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What's In A Name?

In a letter published in last week's issue of the *News Review*, the Youth Center Advisory Board expressed concern that this paper has used the phrase, the new "community or municipal recreation building," rather than the "Youth Center" building. Admittedly, the existing ordinance on the matter identifies the building as a "Youth Center."

However, we have been employing the term "recreation building" primarily because it appeared to us that this term was a more embracing, less limiting description of the purpose of the building and the activities that it will house. It has been our understanding, confirmed by the Advisory Board's letter, that the building will not be confined exclusively to the activities of youth, although such activities will have priority.

All the elected city councilmen in pre-election statements supported the *News Review* position on this matter: "In order to assure maximum utilization of the youth center building and its facilities, it should be established by city policy that all civic and recreational groups should have access to the building with recognition given to the priority of youth activities."

The problem is that the council has not yet taken up such key matters as the degree to which the building will be used for non-youth activities, or the criteria for the use of the building by adult and civic groups, as well as activities for the very young. Now is the time for the council to establish firm guidelines for the utilization and operation of the new building. This should also include a clearcut decision on the allocation of the responsibility for financing and maintaining the building.

This will be a complicated problem since three official city bodies are primarily involved. There is the Youth Center Advisory board, which has its own funds built up over the years by the successful annual Labor Day Festival; the Recreation Advisory Committee, which has no funds; and the city's recreation department, financed by the city budget. Coordination and integration of the views and responsibilities of these three groups in the operation of the recreation building will be a major feat.

Such coordination we believe would be more easily achieved under a general name, such as the "Community Recreation Center." It is the name most frequently used in this country for recreation centers, even though youth programs are almost always the major activities at these centers.

It is clear to us, as it should be to the Youth Center Advisory Board, that no matter what name is used, this community is determined that Greenbelt's youth shall be served.

Shamrocks Beat Laurel Softball Tournament Begins Monday Night

In a game called after six innings because of darkness, the Greenbelt Shamrocks slugged Laurel 7-2 last Sunday in Tri-County League play. This game also counted as the first round in the league's round-robin tournament. A Tournament Trophy as well as a League Championship Trophy is awarded by the league.

The win over Laurel, which featured a four-hit pitching performance by Bill Moore that included eight strike-outs, increased Greenbelt's lead to two games over Beltsville who was idle. "Butch" Brown collected two of the Shamrock's six hits, and Archie Webster contributed a triple.

Greenbelt, whose record is 12-2 in league play, will next play Scaggsville there on August 21.

Labor Day Art Exhibit

Mrs. Evelyn Boggs, who has been appointed Chairman of the Art and Arts Craft Display of the 6th Annual Labor Day Festival, urges all artists to display their efforts. All entries are to be displayed on the lawn opposite the shopping center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 3, 4, and 5.

Mrs. Boggs would like to stress that all "mediums" are welcome. Aside from paintings and drawings, ceramics, mosaics, pottery, wood carving, leather craft, quilting, rug weaving, embroidery, and similar crafts would qualify. Shelves will be provided for pictures, but any other necessary props would be the entrant's responsibility. A 5x8 card should be attached to the entry, noting name, age (if minor), and telephone number.

Two judges have been selected - Mrs. Donna Romer and Benjamin Abramowitz, both local artists and art teachers. Mrs. Boggs will be glad to furnish any further information by phone - GR 4-4022.

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik, GR. 4-6060

Flickering Hawaiian torches and Japanese lanterns on the patio of Commissioner Frank Lastner's home, 19-P Ridge, created a perfectly lovely setting for daughter, Mrs. Fran Arnold's, stork shower. Busy on the scene was hostess, Mrs. Ann Austin, sister of the honored guest. Family, friends and neighbors were among the many who attended. Fran and her husband, Jerry, just back from the West Coast, are residing at the Lastner home.

A very quick recovery to 8 year old Gail Miller, 19-N Ridge, who was hospitalized as the result of a dog bite.

Ellie Ritchie, Ruth Bowman, Marge Harmon, Virginia Horton, Iris Moody, Dorothy McGee and Dorothy White, all members of the Community Church's Discussion Group, had a grand time at luncheon at the Hot Shoppes.

A very happy birthday to David Vaught, 3 Fayette, who celebrates his 12th birthday.

Best wishes to Debby Wagner, 2-D Northway, who was 11 years old on Aug. 13.

It's a boy for Shirley and Bob Shemonsky, 20-E Parkway. Michael was born July 31, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. He has a brother, Bobby. Michael's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson, 2-M Laurel. The Thomas Brannons, 38-J Ridge, have a new baby. Charles Victor arrived July 30, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. He joins a brother, Thomas Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Williams, 73-L Ridge, announce the birth of a son. The important date was July 31.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wright, 13-Z-2 Hillside. Peter Christopher arrived Aug. 4, weighing 5 lbs. 5½ oz. He has a brother, Timothy Blair.

Janice Alene Chiville, 1 Empire, and Barbara R. Thiebeau, 2-B Research, members of the University of Maryland's Freshman-class-to-be spent 2 days on campus in a special pre-college program. They were among 2,000 freshmen participating in the program, which introduces the new student to university life, to the college division in which he is enrolling, and to a small group of his future classmates. (Five groups of about 25 students each enter each weekday throughout the month of August.)

Visiting the George Domchicks, 45-C Ridge, last week was Mrs. Domchick's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Amend of Harrisburg, Pa.

Jo Ann O'Loughlin's, 11-R Laurel, watermelon party for 25 friends was simply yummy.

Vicki Fisher celebrated her 8th birthday with a trip to Kiddie Land last week. Natalee Fisher celebrated her 12th birthday this week by holding a pizza party for a few friends.

The Kistler family, 7-B Crescent, entertained Marie's father, Mr. Joseph Connolly, her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Connolly and another brother, Mr. Paul Connolly and his fiance, all from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Henley M. Goode, Sr., 23-P Ridge, had Mr. and Mrs. Sol Blonstein and their son, Mark as guests, also Miss Judy Mundy, all of Shamrock, Tex. Blonstein is mayor of the Texas City.

Teams from 9 States To Twirl Batons Here

With entries still coming in, Earl Thomas, Contest Director, reports some 40 teams and over 300 individual contestants have registered to vie for honors at the 6th Annual Greenbelt Festival Baton Twirling Contest.

Highlighting the team entries are the College Park VFD majorettes, who last month twirled their way to the National Championship at Milwaukee, Wis. Individual entries have been received from N. Y., N. J., Conn., Pa., Md., Va., W. Va., Ohio, N. C. and D. C.

The contest is to be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the National Guard Armory. It is sanctioned by the National Baton Twirling Association as a Class A National Open.

Judges for the contest are John Smetzler, Chief Judge, Binghamton, N. Y.; William Marvin, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mrs. Harriet Husted McGinnis, Bridgeton, N. J.; Oliver Melmrick, Honesdale, Pa.; Ralph Smith, Norwich, Conn.; and Harry Homer, Audubon, N. J.

As all profits from this contest go to the Youth Center, the public is urged to attend. Last year's twirling contest netted the Youth Center a profit of \$373.89.

New Rains Bring More Flood Problems to City

The continuing torrential rains have created several serious flood problems for the city, as well as the usual minor problems caused by leaf-choked gutters.

Sticks, leaves, and other debris accumulated during the course of many years were carried down the little creek behind the Lakewood and Northway developments, forming a dam just below Crescent rd. in the area between St. Hugh's church and the Pepco sub-station.

This blocked the drainage swale leading to the lake. Water backed up into a large pool, in some places four feet deep, with surface level as high as the roadway. Neighborhood children were building rafts to exploit the boating possibilities of this new pool when the city's maintenance men arrived with a bulldozer and put an end to their new-found sport.

Another serious flood problem occurred at the end of Greenhill rd. Surface drainage from roofs and courts on Research rd., which usually is absorbed in the wooded area lying above Greenhill rd., gushed through so swiftly in the heavy rains that it flooded and damaged yards in the Buchanan development. Buchanan, builder of the Lakewood development, has been attempting to solve the unexpected drainage problem. He is hampered by jurisdictional difficulties, since the property that needs to be regraded to protect the Greenhill homes belongs to GHI.

The softball field has also become a flood problem. When the top surface washed away recently, the city brought in loads of dirt for a new top surface. Rain that night carried the new dirt away too, and the field is now a sea of mud. Until it dries out to some extent, no further work on it can be attempted.

Recreation Review

Free Baseball Tickets

The Recreation Department will have free tickets for the August 27th game between the Senators and Detroit. Game time will be at 1:30 p.m. All Little League players in uniform will be admitted to the grandstand, all other kids will sit in the bleachers. You can pick up the Kids Day passes on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Recreation Office.

Lassie League

Last Monday night at Braden Field the Lassie Leaguers played a double header under the lights. This was the first time the Greenbelt girls had the opportunity to demonstrate their skill under lights. There was some fine playing as the Lions lost their first game to the Athletics 16-8. In the second game the Tigers defeated the Indians 12-5. Christine Plummer, captain of the Lions, hit three homeruns.

League Standings:	Won	Lost
Lions	3	1
Tigers	3	2
Athletics	2	2
Indians	0	3

Men's Slow-Pitch Tournament

The final games of the eight-team double elimination tournament for the men's league will be played this week. At present three teams remain in the tournament, Athletic Club, Methodist Church, and L & N Market.

"BACK HOME" PICNIC

A picnic on the order of those "back home" will be held by St. Gregory's Catholic Church in a grove on the Cipriano Farm, Glenn Dale rd., this Sunday, Aug. 21, starting with a Field Mass in the Byzantine Rite at 11 a.m.

The parishioners of St. Gregory's who live in Greenbelt invite all residents to this picnic, which will include refreshments, games, music, food and fun.

John Hanyok of 2-N Ridge is the general picnic chairman.

Police News Review

Four Baltimore boys have been picked up on suspicion in the case of the car which was stolen in Greenbelt and recovered, stripped, in the Baltimore area. Two boys are being held for action by the Grand Jury. The third, a juvenile, has not yet been charged. The fourth boy, in the service, will be brought back from the great Lakes Naval Training Station by the Navy to face charges.

Eight Greenbelt youths are being questioned in a case of vandalism at the Norbeck Country Club near Olney, Md. The boys apparently rode around the golf course in electric golf carts, resulting in damage estimated at \$1,500. Four youths are adults, being over 18 years of age. The other four are juveniles.

Locally, residents of 17 court, Ridge, complained that boys broke 5 watermelons and smeared them on the cars. Two boys were caught stealing a total of 6 records at the co-op food store. The boys were apprehended and agreed to pay for the merchandise.

Two residents whose dogs were picked up for running loose last week paid \$5 fines for the dogs' return. Received at the police station was a complaint from a resident on Gardenway that the noise from the air-conditioning fans at the co-op store were too loud.

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