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Legion Post Seeks Liquor License Action Deferred; Opposition Noted

By Isadore Parker

Application for a license to sell liquor has been made by the local American Legion Post Home, Inc., it was revealed at the city council meeting last Monday night. The license will permit the Legion group to sell hard liquor to members only, and is a "club license," city manager Charles McDonald declared.

Refusing to take any action on the matter until the liquor control board notifies the council, several council members went on record as opposing the move. Councilmen Robert Hurst and James Wolfe flatly expressed opposition to the application, along with the city manager. Hurst declared that his experience with such licenses shows that Legion posts usually become "saloons" with "members" being recruited for a small fee to join the "club." (American Legion groups cannot get liquor licenses or rent quarters in the American Legion name; usually a club is organized and other members who are non-veterans are invited to join, it was stated.) Alan Kistler, councilman, asserted it is a common practice among other groups—labor, fraternal, and other veteran groups to get the license as a money-making venture; often the money-making begins to predominate the group's activities, pushing into the background the original finer motives.

Questionnaire

McDonald told the council that a small group is pushing the liquor license. A questionnaire on the subject was sent to 400 members, McDonald said, and about 64 replied. Of this number 37 voted in favor of it, the remaining opposed. McDonald's experience, he disclosed, is that Legion groups undertake a financial burden they don't anticipate by serving liquor; "It takes good management to squeeze enough drinks out of a bottle to make money," he declared.

Citizens in the community may not be able to oppose or support the license bid, according to McDonald, due to the nebulous term "property holder," which is required as a qualification to appear at a hearing before the liquor board. The ten residents who signed the petition for the license are GVHC members and may void the petition, McDonald explained. Identification of the "property holders" is made from the tax rolls, he added.

Election Issue

The bid for a liquor license, often discussed in Greenbelt, was one of the few "issues" in the latest city council election. A referendum was held many years ago on the question of permitting the sale of liquor in Greenbelt—it was defeated by a great majority.

Left Hand Parking Only On Lake Side

Parking will be permitted on only one side of Lakeside road, it was decided by the city council last Monday night. Although the street is two feet wider than most Greenbelt streets, its curbs limit the parking area. In order to facilitate traffic, cars will be allowed to park on the left side of Lakeside as you enter from Crescent (cars entering will have to make a turn at the cul-de-sac to park). The ordinance amendment was approved at a first hearing.

Cub Pack 202 Meets; Awards, Entertainment

Cub Pack 202 held their monthly pack meeting at Fellowship Center Friday, January 6. Inspection and various skits depicting "Christmas in Many Lands" furnished a full evening's entertainment. Den 2 won the Inspection Award with a perfect score of 100%. Den 8 captured the Award Flag. Awards presented: Bobcat, Roy Arthur; Larry, James and William Robertson, Derril Smith, Carroll Loftus, Benjamin Pfister, Irvin Abramowitz, Richard Dutton, Wolf Badge, David Synder, Roy Bennix, also Gold Arrow and 1 yr. pin. Bear Badge, Jeffrey Chapman, Stephen Wimberly, also Gold Arrow, Barry Rubin, also Silver Arrow. Silver Arrows, Richard Klein (2), Harold Domchick, Chris Moody. Gold Arrow, Skipper Perkins, 1 yr. pin, William Thomas, Freddy Moore, Norman Hooven, 3 yr. pin, Hans Jorgensen.

Dance Group Opens Rolls To New Members

Vacancies now exist in the Greenbelt Dance Group, and children can be accepted immediately, it was announced this week. Instruction in creative ballet is given by Erika Thimey, well-known in modern dance circles in the area. Classes are held Tuesday afternoons at the Center school. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Frances Miller at 5466 or Mrs. Freda Vernoff at 9272.

AGENDA

Council of the
City of Greenbelt
Regular Meeting
January 16, 1956

1. Meeting Called To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Petitions and Requests
4. Written Communications
5. Ordinances (Second Reading) Amend Traffic Code—Parking Regulations, on Lakeside Road
6. Resolution, (Second Reading) City Council's Recommendations to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Automobile Filling Station Southway Road between Armory and 10 Court Southway.
7. Resolution Recommending Approval of Rezoning of 125 and 36 acres of Land along West side of Edmonston Road, between Greenbelt Junior High School and Sewage Disposal Plant.
8. Any Other Last Minute Subject.

To The Editor; "DO YOUR PART"

The Boy Scouts annual Sustaining Fund Drive will get under way this year in Greenbelt early in February.

It is impossible for the Scouts to balance their budget just from dues and the small amount that they can get from special money-raising projects; therefore each year the scouts have to canvass the area for additional funds. The problem is the same nationally and each scout troop in the country has to resort to the annual Sustaining Drive. Don't neglect our boys in scouting. They need a full and complete program to make them the leaders of tomorrow. In order to meet the financial demands and needs of the scouts, the town of Greenbelt should contribute between \$1 and \$2 per family. We hope that you will do your part when there is a knock on your door and the person there says he is representing the Boy Scouts in their Sustaining Drive.

Emory A. Harmon, Chairman
Sustaining Fund Drive.

Rec Dep News

by Donald Wolfe
Operation - "Sleigh Ride"

Should we happen to have enough snow for sled riding, the Recreation Department will put into effect "Operation - Sleigh Ride". The following streets will be blocked off for the safety of the children. Residents living in these areas, may enter the Road at the top of the hill. Please do not enter at the bottom. When entering the Area, enter with Caution.

Children sleigh riding should sleigh ride on the right, and when they are finished their ride, they are to walk up the right side of the Road. Parents are requested to tell their children of the above. Areas to be blocked off: (1)—Top of Crescent, (2)—Top of Eastway, (3)—Top of Research.

ATTENTION—STAFFERS
Meeting, Wednesday, January 25
6-K Ridge, 8 p.m.

City Council Questions Residents On Rezoning Bid For Gas Station

The city council will poll local residents of the Southway area, Armory officials, and GVHC representatives before determining their vote on reclassification of a triangular tract of land between the Armory and the 10 court of Southway from "residential" to "commercial." Request for the re-zoning was made by the Warner-Kanter Building group to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, who in turn asked the city council for its guidance.

Kids 1 To 15 Eligible Now For Polio Shots

Maryland State and Baltimore City Health Departments, after conferring with the State Advisory Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccine, announced today that the current priority established October 13, 1955 restricting poliomyelitis vaccine to children 1 through 10 years old has been extended, effective at once, in keeping with the new national policy announced recently.

The new priority group approved today will make eligible for poliomyelitis vaccine any child in Maryland more than 1 year old and less than 16 years old, i.e. children from 1 through 15 years, inclusive.

Girl Scout Leaders To Meet; Hear Guest

Girl Scout Leaders of Greenbelt will hold their regular meeting in the home economics room of the Center school Wednesday, January 18, at 8:30 p.m.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Walker of the County Scouting Program. Her topic is the "Juliette Low Fund."

Adult Classes Start At Jr. High, Hi-Point

Registration for adult evening classes at High Point high school, Beltsville, will be held Monday, January 16, at 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the school building. Classes are offered in the following subjects; for 12 weeks: Sewing, Clothing Designing, Interior decorating, Crafts (ceramics and leather work), Metal shop and woodworking.

It will be necessary to have 15 registrations for a class before that class may be started. A \$2 fee is charged for each course. Classes will meet for 2 hours in the evenings.

Registration for adult education classes in general shop and sewing will be held at Greenbelt junior high school Monday, January 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. These classes will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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NO "BB" GUNS ALLOWED

The firing of "BB" guns or carrying them within the city limits is forbidden by city ordinance. The guns are subject to confiscation, the police department reminded residents this week.

SMORGASBORD

Saturday, February 4
8 o'clock

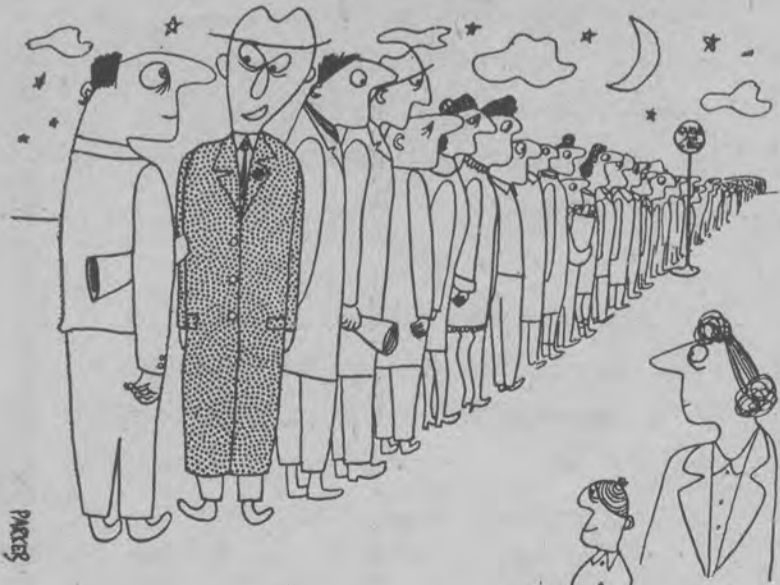
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NOTICE

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL has been asked to recommend for approval the rezoning to Commercial C-2, of a 350 ft. front piece of property between 10 Court Southway and the National Guard Armory for the purpose of erecting an Automobile Filling Station.

The need of an additional Filling Station in Greenbelt is recognized, however there are objections to this location. Your City Council will appreciate your opinion and guidance before acting on the petition.

Please write, call or express your opinion by attending the City Council Meeting — Monday, January 16, 1956.



"Which 'filling station' do you favor . . .
the Legion's or GCS . . . ?"



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Interesting Conflicts

The astonishing revelation that members of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation may not be legally considered "property holders" brings closer the realization how dependent we are on our elected representatives. They are elected not only to help govern our civic lives and housing needs, but must speak for us outside the community to other official bodies.

The city council and GVHC board must well realize this is a grave responsibility. It is a responsibility which demands vigilance and requires a sensitive ear to public needs. It also requires integrity.

The bid for rezoning the small tract of land near the Armory to permit the erection of a filling station is one case in point. From a commercial viewpoint it seems an ideal location; it is on the main traffic artery of the community. But its closeness to local homes gives pause for consideration. The council and the GVHC board must weigh the benefits and disadvantages of a filling station at that site very carefully.

President of the GVHC board is Ed Burgoon. Burgoon is also "petroleum manager" of Greenbelt Consumer Services, who plan to build the station there. Active in civic life, with many great achievements to his credit (including the sale to Warner-Kanter of GVHC undeveloped land at great profit), Burgoon has the capacity for objective thinking this problem will require of him. Certainly his problem is not as severe a "conflict of interests" as the one Abe Chasanow faced, when his dual position as GVHC counsel and real-estate man caused Burgoon to oppose strenuously his twin role.

Recently a news story disclosed the petition for rezoning of a large tract of Greenbelt land near the B and O railroad tracks to "industrial." The counsel for the petitioners was our city solicitor Ralph Powers. City manager McDonald disclosed last Monday, Powers' concern over his dual role. "If the council believes that there is a conflict of interests involved here, I would gladly withdraw from the real estate group," Powers told McDonald.

All through the fabric of our community there are "conflicts of interests." Ben Goldfaden represented the Lakeside group on the council, and this role may have played a major part in his defeat at the last council election. City manager McDonald, accompanied by Tony Madden, handed over the check which bought land for the Woodland Hills development.

We are indeed fortunate in this community to have men of wisdom and integrity managing our affairs. Whether it concerns zoning, a liquor license, the sewage problem, or a youth center building—we must count heavily on our elected representatives to speak for us, and act for us. This is all the more reason why the citizens of Greenbelt must make known their views on these problems. It is the responsibility of a free citizenry to help their elected representatives represent them.

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To the members of the Rescue Squad my sincerest thanks for our prompt and most courteous attentions while taking me to the hospital.

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Greenbelters are invited to a reception Friday evening, January 20, at 8 p.m. in the social hall of Community Church, when a community farewell will be said to Bob and Jane Volckhausen, 4 Forestway, longtime residents who have been active in many local organizations.

Bob, who recently resigned as executive secretary of the Potomac manager of the Peninsula Cooperative at Hampton, Virginia, February 1. Assisting with the reception are the

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