

# Greenbelt News Review

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Five Cents

## Campbell Resumes Post; Walker Retires At GHI

Paul M. Campbell will return to Greenbelt October 1 as general manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Campbell has been on an extended leave of absence from his GHI post since February 1957 to serve with the United Nations as National Director of Housing in the British West Indies island possession of Jamaica. His original two-year leave was extended for six months last February.

Campbell's decision to return was prompted by present manager John O. Walker's desire to return to retirement status. Campbell had originally broached the possibility of another six months extension of leave, but the GHI board of directors felt that in view of Walker's desires, such an extension would not be feasible.

Campbell served as the first manager of GHI, appointed in 1952 when GHI (then Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation) took over the project from the Federal government. He was instrumental in laying the basic groundwork for the corporation's administrative operations during its embryonic years.

Walker, during his 2½ year tour as GHI manager, will probably be best remembered for having tackled the dog and cat issue head on. While his efforts did not meet with legal success, they dramatized the position of the corporation and have laid the groundwork for the adoption of regulations against pet nuisances which may be expected to stand up in court.

## Council Rejects Bids On New Fire Station

Bids for construction of the proposed fire department and rescue squad building were rejected last week, city manager Charles McDonald announced this week. Ranging from \$140,000 to \$160,000, the bids were considered too high by the city, which had hoped to build the facility for about \$110,000. At the city council meeting last Monday night, councilman Alan Kistler harshly criticized the architects for assuring the city the structure would be built for the set figure. He called the 20% difference in anticipated bids too large for acceptable error, and opined the architects lacked a realistic attitude about building costs. City manager Charles McDonald also questioned the competence of the architects, declaring professional cost estimators should have taken into account the rising trend in prices and construction costs. McDonald suggested several alternatives in design and site planning which may lower the costs. A councilman urged asking for a re-submission of bids at a later date.

The council directed the city manager to consult with the volunteer fire and rescue group to determine any future action. Meanwhile, the model of the proposed structure will be taken from the basement, where it has been stored, and set up for display along with the youth center building model.

## New Advisory Board

Insurance Commissioner F. Douglass Sears announced today the appointment of an Advisory Board to make recommendations to him with respect to a curriculum for a program of studies to be established and approved by him and as to the scope, type and conduct of written examination for the qualification of fire and casualty agents, solicitors, brokers and brokers-solicitors.

The Board was appointed by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of House Bill No.

## Recreation Review Twirlers To Compete

By Warren Leddick  
Swimming Team

The team was a member of the Prince-Mont League - sponsored by the City Recreation Department, which paid the registration fee. League meets - won 3 and lost 4.

### League Schedule

July 10, Hillandale, Lost, 112-134, away

July 18, Gateway, Won, 163-47, home

July 22, Silver Spring "Y", Lost, 178-79, away

Aug. 1, Cheverly, Lost, 144-104, home

Aug. 8, Rosemary Apts., Won, 142-106, home

Aug. 15, Oxon Hill, Won, 169-69, away

Aug. 22, Pleasant View, Lost, 117-130, away

### Non-League Schedule

Aug. 19, Mt. Rainier, Won, 98-59, away

Aug. 31, Mt. Rainier, home

### Championship Meet - Aug. 29

Hillandale - in competition with the seven other teams of the Prince-Mont League, Greenbelt placed third and received a trophy, scoring 99 points. "Y" placed first with 202½, and Cheverly was second with 132.

In competition with a possible 24 entries in each event, Greenbelt won 2 firsts, 6 seconds, and 3 thirds. The girls' relay team also placed third. All these individual winners were awarded trophies.

Points were given for the first six places, in addition to the trophies as stated above. Greenbelt took 5 fourth places, 4 fifth places, and 3 sixth places. The boys' relay team also placed fourth.

Trophy winners included:

1st place - Billy Webb, 10 and under backstroke; Ronnie Squires, 16 and under backstroke.

2nd place - Kathy Labukas, 8 and under freestyle; Kendra Keeney, 12 and under backstroke; Jean Lentz, 18 and under freestyle; Ronnie Squires, 16 and under freestyle; Jon McElderry, 18 and under freestyle; and Jon McElderry, Sr. Medley.

3rd place - Sandy Bowman, 16 and under backstroke; Jean Lentz, 18 and under backstroke, and Jean Lentz, Sr. Medley.

Girls' relay team - 3rd place: Kathy Labukas, Linda Cobb, Linda Kerr, Linda Peacock, Sandy Bowman, Jean Lentz.

Including relay team participation, Ronnie Squires and Jon McElderry were 3-time winners; and Jean Lentz was a four time winner.

### Notes

Team practice was held twice daily during the months of June through August. Fifty boys and girls took part in the swimming team activity. Jack Trudeau of the pool staff was coach. Transportation for away meets and ribbon awards for home meets were furnished by volunteer parents. The team did not have standard uniforms this year.

### Babe Ruth League

There are still eleven uniforms out, which we would like to have returned this week.

Those boys who have not picked up their birth certificates may also pick them up anytime this week or next.

### Men's Softball League

St. Hugh's of the Greenbelt Slow Pitch League emerged as Metropolitan Area Champions. In a two out of three series St. Hugh's won the first game 5-4, then dropped the second game 3-2. In the third game at Guy Mason last Thursday St. Hugh's defeated the Phelps Stone team 3-1. St. Hugh's will be presented with a trophy.

383, which was supported by many of the insurance agents throughout the State of Maryland, passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Tawes on April 28, 1959.

Over 500 baton twirlers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia will compete for awards at the Fifth Annual Greenbelt Festival Baton Twirling Contest to be held at the Greenbelt Armory on Saturday, September 5.

The contest is sanctioned by the National Baton Twirling Association. Judges will be John Smetzler, Binghamton, N. Y.; William Marvin, Binghamton, N. Y.; Oliver Helmrich, Honesdale, Pa.; Miss Harriet Husted, Bridgeton, N. J.; Harry Homer, Audubon, N. J., and Mrs. Doris Snyder, Baltimore, Md.

The contest will start at 9 a.m., with team competition followed by individual contests in one baton, two baton, duets and strutting. The public is invited and admission charge is 50 cents.

The Greenbelt Festival Committee has reluctantly withdrawn the City Champion Trophy from this contest. Only Greenbelt residents were eligible to win this trophy, and the committee was of the opinion that the small number of Greenbelt contestants entered would not constitute a contest.

## Council Salary Hiked In New Charter Change

The city council changed the charter at its special meeting last Monday night to permit a raise in salary from \$500 to \$750 a year for the newly-elected council. The only dissenting vote came from James Smith. The charter change by the council, permitted by the "home rule" bill enacted in the state legislature, becomes effective in 50 days, during which period citizens have the opportunity to initiate a referendum to confirm or reject the increase. The charter amendment was recommended by city solicitor Ralph Powers as the method most proper legally to effect the increase, since the legality of the proposal was put in question by several citizens.

## Special Election Day Bus Proposal Rejected

City council candidate David Champion urged the city council to run the city bus with free fare all during election day, September 15, in order to encourage a large turnout at the polls. Councilmen rejected the suggestion. A later vote on a motion to charge for continuous bus service during the day was also rejected, 3-2. Main objection was the possibility of "electioneering" during the bus run. Although candidates might not ride the bus personally, it was possible for some citizens to engage in "loud talking," some councilmen felt.

## Churchmen's Club Meets

Dr. Edward W. Bauman, Chaplain of The American University, will be the featured speaker at the First Annual Banquet of the Churchmen's Club of Greenbelt Community Church on Friday, September 11. Dr. Bauman conducted a TV course on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" last year and will start a new series on The Old Testament on Saturday, September 19, from 11 to 12 noon, over WMAL TV (Channel 7).

Dr. Bauman's topic at the Banquet will be "The Complete Churchman", concerning the attitudes and activities of a mature Christian. The Banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Community Church. All men interested in hearing Dr. Bauman are invited to attend. Tickets at \$2.00 are available from Ed Schneider, Granite 4-9548, or from the Church Office.

## Labor Day Festival Starts Friday

The Fifth Annual Labor Day Festival, a 4-day homecoming celebration, will explode into a colorful display of talent, contests, entertainment and splendor tomorrow night at the Center Mall, with the Band, Majorettes and Stepperettes kicking off the event with music and twirling batons. Dances, a beauty contest, talent show, athletic events and an art exhibit are among the various events planned to fill the holiday weekend, which is expected to be the most colorful pageant Greenbelt has seen.

## Candidates To Give Views At Open Forum

City Council candidates will give their views and answer questions at a Lions Club-sponsored open meeting at the Center School auditorium 8 p.m. Thursday, September 10. The meeting, a long-standing tradition in Greenbelt, permits the 11 candidates to give their platforms and state their views on problems in the community. The News Review platform is expected to receive the most attention during the campaign speeches, but other problems not touched on by the newspaper are expected to be discussed.

Each candidate is allowed five minutes to speak, after which a question and answer period will be held. Chairman of the meeting will be Lions Club President, Wayne Tucker.

## High Point High Points

By Marion Ryss

Grab the pencils, pads, and pens. Make ready for the start of another era of schooling. Highlighting the program for the coming week will be the annual back to school trek that will take place this year on Tuesday, September 8. The little yellow buses in their almost new condition will once again travel their well worn trails to the halls of learning. The bus stops for the Greenbelt area will be:

Across from the Community Church at the bottom of Hillside and Crescent; in front of the Post Office at the Center; at the North End School; in front of the Armory.

All buses will leave at 8:15 a.m. from Greenbelt, destination High Point.

Approximately 1,650 students will be joining the 72 teachers (12 more than last year), in the annual fusing of knowledge from one mind to countless others. During the long hot summer all of the schedules were individually gone over and made out. Thus, on Tuesday a regular school day is planned. School books will be distributed, and pencil and paper are expected to be on hand.

Principal Alan I. Chotiner stated that, "Since all schedules have already been made up and are being given out on the first day of school, it is important that all students be in attendance on the first day. They should come with paper and pen prepared to work."

The cafeteria will be functioning as usual, and a hot (or cool) meal will be on hand to greet all students for the price of 35c.

All students of high school age who have recently moved into the area and have not registered as yet, are urged to do so before the start of school Tuesday.

Tenth graders from Greenbelt Junior High will report to the school cafeteria upon reaching the school, where they will receive their homeroom and class assignment cards.

Students who have attended High Point last year will report to their old homerooms to get their schedules.

New students who have just entered this area will report to the library. This includes those who registered at any time during the summer or who have not registered yet but wish to attend High Point.

## Horseshoe and Golf Contests

Greenbelt Festival Horseshoe Pitch and Golf Chipping Contests will be held on Saturday, September 5, on Braden Field at 4 p.m. Contests for horseshoe pitching will be for men's singles and doubles, also singles for boys 16 years and under.

All persons interested in entering these contests must contact Mr. Hudson, GR 4-8521, prior to starting time.

The ten girls entered in the Popularity contest have already appeared on the Milt Grant show, where Festival chairman Eli Don-Bullion presented a check for \$1500 to Bev Fonda, chairman of the Youth Advisory Board; the money is the proceeds from last year's Labor Day Festival. Later in the week, the Greenbelt beauties appeared on WRC-TV "In Our Town," a local show starring Mac McGarry.

The Talent Show, which has ten contestants signed up thus far, is expected to be an outstanding event, and anyone wishing to enter is urged to call Dick Coulter, HEMlock 9-2934. Other prominent events include a rare duet by last year's baton-twirling champ, Leslie Ann Thomas, and Susan Boggs, Miss Co-op. "Uncle Dave and his trick dog," will perform, and a table-tennis contest featuring champs from New York, Baltimore, and Washington will compete. Bill Holman, noted square dance caller from the Silver Spring countryside, will lend his talents to the Festival, and a St. Hugh's CYO-sponsored record hop will be held every night of the fair. An added event will be the presentation of the local American Legion Baseball team which copped the area championship and went to Keene, New Hampshire, to participate in the finals.

Warren Leddick, recreation director, will lead the parade on Labor Day, and trophies will be presented in many categories.

A brief respite from the hectic pace will take place Sunday morning, which is designated Homecoming Day, and special services will be conducted by the churches welcoming all former residents of Greenbelt.

## Nine Mile Marathon

This year's 9 mile marathon race promises to be the biggest yet. Alex Breckenridge of the U. S. Marines on Sunday placed sixth in the Pan-American Games 10,000 meter run. Along with Breckenridge and Ross, other top entries received this week include Joe Klinerman of the Millrose A. A. in New York, who placed 10th in 1957; Aldo Scandura of the Millrose A. A.; Joseph Keller of the St. Anthony's Boys Club of Brooklyn; George Fould and Bobby Carman of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Harry Murphy from Brooklyn, New York. The race is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday at Braden Field.

## Free Baseball Tickets

On Wednesday, September 9, youngsters in the North End and Center Schools will be able to pick up free tickets for the Washington - Cleveland baseball game at Griffith Stadium Saturday, September 12. On Wednesday afternoon Junior and Senior High students can pick up tickets between 4 and 5 p.m. for the same game. Adults may use a ticket provided five boys or girls are with them.

## The Great Books Club

The Great Books Club of Greenbelt will open the 1959-60 season with a discussion of Ecclesiastes on Thursday evening, September 17, at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Len Baron, 19-M Ridge.

The group, consisting of last year's first year and fifth groups, plans to do second year readings this season. Jeanne Jones and Len Baron will co-lead the group, which expects to meet the first and third Thursday evenings of the month on a rotating basis in members' homes.

Interested individuals, couples, and former members who wish to participate in the discussion group should telephone the Secretary, Mrs. Leonie Penney at GR 4-6315 for further information. Copies of the reading list and a brochure describing Great Books discussions may be obtained at the Greenbelt Public Library.



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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Lakewood, Lakeside, and Woodland homeowners attention: "Landscaping the New Home" will be the topic presented by Clayton Werner, county agent, at the meeting of the Greenbelt Garden Club Wednesday, September 9, at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Bowman's, 14-3 Laurel Hill (end of the road), and everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Werner's talk will present basic principles and suggestions for planting around the house, with particular ideas for the do-it-yourself gardener. Fall is the best time for planting most trees and shrubs. Make your plans now for an attractive yard at lowest cost.

In November the Garden Club and the Greenbelt Women's Club will combine in a meeting at which Mrs. Floyd Smith will demonstrate "Christmas Decorations Anyone Can Make," a topic for which she has gained an outstanding reputation throughout this area.

## HE WON THE PRIZE

To the Editor:

Several years ago, there was a man whose wife read an announcement like this about a Labor Day Festival art exhibit. His wife encouraged him to join the show with the paintings he had recently made. But the man hesitated, because he had had no instruction. The paintings were done on odd material like window shades and painted with a small set of oil colors that was given as a gift.

The afternoon the exhibit opened, the man came to me and timidly asked questions. When I assured him that we were interested in what everybody was doing, he went off, encouraged, and brought in his work.

There is no doubt that he never regretted it. He won the prize for outstanding work in the show.

I cannot say that everyone will have the same experience, but I can say that the example need not be unusual. The outdoor Art Show of the Labor Day Festival is a show for the display of artistic work made by the people of Greenbelt. It will be looked at and judged as such. Some former exhibitors had training, some had not. Of all the people who paint, few are artists. Most are people in other walks of life who find pleasure and excitement in creating images. Beautiful things have been made by children who wish to do no more than play with paint or clay. Fine skills have been developed by mothers and grandmothers who found in art a release and relaxation. Many men like the one I mentioned earlier have without formal training made things of unusual quality.

I exhort you, then, to join and encourage others of your acquaintance to do so too. Sculpture, painting, ceramics, drawing, crafts, all forms are eligible.

The Arts and Crafts Co. has donated fifteen dollars in supplies for the outstanding work. We can do no less than participate in large numbers in appreciation of the generous encouragement given us by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellerin of Arts and Crafts.

Joe Jacobs, a fine artist from Washington, will join me to judge the show. I will meet you all on Saturday, September 5, at 1:30 p.m. sharp in front of the Center School.

Benjamin Abramowitz



By Elaine Skolnik - GR. 4-6060

Pat Murphy, 6-J Hillside, is back home after spending the summer with his grandmother. Glad to hear that Pat is feeling so much better.

The lucky McDonnells, Billie, Mac, Brian, and Danny, 2-J Northway, slept under blankets every night of their two week vacation. They camped in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Some of their time was spent in traveling to Wright's Memorial, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, and the Sir Walter Raleigh National Park. They climbed Hanging Rock with 27 Soldiers of Christ - a junior organization of the Baptist Church. "Uncle Dick", a naturalist, lectured and showed slides on snakes - and while we're on the subject, Brian and a companion had a hair raising experience with a copperhead. The boys were walking at dusk when the snake slithered up to their feet. A barrage of stones thrown by the boys did away with the culprit. At the time, they were not aware of the identity of their victim.

Nettie and Morris Steinman, 2-G Northway, spent a happy weekend in Fairlawn, New Jersey, attending the twenty-fifth anniversary party of Nettie's brother and wife.

The very best of luck to the Jack Ratzkin family, who have moved from Greenbelt.

A very happy birthday to Becky Keys, 16-Z-4 Ridge, who will celebrate her fifteenth birthday tomorrow.

A speedy recovery to Janie Brooks, 16 Lakeside, who has been hospitalized.

A happy vacation to Peggy Hyland and her family, 14-Z-4 Ridge. The Hylands are going to Pennsylvania to visit grandma.

Competing in the 1959 National Championship Drag Races in Detroit, Michigan, Sept. 3-7, is Joe Lasick of 44-J Ridge, who will run the "Little Jo-Jo," a '40 Ford Coupe

## AT FURMAN

Alice Eleanor Truesdell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Truesdell, 19-F Hillside, is one of nine outstanding out-of-state high school senior women who have been awarded President's Scholarships by Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. She will be a freshman at the Women's College in September. Miss Truesdell graduated from High Point High School.

## Why Greenbelt Needs A Change

What has City Council done in regard to establishing an effective and workable Planning Commission, the end result of which could conceivably result in a true and realistic tax reduction?

### LET US LOOK AT THE RECORD

Taken from the official minutes of the Greenbelt City Council of May 29, 1957; Motion made, supported and passed by the City Council, authorizing two Council members to prepare a statement for the next regular council meeting which would call for the formation of such a committee, and would spell out specific initial purposes, to present to the next council.

Motion passed unanimously on September 9, 1957, that a committee of citizens of Greenbelt be appointed by the succeeding council to engage in planning activities.

Since that time one councilman has repeatedly pushed, without success, for the reconsideration of the Planning Guide for Greenbelt's future. A further check of the records will show that on more than five occasions he brought this specific question to the floor. The short sightedness on the part of other council members is something that must be reckoned with by the voters of Greenbelt!

FOR POSITIVE ACTION -- ELECT

**David C. Champion**  
Councilman

# BOND ISSUE REFERENDUM

The following information has been prepared at the direction of Greenbelt City Council

## How will the Bond Issue affect the Tax Rate?

Assuming that final construction costs will require the issuance of the entire amount of \$200,000.00 in twenty-year bonds, the retirement of the bonds and the interest to be paid on the bonds will cost the taxpayers approximately \$16,000.00 for the first year and a decreasing amount thereafter as the outstanding bonds are redeemed. The cost of operating and maintaining these new buildings is not included here, since they would for the most part be offset by the amounts the City would save from rents and the operating expenses the City is paying for housing these municipal functions at the present time.

The 1959 tax rate for the City of Greenbelt is \$1.61 per \$100.00 assessed valuation. This assessed valuation is approximately \$8,000,000.00, and this has increased about \$900,000.00 in 1959 over 1958. As a very safe estimate therefore, an increase of the assessable base each year by \$600,000.00 should mean that the \$16,000.00 cost for the interest and retirement of the bonds would increase the tax rate eighteen and one-half cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation in 1960. In three years, depending on the development of real property or the increase in the assessable base, together with the reduction of the amount of interest required each year, the increase in the tax rate because of the bond issue should drop to about thirteen and one-half cents.



# Views Of Candidates On Election Issues

## Thomas J. Canning

Items 1 to 4, inc. I am deeply concerned at the proposals included in your platform which involve the expenditure of funds for construction of additional recreational facilities and for other purposes "regardless of their effect on the tax rate". The present City tax rate on real property is \$1.61 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. In addition, our residents must pay a County-imposed real property tax at the rate of \$2.15 (recently increased to \$2.78) for each \$100.00 of assessed valuation, for which they receive very little from the County in the way of services. We residents of Greenbelt cannot afford at this time the additional taxes which a comprehensive program as you suggest, would entail. Furthermore, a substantial increase in the tax rate at this time would seriously impede, if not completely forestall, the development of new residential and commercial areas, now imminent by reason of the location of the Space Agency in this vicinity. We can not afford to drive developers out of Greenbelt into nearby unincorporated areas because of an ill-considered tax position. We need this new development in order to increase our tax base and to provide some relief to our residents from the high taxes to which they are now subjected. I recognize the need for new baseball fields, but this program alone will require the acquisition by the City of the necessary land, the cost of which would be considerable. Accordingly, I can support Items 1 to 4, inclusive, of your platform calling for landscaping, conservation and maintenance of parks and playgrounds (over and above what is now being programmed), expansion of playground areas, construction of new areas and ballfields, and the rehabilitation of the lake area, including construction of a park shelter, only if a means of financing such programs, other than by substantially increasing taxes, can be devised. I would support a capital improvement program or area improvement programs under which the improvements could be financed over a long period of time and paid for by reasonable assessments levied against the residents of the areas receiving the benefits of the improvements. With reference to the requirement for co-ordination of such programs with the efforts of Greenbelt Homes Inc., mentioned in Item 1, I assume you mean that such co-ordination should be had only in connection with City landscaping programs in public areas in the vicinity of G. H. I. homes. We now have nearly 200 other individual home owners in the Lakeside, Woodland, Lakewood and Parkbelt developments who would be the proper parties for co-ordination in any City improvement program affecting those areas. With reference to the establishment of programs for the supervised care of tots, mentioned in Item 2, I think the word "tots" should be clearly defined. I do not think it advisable for the City to assume the duties or the responsibilities of parents with respect to small children or to perform baby sitting functions.

Item 5. I have no objection to the appointment of a recreation council. Surely, the City Council should always welcome the views of the citizens and committees of citizens on any phase of municipal operations. Such committees have in the past been established by City Council for recommendations and for co-ordination of recreational activities. The Director of Recreation now works with similar groups such as the Youth Advisory Board, Little League, Boys Club and others in connection with programming and budgeting.

Item 6. The present City Council in conjunction with the Youth Advisory Board and the Fire and Rescue Squad has spent considerable time and effort in reviewing the Architect's plans and cost esti-

## An Election Platform

Editor's Note: For the convenience of our readers, we are repeating the list of specific proposals for an election platform for council aspirants which the *News Review* presented for the first time last week. Each candidate has been requested to comment on these proposals. Their answers will appear next week.

### City Services

1. Initiation of a vigorous landscaping and conservation program aimed at restoring and maintaining Greenbelt's park and playground areas; such a program to be coordinated with the efforts of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
2. In view of the continuous influx of young families with small children, expansion of tot playground areas and establishment of a summer program of supervised care.
3. Construction of new play areas and sandlot ball fields in those areas, such as the North End now lacking such facilities.
4. Development and rehabilitation of Greenbelt Lake area, including construction of a park shelter.
5. Appointment of a recreation advisory council to examine the adequacy of the present recreation program and to assist the recreation department in making budget recommendations for the coming year.

### Construction Program

6. A reappraisal of the total amounts to be spent for the new construction, with special attention given to the allocation of funds and determination of priority needs among the three buildings.
7. The retention by the city of a measure of control over the proper use of all new publicly-financed buildings, with no outright grants of property title to any non-governmental groups.
8. In order to assure maximum utilization of the youth center building and its facilities, establishment of city policy that all civic and recreational groups should have access to the building, with recognition given to the priority needs of youth activities.

### Charter Changes

9. The adoption of those charter changes proposed by the Fair Committee that strengthen the role of the city council.

### Future Development

10. Appointment of a city planning commission whose task would be to lay down adequate standards and guides for the development of Greenbelt so as to protect to the maximum the interests of the city and the public. The commission would be concerned with such matters as (a) the orderly development of the commercial center and parking areas in a manner which does not violate existing structural lines; (b) attraction of a type of industry that would be a clear-cut asset to the community; (c) preservation of wooded areas and park land to the maximum extent consistent with the construction of new homes; and (d) the furnishing of adequate roads and utilities by the developers of the vacant land.

### City Operations

11. Creation of a full-time executive or administrative secretary whose task would be to provide the councilmen with research material on important policy matters to be decided, to prepare follow-up progress reports on previous directives issued or action requested of management by the council, and to facilitate the exchange of information between the city council and the city manager with respect to administrative operations and other problems and developments in city government.

mates of the proposed Fire and Rescue Squad Building and the new Youth Center Building. A very creditable job has been done by these three groups in altering the plans and in revising the estimates in an honest endeavor to provide for two structures that will not only suit the requirements of the programs involved but will also fit the financial limitations of the City. The plans for these two buildings are available in the City office for inspection by anyone interested in seeing them. By the time this statement is published, bids for the construction of the Fire and Rescue Squad Building will have been opened. Regardless of the amount of the low bid, a review or reappraisal of the entire construction program will be necessary. I therefore favor this item.

Item 7. I wholeheartedly support this portion of your platform calling for the retention of control over and title to the new buildings in the City. It has been agreed between the City and the Fire and Rescue Squad that the use of the new building by the Fire and Rescue Squad will be on a long term lease basis.

Item 8. When the new Youth Center Building becomes available I will support the establishment of a priority of use for the building as follows: (1) Youth activities. (2) City-sponsored recreational programs, and (3) Civic activities.

Item 9. During my twelve years on the City Council, I have been dedicated to the preservation of the Council - Manager form of Government for the City of Greenbelt. This form of Government contemplates a clear-cut division

of responsibility between the administrative and the policy-making functions of the City Government. The City Council is the policy making body. The City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City Government, responsible to the City Council for carrying out the policies established by it. I feel that if the Council - Manager form of Government is to continue in Greenbelt, this division of responsibility must be maintained. Accordingly, I shall support any suggested Charter changes designed to strengthen the City Council in its intended role as a policy-making body. On the other hand, I shall strongly oppose, as I have done in the past, any and all efforts to change the Charter for the purpose of transferring administrative functions from the City Manager, where they rightfully belong, to the City Council which would better serve the City by confining itself to matters of policy and seeing to it that its policies are put into effect and properly carried out.

Item 10. The City Council has final responsibility for the matters outlined in this item of your platform and should be familiar with all the problems involved. The City Council cannot absolve itself of this responsibility by setting up a Planning Commission. Nevertheless, I think that such a commission would be of great assistance to the Council in an advisory capacity. I have in the past indicated my acceptance of such a proposal and will support this item in your platform.

Item 11. I cannot support the proposal to create a full-time, or even a part-time executive or ad-

ministrative secretary to serve the City Council. It is the duty of the City Manager to provide the City Council with research material and any other information it may require in the course of its deliberations. It is also the duty of the City Manager to keep the Council informed with respect to administrative operations and other problems and developments in the City Government. Furthermore, the City Clerk, in addition to her other duties, adequately performs such secretarial duties as may be required by the Council. Consequently, the creation of such a position would only result in duplication of effort and a waste of the taxpayer's money.

## Bruce Bowman

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to the 11-point platform you have published. Though it is not a complete statement of all the issues, it is a comprehensive view of the most important problems facing the candidates and the electorate at this time.

I'll be brief in the interest of space and in order to spare, somewhat, the voters who will be sorely beset in the next two weeks.

### City Services

1. Greenbelt Homes and the city used to cooperate on landscaping programs; lately G.H.I. has handled it largely alone. I'm all in favor of a vigorous, coordinated program.

2 & 3. North End PTA and GHI have already embarked on such a study and action program. An expanded plan including city cooperation and considering new housing areas should certainly be considered.

4. By all means.  
5. Some sort of periodic review involving the public is needed. Whether it should be an appointed advisory council I'm not sure. It sounds a little officious and stuffy and I think that citizen participation in city affairs has been discouraged by officiousness and stuffiness.

### Construction Program

6, 7, & 8. Yes.

### Charter Changes

9. As you've stated it, yes.

### Future Development

10. Long overdue.

### City Operations

11. I don't believe the council adequately uses the services and materials available through the manager now. I'm not sure an administrative secretary or research assistant (responsible to the Council or to the Manager?) wouldn't further complicate the present unsatisfactory situation.

## Edgar L. Smith

1. A landscaping and conservation program is desired. However, before we undertake such a program we should first determine the estimated cost, the effect on our present tax rate, and whether or not more urgent services are needed.

2. Yes.  
3. Yes.  
4. Yes.

5. I feel that a recreation advisory committee should be appointed, to consist of residents of the town. This committee should be non-paying and the membership comprised of capable persons who have manifested an interest in our recreation program. Their duties would be to study the adequacy of our present program, plan for the future, and to assist our recreation director in making budget recommendations.

6. Yes; however, if a priority is necessary it should be given to the youth center.

7. Yes.  
8. I feel that the youth center should be utilized by other organizations, as long as it is clearly understood that our youth activities take priority at all times.

9. Yes.  
10. Yes.

11. No—I feel that the city manager has the facilities and should be responsible for providing the council with such information, and that an executive or administrative secretary is unnecessary.

## David C. Champion

First off, I would like to express to the Staff of the *News Review* my sincere thanks for taking the initiative in this election and proposing the platform on which I, as a candidate, have been asked to comment. I think this once again points up the valuable service that your paper performs for the community.

In discussing the issues that have been raised, I do not think a simple "yes" or "no" answer will suffice on all these important issues.

With regard to the first four points, they are legitimate requests, but I cannot pass upon them without commenting on item No. 10—A City Planning Commission. If enough foresight had been given to this item years ago, I am of the firm belief that the adoption of expanded services would not be a pressing issue today. If we ever hope to effect any kind of a real tax cut in the future, and I am not thinking in terms of 2 or 3 cents as has been the case in the past few years, we must develop an effective Planning Commission which will seek out home builders and industrial developers, and will plan for the future growth of the city and through such growth enlarge the taxable base upon which a city may levy its tax rate. Then and only then will we begin to be able to stay abreast of the current inflationary trends which are increasing the costs of the services provided by the city. My own paid advertisement in this issue of the *News Review* will explain why I have chosen to spotlight this particular issue.

Specifically, my answers to points 1-5 are as follows:

No. 1. Yes, but let's include the land adjacent to the streets in town and also the Mall area. One has only to look at the height of the grass around the street signs on Ridge Road to see for himself exactly how unsightly a mess this can be, not to mention the weeds that grow taller than the curbing from the center of the gutters—also on Ridge Road. As for the Mall, I favor a direct appropriation from Council to the Greenbelt Garden Club and letting this community service group demonstrate its beautifying abilities. (You can see a well manicured Mall on your next visit to the Center. They gave it a real "haircut" last Friday morning.)

No. 2. With the Youth Center primarily oriented to older children, I think we would do well to start on an accelerated program for tots. A program of organized outdoor games could be easily and cheaply operated.

No. 3. Being at present a member of the North End PTA Recreation Committee (a position I would resign, if elected), I have repeatedly urged friends who have children in the Center school to form a similar committee and hope that this will become a reality this fall. I also would like to see a tie-in of these two groups to any other service clubs, such as the American Legion, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, etc., who wish to participate in such a community betterment program. I do not consider these as pressure groups. Although they may rightly be called lobbyists, they are an invaluable aid to Council and the City Manager in providing much of the background information needed to evaluate proposals for additional facilities. But I would like to add a word of caution to the "new" playground idea. I think the first major concern should be the rehabilitation of presently existing City-owned playgrounds in the North End and also the Center. Specifically, I am thinking of the unsightly mess of broken glass and equipment which exists at the playground across from 73 Court Ridge.

No. 4. A long needed improvement is a park shelter at this well used Greenbelt facility. Although it has been repeatedly cut from the

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# Views Of Candidates On Election Issues

## CHAMPION. Continued

budget year after year and is estimated to cost \$5000 (per the 1959 Budget) I think serious consideration should be given to including this item in the 1960 budget even though the cost might increase the budget some 6 to 7 cents per \$100 valuation based on the anticipated tax base for 1960.

No. 5. In light of the above four answers, I would welcome such an assist. I am not so unrealistic as to believe that we can adopt all these creditable items without giving serious consideration to their overall effect on the 1960 tax rate. Our problem is to adopt as much of this program as we can without creating a budget of unrealistic proportions, and to do so we must have mutual cooperation. A temporary committee as proposed would be a definite aid in achieving such results, but I do not believe it should be more than advisory and certainly should not infringe on the area of relationship between City Manager and subordinates thereto.

At the completion of the Youth Center, I would propose an appointed Board of Directors consisting of two Councilmen and a majority number of interested citizens to oversee and assist in its operations. Their functions would also encompass item 8 of the platform. Again I would hasten to add that this Board should be limited in authority so as not to encroach on the powers of the City Manager.

With regard to the construction program, while I think it was not a well-conceived idea to thrust a bond issue upon the electorate without having complete information on costs and plans, I do not believe in stalling any further on this building program, and therefore urge you to vote in favor of the bond issue. Regardless of the outcome of the political race we must face up to the fact that Greenbelt needs these facilities and the longer they are put off the costlier they will become.

No. 6. Since the bids have been submitted and opened on the proposed firehouse. I believe the phrasing of "reappraisal" is only lacking the word "complete" in front of it. This has been dictated by the fact that of 10 bids received they ranged all the way from 21.8% to 48.6% higher than the estimated cost by the architects. Using the low bid for the firehouse as a guide of what to expect in the future this would mean a total increase for the cost of the three buildings of \$80,000. The total cost would then increase the presently proposed figure of \$440,000 (which includes equipment and miscellaneous, architect fees, and site improvements as well as the cost of the buildings) to \$520,000.

When we have exceeded the half million dollar figure for construction for a town this size and growing at the rate it has—I say we are going too far, too fast (Might I also point out that the bond referendum, if passed, would fall short by at least \$60,000). I normally believe that it is a false start to pick a figure and then back into the desired results but in this instance I must.

I want to go on record as being opposed to any program that exceeds \$400,000 even if it requires putting the Youth Center in the basement, the fire and police stations on the first floor and the administration offices in the attic. In reality this is not necessary in that this provides an average of \$133,000 per unit.

If elected, I promise that I will scrutinize each individual proposal to see that you—the Taxpayer—will not be building "golden palaces" where they are not needed. This is not intended as a slam at either of the two designed buildings. I think they are beautiful, but I think we have been misled by an architectural firm which certainly must have had some incompetent estimators when the figures produce the results which I have indicated above.

No. 7. The City should permanently retain title to all buildings constructed with taxpayers' money.

No. 8. See number 5.

No. 9. Yes, and in the future Council should exercise its delegated powers instead of appointing a special committee. Mr. Fair and his committee did the community a real service but as he stated in his oral report, Council had the inherent right to have put these words into the charter long before his committee was established and the responsibility for such was that of Council.

No. 10. See my paid advertisement in this issue for the answer.

No. 11. I believe the Manager to be directly responsible to Council and would not like to see any of this responsibility delegated to another person. If the burdens of office were too great then I would favor additional help in order to comply with Council's requests but would hold the Manager strictly accountable for failure to comply.

## Alan A. Kistler

**City Services:** I am in general sympathy with the proposals outlined under this heading. It should be pointed out, of course, that the major facets of the programs—landscaping, conservation, lake improvement, development of additional recreational sites—call for a long-range plan that would establish time tables and priorities, and would include some form of capital budgeting. Both of these I have advocated, on Council.

Concerning a recreation advisory committee, please refer to my comments below on the subject of future development.

My Council record shows that I do not consider taxes the sole factor in government operations. I give greater emphasis to needs. But I can not accept the unqualified proposition that programs should be pursued "regardless of their effect upon the tax rate," that is too broad a program for me.

**Construction Programs:** The present Council has engaged in reappraisals of the buildings proposed. One such revision led to addition of a wing for programs for varying age groups. Another produced a change in the ceiling heights of the auditorium wing so as to make it even more of a multi-purpose area.

The construction bids just received have prompted another review. This retiring Council has had its faults. Haste in deciding on building details has not been one of them.

Retention of City ownership and ultimate supervision and control of the buildings contemplated in the current building has been established by Council action.

The "youth center" building, while primarily catering to the needs of our young people, must encompass facilities and programs responsive to the recreational interests of other age groups. Sale of the Center School makes this obligatory.

**Charter changes:** I am not satisfied that all the proposed changes would be desirable. For example, while I support the concept of an appeals board, operating something like a civil service review committee. I am not convinced that such a board should make annual investigations and reports on personnel practices and administration. Reviews of this nature at the request of Council from time to time could serve a useful purpose. On a regular, annual basis they could become disruptive of good administration.

Concerning proposed changes on bids procedure, the present Charter language assigns to Council the option of defining the procedures to be followed. No Council has seen fit to act on that authority. I have no firm objection to the changes suggested, but do want to point out that the Charter need not be changed to accomplish their goal, although the minimum Council responsibility would be increased by their adoption.

**Future Development:** For some time I have been urging the creation of a planning and development commission for the City, established not just by resolution

but by charter requirement, composed of competent Greenbelt citizens, financed by budgetary allotment, appointed by Council.

Through the medium of sub committees, this commission would consider the whole range of problems that the term comprehensive community planning embraces.

A recreation advisory committee would fall within the scope of its operations as would committees concentrating on such separate but related problems as landscaping, conservation of park areas, lake development.

This move I deem essential—now.

**City Operations:** I do not believe that the City needs an assistant City Manager at this time. That position, though differently named in the News Review platform, is essentially what the proposal defined.

## Robert C. Hull

The News Review has rendered a real service to Greenbelt by offering Council candidates an opportunity to discuss publicly some of the problems which, if elected, they will be called upon to face. It is particularly helpful to have such a specific basis for discussion as the News Review has furnished. I regret very much that I had no opportunity before leaving on vacation to discuss the News Review's program face to face with my fellow-citizens in Greenbelt. Such discussion might have enabled me to define my position more clearly than it is possible to do sitting by the banks of the Salmon River in New York's Adirondacks.

Of course in any case I would favor a decided face-lifting in Greenbelt. You are right that our city has lost some of its original lustre. One of the group originally responsible for the planning of Greenbelt has expressed himself as feeling that the city has become "shabby," and has definitely fallen short of fulfilling the ideals of its founders.

On the other hand, the city is in the same position as a family. Every family in Greenbelt wants more of home comforts and conveniences. Most families, including my own, would like to have air-conditioning, and the hot weather this summer has sharply emphasized that desire. But before any Greenbelt family decides to install air-conditioning it asks to see the price tag. Some families can afford it, others cannot, though all agree on its desirability.

So with the various proposals for civic improvement. Each one carries a price tag. On some the price is low enough to be within the city's means. On others the price is so high that it cannot be afforded at present. Therefore, if I were on the Council, I would ask about any specific proposal, "What is the price tag?", and cast my vote on the basis of weighing its value to the city against its cost in the tax rate. I hope that many of the excellent proposals in the News Review program can be adopted without undue cost. Particularly I would wish to stretch a point in favor of any project for the benefit of the children and youth of Greenbelt.

Of course I approve the carefully considered recommendations of the Charter Review Committee of which I was a member. I wish that the News Review's proposals for the establishment of commissions for city planning and for recreational activities, as well as for the appointment of an Administrative Secretary of the Council, had been submitted to the Charter Review Committee for discussion. As it is, these proposals are quite new to me, and my first reaction is not favorable. It seems to me that the Council itself is qualified to carry out the functions of the proposed commissions, and that the appointment of a Council Secretary would create friction rather than cooperation in the administration of city affairs.

I approach these and all other problems with an open mind, hoping to find similar flexibility of judgment in my colleagues, so that

decisions may be reached which shall reflect the combined wisdom of the chosen representatives of the people of Greenbelt.

## Ben Goldfaden

**City Services:** In the introduction to the platform which appeared in the Greenbelt News Review, it was stated that Greenbelt "has lost some of its original luster" in terms of services. This may be true in some respects, but it is not entirely due to lack of money. There are many factors which do not appear on the surface. One of these is the lack of manpower in the summer months to keep up with all the city maintenance such as grass-cutting and landscaping jobs of various kinds. I have recommended that money be used for these purposes, as we did 2 years ago, but are not doing now. I will again recommend this next year if re-elected to the City Council.

Another factor is the growth of the city. We are now in the midst of building and development, and it will take us a little time to catch up with the needs of the community. I would like to state that the people of Greenbelt must make known to Council their wishes in regard to problems as they see them. I know that whenever a problem comes to Council regarding the loss of trees, erosion and "dust-bowl areas", we have made known to the manager that action should be taken at once to correct these conditions.

1. I am in favor of this, and the past city councils have allocated funds for planting of trees at the approach to Greenbelt on Southway Road and at the North End of town. We have also met with Mr. Jorgensen, Chairman of the Landscape Committee of GHI many times in regard to beautifying the mall at the Center, and other mutual problems of the city and GHI.

2. In past years the Recreation Department has attempted to establish tot playgrounds but have found that it was only a baby-sitting project which did not warrant the expenditure of such funds. The Greenbelt Recreation Dept. at the present time has a summer program of supervised care in the Center and at North End School. This program should be studied each year for improvement and enlargement.

3. Concerning the provision of more play areas in the North End, the City Council has made numerous attacks on this problem. The people of the North End must realize that the Federal Government left very little area for the construction of playgrounds and ball fields. We have attempted to put a ball field in at North End School, but find no adequate space. This problem is of concern to the whole city of Greenbelt because throughout the city there is very little land for playgrounds and ball fields. We have written to GHI many times asking if they had any land available which could be used for this purpose. I will continue to work on this problem.

4. I had proposed that the lake area be turned over to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The reason I suggest this is that 80% of the people using the Lake area are out of town people. The Park & Planning Commission would install a shelter and police the area, and Greenbelt people could use the area by obtaining a permit. This would make available manpower for use in other Greenbelt work.

5. The Greenbelt Recreation Department had an Advisory Committee in the past (of which Mr. Chotiner was chairman) and many of their suggestions were used in establishing the present program. The Council had always made use of suggestions by citizens and groups in expanding the recreation program.

6. Regarding the construction program, I am in favor of this program because it is badly needed in the City of Greenbelt. The youth of the city need their own building if they are to have a program worthy of the name. This does not mean that other groups

cannot use the building. The entire program will be supervised by the Recreation Director. The Fire and Rescue groups perform an outstanding job for the city and the least we can do is to provide them with the building they need to give us their excellent fire-fighting and rescue service.

As for the City Office Building, I believe this building should have rooms available for community groups that wish to use them.

The past City Council has spent months on the allocation of funds and I feel that they have done a good job. The Youth Building was declared to be the most urgently needed, the Fire and Rescue Building was determined as the second most urgently needed, and the Municipal Building third. I agree with this priority rating.

7. I have always gone along with the belief that the City should own all the buildings put up by use of public funds, and I feel that the City should own these three buildings.

However, in order to give the Fire and Rescue groups a feeling of security in the work that they are doing, and to prevent interference in the giving of good services, I would recommend that they be given a lease to operate the building as long as good fire and rescue services are given, as recommended by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Board.

8. I have answered this question before, under item number 6, but I will again state that the Recreation Director should be in charge of the building, and can be depended upon to see to it that a total recreation program will be carried out in the Youth Building. The priority needs of youth will be met, but the program will be for the entire population of Greenbelt.

9. I am in favor of the Charter changes and feel they will strengthen the operation of the City.

10. The present City Council has given much thought to the establishment of a Planning and Development Commission for Greenbelt but there is a great deal involved in doing so. Time has not permitted the project to culminate as yet, but I am in favor of such a commission.

11. I am not in favor of establishing a new position of Administrative Assistant. I think the City Manager can delegate these duties to one of the present members of his staff, in order to keep the City Council informed on all important matters. The City Clerk has been doing some of this for the past few months and I hope that more authority will be delegated to her, to keep the information on important matters coming to the Council.

## Adelbert C. Long

I am very pleased indeed to comment on your editorial, "An Election Platform," which appeared in last week's News Review.

In general I agree with your aims and policies but I question in some cases your manner of obtaining these results.

I am convinced that Greenbelt needs an "agonizing reappraisal" if it is to maintain its status and reputation as a model community for family living. I think both the City Government and Greenbelt Homes Inc. need a breath of fresh air in this regard.

In detail let me comment on your editorial as follows:

**City Services**

I agree with your program of City Services but do not agree that they should be adopted "regardless of their effect on the tax rate." In this connection I remember the great hullabaloo over turning the library services over to the county. The result in my estimation is a great improvement in the library and a savings to the taxpayer. In like manner I think we should review all of our city services in connection with those offered by the county, with the aim of getting the most for our tax dollar by utilizing county services where possible and supplementing them with additional services when necessary. Along this line I also



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think we should look into the effectiveness of utilizing our teen age youth in the form of a City Improvement Corps, along the lines of a Civilian Conservation Corps. This includes the possibility of organizing some of our teen agers to work during their summer vacation under proper supervision on city improvement, GHI improvements, and private property improvements when requested by the owner or when the city or GHI feel that private property needs a clean-up and have so ordered it with the cost charged to the home owner.

**Construction Program**  
I agree with this program as outlined.

**Charter Changes**  
I agree and should like to point out that I served as Vice Chairman of this Charter Review Committee. The Committee worked industriously and objectively and their recommendations should be adopted.

**Future Development**  
I am not sure we need a city planning commission but I agree that the City Council should accept this challenge as outlined in your editorial.

**City Operations**  
I question the need of a full time executive or administrative secretary to facilitate the exchange of information between the city council and city manager. This is the job of the city manager and his staff. I also believe we should have greater cooperation between the city and GHI both for the purpose of improving our community and cutting down duplicate costs.

I have lived in Greenbelt a long time and do not agree with the Pollyanna comments of certain people in town that everything is getting better and better all the time. I think Greenbelt has gone down hill and it is up to the city council and GHI both to bring it out of its slump. I also believe that the new private homes sections of Greenbelt should be well represented in these programs and activities.

## Carnie O. Harper

The following plans for city improvement must be based on a realistic budget, keeping in mind the necessity to broaden our assessed valuation and to adjust our tax rate to a realistic figure.

I would like to see every service, where practical, transferred to the

County. I would like to see community planners with the finest qualifications employed, with the costs shared by GHI, GCS, and the City. Greenbelt's population will expand, whether we like it or not. Good planning would obviously benefit both residents and local business organizations, socially and economically.

Every effort should be made to see that we are getting the very best services we can afford and that we are getting what we pay for.

The following are my comments on the News Review "Election Platform":

1 and 5. Landscaping, conservation, recreation. — Yes. I am heartily in favor of a vigorous landscaping and conservation program. I propose the establishment of a local "Civilian Conservation Corps" to employ the youth of Greenbelt. A department head should be set up to establish a work and pay plan, inspect the work and help develop a sense of responsibility in our young people that would give them more satisfaction than "recreation" alone can give. Our greatest weakness in urban living is the lack of opportunities for our young people to develop responsibility and gain satisfaction through meaningful labor. Such a program would also require cooperation between GHI, GCS, and the City.

A "recreation council" should include in its scope more intensive planning for our increasing number of senior citizens, to make life happier and more satisfying for them.

Also, we should establish a cemetery. Some of us don't want to take our loved ones out of Greenbelt.

2 and 3. Tot playgrounds, sandlot ball fields. Yes, provided they can be constructed far enough away from houses so that the comfort and property rights of home owners will not be infringed upon.

4. Lake area. Consideration should be given as to whether or not the Greenbelt Lake area could best be covered by the county recreation program; many county residents make great use of it. Control and ownership would have to be carefully considered.

6. Construction program. The Youth Center should have priority. Administration offices, I believe, could be rented more economically, until funds for a municipal building can be included in the budget. I would want the recom-

mendations of the most able community planners.

7. Retention of city control over publicly financed buildings. Yes.

8. All civic groups to have access to Youth Center, recognizing priority needs of youth activities. Yes.

9. Charter changes. Change of fiscal year: yes. Preparation and adoption of budget: yes. Contracts for city improvement: The original figure of \$5000 seems more realistic. Council should have more important things to do and should have a manager competent to handle contracts of this size.

10. City Planning Commission. Yes, as advisors to Council.

11. Executive or administrative secretary. This seems to be a city manager function. Whether he needs more help is up to him.

## James C. Smith

City Services

I endorse and support items 1, 2, 3, and 4. However, I would limit item 5 to a council appointed committee to examine the adequacy of the present recreation program. Construction program

I wholeheartedly endorse items 6, 7, and 8.

Charter changes

I favor several changes in present charter but not to the extent of endorsing all the changes

recommended by the Fair Committee. On this point I believe the existing or future charter should be ratified by the people. To date this has not been done and to me it is disappointing and un-American.

**Future Development**

I strongly support item 10 providing that city council establish the scope and policy under which the city planning commission would function.

**City operations**

I fully appreciate that which item 11 seeks to accomplish. However, I cannot subscribe to nor endorse this point mainly because of added cost and duplicated effort which the manager is employed to do. In a large city it perhaps would serve a good purpose.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 9:00 a.m. National Baton Twirling Assn. Chm. Earl Thomas  
Twirling Competition at Greenbelt Armory  
JUDGES:  
Mr. John L. Smetzler Binghamton, N. Y.  
Mr. William O. Marvin Binghamton, N. Y.  
Mr. Oliver Helmrich Honesdale, Pa.  
Miss Harriet Husted Bridgeton, N. J.  
Chm. Ray Hudson
- 4:00 p.m. Athletic Contests  
Horseshoe Contest - Golf Chipping  
for Accuracy Trophies by American Legion
- 7:00 p.m. Awarding Athletic Contest Trophies
- 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest Chm. Richard Coulter
- 8:15 p.m. Variety Show Haber School of Dance  
MC - B. Fonda
- 8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's C.Y.O. Dance Centerway
- 8:30 p.m. Square Dance Chm. Vincent Caruso  
behind Swimming Pool  
Caller - Bill Holman, Silver Spring
- 9:00 p.m. Presentation of Popularity Contest Participants  
MC - Donald Wolfe
- 9:30 p.m. Jitterbug Contest Centerway St. Hugh's C.Y.O.
- 10:00 p.m. 1959 Grand Champion Majorette Corps  
1959 Grand Champion Twirler
- Art Exhibit at Centerway Chm. Benjamin Abromowitz  
Judges  
Gordon Lawson  
Benjamin Abromowitz  
Constance Lawson  
Prizes by Arts & Crafts Shop (Al Ellerin)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Sunday, September 6 has been designated HOMECOMING DAY  
Special Services will be conducted by the churches  
welcoming all former residents of Greenbelt

- 12:00 noon Table Tennis Chm. David Grego  
Greenbelt Armory
- 4:00 p.m. AAU Road Race 9 Mile at Braden Field  
Chm. Warren Leddick Sponsored by American Legion  
Recreation Dept.
- 5:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards for Road Race  
Trophies by American Legion Recreation Dept.
- 7:00 p.m. Talent Show Chm. Richard Coulter
- 8:00 p.m. St. Hugh's CYO Dance Centerway
- 8:30 p.m. Presentation of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136  
Baseball Team and Coaches MC William A. Clark
- 9:15 p.m. Presentation of Popularity Contest Participants
- 9:30 p.m. Jitterbug Contest Centerway St. Hugh's C.Y.O.
- 10:00 p.m. Variety Show
- 11:00 p.m. Close of Popularity Contest Chm. Beverley Fonda  
MC Donald Wolfe

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 10:30 a.m. Labor Day Parade Chm. Ted Pugh  
MC Warren Leddick  
Judges: W. V. Dutton, Don Pratt,  
Mrs. Ann Leddick, Richard Silverberg
- OPEN COMPETITION FOR THE FOLLOWING:  
TROPHY FOR BEST APPEARING Donated by:  
Marching Unit Jack Fruchtman  
Senior Majorette Group G.H.I.  
Junior Majorette Group Don Patterson  
Band Junior Cash Awards by  
Mayor Thomas J. Canning  
Councilman James C. Smith  
Cash Award by Greenbelt Realty  
Cash Award by Jack McNeel  
Cash Award by Greenbelt Chamber of Commerce  
Cash Award by Bryan Movers  
Cash Award by Lions Club  
Band Senior Suburban Trust Company  
Band Senior 2nd The Drs. McCarl  
Ladies Auxiliary Tanners Cleaners  
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Pumper Up To 750 GPM Dr. Hans Wodak  
Ladder Truck Tony Madden  
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Apparatus Coming Longest Distance Fire-Rescue
- Best Fire Prevention Float  
Best Decorated Bicycle 1st Happy's Ice Cream  
Best Decorated Tricycle Jewish Community Center  
2 Judges Awards
- 12:30 p.m. Awarding of Parade Trophies
- 4:00 p.m. Awarding of Prizes for Art Contest
- 7:00 p.m. Finals of Talent Contest Chm. Richard Coulter  
Trophies by Albert W. Owens - Builder
- 9:30 p.m. Finals of Jitterbug Contest and Awarding of Trophies  
Trophies by Mayo Attick St. Hugh's C.Y.O.
- 10:00 p.m. Awarding of Greenbelt Festival's Most Active Organization  
Trophy  
Donated by Councilman Benjamin F. Goldfaden

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S. Walter Bogley, Jr., Kent Village, Hyattsville, executive director of the Prince Georges County

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shortly after Labor Day, September 7

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**WINS AWARD**

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