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## GHI Fiscal Report Shows Increase Of \$5700 Over Last Year's Figure

by Al Skolnik

Despite a 27-cent cut in the city tax rate, expenses of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for the first six months of 1962 were \$5,700 greater than for a similar period in 1961, according to the fiscal report of Roy D. Breashears as GHI comptroller.

Offsetting the \$6,600 reduction in city and county taxes were: (1) a \$6,100 increase in water expenses; (2) a \$5,800 increase in administrative and sales expenses; (3) a \$2,200 increase in board and membership expenses. In addition, the six-month report reflected a new, one-time expenditure of \$1,082 for the ill-fated Housing for the Elderly project.

All other expenditure items showed changes of less than \$1,000 except interest expense, which is continually being reduced as the mortgage is being amortized.

### Income

Total income for the first six months of 1962 was \$624,000, compared with \$621,600 last year. The increase is due to \$5,900 additional income from such sources as rents, sales of services to members and to Greenbelt Development Corporation, and interest return on savings which more than offset the drop of \$3,500 in the yield from monthly charges.

### Expenses

Total expenses, including those not connected with the dwelling units, were \$641,400, compared with \$635,700 in 1961. The result was a deficit of \$17,400 (before reserve allocations) after the first six months of operation in 1962, compared with deficits of \$14,100 in 1961 and \$5,200 in 1960. Because of seasonal heating costs, the budget always shows a deficit in the first half of the year.

The city and county tax item, which reflected not only the 27-cent cut in city tax rate but also the 3-cent rise in the county tax rate, amounted to \$118,000 for the first six months of 1962, compared to \$124,600 for a similar period in 1961.

The increase in water expenses is mainly attributable to a 3-cent per 1000 gallon hike in the sewer rate by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Because of the dry summer, it is expected that this item alone will offset any savings in taxes for the rest of the year.

The rise of \$5,800 in administrative costs is due to several items, among which are administrative increases in salaries, expenses of operating the branch office at the center (\$1,084 for the first half of 1962), higher postage costs involved in mailing out referendum and informational literature to members, and higher advertising costs.

The increase of \$2,200 in board and membership expense is due primarily to the preparation and publication of the membership handbook.

## Bake Contest Winners

Thirty-one of Greenbelt's best cooks competed in the cake-baking contest at the Labor Day Festival in five different classes: chocolate, white, yellow, angel food and sponge, spice and fruit and other cakes. Two first - prize winners were 12-year-old girls, Jane Louk and Sandy German.

The winners follow. Chocolate: Miss Jeanette Louk, Miss Beret, and Mrs. Jay Walters; white: Mrs. Lucile Fonda; yellow: Miss Sandy German, Mrs. John Reynolds, and Mrs. Lawrence Beck; angel and sponge: Evelyn Boggs and Sharon Smith; spice and fruit: Mrs. Doris Alexander, Mrs. Mildred McClure, and Mrs. Irene Fulton; other: Mrs. Maxine Smith, Mrs. Adele Mund, and Mrs. Pat Vella.

Judges were Mrs. Mary Louise Frey, Mrs. Betty Layman, and Mrs. Ruth Swearman.

## Bishop Sewing Classes

Two Bishop Sewing Classes will be offered by the adult education program of Prince George's County at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church at Greenbelt, beginning Tuesday, September 18. Intermediate Sewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 12. Tailoring I will be given from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m.

The registration fee is \$5.00 and should be sent by September 17 to the instructor, Mrs. Grace Smith, 4407 Beechwood Road, Hyattsville, Maryland. For further information call Mrs. Smith at UN 4-3821.

## REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETS

The Greenbelt Republican Club will meet on Friday, September 7, at the Center School Auditorium at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to organize the precinct, elect officers, and make plans for the coming campaign. Speakers will be Joe Baker, who is running for Congress in the Fifth District, and Dick Walden, who is running for State Senate. Other candidates, including Dave Champion, 11-D Ridge, who is running for State Comptroller, may appear after the meeting on their return from a meeting in Marlboro. All registered Republicans are urged to attend.

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING

#### Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland September 10, 1962

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes of Meetings of August 13th, 14th, 20th and 27th, 1962.
4. Petitions and Requests.
5. Additions to agenda by Councilmen.
6. Written Communications.
7. Manager's Progress Report.
8. Committee Reports.
9. Centerway Widening (Petition)
10. Ordinance-Auditors.
11. Ordinance-Traffic Regulations
12. Resolution-Transfer of Funds Within Departments
13. Resolution-Authorizing Mayor to sign Deed and Release to the State of Maryland to Use of the States Roads Commission land for the Capital Beltway.
14. Resolution-U. N. Day.
15. Personnel Study.
16. Elderly Tax Relief.

## Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - Granite 4-6060

Labor Day Festivals have always been fun, but it seems to me that the program fabric this year was of the highest quality. Mainly responsible for this was the golden thread of community spirit that wove its way across the woof and warp of all activities.

Parade Marshal Austin Green promised - "the biggest ever," and the parade was just that, excellent from the beginning to the end. There was a delicious taste of everything - snappy bands, high-stepping majorettes, the grandest of floats, brisk marchers, flip-floppy clowns, etc. And didn't Sgt. Green look elegant atop his handsome steed leading the way?

Our energetic Festival Chairman, Eli DonBullian, is a master organizer. The operation was smooth and efficient, and to Eli and his wonderful helpers who worked tirelessly to benefit the youth of Greenbelt, we extend our congratulations and thanks.

And then there was the Water Carnival on Monday evening. The hill overlooking the pool was chock full of Greenbelters watching comedy on the diving boards, drama on a raft, precision swimming around a Maypole, races, etc. Our youngsters are truly versatile! The Valley Mill trio from Vienna, Virginia, were exciting and our swimmers learned much from them. The boys and girls practiced long hours perfecting their skills for this all-important water show, which meant so much to them. They gave a splendid performance. Guiding them were Recreation Director, James Wooldridge, Assistant Director, Richy Stephenson, the swimming pool staff, Elizabeth Pehls, a swimmer on the University of Maryland's Aqua team and Eileen Labukas, former Recreation Director. Wooldridge commented, "There were snags, i.e., p. a. trouble, but we learned much from the experience and hope to correct these deficiencies in the future!"

A packed audience applauded the

Teen Theater's performance of "Instruction for Gary" last Friday at the Youth Center. "They really came through," said director, Mrs. Josephine Vella. "By buckling down and working hard, they attained a sense of satisfaction for themselves and put over a successful play." The group was indeed fortunate having Mrs. Vella teaching them the techniques of acting. She studied voice culture and drama at the University of Rochester. In the early days she was with the Greenbelt Players and eight years ago directed a drama group at the Center School. Mrs. Vella has a background in Recreation and served as assistant director at a Settlement House in Rochester. The Vellas have been in Greenbelt approximately twenty years. Joe is with the U.S. Public Health Service in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. They have two children. Alex is married and lives in Greenbelt, and Gregory is a student at the University of Maryland.

Its a girl for Mr. and Mrs. James McGee, 8-E Plateau. Sharon Lee made her debut on August 23 weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz. She joins a sister, Terri.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gingell, 16-J Ridge, announce the arrival of a daughter on August 21.

Its a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lynch, 6-N Plateau. August 22 was the all important date.

Happy-birthday to Eric Greenbaum, 1 Lakeside, who celebrated his sixth birthday on September 1.

Birthday greetings to Richard Skolnik, 2-E Northway, who was five years old.

Mitchell J. Bukzin, 20 of 6-N Ridge, is one of sixty students selected to participate in a college summer program of the Internal Revenue Service. A junior at the University of Maryland where he is a pre-dentistry major, Mr. Bukzin has been assigned to the National Office Laboratory of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division.

## City Manager McDonald Retires, Will Leave Post November 15

Charles T. McDonald, Greenbelt city manager since August 1948, has announced his intention to retire, effective November 15, 1962.

McDonald told a special meeting of the city council last Tuesday that he has found the burden of

office increasingly too great for him with the resignation and retirement of three key personnel in the last few months. He had been considering retiring for some time and now his doctor has advised him to take a rest. McDonald is 67.

Prior to his appointment as city manager, McDonald had eight years of service with the Federal Government. He has worked at all three "sister Greenbelt" towns, including three years as maintenance engineer and two years as community manager at Greenhills, Ohio. His experience also included a special assignment to assist the community manager at Greendale, Wisconsin, in a study of proposed expansion.

In August 1946 he came to Greenbelt as PHA maintenance engineer. He left in April 1948 to take over the post of general housing manager of a 1,960 unit defense housing project at Middle River, Maryland, near the Glenn Martin plant, Baltimore.

Prior to his Federal employment, McDonald had considerable experience in private employment as a registered architect and engineer.

The council placed McDonald's retirement on the agenda for the council meeting on Monday with the purpose of determining procedures for choosing his successor.

## Greased Lightning?

With a grunt and a groan, aided by a loud shout from about 100 contestants, the pig race was on. The prize, a forty pound pig, was the object of a lot of running during the Labor Day festivities.

The quarry was off, running helter-skelter at first with a large following. Then it headed into the woods behind the Firehouse. About 400 spectators, watching the chase from the hill near the Youth Center, thought that the pig might have won. It was doubted for a short time that he could be caught.

But then the loud squeal was heard and excitement mounted. Out of the woods came the crowd, with the pig captive. Lucky winner was Dave Emmert, who was later reported to have paraded the prize on a leash in such places as the Mighty Mo in Hyattsville.

## Fr. Liston Leaves St. Hugh's

The Rev. Paul Liston, Assistant Pastor of St. Hugh's Catholic Church, bade farewell to parishioners and other Greenbelt friends at a gathering last night in the Social Room of St. Hugh's School. The evening program was under the joint sponsorship of parish organizations.

Father Liston came to St. Hugh's in the summer of 1958 and was the first Assistant Pastor for St. Hugh's. He took part in community activities, and was entering his third term on the Recreation Advisory Committee appointed by Council. His new assignment takes him to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Chevy Chase. In addition to parish duties there, he will teach English at Mackin High in Washington.

The Rev. Frank T. Flaherty from St. John's Parish in Hollywood, Maryland, will come to St. Hugh's this weekend as the new Assistant Pastor.

## Police News Review

A resident of the North End section of Greenbelt called for a police officer to investigate a case of vandalism. The report showed that a young boy had broken a fence around the complainant's yard. The child's father was contacted and he agreed to assume the responsibility for replacing the damaged portion.

The Emergency Room at Prince Georges Hospital reported that a Greenbelt child had been brought in to be treated. The child had swallowed a small amount of bleach.

A report from the principal of Greenbelt Junior High School contained the information that the school had been vandalized. The case is being handled by the County Police.

A young man, employed by a heating and plumbing contractor, fell 15 to 20 feet into a ditch beside a home he was working on in Lakeside. The Rescue Squad was summoned to the scene to carry the man to a hospital. He had lacerations on the head and a back injury.

A resident on Ridge reported that a hole had been deliberately cut in a tire of his car.

The Greenbelt warehouse was vandalized during the Labor Day weekend. A total of 33 windows were reported broken on one side of the building.

From the site of the first section being constructed on the Springhill Apartment development comes a report that the area was vandalized. An estimated \$100 damage was reported.

## TALENT WINNERS

Winners of the Talent Contest held during the Labor Day Festival were: first place, Sharon Nicholson, who did the Hula; second place, Maria Stevens and Angie Lushine, who did a comedy dance; third place, Anna Vierra, who did a ballet act.

## Swisher Commended First Aid Work

Edgar Jack Swisher, 38-E Ridge Rd., a member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and an American Red Cross First Aid Instructor, was the recipient of two interesting and gratifying letters recently.

The first letter was from the Ontario division of the Canadian Red Cross, thanking Swisher for his participation as a Judge this August during the 15th Annual International First Aid Contest held in Montreal, Quebec, this past summer.

The second letter was a copy of a letter received from members of the Peace Corps from British Honduras. Swisher recently taught a class composed of Peace Corps students from various nations. Eighteen students completed the course. In the letter, written to the Prince Georges Chapter of the American Red Cross, the students stated that their "training under Mr. Swisher has given us great confidence to face situations which may arise in a strange undeveloped country." The letter went on to express appreciation for the courteous and friendly instruction and concluded with the statement: "He is truly a gentleman of the old school."

## Red Cross Volunteers

At the request of Walter Reed Army Hospital, the District of Columbia Red Cross Chapter has issued a special appeal for new volunteers to train to serve as daytime Arts and Skills workers in that hospital. A training course is slated to begin September 17, 9:30 a.m., at the D. C. Chapter House, 2025 E Street, N. W.

So urgent is the need for Red Cross Volunteers at Walter Reed, the hospital is lending its crafts expert, Mrs. Anne Secrest, to train the new class. Mrs. Secrest is a former Red Cross Arts and Skills instructor.

For enrollment in the Arts and Skills Course or further information, contact the Arts and Skills Service at the D. C. Red Cross Chapter House, 2025 E Street, N. W., telephone 857-3-433 or 737-8300, Ext. 433.

## Geller, Majer GCS Chairmen

Robert Dressel, CO-OP Congress Speaker, named two Greenbelters as committee chairmen for the coming 8th Annual CO-OP Congress later this month. Harvey Geller will be chairman for customer advisory; Vaclav Majer will head the Newsletter advisory panel.

Dressel also announced the appointment of delegate Al Herling as Chairman of publicity and photography for the CO-OP League's Bi-ennial Congress in November.

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**Religious Survey**

On Sunday afternoon a Religious Survey of the Greenbelt Community will be jointly conducted by the Baptist, Community, Methodist, and Lutheran Churches.

All information received will be promptly given to the religious group designated by the participant.

The cooperation of local citizens will greatly assist each of the local religious groups.

**Duplicate Bridge Dates Set**

For the month of September only, the Greenbelt Bridge Club will hold its duplicate bridge games on the first and third Friday. Next game: Friday, September 7, starting at 8:30 p.m. at the Co-op Hospitality Room. Please bring tables.

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