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County Budget Approved; Tax Rate Increased 4c

A record \$81 million budget for Prince Georges County was approved April 14 by the Board of County Commissioners, who voted a tax increase of 4 cents per \$100 valuation to finance it.

Slashing departmental requests by a little over \$2 million, the Commissioners set the County levied real estate tax for the upcoming fiscal year at \$2.68 per \$100. As proposed, the departmental budget would have called for a 28-cent tax boost.

For Greenbelters whose property has undergone some upward reassessment, the small increase in the tax rate will result in a proportionately greater increase in dollar tax outlays.

Commission Chairman Frank J. Lastner said "the Board has managed to increase the services in every department of the County government to keep up with the continually increasing demands made upon this government by a population increasing at a rate of nearly 800 persons each week."

"We have worked six weeks on this budget," he added, "and have kept in mind the need for increased services, but at the same time kept before us the relationship with the ability of our citizens to pay for these increased services."

Largest single cut in the budget came in school requests, which were reduced by an even \$1 million, but the new budget still provides an increase of nearly \$3 million for the new school year's operating costs.

Greenbelt To Elect Five Co-op Candidates

Balloting for five members of the Greenbelt delegation of Consumers Services (Co-Op) will begin tonight at the annual membership meeting which follows the baked chicken dinner at the Jewish Community Center. The balloting will continue through Friday and Saturday at the Supermarket during regular store hours.

Voting by proxy is provided for in the by-laws of the organization and proxy forms can be secured at the store. A member is limited, however, to voting three proxies of other members.

Instructions for voting will be available at the ballot box and care should be taken to make sure you follow instructions as the procedure is not "usual." After marking your ballot you are to seal it in the envelope provided, print your name and address at right end of a gummed label and attach it to the envelope by the label's left end only, at the envelope's upper right hand end, so that it can be removed to insure secrecy of your ballot.

The candidates are Mat Amberg, Mary Barstow, Kenneth Buker, George Phibbs, Si Pristoop, Ethel Rosenzweig, and Marcella Walder.

Make-up Clinics for Polio

Those persons who were unable to take the Type I Sabin vaccine last Sunday, will have an opportunity to do so at the make-up polio clinics on Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bladensburg Senior High School, 56th Avenue and Tilden Road, Bladensburg and Francis Scott Key Junior High, 71st Avenue and Atwood, District Hts.

Last Sunday, 5,954 persons received the Sabin vaccine at Center School. In Prince Georges County more than half the total population, 254,000 residents, participated in the largest single one-day preventive medicine campaign ever staged in the Metropolitan Washington Area.

Council Keeps Officer At Rte 193 Intersection

The city council at its regular meeting Monday night directed the city manager to continue the practice of assigning a police officer to direct traffic at the intersection of Southway and Greenbelt Road (Route 193) near the bridge over the Parkway during morning rush hour or approximately 7:30 to 8 a.m.

A police officer was posted there on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week as an experiment to see whether it speeded the flow of traffic turning left from Southway into Greenbelt Road (to go over the Parkway bridge to Glenn Dale Road) or turning left from Greenbelt Road into Southway. The police reports that there was a difference in the number of cars stacked up (about eight) with or without a police officer directing traffic there.

The report, however, noted that there was a definite hazard to the officer and that the officer on duty "was nearly run down on Thursday morning by a woman driver." The report further noted that two men should be placed at the intersection, such as is practiced in front of S. Kleins store.

It was also stated that an officer on duty cannot respond to an emergency call since he cannot receive a call and that therefore an extra man must be placed on duty during that period. Councilman Dave Champion, however, commented that the waiting time for cars at the intersection was considerably cut down by a police officer directing traffic there, and the council members unanimously instructed the city manager to continue the assignment of an officer there unless it was found to be too hazardous for the officer.

LITTLE LEAGUE CHATTER

by "Dale" Parrish

The long awaited opening day for the Greenbelt Little League Baseball Season is almost here at last. Sunday, April 26, is the starting day for the 1964 season. At 1 p.m. there will be a parade of the Little League Baseball Teams to McDonald Field. After the opening ceremonies, the baseball game between the City Champions, the Tigers, and the American League Champions, the Athletics, will commence at 2 p.m. Come on out to the games and cheer on the teams of your choice this season. The Farm Team Director still needs some helpers and coaches for the Minor Little League Teams. Anyone interested should contact Bud Davis, President, at 474-6025, or Norman McCarthy, Farm Team Director, at 474-8946.

Teen Club News

This Saturday, April 25 at 8 p.m. there will be a record hop at the Youth Center. At this dance, the annual election of officers will take place.

All the teens are reminded that the trip to the New York World's Fair is fast approaching. The deadline for the club to give the money to the bus company is April 25. Interested teens should contact Mary Barcus in order to reserve a seat on the bus. If there is not enough interest shown by the members, the trip will have to be opened to guests at a higher fare. However, non-members must be guests of members. Permission slips will be issued. Teens must act now!

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, April 23, 7:45 p.m. G.H.I. Board Meeting, Hamilton pl.

7 p.m. Greenbelt Consumer Services Annual dinner-meeting, Jewish Community Center (8 p.m. business meeting).

Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m. Teen Club Annual Meeting, Youth Center

MNCPPC Replies To Mayor On Master Plan

An exchange of correspondence between Mayor Edgar L. Smith and officials of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has apparently revealed that plans for a high density area in the Glenn Dale - Good Luck area were adopted by MNCPPC without additional public hearings.

In explanation for this action, MNCPPC stated that a series of 8 public hearings on the General master plan were held a year ago. It felt that no additional hearings were needed since the MNCPPC's Expediting Committee, which was reexamining the Master Plan, took into full account all testimony and communications received in the period following the public hearings.

The Expediting Committee concurred in the recommendation that the Glenn Dale - Good Luck area be earmarked for high density zoning, in accordance with the staff's proposal for Planning Area 13. On January 22, 1964, the full MNCPPC adopted the General Plan, thus automatically accepting the recommendations of the Expediting Committee.

Mayor Smith pointed out in his letter that the city was not aware that the master plan for the Greenbelt area had been changed to incorporate multiple family zoning in the Glenn Dale Rd. - NASA area. He protested that no public hearings were held after these changes were made.

Jaycees Plan Meeting

Greenbelt's Junior Chamber of Commerce is beginning a large membership drive and a bid to become a strong organization. A membership meeting is planned for Thursday, April 30, at the American Legion Home at 8 p.m. The program will include a brief talk by the State President of the JC's, the main speaker will be the past President of the local group, Edgar L. Smith.

The group will sponsor a fund raising campaign for an appeal of the Jaeger rezoning case.

Garden Club

by Miriam K. Cornelius

Greenbelt Garden Club and all interested persons may hear advice from former Greenbelt Clayton Werner, at the GHI Community Room, Hamilton Place, at 8 p.m. Monday, April 27, on the subject of first plantings of vegetables and annual flowers. Mr. Werner, horticultural expert at the County Agents office, will answer questions and tell how to avoid some of the disappointments which enthusiasts encounter from unlucky purchases of seeds and plants, from hasty soil preparation, or from other unwise practices.

Problems which Mr. Werner will discuss include: (1) choice of varieties of tomatoes, etc., most likely to be successful locally; (2) fertilizers most needed to combat deficiencies in your own soil; (3) how to nurse seeds and baby plants until they can laugh at hostile environment; (4) how to get ahead of the pests with a minimum of the safer chemical elements.

Jaegar Decision To Be Appealed; Jaycees To Lead Drive To Help Pay \$3,000 Cost

by Russ Greenbaum

After hearing the opinion of the city solicitor that the chances of success for an appeal were not too bright and receiving an estimate that it will cost about \$3,000, the city council nevertheless at its regular meeting Monday night voted unanimously to appeal the Jaeger property zoning decision recently reaffirmed by Judge Bowie. The vote was 4-0, with Councilman William Hoff absent.

A means for alleviating the financial burden was immediately presented to council by Charles Collins representing the Greenbelt Junior Chamber of Commerce. He said that the Jaycees had agreed at a meeting last week that if the council decided to make the appeal, it would conduct a fund drive to help meet the expenses.

Collins said the drive would be started this week, with a booth set up at the shopping center on Saturday to solicit contributions. The major part of the cost is to meet the requirement of printing the court record. However, city solicitor Thomas Brooks has been told by council to obtain whatever legal assistance he feels is needed from an attorney skilled in zoning law.

The council will also urge the county commissioners to appeal the case since that would strengthen the city's case. After the first hearing before Judge Bowie the city entered the case as an aggrieved party on the grounds that it had not been officially notified of the hearing by the commissioners. Judge Bowie chose not to rule whether the city's claim to be an aggrieved party was valid.

Uphill Battle

The case will be heard by the Maryland Court of Appeals, which is the court of last resort in Maryland. Mayor Edgar Smith commented that the city had already realized that it would be an uphill fight and that he was not too surprised to see Judge Bowie ratify his previous action. Councilman Clifford Simonson said that an appeal would demonstrate that the council is determined to protect Greenbelt from becoming "the highest concentration of multiple housing this side of California." Councilman Lewis Bernstein also pressed for an appeal if there was any chance at all for success.

At one time it was thought that, if nothing else, an appeal would delay the start of construction of the planned high-rise apartment development in the Greenbelt Park area until Congress could appropriate funds to permit the National Park Service to buy the land and join it to the park. However, Mayor Smith noted the bill introduced by Congressman Richard Lankford is not likely to make headway.

School Registration May 1

Kindergarten and first grade registration will take place on May 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at North End and Center Schools. Springhill students will register at the Center School.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate as proof of age. (Children entering the kindergarten must be five years by January 1, 1965.) Verification of the child's smallpox and diphtheria immunization must be presented to the school on or before the opening of school on Tuesday, September 8.

Festival of Music

The annual Prince Georges All-County Festival of Music will be presented on Friday, May 1, 8:15 p.m. at Fairmont Heights High School.

The senior high school chorus of 225 voices will be conducted by Mr. Don Regier, Supervisor of Vocal Music in Baltimore City. The program will include works of Mozart, Lotti and Copland.

The Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Professor Marvin Rabin, of Boston University, will play numbers by Diemer, Bizet, and Katchaturian. Also included will be the Finale to Dvorak's "Symphony from the New World."

The public is cordially invited to attend this musical program. There is no admission charge.

now that Lankford has announced his retirement.

The mayor also reported Senator Daniel Brewster has promised to introduce a bill to purchase the land but can take no action until the civil rights debate has been completed, which will not be for several weeks. Furthermore, two bills have to be passed, one to authorize the purchase and another to appropriate the funds.

Swimming Pool Rates

Another major matter taken up by council was the setting of special rates for the use of the swimming pool by non-residents who are house guests of Greenbelt residents. City manager James Giese proposed to permit such guests to buy a group of ten adult tickets at \$1.00 each rather than the individual rate of \$1.25 and a group of 10 children tickets at 60 cents each rather than 75 cents for individual tickets.

Councilman Bernstein proposed that this rate be cut to 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children provided that residents bought ten adult guest tickets and ten children guest tickets at the time they bought their \$20 season passes for a total of \$32.50. Later on, they could buy additional tickets at the rates suggested by the city manager. Council accepted the Bernstein plan and requested Giese to prepare it in the form of a resolution.

In the discussion Giese revealed a solution to last year's problem of youngsters losing their cardboard season passes. Although cardboard passes will be issued to children initially since they are easier to mail, they can be exchanged for special tags that they can wear.

Foot Patrol

The council heard a report from the city manager regarding a request from the Greenbelt Shopping Center Association to assign a foot patrolman to the Center in the evening. He listed 13 incidents at the shopping center during the month of March requiring police action. However, only five of these involved disturbances that could have been prevented by a foot patrolman. These were three cases of a "man disturbing girls," one case of disorderly drunks, and one case of disorderly juveniles.

His conclusion was that it "would appear to be unwise to tie up the time and mobility of one officer by placing him in the shopping center." However, he noted that periodic foot patrolling could be carried out at the Center, and the council directed that this be done.

Police Chief

In connection with police matters, Charles Frederick, 3-A Eastway, questioned council on whether the new chief of police would be appointed from the ranks of present officers, which he advocated, or would an outsider again be selected. Mayor Smith explained that the city charter precluded the council from hiring or firing city officials and the selection of a new police chief was completely in the hands of the city manager.

He noted that the only role council plays is to set the job standards for the manager to follow in making his selection. He said he "did not know the manager's plans" for picking a new police chief.

City tidbits: The council instructed the city manager to install a street light at the entrance to the 8 court of Plateau Place to provide light for a new parking area where vandalism has occurred recently. Street lights were also ordered for Lakecrest Drive, Maplewood Court and Olivewood Court in the new Lakecrest Subdivision at the end of Lakeside.

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Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Its a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lauber, 4-C Crescent. Alexa Kathleen made her debut April 13 weighing 5 lbs 8 oz.

There's a brand new baby in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hammett, 5-E Plateau. Francis Ann was born April 14 weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. She joins Janet Shari.

Congratulations to Edward Karlander, 3-A Research, who received his Ph.D. in the field of Botany from the University of Maryland. Dr. Karlander is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

Harry L. Freer, son of Mrs. Virginia Freer, 24-A Crescent, completed basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Our deepest sympathy to Harry C. Fox, 32-H Ridge, who lost his father, Vernon T. Fox.

Condolences to "Mac" McDonnell, 2-J Northway, on the death of his sister-in-law last week.

Condolences to Mrs. Ann Ladnier, 3-L Research, who lost her husband Charles last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, 4-F Parkway, announce the birth of their first child. Robert Lawrence was born April 12, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. Visiting him at this time are his proud grandmothers, Mrs. Mary McGovern and Mrs. Georgina Baker of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Birthday greetings to Ann Skillman, 103 Northway, who celebrated her ninth birthday.

Fred Birdseye, 8-G Research, is back home after a hospital stay. Fred tells me that son Joel and his

new bride, the former Barbara Seed of Portsmouth, Virginia, were in town recently. Joel is with the Coast Guard and is stationed in Miami, Florida.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. L. Cobb, 18-A Ridge, who has been hospitalized as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Michael Miller was among the thirteen high ranking students in the University of Main's College of Technology who have been inducted into Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering society.

Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. F. Karle Howe, 9166 Edmonston Road.

Congratulations to the following 4-Hers who received recognition at the "Fashions for the World's Fair" style show on April 11.

In the 9-11 class, Cloverbud Jenny Simonson received a Special award and Cloverbud Ellen Han-yok was rated good.

In the 12-13 year old group, Cloverette Barbara Geller won a special award while excellent ratings were won by Cloverbuds Linda and Laura Simonson. Receiving good ratings were Cloverbud Claudia West and Cloverette Rebecca Kaplan.

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Boys Club Registration

Registration for all boys wishing to join the Greenbelt Club will take place at the Youth Center on Saturday, April 25 from 10 to 12 a.m.

All boys wishing to join are asked to fill out the registration form appearing with this article and bring it to the Youth Center

during the registration hours.

The club is seeking active leaders who will take part in future fund-raising activities or sponsor Boys Club baseball, basketball, or football teams.

All boys in Springhill Lake, ages 9 to 13, who are interested in Boys Club and Little League, please call Harold Lloyd, 474-6936.

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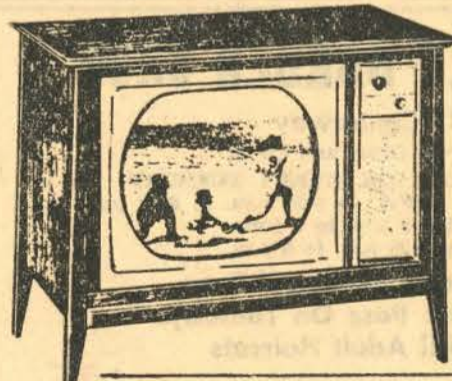


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Recreation Review

by Richard Stevenson
Director of Recreation

Babe Ruth League

The first practice for the Babe Ruth League will be this Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. on Braden Field. **Baseball Film**

The film for this week is "Baseball's Hall of Fame". Everyone is invited to see it at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the Youth Center. There will be no charge.

Men's Slow Pitch

Due to the weather, the softball field is in sad condition. Opening games for the Men's Slow Pitch have been postponed until Monday, May 4.

Junior Chess Tournament

Registration for a Junior Chess Tournament is being held at the Youth Center. This will be a round-robin tournament, players must be up to 16 years of age. May 1 is the closing date for registrations. **Coin Club**

All boys and girls interested in joining a Coin Club meet at the Youth Center Thursday, April 30 at 4 p.m. This will be the first meeting.

Tennis News

The Lawn Tennis Association has proclaimed May as "Play Tennis Month". Everyone who is interested in the sport is urged to get out and play a game or two — "Anyone for tennis?"

Girls' Softball Clinic

The second clinic for the Girls' Softball League will be this Saturday, April 25, on Braden Field. Pony-Tail League from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Powder-Puff League from 1-2:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, clinics will be held in the Youth Center.

Teen Club Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Teen Club will hold its annual meeting Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m. at the Youth Center. At this time, we will review the year's past activities, present the Treasurer's Report for the year and discuss future plans. All members are urged to attend this meeting. This is your opportunity to voice your opinions in making the policies for your Teen Club.

Springhill Lake Scouts for Scouts

There will be a meeting of interested persons to form boy scout and cub scout packs at Springhill Lake on Monday, April 27 at 8 p.m. in the Springhill Community House. Everyone is welcome.

St. George's Day 268th Anniversary Founding of County

A marching bagpipe unit from the U.S. Air Force Band will again lead the St. George's Day parade and ceremonies in Upper Marlboro today, on the anniversary of the founding of Prince Georges County in 1696.

Ceremonies on the Court House portico will be climaxed by the traditional hoisting of the County flag, which was granted to Prince Georges in 1695 by the Maryland Colonial Assembly, one of the few times a County was granted colors. The flag was modified by County Commissioners last year for the first time since 1696 by inclusion of the County Seal in the upper left hand quadrant.

The first official action directed towards formation of Prince Georges County came on May 8, 1695, when the Maryland Colonial Assembly passed an act creating Prince Georges County in the Province of Maryland. On May 22, 1695, the Assembly decreed that the new county would be "erected" on April 23, St. Georges Day, of 1696.

The County was named after Danish Prince George, who became the Prince Consort to Queen Anne of England.

When it was founded, Prince Georges boundaries were the Patuxent River on the East, Mattawoman Creek on the South, Pennsylvania on the North and on the West to pass the Blue Ridge Mountains. The western boundary was indefinite — much of that area as yet unexplored. About 1,000 people inhabited the area at that time.

On August 22, 1695, Prince Georges County was granted colors for horse and foot soldiers and its flag was established as the St. George's Cross in red on a field of white.

In October 1696, the Justices of Prince Georges County applied to the Honorable Sir Thomas Lawrence Barronet (Secretary, Council of Maryland) for a seal for the County, and it was granted.

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\$1.99 Fifth or 2 for \$3.78

Wines Imported from all over the World

\$.97 Fifth and up

Nationally Known Brands of Wine

\$1.19 1/2 Gal. and up.

Blends

BOURBONS - GINS - CORDIALS

Mix or Match

\$3.49 Fifth or 3 for \$10.00 up

1/2 Gallon
Kentucky Whiskey
A Blend
Bartons Reserve
Cut to 7.99 1/2
Gallon

Full Quarts Gin
3.59 quart
2 quts. for 7.00

REPEAT BY POPULAR DEMAND
Genuine Slow Mash
Full-Bodied Kentucky Straight
BOURBON

TIME HONORED FORMULA
Charcoal Filtered
DANIEL STEWART

Reg. \$4.84

Vets Spec. \$3.79 or 3 for \$11.00

Exclusive at VETS only

WHISKEY, GIN, VODKA
Mix or Match

\$2.99 Fifths or 3 for \$8.75 up