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# **Greenbelt East Development Boom Would Pose Grave Traffic Problems**

#### by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt landscape - especially around the core of the city — has been changing since the late seventies. Office parks, a new shopping center and hotel are already on the scene, with more construction underway and still more planned. Residential develop-ment, however, has not matched the feverish commercial-office park activity in the city. Except for the Windsor Green-Glen Ora townhouse development in Greenbelt East, where 320 of 650 homes have been completed, as well as several new individually built homes in the core of the city, residential construction has been at a standstill.

Primarily because of high-interest rates developers so far have found it economically infeasible to move ahead on residential housing. However, with the mushrooming of intense commercial, hotel and office park complexes in Greenbelt and its environs, with the prediction that the city could become the secondhighest employment center in Maryland, and with financing and interest rates becoming more favorable, developers sense that the time is ripe for new residential development as well. They also observe that people want to find housing near their place of employment and are willing to pay higher rentals.

However, some of the kind of housing being talked about is that which Greenbelt city councils and residents have fought against for decades — high-density apartments.

The city already has 4,806 apartment units, 1,887 townhouses, 893 condominium units and 500 single-family homes. Over the years there has been an evident demand for more detached single-family homes. Many Greenbelt families have reluctantly moved away from the city because either larger or enough free-standing homes have not been available.

Consequently, a preliminary plan of subdivision for the 21.66 acre Smith-Ewing tract located on the south-eastern corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road can be expected to generate citizen and council concern. The present zoning of this wooded tract, R-10 (high-rise, highdensity apartments, 48 units an acre), would permit 1,039 units to be built. Concern has already been expressed in a draft traffic report (see adjacent story) prepared for the city by the Maryland-National Capital Park Planning and Commission (M-NCPPC). The study recommends that the tract be down-zoned, possibly to R-T (townhouse development), because

"even with improvements" the projected highway network could not accommodate the intense traffic from an R-10 development at peak hours. Under R-T, no more than 183 townhouses could be developed.

The contract purchaser for the Smith-Ewing property told the News-Review it is premature at this stage to say that high-rise apartments will be built. Other options could be considered, he said, adding that the major interest at this time is the preliminary plan. In particular, he was concerned with the extension of Ora Glen Road from the Glen Ora development through the Smith-Ewing tract to Hanover Parkway. A preliminary subdivision plan depicts roads, easements and existing public facilities on or near the land.

M-NCPPC has scheduled a hearing on the preliminary plan of subdivision on December 8.

The city's Advisory Planning Board will meet on November 9 to discuss the plan. After receiving a report from APB, the city council will make a recommendation to M-NCPPC.

#### **Traffic Problems**

The serious traffic conditions now existing along Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road can be expected to become a driver's nightmare if the maximum number of units— 1,039—is allowed to be developed on the Smith-Ewing tract. Hanover Parkway and Mandan

See DEVELOPMENT, p. 5, col. 1

# M-NCPPC Traffic Study Projects Congested Artery through City as Development Increases

#### by Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

At the request of the City of Greenbelt, the Transportation Planning Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has completed a draft study of traffic projections for Greenbelt Rd. from the western to beyond the eastern boundaries of the city. These projections are

#### What Goes On

Mon., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. County Towing Task Force public hearing, Roosevelt High School

City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., Nov. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Congressman Steny Hoyer's Town Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board, Municipal Building based on presently existing and planned future development of property whose access roads will feed into this artery.

The study area encompasses Greenbelt Rd. from Branchville (the B & O Railroad tracks) on the west to Good Luck Rd. on the east. Included in the study is the Greenbelt Rd. intersection with Kenilworth Ave., extending south as far as the southern end of the Westchester Park development and north as far as Ivy Lane. The area studied also includes the intersections of the Capital Beltway with Kenilworth and with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The city took the step of asking for the study to document its claim that attention to adequate traffic flow should go hand in hand with developmental planning on adjacent properties. In the view of city officials, a legacy of 20 years ago is now coming to be realized with potentially dire consequences for Greenbelt. Decisions made in the early 1960s by the Prince Georges County Planning Board and the Board of County Commissioners (predecessors to the County Council) were viewed by the city even that early as exceedingly generous to developers. But county official, were boasting that this was the fastest growing — or next-tofastest growing — county in the United States.

Now, as the M-NCPPC study shows, development that has taken place in the last 20 years has seriously impaired traffic flow at two intersections in Greenbelt. The situation will be tolerable only if traffic improver made as additional building occurs. And in one respect the study may be already outmoded. For it assumes that a parcel of about 22 acres at the southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Rd. would not be developed as now zoned-R-10 (high-rise apartment zoning)-but, instead would actually be built under R-T zoning. R-10 would permit construction of 1,039 units on the tract; R-T would authorize construction of 183 townhouses. See TRAFFIC, page 6, col. 1

# New Draft Ordinance on Animal Controls Discussed by Council

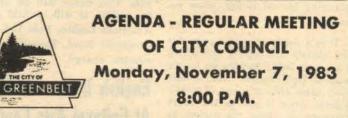
#### by Sandra Barnes

Compared to the emotional meetings of the past several months over the animal control issue, the Monday, October 24 City Council work session was a model of decorum. In tedious though workmanlike fashion, council generally accepted City Manager James K. Giese's recommendations on changes to the Animal Control Ordinance presently in force. A dozen citizens monitored the action, commenting here and there, generally concurring, and even smiling as they witnessed their many long hours of complaints and testimony reaching a happy conclusion.

First Giese reported that two part-time animal wardens have been hired. He maintained that two part-time wardens offers more flexibility in covering week-day, evening and week-end hours than a full-time warden could provide. One warden is a student at the University of Maryland's College of Veterinary Medicine and another is a city employee who works the evening, weekend shift. The city also plans to purchase a vehicle for the specific use of the animal control warden.

Basically, the city manager advocated changes to the ordinance which would bring it into compliance with county regulations, since state law gives authority to the county rather than the municipality in many animal control areas. The city manager recommended that the city exit from the licensing of dogs, since this is a county function in association with the rables vaccinations, similarly a county function.

It seemed to make more sense for a dog owner to obtain both the vaccination and license from one source rather than a rabies shot from the county and license from the city or licenses from both the city and county. The city can enforce county laws. Vi-See DOGS, page 4, col. 1



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#### Get the Litter-Gitter

To the Editor:

The Public Works Department of the City of Greenbelt told me that the litter-gitter (leaf vacuum) is not out now and they do not plan to send it out for "several weeks." What are they planning to use it for, snow removal?

It is a fairly simple matter for the elderly and infirm (of which I am now both) to rake up leaves with a light-weight leaf broom, rake them onto a piece of heavy plastic, drag it out to the court entrance or along the street. It is difficult and tiring to bag them, as well as expensive. Few of the elderly and infirm can afford to hire it done. Some my age simply don't have the money anytime.

The simple solution for this is to get the leaf vacuum out for leaves and don't wait until after the first snowfall.

Janet M. James

# Rummage Sale

A bazaar and rummage sale will be held this Sunday and Monday at Mishkan Torah Syna gogue, Ridge and Westway. The sale, organized by the synagogue sisterhood, will include hundreds of items, such as almost - new clothes and household items, office chairs, school desks and toys.

Of special interest this year will be the sale of thousands of dollars of brand new women's and men's clothing donated by B. Briggs & Co., a clothing store located in Ellicott City and Severna Park. Among these new items are fall and winter skirts, blazers, blouses, men's suits, and many other items suitable for holiday gift giving. Baked goods will also be for sale.

The hours of the sale are Sunday, November 6 from 9 to 5 and Monday, November 7 from 9 to 3.

**Holiday Refuse Schedule** Because of the VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 1983, there will be NO REFUSE COL-LECTION THAT DAY. The following schedule will be followed for the week beginning November 7: Monday and Tuesday will be on regular schedule. NO PAPER PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY. Thursday's customers will be picked up on Wednesday, and Friday's customers will be picked up on Thursday.

#### **Special Olympics** Parents Without Partners, Nomad Chapter 1192, will hold a community services dance on Fri-

**Dance to Benefit** 

Thursday, November 3, 1983

day, November 11 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. to benefit the Prince Georges County Special Olympics. This dance will be open to the public. It will be held at the American Legion, Post 136-6900 Greenbelt Road. There is an admission charge.

# **English Drama on Stage** At Cultural Arts Center

Lion in Winter, the dramacomedy by James Goldman, will be on stage at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center Fridays and Saturdays, November 11-26 at 8:15 p.m. A matinee is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Bruce C. Miller, Bird Lane, takes the part of Henry II. Marie Tousignant of Olivewood Court is Queen Eleanor. Joe Ross. Lastner Lane, is Prince John, and Kelly Holl of Greenbriar takes the role of Alais. Prince Philip is played by Bob Mogel, who grew up in 45 Court Ridge and whose parents live on Green Knolls Place.

Other cast members' include Jeff Beyrent as Prince Richard, and Bruce Pope as Prince Geoffrey. The play is directed by Cliff Smith.

The story revolves around the intrigues and bickering of King Henry II and his wife Eleanor, ns Henry tries to choose an heir to his throne from among his three sons. The setting is England in the Middle Ages.

There is an admission charge.

To the Editor: We want to thank all of our friends and neighbors for the kindness and generosity shown our family during the illness and

passing of Joanne. The tremendous outpouring of love helped to lift the spirits of all of us at a very difficult time. The Capotosto Family

#### THANKS

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To the Editor: We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors and the St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity for their loving kindness and sympathy upon the recent death of our father and grandfather, Lawrence J. Dennis.

The Dambrauskas family

#### FILM AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Greenbelt Baptist Church will present the film "God's Prison Gang" on Sunday, November 6 at 7 p.m. Narated by Art Linkletter, the film takes its viewers behind New York's Attica Prison. Al Capone's favorite driver and a survivor of the Bonnie and Clyde gang tell how their lives have been changed by the gospel. The film runs 44 minutes.

The public is invited. There is no charge but a freewill offering will be taken.

#### **Greenbelt Jaycees to Hold** Food Drive for the Needy

On Saturday, November 12, the Greenbelt Jaycees will hold its annual Thanksgiving Can Goods Drive. Jaycees will be in front of the Co-op, in front of the Safeway in Greenway Shopping Center and at the A & P in Beltway Plaza.

The Greenbelt Jaycees will accept can goods and boxed items which will be turned over to the Catholic Charities of the Metropolitan area through St. Hugh's Catholic Church. The goods will be used to help the needy in the OM to

#### **Citrus Fruit Sale**

Music Department students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are again selling citrus fruit this year as a means of financing the activities of the orchestra and three bands. Boxes of navel oranges and pink grapefruit may be ordered before Nov. 8 by calling 441-2662. The fruit will be delivered Nov. 16.

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

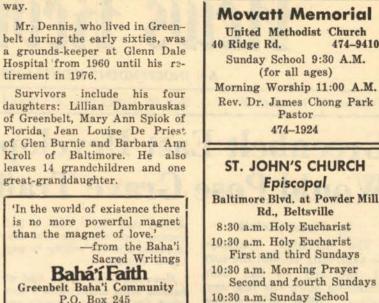
St. George's Catholic Church Sat., Nov. 5 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bake Sale, Gift Crafts,, Shoppe, Kiddie Korner, Ethnic Foods and Ra e. FREE Admission. For Information call Mary Jane 474-5399 725-0268 Roslyn



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# **Greenbelt Community Church**



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#### 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.

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Worship Services Sundays 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:50 a.m.; Pre-School Program 9:50 to close of late service Youth Meeting 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AUCTION Friday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 - 4:30 p.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

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# **Drug Abuse Program** Part II Wednesday

The second part of a two-part television program, "The Chemi-cal People," will be broadcast by PBS station WETA (Channel 26) and WHMM (Channel 32) on November 9 at 8 p.m. The program addresses the drug and alcohol abuse problems of today's youth.

Entitled, "A Call to Action," this second part will present guidelines for forming a task force that will be responsible for educating and motivating people to take action against drug and alsohol abuse. The program will blueprint how communities can form parent groups and use existing alliances to take specific local action.

Concerned parents and citizens are again invited to a "Town Meeting" that night at Eleanor Roosevelt High School at 8 p.m. to view the TV program.

The program is intended to serve as a plan for organizing a citizen task force to explore solutions and have ongoing activity that will continue after the series is aired.

The meeting is sponsored by Stayin' Alive, a school/community alcohol and other drugs abuse intervention and prevention committee chaired by the Rev. Edward Birner of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

#### **FLEA MARKET**

The Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 63rd Avenue and Greenbelt Road, College Park, will hold a flea market on Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the special scholarship fund.



# **Baby Shower for Center**

Pregnancy Aid Center of College Park is sponsoring a baby shower Sunday, Nov. 6 after all masses at St. Hugh's Church on Crescent Road. The Center is requesting donations of new and used baby clothes and furniture, which will be used to help the center's clients. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Pregnancy Aid Center is an organization devoted to the welfare of the pregnant woman and her unborn child. Services provided by the center include pregnancy tests, pregnancy and post-abortion counseling, as well as mater-ial assistance in the form of clothes for infants and pregnant women and baby furniture. For more information, please call Fifi Grenchick at 345-7830 or Julie Stratchko at 474-4879.

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. Gregory's Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville, will hold their annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Various booths will include a general crafts booth, holiday crafts, treasures of the attic, Kiddie Korner, religious, bake sale, cash and handmade quilt raffles, and gift shoppe. The kitchen will serve ethnic foods of holubki, holushki and kolachki, and also hot dogs and sloppy joes.

Admission is free. For further information contact Mary Jane 474-5399, Roslyn 725-0268, or the Rectory 953-9323, where Father John Basarab is pastor.

### GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW **Public Hearing Set**

# **For Towing Laws**

Responding to legislation introduced by County Councilman Richard Castaldi and passed by the Council in February, a Towing Task Force will hold a public hearing Monday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments and questions from condominium and apartment residents concerning the towing laws as they pertain to private property. A first hearing was held recently in the southern part of the county.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting should sign up in ad-vance by calling the Office of the Consumer Protection Commission, 952-4700.

#### **City to Distribute Food To Some Area Citizens**

The City of Greenbelt is again participating in a free food program sponsored by the Prince Georges County Department of Social Services. Distribution will be on Wednesday, November 9, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (for persons whose last name begins with letters M through Z) and 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (for persons whose last name begins with letters A through L). This distribution is only for those who did not receive food on September 28 or 29. Recipients must present a registration slip provided by Social Services in order to receive free food. For any questions on this program, or to help with distribution, please call the city offices, 474-8052.

## **GHI NOTES**

The GHI Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, November 3 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. The agenda item to be discussed is the proposed budget for 1984.

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet at 8 p.m. on November 8 in the Board Room. Two committees will meet on November 9 at 8 p.m. The Personnel Committee will meet on November 9 at the Aesthetics and Environment Committee will meet in the Lunch Room.

GHI members can find out how to reduce their electric bills at the Energy Management Workshop scheduled for November 10 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. This is the first of many workshops GHI hopes to sponsor this year. Anyone with a special request for a workshop should fill out the survey form in their GHI Newsletter or call 474-6644.

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# **Pulmonary Care Program**

Prince Georges General Hospital and Medical Center is offering another session of its Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program. This program is designed for anyone suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (asthma, emphysema, bronchitis). The next session will begin November 14. Applications are now being accepted. For more information or to register for the program, call 341-4980.

**GLENN DALE** FIRE HOUSE **Annual Pancake** Brunch Sunday, Nov. 6 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For information, call 577-3215

begins at 7 p.m.



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in the Holiday Inn

#### DOGS, cont. from page 1

olation of the county ordinance can bring an errant dog owner before the Animal Control Commission, which has the power to fine as well as impound or destroy an animal, depending on the severity of the case.

Since rabies has become a critical danger recently (the city solicitor Emmet Nanna termed the problem "epidemic" in Montgomery County), it was felt that cats should be vaccinated and licensed. The city would main-tain the licensing function for cats since state law does not provide for licensing of cats and the county does not license or provide rabies shots for cats. Cats can and do transmit rabies, Giese noted.

A section of the ordinance on animals running at large is rec-ommended to read: "Animals kept outdoors on the premises of the owners shall be kept within a fenced enclosure of suitable design to prevent the animal from escaping or shall be placed under the restraint of a leash secured to a fixed object. No owner of any dog shall allow or fail to prevent such dog from being upon public streets, sidewalks, public parks or other public areas unless the dog is under the restraint of a leash or lead not to exceed 8 feet."

Violation of this ordinance would be declared a municipal infraction (similar to a traffic ticket) and subject to a fine of \$10 for the first offense, and fines in \$10 increments for repeat offenders over a six-month period. Dog owners whose animals are declared nuisances because of, for example, excessive and persistent barking would be subject to a misdemeanor charge and a fine up to \$500. The municipal infraction can be served by the animal warden; however the nuisance charge must be served by a law enforcement officer. The city manager also recommended a daily boarding fee of \$5 in addition to a \$10 impounding fee for

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ance will require the dog owner to remove excrement left upon public property or private property without the consent of the property owner. Violaters will be subject to a municipal infraction (ticket). Keeping wild animals such as raccoons as pets will be unlawful also.

In regard to animals that are vicious or have bitten someone, the city's ordinance would be brought into conformity with state law, which places the responsibility for action with the county health officer. County ordinance declares that dogs determined to be vicious cannot be permitted on any street unless leashed or muzzled and in the charge of a responsible person. A police officer or animal warden may kill such a dog found at large if the dog cannot be captured.

Although the city's Community Relations Advisory Board recommended establishing a city Animal Control Commission, the city manager felt it would duplicate the county's commission. Nor did he recommend a limitation on the number of dogs a person might legally own since, "While four dogs in a GHI house may constitute a nuisance, the same may be true of four Great Danes but not for five Chihuahuas or eight house cats." Size of the house, yard and general care of the animals are also factors in how many animals a person may have without creating prob-

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lems for neighbors.

Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski recommended a uniform for the animal control warden which would be distinguished from the regular city public works uniform to convey greater authority. Other items on the agenda in-

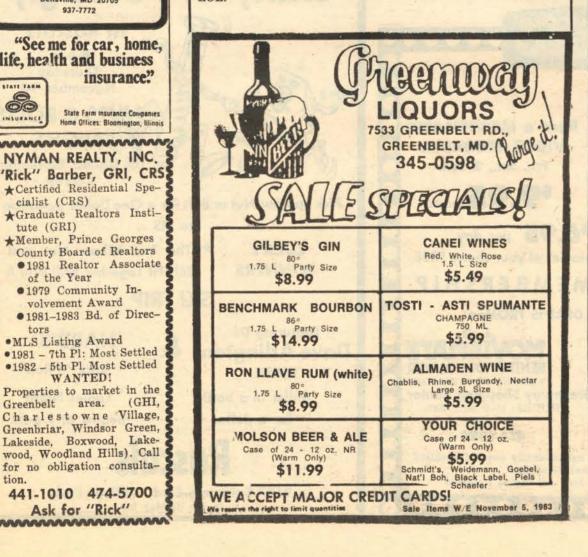
cluded the issue of police liability insurance, which was tabled, and a resolution to purchase a heat pump for the municipal building, which passed second reading. The meeting ended amicably

with council and citizens confident that the reforms would be passed to provide greater enforcement. Giese commented that there has been improvement in the situation already due to a combination of factors: the rabies scare, publicity over citizen complaints, and increased patrol-ling by the two part-time animal wardens. The revised ordinance is tentatively scheduled to be on the November 7 agenda of the city council.



MARYLAND

HELP WANTED: Communications Specialist I, full-time for Police Department Communications office. Must be 18 years of age, have high school diploma or equivalent be willing to do shift work, have ability to touch type and ability to operate radio dispatching and computer terminal equipment. Salary \$12,376 per annum and full City benefits. Applications accepted through November 18, 1983 at City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, 474-8052 EOE.





Thursday, November 3, 1983 Our Neighbors

# Development Plans

#### (Continued from page one)

Road, north of Greenbelt Road, are the only roads that serve the existing 1,193 unit Greenbriar condominium/Glen Oaks apartment development. Hanover is the entrance to Eleanor Roosevelt High School as well. These same roads will also be traversed by residents of the proposed 194unit Green Holly townhouse to be located across from Glen Oaks on a 24-acre tract.

At present, Mandan Road and Frankfort Drive south of Greenbelt Road, are the only entrances and exits to Greenbelt Road for Windsor Green/Glen Ora home owners.

Residents of nearby Goddard Space Village/Hunting Ridge apartments with their 320 rental and 362 condominium units respectively, exit and enter Greenbelt Road via Hanover Parkway. The same is true for occupants of the existing Maryland Trade Center Park's 16-story tower and the 200-room Holiday Inn opening later this month. Traffic from the 12-story Trade Center Building II, now under construction, the proposed Martin's Inc. catering facility for 2,000 persons, and one low-rise and two townhouse professional buildings will also funnel through Hanover Parkway to reach Greenbelt Road.

All these developments and proposed developments are close to other Greenbelt Road major commercial and residential buildings in existence or in process—Cipriano Square, a 196,728 square foot shopping mall, Cipriano Woods development of 50 townhouses, 600 Braebrook rental apartments, and 280 Chelsea Woods condominium apartments. Work on the extension of Han-

over Parkway to Good Luck Rd. is expected to begin in 1984. This has stirred up interest among developers in properties south and east of the Maryland Trade Center Park, just outside of Greenbelt's city limits. On the 145-acre plus Tidler tract adjacent to Glen Ora, talk is centering on developing townhouses for part of the tract. The Freda Bell property located south of Maryland Trade Center Park has been sold several times. Plans for that tract, which is zoned R-10, calls for some 478 units in three highrise buildings. These plans have been stalled on the drawing boards for several years.

In the meantime a review of the 1970 College Park-Greenbelt Area Master Plan, which now includes Langley Park, is in process.

Greenbelt councils have consistently opposed piecemeal development and favored phasing in of new construction only after key public facilities are in place. The present evaluation of the Master Plan is seen as an opportunity to look at the area as a whole.

#### PGCC Offers Computer Course in Greenbriar

Prince Georges Community College is now accepting registrations for a course in small office computers. Registration ends three days prior to the class starting date.

"Mini-Computers for Business and Small Office," a two-session course, will be held from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10 and 17, at the Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. There is a fee.

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by Eileen Peterson Grenada became more than just

a name in the news for Greenbelters Brenda and Daniel Spears of Mandan Road when they finally got a phone call Tuesday evening—with good news. Their son, 20-year-old Army

evening—with good news. Their son, 20-year-old Army Pvt. Dan, is on Grenada as a member of the 82nd Miliary Police Company, 82nd Airborne Division.

"We had calls from him (from Ft. Bragg, N.C.) twice a week, but he hadn't called in 10 days, and we couldn't find out where he was," Brenda recalls, "We were pretty sure he was in Grenada."

Dan had just completed parachute jump school and was home on leave for two weeks in early October. The 1982 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School told his parents he would be going to upstate New York for cold-weather training.

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Dan, Sr., is a former Marine and was pretty sure his son was fine, but it was a relief to get the reporter's call. More information will have to come from Dan-from Grenada or after he returns to the U.S.

Alan Amberg and Carl Choper of Greenbelt were among the 19 University of Maryland Chancellor's Scholars from Prince Georges County recently honored by the Prince Georges County Alumni Club of the University of Maryland Alumni Association— International. Both Alan and Carl were on the staff of the Greenbelt News Review.

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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.



### **Traffic Study of Greenbelt Road**

(Continued from page 1)

The tract owner, however, recently filed a preliminary plan of subdivision to build to the R-10 capacity. His action contrasts with the recommendation in the M-NCPPC staff report that the "parcel should be downzoned, possibly to R-T. . ." Were it to be developed as R-10, the staff warned, the traffic generated "cannot be accommodated on the projected highway network even with improvements."

At present two intersections are operating at below acceptable levels in the peak rush hours of the afternoon. The Greenbelt Road/B-W Parkway Ramp/ Greenway Center entrance/exit is at "F" level in the afternoon (back-ups and jamming). Planned development, even with programmed highway improvements, will result in a second intersection at "F" level—the Southway/ Greenbelt Rd./Parkway ramp. In addition, a general lowering of service levels at other intersections is projected.

Programmed improvements assumed in the study include the Greenbelt Rd./Kenilworth Ave. interchange, the widening of Greenbelt Rd. from four to six lanes from the B-W Parkway to Mandan Rd., and the extension of Hanover Parkway to Good Luck Rd.

Additional improvements are recommended in the report. These include: lengthening the northbound Parkway off-ramp; moving this Parkway entrance/exit eastward about half the distance from where it is now to Hanover Parkway to create a T-intersection with Greenbelt Rd. (and another T-intersection at the Greenway Shopping Center entrance/exit); closing off the Southway ramp to the Parkway and building a new ramp at the Golden Triangle; completing the cloverleaf at Kenilworth Ave. and the Beltway; extending Cherrywood Lane over the Beltway to intersect with Kenilworth Ave.; providing direct access to the Metro station to and from the west on the Beltway; extending Kenilworth Ave., Ridge Rd. and Brae Brook Rd., and relocating Crescent Rd. where it meets Kenilworth Ave.

#### Interim Measures

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gues for interim measures to alleviate present traffic conditions and avoid even more unsatisfactory ones. Most strongly recommended is the eastward movement of the northbound Parkway ramp to create the two T-Intersections with Greenbelt Rd. A third Parkway lane from the Southway on-ramp (until the ramp can be moved to the Golden Triangle) to the westbound Beltway off-ramp, now being considered by the U.S. Park Service, is endorsed in the report.

The city's Advisory Planning Board, in its report to council on the M-NCPPC study, made no recommendations as such. It suggested. however, that traffic counts be made at two additional intersections - Greenbelt Road at Mandan Rd. and Greenbelt Rd. at Lakecrest Dr. APB also stated that additional evidence is needed of the success of the T-intersections design - either through modeling or number studies. Additional drawings were also recommended of proposed changes in the yield ramp from southbound Southway to westbound Greenbelt Rd. to learn better the impacts on the Convalescent Center/University Square and Lakecrest Dr. intersections with Greenbelt Road. APB differed with the M-NCPPC study by recommending that Kenilworth Ave. not be extended. APB also recommended that only one of the two proposed extensions of Ridge Rd. be built, but with both remaining in the Master Plan for further study; and that widening of the Greenbelt Rd. bridge over the Parkway be studied.

The programmed highway improvements and the additional projects recommended add up to a large commitment. The alternative, however, is levels of service for this area that would be impossible to accept.

**Too Optimistic?** 

As serious as its projections look, even this study may be unduly optimistic. For in addition to projecting R-T development in place of R-10 for the 22-acre parcel at Hanover Parkway/ Greenbelt Rd., the report asGreenbelt Concert Band Plays on Storer Cable

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County will be on Storer County-Wide Cable TV Channel 6A on Tuesday, November 8, at 9 p.m. Through a special arrangement, persons who do not have cable TV will be able to view the program in the Greenbelt City Offices Conference Room-Library.

The telecast is made possible through the efforts of Band Director John DelHomme, who had the May 15 concert at the Youth Center videotaped. The concert includes a variety of musical numbers performed by a full complement of musicians, featuring selected soloists. The public is invited to tune in Storer Cable TV Channel 6A or to come to the City's Conference Room-Library.

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Photography introduction, or an equivalent course, is a prerequisite for this course.

There is a fee. For additional information, call 322-0875.

sumes no increase in through traffic along Greenbelt Rd. Nor does it assume development of property located south of the Maryland Trade Center Park and extending to Good Luck Rd. If Hanover Parkway is, however, extended to Good Luck Rd., such development is considered inevitable.

The report makes the case for what the city has long been arguing—that public improvements, including highways, must be in place before development is permitted to go forward. The report buttresses the logic of the city's thesis.



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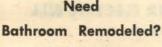
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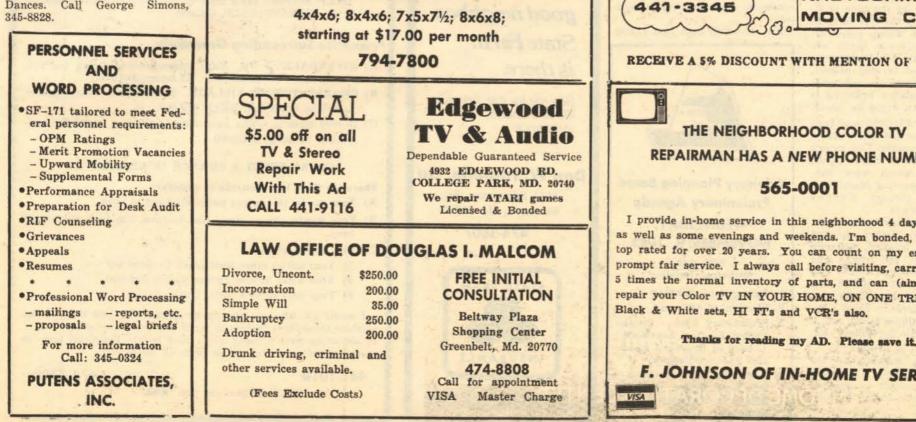
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# Public Hearing Next Week on Plans For Proposed Refuse-burning Plant

#### by Carol Hoxie

Maryland Environmental Services (MES) will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10. At this time interested Prince Georges County residents can express their views and obtain further information on proposed siting of a refuseburning plant in the county. Of the four sites being considered, Site F, A. H. Smith's Sand and Gravel, off Greenbelt Road, is nearest to Greenbelt, according to Cliff R. Willey, project manager.

The meeting, to be held at the Governor's Regional Office, 9300 Kenilworth Avenue (at the Belt-way), will include a 20-minute slide show that explains the pro-posed project. Willey said inter-ested citizens' groups may borrow the slide show.

The purpose of the Nov. 10 meeting is to bring information forward to the public, Willey said. Information on the project has been sent to local residents, but there has been little response. "We're not getting anybody excited," he said.

The proposed plant, which would be built by MES in co-operation with the University of Maryland, would produce steam for heating the campus buildings and electricity that could be sold to PEPCO. The plant would produce both saleable items by burning garbage and trash from northern Prince Georges County communities, Willey said.

MES will make a final decision about siting in early December and make its recommendation to Prince Georges County officials.

Willey estimated that capital (equipment and construction) costs for the project will be \$80-\$90 million. If procurement and financing costs are included, then the overall price may be closer to \$100 million, he added.

Funding for the project will be through revenue bonds and common stock. Investors interested in energy tax credits, Willey said, will want to invest in the project.

The project's cost will be determined more by the type of financing than by the type of technology chosen, Willey commented. If only revenue bonds are used, then that would represent the highest cost for the project. If a combination of revenue bonds and private industry financing is used, then costs would be lower.

Willey said \$344,000 has been spent so far for the whole study, including the reports. This money came from state bond funds, Willey said, which were earmarked for improving Maryland's environment through better waste management.

Once the site has been chosen, MES will do further detailed studies of that location, including traffic analyses, soil testing and archeological studies. At any site chosen, equipment installed will have to meet Maryland's air quality standards. These are stricter than those called for in federal regulations, Willey said. **Benefits of Project** 

MES began working on the project in early 1983. Willey said the proposed project is designed as a long-term solution to solid waste disposal in the county. It includes, also, a possibility for

recycling glass, aluminum and paper, if the RDF (refuse-derived fuel) option is chosen. As a further benefit, leftover ash may possibly be used as road-building material, Willey pointed out.

Since energy costs have sta-bilized, the project's major savings may not be realized during the first few years of the Facility's operation. However, over the long run, Willey claimed, this project still presents the possibility for lower costs for county refuse disposal.

Construction is still probably two to three years away. Procurement and financing take a long time, Willey noted. Once construction is started, the facility will not be operational until 1988 at the earliest. By 1988, it is estimated that Sandy Hill (one of the present refuse landfills) will be full. At that time the county would have to locate another landfill site if the proposed refused burning plant were not in operation.

According to Willey, to avoid the problem of large numbers of refuse trucks making daily deliveries to the plant, two possible options are being considered. Refuse would first be trucked to a central transfer station in the county. Then, depending upon which option was chosen, the refuse would either be compacted and trucked to the burning facility or would be sorted and shredded before being trucked to the facility. Using either method, truck traffic to and from the facility itself would be reduced by at least 55%.

Willey said that since Site F is already zoned for commercial use, truck traffic will not interfere with normal community traffic.

#### Smokestack

In order to comply with air quality regulations, the facility must have a tall smokestack, Willey said, at least 160 feet high. Efforts will be made to make the facility have a decent appearance, he said.

Exhaust from the plant will be discharged through the smokestack, but Willey said the best technology possible for control-ling air pollution will be used to eliminate most particulate matter.

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2,000°F) of the burning process will destroy all odors, Willey said. In addition, refuse waiting to be burned will be stored in enclosed pits. Despite all of these efforts, however, there will still be a small amount of HCl released Willey said, but it will be within safety regulations.

Pipes will be used to transport steam from the facility to the University. The pipes might fc!-low either a PEPCO right of way or railroad lines. If Site F (near Greenbelt) were selected, the effects on the community would be minimal, he said. None of the pipes would actually pass through residential neighborhoods.

MES has no plans for requiring trash sorting by individual county residents. Such a decision would be up to county officials, Willey said.

Study Completed

He is pleased that the community has been patient while MES has had the studies done. "There has been a fair amount of acceptance of our approach for developing the project," he said.

The consultant's report for the project is now finished and interested residents may comment on it at the Nov. 10 meeting.

Two elements of the feasibility study are completed and con-sultant's reports on them will be available for the meeting. First is a comparison of technology approaches (mass burning vs. refuse-derived fuel) completed by Burns and Roe. Preliminary cost estimates for each approach are given, as are advantages and disadvantages of each approach. Second, an analysis of procurement, financing and management options available for an energy recovery project has been com-pleted by Gershman, Brickner and Bratton, Inc.

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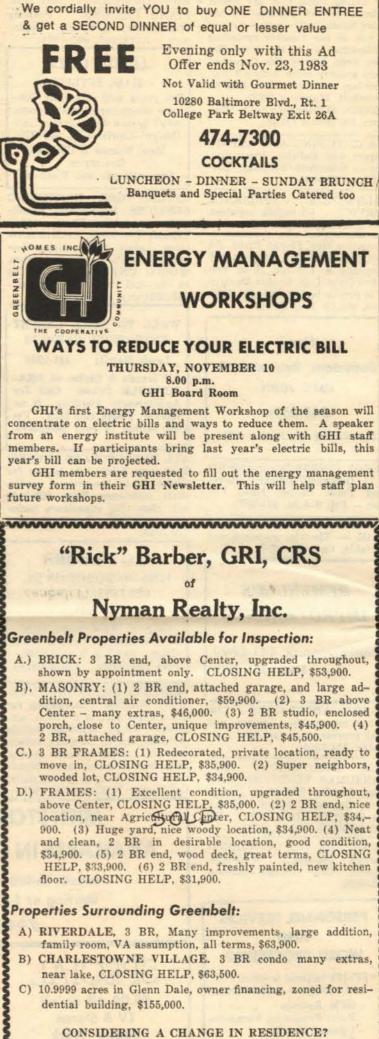
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