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Council Supports Rose Rezoning; Discusses Master Plan Provisions

by Barbara Likowski

Council, at its May 16 meeting, wrestled with positions they would take on issues pertinent to Greenbelt at upcoming county hearings. In response to the application for rezoning of three parcels of land (25 acres) along Hanover Parkway by developer Michael T. Rose, council approved the application with covenant conditions. The developer is asking for rezoning from RR and R-30 to R-18C which allows apartments with a density of up to 20 units per acre.

Originally the developer had planned 450 units, 60 of which would be on parcel 57, a 5.3 acre parcel between Hunting Ridge and Hanover Parkway. Council had indicated its reluctance to approve building of this density but after give and take sessions with the developer, a report from the City's Advisory Planning Board (APB) and consulting the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), a tenative agreement had been reached. The developer now plans 252 garden condominium apartments and 33 townhouses on the property. Parcel 57 will not be developed and will be deeded either to the city or to Hunting Ridge Condominium Association, a condition previously asked by Hunting Ridge as necessary for its approval.

Attorney Cynthia Jurrius of the law firm Fossett and Brugger represented the applicant before council. She was accompanied by Al Blumberg, planner, and George Shay from Michael T. Rose Associates. Jurrius explained the proposed covenants which represented concerns of council and APB. Covenants included site plan review, sign plan approval, special buffer strips, clearing notification and remedies for the loss of trees which are supposed to be saved.

Jurrius reported that the plan had been shown to Greenbelt East and APB and got good responses. James Boyd, from the audience, indicated that GEAC has not taken a position on this; it has gone to the individual boards. To councilmember Antoinette Bram's inquiry of whether the covenants were given to APB in advance of their meeting, she answered no.

In answer to the city's concern about noise, Jurrius pointed out that a minimum 10 ft. buffer was left and the parking lots were put near the Beltway so as to allow the homes to be further back. To councilmember Thomas X. White's query whether this would be sufficient to reduce noise Jurrius replied that 6 or 7 ft. fence or berm would be sufficient to reduce noise.

Councilmember Joe Isaacs asked why in the covenant the city was granted only site review rather than approval which was reserved for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Plannig Commission (M-NCPPC). He asked whether they were afraid the city might be unreasonable.

Jurrius replied that they cannot have two approval bodies can't be caught between two approval processes. Isaacs thought it would be a stronger position to go before the district Council with city approval. The city can't approve or disapprove, Jurrius said.

Bram expressed annoyance that the developer knows the city wants more single family houses yet allowed none. She thought there might be single family cluster homes. Bram also felt there would be "an awful lot of traffic." "This plan is better, but not best," she said. Bram indicated that she intended to make a motion against the rezoning. Jurrius commented that the developer had made every effort in dealing with the citizens. 'You have to realize there is no place on the site for single fam-ily homes." She added that the plan does create density downward, north to south, so transition would help city's long term goals. We "have to serve the entire city," she said. Bram said she did not believe it served the

entire city well. City attorney Robert A. Manzi reminded council that the covenants have to be entered into before the district council meets.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld felt a reasonable attempt had been made to address the city's concerns and said he would like to commend Rose for working with the city. Isaacs agreed but indicated concern about the traffic impact on Hanover Parkway.

The vote was 3 to 2 for accepting the covenants; Bram and Isaacs voted against.

After the vote, White complimented Jurrius on her presenta-See COUNCIL, page 6

Memorial Day Services Set for Monday, 10 a.m.

Memorial Day Services will be held Monday, May 30 at 10 a. m. at the Greenbelt War Memorial, Centerway. All citizens are invited to participate.

With the theme "Marching along Together," this solemn observance will honor all those who gave their lives in the service of their country. There will be music, speeches, memories. . .

This 16th annual Memorial Day observance is sponsored by Greenbelt Post #136, American Legion and Auxiliary, SAL . . . Disabled American Veterans Ch #25, and the city of Greenbelt. Following the ceremonies there will be a buffet at the Post Home. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the Home.

Council Discusses Planned Renovation of Center School

by Leta Mach

Five years ago, Greenbelt Center Elementary School was designated the number one priority for fiscal year 1989-90 in the Prince Georges County public schools proposed Capital Improvements Program. With the year for renovation looming ahead, school and city officials met in a work session May 3 to sort out concerns and limitations for the project. School officials wanted to be sure that everyone was in support of the project before proceeding.

On the one hand, school officials pledged to provide the community with the best educational facility possible. On the other hand, city council members indicated their strong support for an updated educational facility in the present location. City Manager James K. Giese suggested that the school renovation be blended into a design the city architect was doing for the Center.

Since the school was built 50 years ago, educational standards for school buildings have been upgraded. Thus, a building that once served admirably has become outmoded. Classrooms are one-third the size of most classrooms of today. Handicapped access is difficult in the school which consists of five different levels in the original building and its three additions. Other violations to today's safety and building codes, such as electrical and fire, also exist. Aging facilities, windows, heating system, etc., are a cause of concern.

Principal John Van Schoonhoven noted that the layout of the building makes it difficult to convert three rooms into two larger ones because the result would be long and narrow. In addition, he noted, that the small playground was a limitation to the educational program. He was concerned that "you do

See CENTER, page 4

Crafts Fair Will Feature Diverse Music, Blacksmiths

by Eileen Peterson

In its sixth year, Greenbelt's Traditional Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will expand its offerings of handicrafts and music under the trees in Roosevelt Center.

How To

Besides selling, most of the artisans will be demonstrating how their wares are made. In addition to quilting, there will be pedal-spinning, basketweaving, woodcarving, lacemaking, and calligraphy.

Wood turned into varied shapes will be much in evidence, as will stenciled floor coverings, handstitched pillows, dolls, and aprons. Greeting cards designed and printed by the artist, jewelry, leatherwork, picture hoops, shell creations and stained glass are among the items promised at this annual event. Fresh flowers will be sold at the fair.

Rock, Pop and Bluegrass

Three diverse musical offerings are planned: at eleven, Carolyn Boone of Hedgewood Drive will sing American songs, folk and modern, with her own guitar accompaniment; at about noon the Stoney Run String Band will appear for a fifth time and present Appalachian gospel and folk music, with guitar and hammered dulcimer backing; at about 2:30, the group Transfer will bring music up to date with blues, jazz and rock 'n' roll. Transfer includes Eleanor Roosevelt sophomores Eric Sczuka on bass and Clint Hardnett, vocalist and guitar, as well as college student and drummer Pete DiAntomo. Some original jazz as well as Santana and Jimmi Hendrix music are planned.

Blacksmiths' Auction

At about 1 p.m., the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac, holding its annual meet in Greenbelt Saturday and continuing Sunday, same times, will auction handcrafted ironwork. The 'smiths will have about four anvils set up on the grass near Sovran Bank and they expect 50 members to join in the ironworking throughout the two days. Children especially would enjoy learning about this useful skill, comments Greenbelter Dan Boone, who sets up his anvil in the fair area. Some visitors have hesitatingly helped some of the 'smiths at their work.

Sponsored this year by both the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt North End Center Artists Coalition, the fair is part of Greenbelt's birthday weekend celebrations.

Register Here

As a public service, the County Board of Elections will have a table near the Greenbelt Cleaners to register people for this year's national elections.

Dance, Swim Free!

The City of Greenbelt has invited all residents to participate in the grand reopening of the renovated Municipal freshly Swimming Pool this weekend. The pre-dedication party on Friday night features Trux Baldwin and the Starlight Orchestra at the pool from 8 to 11 p.m. for dancing or listening, no swimming (rain location, Youth Cen-Saturday morning council ter). will dedicate the pool at 10 a.m. Swimming is free for the day-10 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. Try out the new beach and the rain machine.

WHAT GOES ON

- Fri., May 27, 8-11 p.m. Prededication of renovated outdoor pool, Swimming Pool (Rain location - Youth Center) Music & Dancing.
- Sat., May 28, 10 a.m. Official Dedication & Pool Opening - Free Admission
- Tues., May 31, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session, Municipal Building
- nicipal Building Wed., June 1, 7 p.m. City Council Work Session, Maryland Trade Center IV Concept Plan, Municipal Building

8:30 p.m. City Couroff Worksession, on Plans for Conterway Municipal Building



City Clerk

Group Plans Volksmarch

For Greenbelt Celebration

The Great Greenbelt Volksmar-

chers Club (GGV) will hold its

First International Volksmarch on

June 4-5, Greenbelt Day week-

Greenbelt Arts Center in Roose-

velt Center. The trail covers

many of Greenbelt's most scenic areas for a total of 10 kilom-

eters (6.2 miles). Participants

may begin the walk anytime be-

tween 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on both

days. Walkers can select their

own pace and must finish the

GGV was formed in October

1987, with the primary purpose

to promote good health through

sports that all family members

of all ages can participate in and

have fun. It is one of 500 clubs

in the US holding events sanc-

tioned under the auspices of the

American Volkssport Association (AVA) and is the newest of 22 clubs in the Maryland Volks-

Volkssports are organized ac-

tivities designed to appeal to ev-

eryone. Walks, the most popular event, cover distances of 10

and 20 kilometers (6 to 12 miles)

and are routed by the sponsoring

organization to showcase the lo-

cal scenery and historical sites.

Participants go at their own

pace (walk, jog or run). There

is adequate time to complete the event; it is free. Everyone must

have a start card obtained from

a registration table found at the

starting point of the event. Spon-

sors will offer for a small fee,

a momento (medals or embroid-

ered patch) which commemor-

ates some place or event. In addition individuals may enroll in

the International Volkssport Ver-

bund (IVV) awards program by

purchasing an IVV Event and-or

IVV Distance book. These books

entitle the owner to a certifi-

cate, hat pin and a patch upon

GGV club or volksmarching in

general, please write to the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, P.O. Box 531, Greenbelt, Md.

For additional information on

completion of milestones.

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Let's Mobilize

A public hearing on the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's proposed Master Plan for Greenbelt will be held on June 7 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School before the County Council and the Planning Board.

To a large extent, this plan will determine future development in the area, including roads and new construction.

The very scheduling of the meeting puts citizens at a disadvantage. The draft Master Plan-a thick document of 287 pages, along with complicated maps-was released a mere three weeks before the hearing. Thus, the first action Greenbelters should take is to request further public hearings. This will give the city's homeowner associations and civic groups time to mobilize and to study and take positions on the plan. Copies of the Master Plan are available at the Greenbelt library and the city offices.

Although residents won't be prepared to make detailed comments on the plan by the June 7 hearing, it is important that they attend to learn about the proposals and issues involved.

This is not the first Master Plan for Greenbelt. In the mid-1960's the previous Master Plan was presented to the public; and during the next few years, input by Greenbelters, especially by city council and a steering committee composed of representatives from all parts of the city, led to modifications that resulted in a better plan, one more clearly in the best interests of the city. If we mobilize now, we can still make a difference.

Greenbelt Day Weekend

A full weekend of special events has been scheduled to celebrate Greenbelt's 51st Anniversary. Highlights include a senior citizen softball game, Arts and Crafts Fair, Blacksmithing demonstrations, Volksmarch, Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded, Mother and Child Statue plaque dedication, a concert, baseball and softball games, and much more!

A complete schedule of events will be available in next week's issue of this newspaper and at the Greenbelt Youth Center. For more information, call 474-6878, 9 - 5.

Genetic Engineering Test In BARC Given Okay

The Environmental Protection y has approved the outgeno doors testing of a genetically engineered organism in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). A gene from Bt will be part of an organism injected into corn plants grown in a test plot in BARC (see News Review, Feb. 25, 1988). According to Dr. Richard Ridgeway, the BARC scientist associated with this project, there are a few more steps necessary in the approval process, and they will probably be approved this week.

Thursday, June 2 Drop-In Storytime at 10:30-11 a.m. for

ages 3-5.

At the Library 20770. For information on the June

4-5 walk, call L. Struglia, 345-3203 OFFICIAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING Adoption of GREENBELT FISCAL YEAR 1988/89 BUDGETS The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a SPECIAL MEETING for MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR

1988/89 BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND, RE-PLACEMENT FUND, AND UNEMPLOYMENT COM-PENSATION RESERVE FUND; TO ADOPT AN OR-DINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN EACH OF THESE FUNDS; AND TO LEVY TAXES AGAINST REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988/89; AND TO CONSIDER SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

COPIES OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENT ARE AVAIL-ABLE AT THE CITY OFFICES AND WILL BE A-VAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, GREENBELT, MARYLAND. 25 CRESCENT ROAD,

> Gudrun H. Mills, CMC City Clerk

PGCC Offers Summer Classes at Roosevelt High

Prince Georges Community College will offer the following credit courses at Eleanor Roosevelt High School during Summer I: "Introduction to Session Speech Communication," "Composition I: Expository Writing," "General Psychology," "Princi-ples of Accounting I," "Business Organization," "Fundamentals of Real Estate," "Computer Litera-ur," "Introduction to Posicy," "Introduction to Programming Logic with Basic" and "Intermediate Algebra."

Summer Session I classes at Roosevelt are scheduled from June 1 through July 1. Continuous registration is available at the Largo Campus, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Telephone registration is available for currently enrolled students by calling 322-0998.

For further information, call 322-0783.

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CRUISE TO ST. MICHAELS

The Greenbriar Community and the Seven Springs Village Community invite the residents of Greenbelt to join them on a cruise to St. Michaels on June 17, from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Cool off on Chesapeake Marine Tours famous "Day on the Bay" cruise to quaint St. Michaels. Boarding at the end of the City Dock, the ANNAPOLI-TAN II will wisk by the U.S. Naval Academy, crossing the Severn River, Chesapeake Bay past historical Bloody Point and Thomas Point Lighthouses, along Eastern Bay and the Miles River to Michener's Eastern Shore for a 3-hour visit to charming shops and unforgettable waterfront restaurants.

Truly a Maryland Memory. Limited space is available . . . call to make your reservations today (301) 441-1096. Discounted tickets are available.

GREENBELT CONNECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 30, 1988, there will not be dial-a-ride service that day. The Greenbelt Connection Service will resume on Tuesday, May 31, 1988.



HOLIDAY

REFUSE SCHEDULE

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 30, there will be no refuse collection that day. Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday and Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO NEWSPAPER PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY. Thursday and Friday will be on regular schedule.



For more information, call 322-0783

Prince George's Community College 301 Largo Road, Largo, Maryland 20772

Letters to the Editor

Let's Be Realistic

A well deserved congratulations to the News Review for its outstanding editorial concerning the proposed Greenbelt Cinema Drafthouse. The article and showed the Review to be objective, realistic and progressive in its view of the Cinema and Drafthouse. The editorial was also important in that it reaffirmed the News Review as a true voice for the betterment of Greenbelt as a whole rather than for the small, select but highly vocal special interest groups. On this issue, in particular, the News Review appears to have a much more realistic view of what's best for the citizens of Greenbelt than the city council has.

Council voted to oppose the liquor license needed to make the Drafthouse a reality. It was painfully obvious to anyone who attended the council meeting that the members of council had made up their minds long before their official votes were recorded. True, Mr. Christacos did not give council as much notice as is usual for decisions of this type. Private business often a fast paced affair. Reality dictates that sometimes the time is just not available to have work session after work session to make a decision.

At the council meeting, Mr. Christacos stated that he needs a business occupying the theater that can provide needed revenue. At the same time, the Drafthouse representatives offered to let the cultural arts people use the theater periodically for their productions. Now that doesn't sound like too bad a deal, but the cultural arts people opposed the Cinema and Drafthouse. Later, reading about the Greenbelt cultural arts people losing their lease was sad but no great surprise.

As a proponent of the Cinama and Drafthouse, I may be seen as an enemy to the arts, but I assure you that this is I enjoy seeing not the case. live plays and feel fortunate to live in an area with so many theaters and playhouses. fine Let's be fair. The cultural arts center had a chance to make the theater work. Now, let another group of people get that same chance.

In a recent "Letter to the Editor" the News Review is said to have sold out the values stands for. Greenbelt that

Mar. - Jewelty Consultant

themselves are misguided. The Cinema and Drafthouse by far surpasses the Cultural Arts Center in keeping with the original intent of the Greenbelt theater, (which) was made to entertain the common resident with movies, not theatrical plays, at a price everyone could afford. The Cinema and Drafthouse charges only \$3.00 for admission.

True, the theater would serve meals and beverages including beer during the average twohour movie, but that is part of the reality of today. Anyone who has been to the Bethesda Cinema and Drafthouse could verify that the emphasis of the establishment is the viewing of the movie, not drinking. Referring to the Cinema and Drafthouse as a drinking establishment is like referring to the Co-op Food Store as a carryout liquor store because it sells aicoholic beverages.

At the council meeting, a member of council voiced concerns about the Cinema and Drafthouse disturbing the ambance of the center. Consider the alternative. Mr. Christacos spoke of possibly putting a warehouse in the theater. Delivery trucks, loading docks and boxes are not my idea of ambiance.

The positive aspects of the proposed Cinema and Drafthouse are many. Large screen, comfortable seating, good food, choice of beverage and a great adult/family atmosphere that is missing from the modern theaters of today. The stately 1930's/40's art deco styling and fixtures along with the concession cartoons are sure to pull the nostaglia strings of all patrons.

Imagine the now run down, leaking, dilapidated theater renovated to its original 1930's splendor with people lined up at the box office. Picture the outside marquee restored with its multitude of light bulbs lit up, proudly displaying "Greenbelt" for all to see, as it did so many years ago. Now, that's heritage That's ambiance. A vibrant, prosperous tribute to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and to the original concept of the City of Greenbelt.

And oh yes, none of this should cost us taxpayers a dime, and did I forget to mention the \$500,000 the developer has stated

This kind of offer doesn't come along everyday. All residents interested in helping return a part of Greenbelt to its former greatness should come together on this issue and make the proposed Greenbelt Cinema and Drafthouse a reality. It is time for council to listen to all in Greenbelt, not just a few vocal If there is any residents. chance left to seize this opportunity, the effort must be made now, before it slips away, possibly forever. Thomas Kemp

"Checkbook" Gives Coop **Gas Station Top Rating**

The current Checkbook magazine has just given the Greenbelt Coop Service Station a top rating for quality of auto repairs among Washington Metropolitan Area service stations, This was based on answers to a questionnaire answered by patrons. Our Greenbelt station received one of the highest ratings, with ninety-four percent of customers rating the service station repairs as either "adequate or superior." This included top ratings that were given for "letting the customer know the cost early," "doing work the cost early," "doing work properly on the first try" and "starting and completing work promptly." No compla the No complaints

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are listed as having been filed at governmental consumer offices against Coop service. In providing quality addition to service, the Coop hourly rate for major mechanical repairs was among the lowest listed in the area.

Checkbook magazine, from which this rating was received is a local non-profit magazine which helps Washington area consumers find high quality reasonably priced services. It is available at the reference desk of the Greenbelt library. Esther S. Webb

Successful Bike-a-Thon

The Bike-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital which was held on Saturday, in Greenbelt Park May 7 brought the Greenbelt community together in a successful effort to raise money and have Thanks to the fourteen fun. participants in the Bike-a-thon and their sponsors, an estimated \$500 will be raised for St. Jude Hospital, the largest childhood cancer research . and treatment center.

As the coordinator of the Bikea-thon, I greatly appreciate the friends who offered their support and time to make the Bike-*****

Several area businesses donated incentive prizes and lunch

a-thon such a success.

for the children participating. Thank you to College Park Bicycles for providing balloons and gift certificates. Proteus Bi-Shop generously donated cycle a Vetta Racing Helmet to be used as the Grand Prize for the participant who raises the most money. Thank you also to Mc-Donald's and Burger King for providing lunches.

Mary Katherine Rutherford

Pilski Wins!

In a recent preferential election open to all residents, Dick Pilski was elected Honorary Mayor of Roosevelt Center.

The results of the final returns are.: Mayor elect, Dick Pilski; Runner-up, Prof. Endres; and in third place was Larry Noel. A total of 175 votes were cast, and all 12 candidates received votes. There were also 15 "write-in" votes.

Bob Davis, Manager of the Co-op, Jimmy Mead from High's, and Joe Natoli from Pizza Deli have generously contributed prizes for the winners.

Election Committee (Mike Burchick, Larry Noel, Art Endres)

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The Mayor and Council of the **City of Greenbelt**

cordially invite you to be present at the Pre-Dedication of the

Newly Renovated Greenbelt Municipal Swimming Pool Friday, May 27

8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Music provided by Trux Baldwin and the Starlight Orchestra Dance will be held in the Youth Center in the event of rain. Event is open to the public free of charge.

AND

The Official Dedication of the Municipal Pool Rain or Shine Saturday, May 28 10 a.m.

Afterwards, swim FREE for the day.

CITY COUNCIL Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor Joseph C. Isaacs, Mayor Pro-Tem Edward V. J. Putensguageson Antoinette M. Bram Thomas X. White Sullivan & Almy, Inc. Olympic Swimming Pools

Contractor Architects



CENTER SCHOOL

(Continued from page one) the things that need to be done to make this a school that will serve the children for 30 or 40 years."

The school system planning staff is in the process of drawing up educational specifications for the renovated building. Staff had expressed concern about the size of the building and the limited school board property on which it is located. Prince Georges County School Board Prince member Suzanne Plogman and school staff expressed the belief that involving the community and the school's staff was the key to achieving a better product.

After listening to the spoken concerns of the school officials and noting the unspoken concern that the renovation needed to be done without touching any exterior walls, Giese commented, "some of the constraints you may not." Five feel exist, may not." years ago, citizen reaction to the possible demolition of the building, brought the historic nature of the building to the attention of the school board. However, it was the opinion of Giese and others that the front facade was the only recognizable Art Deco feature of the building. "I'm not of the feeling that you need to preserve all the walls of the structure," he said.

He spoke eloquently of the importance of the school as a center of the community. Rather than its facade, the historic importance of the school, he felt, rested in its role in the planned community - its location in the center of town, near walkways, underpasses, playgrounds and other facilities. Council member Thomas White commented that Giese also spoke for him.

Giese further urged school officials not to be concerned about artificial property lines which were established when the government sold the town. He indicated that something might be arranged to extend playground space for the school.

The option to renovation-a new school-did not receive support. Besides the view that Greenbelt's school should continue to be in the Center, school staff indicated that a new school would take more time and money. The search for land, production of new specifications, request for new construction money, etc. would extend the project at least a year.

In the current renovation plan, a completed project is expected in January 1991. September 1 of this year is the deadline for the schematic design from the architect so that construction money can be requested. After a year of planning, 18-24 months of construction would be required.

During the construction phase, students would have to be reloca-Council members Antointed. ette Bram and Edward Putens hoped the students could stay together in Greenbelt. Bram suggested the North End School. Plogman agreed that the issue of where the students would go was critical, however, she noted that it was an issue that other staff would have to tackle at another time.

Memorial Day Transit

Transit schedules for the Memorial Day holiday observance Monday, May 30 in the local area includes: Metrorail, 8 a.m. to midnight; Metrobus, Sunday schedule; and Maryland Com-Sunday muter Rail, No service.

GHI Election Results

At the annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on May 18, 135 voting cards were issued. At 8 p.m. when the meeting was called to order by Margaret Hogensen, president of the GHI Board of Directors, 78 voting cards had been issued assuring a quorum for the meeting. On the next day, 95 members voted in the uncontested elections for four members of the board of directors and the three members of the Audit Committee. The election brings no changes in the board of directors since all board candidates are incumbents. All three members of the Audit Committee will be serving in elective office in GHI for the first time. At the meeting on May 18, five candidates for the Nominations and Elections Committee were elected by acclamation to the five positions on that committee. The five candidates were Helen E. White, John M. Taylor, Keith Chernikoff, Susan

Senior Co-ed Softball

by Jerry Conway

In an atmosphere of good sportsmanship, social fun and a sense of humor, the Greenbelters Senior Citizen Co-ed Softball Team has entered the Montgomery County six team competitive series of eight scheduled games at Layhill Park. The first two games have been postponed due to rain, but a practice game with Southern Prince Georges County was played resulting in a victory of 22 to 1 on Braden Field in Greenbelt on May 18.

This year, practice is every Monday morning and Wednesday morning at Braden Field between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. The team has gained new players with good hitting and fielding experience, and is always seeking interested Greenbelters to add to our team. All competitors are advertising for new players in their county newspapers in an effort to get four teams established in Prince George's County so that we could have a county league.

On June 1 at Layhill Park, the team expects to play its first game in the Montgomery County League. For Greenbelt Day on June 3, the team will play Dundalk Seniors, the Mary-State Champions of 1986 land and 1987 on Braden Field at 10 a.m. All of Greenbelt is invited to observe this exhibition of top senior citizen softball slow pitch players.

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son. **GHI Election Results Board of Directors** Votes Andrea Haslinger 90 Ray McCawley 89 Nancy Hutchins Donald "Mac" Wirick Audit Committee 88 83

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A. Walker, and Deborah E. Sis-

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Peter Leibscher

Leta Mach

Julian Weiss

The mosquito control program begins June 1 and continues into September. The program is being conducted in conjunction with the state Department of Agriculture.

The State is not spraying for adult mosquitoes, but is carrying out daytime larviciding and evening adultciding work in known breeding areas in Greenbelt.

Larvaciding is a program in which immature stages of the mosquitoes are treated in stagnant water areas. Adultciding is a process of surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes. Surveying of adult mosquitoes is done biweekly.

Mosquitoes can breed in any water-holding container including bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, old tires, clogged gutters, or flower pots. Residents could unknowing y be breeding mosquitoes in their yards. To prevent mosquitoes from breeding in these areas, water should be changed weekly in bird baths, wading pools and pet dishes, gutters should be cleaned out and other waterholding containers should be disposed of or stored upside down.

stagnant water on or near their property should report these ar-eas to the city Public Works Department at 474-8004.



Greenbelt, MD For More Information call: 474-4223 or 474-4224

through confirmation.

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Programs.

Metro Extends Rush Hour:

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMA-TA) will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1 on a proposal to charge peak hour fares during extended weekday rail operating hours beginning June 27. The hearing will be held at WMATA headquarters, Jackson Graham Build-ing, 600 Fifth St., N.W., in the

lobby-level meeting room. Beginning June 27, weekday Metrorail hours will be 5:30 a.m. to midnight. If the proposal to be considered during the pubhearing is adopted by the WMATA Board, peak period fares will be in effect from opening to 9:30 a.m. and from 3 to 6:30 p.m. weekdays. Non-peak fares are in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and

Hearing to Be Held June 1 from 6.30 p.m. to closing weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sundays and holidays.

All organizations or individuals wishing to be heard on this proposal will be given the op-portunity to present their views. So that names may be placed on a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations are asked to furnish, in writing, the name, address, telephone number and organization affiliation, if any, to: Mr. James M. Miller, Secretary, WMATA, 600 Fifth St., N.W., Washing-ton, D.C. 20001. Names must be submitted individually. Witness lists will not be accepted. Further information is available by calling the transit au-thority at 962-1092.



Page 5 "Time Out"

Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt **Police Department**

A resident in the 8200 block of Canning Terrace reported about 12:50 a.m. on May 18 that a suspicious man was trying to get into parked cars and was ransacking a glove box in a car. Sgt.. Thomas Justin and Pfc. Jeff Riskin arrested a 21-yearold Laurel man on a charge of attempted theft. He was held on \$15,000 bond.

At the Shoe Town store in Greenway Center an employee trying to prevent the escape of two shoplifters about 1:30 p.m., May 13 was almost almost run down as they tried to hit him with their car. He jumped away and was not injured. The sus-pects, who dropped three pairs of shoes as they fled in a gray late model Chevy Beretta were two black women. One was 5'3", stocky build, in her 40's, wearing a flower print dress. The other wore a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

In a shoplifting at Kemp Mill Records in Greenway Center about 6:50 p.m., May 18 a man fled with compact disc recordings. He was white, in his 50's, 6'3", medium build, gray hair, wearing a plaid shirt and blue jeans.

A driver transporting three temporary construction laborers about 11 a.m. May 16 left the motor running on the van while he went into an office building in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Rd. When he returned the van and its occupants were gone. The vehicle was a maroon 1986 Dodge Ram 15-passenger van, Va. NPH111.

On May 13 gray 1981 Datsun 200SX, N. J. ZOD599 was stolen from the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive ,and on May 18 a blue 1978 Chevy van, Md. 531141 and a cream and gold 1979 Buick

by Charles M. Attick, IV Greenbelt Little League will hold its annual All-Star games Sunday, May 29, at 2 p.m. at McDonald's Field, 7 Court Southway. All are invited to attend

and cheer on the players. Standings as of May 22, 1988: Orioles, 4-1; Lions, 4-3; Indians, 3-2; Giants, 2-3; Cubs, 2-3; and A's, 2-5.

All games are held on weekdays at 6 p.m. at McDonald's Field. Friday night games will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. May 27 at Braden Field.

Riviera, Md. VPR843 were stolen from the 62 court of Ridge Rd.

A man who was looking at a camera in the Ritz Camera store at Beltway Plaza about 8:30 p.m. May 16 left with the camera while the sales person was distracted. The suspect was black, 5'11", 160 lbs., age 30, wearing a green shirt and black jeans.

Wallets were stolen on May 14 from an open counter at Beltway Plaza Florist and on May 19 from a desk in an office in the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive.

A purse was stolen about 11:40 a.m., May 17 from an office in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane. It was later found in a trash receptacle in the building's parking garage.

Sgt. Thomas Miskell recovered an unoccupied 1987 Pontiac Grand Am on May 15 in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Rd. The car had been stolen May 4 in Forestville.

Between May 13 and 19 thefts from and vandalism to parked cars occurred at the Beltway Plaza parking lot, the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, the 5800, 5900 and 6100 blocks of Cherrywood Lane, the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, the 100 block of Westway and the 36 Court of Ridge Rd.



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Council Looks at Master Plan

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Master Plan

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Council also considered the new Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan. A hearing for the plan is scheduled for June 7 at 7 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt. Citizens wishing to speak are requested to call in advance 952-3572 or 952-4797.

APB had listed concerns about the fact that the RPC zone had been deleted from the plan and an overlay zone for Greenbelt from Kenilworth Avenue to the railroad tracks had not been included in the plan. APB recommended that the city notify the county planning board about these concerns immediately. A-PB felt that it may be too late to wait until the hearing because of the time frame within which the plan must be adopted.

City Manager James K. Giese explained to council that the record will be kept open 30 days until July 7 for staff response and other steps.

Celia Wilson, the city's Planning and Development Coordinator pointed out to council the concerns and problems in the plan: 1, elimination of RPC overlay zone in central Greenbelt; 2, failure to deal with "implemental strategies" for improvement of Beltway Plaza and with design deficiencies of Greenbelt Road corridor; and 3, the widen-

ing of Kenilworth Ave. from 4 to 6 lanes in two places, from the Beltway north to an inter-change with I-95 at MD Rt. 198 and from Good Luck Road to the Beltway.

Wilson explained that the county's reasoning for eliminating the RPC overlay zone was that there had been piecemeal rezoning and damage had been done to the plan. However, Wilson said the plan is intact in the original core of the city and should be protected.

Bram asked if the inter-county connector was planned for Kenilworth Ave. Councilmember Edward Putens suggested widening Route 1 to the inter-county connector, Wilson said there was no right-of-way and extensive condemnation would be necessary.

Bram was concerned that the Advisory Committee Citizens discussed issues but did not vote on them; they were passed by consensus.

White had concerns about the timetable and expressed a need for people to be at the hearing. He asked whether a public hearing had been scheduled in the city before the June 7 county hearing. Weidenfeld said there was no time for that and suggested that council attend the June 7 hearing, make comments, and raise questions, then have a city public hearing later. All

comments from that hearing should be added to the record. He also felt council should criticize the short time frame because the comprehensiveness of the report requires more time for the public and the municipalities.

White moved that the staff develop city positions on the following proposals in the Master Plan: elimination of R-P-C zone in historic Greenbelt; rezoning of Metro and Smith parcels to M-X-T; rezoning of Beltway Plaza from I-1 to C-S-C-; comprehensive design zone for parcels one and two; and road projects in which the city has already taken a stand. The motion passed unanimously.

Petitions

The Citizens for North End Center presented council with an unbirthday cake (which was later served to council and audience). The group said the cake commemorated the seven years the council had not acted on North End School. The group hoped that the cake next year would celebrate a real birthday because the center would be in use.

Sidney Kastner spoke in opposition to the News Review editorial which asked council to take another look at the Cinema 'N' Drafthouse.

The Greenbelt Arts Center gave council a report about the group using part of the North The group had re-End Center. cently toured the school.

In response to citizen inquiry, the mayor said the 120 foot by 75 foot building going up on Ridge Road outside the city on the Furey property is a garden shed.

Council also: 1) passed an ordinance to appropriate in the Capitol Projects Fund the amount of \$150,000 for sidewalk replacement and for the planning and design related to the remodeling of the municipal building and construction of

additions to the Youth Center and Public Works buildings; 2) passed a resolution to transfer funds within departments (\$134,000.) 3) passed for first reading an ordinance to authorize the city to borrow money \$330,000 through the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond anticipation note for the purpose of temporarily financing a portion of the cost of extending Ora Glen Drive to Hanover Pkwy.



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FIRE DEPT. SEEKS ANI ALLOTMENT OF CITY FUN

by Diane Oherg

The Greenbelt City Council met with Gene Davis, presi-dent of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad on May 18 to discuss the department's request for an annual allotment of funds equivalent to one cent of the tax rate . The funds would be used to purchase replacement equipment.

The fire department needs a new pumper truck, costing \$175,-000 to \$200,000 and a replacement ambulance. In the past the fire department has purchased its own equipment without asssitance of either the city or county governments.

Davis said that new safety requirements have contributed to large increases in equipment One major requirement is costs. that all fire trucks be built with a ten man cab so that the entire crew can ride inside. As a result of the higher prices, banks that have financed their previous purchases will no longer loan them money.

City Manager James K. Giese in a March 9 letter to Davis, said that given the current budget constraints he would not recommend approval of their request. However, he said that county Fire Chief Jim Estepp told him that since the Greenbelt Fire Department had requested so little county funding in the past, their funding requests would be given priority.

Giese also wrote that County Councilmember Richard J. Castaldi said that if the department contacted him promptly, they might receive funds for the upcoming fiscal year. At the May 18 meeting Davis said that they had not followed up on this suggestion.

Davis said that they had instead sought state assistance and had obtained a grant for \$50,000. They are also seeking assistance from another state program offering low interest loans.

One of the reasons the department had not sought county funding was the fact that the county holds title to any equipment purchased with county funds. In contrast, the department holds title to equipment it purchases. Davis said that they wish to ment to ensure that it remains in Greenbelt. He said that the county could pull its equipment from the station whenever needed. While the Greenbelt department routinely sends its equipment to incidents outside the city, he objected to equipment being transfered to another department. He said this could happen if a company had equipment out for repairs. Although most such transfers are short-term, he said that the possibility of a longterm transfer does exist.

Giese said that Estepp told him that the county does not pull equipment from one station to give to another. Davis feared that future chiefs might not be bound by commitments made by Estepp.

If the county were to purchase the needed pumper, the purchase would be made using county purchasing procedures. Davis said the Greenbelt department wanted to write their own specifications and did not want the contract awarded to the lowest bidder. He said that equipment recently purchased by the county has not been of the highest quality.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld suggested that council meet with Castaldi and Estepp to request county funding for the needed equipment, along with a written commitment that the county will not pull this equipment from the station except under unusual circumstances.

If the county will not give such a commitment, Weidenfeld suggested that the city seek an arrangement where the local department would fund 51 percent of the purchase and the county 49 percent, with the Greenbelt company retaining title. Davis said that this would be financially feasible. An additional option suggested by Weidenfeld was that the city request that the county place a specified dellar

a.m. at the Youth Center at Braden Field and will run into the Beltsville Agricultural Center and back to the Youth Cen-The route is 16 kilometers ter. or 10 miles. All cyclists, walkers and joggers are encouraged to participate and may shorten or repeat the route as each participant wishes. The Hosea B. White award was presented to Judie and Ed-

Bike Ride for the Retarded

This year's Ride-A-Bike for

the retarded is scheduled for

June 5 and is co-sponsored by

the Greenbelt Recreation De-

partment, Greenbelt Jaycees and

the Association For Retarded

Citizens (ARC) of Prince Ge-

Greenbelt's route will start at

Will Start at Youth Center

die Souder at the May 2 City Council meeting. The Souders collected the most money in the 1987 Ride-A-Bike for the retarded, and are accepting challenges for this year's ride-a-bike.

Please join in demonstrating Greenbelt's community spirit by riding for the benefit of Maryland's retarded citizens. Pledge forms are available at the recreation centers, library and area schools and businesses. Lunch and T-shirts, as well as prizes for various categories of pledge collections, will be available to all participants. For more information, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 474-6878.

amount each year in a reserve fund for use by the Greenbelt department.

Cuncilmember Edward Putens said that he was not opposed to the city's providing funds to the Greenbelt Fire Department. Weidenfeld framed the question as one of equity, in that the city appears to be paying much more to the county fire budget than it receives back in services. Giese said that Estepp had conceded that the county does less for the Greenbelt department than for other volunteer companies, primarily because Greenbelt has never asked for assistance in purchasing equipment.

The other council members did not specifically state opinions on the department's request but appeared to agree with Weidenfeld that the next step should be a meeting with Estepp and Castal-

Forum for Women

Building Bridges, a forum for women of all nationalities, is sponsoring a conference, Saturday, June 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Largo Student Center at Prince Georges Community College. The purpose of the conference is to: reach women of all ages and backgrounds; to stimulate communication among county women; to disseminate information and to develop an understanding of cultural differcenes in the workplace. The all day conference will sponsor workshops, day care and door prizes. People are asked to bring a lunch. There is a fee. For more information, call 925-5370 or TTY 627-3352.

It's Time to Register

For "Miss Greenbelt" The Miss Greenbelt Pageant committee invites Greenbelt girls ags 14 to 19 to participate in the 1988 pageant.

Registration will be held on June 1 at the Youth Center from 7 to 9 p.m. For further information please call Cheri Gainor, chairperson 441-8589.

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WHO:

On Friday, June 3, the Berwyn Presbyterian Church is having its annual Strawberry Festivai of fun, games, and food from 5:30-10 p.m. at the church premises. Included will be strawberry sundaes, kids video, sodas, subs, hot dogs, white elephant games, crafts, bake sale, children's auction, auction. Berwyn Presbyterian Church is located at 6301 Greenbelt Road, right next to McDonalds. For more information. call 474-7573



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Page 7 **Strawberry Festival**

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Council Looks at General Gov'tand Museum Budgets

by Diane Oberg

At a May 18 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council reviewed the budgets for the Greenbelt Museum and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), along with the General Governments budget.

Greenbelt Museum

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There are actually two budgets for the museum. One accounts for city funds spent for maintaining the facility; the other, submitted by FOGM, covers expenditures of that organization's funds.

FOGM proposes to spend \$11,-000 in the next fiscal year. These expenditures would be partially offset by revenues of \$7,700, with the remaining funds coming from FOGM reserves. Other than the expected \$3,000 for utilities costs, the only major expenditure planned by FOGM is renovation of the garage to pro-This is estivide office space. mated to cost \$3,500.

Councilmember Thomas X. White suggested that the city pay for the garage renovation, since it is a capital improvement to a city-owned building.

The city budget for the museum, as proposed by City Manager James K. Giese, anticipates expenditures of \$18,300. The building was purchased by the city using monies from the Capital Improvements Fund. In approving the purchase, council determined that this reserve should be replenished from the General Fund budget by 1991. This repayment accounts for \$11,000 of that total museum budget. The only other significant costs are for repair and maintenance, GHI charges and security.

Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram suggested that once the reserves have been repaid, an annual allocation of \$5,000 be made to provide for unforeseen future needs. She suggested that uses for these funds could include the purchase of the other unit of the duplex if the owners moved, but she said the purpose of the reserves need not be specified.

Giese objected to reserving funds for unspecified uses but said that council could direct him to include such a set-aside in future budget projections.

General Governments

Under Giese's budget proposal, expenditures would increase 4.9 percent over 1987/88 estimated expenditures to \$1.01 million.

As with other city budgets, part of the increase is due to a reclassification of professional employees. Six employees were increased by one grade and one by three grades. Other personnel changes include elimination of a half-time office assistant authorized last year but never filled. Instead, a slightly lower amount has been budgeted for part-time help to assist with minutes of worksessions and other meeting.

Assistant Public Works Director J. Paul Williams will join the finance department under the budget proposal. He would continue to assist the Public Works Director with those tasks, accounting for approximately 20 percent of his time. This shared position will replace that of the Administrative assistant, which has been unfilled since the prev-ious assistant resigned,

Councilmember Bram suggested that the city hire a computer scientist or technical management person to assist staff with

the increasing computerization of their tasks. Councilmember Thomas X. White recommended that the staff evaluate their needs, rather than have the council determine what assistance is needed.

Councilmember Edward Putens was concerned that staff had grown little during a period of rapid growth for the city. He feared that city staffers were bearing unreasonable burdens.

Giese said that the staff has been undergoing a gradual restructuring and that staff growth has been constrained by severe space limitations. He noted that this constraint should be eased when the police vacate their offices in the municipal building.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Casimir Prybyl noted that space limiitations in his department were so severe that they interfered with employees' work. He said that if they did not receive sufficient space when the police vacate their offices, the city "better keep the trailer."

The renovation of the municipal building, to be performed after the police move, is budgeted for \$50,000 from the Capital Projects fund. An additional \$32,900 is budgeted from this fund for replacement of heating and air conditioning units in the building.

One of Giese's objectives for the coming year is to explore the feasibility of establishing a two-year budget in order to reduce the amount of time both council and the city staff are required to devote to budgeting. He said that under this proposal council would set its goals for the term shortly after the election. The first year would involve a full budget review, similar to that currently per-formed. The second year, how-

ever, would only involve reviewing any proposals for revisions to the previously adopted budget.

The Department of Finance Administrative Services and meanwhile will seek to establish a "cafeteria benefits plan" without increasing benefits costs to the city. In addition, they will "pursue the establishment" of a 20 to 25 year retirement plan for police officers.

As expected, debt service costs will increase this year, rising \$334,800 in 1987/88 to from \$458,400 in 1988/89. This figure does not include interest costs for the one million dollars in bonds authorized by council in June 1987, according to Giese.

The city manager recommends continuing to contribute revenues equivalent to seven cents on the property tax rate to the Reserve for Capital Improvements, with contributing five along cents of the tax rate to the Capital Improvements Fund. However Giese is also recommend-

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ing a five cent increase in the property tax rate. For 1988/89 the revenues from this increase would be placed in the Reserve for Capital Improvements. However, for the next fiscal year the revenues from the tax increase would be needed to fund increased debt service costs, along with the increased costs related to operating the police station for a full year.

Revenues

Giese proposes no increase in the unreserved fund balances, but neither does he recommend applying any of these funds to offset current expenditures. He explained that the city should maintain a balance of five to ten percent of expenditures in this surplus account in order to maintain its bond rating. In addition, maintaining the unreserved funds provides a contingency fund in case of future shortfalls.

The city manager was concerned about a decline in income tax revenues. He said that the

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county gained revenues while most municipalities in the county lost by revenues and total returns.

Giese suspected that the county may have gotten more "particular" in designating which citizens live in the cities rather than in the surrounding unincorporated areas. However, he said that he has not been able to obtain a good explanation for the reduction in revenues. He further stated that the cities cannot audit the allocation of income taxe revenues to ensure that they receive credit for all income tax paid by city residents, since tax records are confidential.

While residential assessments are increasing, Giese said there has been little growth in the commercial tax base other than that resulting from new construction. Unlike residential property, which is assessed based upon sales price, commercial property is assessed based upon income returned.

\$60,900.



GHI Revisits Policies on Pets, Worries About New Master Plan

by Mavis Fletcher

The board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. again discussed the possibility of amending the pet regula-tions of the cooperative at its May 12 meeting. The Member and Community Relations Committee had presented a report on April 21 raising issues about pets and suggesting that the board might make some changes in the regulations. Among the questions raised was whether, as a breed, pit bulls or English Bull Terriers should be considered vicious. In the course of the discussion, the board also discussed GHI's complaint procedures and the number and size of pets in a household.

These questions were revisited on May 12 with the board deferring action on most of them until the staff could draft amendments for the regulations. However, the board did dispose of the question of declaring partic-Several breeds vicious. ular board members spoke against such an attempt and a motion by Vice-President Wayne Williams to have the staff get more information on pit bulls and opinions on the breed's viciousness was defeated 6 to 2 with only Williams and Director Betty Deitch supporting the motion.

By consensus, the board decided to continue to require that complaints about pets be put in writing. The board also directed the staff to draft language which require the pet owner, after a pet has bitten a member, to show cause why GHI should not require the owner to dispose of the animal. The staff will also look into drafting amendments to the rules to regulate the number and size of pets which can be kept in any one unit.

Master Plan The board heard an explanation from Manager Ron Colton



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Licensed in P.G. & AA Co's. 345-5400 345-6278 about the possible effect of the proposed Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt master plan on GHI. The master plan proposes to rezone all GHI property from Residential Planned Community (RPC) to some other category (mostly Residential Townhouse), in which GHI units would be non-conforming considered a use'. Colton explained that properties which do not conform to the zoning category to which they are assigned generally cannot be improved, enlarged or added to in any way. He said it is possible that a GHI unit destroyed by fire could possibly not be rebuilt or it might have to be rebuilt exactly as it was before. He indicated that probably the cooperative would have to get exceptions to the zoning regulations for any changes it wanted to make in the future. He poin-

time and legal fees. President Margaret Hogensen said the cooperative must be "prepared to fight hard on this" and indicated she would appoint a committee to explore the subject and let the board know what it can do.

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Program to Defer Increases

The board discussed the possibility of setting up a program to defer increases in monthly charges for members on imited incomes. Several members of the board had indicated a wish to consider such a program, Coiton reported. He outlined a similar program which had been in effect in the early 70's but which was abandoned after three years. Under this program, members

who were over 65 or disabled and who met income limits were ailowed to defer increases in their monthly charges until the unit was sold or transferred. Colton said the program was financed by an increase of about 25 cents in the monthly charges of all GHI units.

Colton also reported that the main form of assistance now available to members on limited incomes is the Rehabilitation Loan Deferral Program, which allows eligible members to defer some of their rehab charges until the unit is sold or disposed of. He said that enrollment in the program is currently frozen in order to insure that available funds will be sufficient to carry out commitments already rinde.

The board, by consensus, airected the staff to bring back for consideration a program which would allow for deferral of increases in monthly charges and options for financing the deferral.

Other Agenda Items

The board gave approval to a request by the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers to conduct a march on June 5 which will include portions of the inner walkway system. Markers will be put up on the route and later removed by the club.

A worksession to review the status of the yard inspection program was set for June 1.

By unanimous vote, the board directed the staff to prepare specifications for receiving bids for the 1988 audit of the corporation's finances.

Recreation Review

Discount theme park tickets are available from the Recreation Department Business Office, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon.

Payment should be by certified check, money order or cash.

Camp Pine Tree

Camp Pine Tree, a day camp program for elementary age children, provides a variety of experiences which allow for skill development, social interaction, teamwork, exercise, new adventures, and lots of fun.

Camp headquarters are located in the Youth Center. Programs are conducted there and on the surrounding ballfields, tennis courts and swimming pool. Five sessions are offered throughout the summer.

Transportation is available for residents for an additional fee.

Camp hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Before and/or After Camp Care is available for an additional fee.

Contact the Recreation Department Business Office, Mouday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 474-6878, for further details.

Club Wanderlust

Club Wanderlust, a summer program for 12 - 16 year olds, will be offered this summer. Each session includes four days of activities with one overnight camping outing. On the first day participants will help plan the week's activities.

Club members will travel to a variety of local attractions, possibly including Ocean City, Kings Dominion, Cunningham Falls State Park, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, and canoeing at Swains Lock.

Contact Anne Herink at 474-6878 for more information.



AAA's new Greenbelt team: Vic Markuski, Joyce Neal, Loretta Williams, Barbara Roberson, Donna Keller, Carol Walton, and Manager Tom Baker.

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