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Citizens Sound Off Over Animal Problem; Council Sets Work Session

by Bill Rowland

Uncontrolled animals wandering in old Greenbelt was one of the more contentious problems facing the new city council on October 4 during its first regular meeting. A close second in sharp exchanges and lack of easy answers was the question of safety for Green Ridge House seniors trying to walk across Ridge Road. Most of the remaining agenda was, by contrast, rather pedestrian.

Wild Beasts

Stephen Polaschik, closely followed by Eunice Coxon, fired the opening rounds in this latest salvo at council on the animal issue. Polaschik stated his concern that the new council should announce that night the date for a work session to consider animal control. He endorsed giving the city's police the authority to control animals.

Coxon told council that she had been "continuing my research on how other municipalities are doing - and they are doing a lot better than" Greenbelt. She has found that other cities in the area leave the licensing of animals to the county. She believes citizens would call the county with animal complaints more readily and less fearfully than is true with the city exercising control, because the county would be seen as impersonal and not subject to being influenced. Citing the county ordinance which requires confinement for 10 days of an animal that has bitten a human, Coxon stated her belief that a county animal warden might have ruled differently on letting the dog which recently attacked and severely bit a postal carrier spend its confinement period in the residence of its owner.

Coxon concluded by asking council when its work session would be.

City Manager James Giese pointed out that the county animal control ordinances to which Coxon referred do apply within Greenbelt. He said that city staff frequently advised residents to contact the county with problems regarding neighbors' animals. Giese added that persons who do ask for county help must be prepared to identify themselves and to go on public record with their complaints.

Joseph Remenick took issue with various proposals made by the city's Community Relations Advisory Board in a September 8 report to council. CRAB proposed a limitation of no more than four animals to be kept by a resident. Remenick declared this number overgenerous, and 'counterproductive." He felt that allowing as many as four would encourage owners with fewer than that number to achieve that limit.

Remenick also objected to ordinance language proposed by CRAB, "That no person should allow solid waste to remain on any...private property without the express consent previously obtained by the owner." Remenick contended that even with prior consent, such a practice would be unsanitary.

Coxon took aim at a CRAB recommendation for establish-

ment in the city of an "Animal Control Board," saying, "I am opposed to the creation of any more committees."

Council was obviously ready to schedule an early discussion of the animal control topic, but immediately ran into difficulties. First, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Pilski called for a public hearing. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and Councilmember Edward Putens disagreed with Pilski, saying that the earlier CRAB meeting with 35 residents in attendance had already provided the equivalent of a public hearing. Pilski grudgingly agreed to a council work session, but added that there will be a crowd attending the session.

Then council floundered around trying to find a meeting date on which all councilmembers and the city manager could be present, and eventually settled on October 24. To the tune of disgusted noises from the audience participants, who had hoped for action at the next regular council meeting on October 17, Weidenfeld spelled it out: That council was now look-

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COUNCIL INAUGURATION TO BE REBROADCAST

The videotape of the inauguration of the newly elected Greenbelt City Council will be broadcast on Channel 10-A of the city cable television system at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18.

For anyone interested in viewing the tape but who does not have cable television, a monitor will be set up for viewing in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

Storer Now Providing Cable Service to 1,000 Homes Here

by Luke Blanda

Though its cables have been ready since mid-July and Storer now has signed agreements with Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Windsor Green and Charlestowne Village, only 1,000 free-standing homes in Greenbelt enjoy the wider range of viewing choices cable offers.

The City Council invited Storer Cable Communications Vice President Winfield M. Kelly, Jr. (the former County Executive) and Charles Hookey, the company's Systems Manager, to its September 12 regular meeting to discuss the television firm's marketing plans and service-installation timetable for Greenbelt.

Kelly was unable to attend the meeting. But Hookey, who arrived late becaues of a prior appointment in northern Virginia that evening, told the council that the main obstacle blocking completion of Storer's operations is the need to negotiate separate agreements with the various housing developments in Greenbelt that his firm has met and continues to face.

When the city awarded Storer Greenbelt's cable television franchise, it also granted the company "right of way," that is, a sort of blanket permission to lay its cables across municipal property.

Moreover, no problem exists for private, free-standing homes. An individual home-owner can call Storer to subscribe, and the company can simply run its "access-wiring" from the cables in the street into the subscriber's living room.

But the need for negotiating arises in housing developments like GHI, Windsor Green and Greenbriar, for example, which are "multiple-dwelling units" and private property, Hookey said. A contract must first be signed with the property owners of each development before the access-wiring can be strug into any one unit.

These negotiations, Hookey said, plus additional "paperwork problems" are holding up the works.

Hookey did not have the information with him September 12, but later, on September 22, in an interview in his Hyattsville office, he outlined the status of Storer's progress in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Agreements

Storer signed an agreement with GHI on June 1, 1983, he said. The cable firm has had signed agreements with Windsor Green and Charlestowne Village since mid-July.

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Agreements with Greenbriar and with Glen Oaks, he said are pending.

Hookey added that Storer is now providing service to 1,000 private, free-standing homes in Greenbelt.

When asked how long it would take to begin offering service once agreements with the various developments in Greenbelt were

Co-op Grocery Offers 5% Appreciation Day

Tuesday, October 18, is Member Appreciation Day at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, 121 Centerway in the Greenbelt Center. All Co-op members will receive a 5% discount on all purchases on October 18 at the Supermarket.

The membership is \$1.00. A membership may be taken out at the Co-op store, at SCAN in the Greenway Shopping Center, the Co-op Gas Station on Southway or at any Co-op facility.

signed, Hookey said the company's "internal goal" is six months.

Further, when asked, Hookey denied that the sales personnel and service crews are having a hard time handling both the company's county franchise and its franchise agreement with Greenbelt.

During the interview in his office, Hookey referred to the costs of installing a cable television network, which he said is a "huge construction project." One mile of cable system, he said, can cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

He added that Storer depends on PEPCO and C&P Telephone for co-operation in its venture. The two utility companies do all the "make-ready" work, preparing the utility poles for cable.

People who want the enjoyment of cable television in their homes, he said, often don't take these factors into account.

Storer Cable Communications was awarded its Greenbelt franchise on January 14, 1982. At the time the franchise was awarded, Storer said it would be ready within 18 months. But, as Hookey said in his appearance before the City Council, this year and a half time frame does not include the time needed to do access—wiring.

As part of the franchise agreement, the City receives five percent of Storer's Greenbelt profits. Over the past two quarters, the City has received about \$1500 from Storer, according to city Administrative Assistant Michael McLaughlin. Another check should be coming in at the end of this month.

BARC Opens to Public

The Beltsvile Agricultural Research Center (BARC) will be open to the public Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be demonstrations of agricultural technology, films and slide shows of research projects to view, sheep shearing, bus tours of the Center, and musical entertainment.

The Open House and activities are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) observance of World Food Day, a day to draw attention to the need to feed the world's population. By opening BARC to the public, USDA, which oversees the Center, can create awareness of the world food situation and what is being done to improve it.

Activities will be held in building 003, on Route 1 in Beltsville (the building with the clock tower). For information, call Lloyd McLaughlin at 344-3541 or Andrew Walker at 344-3530.

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Mon., Oct. 17, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board. Draft Hanover Parkway Storm Water Management Facility

Thurs., Oct. 20, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

MURRAY LIABLE

City, Police Department and Chief Exonerated in Civil Rights Case

by Mary Lou Williamson
The City of Greenbelt, its
police department and chief
have been exonerated of federal civil rights and state
tort charges brought by
Greenbelt resident Peter

Ladnier in federal court in Baltimore

The decision handed down by the Fourth District Court on October 4 holds Greenbelt police officer Fred E. Murray liable, in his individual capacity, on a charge under federal civil rights law of unjustified force against Ladnier, and upholds the \$65,000 damages judgment recommended by the jury. The four-day trial ended on July 25. "Peter feels vindicated" by the decision, his attorney, Arthur House of Rockville, told the News Review.

Murray was charged by Ladnier with responsibility for the August 14, 1981, pre-dawn collision in which the police car Murray was driving ran into the motorcycle Ladnier was riding. Further, Murray was charged by Ladnier with unnecessary use of force in restraining and hand-cuffing Ladnier after the accident. Defendants denied any wrongful acts, claiming that any injuries Ladnier received were a result of his own misconduct.

The official actions of city police at the time of the incident were covered by insurance from the Atlanta International Insurance Company which retained attorney William J. Kobokovica, Jr. of the Baltimore firm of Huber & Lutche to defend the city's police department, Chief William T. Lane and Murray. Home Insurance Company, holder of the city's general liability insurance, retained attorney John J. O'Neill, Jr. of Rockville to defend the city.

Defense Motion Filed

Both sides have 30 days from October 4 to appeal the decision. Neither side has made any decisions about appeals as yet, attorneys told the News Review. Ladnier's attorneys indicated they will be satisfied with the judgment if Ladnier is compensated.

A post-trial motion on Murray's behalf was filed with the court on Friday, October 7, Kobokovich told the News Review. The motion, in several parts, asks the judge (1) to reverse the decision against Murray, notwithstanding the jury's verdict, or (2) to set a new trial, or (3) to reduce the dollar award which the attorneys argue is excessive in light of the case.

The judge is expected to set a date for hearing the petition, though he could reject the requests in a written order.

The Decisions

At the end of the trial, held before Judge Joseph H. Young, the jury was presented with a special verdict form with as ma ny as 17 questions to be answered. Based on those answers, the

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Thursday, October 13, 1983

Joanne Capotosto

Joanne P. Capotosto, age 20, died of Hodgkin's Disease on Thursday, October 6. A 1981 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Joanne was enrolled at Prince Georges Community College. She also worked part time at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Joanne lived in Greenbelt all of her life. She was active in sports programs and participated in county leagues and Boys' and Girls' Club softball, basketball, and soccer teams. (She played goalie on the soccer team.) She earned a Varsity letter in softball at Roosevelt and also played in the Greenbelt Co-ed and Women's softball and soccer leagues. She was a member of a Greenbelt 4-H club.

Joanne is survived by her parents, Dolores and Hugo Capotosto; sisters, Joan Neely, Mary, Teresa, Nina, Louise and Clare; brothers, Frank, Paul, Greg, William and John; and grandmother, Elizabeth Krahling.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Monday, October 10. Interment was in the Maryland Veteran's Cemetery, Cheltenham.

In Memorian

I would like to offer a few words of respectful memorial to Joanne P. Capotosto. I am one who has known her since she was small. She was an out-going and happy-go-lucky person.

Though her last days were not easy for her by any means, the courage and the love of her family stayed with her.

I feel that those who knew Joanne will always feel close to her, because of her indomitable spirit and love of life.

Donna (Costa) Fletcher

Democratic Club

The regular meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held Friday, October 21, at 8 p.m., at the Greenbriar Terrace Room of the Greenbrian Community Build-The tonic for discuss be the controversial "Intercounty Connector." Guest speakers are Glenn Orlin, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Highway Statistics, Maryland Department of Transportation, and State Delegate Charles Ryan. They will present alternatives to and impacts on Greenbelt residents if the proposed roadway is constructed. Light refreshments will be served. The Democratic Club is open to all Greenbelters. A nominal annual membership fee is charged for those who join.

gerry Arnold

Jerry Arnold of 19-P Ridge Rd. died on September 20. He is survived by his wife, Frances Lastner Arnold; daughters Dawn Marie Payne and Laura Shee's; mother, Marjorie Arnold; brothers Pat Meier and Michael S. Arnold; and grandchildren, Michelle and Daniel Payne.

Evelyn Elsing Featured In Philharmonic Concert

The Prince Georges Philharmonic Orchestra will present the opening concert of its 1983-84 season on Saturday, October 15 at 8 p.m. at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville.

Music Director Ray Fowler will conduct the orchestra in an all-Dvorak program for this season opener. The Philharmonic will perform Dvorak's Cello Concerto and Symphony No. 8. The soloist for the concerto will be Cellist Evelyn Elsing, who has performed extensively in the Washington, D.C. area and is Associate Professor of Cello and Chamber Music at the University of Maryland.

For further information call 699-2540 (days) or 779-7360 (evenings and weekends).

Intrepid Cyclists Plan Ride to Washington

A convoy of intrepid, if not speedy, cyclists will join thou sands of other area bicyclists for the second Bike-to-Work Day. You are invited to join dozens of fellow Greenbelters on a somewhat leisurely ride (16 kph/12 mph avg.) converging on Pennsylvania Avenue's Western Piaza at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, October 18. There participants will find a celebration, including live music, a hearty (cheap) breakfast, unusual bicycles, and clowns. The group will meet at the American Legion parking lot and depart at 7

The route will be south on Kenilworth Ave., to meet with another group at Calvert Road at After proceeding east km (.6 mi.), the route proceeds south on a bike path, and then meanders through some residential streets until it comes out at Cleveland Ave. to join Rhode Island Ave. in Hyattsville, where another group from College Park will be joined in front of the County Services building at 7:35. From there it's down R.I. Ave. to 13th St., arriving at Western Plaza at 8:15. Intrepid cyclists may call Intrepid Leader Alexander E. Barnes (474-5310) if they have questions.

GHI NOTES

The Aesthetics and Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, October 20 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. GHI will hold a New Member Orientation meeting on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. This is an opportunity for new members to learn more about their cooperative and community.

Management advises GHI members not to purchase or use kerosene heaters. Kerosene heaters are illegal in multi-family dwellings. Furthermore, a GHI Board resolution prohibits the use of unvented, portable kerosene-fired heaters in GHI homes.

Radio Star to Host Contest Heavy Metal at Arts Center

Adam Smasher, radio personality from station DC 101, will host the finals of the guitar contest this Saturday at the Utopia Theater of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center. The contest is cosponsored by the Cultural Arts Center.

The preliminaries of the contest will be held during the concert on Friday evening. Performing on Friday will be the heavy metal groups Deuce, with stage show, and Silencer, Greenbelt's own heavy metal rockers.

Both Smokehatch and Silencer have performed at the Utopia. Silencer drew a sell-out crowd.

Performing on Saturday, Oct. 15, along with the finals of the contest, will be the groups Forcer and Smokehatch.

For more information, please call 474-7763.

Concern With Dog Attack

I was very concerned to read about the savage injuries which were inflicted by a vicious dog on Mail Carrier William Ellis, I hope Mr. Ellis will have a quick and full recovery.

What puzzles me in this case, though, is the fact that a proven dangerous animal is allowed to remain in quarantine in its Greenbelt home. If the dog got out of the house before, there is a possibility that it will break loose again before a determination is made whether it is diseased or not. It seems imperative that our animal control ordinance should be amended to insure that animals are put in quarantine in a facility other than the owner's home.

Postmaster Franklin Ford's suggestion about clustering mail boxes at entrances to courts shows a disregard for the welfare of Greenbelt citizens. We have many elderly or handicapped persons who look forward each day to receiving mail at the door and who would be hard-pressed to walk from a distant unit to the court entrance, especially during rainy or cold and snowy weather. Instead of planning additional hardships for people why doesn't Ford notify Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated and the City Manager about the 30 or 40 potentialdangerous dogs? Greenbelt Homes has the power to enforce its animal control regulations through the possible termination of a member's contract. Hopefully, the City will also tighten its ordinance and put more effort into rigid enforcement to protect Greenbelt's residents and visitors.

I hope the Greenbelt News Review will continue its efforts to help keep Greenbelt a community we can all enjoy.

Stephen Polaschik.

Gray Panthers

Gray Panthers will meet for a Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, October 22 at 4:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Persons of all ages are invited. Bring a dish. There is no fee. For information or transportation call 474-6890.

Ravid at Mishkan Torah

On Friday, October 14 at Mishkan Torah's Family Service, Yakov Ravid, Assistant Director of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs will discuss the current situation in Lebanon. Services start at 8 p.m.

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
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

Sidewalk Sale Saturday

La Leche League of Greenbelt will hold a sidewalk sale of previously owned children's and maternity winter clothing on Saturday, October 15. The sale will be held at the Center Mall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds will help the Greenbelt La Leche League to promote "good mothering through breastfeeding."

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. Dr. James Chong Park Pastor 474-1924

'Life in man should be like a flame, warming all with whom it comes in contact.'

—from the Baha'i Sacred Writings

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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.

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ) Hillside and Crescent Roads Phone 474-6171 mornings

10 am Sunday Morning Worship and Church School for Children

Infant Care Provided at Fellowship Center behind Church Richard Leavitt,

Richard Leavitt, Interim Minister

Yes, You Can Begin Again Worship With Us and Find Out for Yourself

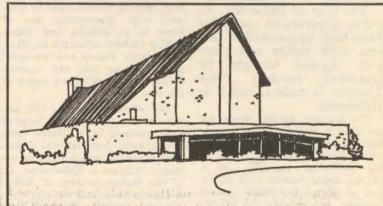
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Crescent & Greenhill Rds.

Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) Worship Service Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)

9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. 8:00 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

Telephone: 345-5111

Recreation Review CPR Classes

Join in learning this important life saving technique. To pre-register call the Recreation Department Business Office, weekdays, 9 - 5, 474-6878. Hours are from 7 to 10:30 p.m. for two evenings. Class is held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on the following dates: October 18 and 19, November 8 and 9 and 15 and 16. Call now and reserve space in this worthwhile program.

Halloween Costume Parade

and Party

Prepare costumes now and don't miss out on the fun! The Greenbelt Recreation Department will hold its annual Halloween costume parade on Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Judging of costumes will take place at 11 a.m. All ghosts and goblins, witches and warlocks are invited. Entertainment for the day includes "Christian the Magician." Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in different age groups. There will be treats and surprises for all participants. Festival of Lights—1983

Craft Show and Sale This year will mark the 12th Annual Festival of Lights sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Highlighting the Festival is the Craft Show and Sale held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on the first weekend in December.

If you have a craft and wish to

Art Deco President Striner Talks Here

"Art Deco in Greater Washington and Prince Georges County' will be the subject of the Greenbelt Historical Society meeting on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tugwell Room of the Greenbelt Library. The guest speaker will be Richard Striner, president of the Art Deco Society of Washington, who will present a talk and slide show. Striner is writing a book on local architecture in that style. His slides are outstanding and his presentation will be most interesting and informative.

The public is invited.

Will's Decorating Center Offers Course to Public

Will's Decorating Center has announced that on October 19 at 7:30 p.m. the public is invited to learn the art of hanging wallcov-Refreshments will be erings. served. Interested persons are invited to call 937-3733 to reserve a space.

participate in the Show, please contact the Youth Center for an informational brochure and application. Days and times for the Show are as follows: Friday, December 2, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office, weekdays 9 - 5, 474-6878.

GREENBELT CARRYOUT

JOE'S PLACE

Quart Bottle of Soda FREE with Every Large or Medium Pizza Purchase

Canned Sodas - Large Variety	\$1.29 a carton
Rock Creek 16 oz. Bottles	\$1.39 a carton
Rock Creek 16 oz. bottles COLD	29c each
12 oz. Canned Sodas	29c each
107 Centerway	474-4998



OFFICIAL NOTICE

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Greenbelt City Council is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on one of the newly established committees.

- 1. CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC ACCESS AND LOCAL ORIGINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- 2. COMMITTEE TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVER-SARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

The Cable Television Committee shall consist of seven citizen members who shall advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the development of an organization for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, implementing and overseeing local programming on the access channels of the city's cable television sys-

The 50th Anniversary Committee shall concern itself with all official activities taking place within the City of Greenbelt in 1987.

Interested persons may obtain further information by contacting the City Clerk, or may submit expressions of interest with background information to Mrs. Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Tel: 474-3870 or 474-8000.

> Gudrun H. Mills, CMC City Clerk

Federal Agency Opposes Highway to B-W Parkway

by Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

In commenting on the proposed Intercounty Connector, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the chief planning agency for the Federal Government in the metropolitan area, urged that the highway be terminated at I-95, not the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, as planned by the Maryland State Highway Administration. This is good news to those who wish to continue to keep trucks off the parkway.

The NCPC found that to build the highway to the parkway would be "inconsistent with the parks, open space and natural features" adjacent to the parkway that NCPC feels must be protected. Further, the Commission found that extending the road beyond I-95 would affect adversely traffic along Route 1 and highways that serve federal facilities located in Prince Georges County. Possible adverse impacts

THANKS

To the Editor:

A heartfelt thanks to our neighbors on Greendale Place for their cards, Mass cards, and flowers sent to us on the recent death of our beloved husband and father. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

> Eleanor G. Thompson Shirley G. Donkis M. Douglas Thompson

were seen on NASA and Secret Service facilities, the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge and the National Agricultural Research Center.

Correction

The price for the Windsor Canadian 80° 1.75 L. was incorrectly listed in the Beltway Liquors ad which appeared in last week's issue of this paper. The correct price should have been \$9.89. The News Review regrets the error and any inconvenience to the store and its customers.

SIDEWALK SALE

Children's and Maternity Clothes Saturday, Oct. 15

> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **GREENBELT CENTER MALL**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP THE GREENBELT LA LECHE LEAGUE PROMOTE "GOOD MOTHERING THROUGH BREASTFEEDING"



CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting of October 3, 1983, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1983-1 (Resolution #554); and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1983-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF AR-TICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", to AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARY-LAND OF 1983, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SUBSECTION 9 OF SECTION 3, TITLE "GEN-ERAL POWERS," TO PROVIDE THAT FINES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED \$500; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATION MAY BE DECLARED A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION, A CIVIL OFFENSE

The above Charter amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 22nd day of November, 1983, unless on or before the 12th day of November, 1983 there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the regular election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above referenced Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager

Las Vegas Nite FRIDAY, OCT. 14

8 p.m. - 2 a.m. FIREHOUSE

6910 Glenn Dale Rd. For more info - 577-3215



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council Monday, October 17, 1983 8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Meditation Pledge of Allegiance to
 - 4. Minutes of Council Meetings
 - 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Mana-
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 - 6. Petitions and Requests
 - 7. Administrative Reports
 - 8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 9. Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Inter-County Connector
- 10. WSSC Storm Water Management Alternatives - Hanover Park-
- 11. Appointment to Advisory Planning Board

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 12. Site Plan of Maryland Trade Center Park Office Building (Baker Property)
- 13. Site Development Plan Overflow Parking Lot, Golden Triangle
- 14. Preliminary Plan -Reservation Plat, Outlot "A", North Spring-hill Lake
- 15. Traffic Study Greenbelt Road, Cipriano Road to Kenilworth Avenue
- 16. Youth Services Bureau Letter of Support
- 17. Proposal for Charter Amendment - Bond
- 18. Liquor License Transfer - Pizza Inn
- MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change

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ing toward having something on the statute books by the end of November — that is, decisions being made during one of the two regular meetings in November.

And then someone pointed out that representatives of "the other side" had not yet been heard from, and put the words "cats" and "leashes" into one sentence. Coxon thereupon fired the final shots in the evening's battle, by declaring, "I've never brought up the subject of cats" in relation to leash laws - "I've never been attacked by a vicious cat!"

The war is scheduled to resume at a work session of council on Monday, October 24.

Municipal Infractions

In separate action related (but not necessarily limited) to the animal control issue, council gave final approval to a charter amendment that will let the city impose fines for violation of city ordinances and regulations. In the past, most violations of city ordinances have been considered misdemeanors and had to be tried as criminal violations by the courts. State law now lets municipalities declare that certain violations of city ordinances and regulations are "municipal infrac-tions," which are civil violations of the law.

The charter amendment will let council decide which violations are to be brought into the municipal infraction category and will let council set fines for infractions not to exceed \$500.

Senior Pedestrians

Late in the long evening, another oral scuffle broke out when council reached an agenda item introduced by Weidenfeld. The item had to do with the pedestrian cross-walk on Ridge Road in front of Green Ridge House, and in particular the pushbutton-operated flashing yellow lights installed there last year by the city at the direction of council. As Weidenfeld explained the problem, some seniors living at Green Ridge House complained during a September Candidates' Night that the caution light is not effective in slowing down moving vehicles.

The councilmembers showed some initial inclination to disagree among themselves on tac extent of the problem and its possible solutions. At one point, for example, Pilski suggested that the others must have been at a different Candidates' Night than the one he attended. But Giese quickly unified the councilmembers - against himself.

Giese had told council in his written comments on the agenda that the city has ordered an additional sign, expected to be mounted very soon, which will tell motorists they must yield to pedestrians in the cross-walk. Pilski, however, now declared that what is needed is a red light. Giese began listing his objections: Children will play with the pushbutton just to see the cars stop. "There's a lot more (complaining) than there is using of that

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light." Residents need to use caution; they need to push the button (which, said Giese, many do not), and they must expect that cars may not stop. "There's no way I can guarantee safety," concluded Giese.

To all of which Pilski declared that it is up to council, not the city manager, to decide the matter. "I want that red light," said Pilski, and so do the Green Ridge residents. Giese replied that if council wants the city to pay for a red light, the city will get the red light. But, added Giese, it cannot be just be a red light: It will have to meet state trafficlight requirements and provide the full green-yellow-red sequence.

At this point, former council-member Robert Zugby entered the fray. First saying that he had sworn not to open his mouth during the evening, Zugby (who was defeated in the recent council election) then told council that "A flashing yellow light never told me to stop" at the Green Ridge crossing. He still believes the answer is a stop sign, which would stop everyone with no concern about unpushed buttons or electrical failures. Giese responded that traffic experts do not recommend stop signs at mid-block locations where motorists would not expect to find them. The stop sign in such a case would pose even greater danger for the pedestrian who ssumes the car will stop. Weidenfeld said he prefers the red light.

Giese made one final attempt to persuade council that the present yellow flashing light plus the new sign is what is needed. But an annoyed Pilski shot back, "I'm not talking about a sign, I'm talking about people who are very insecure about crossing a street." If it is going to cost \$1000 to make it safe, we should pay it, said Pilski.

Giese: "You can put in the light, but it isn't going to eliminate the complaints."

Pilski moved that city staff determine the cost and start moving toward installation of a red light. New councilmember Antoinette Bram amended the motion to include a buzzer that will let blind residents know the light is working. The motion passed unani- county council.

Revenue Sources

Giese reported to council that County Executive Parris Glendening has expressed a willingness to credit the county's municipalities with about \$6.5 million as compensation for duplicate services provided both by the county and the cities. Giese noted that this would equate to a reduction in the county property tax rate of perhaps 50 cents per \$100 as-sessed valuation. However, he said, in gaining this credit from the county, the city would lose the present lesser cash rebate which the county now gives for duplicate services. To make up this difference, Greenbelt might have to increase the city's property tax rate by eight to nine cents. Giese said that county staff is working on proposed legislation, for consideration by county council that would accomplish this change. Giese told council he feels this is a "good faith" effort by Glendening. Weidenfeld said he sees this as the first equitable treatment of the municipalities by the county in many years.

In another matter, council decided on its request to the county for new Community Development Block Grants. The city is asking for money, in order of priority, for further reconstruction of Ridge Road (Westway to Crescent); reconstruction of Gardenway in its entirety; and renovation of North End School. Giese remarked that county staff felt last year that the city was "going beyond the realm of civility" in asking for North End funds. However, Weidenfeld urged that all three projects be included, even though he foresees that Greenbelt may be given no CDBG funds this year

Legislation

More than a year ago, County Executive Glendening proposed modification of county zoning law to permit adaptive reuse of surplus school buildings as special exceptions to existing zoning. Although such special exceptions would require, in each case, super majority approval by county council, Greenbelt and other municipalities objected so strongly that Glendening's proposal (CB 113) was never introduced before

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plus school are put in motion.

City Solicitor Emmett Nanna advised council that the real problem with CB 113 is that it would create "spot zoning," which then could be interpreted as having led to a "change in the neighborhood," and this in turn could lead to further rezoning efforts in an area.

Council voted its opposition to CB 113.

Appointments

Council accepted the resignation from the city's Advisory Planning Board of Antoinette Bram, now a newly elected councilmember.

Donald Volk, whose term on APB was due to expire, was reappointed for another term. Volk has served on APB since 1965.

Council recommended the appointment of Virginia Moryadas to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Greenbelt-College Park-Langley Park Master Plan. The county council (acting as the district council) makes these appointments. Moryadas joins Greenbelters J Davis, Antoinette Bram, and Ray McCawley in being recommended by council for membership on this group.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA Thursday

October 20, 1983 8:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Membership Applications
- Visitors & Members

4. Manager

- a. Fiscal Procedures Manual b. NCCB Patronage Divi-
- dend c. Larger Townhome structural report
- d. Manager's proposed 1984 budget
- 5. Committees
- 6. President 7. Board Members

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judge handed down the following written decisions in a "Memorandum Opinion and Order" on September 27:

1. "In favor of Murray and against plaintiff (Ladnier) on the negligence claim arising out of the motorcycle - police car colli-sion." While the jury had recommended a \$5,000 award to Ladnier, Judge Young points out that under common law in Maryland Ladnier's own negligence as a contributory factor to the accident "is an absolute bar" to any recovery by Ladnier.

2. "In favor of plaintiff (Ladnier) and against Murray in his indi-vidual capacity on the (federal civil rights) claim for unjustified use of force in the amount of \$15,000 compensatory damages and \$50,000 punitive damages.'

In explaining the reasoning behind the second decision, the court made note of some inconsistencies in the jury's answers to certain of the questions in the special verdict. The jury found that Murray applied physical force to Ladnier that "was so disproportionate to the need presented as to be shocking to the conscience and that caused injuries" to Ladnier. However, the jury also determined that Murray did not "commit a battery" on Ladnier and that "Murray's use of force or threatened use of force was not inspired by an evil purpose or malicious intent."

Judge Young, in a six-page dis-cussion, writes that "application of the governing law to these findings requires an entry of judgment in favor of (Ladnier) and against Murray in his individual capacity on the (federal law) claim of unjustified use of force." The key issues here are "immunity" and "malice," Im-"immunity" and "malice," Immunity for police officers is generally broad and protect police officers and police departments against such judgments unless ma-lice is shown. Murray claimed immunity based on the jury's finding that he did not act with an evil purpose. Federal and State laws differ, as do their definitions of concepts such as "malice." On this federal civil rights charge, Judge Young argues that the jury's finding that Murray did not show malice would immunize him "only if he did not know or should not have reasonably known that his actions violated the con-stitutional rights of others." Judge Young writes that "impli-cit in the jury's finding that Murray's use of force was shocking to the conscience is the further finding that Murray knew or at least should have known that his actions violated the constitutional rights of (Ladnier).'

Judge Young makes the further point that while "actual mai ce" (requiring evil purpose) is not proved, "legal malice" (showing recklessness or indifference) is

proved. The fact that the jury assessed punitive damages against Murray after being instructed "they could do so only if they found that Murray acted with reckless disregard or indifference to plaintiff's rights reveals that the jury found that Murray acted with legal mai.ce."

Judge Young goes beyond the issues raised in defense of Murray to deal with three other arguments the judge felt attorneys "might have made but did not," and rejects all of them. "In conclusion," writes the judge, "the jury's finding that Murray used physical force so disproportionate to the need presented as to be shocking to the conscience is sufficient to hold Murray liable (under federal civil rights laws in his individual capacity.'

3. "In favor of the City of Greenbelt, Lane in his official capacity and Murray in his official capacity on the (federal law) claims for reckless or indifferent training of Murray." On this charge, the jury's answers provided a clear guide for the court. The City of Greenbelt, the jury had said, was not reckless or indifferent in its training, supervision and control of Murray. Even though the jury had found that Chief Lane was reckless or indifferent in his training, supervision and control of Murray, they did not find that this contributed to Ladnier's injuries. Murray, writes Judge Young, "can only be held liable in his official capacity if there was some basis for holding the City of Greenbelt liable."

4. "In favor of Murray and against plaintiff on the (state law) assault and battery claims." The decision of the court in Murray's favor is based on the concept of immunity. Under state law, "actual malice," which Judge Young writes is needed to defeat immunity, was not proved.

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Our Neighbors

Our deepest sympathy to the Capotosto family on the death of Joanne Capotosto.

Condolences to Greenbelter Hal Silvers and former Greenbelter Smaro Bloodworth on the death of their mother, Mrs. Smaro Pappas. Condolences also to Mrs. Smaro's grandchildren, Constance and Lawrence Silvers, Mrs. Helen C. Morman and little Smaro Bloodworth and granddaughter Shannon.

Mike Jones of Northway spent from 4:30 p.m. Sunday until 9 a.m. Monday, October 10, in line at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium. Leading the crowd in hourly cheers (including one that opened the 11 p.m. news for channel 2) until 3 a.m., when the Baltimore Police requested less noise, he finally got tickets in the upper deck, one section away from "Wild Bill" Hagy.

William Crompton and Joan

Police Blotter

compiled by Mavis Fletcher

A rash of breaking and entering cases occurred last week. On Oct. 6 a residence in the 9300 block of Edmonston Rd. was entered, apparently without force, and jewelry was taken. On the same date, the lock on a storage bin in the 5800 block of Cherrywood La. was forced and household goods were taken. On Oct. 7, a single-family dwelling on Lakeside Dr. was entered and money was stolen. Suspects broke a sliding glass door in a residence in the 7300 block of Morrison Dr. on the same day and stole money. On Oct. 8, a purse was removed from a home in the 14 Court of Laurel Hill when a thief reached in through an un-locked window. No-force entries were also made into dwellings in the 9100 block of Edmonston Terr. on Oct. 9 and in the 9300 block of Edmonston Rd. on Oct. 5.

Cpl. Daniel P. O'Neil arrested two resident juveniles for shoplifting at Best Products Co. on Oct. 8. He also arrested a nonresident juvenile for shoplifting at Shoetown on Oct. 6.

Stereo equipment was stolen from a car parked at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School on Oct. 6. A battery was taken from an auto in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane on Oct. 7. And hubcaps were stolen from a Bryce are the proud parents of a newborn baby, Jackson William Crompton. He was born at 5:37 p.m. in Washington Adventist Hospital on October 5. Jackson weighed nine pounds and was 22 inches long at birth. He also has an aunt, Frances Arnold, living at 19 Court Ridge in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to George and Dorothy Eshbaugh of 12 A Ridge Rd., who celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on Oct. 11. They have lived in Greenbelt for forty-six years. George worked for the Greenbelt Post Office. He retired in 1960 as Assistant Post Master after 18 years.

George was on the organizing committee for the Community Church where they are Charter Members. Dorothy taught the beginners there for 15 years. George was active in the Boy Scouts for many years.

The Eshbaughs have a daughter, Marilyn, and a son, G. Mahlon, Jr., who passed away in 1952 at the age of twenty-four. They have four grandchildren.

Pfc. Celso B. Alonso, son of Sonia B. Davila of Hanover Parkway, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Dr. Till Bergemann of Greenbelt has been recertified as a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) as a result of passing a recertification examination. Dr. Bergemann thus maintains specialist status in family practice.

car parked in the 7800 block of Mandan Rd. over the weekend.

Officer Alan J. Riskin arrested a non-resident female for shoplifting at Shoetown on Oct. 8.

On Sept. 26 Officer Daniel Allwang arrested a non-resident male on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute. The arrest was made subsequent to traffic charges when the suspect's vehicle was inventoried before impounding.

Officer Michael Rasmussen arrested a non-resident female for shoplifting from the Safeway store in the Greenway Shopping Center

A service station on Greenbelt Road reported that several cases of oil were stolen from their storage area on Sept. 23.

SOCCER NEWS

by Sue Cornelius

Last week was a rough one for our Greenbelt teams. Not one team won a game, but Greenbelt II (6 year olds) managed to score one goal against Beltsville (by Stevie Klem) in a 2-1 loss. The 11-year old county team lost 3-2 to first place South Bowie with John Stringfellow and Adrian Tapley scoring goals.

Jaime Brignoli scored Greenbelt's one goal in its 2-1 loss to Lanham I. Greenbelt II experienced its first victory against Cheverly, 4-0. Stevie Klem scored a "hat-trick." Daniel Gomez scored the other goal. The 8-year old team also won 2-1, with Faren Fagen and Mike Kramer scoring for Greenbelt.

The 10-year old county team

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