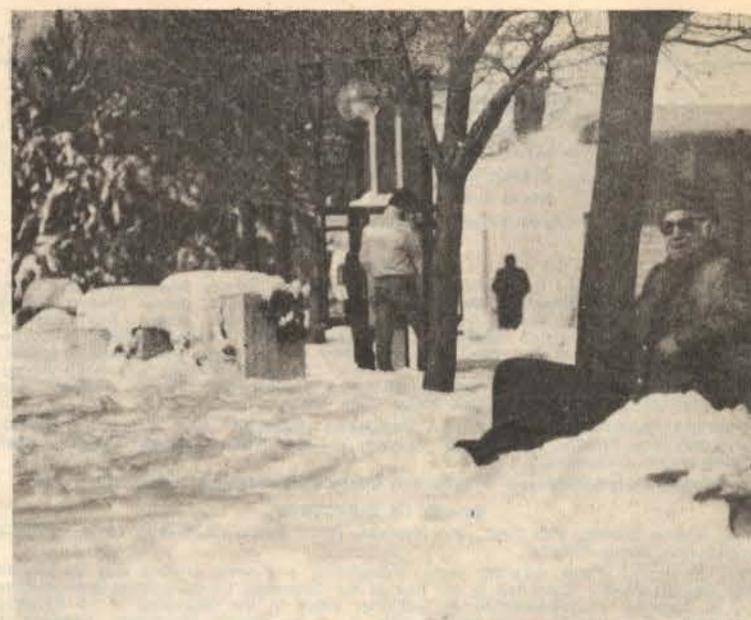
Castaldi also points out that Greenbelt's plans for development have been and continue to be based on the open space zoning of the BARC property. "It would be most difficult to maintain the land use balance Greenbelt. See BARC, page 5, column 1

### REFUSE PICKUP

Because of the Washington's Birthday Holiday, Monday, February 21, 1983, there will be no refuse collection that day. Monday's collection will be made on Tuesday and Tuesday's pickup will be made on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICKUP ON WEDNESDAY. The regular schedule will be followed on Thursday and Friday.

### Castaldi Holds Reception To Thank Greenbelters

County Councilman Richard J. Castaldi, former Mayor, thanks the citizens of Greenbelt for their overwhelming support in his recent election. In appreciation, he invites Greenbelters to attend a reception on Friday, February 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second floor of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. To RSVP, or obtain further information, please call 952-3094, or 464-5215.



Even after a blizzard, the Center can be as good as Florida for relaxing and catching some sunshine.

photo by Jay Henson

## SNOW BLANKETS CITY; GREENBELT SHOVELS OUT

by Virginia Beauchamp and Mary Lou Williamson

While the whole East Coast from North Carolina to New England lay under 50 billion tons of snow that paralyzed transportation, Greenbelt again fared better than other areas, a surprising feat considering the 21 inches of snow that fell in our immediate area.

A neighbor jokingly rebuked Greenbelt's city manager, Jim Giese, saying the streets in Greenbelt were in such good shape Friday morning that he cheerfully drove off for work unaware of his folly.

"Because the snow came during the day, our public works crew was able to stay ahead of it," said George Smith, Director of Public Works, "During the '79 storm, the snow came faster and at night — the crews lost that one." By Monday night the city crews had done about as much as they could. "We're looking forward to people going to work" said Giese, "so we can clear the parking lanes."

No trash collections were at-

### How to Help

City and GHI crews have had difficulty clearing Greenbelt's narrow residential streets and courts. If possible, residents are requested to keep cars off streets or park cars as close to the curb as possible.

Assistance is needed from residents to uncover fire hydrants and clear drain inlets.

A potentially serious problem is the lack of concern shown by pedestrians as they walk in the roads. Pedestrians should be aware that people driving vehicles on snow do not have the greatest control.

tempted either Friday or Monday. Giese said the public works crews planned to try to collect both routes on Tuesday, but he doubted they would be able to.

Only where abandoned cars blocked the way did the city's streets remain for a time unplowed. In a classic example, four cars had been abandoned in staggered fashion up the middle of Hamilton Place, the street leading to the GHI administration and maintenance buildings. No plows could get through. The last car was finally moved during the day on Monday, according to GHI Director of Maintenance Joe Whalen. GHI secretary Judy Holland found her own solution. She dug out her real Eskimo mukluks made of seal skin, saved from her years of living in Alaska, and walked to work. "There was no place to park a car," she said.

After their equipment gave out under the dual strains of continuous 24-hour use and heavy wet snow, GHI was forced to rent equipment. "Costly," said Whalen, but by then equipment was hard to find.

Whalen praised his men, who worked four at a time, in shifts around the clock from 2:30 a.m. on Friday till Monday morning. Crews worked until midnight both Monday and Tuesday. By late Tuesday, half a dozen courts on Ridge Road and all on Eastway had been cleared of snow. They were to continue the job, using door hangers to tell members which day to move their cars out of the court.

Likewise, Whalen praised GHI members. "A lot were angels. Helping themselves and their neighbors to dig out cars and courts," he said. A few were protective of their cleaned parking spots, leaving a proprietary sign warning others to stay out. Some were clever—using a dummy sitting in a lawn chair. "Ba-

See SNOW, page 4, column 1

### New Circulation Manager

Starting tonight, Thursday, February 17, Mae Gingell, 16-J Ridge, will assume the duties of circulation manager for the News Review for the center part of Greenbelt, (Old Greenbelt).

Gingell, who works at Center School, knows and is known by many of the young people who will be working with her, as well as by many of their parents. She has served as president of the Center School PTA and also as membership chairman of the Prince Georges County Council of PTAs.

She plans to meet with the carriers immediately and give them permission slips to take home to be signed by their parents. Gingell says she is looking forward to working with the young people and laughingly adds, "How did I get hooked into this job?"

Anyone interested in becoming a carrier or a substitute to deliver a route on Thursday nights should call Gingell at 474-8690.

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## Our Neighbors

One of Greenbelt's favorite soccer goalies is currently hospitalized in Florida. Torey Ferguson is undergoing eye surgery. All of Greenbelt wishes Torey a quick recovery! Friends and fans may write Torey at: Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, 900 N.W. 17th St., Miami, Florida 33136.

## Democratic Club News

The regular meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be on Friday, February 18, at 8:30 p.m., at the Greenbriar Community Room. In addition to the regular business meeting, Steve O'Rourke, an attorney with the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, will speak on "The Insanity Defense." O'Rourke is a member of the Government Affairs Committee of the Prince Georges and Maryland Mental Health Association. State legislatures are trying to modify the insanity plea as a viable defense in felony cases since the public outcry following the John Hinckley trial. Note that the starting time of the meeting is one half hour later than usual. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome.

## La Leche League

The La Leche League will meet on Monday, February 21, at 8 p.m. at 36-B Ridge Road.

The topic of discussion will be "Nutrition and Weaning." Anyone interested in breastfeeding is welcome. For further information call Terry Kepler at 345-2670.

## Golden Age Club

by Blanche E. Lee

Due to the heavy snow, the Club's Valentine Party planned for February 16 has been cancelled. However, there will be a social hour at the business meeting Wednesday, February 23, when Valentines will be exchanged and light refreshments served.

## GHI NOTES

The postponed GHDC and GHI Board meetings will be held this Thursday, February 17 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Items on the GHI agenda include a pet resolution, window maintenance, painting of masonry units and clarification of parking regulations.

The GHI Board of Directors will also meet on Thursday, February 24 at 8 p.m.

Two meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 8 p.m. The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet in the Board Room and the Finance Committee will meet in the Lunch Room.

Because of the holiday, GHI office will be closed on Monday, February 21.

## Musical Revue to Play At Cultural Arts Center

Peppermint Blue, the versatile entertainment duet, featuring Henri Ellison and Dwayne Walker, will be performing at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Utopia Theater, Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, at 8:15 p.m. Song, dance, drama, comedy and mime are included in this high spirited revue, which will be accompanied by piano, drums and bass. Many of their renditions are enhanced by choreography, colorful costumes and dramatic props to ensure a fresh and varied program.

Peppermint Blue's musical repertoire includes songs from Broadway to London: Such shows as Cabaret, South Pacific, the new hit musical Cats combine with Gilbert and Sullivan and Noel Coward favorites. From Taverns to Tinseltown: "Have Some Madeira M' Dear" and "Burlington Bertie From Bow" are mixed with movie classics: "As Time Goes By," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and "Moon River." From the 1890s to the 1980's: "Wait 'til the Sun Shines Nellie," "Mr. Gallagher & Mr. Shean," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "I Still Believe in Love" and others.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Special reduced rates are offered for students, children and seniors.

For information call 474-7763 or 773-7179.

## Recreation Review

The city Recreation Centers will open at 12 noon on Monday, February 21, to accommodate the youth and adults celebrating the holiday.

### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

To pre-register, call the Recreation Department Business Office weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 474-6878. Classes run from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Youth Center, March 8 and 9, and 15 and 16.

### Weight Lifting Club Members

Many of the members have expired cards. Membership is for one year only. In order to continue to use the facilities, the card must be current.

You are Cordially invited to join us for the

### FOCUS ON THE FAMILY FILM SERIES

Mon., Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Hugh's Church, Grenoble Hall

featuring Film No. 1

"The Strong Willed Child" . . . Distinguish between willful defiance and childish irresponsibility . . . Testing of authority

## Room for Improvement To the Editor:

Now that the city council vacancy question has been resolved, I'd like to share some thoughts from my perspective as a candidate and citizen. First, I am grateful to fellow Greenbelters and our city council for this opportunity to aspire to such an important role on our city's governing body. . . . To those who supported my candidacy, I extend special thanks for their words of encouragement, loyalty and many thoughtful endorsements.

The city was placed in an uneasy state of flux due to the failures of the selection process used. Please note that I believe the inability of the city council to select a candidate was a reflection of the process, not the four council members. Yes, they should have displayed foresight and worked out an effective approach to replacing former mayor Castaldi back when he won the primary and his ultimate election to the county council appeared likely. However, the process they eventually devised was reasonable within the parameters established by the City Charter. Unfortunately, it suffered one flaw — it did not provide a mechanism for breaking a deadlock.

We cannot expect unanimity from our city council members on all matters, nor believe that compromise can always be accomplished. However, we have the right to expect that they establish a written, definitive methodology for ensuring that council vacancies are filled smoothly in the future. Perhaps the mayor should be given an additional "tie-breaker" vote or a special election could be held if it were conducted at least 12 months in advance of a general election. I urge the city council to work now to develop a better approach.

Joseph C. Isaacs

I would like to cite an additional concern which was particularly disconcerting. This was not an election, but a council-operated appointment process in which it solicited applications to fill a vacant post. I was proud and pleased to oblige. However, one would expect that in return for fulfilling all of the requirements established, the city council would display some common courtesy to applicants by keeping each of them regularly informed. Yet I did not receive a single piece of correspondence to acknowledge receipt of my application materials, to explain the selection process in appropriate detail, to report on the progress (or lack thereof) being made, or even to announce the appointment of Mr. Zugby and thank me for my interest. I think it would be very unfortunate if this were to remain a "one-way" street in the future and left totally to the applicant to learn from one source or another what is going on and what may be expected next in the selection process. Communication — there is room for improvement.

## Good Samaritans To the Editor:

Sunday night, busily shoveling the driveway, I suddenly slipped. There had been no one in sight. I woke to a sea of faces of concerned passersby.

A child's sweater was placed under my head (please come for it), a ski jacket was wrapped around me. To Mr. M. . . .? and son, and all the others who showed such compassion, I want to say a special thank you for taking the time to stop. I'm only sorry I don't know your names.

Pearl Ellerin

## Rescheduled Meeting

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors will meet tonight, Thursday, February 17, at 8 p.m. in the Board Room on Hamilton Place. This meeting was originally scheduled for February 10 but was cancelled because of snow. The next regular board meeting will be held next Thursday, February 24 at 8 p.m.

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

You are invited to worship with us

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Rds.  
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.  
 For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Greenbelt Community Church



(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

Infant Care Provided at Fellowship Center behind Church  
 Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

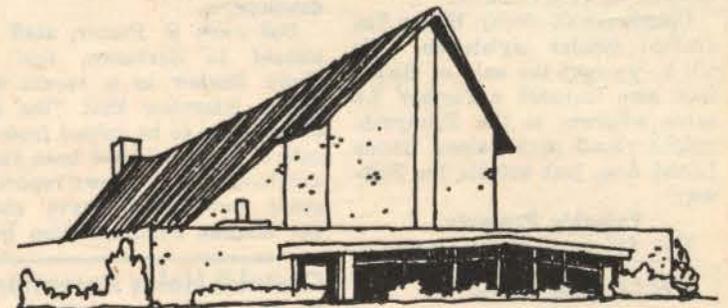
## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road  
 Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.  
 Sunday morning nursery at both services  
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor Phone 345-5111

## Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 (for all ages)  
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor  
 474-1924

Make mention of Me on My earth, that in My heaven I may remember thee. — from the Baha'i Sacred Writings

## Baha'i Faith

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

## 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

## Paint Branch

### Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Road  
 (near Cherry Hill Road)  
 9:30 a.m. Forum: "To End Hunger"  
 10:45 a.m. Service: "Religious Education: Its Worth to You"  
 Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

# Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

Several cases of purse snatching have occurred in the city in the last two weeks. In these incidents, two subjects, both black male juveniles, appear to be working together. One snatches the purse and flees to a car and is driven away by the other suspect. The pair are using stolen cars.

The latest occurrence took place on Feb. 8 at 10:33 p.m. when a woman had her purse snatched as she was walking in the parking lot in the 7900 block of Mandan Rd.

An earlier instance took place on February 2 when a pocketbook was snatched in front of 6-A Parkway. The suspect was described as a black male, about 18 years old, 5'6", with a stocky build. In another case, which may be related, three suspects between 14-16 years of age grabbed a victim's purse in front of 7817 Mandan Rd.

Pfc. James D. Love and Pfc. Thomas R. Justin arrested two occupants of a vehicle for possession of marijuana. One of the subjects was wanted on another charge and the operator of the vehicle was charged with driving under the influence.

Two local residents were arrested after they broke into the Co-op Supermarket in the early hours of Feb. 11. An alert citizen reported that the door had been damaged. Responding officers found the suspects inside the store.

Chief William T. Lane has commended several members of the Greenbelt police department for their outstanding work in solving a case which closed 16 cases of breaking and entering, mostly in the city. The officers commended were Sgt. Ernest W. Brumley, Cpl. Edward D. Blake, Cpl. Terrence M. McGrath, Cpl. John A. Lann, Cpl. Michael D. Craddock, Pfc. Marr D. Sappington, Pfc. Fred E. Murray and Officer Gregory E. Lynn. Chief Lane particularly commented on the expertise shown by each officer and the teamwork which resulted in successful closure of the cases.

A strong-arm robbery took place last week when three occupants of a vehicle beat and robbed a hitchhiker they had picked up. They dropped the victim out on Greenbelt Road near the Beltway. Pfc. Craig Rich was almost immediately flagged down by the hitchhiker, who reported the robbery. Rich spotted the suspects' car and arrested the occupants, who were identified by the victim.

After an evening entertainment recently at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, three male subjects started arguing with a couple who were leaving. The argument became heated and the couple was assaulted. The suspects fled before the police arrived.

A woman who was jogging at the ERHS track reported an indecent exposure incident. The suspect was described as a white male in his 30's, 6' tall and about 180 lbs.

A male non-resident was arrested when he returned to a jewelry store in Beltway Plaza to pick up a diamond ring he had left to be resized. The ring had been purchased with a stolen credit card.

An off-duty D.C. police officer was assaulted in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza when an argument broke out about a disputed parking place.

After making a traffic stop, Pfc. Fred E. Murray charged the operator of the vehicle with driving while under the influence, and possession of burglary tools. The above items cover the last two weeks.



## Winfield McCamy

Greenbelt's first town clerk, Winfield McCamy, died on February 13 at the Washington Adventist Hospital. She would have been 84 in another month. A funeral was held at Gasch's Funeral Home on February 16. Burial will be in Knoxville, Tennessee.

One of the first settlers in Greenbelt, Mrs. McCamy was hired by the Farm Security Administration, then charged with responsibility for administration of the new town. She had two titles — one as town clerk, the other as secretary to the community manager. She took office in October 1938. After the city became responsible for its own governance, Mrs. McCamy was appointed purchasing agent in October 1946. On January 1, 1947 she became city clerk, a position from which she retired on February 28, 1962.

At that time the city council passed a resolution honoring Mrs. McCamy for her long service to the city. The resolution noted that she had served as city clerk, purchasing agent, registrar of elections, secretary to the city manager, and, on occasion, as acting city manager. It noted also

Above is pictured Winfield McCamy with one of the many councils which she served. The members of the seventh city council (1947-49) are, clockwise from l. to r.: Elizabeth S. Harrington; Allen D. Morrison; McCamy, town clerk; Thomas J. Canning, mayor; Charles T. McDonald, city manager; Francis J. Lastner; and David M. Granahan. The photo was taken in the old city offices above the Ben Franklin store.

her association with three city managers and 12 separate city councils.

Mrs. McCamy, who came to this area from Dallas, Texas, brought with her considerable talent as a piano player. She was always in great demand to play at hoe-downs, weddings and church services. During the years that silent movies were shown, she also played piano at theatres.

Survivors include two sons, Frank A. Loftus, of Dover, Delaware and Michael J. Loftus of Federalsburg, Md.; a daughter Patricia Waldo, of Atlanta, Ga.; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Two brothers also survive — James L. McCamy of Madison, Wisconsin and E. R. McCamy of Dallas.

## Eckankar Meeting

The ECKANKAR discussion group meets Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call 927-3111.

## GRAY PANTHER NEWS

The Gray Panthers will have a pot-luck dinner and social on Saturday, February 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Youth Center.

Members and the general public are cordially invited. For more information, call 474-6890.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Winfield McCamy Memorial Fund, Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt.



## AGENDA

### Regular Meeting of City Council

Tuesday, February 22, 1983

8:00 P.M.

(Changed from Mon., Feb. 21 because of holiday.)

#### I. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4. Minutes of Council Meetings
- 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

#### II. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6. Petitions and Requests
- 7. Administrative Reports
- 8. Committee Reports

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

- 9. A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Make Deposits and Withdrawals of City Funds in the State of Maryland Local Government Investment Pool - Second Reading

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 10. Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan Public Forum (Advisory Planning Board Report No. 282)
- 11. Senate Bill 423 - To Restrict the Disposal by the General Services Administration of Certain Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Property
- 12. Resignation from Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- 13. Board Appointments

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda — subject to change



## Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Registration

The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club will be sponsoring Spring and Fall soccer for all youths between the ages 5 and 17 (year of birth 1977-1965). Soccer is a great sport for boys and girls. Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Referees, Field Managers are desperately needed. Please call 937-0388 Jorge Bianchi (commissioner) for information or OFFERS OF HELP.

New members require a copy of Birth Certificate and school picture.

REGISTRATION FEES ARE \$25.00 (1 youth)  
FAMILY PLAN FEES ARE \$40.00 (2 youths) and \$50.00 (3 or more)

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL MAY 1, 1983. AFTER MAY 1 THERE WILL NOT BE A FAMILY PLAN, ALL MEMBERSHIP WILL BE \$30.00 PER YOUTH.

## Las Vegas Nite

February 26, 1983

8:00pm to 2:00am

Greenbelt Fire House

125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD



## Color TV Drawing

Free Beer & Door Prizes

Mixed Drinks & Snacks on Sale

Must Be 18 Years of Age or Older

Admission \$2.00

(Includes Entries for Drawings)

Sponsored By Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept. and the Roosevelt High Football Program



Pvt. John Lann and Pvt. Craig Rich clean off snow-laden cruisers at the police station.

## SNOW SNOW SNOW

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sically, our members proved this is a co-op. People were really tremendous."

### Fire Department

"We were extremely lucky," said Bill Dunn, referring to disasters that might have occurred in Greenbelt during the blizzard of '83. Greenbelt was singularly free of emergency calls that might have taxed the abilities of the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad to respond. Dunn, who is assistant chief, cited 10 ambulance runs and five calls for the fire engine between 1:30 a.m. Friday, when the snow emergency began, and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Eighteen crew members spent Friday night at the fire house—just in case. During the heaviest of the snow, the city's plows tried valiantly, but vainly, to keep the apron clean before the doors for the vehicles. On Saturday afternoon they returned and cleaned up the whole area. In readiness, the F. D. and R. S. crew had put chains on the equipment, and a four-wheel drive truck was used for routine trips when an ambulance would normally have gone out.

No Greenbelters keeled over from shoveling. "We were really surprised," said Dunn. There were slips and falls, bangs, bruises, and possible fractures. One call was for an asthma attack, another for a person with difficult breathing. And the owner of the truck drove one woman all the way to her home in Maryland City in Anne Arundel County. She is employed in the city but was anxious to get home where she had vital kidney medicine.

It's hard to believe, but there were two brushfire calls. The engine went out also for an automobile accident—no injuries. The

crew made one house fire call, but it was a false alarm. Alarm systems tend to short out when there is so much moisture.

Luckily all the utilities stayed on. If you waited long enough, you got through on the phones. Yes, we were really lucky.

### Police Department

The Greenbelt police department experienced no storm-related crime in the city. According to Police Chief William T. Lane, there were so many minor accidents during the Friday storm that police were unable to take accident reports. Police cars were able to move about the city during most of the storm but eventually chains had to be put on the cars. No major emergencies occurred in the city but the police did make an emergency delivery of medicine required by a citizen who was confined at home by the storm. Some members of the police department worked for 16 hours (a double shift) to compensate for the absence of other members who were unable to report for duty.

### Miscellaneous

One of the many mysteries of the storm was the small calico cat that workers found at the back door of the library Monday morning. There didn't seem to be any way that she could have crossed the foot and a half of snow in the unplowed parking lot, but there she was, mewing for attention.

Contrary to the slogan of the United States Postal Service, snow did cause the mails to be delayed in some cases on Friday and because mail trucks were unable to get through the snow, there was no delivery on Saturday.

Greenbelter Sylvia Lewis, the executive director of Red Cross in Prince Georges County, spent

## Greenbelters Battle Snow To Help in USDA Research

by Esther Webb

Despite a record snowfall that paralyzed local traffic last Friday, snowbound Greenbelters who usually go twice daily to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Human Nutrition Center to participate in a research study were able to continue as usual in the project because meals were brought to them. Although last Friday government workers were given the day off and kitchen personnel were out, Greenbelter Joan Conway and other USDA supervisory personnel worked all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday preparing food for participants for the week-end and the following Monday. Packaged and frozen meals for 2½ days were home-delivered Friday afternoon in the snowstorm to approximately 15 local residents by Greenbelters Caitlin Owens and Teresa and Eileen Downs. Such extraordinary efforts demonstrate the cooperative spirit of Greenbelt residents in an emergency and the dedication that many government workers demonstrate in carrying out their jobs.

This USDA research study is designed to determine the effect of diet in the causation of certain degenerative diseases. Subjects are fed a diet low in fat, cholesterol, sucrose and salt and high in dietary fiber. The goal is the development of a model diet that may assist individuals to reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes.

all day Friday and most of the evening at the Red Cross headquarters in Hyattsville. About 30 stranded bus riders and pedestrians were given shelter, hot beef stew, and transportation home in four wheel drive vehicles that were recruited for the emergency. Mike Jones took calls at the switchboard from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

(Also contributing to this article were staff reporters Mavis Fletcher and Barbara Likowski.)

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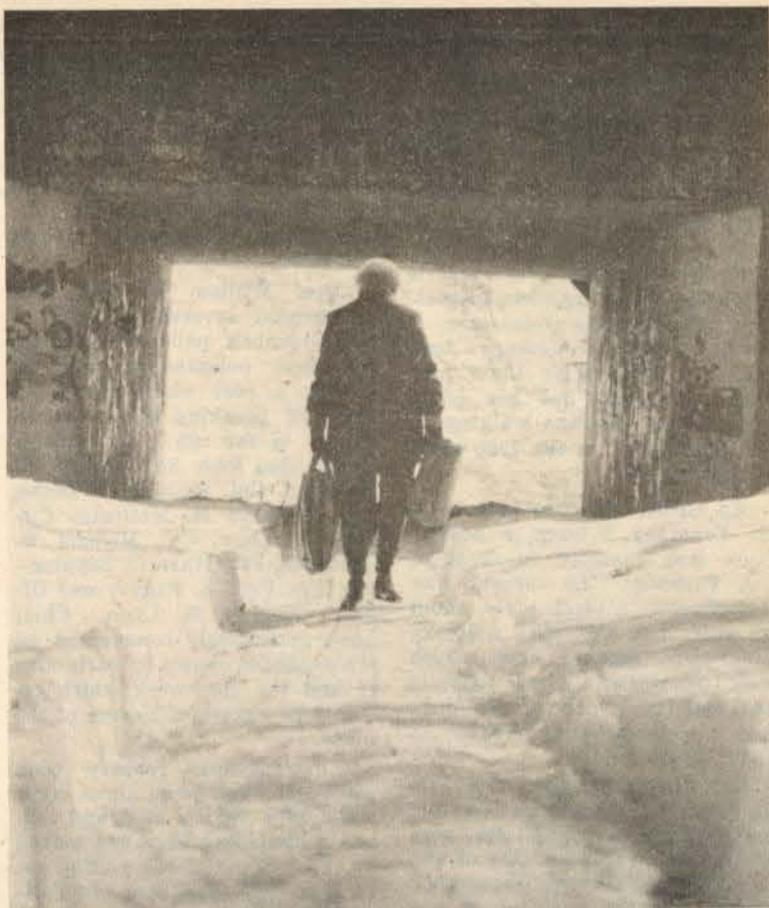
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# BARC Issues, Crescent Road Transfer Discussed by Council

by Mavis Fletcher

Concerns about the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and its environs again occupied the attention of the Greenbelt city council at its February 7 regular meeting. A BARC master plan revision (Update No. 1) was the subject of a hearing before the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPCC) on February 3. In reporting on the hearing, City Manager James Giese said that all parties represented, including NASA and Patuxent Wildlife Research Facility as well as BARC officials, opposed the extension of the proposed Intercounty Connector road east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Route 450. However, the BARC master plan accepts construction of the Intercounty Connector between I-95 and the Parkway — a connection which the Greenbelt city council continues to oppose.

The BARC master plan update, dealing primarily with traffic routes, appeared to be aimed at reducing traffic through the research facility. One provision proposed the restriction of traffic on Powder Mill Road to internal BARC traffic, and the rerouting of through traffic onto a new arterial road along the northern perimeter of the research center in the Odell/Muirkirk Road area. The plan did not oppose the northward extension of Kenilworth Ave., providing no interchange at Powder Mill Road is included.

The NCPCC was scheduled to finish its consideration of the BARC master plan on February 17. The city council has instructed the staff to represent the city at the meeting and to oppose construction of the inter-county connector east of I-95, the extension of Kenilworth Avenue, and the excessing of any additional land in the research center.

In discussing the proposed inter-county connector, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld spoke strongly against the portion of the connector proposed between I-95 and the Baltimore-Washington

Parkway. He feels that once this road gets to the Parkway, pressure to make the Parkway into a commercial road will be irresistible.

Council also voted to support the Maryland Senate Joint Resolution No. 9, introduced by Senators Leo Green, Thomas Yeager and Arthur Dorman, urging the federal government to prevent sale of 247 acres of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The resolution further requests a halt of the steady reduction over the last 12 years of the open space and natural buffer surrounding the federal installation.

A hearing on the resolution before the Senate Finance Committee was held on February 16.

Another recurring transportation subject also claimed the council's attention. The State Highway Administration has been trying to transfer responsibility to the city for maintenance of Crescent Rd. from the Lake Park entrance to Kenilworth Avenue and for Ridge Road between Crescent and Ivy Lane. The city had earlier agreed to assume maintenance responsibility for these areas but had delayed exe-

cuting the formal agreement because of concerns about certain safety features of these stretches of roadway, particularly the absence of a guardrail on the north side of Crescent at Kenilworth Avenue.

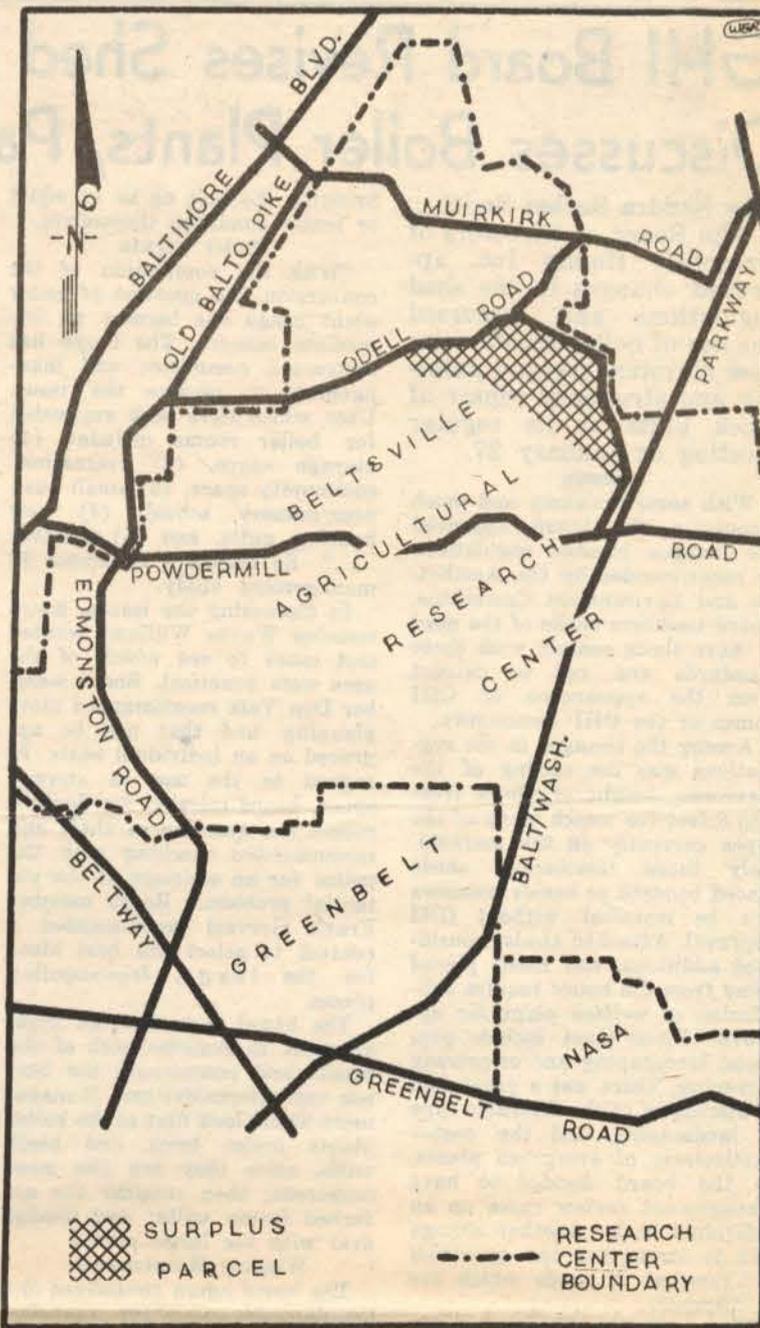
Council was advised by the State Highway Administration that fill would be placed on both sides of Crescent Road at the intersection in order to eliminate the sharp drop-off and, presumably, the necessity for a guardrail. This work is to be done in conjunction with a contract which has been let for improving the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue with the ramps from the westbound Beltway.

Council, however, expressed a wish to see design plans for the fill before agreeing to take over maintenance of these sections. The city fears that the final configuration might not overcome all problems involving the steep drop-offs.

Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski added another option to the possible questions already raised when he suggested that the SHA, in conjunction with the work to be performed at this intersection, might be willing to make a turn-off for a formal entrance into the city with a map similar to the one on Southway. The staff was instructed to sort out the various problems with SHA and obtain the design plan.

### Lakeside West

Council briefly considered the mechanics of its further consideration of proposed development on Parcel 15, known also as Lakeside West Subdivision. This is the land west of Charlestowne Village, south of the lake, and adjacent to the Beltway, with its southern end next to the American Legion. A council work session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, at 8 p.m., with the city's Advisory Planning Board. Affected citizen groups (including Lakeside Citizens' Association) are being invited to attend and participate.



Shown above in the shaded area is the densely wooded 247 acre BARC parcel that has been declared surplus.

## BARC SALE Continued from page 1

belt has encouraged, should this land be developed in a manner other than that originally planned," he said.

Congressman Hoyer also is highly critical of the proposal to sell the property. "I do oppose and will continue to oppose," he said, "any proposal which would alter the direction and mandate of BARC." In a recent letter to the National Capital Planning Commission he noted that "... the work done at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center is of worldwide significance."

Hoyer observed that in 1979 GSA reviewed the parcels in and surrounding BARC and "decided not to include them on their surplus rolls. While the fiscal concerns of our nation have changed since then, I feel the direction and mandate of BARC have not."

The Greenbelt city council questions "why the Federal Government is wasting so much money on studies of this nature" at the same time it pushes forward cost-cutting measures. Council pointed out that previous studies have concluded that "it would be far more costly to relocate the research center operations to another facility location than the government would receive from the sale of the land."

(A hearing was held February

16 on a bill introduced by State Senator Leo Green, Arthur Dorman and Thomas Yeager to prevent the sale of the 247 acres of BARC land.)

BARC, internationally known as the "leading, most diversified agricultural research complex in the world," conducts research on a wide variety of subjects, including human nutrition, insect physiology, plant virology, genetics, sludge, poultry and cattle. One of its main functions is solving food production and distribution problems.

The present location of BARC makes it possible for its people to work closely with other researchers in the high concentration of nearby universities and federal laboratories.

Tyler Bastian, State Archaeologist with the Maryland Geological Survey, has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture for an impact statement. In response, the Department noted that the National Heritage Program has been asked to help determine the existence or absence of any endangered species or threatened species on the parcels declared surplus.

### Procedures for Sale

Historically, federal land declared surplus first has been up

for grabs by other federal agencies. If none has wanted the land, then next in line have been state, county and municipal governments, in that order, and finally individuals. In the past, these governmental bodies were able to acquire federal lands less expensively. But now the Reagan administration has said that generally all interested agencies will have to bid for available land at a fair market value, subject to negotiation.

Both the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the State Highway Administration have expressed interest in acquiring surplus land. M-NCPCC wants the land for park use. Acquisition of the entire acreage would reduce by almost 15% the current deficiency in county parkland per 1,000 population based on state standards.

The SHA is interested in acquiring the 247-acre parcel for possible use as part of the right-of-way for the proposed Intercounty Connector. SHA is now performing alignment studies for the connector.



### GHI BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meeting postponed last week will be held tonight.

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# GHI Board Revises Shed Regulations; Discusses Boiler Plants, Painting Policy

by Sandra Surber Smith  
The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. approved changes in the shed regulations and discussed the use of boiler plants, window maintenance and painting and structural repair of block units at its regular meeting on January 27.

**Sheds**  
With some revisions and much discussion the board approved the changes in shed regulations as recommended by the Aesthetics and Environment Committee. Board members spoke of the need to have sheds comply with these standards and not to detract from the appearance of GHI homes or the GHI community.

Among the changes in the regulations was the raising of the maximum height of sheds from 7 to 8 feet (to match many of the types currently on the market). Only those unattached sheds placed beneath or beside windows can be installed without GHI approval. Attached sheds, considered additions, and sheds placed away from the house require submission of written plans for approval. Plans must include proposed landscaping and/or privacy screening. There was a great deal of discussion of the desirable type of landscaping and the cost—particularly of evergreen plants, so the board decided to have management review cases on an individual basis. Another change was to strengthen the provision for removal of sheds which are in disrepair.

The new regulations specify that "after due notice, a shed in disrepair shall be repaired by the member or removed by GHI and incurred expenses shall be charged to the member." As in the past, shed must comply upon resale.

**Painting of Masonry Units**  
Management requested that the board finalize policy regarding a painting program for the masonry homes. A number of issues were then discussed—from how much structural repair needs to be done, to a trim paint program for all units. The board directed management to survey the masonry units and determine how much structural repair is needed, make plans to take care of structural repairs, develop specifications for all aspects, including caulking and sealing, and report back to the board at its next meeting.

The general direction was toward a structurally-oriented program with a goal of bringing all units up to standard. Members would have the option of letting GHI do the work or

bringing the unit up to an equal or better condition themselves.

**Boiler Plants**  
"With the completion of the conversion, the question of boiler plant usage has become an immediate concern. The board has instructed committee and management to explore the issue. Uses which have been suggested for boiler rooms include: (1) storage space, (2) recreation/community space, (3) small business/nursery school, (4) new housing units, and (5) museum..." So begins a December 17 management study.

In discussing the issues, board member Wayne Williams wanted test cases to see which of the uses were practical. Board member Don Volk recommended more planning and that use be approved on an individual basis. In regard to the use as storage space, board member Joe Jenkins raised the question of theft and recommended checking with the police for an estimate of the potential problem. Board member Frank Gervasi recommended a contest to select the best ideas for the large, free-standing plants.

The board then directed management to examine each of the plants and recommend the best use and alternative use. Management would look first at the boiler plants under brick and block units, since they are the most numerous; then consider the attached frame units; and finally, deal with the large plants.

**Window Maintenance**  
The board again considered the maintenance policy for member-installed windows, which were approved under the rehab program. Management has proposed that GHI maintain all windows in GHI, but in cases where rehab standard parts would not fit a member-installed window, the member would pay the difference in price. Board president Jim Smith raised the question of possible differential labor costs for, as an example, casement win-

dows. Board member Williams thought that there were sufficient variations that management needed a list of the specific types. The board was in agreement that GHI will maintain non-standard windows but that costs should be apportioned fairly and asked management to consider all factors which would influence the cost and report back with a more detailed proposal.

**Non-standard Heating Systems**  
The board considered once again the non-standard heating systems on Woodland Way and how they would be replaced when necessary and paid for. The board decided to treat these three homes like the other eight non-standard heating systems, installed by members before and during rehab. Specifically the board rescinded an earlier motion to collect reserves to replace heating units in the Woodland Way homes and instead, for all non-standard heating systems, replace at the member's request and assess the member full charges. The member would repay GHI at the GHI home improvement loan interest rate over a period not to exceed five years.

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Anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 interested in joining the J.C. Women please call 441-1010. The next meeting is February 22 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt J.C.'s clubhouse adjacent to the St. Hugh's School.

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Richard Pilski watches helplessly while the family home at 106 Rosewood burns. The blaze started in the kitchen at 6:29 p.m. Several passersby alerted the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad who, along with the Berwyn Heights and Branchville Fire Departments fought the fire. Fire commander Mike Dutton, president of the GVFD&RS, said firemen left the scene at 9 p.m. No one was injured.

The interior of the home received extensive smoke damage. According to Dutton the fire flashed throughout the downstairs area. "Minor damage was sustained on the outside of the home but all the windows required ventilation," Dutton said. A preliminary estimate of damages to the contents of the home was \$40,000; the structure \$40,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the county. photo by Bill Cornett



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**"Family" Film Series**

St. Hugh's Church on Crescent Road is presenting the "Focus on the Family" film series at 7:30 p.m. Mondays during Lent. The first film, next Monday, is "The Strong Willed Child," dealing with the differences between willful defiance and childish irresponsibility as well as the testing of authority.

No entries will be accepted on race day. A field of 300 is expected from as far away as Canada. Co-sponsors of the marathon are DC Road Runners Club, NASA Running Club, Greenbelt Running Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. This carefully measured course will be among those certified for runners to qualify for the U.S. Marathon Olympic Marathon Trials in 1983-1984.

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