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City Council Glimpses Northridge; Offers Guidance on Lakeside West

by Bill Rowland

Proposed residential development on three different parcels in Greenbelt took most of city council's attention during its regular meeting on January 23. Application of the county's new tax differential law and Greenhill Road drainage problems, as were matters relating to several city advisory bodies, also were before council for decisions.

"Northridge," a small development of houses to be built on Parcel 4 in the north end of the city, was presented to council in the form of a preliminary plan of subdivision. The 7.4-acre parcel is located behind the 7 to 9 Courts of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), on the west side of Research Road, next to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. It was rezoned R-80 (Single Family Detached Residential) three years ago, and could hold as many as 25 lots under that zoning.

The applicants propose to divide the parcel into only 14 lots, and to do only limited clearing of trees from the property. Six lots would front directly on Research Road, and another three directly on Ridge. The remaining five, termed "flag" lots, would be set in behind the other lots, with only driveway access to one or

the other of the two streets.

The applicants are a group of families who have banded together to buy the land from its present owner, Charles Bresler and Associates. According to Jack Patterson, who appeared before council to speak for the group of which he and his wife are members, the group now has a contract purchase arrangement with the present owners and plans to complete the purchase by the end of January.

Patterson noted that the group has chosen to subdivide the parcel into large lots in order to reduce the impact on the view from the adjoining GHI homes. City Manager James Giese told council he understands another group is trying to put together a similar development concept for Parcel 3, located on the east side of Research Road. Patterson added that the smaller Parcel 3 would be divided into six lots.

The city's Advisory Planning Board recommended approval of the preliminary plan of subdivision, subject to resolution of several conditions. Council, after discussion, accepted the APB views with only minor modifications and one additional consideration. Council's decision has been forwarded to the Technical Staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, for consideration by the county planning board.

Conditions for Approval

The conditions attached to the

city's recommendation for approval of the subdivision plan, together with some aspects of the discussion are:

(1) "The city is agreeable to accepting a fee in lieu of mandatory dedication for this property, subject to an amicable agreement being reached for the city to purchase the lot designated on the plat as proposed park. . . It is anticipated that the fee in lieu of dedication would exceed the cost of purchase and that any remaining funds would be used for the development of this and existing adjacent park property for the benefit of the neighborhood."

The county zoning ordinance requires developers to dedicate a certain amount of land to the city for parkland. In this case the group has set aside 8,080 square feet at the southwestern edge of Parcel 4, fronting on Ridge Road and adjoining an existing city playground, for such dedication. The lot is only about half the size required by county code for dedication. City representatives agreed that it is usually better for the city to take land rather than cash-in-lieu-of-land from a developer, and also that it is normally preferable to demand the full amount of land required by the zoning code. But it was further agreed that exceptions to the general rules

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Council Explores Options for Evaluation Of Police Department at Work Session

by Sandra Barnes

An evaluation of the Greenbelt Police Department was the subject of a special City Council work session on Tuesday, January 24. City Manager James K. Giese and Casimir Prybyl, City Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services briefed council members on their study of independent organizations interested and capable of performing an evaluation of the department. Such an evaluation has been the subject of public discussion at various council meetings as well as a campaign promise made by four of the present council members prior to the September election.

Giese reported that city staff had contacted a number of organizations, three of whom had responded positively to the inquiries. These three are the International Order of Chiefs of Police, the Public Administration Service and the Institute for Governmental Services.

Council, which seemed to favor informal proposals made by the

first two organizations, asked city staff to set up meetings with them to discuss further details of the evaluation. Council was also impressed with a fourth organization which would provide a somewhat different kind of evaluation, a self-assessment based on a rigorous set of standards leading to accreditation of the police department. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies "offers local law enforcement agencies the opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet a set of law enforcement standards on agency capability."

All council members liked the idea of seeking accreditation. Police FOP representative Doug Sappington and outgoing police chief William Lane also favored the idea. According to Giese, no law enforcement agency has yet achieved accreditation, since the system has been in place for less than a year. Both the city manager and the police chief felt that "accreditation is the wave of the future" and that it would speak well for Greenbelt to be one of the first police departments in the country to receive accreditation. After the city com-

pletes the self-assessment process, a team of experienced law enforcement practitioners would visit the department to verify compliance with standards. The whole process would take about a year to complete, with accreditation lasting for five years. At that time the agency would re-apply.

The non-profit commission was organized in 1979 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum. It is supported by foundation grants and fees from agencies seeking accreditation. Giese estimated that the fee to be paid by Greenbelt for this process would be between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

Although the accreditation process would focus on setting standards for various components of the police department, such as the law enforcement operations, personnel structure, traffic operations, prisoner and court-related activities, Councilman Tom White felt that the city really wanted more of an evalu-

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Citizens Organize 'Save our Services'

by Joe Isaacs

The citizens committee that formed after the city's January 16 public forum on Greenbelt Cooperative Inc.'s (GCI) proposed divestiture of its food service and gas station divisions met for the first time on Friday, January 27 in the City Council room. The group will be known as the "Save Our Services" (S.O.S.) Citizens Committee.

The Committee will meet on Thursdays, February 2 and 16 and March 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council room. All Greenbelters are invited to participate.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, serving as temporary chairman to get things underway, welcomed those present. He noted that these included representatives not only from the center city but also from east Greenbelt, Boxwood Village and other sections of the city. Describing the circumstances which led to the formation of the committee, he emphasized the serious implications the loss of the food store would hold for senior citizens.

In discussing the committee's mission, Tom Lammons asked, "What are our alternatives and what's already being done?" Several people noted that the last issue of the News Review had carried articles on three different actions being taken in response to the issue. Concern was expressed that the stories might confuse readers, suggesting a lack of cohesion in citizens' efforts to avert the loss of the services now provided by the Co-op. One citizen suggested that "keeping the people informed about all that's going on might be an appropriate function of this committee," an idea which was later adopted.

Legal Approach Explained

Al Herling angrily referred to the GCI Board of Directors' intentions as nothing less than "matricide" — sacrificing the "mother" services around which the Co-op was conceived in order to protect an unwanted child called SCAN furniture stores. He described legal actions being pursued to delay the planned March 31 divestiture and provide sufficient time to allow the GCI membership a voice in the decision-making. This effort, being directed under the counsel of

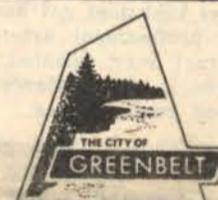
Tony McCarthy and John Ward, would involve members from other GCI chapters, such as Kensington, Westminster and Falls Church.

Herling reported that letters have been sent to all nine GCI board members requesting that they voluntarily defer for six months to one year any divestiture action. If the board did not respect this request, he said, they were warned that litigation would ensue. The law suit would seek a restraining order and injunction to stop the divestiture, at least temporarily, on the grounds that the board's decision would fundamentally alter the nature of the cooperative, as defined by its charter and bylaws and that it violates the state's corporation and cooperative laws.

Watchdog Group

Herling explained, however, that the legal approach should not preclude other concurrent actions from being pursued. He noted, in fact, that GCI members from various chapters have

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday,

February 6, 1984

8:00 P.M.

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 Council and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. PUBLIC HEARING - City Manager
Proposed Uses for Revenue Sharing Fund and All Other City Funds for FY 1984/85
7. Petitions and Requests
8. Administrative Reports
9. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

10. Job Description - Deputy Chief of Police
11. Dancing License - Holiday Inn

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda — subject to change

Group to Try Forming New Co-operative Here

by Katherine Keene

The Committee to Preserve Greenbelt's Co-op (CPGC) held its second meeting on Friday, January 27 in the Greenbelt Homes board room. The group, well aware that the task before them is herculean, is still optimistic about the feasibility of organizing a local cooperative to take over the existing supermarket and gas station. Its initial emphasis is on methods of financing such a venture and on getting local membership. The group has an ad elsewhere in the News Review to try to find if there will be real support for such a difficult venture.

The CPGC is completely independent from the CSC group which is attempting to acquire and operate the four GCI service stations, including the one in Greenbelt. The CPGC currently plans to include in its charter a limit on its operations to within Greenbelt only. At the same time the CPGC is not working completely independently of the SOS (Save Our Services) group; the CPGC is limiting itself to trying to establish a new cooperative.

The CPGC meets on Fridays at the GHI offices. All meetings are open to anyone interested in trying to start a new cooperative.

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The Play Is Funny

To the Editor:

It is hard to realize that the "Barefoot in the Park" that I saw at the Utopia the day after Rema Boscov apparently saw it could have been the same play and the same cast. The one I saw was very well acted, not at all featuring "outdated wolflike maneuvers," "tepid pot-shots" or pauses between speeches long enough "to write a new script." It is true that I do not expect to see acting by the titans of the profession at the Utopia, but I do not expect to see and did not see incompetence. This play is an excellent performance in a community playhouse that does not have access to professional actors but can attract very talented amateurs who in this instance gave very good performances.

The audience I was a part of spent much time laughing. The play is funny. The actors delivered their lines and moved about the stage in a way that amused us, and I cannot believe we were dolts with donkeys' ears to have reacted thus. The actors were not "practicing" their parts as Ms. Boscov charges, and I doubt that there could be much difference between the first and second performances, particularly with no rehearsals in between them.

The main objection that Ms. Boscov seemed to have was that she disapproved of the play itself because it was written in 1963 and showed a bride as staying home and not working, which to her was an "anachronism" since she thinks that 1963 audiences "had never heard of women's lib." She of course was rather young at the time, and it is true that the phrase "women's lib" was not widely used then, but surely since 115 years had passed since the first women's rights conference was called at Seneca Falls by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, it is hardly accurate to think that 1963 audiences were totally unenlightened.

But this is minor. The point is that she seems to feel that in 1984 the Utopia must not produce a play that shows women as less than equal. Would she throw out Shakespeare? Moliere? Shaw? Euripides? Is she going to lead a campaign to remove Trollope and Jane Austen from libraries? If it is true that "Barefoot in the Park" is a mere period piece (and I happen not to feel that it is), what on earth is wrong with presenting it? It would be a most unhappy thing were we to be deprived of all knowledge of our world except what is current in 1984. I really believe Ms. Boscov would do well to meditate on the importance of history and on the function of a would-be drama critic.

Katherine Keene

Make Our Dreams Survive

To the Editor:

Although separated by a thousand miles and forty-four years, I am concerned that the co-op food store and pharmacy that so many hundreds of us worked to create may perish from the town, conceived as hope for a better future. You who have stayed and still live there, please put your minds and wills together to find the methods that will make our dreams survive.

As I see the situation, volunteer consumer members working cooperatively with essential employees could lower operating costs and have fun doing it. Put on your creative bonnets. There can be much less dependence on highly paid management.

I am enclosing a Wedge Community Co-op Handbook describing operating procedures that have worked successfully here.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Rex Tugwell, Edward Filene, Sherrod East, Bob Volckhausen joined many others in creating the organization that has survived this long and will lead the way for our stores to continue to serve its members.

Robert E. Jacobsen
 Minneapolis

(First resident manager under the Co-op Organizing Committee)

Editor's Note: We have passed along the Wedge Community Co-op Handbook to GHI's Ad Hoc Community Committee to preserve Greenbelt's Co-op.

WSSC BUDGET HEARING

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has set this year's Budget Hearing for February 8 at 8 p.m. in its Hyattsville headquarters building, 4017 Hamilton Street.

A proposed fiscal year 1985 spending level of \$394,182,000 is up \$3.4 million from the current year's approval.

If approved, the WSSC proposal will require a bi-county customer rate increase of eight percent to finance maintenance and operation of water and sewerage systems and facilities within the 1,000-square-mile Sanitary District.

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.

GHI NOTES

The next GHI board meeting will be Thursday, February 9 at 8 p.m. in the board room.

Several items of information were sent to the members recently. Rehab Bulletin #8 was delivered to masonry homeowners. Information about the optional maintenance program for additions was sent to members with additions. All members were sent their annual tax and interest letters. Anyone who needs any of this information should call the GHI hotline (474-8644).

The GHI hotline is also available for members who have questions about rehab. Pre-construction inspections for masonry structural repairs and painting will be starting soon. Members are reminded to make all requests in writing no later than two days after this inspection.

Greenbelter on Radio

Greenbelter Laura Millman will play violin solos on radio station WGMS on Wednesday, February 8 at 8 p.m. (103.5 FM, 570 A.M.). Frank Conlin will be accompanist. Included in the program will be "Spring Sonata," Beethoven; Partita in B minor, Bach and Rumanian Dances, Bartok.

Laura recently played at the Kennedy Center.

Peace Group Presents "Fate of the Earth"

The Greenbelt Peace Committee will meet Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the City Council room, Municipal Building.

The program includes a showing of the tape "A Call for Peace," followed by a discussion. The tape, narrated by Harry Belafonte, is based on a speech given by Congressman Ron Dellums at the 1983 Future of the Earth Conference. Citizens are invited.

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 422-8057

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Sun., Feb. 5, 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. 4 discussion groups
 10:45 Sermon "Civil Rights, Social Policy and Black History"

7:30 p.m. Forum: "Technology Policy Development in the U.S. by Dr. Michael Goldhaber of the Institute for Policy Studies.
 Church School 10:45 a.m.

Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

Bloodmobile at Legion

Prince Georges Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road on Monday, February 6 from 1 to 7 p.m. Call 559-8500 for an appointment.

GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is offering an opportunity to get a high school diploma when it will provide free classes to prepare for the General Education Development (GED) Exam starting February 7. Instruction will be in the five test areas—math, social studies, science, literature and grammar—as well as in test taking skills.

The only requirement for enrollment is that a registrant be officially withdrawn from school and 16 years old or older. Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the CARES offices. More information can be had by calling 345-6660.

In January an average week's counselling at CARES included 37 individuals, 17 under 18. They comprised 15 family units.

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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 Greenbelt, MD 20770
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Elizabeth Turner

Mrs. Elizabeth Z. Turner, a former Greenbelt resident, died in Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring on January 25. Mrs. Turner, who resided in Greenbelt from November 1938 until her retirement to Florida in the 1960's, returned to the Silver Spring area in the 1970's. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt, Birmingham O.E.S. and Greenbelt Community Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Ann Andrews, Chevy Chase and a son, Cyril S., Jr., Ocean Pines, Md., five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the family's plot in Millersville, Pa.

CORRECTION

Some important pieces of information were inadvertently omitted from an advertisement on page 2 of last week's News Review. The ad should have read: "The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood presents a Square Dance on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. The Ralph Case Dancers will perform during the intermission. \$5 per person. Ridge & Westway Roads, Greenbelt. Reservations, 345-1715.

Mowatt Memorial

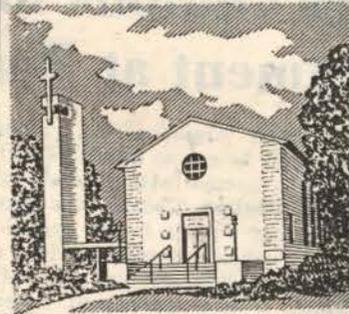
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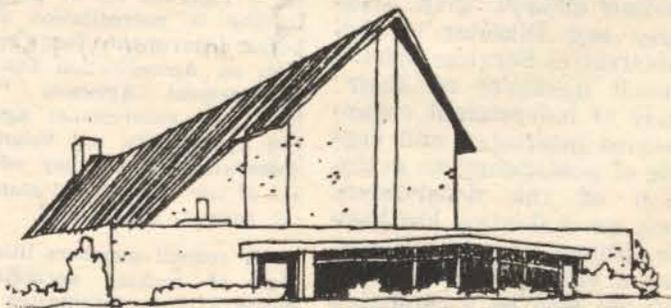
474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Rds.
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6905 Greenbelt Road

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Sunday School 9:50; Pre-School Program 9:50
 to close of late service

Youth Meeting Sunday 4:30; Youth Bible Study Thur. 5 p.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Telephone 345-5111

Citizens Form Save Our Services Committee

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 collaborated to form a new group called "Concerned Cooperators Inc." This nonprofit educational association, which will serve as a watchdog for the GCI membership, will assist the Co-op to become "increasingly consumer-oriented, open and honest in communication with its members, and democratically controlled by its members" (any of whom could join the association, according to a brochure that was circulated). This group is also examining the possibility of getting a recall vote on the board's decision, Herling stated. Ruth Mathes suggested that "educating the GCI membership on how to vote might be a role that could be played" by the S.O.S. Committee.

Mayor Weidenfeld reported that the city had yet to hear from the GCI Board concerning its January 13 letter that requested deferral of divestiture to provide Greenbelt citizens an adequate opportunity to react. We must make it clear to the board, declared Herling, that we will do everything within our power "to protect what rightfully belongs to the city, its history and its people." Ruth Mathes suggested the possibility of preserving the center city, including the Co-op services, as a community historical district.

Jim Parker reviewed the activities of the "Committee to Preserve Greenbelt's Co-op Facilities (CPGCF). This group, chaired by Jim Cassels, is interested in forming a new locally-based cooperative to assume ownership of the facilities in Greenbelt now operated by GCI. Four subcommittees were created to: (1) gather information on the operations of the Co-op gas station and work with Dave Meadows, station manager; (2) collect information on the supermarket / pharmacy operations; (3) investigate financing alternatives; and (4) organize new

co-op membership recruitment. CPGCF has taken out an advertisement in the GCI monthly newsletter, "The Cooperator," asking for assistance from investors. Parker, as a member of Greenbelt Area Council within GCI, will also propose to the board that Greenbelt be permitted to redeem its portion of the Co-op's assets for investment in the new locally-based endeavor. He cautioned, however, that a similar attempt made by the Wheaton Area Council was rejected by the GCI Board.

The new cooperative organization, headed by Tom Martin, a former GCI board member, was also discussed. The group, "Consumer Services Cooperative, Inc." (CSC), hopes to acquire and operate the four service stations being divested. All present employees would be retained. This new co-op is actively seeking broad-based support on a traditional cooperative fair-share investment basis (\$100 for each non-stock voting membership) from present GCI members in the four service station locations.

Discussion then returned to legal aspects surrounding the divestiture. Helen White argued that the citizens committee should focus on legal questions so as not to dilute the ongoing efforts of CPGCF. Committee members generally agreed that CPGCF should continue its activities unimpeded, but felt that the S.O.S. group was responsible to a larger constituency that was not prepared to foreclose any options, including negotiating some reasonable settlement with GCI to continue providing needed services or attracting independent operators such as Cook's or Magruder's to continue a full-service supermarket and pharmacy.

S.O.S. established as its mission the following: "To assure

continuance of food, pharmacy and auto services as currently provided by Co-op and sensitive to the needs of the citizens of Greenbelt." To fulfill this mission, the group sought to formulate objectives which did not unnecessarily duplicate the efforts of others. Jim Parker suggested that S.O.S. could work to seek deferral of the divestiture, to help to ensure that the services remain in some form, identify ways in which the city and county can get involved in support of the efforts, serve as a watchdog to monitor the actions of the other groups and GCI, and provide a central communications clearinghouse.

Al Herling recommended that S.O.S. appoint liaisons to the other groups and then volunteered as liaison to the Concerned Co-operators and the group assessing the legal ramifications of the GCI action. Tom Lammons offered to be the liaison to the CPGCF. Since there were a number of organizations already actively involved in the creation of new cooperatives, Gary Kohn recommended that S.O.S. concentrate its efforts on keeping GCI from divesting until the Co-op membership can have an opportunity to participate in the decision. S.O.S. could survey the interest of independent operators, continued Kohn, should the efforts to retain GCI fail. "We don't want to let GCI be solely responsible for the search and selection of an independent operator for our store and station. We would be more sensitive to the needs of our community than GCI would," he asserted.

S.O.S. approved the following objectives: (1) to serve as an information clearinghouse for the groups actively pursuing solutions to the problem and the

citizens of Greenbelt; (2) to investigate and engage in actions that would retain GCI's operation of the Co-op food, pharmacy and service station in Greenbelt; and (3) to identify independent operators that would assume the operation of the services in a manner that would be sensitive to the needs of the community.

Officers Elected

The following Greenbelters were then elected officers of S.O.S.: Joe Isaacs, chairman; Jim Parker, vice chairman; Joe Remenick, chairman of the "Retain GCI" Subcommittee; and Gary Kohn, chairman of the "Independent Operators" Subcommittee. These individuals, Mayor Weidenfeld, and the two liaison persons cited previously will comprise a Steering Committee to oversee the intercommunications-information function. For further information, call Joe

Isaacs at 345-5671 or Jim Parker at 345-9573.



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Sorry to hear that Mary Jane Kinzer is quite ill and is in the Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis. She has been a long-time GHI member living at 6-G Ridge Road and was formerly the Director of Sales & Services for GHI Sales Office from its inception until she retired in 1969.

Sorry to hear of the bad slip and fall last week of Delpha and Carl Buese. After both lost their footing on the sidewalk in front of their home, neither was able to get up. A passerby spied the downed couple and fearing serious injury called the rescue squad. Glad to hear the Buseses suffered no broken bones.

Volunteers Needed

Prince Georges County Hotline, a crisis intervention program, is looking for volunteers to become crisis counselors. No age requirement or experience is necessary. Training is provided. People who are sensitive, caring and have 3-4 hours a week to spare and would like to help others, should call 577-3140 for application. Training starts February 17, so don't delay. Call 577-3140 for an application now.

Bake Sale

Weather permitting, the February bake sale to benefit the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center will be held a week from Saturday, February 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Utopia Theater. Persons wishing to donate baked goods should plan to bring them to the theater at 10. (If in doubt about cancellation for bad weather, call Eileen Peterson, 345-5424.)

Democratic Club Sponsors Voter Registration Meet

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will sponsor a meeting to organize a voter registration effort in Greenbelt February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Windsor Green Community Center.

An official from the Board of Elections will describe the requirements involved in registering voters and the certification of registrars. The club plans for organizing the effort in Greenbelt will also be discussed.

All those interested in participating are urged to attend. For further information, contact Keith Chernikoff, the Club's Voters Registration Chairman, at 345-1398 or 982-4693, or Gary Kohn, club president, at 474-8423.

Democratic Delegates Selection Process

Maryland will have 74 delegates and 25 alternates to the 1984 National Democratic Convention.

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Various Democratic Party and Elected Official delegates will be chosen at the State Central Committee meeting on June 12. Lastly, at-large delegates and alternates will be chosen at this same meeting. All at-large, Party and Official delegate and alternate candidates must file their papers at the Maryland Party headquarters in Baltimore between May 10 and May 25.

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COUNCIL LOOKS AT DEVELOPMENT PLANS Continued from page one

would be reasonable in this case because of the low density of development being proposed.

Greenbelter Steve Curtis suggested to council that a preferable alternative might be dedication to the city of a strip of land along the western and northern edges of the parcel to serve as right-of-way for the city's proposed Perimeter Trail. Curtis provided figures to show that such a strip would bring the amount dedicated up to the code requirement. He argued also that his alternative would help the city meet one of its planning goals.

Chris Patterson responded that the group had given early consideration to such a solution but decided against it because of the security difficulties for the homeowners that a path in that location might pose. Council decided to stay with the fee-in-lieu-of-dedication option, including purchase of the Ridge Road lot.

(2) "That a determination be made if enough road right of way exists along Ridge Road for needed improvements including sidewalks." Giese advised council in written comments that the present dedicated width of 60 feet is adequate, inasmuch as this is a width that is classified as "primary-residential." However, there was little or no discussion of this point, and APB's condition went forward unchanged to the county.

(3) "That some type of off-road pedestrian access be provided along Research Road, north of 9 Court to the city boundary. This pathway should be of a rural character." In addition to this APB proposal, Giese raised questions about the width of Research Road. He noted that it also should be classified as a primary road, but that through GHI it has only a 50-foot dedicated width.

Giese's conclusion for council was that the present dedicated width should be sufficient, provided that on-street parking is prohibited, and taking into account the large size of the proposed lots which should allow ample in-driveway parking. Jack Patterson agreed there should be no parking problems, and council adopted the APB condition as quoted above.

(4) "That property covenants either be established or include a statement of responsibility for maintenance of the proposed shared driveways on the flag lots." One of the "flag" lots would have its own driveway running back between two street-front properties. There would be two shared driveways, however, each used by two adjacent owners of flag lots.

The city included with its recommendations to the county two particular points of information relating to the proposed Northridge development:

"It . . . should be noted that if this plan is approved it would effectively eliminate the concept of a perimeter road between Research Road and Lastner Lane as is shown on the current master plan. The city council is aware of this and is not seeking right of way for that proposed road."

The actual roadway of Research Road veers to the east of its dedicated right of way at the north end of the city, which leaves property lines on both sides of the roadway somewhat confused. Council's conclusion was that it would make more sense to have the right of way revised to follow the existing road, rather than relocating the

road, and suggested to the county that this change be accomplished now while Parcels 3 and 4 are both still under the same ownership.

Lakeside West—Parcel 15

The proposed use of Parcel 15 for residential development again came before council, in the form of a preliminary plan of subdivision, and in the persons of owner/developer Charles Bresler, zoning attorney Russell Shipley, and Robert Cornell of the engineering firm of Ben Dyer Associates, Inc.

Parcel 15 runs from the lower end of Greenbelt Lake southeastward next to the Beltway. This most recent plan would cluster 46 detached houses and 15 townhouse units on the 19.6-acre parcel and would have a piece of land adjoining the westbound off-ramp from the Beltway to Kenilworth Ave. dedicated to the city as parkland.

Use of Parcel 15 has been much discussed over the last year and a half. Several alternatives for development have been looked at and talked about in a series of meetings between city and developer. In August 1983 the city sent Bresler a letter in which constraints which should be taken into account in any future development proposal were outlined. The constraints were that no building units should be visible from Attick Park, particularly from the areas of the lake dam and the bandstand; that problems of noise impact on the dwellings, especially from the Beltway, should be addressed; that any development proposal should include a traffic study identifying and addressing traffic impacts generated by the development; and that the recreational needs of residents should be addressed.

APB recommended to council that the current subdivision plan should be disapproved for several reasons. One is that the constraints on visual and noise impact have not been addressed. Another reason is that the city had earlier asked that the land to be dedicated for parkland be shifted to the east to serve as additional buffer between the lake and the dwelling units, and this change has not been made in the current plan. A third reason is that proposed use of cluster development does not appear to improve what could be provided under standard development as required by county code.

APB also noted that the plan does not consider use of the adjoining Consolidated Syndicates parcel (located next to Greenbelt Road and the American Legion Post, and having some of the same owners as Parcel 15) as a way to reduce development density at the lake end of the tract. In discussion during the council meeting, it was also noted that a traffic impact study has not been provided by the developer.

The attempts of council to discuss the problems with Bresler and his representatives resulted in a great deal of confusion. Council, on the one hand, was saying that the city's concerns are not being met. Cornell, on the other hand, was saying that the developer is looking for a more concrete expression from the city of what it would accept.

It finally began to seem that Cornell might not have seen the letter in which the city spelled out the constraints that would have to be addressed. Shipley eventually suggested that the issue be tabled for now. When Giese pointed out that the sub-

division plan was scheduled for consideration by the Park and Planning Commission on February 9, Shipley said the developer would accept a continuance of that proceeding, to which council agreed.

Green Holly Woods

The attorney for the proposed Green Holly Woods townhouse development in east Greenbelt made an unscheduled appearance before council to ask city help in removing from county records a requirement that there must be a traffic light at the intersection of Greenbelt and Mandan Roads before the first people move into the development. Diane Leasure, of the law firm of Fossett & Brugger, told council that the developer had agreed in good faith to exert every possible influence to get the State Highway Administration to permit installation of the light. But, she said, both she and the developer thought the city had agreed to removal of the requirement in view of that good-faith effort. Leasure termed the requirement an unreasonable condition and an unreasonable restraint on development.

Although there was some brief discussion, with recognition granted that getting the light is not easy and that all involved must continue to make every possible effort, council flatly refused to agree to Leasure's request. Councilmember Edward Putens sharply questioned Leasure as to what efforts she had in fact made, and Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said the city does not want to give any impression that it is yielding on this issue.

Tax Differential

The city manager obtained approval from council of tax differential figures to be provided by the city to the county. Giese outlined for council the complicated new formula whereby each of the county's 28 municipalities will obtain for its residents a reduction of the general county tax rate based on the extent to which county services are not provided within the municipality that are otherwise provided in unincorporated areas. The figures developed by Giese and approved by the council are the percentage of each service not provided by the county within Greenbelt's city limits.

Greenbelt is telling the county that county services are not provided within the city in the following degrees: public works engineering, and roads and bridges—both 100%; refuse collection and disposal—50% transportation—90%; all aspects of police services—100%; animal control—70%; and debt service for highway construction bonds—100%. The city is not claiming a tax differential for county Board of Appeals activities, county administrative costs for the Community Development Block Grant Program, county licenses and permits operations, or mosquito control.

Giese estimated that Greenbelt's tax differential will be about 56 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This was less than the 64 cents that had been estimated before the tax differential was enacted by the county council. Giese attributed the reduction primarily to differences in methodology used by the county to calculate fringe benefits and overhead from the methodology used by the Prince Georges Municipal Association when it first devised the formula.

The tax differential law does

not apply to taxes for recreation programs collected and administered by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Greenbelt is pushing for state legislation to extend the tax differential concept so that municipal residents will not continue to be subjected to double taxation in the area of recreation services.

Greenhill Road Drainage

The December petition to council from Lakewood residents asking for relief from the constant water flow (and winter icing) across Greenhill Road at its intersection with Orange Court and Greenway Place has received a quick response from the city. Giese gave council a report by Public Works Director George Smith in which Smith and city consulting engineer John Emler recommend construction of an extension of the existing storm sewer line on Greenhill Road to reach from the north side of Greenknoll Place to Orange Court. A new inlet at Orange Court and Greenhill Road would catch the water now flowing down the Orange Court gutter and prevent it from flowing across Greenhill and down Greenway Place. Some street regrading at the intersection is also recommended to keep the water in the gutters.

Another suggestion is installation of a French drain on Orange Court to catch spring water that now flows across the sidewalk and into the gutter. A fourth recommendation would have a yard drain installed on the west side of Greenhill Road between Orange Court and Greenknoll Place, to intercept a rear-yard French drain that now discharges there.

The storm sewer work would cost an estimated \$13,300. French drains at the origins of the water flow would cost an additional \$8,000 to \$10,000. Giese told council that Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has taken the position that its existing storm water drains are adequate to handle storm water runoff and that it is not willing to pay the cost of extending its existing drains in order to solve a problem caused by spring water.

Council directed Giese to include funds for the work in his budget proposal for the fiscal year that starts July 1 and authorized him to have engineering design started for the project. In addition, council voted to ask

WSSC to share the cost of the storm drain extension.

Boards & Committees

Council reappointed the following persons whose terms of membership on city boards or committees are expiring:

—To the Board of Elections, Jule Churchill, for a four-year term.

—To the Crime Prevention Committee, Clifton Brown and Dorothy Pyles, for three-year terms.

—To the Community Relations Advisory Board, Jose Morales, Konrad Herling, and Pastor Edward Birner, for three-year terms.

Council expressed its appreciation for his past service to John Gardes, a charter member of the Board of Elections, who did not want to be reappointed.

Council voted to extend the term of the Cable Television Public Access and Local Origination Advisory Committee. This committee will now be in existence for a minimum of six months or until such time as the committee has presented its final report and recommendations to council.

Roy McCawley reported to council that the Citizens Advisory Committee on the College Park/Greenbelt/Langley Park Master Plan had held its first meeting about mid-January, and had set for itself a schedule of 40 meetings, to be held on the second Thursday and the fourth Wednesday of each month. McCawley said the meetings will be open to the public, but only for listening to the committee's deliberations. (In other words, non-members may not speak during the meetings.) The 18-member committee has four Greenbelt members—McCawley, Antoinette Bram, J. Davis, and Virginia Moryadas.

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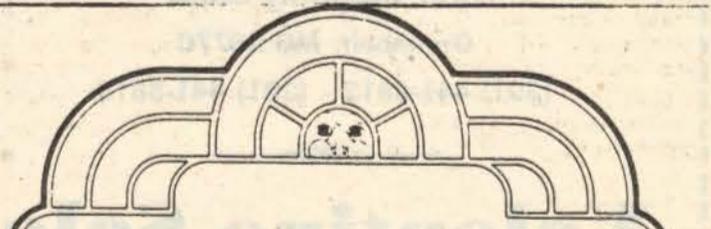
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Student Financial Aid Program at Roosevelt

The guidance department of the Prince Georges County Public Schools will offer a financial aid program to parents of high school seniors who plan to go to college. The program, which will focus on the application procedures of student loans and grants, will be held Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

A general session will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., when an overview of financial aid will be presented. Participants will have an opportunity following the opening session to attend workshops in completing their individual financial aid forms with assistance from college financial aid officers. In addition there will be representatives and materials available from various agencies and legislators who provide grants, loans, work study and scholarships.

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Police Study

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ation that would detail strengths and weaknesses of the department as well as make recommendations for improvements. White wanted to see what he described as "a snapshot of the department" that would provide a framework for the new police chief. Thus council centered on two of the three organizations which proposed to do just that.

Internal Evaluations

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) and the Public Administration Service (PAS) both were experienced in conducting evaluations. They charge between \$15,000 and \$26,000 for their studies, estimated to take three to five months to complete. A police study done by PAS for the town of Bristol in Rhode Island had much impressed Councilman Richard Pilski.

PAS proposed to study such items as the city's sources of revenue; ordinances, population and growth characteristics; adequacy of departmental operations; patrol procedures, support services, crime prevention programs and community relations, and management and administrative practices, among others. The consulting firm, which has headquarters in McLean, Va., and was founded by the International City Management Association, stated that it would identify specific steps required to implement each of its recommendations. It would also present a time frame for implementation.

ICAP would conduct a similar study. Both organizations would spend considerable time with the officers discussing problems and examining records and organizational structure, management policies and procedures, operational procedures, and communications.

The Institute for Governmental Services (IGS) is associated with the University of Maryland. For a fee ranging between \$1,500 and \$3,000 it would conduct a study by meeting with employees of the police department, city government officials and staff, and representatives of community groups. IGS, which has worked with various government bodies, has not previously studied a police department.

Council members felt that both PAS and ICAP seemed to offer the in-depth evaluation council was seeking. The city manager also indicated he would begin to implement some of the standards delineated in the accreditation process with the idea that the city would seek accreditation of the police department in the near future.



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2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
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 - a. Rules and Regulations
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