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Elaine Skolnik Relinquishes Role As President of Greenbelt News Review

by Sandra Barnes

For thirty-one years Elaine Skolnik has person-ified the News Review. As a young wife and mother she took over the "Our Neighbors" column soon after arriving in Greenbelt in 1952. Several years later she and her husband, the late Alfred Skolnik, found themselves in charge of the paper — he as president, she as reporter and more importantly, as the organizer of two major fund drives which saved the community newspaper from extinction.

Over the years high honors have come her way—Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen along with Al in 1974, a critical Freedom of the Press victory at the Supreme Court in 1970.

This year Elaine has decided to step down as president of the News Review, a position she has held since Al's death in 1977. Although still closely allied to the paper, she seeks a lessening of the daily responsibility while expanding her interest in writing children's stories and other things long delayed by her almost total commitment to the News Review. The membership of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association named her President Emeritus and she is continuing as News Editor.

Elaine Skolnik is a person of intense warmth, humor and loyalty. She hates controversy and cannot bear to make anyone angry. Yet she has been at the center of some of Greenbelt's most controversial and bitterly fought issues over the past twenty-five years.

She had no idea of what would be in store for her when she came to Greenbelt with Al and her two small children, Barbara and Rita, in 1952. But she recalls that when she first arrived "I loved everything about it. I felt the spirit."

Fate in the form of Florence Shinderman of the Greenbelt Veteran's Housing Cooperative (later Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) brought her to the 45 court of Ridge Road. Living in that court at the time were Iz Parker, editor of the News Review, and Marion Hatton, writer of the "Our Neighbors" column. The News Review was frequently the topic of court conversation and the Skolniks were intrigued. She started to help Marion Hatton, and a few weeks later the column was hers.

"I almost didn't last with the 'Our Neighbors' column," she recalls. "Due to a printer's or proofing error, 3 words were left out of a condolences item so that the wrong person died. The relatives



Elaine Skolnik, now President Emeritus of the News Review, checks copy, another facet of her varied and challenging tenure at the paper. — photo by J. Henson

of the 'deceased' got wreaths and sympathy cards. It almost ended my career." Even today she remembers the event with a sense of humor mixed with mortification. On another occasion she cited the wrong person as a 32-year-old grandfather. The person was incensed by the error and complained that his business would be ruined. And in another occasion the city chastized her for wishing the Mother and Child statue a happy birthday - it was burned by vandals the day after the item appeared in the paper.

It wasn't until 1959, however, that the Skolniks became an integral part of the News Review. The paper was in a financial crisis. As she describes it, "advertising was falling off and there was a general feeling of this is it. This is the end." And Al said, "Hey, You can't do that."

Until this point. Elaine had devoted herself to organizations related to her children's activities. She was president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School, vice president of the cooperative kindergarten (not a county activity at the time), and a member of the city's first Recreation Advisory Committee (forerunner to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board).

She recalls with a relish those two News Review fund drives in 1959 and 1960 that put the paper back on its feet. "We covered every court with over 150 volunteers." It was at this point that Al took charge of the paper and stabilized its shaky financial base. No sooner had the Skolniks overcome this obstacle than they found themselves in the midst of an even more critical issue, one that threatened the community itself. The time was 1964. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission had just issued its Master Plan for College Park, Greenbelt and vicinity. Within the core of Greenbelt, high density development was to take place through recommended zoning changes. The community reacted with charac. teristic fervor. "Over 1,000 people came to Center School to protest," Elaine remembers. "We organized Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt in 1965. I was very active in that."

It was the beginning of a long career centered around development issues. She learned to organize, to solicit the help of elected officials, particularly Gladys Spellman, then a member of the county commissioners (now the county council). The city dragged out the fight for more than five years and was success-See SKOLNIK, page 4, col. 1

City Budget Hearings

All meetings will begin at 8 p.m. in the City Council Room, Municipal Building. Monday, April 28 - Police

Tuesday, April 29 - Recreation Organizations.

Tueesday, May 6 - Recreation Department

Monday, May 12 - Public Works

Tuesday, May 13 - General Government, Social Services, Miscellaneous Budgets Other Funds and Revenues

Mellon Officials Brief Council On Plans for Greenbelt Branch

by Mary Lou Williamson

Depositors of Community Savings and Loan will have immediate and total access to their insured deposits by mid May, Mellon Bank (MD) officials told the Greenbelt City Council and the News Review at a meeting here last week. Our first consideration, said John J. Curran, Jr., interim president, is to assure depositors of the security and availability of their money in the Mellon Bank (MD). Mellon will be providing information to depositors both through newspapers and directly by mail. Opening could come as early as May 14.

A hearing before the State courts on May 2 is expected to clear the way for final approval of the purchase by Mellon of the insured deposits and certain of the assets of Community.

Curran, who has headed the Mellon effort since February, and Eugene Donati, marketing department, met informally with Greenbelt officials April 15 in the city offices. The opportunity to exchange information was arranged by David Lange through the Maryland Depositors' Commit-tee. The Depositors' Committee has been urging Mellon to get information to its new customers as quickly as possible so that they can plan ahead. Mellon is under some restraints by the State of Maryland. For example, the bank is prohibited from writing to the depositors before the purchase is final.

Smooth Opening Planned

Curran told Greenbelt officials that Mellon will assure the smoothest possible opening of the bank for new customers-a priority goal-with both additional staff and extended hours. Mellon is making as few changes as possible for the opening. Also, they will keep all of the Community employees who have stayed with the company. These employees know their customers and the old services and are learning the new. "We want to ease your mind." Curran said only half jokingly to the Greenbelters around the table, all of whom have deposits in Community. "You don't have to go there the first day." While promising to make available any deposit to any customer, he said "no cash." We will urge customers to take a cashiers check. For a customer to walk out of the bank with a large amount of cash would be dangerous, he stated.

New Services

New products to be offered at the beginning are those which are comparable with the oldchecking and saving accounts, daily money market accounts, certificates and IRA's for both individual and commercial accounts. Depositors who currently hold checking accounts will have received Mellon checks, ready for use, prior to opening day. (The checks have already been printed, Curran later told the News Review.) Depositors will also receive information concerning the new products, though specific interest rates will not be known, Curran says, until they appear in newspaper ads either opening day or the day prior. "We plan to pay competitive rates in the market place," Donati added.

Mellon Bank

Curran spoke of Mellon's almost 200-year history of providing banking services in the Pittsburgh area and more recently their expansion across the state of Pennsylvania and into Delaware; the bank did not close during the Depression except when the President called a bank holiday and closed all banks.

Today, Mellon is the 11th largest bank holding company in the nation with assets of \$33.4 billion. The strength of the bank and the competitiveness of its products, says Curran, should lead customers to keep their deposits in the new Mellon Bank. Bank officials plan in coming years to expand. "Mellon won't stay (in just) eight banks. . . Maryland is our market," Curran told the Greenbelters. But for the moment there are no plans other than establishing a sound base for the new bank in the present location, he said.

In Greenbelt, says Curran, the lease for the Roosevelt Center branch has been extended and signed by Mellon. "We expect to stay in the Center." said Curran in response to council's query. We like to be in the downtown area where there is "strength in the community." He had noticed in walking through the Center earlier in the day the Post Office and grocery store-signs of a strong community center, he said. Curran was unconcerned by the presence of another full service bank.

A Community Bank

Mellon, he explained to the Greenbelters, has a tradition of involvement in the communities

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Delegate Vacancy Subject Of Public Forum April 30

State Senator Leo Green and Delegates Charles (Buzz) Ryan and Joan Pitkin, who represent the people of the Twenty-Third Legislative District will host a public forum. Wednesday, April 30 at 8 p.m. at the Glen Dale Golf Club on Prospect Hill Road.

The purpose of the forum is to hear from citizens who are interested in being considered for an interim position as delegate for the remainder of the term. The vacancy in the House of Delegates is the result of the appointment of Delegate Gerard Devlin to the Prince Georges County District Court. Devlin's appointment was announced Monday by Governor Harry Hughes.

The Governor will also make the appointment of the delegate. The appointee will serve until the general election in November.

Green and the two remaining Delegates will make a recommendation to the Prince Georges Democratic Central Committee, which will make a recommendation to Governor Hughes.

Elected officials and interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, call Senator Green's Annapolis office (tollfree from Prince Georges County) 858-3631.

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Hard to Believe

It's hard to believe - but we lost. Greenbelt, which had been a finalist in the All-America Cities contest this year, was left out of the list of nine declared winners when the names were announced in USA Today on April 19. Greenbelt had been proud to be one of the group of 20 cities (from an original 93 applicants) chosen to present their cases at the convention of the National Municipal League last November in Cincinnati. From the exuberance and enthusiasm of our team as they returned from their presentation in Ohio, we began to count on sitting in the winners' circle.

But it was not to be.

Why some cities were chosen ahead of Greenbelt seems pretty clear. They may not have shown more effective examples of citizen action than we do here (that's a point we won't concede), but their problems seemed greater. Mililani Town in Hawaii had water so polluted they could not drink it. Cleveland rebuilt a section of the inner city that had been destroyed in riots in 1968. Kansas City also reclaimed an inner city section that had been lost to crime. Jackson, Michigan and Grants Pass, Oregon, worked on creating new jobs when the local industrial base had all but collapsed. Those are problems we're glad we don't have.

Other choices by the judges seem less clear. Normal Heights, near San Diego, started a newspaper; we kept one going. They created a citizens association; we kept all ours working together. They rezoned for lower residential density; we've fought rezoning battles for thirty years.

Are we sorry we tried? For all those who worked together writing the initial application, for the expanded group that prepared the exhibit and oral presentation to take to Cincinnati, and for the team that went — the whole experience was a delight. New friends were made, and the camaraderie of cooperation was intensified. Perhaps what the judges in a sense recognized was that citizen action here has worked so well and so long that whatever problems seem to arise have had little chance to enlarge to lifethreatening issues. Looked at in that way, Greenbelt of course did not lose. As we have known all along, Greenbelt has really won!

Parent Awareness Meeting

The Prince Georges County Public School System, the County Executive's Office, and the County Health Department are jointly sponsoring Project Graduation. This is designed to focus on the dangers of drinking and driving, at a time of year when many high school students are involved with proms and graduation activities.

eries of meetings has been scheduled around the county for parents of teens. The meeting for our area will be held in the Greenbelt Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. There will be a discussion as to what we might do to reduce the number of teen deaths and injuries attributed to drinking and driving. All interested parties are invited to attend. To obtain further information about Project Graduation, call Mitch Johnson at the Directorate of Addictions, 864-2626.

Baha'i Faith "The highest and most elevat.

ing state is the state of prayer. Prayer is communion with God." - from the Baha'i Sacred Writings Greenbelt Baha'i Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, MD 20770 345-2918 / 474-4090

Paint Branch Unitarian Church 3215 Powder Mill Road

(near Cherry Hill Road) Sun., April 27, 10:45 a.m. Service: "Heritages to Grow and Outgrow."

Visitor's Luncheon after the Service

Church School 10:45 a.m. Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

Police Investigating Rape

Greenbelt police may have a sginificant lead in their effort to identify a masked rapist who attacked a 17 year old Greenbelt girl on Greenbelt Road about 11:15p.m. Sat. night, April 19. The rapist told his victim that his mother had been killed on the highway.

According to police spokesman Patrick McAndrew, investigators are checking into recent Green. belt traffic deaths in an effort to connect such a fatality to the rapist's statement.

The girl had been walking on Greenbelt Road near the I-95 overpass when she was accosted by a man in his late teens or early 20's wearing a multi-col-ored wool ski mask. He threatened her with a knife and forced her into a nearby woods where he handcuffed her and committed the rape. After telling her that his mother had been killed while walking along the road, he removed the handcuffs and fled on foot. The girl flagged down a patrol officer on Greenbelt Road. She was taken to Prince Georges County Hospital where she was treated and released.

The rapist is described as white, 5'9, 150-180 lbs. He was wearing a maroon, light-weight jacket and light colored corduroy pants.

Sister City Orchestra **To Visit Roosevelt High**

The Greendale, Wis., High School orchestra will join the orchestra of Eleanor Roosevelt High School for some combined music making at the school's regular class period on Monday, April 28. Having arrived in Alexandria on Friday, April 25 to participate in Festival of Music -Washington, D.C. in Alexandria, the young musicians will conclude a whirlwind weekend of performance and sightseeing with rehearsal and lunch at Roosevelt and a walking tour of Greenbelt early in the afternoon. According to their director, James Clinton, both the students and the adults accompanying them look forward to seeing Greendale's "sister city" as a highlight of their Washington area tour.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410 Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. James Chong Park Pastor 474-1924

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist First Three Sundays 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Fourth Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS UTOPIA THEATER Sunday 9:50 a.m. **Camp Marie Family** Retreat May 2, 3, 4 Call 474-7280 for information

Bloodmobile to Visit City

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Greenbelt Fire House on Crescent Road this Saturday. April 26, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For further information, call 345-7000.

SHL Civic Group Elects New Officers

The Springhill Lake Civic Association held its third annual membership meeting on Thurs-day, April 10. The following officers were elected to serve during the next year: Joyce Chestnut, president; Sandi Getz, vice president; Stephanie Butler, secretary; and Jose Morales. treasurer.

At Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 join a Park Ranger in search of signs of spring along two miles of Horse Trail at Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Ranger Station located in the campground at 10 a.m. For information call 344-3944. All events cancelled in the event of rain.

On Thursday, May 1 there will be a Drop-In Storytime for ages

At the Library

3-5 at 10:30-11 a.m. There will be a Drop-In Storytime every Thursday through May 29. THANKS

To the Editor:

The family of Alta L. Morrison would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for the many kind expressions of love and sympathy shown to us during our recent bereavement. The Family of Alta L. Morrison

Lion's Club Meeting

Cheryl Stein, a volunteer reader and member of the Washington Ear Speaker's Bureau, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Greenbelt Lion's Club set for Monday, April 28, at the Fireside Restaurant, 6011 Greenbelt Road. The Washington Ear, Inc., is a radio reading service for the blind and physically handicapped.

The public is invited to attend at 7:30 p.m. Please call 474-5156 for reservations.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. John P. Stack, Pastor Rev. Thomas S. Schaefer, Associate Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 6 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.





Bertha V. Dobson

Justin Klem

Bertha V. Dobson, age 70, a former Greenbelt resident who lived in Rixeyville, Va., died April 13 in Culpepper, Va, She is survived by her husband. James A. Dobson, daughters, Doris Poling, Greenbelt; Rachel Millard, Jessup; Bea Strickler, College Park; Mary Kenney, Riva Va.; and Marian Dobson. Rixeyville; sons, David, Rixeyville and Clarence, Gordonsville, Va.; 2 brothers, 3 sisters, 27 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren.

Leonard Wertz

Leonard Wertz, a former Greenbelt resident, died at his home in Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 19.

A native of Pennsylvania, Wertz resided in Greenbelt for over 35 years. He worked for the Federal Government, N.S.A. at Ft. Meade, Maryland for 40 years, retiring in 1984.

Wertz was active with Boy Scout Troop No. 746 where he served as a committee member and Explorer advisor for several years.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 48 years, Betty, daughters, Mary Hafer, Ellis, Seabrook. Md.; Carol Conn.; sons, the Reverand Richard Paul Wertz, Neb.; Thomas Leonard Wertz, Greenbelt, and 12 grandchildren.

Interment was in the family plot near Altoona, Pa.

Woman's Club News by Gertrude Law

A scrumptious pot luck lunch-eon was enjoyed by the Woman's Club on Monday.

Plans are being made for the last meeting of the season. The meeting will be held at the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Church on Saturday, May 10 at 1 p.m. A luncheon will be served. Members are urged to buy a ticket and bring a guest. Yearly

Justin Joseph Klem, a resident of Greenbelt for the last 43 years, died on Wednesday. April 16. He was born in upstate New York. living in Rochester and attending St. Bonaventure College in Olean, from which he was graduated in 1935. When he was a freshman he met Virginia Simons in Rochester, and in 1941 they were married.

The next year he joined the Navy and was stationed in Washington, D.C. at the Photo Science Laboratory. In early 1943 Justin was able to bring his bride to a recently completed house built to meet the pressing needs of service families for affordable housing. It was located in a new community to the east of the city, and at that time was rather isolated and still surrounded by a large green belt of trees. The young Klem family was the first to live in their house on Laure! Hill.

Later as the family grew larger they moved to 4 Court on Hill. side Road. Justin Klem loved Greenbelt, and even though he had a film developing lab in Rockville and was also part owner of the Transcolor Photo Store in Rockville he chose to remain in Greenbelt.

In 1950 it was discovered that he had multiple sclerosis, but he was able to continue working until 1960. At that time he sold his business in Rockville, His confinement to a wheelchair did not mean that his mind was similarly limited in activity, because he continued to take a great interest in everything: his family, his community, his church, and his country.

Loving Greenbelt as he did, he particularly enjoyed watching the changing seasons in the green world at the Klem gardenside porch. One neighbor particularly remembers a golden late afternoon in summer. Justin Klem was on his porch and called to her. "Now turn around," he said, as she came up to him. "Just look

be more beautiful? I just can't look at them enough, and aren't we fortunate to have them! It's just as if we were all millionaires living on a big estate."

He leaves behind in addition to his wife of 45 years, Virginia. five children, Karen Klem Smith, Thomas, Robert, Paul, and Michael, and nine grandchildren. The funeral mass was at St. Hugh's, where he had been a parishoner 43 years, and burial was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Rockville. He also leaves behind a host of friends and neighbors who remember him as one who was not embittered by adversity.

-Katherine Keene

KLEM: In Memoriam

The phone rang with the formidable news that could have come anytime during the past 25 years. Virginia and I, and many, many of the great friends in Greenbelt, had lost a buddy and pal, Justin. It's strange but I never called him Justin, but No, not once in the 43 Klem. years that I knew him, and his daughter Karen and my daughter Sharon had their pictures taken together, did I ever call him anything but Klem. So I knew him intimately and well and we had a coveted mutual interest: color photography. Be-fore his illness confined him, Klem had a thriving color processing plant in Rockville, when that city was a fledging and he could foresee its potential.

Long after he could no longer drive, Virginia, his wife, the epitome of devotion and endurance, drove him to work making the trip at least twice a day so Klem could keep his hand in the quality control of the business. Klem was a chemist whose life was devoted to the development of better color transparencies and prints for you and me. Others in the business would come to his lab to see how he was getting so much better quality from the same chemicals they used, and typically he shared his knowledge and had no secrets from them. He thrived on competi-

THANKS To the Editor:

The family of Justin Klem wish to thank all the friends and neighbors of Greenbelt for all their cards and support, and special thanks to our Greenbelt Rescue Team for their help and assistance during the past years. The Klem Family

petitors alike, and proved that he could not only do it better but cheaper than they and ths is often the difference between success and failure in this extremely competitive business. I dwell on this because I would show him the photographs I often took around Greenbelt and sometimes just for him) and although he loved the ducks, and squirrels, the birds, the Lake and all of God's creation, the subject matter was secondary. His first interest was the color balance, density, saturation and all the other technical aspects of the processing of color prints He was ever the technician and if you shot transparencies he would say: "Charlie you have to hit the exposure on the nose and you do that better than any of my other customeers" He always bragged on that and I felt like a peacock, for I knew it was an honest assessment. Klem was not an eartickler but neither would he demean you.

When his friends would play Saturday night poker with him - it was one of the last things he could do - now believe this if you will, Klem and his son were watching the cards as dealt to him for draw-poker and this is the sequence of the deal: 10, Jack, Queen, King and last the Ace-all in Spades. The odds of getting those cards in order are intronomical and I would like to know the odds against it. I said: "I guess you won the hand then, He laughted that infectious eh" laugh that he so often displayed in spite of his terrible illness and answered: "Yeah, I took the pot and it had all of 30c in it."

That was typical of our friend Klem, it wasn't how the cards were dealt, it was how he played the game!

Charles D. Kendall, Sr.

Sephardin Lecture

"The Sephardin: Our Roots and Rituals" will be the subject of a lecture at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, April 27 at 8 p.m. Mark Zuares will present an overview of Sephardic history, backgrounds, and traditions and then wll focus on the observance of Passover. A question-and-answer period will follow the lecture.

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The lecture is open to all who wish to attend. There is no charge. Kosher refreshments will be served.

Transport Available to Billy Graham Crusade

Greenbelt Baptist Church has plans to send buses to the Billy Graham Crusade at the Washington Convention Center. There is limited space on the buses that is available to the public. For information about the bus. or carpooling, or riding Metro trains to the crusade, please call the Church Office Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 474-4212.

Science Enrichment Classes **At Owens Science Center**

Thirty-four science enrichment classes including, "Chemistry: Miami Vice Style," "Rocky's "Chemistry: Boots and Computer Logic" and "Bugs, Insects, and Such," will be offered by the Prince Georges County Public Schools this summer to elementary, middle and high schools. All classes will be held at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, located at 9601 Greenbelt Road.

There is a fee. Tuition must be paid upon registration by cash, certified check, or money order. No personal checks will be accepted.

Registration begins on May 1 for residents of Prince Georges County and on May 12 for nonresidents. Registration ends on May 30. For a schedule of classes and registration information call 577-8718.



Skolnik Steps Down as President

(Continued from page one) ful in making many changes to the Master Plan. "If that first Master Plan had been adopted," she says, "we would have had higher density within the core of the city as well as in east Greenbelt. When the revisions came out in 1970, we lost some, for example the Golden Triangle, but by and large it was much better." She also remembers She also remembers the red flags that lined Ridge Road to indicate where the road would be widened to accommodate the higher density.

Her concern about development is intense. She wonders today about the talk of building the intercounty connector, about whether the roads will support the level of development occurring. "Developers will try to get all they can, that's their role. But I think county officials should be cautious of overdevelopment and at least should insist that public facilities, in particular roads, are in place first and that the quality of life is not ad-versely affected. We're fortunate that original Greenbetl is now on the National Register of Historic Places and that the central core has been pretty much preserved." The Next Battle

The '60s were the years of zoning fights, priming the Skolniks and the News Review for the next battle - with the Board of Education. The school board purchased 72 acres at the end extended and of Northway was determined to build an elementary, junior and senior high school complex on the site. The city was just as determined that the school board would not. The city's narrow, winding streets could not accommodate the flow of construction trucks followed

later by school buses and heavy traffic. Elaine went to meetings in Upper Marlboro almost weekly as a reporter. She recalls her appearances there where, she "we Greenbelters were says. looked upon as kooks. They gave us no respect."

During the next five years, the Greenbelt Homes. Inc. city. (GHI), the citizens and the newspaper organized. Save Our (SOC) formed. Community Again the establishment was hauled into court. The school board learned to respect this gutsy community and its volunteer newspaper. Five years of wrangling was enough. And the Eleanor Roosevelt High School was built finally on a more delocation on Greenbelt sirable Road.

These were exciting years for the Skolniks. Their family had grown to include Richard in 1957. They had moved to the two court of Northway. Their home was the hub of many poevents, GHI and City litical to

column. She reported on City Council meetings. She recalls one City Council meeting when she stepped out into the hallway during a break to talk with several developers. Suddenly, an interested citizen called to her loudly, "Elaine! You have two different colored shoes on." Sure enough. She looked down and she was wearing one blue shoe and one brown shoe. Embarrassed, she nevertheless quickly replied. "Oh. my mother said it's good luck."

One More Fight

The battles were hard fought for Al and Elaine Skolnik. They little knew that they were in store for one more fight, one that was to test their strength, their faith in themselves and their community, and their family. On July 18, 1966, the News Review and Al Skolnik as its president, were sued for libel by a developer. The issue revolved around stories printed in the News Review. The developer sought higher density zoning for a large tract of land the center of the city. He in asked for the city's support for a zoning change and offered to sell to the Board of Education another tract of land in exchange for a favorable recommendation. The News Review reporter quoted a citizen as saying during a council meeting, that "It seems that this is a slight case of blackmail." The developer sued, charging libel, for \$2 million. The city and the Skolniks were in shock.

It is impossible to state the toll that this suit took on the lives of the Skolniks. To this day Elaine admits to guilt because "I felt I neglected my kids" during the four years of litigation. A meticulous housekeeper. Elaine faced years of living in a home in a constant state of chaos. at times "the house was mobbed, filled with stenos, typewriters and briefs. I'll never forget the five-day trial. Our lawyer slept here. Every inch of this house had typewriters."

Roger Clark was their attorney. His services were pro bono, provided by the firm which represented the Washington Post. Elaine did double duty-cooking for the legal staff on weekends and researching the files in Upper Marlboro. She traveled frequently to Upper Marlboro and did a major portion of the research prior to the trial. Her friends and supporters-mostly women home during the dayaccompanied her as she did not then drive.

The case was lost in the lower court and the developer was awarded \$17,500. The verdict was delivered on a Tuesday and that night the Skolniks were at their usual post at the News Review office in the basement of 15 Parkway. "I never saw so many peo.

ful months ahead, we had to collect \$20,000 for an escrow fund" as they mounted an appeal. The Skolniks and the community never hesitated in their desire to be vindicated. The Freedom of the Press Committee was formed, headed by their good friend, the late Charles Schwan, and another friend, Albert Herling. The money was collected. But the suit was lost in the Maryland Court of Appeals.

The case was taken to the Supreme Court.

The physical and emotional drain on the Skolniks was great. Though they were strengthened by the support of the community, they bore the brunt of the battle. Years later Elaine was told by her daughter Rita that she feared for her mother's health. And Elaine feels that her husband's untimely death in 1977 was in part caused by events related to the suit.

In 1970 the Supreme Court unanimously overturned the verdicts of the lower courts. "We all celebrated the end of the suit. The champagne flowed," Elaine recalls. "We updated the libel laws of Maryland, and broadened the constitutional defenses of reporters against libel suits," she added.

As president of the News Review, Elaine has wielded a great deal of power. Modestly, she has always shunned publicity for herself and denied her influence. She dreads public appearances. She is a "behind the scenes" person, a person who persuades via the telephone and the written word. She is quick to give others credit, particularly Al. In fact, she had little faith in her writing skills, confident that Al was always there to polish what she had written. When he died in 1977, her world was shattered.

Elaine assumed the presidency of the Board of Directors of the News Review after Al died. "I just knew I was going to do it. I'm not a leader. But it was a way to stay close to Al. He loved the paper with a passion. I had to carry on for Al and the paper. I had never written a story without Al. I didn't know how I was going to do it."

There have been many tough issues and many stories written since then. Many a night she has gone to bed at 2 a.m. to be awakened at 6 a.m. by an irate reader. Elaine laughingly remembers her "love affair with the sewage treatment plant." referring to the controversial plant built at Greenbriar during the sewer moratorium in the late '70s. She is indignant while remembering the sporadic attempts by several GHI Board members in the early '60s to charge the News Review rent for their base-

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year.

She

ahead.

ment quarters. One former GHI

board member even arrived at

the News Review office one Tues-

day night to measure the space.

step down." she admits. "But it's

time. It's hard to give up, to sit

back and let change happen. But

there are new people doing

things I wouldn't dream of do-

ing. The new people have brought

me into the 21st century. There's

a time to turn the reins over."

from the presidency, Elaine will

remain active on the paper. She

plans to continue as News Editor,

to work with the interns, with

development and Metro issues.

She wants to dust off her chil-

dren's stories, stories she wrote

years ago but published only one.

She married Victor Nicholson, a

communications engineer last

her personal obligations to an

ailing mother-in-law and her own

parents. She dotes on her grand-

daughters Amy and Jamy and

has many plans for the years

a part of her life-just not quite

as much of it. The commitment

made 31 years ago lives on.

nest.

The News Review will still be

thinks a lot about

Though she has stepped down

'After 31 years, it's hard to

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Employment Open House To Be Held by U. of Md.

The University of Maryland College Park Campus will hold two-day Employment Open House to introduce the public to the wide array of full time, part time and temporary job opportunities in technical, journeyman trade, clerical and administrative support fields available on the campus.

Openings for accountants, auditors, business managers, scientific typists, telecommunication technicians, systems analytss, and laboratory, physical science, engineering and electronic technicians, among others, are available. Other opportunities include food administrators, campus police officers, nurses, buyers, and journeyman carpenters. electricians, auto mechanics. stationary engineers and refrigeration mechanics.

The Open House will be held Wednesday, April 30 from 2 to 9 p.m. and again on Saturday. May 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 1123 of the Center of Adult Education Building at the intersection of Adelphi Road and University Blvd. (Md. 193).

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The City of Greenbelt seeks sealed bids for the furnishing of resurfacing of various streets and parking areas within the city. It is estimated that approx. 14,700 sq. yd. of resurfacing with 2" SN bituminous mix will be required. Bid information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, 474-8052. Bids must be received no later than 2:00 P.M., May 14, 1986.



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Committee Set to Produce 50-Year Story of Greenbelt

The next venture of Greenbelt's 50th anniversary committee is poised for flight — writing the fifty year history of Greenbelt. The current expectation of the several sub-committee members on this project, chaired by Mary Lou Williamson, is to publish a pictorial history with slightly greater emphasis on the beginning years.

Alan Virta, who authored "Prince Georges County—a Pictorial History" has agreed to head the search-for-photographs committee which includes Joe Polanin and Don Volk. All three are already working on other 50th anniversary subcommittees researching p h ot og r a p h s of Greenbelt.

Add to them a nucleus of writers and editors:

Sandra Barnes, Barbara Likowski, Diane Oberg and Bill Rowland, Barnes also serves as liaison to the 50th anniversary committee which she heads. Emory Harman, who is president of the Greenbelt Historical Society, has been corresponding with a private publishing com-

beginning years. red pany. The group plans to make lic- a formal proposal to the comto pany in the next few weeks.

> The framework of the book would probably be several hundred photographs. The first several years of Greenbelt are well documented in the Farm Security Administration photograph collection now housed in the Library of Congress. The National Archives, the City of Greenbelt, the Tugwell Room in the Library and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. are other sources. The News Review collection is mostly in old cuts-metal printing plates made of photographs. Many of the oldest cuts are not identified.

The committee seeks others in-

INCUMBENTS ELECTED, BYLAWS APPROVED AT CO-OP MEETING

by Joe Timer

Patronage refunds and positive news set the tone for this year's annual meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative. Some 40 members attended the April 4 meeting, which was held at the Municipal building. The three incumbents — Margaret Hogensen, Charles Sarahan, and James Foster — were elected to 3-year terms to the Board of Directors.

Supermarket manager B o b Davis reported that the store had made improvements aimed at meeting the needs of the members and the community. They included adding a deli and fresh baked goods, plus the choice of cost-effective generic drugs at the pharmacy. "Goals for 1986 include expanded services at the deli and exterior improvements of the facility." stated Davis.

"These are exciting, but sometimes scary, times at the service station because of the dramatic and frequent changes in the cost of gasoline," commented Manager Dave Meadows, While the mechanics at the station are experienced and certified, Meadows reported that they have been attending classes to keep updated on diagnosing and servicing today's cars.

Finances

Treasurer Joe Timer reported that the co-op's balance sheet is strong and that it completed its second year of operations "in the black." Sales during 1985 totalled \$5.3 million, with the supermarket representing \$4.2 million. About \$158,000 remains on the original \$425,000 loan from the National Cooperative Bank.

Because of the co-op's profit able year, employees received a bonus, and their fringe benefits have been improved. Also, the co-op has earmarked \$98,400 as a patronage refund for its members. Chairman Jim Cassels not-

Supermarket manager Bob avis reported that the store had ade improvements aimed at eeting the needs of the memre and the community They

Members also approved all bylaw changes recommended by the board. One major modification changed GCC's fiscal year. Previously, the co-op operated on a calendar year that ended December 31. The new fiscal year ends each July 31. The co-op's current year will be an abbreviated one lasting 7 months (1/1/86 to 7/31/86). Then, GCC will begin its new '12-month fiscal year.,

GCC's auditor Andrew Lang complimented the cooperative for having developed the basic ingredient for success — membership loyalty, effective management and an active board. But he cautioned that it takes a continuous effort and vigilance to maintain a blend of these 3 ingredients.

Members recommended that the co-op take a more active role in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Eileen Peterson suggested having a booth, which would also serve as a vehicle for recruiting new members.

Raymond R. Haber, Pauline Hill and Edward J. Griffin won door prizes, which were \$10 merchandise certificates.

At the co-op board's first meeting, the board members elected Jim Cassels chairman, James Foster secretary and Joe Timer treasurer.

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terested in helping with the project. All kinds of skills will be needed, but the first task to be done is the photo search. The group will need additional persons to go to the various sources and review possible selections, talk to residents who may have old photographs and track down possible other sources. The committee will ask for specific kinds of photos from residents when gaps become known. Interested workers may call Williamson at 441-2662. Those with photos they think the search committee may want to see should call Harman at 474-5156.

Mellon Reports.

A report on the status of Community Savings & Loan.

A word of introduction.

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A timetable of events.

Your Mellon Bank will open as soon as possible after necessary approvals have been obtained. The Maryland Legislature has already passed appropriate legislation, and a Maryland State Court placed Community Savings and Loan in receivership—a necessary step in a series of legal actions which will allow customers to access their accounts. We are continuing to work to secure the other necessary approvals from the Federal Reserve Board and the Maryland Commissioner of Banking.

We will announce our opening date as soon as it is certain. Right now, we anticipate opening during the month of May. If you were a Community Savings & Loan customer when it closed, you will automatically become a Mellon customer and have complete access to the insured portions of your accounts.

Needless to say, we can't wait to be a bank you can count on.



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the Center Elementary School

gym. Attempts by Greenbelt of-

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sonnel to revive the man were

unsuccessful. He was pronounced

dead at Prince Georges Doctors'

The death of a 21/2-year-old

infant was reported on April 11

at an apartment n the 5900 block

of Cherrywood Lane. The child

was removed to Doctors' Hos-

pital where the Prince Georges

County Medical Examiner ruled

the cause of death to be a case

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Syndrome).

Council Seeks Townhouses Instead Of Garden Apartments for Parcel 15

by Betsy Likowski

City council members discussed plans for developing parcel 15 with developer's representatives at a council work session on Wednesday, April 16. The main issue was the proposed residential condominium units, since council would prefer single family homes or townhouses. The developer's representatives finally agreed to draw up a plan showing townhouses for presentation to the Advisory Planning Board it its next meeting.

Parcel 15 is the 29 acre wooded strip of land between the Belt-way and "Buddy" Attick Lake Park, Charlestowne Village, the American Legion to Greenbelt Road. The Milton Company, as contract purchasers, have pro-posed plans for the parcel. The plans call for 38 two-story commercial townhouse units and 158 residential condominium units. The western ten acres of the parcel would be dedicated to the city under this proposal. The block of land closest to the lake park would thus become city land.

At the work session council members expressed their displeasure with the residential condominium units. Council member Antoinette Bram said these units looked like garden apartments to her. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld pointed out that the city has an overabundance of garden apartments. This type of housing has a high turnover, he said, and sometimes this is due to the owner moving and then renting out the unit. He expressed a desire for a more stable and family oriented development and does not want to encourage the use of condominiums for investment.

Weidenfeld said, ". . . our first preference if at all possible would be single family homes . . " and asked why they were not proposed for this parcel. Attorney Ed Gibbs said there were three reasons why there could not be single family homes on parcel 15: the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission water main through the parcel precludes any permanent structure on top of it, ten acres of the land is to be dedicated to the city, and noise from the Beltway is a problem not addressed with plans involving single family homes. (The issue of noise from the Beltway is crucial to whether development takes place, several parties mentioned.) Sharon Mc-Cormick, representing the Milton Company, mentioned that with a condominium the resident is not likely to be home much and is more interested in location.

As a compromise the developer's representatives finally agreed to draw up a plan showing townhouses. Gibbs mentioned that a townhouse plan would mean the recreation facilities may be put on city land or the ten acre dedication.

On other issues affecting the development plan, Weidenfeld said there must be a traffic light on Greenbelt Road for the plan to get council support. McCormick said they would support and contribute to a light.

City Manager James Giese requested that at least five of the ten acres that will be dedicated to the city be designated open space. It could then be used as replacement if open space is used by the city to build the police station.

during a neighborhood dispute and had beaten the occupant of Based on Information Released the apartment. The man was by the Greeneebelt Police Dept. released pending trial. Albout 5 p.m., April 17 a 53-year old Fort Washington man About 1 p.m., April 13 Officer suffered an apparent heart at-

Matthew Carr arrested a 28year-old Annapolis resident who was involved in a personal injury traffic accident. The man was charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of cocaine. He was incarcerated on \$2500 bond.

Officer Robert Keller arrested a 36-year-old man of no fixed address about 5 a.m., April 12 for driving while intoxicated after a traffic stop on Knilworth Avenue at Pontiac Street. The man was found to be in possession of a loaded .21 caliber revolver. He was held on \$200 bond.

On April 16 a large amount of

in the 100 block of Rosewood The house was forcibly Drive. entered during daylight hours

through the front door. A resident of the 61 Court of Ridge Road reported her home unlawfully entered on April 12 by a door key which she had left in her mailbox. No property was taken.

On April 11 a recorder was reported stolen from an office in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane.

During the night of April 16 1981 Honda Prelude, MD. registration CMR261, maroon in color, was stolen from the 16 Court of Ridge Road.

The windshield was broken out of a parked auto at the 50 Court of Ridge Road on April 14. On April 17 a resident of the 44 Court of Ridge Road reported

his '87 registration stickers stol-

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spective and help the group reach

At the first charette, a group

of seven judges were presented

with designs from the four

teams working on the plan to

revitalize the city's aging com-

mercial center. From the designs

submitted, the group of judges

did not pick one exclusive win-

ner, rather ideas from each team

were collected to come up with

Many ideas were presented at

the first charette. One was that

the center would need more park-

conclusions, he said.

the best design.

City Hopes Design Team Can Finish Charette Drawings

by Claudia Gelzer

To maintain its character, improve circulation and pro-mote patronage: these are the final goals of the design charette currently being done on the Roosevelt Center, said landscape architect Bill Love, a member of the design team. Charette is a French term used to refer to the short and, intense period of time in which architects work on a design.

Love said most of those who "In order for the town council to be able to communicate the participated in the charette last Spring, recently regrouped to sift project to the town, they will need a picture," Love said. through the material that was produced then, in the hopes of

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said that "85-90% of the work has been done." He said he has asked the design team and jury to try to have some type of graphic design together to be presented to the city council on Thursday, May 1. He said this is a tentative date because many of the team members are professionals working as volunteers on the charette, and have career obligations that restrict their free tme.

Weidenfeld said the design team first plans to present their ideas to city council and to the city advisory boards, and then later to present them publicly in a televised hearing. "We hope

from the public," he said. Sibley Jennings said that there is still a substantial amount of work to be done by the professionals on the design team.

He hopes the charette will play an important part in reversing the unfortunate direction that he feels Greenbelt development has moved toward in the last 20 years.

Konrad Herling, who has just stepped down after five years as presidnet of the Cultural Arts Center, said he is looking forward to a proposal that the public can react to. He hopes the city will really look at the entire situation in terms of what it can do to establish a center that is going to work.

Herling is anxious for the city to act swiftly and firmly in order to reach a final decision.

His own goals for the center are that it be financially stable, fun to come to, and that its renovation be consistent with the historic ideas of the center.

Herling's colleague. Norene Yoch, vice president of the arts center, said she is impressed with the dedication of the professionals involved in the charette follow-up.

"A charette of any sort is

a multi-thousand dollar gift," Yoch pointed out. She said she realizes the great

value of the time the profes-

sionals have put into the project,

and she thinks the city should not be impatient, but should con-

Yoch said that the city should

not be discouraged that a final

plan has not yet been developed.

"Some extremely positive things

"It has been a very produc-

He said the city council should

tive effort. The town is getting

a very valuable tool," added Bill

be "applauded for its efforts."

The goal now is to follow up

on these efforts and "make it

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where the banks are located. Council members were quick to point out obvious projects in which the bank might concern itself-the exterior renovation of the Center, and the various projects of the 50th anniversary committee-a statue of Roosevelt, a museum, a conference, all of which need funding.

Donati handed out copies of Mellon's Community Affairs Annual Report for 1985, showing that the bank does just those sorts of things. Even its employees are encouraged to volunteer their time and services within the community where they live and work.

The bank itself. Curran explained, would "operate through the managers in the community." The bank's lending policy "emphasizes local decisions within . . corporate policies adapted for local markets. (Mellon Bank Md.) will continue Mellon's tradition of lending in local communities to meet the needs of individuals, families and business, and to stimulate economic development," wrote J. David Barnes, president of Mellon Bank Corporation, the parent company, to the members of the Maryland Legislature in a statement last month.

ing area. However, both judges and members of the design team stressed that the center was initially built for walkers. They all agreed on the need for textured, highly visible walkways to slow down traffic, for the pedestrian to have the absolute right-of-way. There was also interest shown in converting the space now occupied by the dry cleaners into a restaurant, pos-

sibly one that would be coordinated with events at the theater to promote culture within the center. At this point, Love explained

that the design team has a written project statement defining what needs to be done to the center, and has drawn some rough sketches. However, nothing in detail has been developed graphically, he said. Sibley Jennings, an architect in Washing-



GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Center Sidewalks Resurface At City Council Meeting

At its April 7 regular meeting, in addition to the matters reported in last week's paper, the Greenbelt city council discussed repairing the sidewalks at the center and parking problems at the lake park.

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city's

raise swimming pool rates until

after the pool is renovated. The

staff reports that the swimming

pool fees are lower than fees

at other public pools, and that

pool revenues are estimated to fall short of expectations by

about \$35,000 in the new fiscal

the management of Springhill

Lake offering a \$5,000 annual

contribution for use at the

Springhill Lake Recreation Cen-

ter. In exchange, the city will

recognize Springhill Lake ID

cards for entrance to the center

and for use of the weightlifting

Other Activities

Approved installation of a

button-activated yellow flashing

light over the pedestrian cross-

walk on Crescent near Northway

at a cost of approximately \$4,400

plus labor. The area does not

meet state requirements for a

traffic light, but the staff is seek-

ing legal advice on whether a

light of the type installed near

Green Ridge House could be in-

Council of Governments Develop-

Publishing Corp. be requested not

to list the first name of women

in the Greenbelt Telephone Di-

rectory without their consent.

This action was sparked by a

request from a citizen who is

not listed under her own name

in the regular phone book, but

who found her full name used in

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the local directory.

· Directed that the Patuxent

ment Policy Committee.

Appointed Bram as the

representative to the

In other actions council:

Accepted a proposal from

Center Sidewalks

Council deferred action on reconstruction of the Roosevelt Center sidewalks until a presentation from the charette committee scheduled on May 1. The item had been put on the agenda by council member Joseph Isaacs. He proposed that 90 days be allowed for the charette side walk plan, but after 90 days the city should act with or without a charette design. Citing a 1979 agreement with the shopping center owner, George Christacos, which called for repair in 1980, Isaacs found the public safety and liability problems of the sidewalks nothing new. "There is nothing in concrete that suggests to me that anything conclusive will occur." he said.

City staff recommended that the issue wait until after the charette plans were finalized. One question the charette is to address is whether to keep the cobblestones and the sycamore trees. Replacing the sidewalk at the proper grade would cause serious damage to the trees since the trees' roots cause the sidewalk irregularity.

Keith Chernikoff, however, felt the various charette proposals on sidewalks were not radically different. He feared that if action were not taken by July 15, nothing would be done this year. David Moran felt the city could not afford the luxury of waiting for sidewalk repair.

Charette member Konrad Herling reported that sidewalks would be in the first stage of the charette implementation. Weidenfeld responded that all council members agreed that sidewalks should be first.

In money-related matters council:

٠ Received a report from Recreation Director Hank Irving recommending that the city not



Deferred a decision on the use of a permit parking system for residents in Boxwood Village and the Lakeside area pending receipt of comments from Boxwood Village. Comments have already been received from Lakeside. The proposal was made in response to citizen complaints about overflow parking from Buddy Attick Park. Mike Vaccaro of Greenbelt East questioned the proposal, which would prevent parking by city residents from the east and west portions of the city as well as by nonresidents.

• On a request from Putens, requested the Community Relations Advisory Board review the proposed uses of the North End School, along with the concerns of other city boards and the 1982 use study. Putens requested a report including information on costs and possible offsetting revenues.

Leta Mach - Diane Oberg

GHI NOTES

GHI will hold a clinic on yard and plant care on Tuesday, April 29 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Everyone is welcome.

The Building and Grounds Committee will meet Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

A question has been raised about responsibility for phone lines for those members who have elected to service their own lines. These members are responsible for the wires after the first telephone jack and the C & P Telephone Company is responsible for all wires up to the telephone jack. If there is any question, members should contact C & P.

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New Coalition Forms In East Greenbelt

The Boards of Directors of the Greenbriar Community Association. Hunting Ridge Condominium Association and Windsor Green Homeowners Association have formed a new inter-community association known as the Coalition of Greenbelt East Communities. The new organization will serve, according to its charter, "to enable the communities of Greenbelt East to communicate more clearly to the City of Greenbelt and other government entities their united position on matters of common interest, thereby strengthening the bonds that tie us to the other communities which make up the City of Greenbelt."

The Coalition's working body -Greenbelt East Advisory Committee-(GEAC), represents the boards of all member associations and will be open to membership for new associations in the area as they form. Officers elected at GEAC's first official meeting on February 4, 1986 were Robert C. Zugby (Chair), Sue Malone (Vice-Chair), Peg Hutson (Secretary). The Coalition is concerned mainly with problems relating to new development in Greenbelt East. Scheduled meetings are open to all members of associations and other residents of Greenbelt East. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. Interested persons may contact any of the officers for ad-

Greenwood Village Assoc. **Appoints EPC Committee**

ditional information.

The Greenwood Village Townhome Association has appointed an Environmental Protection Committee (EPC). The officers are James Coleman (Chairman), Arlene Peterson (Secretary), Julie Sweeton, Consulla Harris, and Scott Borden.

The EPC is responsible for maintaining both architectural integrity and reviewing requests from home-owners for installation of decks, storm doors, fences, etc. Anyone wishing further information, and an application for action, may contact either Jim Coleman (441-1199) or Pat Liberton (441-1070). Liberton is employed by Condominium Ventures.

CITY NOTES Victor Kirk returned to work

on Friday after an extended absence. Kirk had been injured on the job.

Members of the general crew also worked on the monument at Buddy Attick Park in preparation for the installation of the dedication plaque.

Special trash pick-up continues to be heavy and is running about three days behind.

Artists and Musicians Sought for May 31 Fair

Artisans who work in wood, stone, pottery or who make jewelry, leather or other natural material items are invited to be part of the Fair in Roosevelt Center on May 31.

Musicians are invited to volunteer their talents. The Stony Run String Band will return this year. featuring traditional bluegrass and gospel songs. Instrumentalists and singers interested should call Eileen Peterson, 345-2454. evenings and weekends.

Artists and craftspeople can leave name and phone number at 441-8770 (the sponsoring Greenbelt Arts Center) or may call Peterson.



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GHI Board and Audit Committee Elections in Need of Candidates

by Sandy Smith and Mary Moien

At the 1986 annual meeting of Greenbelt Homes Inc. five positions on the board of directors and the three audit committee slots are up for election. The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking candidates to run for those positions.

The board of directors of GHI ation. the policy-making body. The Todd Amani is a newcomer to

the board. He was elected to his

first term last year. He echoes

Hogensen's comments on upcom-

ing board issues. Both add that

if changes are made to the oc-

cupancy requirements in GHI, the

development of the rules and

regulations implementing that

policy will be very important.

Amani has enjoyed the first year

of his term, commenting that

dealing with local issues and con-

cerns is a contrast to the inter-

national and national focus of

Wayne Williams is another

veteran board member. He has

served nine years on the board.

Williams commented that GHI

has been involved with rehab and

looking inward for a number of

years. He feels that now may be

the time for the new board to

take more action with the city

as a whole, especially with re-

gard to development that is go-

ing on all around GHI. While

cutting down one or two trees,

Williams remarked. hundreds of

trees are being felled in the

Williams also indicated that

traffic in GHI will be an issue

in the next few years. Traffic

green belt around the city.

board debates the merit of

his daytime job.

the

is the policy-making body. The nine-member board sets general policies, guides management, and provides the community with representation in the decisions by which the corporation operates. Some of the current board members who are not up for election this year were interviewed to obtain their perspective on major areas of interest that will involve the board in the next few years.

Hogensen is the Margaret president of the board. She has been a director for the past 9 years and served through the challenging years of the rehabitation program. She says that the issues facing the 1986 board may be considered less dramatic but are no less important to the welfare of GHI. She feels that preventive maintenance to preserve the work done in rehab will be very important. She stresses the importance of developing a good program to prevent deterioration before it happens rather than to simply respond to calls, repair and patch.

Another issue which will be deliberated in the near future is the issue of cash reserves. How much capital should GHI allocate to the replacement of buildings and equipment? How should this amount be determined and what factors should be considered? Hogensen sees the need for a comprehensive, thorough analysis of the cash reserve situ-

Teams Rally to Benefit Summer Camp Program

Major sports organizations, politicians, businesses, and residents of Prince Georges County will be competing in an adultteam road rally and treasure hunt on Saturday, May 3, to help raise money for the County Department of Social Services Summer Camp Program.

The organizations contributing to the success of the event already include the County Executive's Office, the Greenbelt Mayor's Office, the Greenbelt Hilton and Towers, Presidential Airways, and the County's Tourism and Promotion Council.

The teams will follow a series of clues around the county, which will lead them to a finish line party at the Zanzibar Lounge of the Greenbelt Hilton and Towers.

Along the way, team members will participate in some type of recreational activity before they can get their next clue.

"For the most part, teams will be doing things they haven't done since they were children." said Jody Buffington, creator of the rally. "We thought it only appropriate, since this is all about sending children to camp."

Registration forms can be obtained until Friday, April 25, by calling the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge, at 474-4555. Everyone is welcome to cheer the teams on by coming to the finish line party, which is expected to begin around 4 p.m., at the Hilton.

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appears to be a problem in two areas: (1) traffic from existing new subdivisions that is cutting through old Greenbelt to avoid tie-ups and (2) traffic that may emanate from potential development of sites off Northway. Plateau Place and Hamilton Place. He feels that candidates should be concerned about GHI and the City of Greenbelt. They should have an interest in cooperative management and time to devote to board activities.

Committees

The three members of the Audit Committee serve for one year terms. This committee oversees the operations of GHI to ensure that the rules and regulations are followed. Members of the audit committee have a unique opportunity to learn about the corporation and how it works.

In addition, five positions on the nominations and elections committee (N and E) will be filled in voting on May 14. The N and E committee is responsible for assembling slates of candidates for the board, audit. and N and E committees. In addition. it is responsible for running the election, certifying the election vote, and counting the votes cast at the annual meeting and other membership meetings.

On May 15. voting for the board of directors and audit committee will take place in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. In order to run for GHI office, individuals should complete a consent form and turn it in to any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee or leave it at the GHI offices. For more information. call Mary Moien. Nominations and Elections Chair. 474-4713.

Our Neighbors Martha Kaufman

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Our deepest sympathy to the family of Justin Klem. of Hillside, who died on April 16

Condolences to the family of Leonard Wertz, who died on April 19.

Our sympathy also to Doris Poling whose mother, Bertha Dobson, a former Greenbelt resident, died April 13.

Sophomore Mike Schultz of Greenbelt continues on a tear on the Naval Academy baseball team, scoring a .452 average with a team-high 36 runs, 47 hits. eight doubles, two triples and 16 stolen bases. Wow!

Congratulations to Geoffrey Gerstel who with his parents. Nancy and Allen Gertsel, and friends and relatives. celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday. April 19 at Mishkan Torah Synagogue.. Geoffrey's paternal grandmother is the late Llilian Gerstel who was a long-time resident of Greenbelt. erty.

It is great to know that many children have been fingerprinted for future safety in case a child is missing or lost. The parents maintain the prints in their own possession. On Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, at Greenway Center, three senior citizens helped out with the Kids Identification Sign-Up Project. Ruth Dungan, Gertrude Law and Herman Erhlick enjoyed the work and the appreciative response from the parents.

"Downtown Greenbelt"?

On Saturday, May 3, at 8 p.m. at the Utopia Theater, the Greenbelt Arts Center will present a variety show entitled "Downtown Greenbelt" for those who like a taste of the Arts, who wish to find out more about community activities and who like just a little bit of athletic endeavor. Mike Sucher's keyboard will provide the sounds of mellow jazz. and Val Siegel will be interviewed about the latest happenings with the Crime Prevention Committee.

"The idea behind this," says Arts Center Director of Community Relations Konrad Herling. "is to provide Greenbelters an opportunity to get to know their neighbors a little better, the same ones who are actively helping to build a museum, to make our lives more enriched and fulfilling." Thus, Dorothy, Sucher will be interviewed about her drive to establish a Greenbelt Museum, and Joe Isaacs will discuss various concerns in the health field.

Preliminary Agenda Advisory Planning Board Meeting April 30, 1986, 8 P.M. Wednesday, Conference Room Municipal Building 1. Approval of Agenda 2. Approval of Minutes 3. Concept Plan - Parcel 15 NOTE - This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.

GHI MEMBERS



At the annual membership meeting and election May 14-15, 1986, Greenbelt Homes members will elect four directors to serve two-year terms, one director to serve a one year term, three members to serve on the Audit Committee for one-year terms, and five members to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee for one-year terms. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please fill out the appropriate form below and give it to the Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee Mary Moien, 6 Woodland Way (474-4713) or bring it to the GHI Member Relations Office.

GHI NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS CONSENT FORMS

Board of Directors/Audit Committee

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Date

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(signature)

Phone

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Generic vs. Brand-name **Drugs Are Co-op Topic**

The Greenbelt Food Co-op will sponsor a program on generic vs. brand-name drugs on Wednesday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Greenbelt Library Conference Room. Ethel Rosenzweig, program coordinator, believes that it will be in the public's interest to attend this program, especailly those who are on long-time-use (maintenance) drugs where cost savings may be substantial.

The presentation will be by Jackie Goldson, Greenbelt Co-op pharmacist aide and questions will be answered by Howard Gallaway, Greenbelt Co-op pharmacist, who will be in attendance.

The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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The Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road. For more information contact Dr. Hays B. Lantz at 577-8718.

Auction to Benefit

Young Life Group The Grace Presbyterian Church

of Lanham will sponsor an auction to benefit the Young Life Program in Prince Georges County on Saturday. April 26 at 7-10 p.m. Young Life is a nonprofit Christian outreach ministry working with high school students. The auction will take place at the church at 5924 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, Md. For more information, call 459-4252.



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Doctors' Hospital to Hold Hospital Tour for Children

AMI Doctors' Hospital will be conducting a Community Chil-drens' Hospital Tour on Saturday, April 26 at 1:30 to approximately 4 p.m.

The tour will be designed for parents and children (four years of age and older). It is hoped the tour will help to alleviate some of the fears children may have concerning a hospital. Children will be visiting various departments — Pathology, Radiology, the Operating Area, Communications, and even the Laundry Department. They will discover that it takes many diversified groups working together to make a hospital function properly.

The Volunteer Services Department will be conducting the tour. Refreshments will be served from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. and special entertainment will begin at 3 p.m.

Library Holds Book Sale

Thousands of books will be on sale this Saturday, April 26. at the Greenbelt Library.

Besides the books, records. tapes and magazines being sold during the county library's regularly scheduled sale here, there will be tables of books for sale by Friends of the Greenbelt Library.

A table at the back entrance of the library will be laden with home-baked goods being sold by FOGL. The bookstore recently opened at the library will be open from 1-3 p.m

Roosevelt Ctr. Assn. Will Meet April 28

The Roosevelt Center Association (RCA), an association of merchants in Greenbelt's historic center, held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, in the Council Chamber. Organizational issues were

discussed including increasing the membership, specifying the rules of the organization and the meeting times. Work on these items will be continued at the next meeting.

Regular meetings will be the last Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Group Room of Behavior Service Consultants, Inc. and Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Greenbelt City Hall.

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Friends of the Mishkan Torah are holding a dinner to benefit the renovation of the synagogue on Sunday, May 4 starting at 7 p.m. The dinner will be held at Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt. Featured will be a roast honoring Marcia Krasnick.

Honorary co-chairman of Friends of Mishkan Torah are Congressman Steny Hoyer and Abe Pollin of the Capital Center. Fred Rosenthal of Jasper's is honorary committee chairman.

The synagogues' members in the early 1950's constructed the sanctuary portion of the building themselves. At the time, "Help JCC Days" were organized in which all Greenbelt's church groups participated side by side.

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