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Greenbelt Fire and Rescue Squad Opposes County Plan on Fees for Ambulance Runs

by Sandra Barnes

"We feel we can't support it," said Greenbelt's fire chief, Michael Dutton, when questioned about County Executive Parris Glendening's controversial proposal to charge fees for emergency ambulance service to the hospital. The fees — \$50 for a trip in a Basic Life Support (BLC) ambulance and \$75 in a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) would be mandatory for all fire and rescue departments in the county that receive county funds. This would include Greenbelt.

The fee-for-service concept is a response to the county's desire to increase the number of MICUs from four to 12. MICUs, which are staffed by paramedics, offer advanced life-saving techniques, particularly for cardiacarrest victims. The present four units are located in the Brentwood, Silver Hill, Laurel and Bowie-Hillandale areas of the county, which are populated by large numbers of senior citizens. "Forty percent of the county residents don't have advanced life support," stated Tony deStefano, spokesperson for the county's fire department.

The proposed 8 additional units are expected to cut emergency response time from approximately 15 to seven minutes by 1987. With the additional units, deStefano commented, a MICU can be stationed in the Branchville area, reaching Greenbelt in 4-5 minutes.

According to T im Ayers, spokesperson for the county executive, each MICU costs approximately \$292,950 to buy, equip and staff. The county estimates that 200 lives per year can be saved by the eight MICUs supplemented by an aggressive campaign to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to at least 350,000 county residents over the next seven years. This is one half of the entire Prince Georges County population.

The proposed fee represents the "most realistic way to finance the added service," Ayers commented.

County Councilman Richard Castaldi also sees the measure as "an equitable method to provide emergency care. If we don't do this (initiate the fee), the richer areas will be able to maintain this service while the poorer areas will go without," he said. Castaldi views the fee as a practical way of financing the system since most insurance policies, including Medicare and Medicaid, will pay for ambulance service. With TRIM and the high cost of new equipment, Castaldi doesn't see how the county can increase

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FESTIVAL CONCERT

Court Orders Temporary Freeze Of Co-op Divestiture; Sets Hearing

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc. (GCI) has been ordered by the Circuit Court of Prince Georges County to cease temporarily its movement toward divestiture of its food store, pharmacy, and service station operations, and to show cause why further legal remedies should not be ordered.

The court injunction and order, issued on February 28 by Judge James Magruder Rea, were in response to a petition for injunctive relief and for declaratory judgment filed with the court that same day on behalf of three Greenbelt residents who are members of GCI—Beatrix D. Whitehall, Albert K. Herling, and Robert Earl Wilson. The attorneys for the three petitioners are Greenbelters F. Anthony McCarthy and John T. Ward. GCI was not represented in this court action.

The GCI Board of Directors decided on December 17, 1983. that the cooperative would divest itself of its supermarket, pharmacy and service station operating divisions, expand its SCAN furniture store activities, explore entering into a new business in addition to SCAN, and reduce its employment overhead. The reason given for divestiture was that the food stores, pharmacies, and service stations had been operating at a loss for a number of years. The GCI Board set deadlines, within the month of March, 1984, for outside parties such as groups of members or other cooperatives to put together financially sound plans to buy the facilities being divested.

The ultimate goal of the petitioners is to force GCI to put the divestiture matter to a vote by the cooperative's membership during its June meeting. The arguments of the petitioners, as presented to the court, hinge around their belief that they have a right, as GCI members, to vote on the divestiture issue—a right they contend has been denied them and will cause them "irreparable harm." They argue that the decision by the GCI Board

is flawed in three major particulars:

1) The decision, they say, violates fundamental cooperative principles under which members have a right to be consulted and give their approval on fundamental changes in the cooperative.

2) The decision, according to them, would render meaningless their contractual rights as members to exercise control over the cooperative through democratic means and to hold their representatives accountable.

3) They contend that Maryland state law does not permit proxy votes in the election of officers of consumer cooperatives, which in turn they believe, means that the present GCI Board of Directors "is improperly constituted under Maryland law," which then leads them to the conclusion that the divestiture decision by that Board "is null and void.

The plaintiffs have asked the court to order, in effect, that GCI maintain the status quo in all respects in its food store, pharmacy, and service station operations until the June membership meeting; and further to order that divestiture be put before the membership at that meeting, with use of proxy voting to be specifically prohibited.

The injunction issued by Judge Rea provides, until March 28, the status quo enjoinder asked for by the petitioners. Judge Rea's related order requires that GCI "show cause on or before the 15th day of March, 1984, why the relief requested in the . . . petition should not be granted . . .," and orders a hearing on the matter on Friday, March 23, at 9:30 a.m.

Update on New Co-op SOS Petition Drive

by Jim Cassels

At last Friday's meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc., it was reported that a very encouraging meeting had been held with Jim Gibbons, president of Consumers United Insurance Company. The new Co-op was exploring the possibility of borrowing money to help buy the local Co-op food store, pharmacy and service station.

The 20-year-old insurance company is owned by its employees, limits its profits to a maximum of 5% per year, and sells only to non-profit associations and cooperatives. It has a policy of investing its reserves in the communities from which it receives its premium income.

The membership drive in the new Co-op is well underway. Membership is \$100; subscriber status costs \$10. The maximum membership amount accepted is \$200. Members are eligible to provide loan capital to the new organization. Capital loans will pay 6% interest; there is no maximum. Merchandise certificates are also available.

All receipts from membership capital and loan capital will be held in a savings account in the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and none of it will be used until the purchase of the existing facilities takes place. If the purchase does not take place, the membership and loan capital will be returned.

As of February 27 membership was up to 180 and membership capital was over \$25,000. The new Co-op's initial goal is \$60,-000 in membership capital by March 31. Volunteers are staffing the membership desk in the Co-op Supermarket from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. the rest of the week. The new Co-op meets every Over 200 signatures were received by the Save Our Services (SOS) Committee in the first four days of the petition campaign. The purpose of the drive is to urge that the Board of Greenbelt Cooperatives, Inc. (GCI) to reverse its decision to divest the Co-op supermarket, pharmacy and service station or, at a minimum, extend the present operation for six months beyond the planned March 31 divestiture date to permit a time for others to assume operations.

The committee has scheduled open meetings at the City Council chambers on March 1 and 15, at 8 p.m., to discuss the issue further. Over 5000 post card petitions have been circulated through the efforts of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Windsor Green, Greenbriar and Charlestowne Village homeowner associations as well as the Boxwood, Woodland Hills, Lakewood, Lakeside and Springhill Lake civic or citizens' associations. A clip out ad is in this issue of the News Review; it also lists locations for pick up petition cards and drop boxes where they can be placed.

"The committee is hoping to receive several thousand responses if the citizens of Greenbelt are to demonstrate to the GCI Board that they are serious about wanting to save the services," according to SOS committee chairman Joe Isaacs. Isaacs feels that an early large response is critical if the drive is to have impact on the GCS board members. Further questions concerning the petition drive may be addressed to Isaacs, 345-5671.

Friday evening at 7:30 in the Greenbelt Homes Board Room on Hamilton Place. All interested persons are invited to attend. The 91-member orchestra of the Eleanor Roosevelt H ig h School will play in concert at the school on Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. On the program for the evening will be La Gazza Ladra by Rossini, March Slav by Tschaikowski, and Symphonie Antique by Diemerall under the baton of Director Dorothy Pickard. Karen Landers, student teacher, will direct the orchestra in the first movement of Dvorak's New World Symphony.

The Symphonic Band will play Die Fledermaus by Strauss, Colas Breugnon by Kabalevsky and 17 Come Sunday by Vaughn Williams. Concert Band I will perform British Grenadiers from the English Suite by Grundeman, Finale from Symphony No. 1 in G Minor by Kalinnikov and Preludium & Fugue by Frescobaldi. The Concert Band II will play Fanfare, Pastorale and Serenade by Starer, Kentucky 1800 by Grundeman and March by Frackenpohl. The three bands are directed by Sally Wagner.

The concert is free. The public is invited.

WHAT GOES ON

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Thurs., Mar. 1, 8 p.m. SOS Cit-
izens Committee, Municipal
Building.
Fri. Mar, 2, 7:30 p.m. New Co-
op (GCC) Meeting, GHI of-
fices, Hamilton Pl.
8 p.m. Festival Concert.
Bands & orchestra., E. Roos-
evelt High School.
Mon., Mar. 5, 8 p.m. City
Council. Municipal Building.
Thurs., Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m. SHL

Council. Municipal Building Thurs., Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m. SHL Civic Association Annual Meeting SHL Community

House. 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting. Hamilton Pl.

Beputy Police Chief Appointed

Major Francis T. Hutson, a 24-year veteran of the Baltimore County Police Department, has been appointed Deputy Chief of the Greenbelt Police Department. According to City Manager James K. Giese, who announced the appointment, the Deputy Chief is expected to become Chief upon the retirement of Chief William T. Lane in July. Major Hutson will retire from the Baltimore County Department and begin his duties in Greenbelt on March 5.

At Baltimore County, Major Hutson was Commander of Patrol Area III, an area consisting of 70 square miles of land and 180 miles of water front. The area has a population of 225,000. He directly supervised the dayto-day operations of 300 officers and civilians working in or out of three precinct stations and a marine unit.

Beginning his career as a patrol officer, he worked his way through the ranks to become Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division prior to his present assignment.

Major Hutson also has been project director for a newly formed program called Citizen Oriented Police Enforcement (C.O.P.E.) Program. This special police unit is designed to interact with the community, reduce citizen fear and encourage citizen participation in public safety.

Major Hutson has an Associate Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Essex Community College and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Federal Executive Institute Senior Executive Program.

A certified assessor for accreditation for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., Major Hutson has performed consulting work for other police jurisdictions.

New SHL Civic Association Holds Annual Meeting

The first annual membership meeting of the newly formed Springhill Lake Civic Association will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 8, in the Springhill Lake Community House. Election of officers will be held and goals for the organization discussed. All Springhill Lake residents are urged to attend.

While voting membership will be limited to residents of Springhill Lake, friends and neighbors from throughout Greenbelt are welcome to attend. For additional information call Joyce Chestnut after 7 p.m. at 474-0567. Page 2

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Help for Deaf Children

To the Editor:

It was recently announced to the parents of students at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School for the Deaf (KDES) and Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD), both at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., that two legislative acts had been proposed affecting the schools: (1) proposed federal budget cuts of almost \$10 million for the two schools; (2) proposed legislation to change the tuition-free status of the schools, charging the local school districts and/or the students' parents with tuition fees.

If these two proposals are enacted the two federal schools will surely suffer. The tuition fee would amount to about \$16,000 a child. Most, if not all of the students, about 600 in all, would have to leave the school; thus missing an exceptional educational opportunity. These pro-posals also affect deaf children throughout the United States as the research and programs developed at KDES and MSSD are disseminated to schools for the deaf all over the country.

There are several families in the Greenbelt area with children in these schools who need their friends' and neighbors' help in stopping these proposals from being adopted. We ask everyone to write or call their congressmen and senators asking their help in defeating these proposals and also to contact President Reagan asking him to rescind his proposed budget cuts of federal funds to KDES and MSSD.

Everyone's help would be greatly appreciated in helping us provide our children with the quality education they need to become independent and self-sufficient citizens.

Susan Martin and Deidre

Gospel Concert at Mowatt Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will host a gospel concert on Sunday, March 4. Sally and El Wolfe will present music to lift the spirit. Sally, an ac-

complished pianist, and El, a former Pastor-Evangelist and Teen Challenge Director, have a unique musical ministry. The program is at 7 p.m. at the church, 40 Ridge Rd.

Comedy at Utopia; **Neil Simon Returns**

Another Neil Simon play, "The Gingerbread Lady," comes to the Utopia Theater this Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, at 8:15 p.m.

Jo Ann Jones, the play's director, was Aunt Abbey in Curtain Call's Decomber production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" at the Prince Georges Publick Playhouse,

Mishkan Torah Presents

Film on Media Objectivity

The video documentary "NBC in Lebanon: A Study of Media Misrepresentation" will be shown Saturday, March 10, at 8 p.m. at Mishkan Torah, Ridge and Westway. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Refreshments will be served. There will be no admission charge. Donations in support of Americans for a Safe Israel will be solicited to support distribution of the film.

Lions' Eye Bank Moved

The new address of the Lions Club Eye Bank and Research Foundation is 9470 Annapolis Road, Seabrook, Maryland 20786. The new phone number is 577-7800.

CYO MIDGET GIRLS

THANKS Letter to the Editor:

Thanks to superb surgical and medical care, and the prayers and good wishes of our friends from "St. Hugh's Sunday morning coffee hour," Mowatt Memorial, et al, I am home from the hospital and doing nicely.

Thursday, March 1, 1984

The only thing that could have been nicer on my first day home than the deluge of cards would have been to greet you in person. Thank you all so much.

Alan Collins/Alexian Village, Signal Mountain, Tn.

80th Birthday Party For Ottilie Van Allen

Friends of Ottilie Van Allenand anyone else whose life has been touched by this wonderfully young octogenarian—are invited to attend a special celebration in her honor on Sunday, March 11, Ottilie's 80th birthday. The party will take place at Paint Branch Unitarian Church, on Powder Mill Road, from 4-6 p.m. For further information, contact Ruth Bond 474-2538.

Citrus Fruit Sale

Music Department students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are selling citrus fruit this year as a means of financing the activities of the orchestra and three bands. Boxes of oranges and pink grapefruit may be ordered before March 6 by calling the Music Department (345-7500) during school hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or 441-2662 after 7 p.m. or this weekend.

Spring Soccer

by Sue Cornelius

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club recently spent two weekends holding registration for Spring Soccer 1984. The response was so great that in several age groups, two teams had to be formed to provide more playing time for each child, and less confusion and frustration for our coaching staff. Most teams have, therefore, already been formed and have begun practice. Games are scheduled to begin Saturday, March 17.

While many rosters are now closed, some spaces are available on certain teams, especially for those born from 1969-70. Please call immediately if interested in signing up, as next week may be too late. Call 345-6081 or 474-2397. Participants are looking for a spectacular season, with seven Saturday games and one night game. Don't miss out on all the fun!

The CYO Midget girls kept their unbeaten string alive (7-0) by defeating an aggressive and considerably taller Mt. Calvary basketball team 8 to 4. Cheryl Eley dominated the offense with three field goals and two foul shots to provide all the scoring for St. Hugh's. Team defense held Mt. Calvary to only two points until the final 3 seconds of the game.

March Bake Sale

Winter is going, and the Cultural Arts Center Bake Sale comes to the front of the Utopia Theater on Saturday, March 10, with coordinator Eileen Peterson (345-2454) hoping that thoughts of spring will inspire many who have never donated baked goods to the CAC fundraiser to do so, beginning at 10 a.m. Donators will be rewarded with a free ticket to a Cultural Arts Center play.

Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club has selected its officers and committee chairs for 1984. President is Florence M. Holly; vicepresident, Frances M. Ready; 2nd vice-president, Joseph Gardner; recording secretary, Katherine Reynolds; treasurer, Henry Buese; corresponding secretary, Ruth M. Saxe; chaplain, Kenneth Buker; sunshine, Louise Smith; publicity, Blanche Lee; membership, Dorothy Merryman; hos-pitality, Belva Weisel; physical fitness, Gertrude Law; bingo, Myrtle Yost; and historian, Harry Merryman. No chair for the travel committee has yet been appointed.

Members are reminded that 1984 dues are now due and should be paid to the membership chair, Dorthy Merryman.

LENTEN BIBLE SERIES

Beginning Monday, March 12, St. Hugh's Church will present a series of weekly study-lectures on the Bible. Led by Deacons Tim McGuire and Jim Garneau, the discussions will be held in Grenoble Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Monday during Lent. The first evening's topic is entitled "How Scripture Came to be Written." The public is invited.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church **Schedules Lenten Services**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, will be conducting half-hour Lenten devotions for six Wednesdays beginning March 7, 12:15-12:45 p.m., for those who would like to worship on their lunch hour or prefer attending church during the day. Various area Lutheran clergymen will be delivering the message each week.

Evening devotions will also be held at Holy Cross Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. during the Lenten season.



Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

474-1924 **Paint Branch** Unitarian Church 3215 Powder Mill Road (near Cherry Hill Road) Sunday, March 4

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

(for all ages)

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Dr. James Chong Park

Pastor

474-9410

40 Ridge Rd.

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Four Discussion Groups

10:45 a.m. - Anthropologist Marilyn Moors "Human Rights: A Unitarian Quest" 7:30 p.m. Forum

Benjamin Cardin, Speaker of Md. House of Delegates, on "Education"

Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

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.

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

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.)	Crescent & Greenhill 9:45	Rds. a.m.	
Worship Service	11 a.m. & 7:00	p.m.	
Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)	8:00	p.m.	

Greenbelt Community Church



Holy Cross Lutheran Church **6905 Greenbelt Road** Worship Services Sundays 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:50; Pre-School Program 9:50 Lenten Devotions Wednesdays 12:15, 7:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Classes 10 a.m.

ALTERNAL AND ADDRESS

Telephone 345-5111

LETTERS Support Efforts

To the Editor:

It is most understandable that many persons should wonder what goes on with two apparently rival groups trying to retain the Co-op foodstore, phar-macy and service station in Greenbelt. However, there really are not two rival groups: both Save Our Services (SOS) and Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) have the same goal, to keep these services serving us here in Greenbelt.

This is a difficult, uphill battle and no method to achieve this goal should be scorned. The SOS thrust is to attempt to convince the GCI management and board in Savage that they should not divest themselves of these operations, or at least to give a more realistic length of time for another group to assume the services. GCC agrees completely with these goals but is trying to raise funds to purchase the present stores' assets to continue operation under a new cooperative based here in Greenbelt. GCC would be happy if its efforts should not be needed, and SOS wants a facility in Greenbelt should their diplomacy fail.

We need the convenience of all three, pharmacy, food store, and service station, and we all must support both these efforts. We cannot leave this task to any people other than ourselves.

Katherine Keene

Assure Local Control!

To the Editor:

From the time the members and patrons of the Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc. learned of the GCI Board decision to divest its food and service station divisions, the principle concern has been to maintain the essential food services in the Greenbelt Center.

Based on the press release and pronouncements of GCI, it is likely that food services will continue under some other ownership after March 31. Whether that ownership is cooperative or private will for the most part depend on community support.

A new cooperative, organized to take over the food store and service station operations on April 1, is being formed and needs our support.

GCI members and other Greenbelters have an opportunity to assure local control over the food and service station operations by joining Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc. Please respond to the offers for membership that you receive in the mail, or when you shop in the food store. The new cooperative can meet its goal with your help.

More Time

To the Editor: I write to argue in support of persuading the Greenbelt Co-op board to keep our supermarket open for six months while its future re-incarnation is being worked out.

There is a story about a nottoo-bright farmer who raised apples. He figured it cost him \$4 per dozen to raise them. When he took them to market, he sold them for 30 cents each. Soon he discovered that he was losing money. He thought it over a lot, and finally the solution came to him. What he needed was a bigger truck!

I seriously doubt that what old Greenbelt needs on the premises of the supermarket is more of the same.

I'm sure many of my fellow Greenbelters have watched as closely as I, and with equal concern, sometimes alarm, at the changes in our community and their impact on our three co-ops: GHI, GCS, and the late Twin Pines.

Can we not learn from the demise of that latter organization? Certainly it had in many regards a superb track record: a concerned and involved membership, a dedicated and competent board and staff. In my opinion, Twin Pines had to be sold out because of rapidly changing economic realities that a co-operative run by a volunteer board of directors could not cope with.

Does not the GCS supermarket face a new set of economic realities? Certainly it is a testament that it has survived as long as it has. Imagine the changes which have occurred since its founding when it was the only store in town and for miles, a time in which they were still building walkways instead of freeways. But where is their market now? They face superior competition from Giant and Safeway, which have larger selections and lower prices. And this will probably remain true. So when it's a five-minute drive to one and a seven-minute drive to the other, why do you go to the Co-op?

I believe that there can be a viable role for the supermarket premises, but I don't know enough now to know what it is. I like my wife's idea of a smaller version of Philadelphia's Bourse, or Washington's old post office: a joint-use space shared by a number of small organizations, shops, a deli, a cafe, etc. Sure there are problems with that as

To the Citizens of Greenbelt: Greenbelt's citizens have a history of community involvement. Many people have worked hard over the years to keep Greenbelt

Open Letter

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great. At this moment, we are facing the possible loss of the supermarket, pharmacy and service station services presently pro-vided by the Co-Op.

These services could be lost to Greenbelt unless each of us becomes involved and takes some action now.

(1) I urge you to join the Greenbelt Consumers Cooperative, the new co-op being organized to take over the present co-op services. Many additional members are needed in this new co-op to raise the necessary financing.

(2) I also urge you to support the Save Our Services Committee. Complete the clip-out ad in the News Review or the post card request that the Greenbelt Cooperative Inc. board of directors reverse its position to divest the co-op services or, at a minimum, extend present operations for an additional six months.

Filling out the ad or post card is the least every citizen can do. If we don't make the effort to save these needed services, who will? Do it now! Mayor Gil Weidenfeld

Relationship Group

Behavior Service Consultants, Inc., announces the formation of a relationship psychotherapy group. It will focus on identifying and gaining better control of emotions and behaviors during relationships and subsequent to their termination. The group will meet weekly and is expected to begin mid-March 1984. The group leader will be Dr. Linda Cimarusti, a clinical psychologist. For more information and to register, please call (301) 474-2146.

Public Hanging

Will's Decorating Center and Sanitas Wallcoverings will hold a class on the art of hanging wallcoverings on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. The class will be at Will's Decorating Center at 10508-10 Baltimore Blvd. (Chestnut Hill Center) Beltsville. For more information or reservations please call 937-3733.

there will be with any proposed solution. We Need More Time.

Alexander E. Barnes



AGENDA **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL** Monday - March 5, 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
- COMMUNICATIONS
 - 6. Petitions and Requests
 - 7. Administrative Report
 - 8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

II.

- 9. State Legislation PG 413, Reenabling Article VII of the Prince George's County Charter
- 10. Additional Rental Boats on Greenbelt Lake

IV. NEW BUSINESS

11. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5, "Cemetery", of the Greenbelt City Code by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 5-2. "Lots Available for Sale", to Provide for the Sale of Heretofore Restricted Lots Numbered 21 through 35 and 52 through 63, Thereby Making Available for Sale All of the Lots As Shown on the Cemetery Map, dated November 1, 1974, Numbered Lots #1 through #63, Inclusive. - First Reading

12. American Legion Auxiliary - Community Services

- 13. Bid Awards
 - Ballfield Lights
 - 4th of July Fireworks

14. Proposals for Engineering Services - CDBG Funds

15. Guidelines for Good Samaritan Special Help Fund

16. Request for Administrative Leave

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.





Thomas X. White

GHI

BOARD

4. Manager

- a. Rules, regulations b. Memo of understanding,
- NCCB c. Computerization timetable
- d. Vehicle replacement plan

5. Committees 6. President

7. Board Members



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surgery.

Our Neighbors

by Eileen Peterson

345-2454

Happy Birthday to Ottilie Van

Allen of 18 Court Ridge. Van

Allen is a volunteer tutor at

Greenbelt Center School as well

as an active member of the

League of Women Voters, Plan-

ned Parenthood, this newspaper,

and the Paint Branch Unitarian

Church, where she was a delegate

to the church's national conven-

tion a few years ago. She was

honored a half dozen years ago

as Prince Georges County's "Vol-

unteer of the Year." Her careers,

hobbies and volunteer work total

more than is outlined above, but

Greenbelters who know her can

take this opportunity to wish her

well as she begins her 80th year.

Court Ridge resident, Linda Fox,

is recuperating well at home after

Best wishes for a speedy re-

covery to former Greenbelter Gordon Allen, who is being treat-

ed at Washington Adventist Hospital for pneumonia. Gordon and

wife Betty lived at 65 Court Ridge Rd. before moving some

years ago to Beaver Dam Rd. Betty is in charge of the Tugwell

Room at the Greenbelt library.

good neighbor,

See me for car, home,

Don W. Taulelle, clu

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Greenbelt, Md. 20770

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GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will meet in Thursday, March 8, in the GHI Board Room at 8 p.m. The Engineering and Maintenance Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. GHI will hold a rehab information meeting on Monday. March 5 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Work has begun on four test buildings for the structural repair and painting program.

Recreation Review Volleyball-Competitive

and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School Gym. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings with recreational play on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Everyone, 16 years of age and over, is welcome.

CITY NOTES

The general crew installed traffic control signs in various areas of the city and constructed new barricades for street/sidewalk repair work this spring and summer. The new refuse truck was sandblasted and prepared for painting.

The electrician transferred the electrical supply for the pathway lights from the Jaycee Clubhouse to the tennis courts.

The parks crew continued removing dead wood and debris from Attick Park. The crew also worked on playground maintenance and had the chipper out picking up roadside debris.

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WHEREAS, Governor Harry Hughes will proclaim MARCH 1, 1984 as "HOME RULE DAY" in the State of Maryland; and the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, Benjamin Cardin, and the President of the Maryland State Senate, Melvin Steinberg, will present resolutions passed by their respective Houses, to recog-nize Thirty Years of Municipal Home Rule in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, March 1, 1984 is a significant date in the 350 years of history of the State of Maryland, recaling the date when the General Assembly of Maryland proposed a constitutional amendment to grant to the cities and towns of the state the authority to enact, revise, and amend their own charters; and

WHEREAS, This proposed constitutional amendment was subsequently ratified by the voters of the State of Maryland, giving the citizens residing in towns and cities greater control over local affairs; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule is an important constitutional power under which municipalities may better govern themselves, providing greater citizen participation on the municipal level and reducing the amount of time the General Assembly has to spend in considering legislation dealing with local issues; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize this anniversary date and the importance of Home Rule;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt, hereby issue this Proclamation on the occasion of

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE DAY - MARCH 1, 1984

to observe THIRTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE in the State of Maryland, which has given us the constitutional power to enact and amend our own charters and ordinances and prohibits the General Assembly from passing laws applying to individual incorporated municipalities; to remind us that we must use Home Rule powers wisely and that we must protect and guard these powers; and to proclaim this Municipal Home Rule Day - March 1, 1984 as the kick-off date for other celebrations of Thirty Years of Municipal Home Rule during the 350th Anniversary of the State of Maryland.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 27th day of February, 1984.

GIL WEIDENFELD

Mayor



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(Continued from page one) its ambulance service to those areas which he feels are not adequately covered.

However, Dutton, serving his 10th year on the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFDRS) as chief, and a career fire fighter with the District of Columbia, expressed his concerns that the proposed fee system would not accomplish what its proponents desire, and would adversely affect current ambulance service in Greenbelt as well as the volunteer movement itself.

"We're not against the Ad-vanced Life Support system," he explained. "But we are against the county's method of funding it because of how it will affect us."

Greenbelt Facilities

Greenbelt has two BLS embulances, which respond to approximately 900 calls per year. Each time an ambulance goes out on a call, Dutton stated, it costs between \$25-\$50. (Fire trucks also respond to 900 calls per year, costing between \$50-\$75 for each trip.) About 40 percent of the calls do not necessitate a trip to the hospital, explained Jack Snoddy, president of the GVFDRS and a 30-year member of the squad. Since the county proposes to charge only for emergency trips and, it has been unofficially stated, the local unit would receive \$10 out of the \$50 charge (\$5 would go to the hospital for administrative costs), "this revenue will not cover the cost of one ambulance for one year, let alone two ambulances,' Snoddy maintained.

Moreover, what happens when the Greenbelt ambulance responds first to the scene and stabilizes the victim? This is what Dutton and Snoddy feel is most likely to occur. "We'll be there within two minutes to save the life-not the paramedics," Dutton claimed. The MICU arrives four minutes later and transports the victim to the hospital. Who receives the fee? The MICU. The local unit would receive nothing, they assert.

Snoddy and Dutton feel that the \$10 is so small an amount as to be "a slap in the face" for the service rendered, that it is even more of a disservice than to receive nothing for their efforts, and has broader implications affecting their status as volunteers under the Good Samaritan Act and their charter.

As volunteers, firefighters and ambulance personnel are protected from malpractice suits under the Good Samaritan Act. Under the county's proposal, malpractice insurance will be purchased by the county at an estimated cost of \$77,000 in additional coverage. "Does this increase the likelihood of suits ?" questions Dutton. Amendments to the Good Samaritan Law may be proposed in the General Assembly, Ayers

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Greenbelt has had its own ambulance service since the mid-1940's. Snoddy boasts that "It is the finest ambulance and fire service around. Citizens respect the service we provide," he said. The department has an annual budget of \$100,000, half of which is supported with county dollars. The rest comes from the department's general fund, established primarily through the annual fund drive, usually held in April of each year, and to a lesser extent the bingo games held at the fire house every Friday night and other fund-raising activities. The department is now gearing up for its April drive.

At the heart of the proposed county fee for service is how it will affect the fund drives of local volunteer fire companies. Greenbelt provides free ambulance service to whoever requests it regardless of whether a person contributes to the fund drive. However, many citizens feel that their contribution has entitled them to free service and, in fact, department promises free the service with the green or gold card given on receipt of a \$5 or \$10 contribution. Greenbelt does no billing for its services. Thus, calls to victims of car accidents on the Parkway or heart attacks at a nearby shopping center usually bring no added revenue to support department activities.

Last year, Greenbelt held its most successful drive, grossing \$18,000 in contributions, up from \$15,000 in 1982 and \$12,000 in 1981. Will citizens respond in this same generous manner if they know they will be billed for their hospital trips? And, without these contributions, will Greenbelt be able to provide the kind of service its citizens have come to expect since 1946? Or will the county have to raise its funding level to maintain service?

These are the major questions which Dutton, Snoddy and Henry Wynkoop, vice president and chairman of the fund drive, are most concerned about. Current county revenues, they feel, will not cover the cost of the services they now provide. Moreover, Greenbelt owns its two ambulances. They replaced a chassis on one of the vehicles last year at a cost of \$20,000. Every ten years they purchase a new ambulance with a \$50,000-\$60,000

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price tag. Their last pumper truck cost \$160,000. The major pieces of equipment are purchased by the GVFDRS. The county pays for certain supplies, gas and maintenance on the fire trucks and on one ambulance.

"We don't think we can provide the service citizens are accustomed to without two ambu!ances," Snoddy commented. Services like trips to the doctor's office for those who can't sit or walk, oxygen runs, trips to help an elderly person who falls out of bed may be the kind of services Greenbelt will no longer be able to provide if funding levels are not maintained.

Dutton also wondered if an elderly person would be afraid to call the ambulance, knowing that he or she would be billed for the service. Even though insurance companies and Medicare will pay, sometimes the elderly do not wish to incur the expense. Besides, said Wynkoop, "the cost is added to the hospital bill. Won't this increase insurance costs in the long run?" Glendening has stated that no indigent person will be refused ambulance service or will be forced to pay.

Alternative Solution

Dutton advises that the county could improve its services to southern regions by relocating its four MICUs to central portions of the county instead of on the county lines. He also doubts that the new units would save the 200 lives per year the county says will happen once the additional units are in service. He feels that the CPR classes would save more lives than the MICUs and this could be organized through the Southern Maryland Heart As-

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sociation, which is already involved in this work. In cardiac arrest cases, experts agree that administration of CPR increases the survival rate to 45 percent. Without CPR, only 10 percent of these cardiac victims survive.

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Clearly, Greenbelt's 90-member force is one of the most active in the county. Forty to fifty men are qualified to ride the apparatus. The county supplies Greenbelt with only three professional firefighters, whereas in many other stations the county supplies between five and fifteen firefighters, according to deStefano. Each firefighter is trained to perform rescue work. Greenbelt has 12 men who sleep in the station each night. These men usually go out on each ambulance call.

Greenbelt volunteers are proud of their years of service to the community, proud of their reputation, proud of the volunteer spirit which draws sons, grandsons, wives, mothers, daughters and granddaughters into their protective, family environment.

"This company is strongly vol-unteer-oriented," said Dutton. said Dutton. We still have a lot of questions that have not been answered." Laurel Response

The Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad has already notified the county that it will not participate in the fee program. However, Laurel receives a yearly tax stipend of \$60,000 from the city

for ambulance service. Dutton stated that this fee is deducted from the amount the person may have contributed to the fund drive. The fee has not affected the success of Berwyn's recent fund drive, Dutton commented.

County Council Action

Glendening announced his emergency medical services initiative on February 2. The bill, CB 26, was introduced two weeks ago before the County Council and is currently being reviewed by the Committee of the Whole. It is expected to come before the council for second reading on March 6, followed by public hearings. In the meantime, various county and volunteer fire department members are meeting to develop their positions on the issue. The bill is strongly supported by the County Fire Chief, M. H. "Jim" Estepp, who has been meeting with local groups to explain the proposal and gain their support.

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A woman was raped in the Springhill Lake area on February 14 when she entered the basement storage area of her apartment. The suspect was described as a white male in his early 20's. He was armed with a handgun.

On February 26 a fourth-degree sexual assault (touching) occurred in the area of Cherrywood Ct. The woman was assaulted about 4 a.m. when she was returning to her apartment. The suspect was described as a white male, 18-23 years old with shoulder-length dark hair.

In a combined effort by Cpl. John A. Lann, Pfc. Thomas R. Justin and Pfc. John R. Squires, two fugitives from North Carolina who were wanted for bank robbery were arrested in the Greenway Shopping Center. The suspects had been observed in the area for about two hours prior to their arrest.

A white male suspect in his early 20's is wanted in a case of indecent exposure which took place about 8 p.m. in the 400 block of Ridge Rd. on February 26. The man was described as 5'11" to 6', slender build, with dark brown hair and a closecropped, full beard. He was wearing a plaid shirt and faded blue jeans

Early on February 17, a Washington Post delivery man discovered a two-year-old girl walking along Crescent Rd. She was taken into custody by the police department, where she was cared for until she was given to the care of Protective Services. Some hours later, her parents were located.

On February 26, Cpl. Thomas W. Miskell and Pfc. Craig A. Rich arrested two juvenile residents for tampering with a car on Edmonston Ct.

Vandals flattened four tires, dented all four fenders and scratched the hood of a car at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on February 24.

Two juvenile non-residents were arrested on February 24 for throwing a rock through a side window of a car driving along Rt. 193.

Sgt. James R. Craze and Pfc. Fred E. Murray arrested two sus-

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pects for shoplifting at the Show Off. Security guards had attempt-ed to detain the couple and a struggle ensued. Pfc. James D. Love arrested four non-resident adults after they had been held by security guards at Marshall's as they attempted to leave the store without paying for merchandise concealed in bags. The four were incarcerated in lieu of bond.

Money was stolen from a purse while the victim shopped in the Safeway in Greenway Center on February 26. According to the police, the purse was suspended by the shoulder strap but the zipper was not closed.

Thefts from cars occurred on February 17 on Cherrywood Lane, Mandan Rd. and Breezewood Dr.; on February 18 on Springhill Dr. and Springhill Ct.; on February 19 on Edmonston Rd. and on the parking lot in the Greenway Shopping Center. Attempted thefts from autos also occurred on Cherrywood Terrace and Mandan Rd. on February 17.

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