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City Adopts Its Master Plan; First Test Comes This Week

by Al Skolnik

Before an audience, varying in numbers up to 100, the city council on Monday March 8, formally adopted a Master Plan for Greenbelt. The action was the culmination of five years of hard work by the city's Advisory Planning Board, assisted during the last year by the city's professional planners, Marcou, O'Leary and Associates.

The Greenbelt Master Plan calls for less intense use of the land than the Area 13 plan, recently adopted by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). The aim is to provide the community with a more balanced rental and homeowner mixture, and to avoid the traffic congestion and other burdens that a high-density development of the land would entail.

In adopting the master plan, the city council announced that maps and descriptions of the plan would be available to any private citizen wishing to participate in zoning hearings. The council added that the services of the city's zoning consultants would also be made available to private citizens involved in zoning cases, when authorized by council.

Although the Area 13 plan now agrees with Greenbelt's plan in adding no new four-lane arterial highways through the core of town, speakers at Monday's hearing criticized the MNCPPC for adopting a plan that would make four-lane highways almost imperative in order to take care of the high-density development.

Speakers Protest MNCPPC Plan
Charles F. Schwan, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. president, declared: "Nor are we misled by the MNCPPC's apparent dropping of a plan of having four-lane highways traverse the core of the city. Adoption of MNCPPC's plan by the County Commissioners would amount to a coercion of the city to build a somewhat similar network of roads just to permit access to and from the densely developed area the plan would permit."

Schwan objected to the fact that the Area 13 plan would provide for no new additional single-family homes in the city and for a minimum of parkland. The city's plan, on the other hand, he said, "would preserve the fundamental character of Greenbelt as a quiet residential community — a safe place for children."

Other witnesses were less temperate. Albert K. Herling, speaking as a private citizen, called the Area 13 plan a "thrust upon the jugular vein of Greenbelt" and "planned strangulation." It was a plan, he said, designed to give the developers everything they seek. The MNCPPC, he continued, has deliberately ignored the wishes of the community as expressed last July. He charged that this was MNCPPC's way of punishing the city "because of our temerity to disagree with the MNCPPC Chairman William J. Stevens."

Herling deplored the failure of MNCPPC to follow democratic procedures in adopting the Area 13 plan. He called on the citizenry to use all its power to bring the city's case to the proper forum and to secure the dismissal of Stevens. Herling praised the city's plan as a rational approach — far from ideal — but a reasonable compromise.

Harvey Geller, chairman of the

CRUCIAL ZONING HEARING FRIDAY

Twenty-five petitions to rezone land lying within the city and on its borders and thus directly affecting the future development of the city will be the subject of a public hearing tomorrow, Mar. 12, at 10 a.m. The hearings will be held at the County Service Building in Hyattsville.

Individual residents of Greenbelt are invited to attend and to testify at the hearings. The latest Maryland court decisions have raised some doubt as to the extent that the city of Greenbelt can represent its own citizens as aggrieved members.

Among the zoning requests are four petitions for rezoning 310 acres of land within the city's boundaries east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The owners, Smith and Ewing, are petitioning for 105 acres of R-H (high-rise apartments) and 179 acres of R-18 (multiple-family, medium density apartments).

The Area 13 plan eliminates the high-rise zoning and substitutes R-18 zoning, with some R-10 (heavy-density apartments). The city's Master Plan calls for R-30 density (garden-type apartments) north of Glenn Dale Rd. and R-18 zoning and single-family homes south of Glenn Dale Rd.

The individual petitions are listed below:

No. A-4723 for reclassification of 52.35 acres, south of Glenn Dale Road and west of Cipriano road, from R-R (rural residential) to R-18 (rooming or boarding houses, or apartments, 6 stories high).

No. 4-4724 for reclassification of 141.96 acres between Glenn Dale Road and Washington-Baltimore Parkway, from R-R to R-18.

No. A-4725 for reclassification of 33.25 acres, northwest quadrant of Glenn Dale road & Washington-Baltimore Parkway, from R-R to R-H (high-rise apartments, unlimited height, up to 1,400 people per building).

No. A-4726 for reclassification of 82.67 acres, south of Glenn Dale road and west of Cipriano rd., from R-R to R-H.

Eighteen additional petitions involve property between Glenn Dale and Good Luck Roads just east and south of the city limits. Notable among these are four petitions involving rezoning portions of the old Schrom Airport for a regional commercial shopping center. Aside from these four petitions, all other petitions request some type of apartment zoning, ranging from high-rise to garden-type.

APB, pointed out that the city's Master Plan was developed to carry out Greenbelt's community goals, whereas, the Area 13 plan as adopted violates such goals.

The Greenbelt Master Plan was adopted with relatively few disagreements among the councilmen, most of which involved minor differences over street routes. One of the more important differences involved the route of the perimeter road. Councilmen David Champion and Lewis Bernstein argued for the Area 13 route to cross over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, rather than to connect with the NASA interchange, but were outvoted.

Greenbelt's newly-adopted Master Plan was given its baptism of fire on Tuesday when the Prince Georges County Commissioners, after much wrangling, decided to accept the plan for consideration in connection with the Area 13 Master Plan adopted by the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC).

The county commissioners had informally scheduled consideration of the Area 13 plan Tuesday, but postponed action after hearing a request from Greenbelt and College Park officials to be given an opportunity to discuss the final version of the Area 13 plan with the county commissioners. Considerable discussion at the meeting centered on whether the two communities had received ample opportunity to review the plan.

Stevens Defends

MNCPPC Chairman William J. Stevens, who was called in for a face-to-face confrontation with the representatives of the two municipalities as protests mounted, declared that 25 meetings, including work sessions had been held by his commission with officials of the two areas. This was, he said, "far beyond our legal requirements" of only two public hearings.

But Greenbelt Mayor Edgar Smith complained that there was no public hearing on the revised area 13 plan. "The public wasn't given sufficient notice," he said.

Acknowledging that only two copies of the proposed Area 13 plan are on display — one at the MNCPPC offices in Riverdale and another at the County Service Building in Hyattsville, Stevens insisted: "We have not tried to keep this (plan) from the public."

No Copies Available

It later turned out that even the county commissioners did not have a copy of the Area 13 plan readily available, although the Tuesday meeting was to consider the plan.

At the end of the heated, hour-long exchange, the county commissioners promised to compare Greenbelt's Master Plan with the Area 13 plan.

The Commissioners' position has been that public hearings are not necessary for adoption of the Area 13 plan, which they consider to be a guideline rather than a master plan. Using this approach, the county commissioners have scheduled public hearings for tomorrow, March 12, at 10 a.m. at the County Service Building, Hyattsville. These hearings will be on 25 petitions for rezoning land east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway; four of the petitions involve 310 acres within the city of Greenbelt's boundaries.

These four petitions illustrate the wide divergencies between the two master plans with respect to use of the vacant land. The Area 13 plan calls for R-18 zoning (multiple-family apartments, 21 units per acre), with some R-10 (high-density apartments) near the Schrom property. Greenbelt's master plan calls for R-30 zoning (garden-type apartments, 14 units per acre), with some R-18 south of Glenn Dale Rd. and single-family homes (R-55) to the east. The developers, Smith and Ewing, are asking for high-rise apartments and R-18. For the land outside the city boundaries, the city's plan also calls for development at lower

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The Great Misunderstanding

One of the greatest misunderstandings that has arisen with respect to the Area 13 Master Plan is reflected in the statement reportedly made by the chairman of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and repeated by board members of the county commission that Greenbelt got practically everything it wanted under the revised plan.

The basis for this assertion is that four-lane arterial highways running through the core of town are no longer shown in the revised Area 13 plan and that the zoning for high-rise apartments has been eliminated from the Smith & Ewing properties east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. (The Area 13 plan, however, does show some high-rise zoning in Springhill Lake and near the Schrom property.)

It is apparent that the MNCPPC has completely misread the mind of the community as expressed at the July 21 public hearing attended by more than 1,000 citizens. The citizenry was expressing its violent opposition to high-density development of the vacant land in and around Greenbelt of which the four-lane highways were merely a symptom.

With a stroke of the pen, the MNCPPC can and did, easily eliminate the symptom, but the consequences of its plan for high-density development of Greenbelt cannot as easily be avoided. Whether the Area 13 plan shows four-lane highways or not, the city of Greenbelt will out of necessity be forced to widen its highways to accommodate the extra traffic generated by the recommended zoning in the plan.

For, although the Area 13 plan eliminated most of the high-rise apartments, it also eliminated all zoning for new single-family homes — substituting in their stead medium-density apartment zoning. Such zoning will increase the population of Greenbelt to an estimated 50,000 (present population 11,000), increase tremendously the burden on city roads and services, and further unbalance the community in that 80 percent of the population will be living in rental apartments.

Let no one be disillusioned that Greenbelt can retain its present character and advantages as a quiet, safe residential community or can avoid four-lane highways, if the city and its environs are developed according to the plans of MNCPPC. The opening round of this struggle takes place tomorrow at the County Service Building in Hyattsville when zoning petitions for high-rise and multiple-family apartments for the Smith & Ewing and adjacent properties come before the County Commissioners.

You can help by being there.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, March 11, 7:45 p.m. G.H.I. Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Friday, March 12, 10 a.m. County Commissioners Hearing on Zoning Petitions, County Service Building, Hyattsville

Saturday, March 13, Little League Dance, American Legion

Sunday, March 14, 2:30 p.m. 4-H Older Youth, Municipal Building

Monday, March 15, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting
8 p.m. League of Women Voters, 10403 Glenmore Dr. Adelphi.

Wednesday, March 17, 8:30 p.m. Spring Fashion Show, St. Hugh's

St. Hugh's Fashion Show

There will be a Spring Fashion Show given by St. Hugh's Sodality on March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), at 8:30 p.m. in St. Hugh's School Auditorium. The program will consist of Fashions from Shirley's, entertainment, door prizes, and refreshments will be served.

For tickets call M. Fuchs, 474-1191.

Delegates Needed for G.C.S.

Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., will hold its annual area meeting at the Greenbelt Firehouse on Tuesday, April 27. Eight positions in the Greenbelt delegation to the GCS Congress will be filled at this meeting.

Any GCS members interested in serving as a delegate please contact Simon Pristoop, Chairman, Greenbelt Area Nominating Committee, at 474-6362 before Monday, March 15.

CORRECTION

The City Council story in last week's News Review was written by staff reporter David Lange; the story was inadvertently credited to Al Skolnik.

Deep-Seated Comfort Soon?

The city has received quotations from four bidders (out of 15 approached) for six dozen folding chairs for use in the council chambers. Visitors will be glad to learn that the specifications for the new chairs include thick foam cushioned seats and upholstered padded backs. The last two council meetings lasted 4 hours each.

Greenbeltsville LWV

The next meeting of the Greenbeltsville unit of the League of Women Voters will be held 8 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the home of Mrs. Rolf Goderstad, 10403 Glenmore dr., Adelphi. Mrs. Goderstad will discuss "Human Resources." All interested women are invited call HE. 4-8639.

City of Greenbelt, Maryland AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

March 15, 1965

- I Organization
 - 1 Meeting called to order
 - 2 Roll call
 - 3 Minutes of Regular Meeting 3/1/65 and Special Meeting 3/8/65
 - 4 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II Communication
 - 5 Bid Openings -
 - A Tandem Roller
 - B Metal Desks & Accessories
 - C Wooden Desks and Accessories
 - 6 Petitions & Requests
 - 7 Committee Reports
 - 8 Administrative Reports
- III Old Business
 - 9 Ordinance Regulating Conflict of Interest (2nd reading)
 - 10 Ordinance to Appropriate Funds - Swimming Pool Bond Fund (2nd Reading)
 - 11 Resolution - Swimming Pool Rates (2nd reading)
 - 12 Bid Award - Office Furniture - Folding Chairs
 - 13 Youth Center Vandalism
 - 14 Athletic Clubhouse
 - 15 Approval of Bills - Municipal Service Building Construction Fund
 - 16 Approval of Bills - Swimming Pool Construction Fund
 - 17 Consultants for Center Mall Renovation
- IV New Business
 - 18 Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments (1st reading)
 - 19 Fireworks
 - 20 Request for Sidewalk Cafe
- V Miscellaneous

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Letters to the Editor

Stevens Must Go?

To the Editor:

At the March 8 public meeting of Greenbelt citizens, their city council adopted Greenbelt's own long-considered Master Plan, and directed that it be presented to the County Commissioners, to the MNCPPC group and to any interested citizens.

At the same time full consideration was given to whatever has been published of the incomplete elements of MNCPPC proposals alleged to constitute some part of an "Area 13 Master Plan." These proposals are alleged to have some legal standing as of Feb. 10, 1965, and are understood to be planned for private offering to the County Commissioners on March 9.

At the meeting, the question was bluntly raised, whether Chairman Stevens should go, as a result of procedures considered intolerable, but this might mean that the MNCPPC group should go, and the County Commissioners take full responsibility.

At the meeting, the questions of over-loading of roads, schools and other facilities were received with considerable tolerance. Possibly a much sharper examination must be made as new specific bids for developers' speculations are advanced.

At the meeting there was at least one responsible piece of evidence that Greenbelt's own master plan is not a concession upon which further encroachments are to be based, but an intended balanced plan from which as much might be taken away from speculators as given to them. Suggestion was made that besides the two plans for Smith-Ewing north of Glendale Road, a plan for single family dwellings there might be better, with reasonable recognition of owners' rights.

Sam Cornelius

Two State Bills Opposed

To the Editor:

Whatever tends to throw zoning into politics is important to us who live in Greenbelt. Senator Fred L. Wineland has introduced two bills in the Maryland legislature which everyone should know about. According to newspaper reports, the newly appointed senator says he seeks to vindicate the principle of checks and balances.

Mr. Wineland's bills would permit the County's senator to veto the County Commissioners' appointments to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and also to veto the Governor's appointment to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

The Sanitary Commission makes the decisions on water and sewerage lines and the Planning Commission, as every Greenbelter knows, makes master plans and recommendations on rezoning. Together, these Commissions have a strong influence on how the County shall develop, and also on the value of realty.

A veto power is also a power to force appointments. A county's senator already has power to block and control enactment of public local laws for the County, and in the past that power has been used. There is nothing reassuring, and certainly nothing democratic, in giving the one holding such office this further far-reaching power.

I am strongly opposed to passage of Mr. Wineland's proposed legislation, and I call upon our County delegation to withhold their support from Mr. Wineland's bills. Letters should be directed to the Prince Georges County Delegation in Annapolis, and should be sent this week.

Marjorie Bergemann

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densities than has been requested. Comparison of Plans

Other major differences in the two plans with respect to land use are:

(1) Greenbelt's plan for Bresler tracts between GHI properties and Baltimore-Washington Parkway calls for single-family homes with some R-30 zoning and parkland. Area 13 plan calls exclusively for R-30.

(2) Under Greenbelt's plan, the "Golden Triangle" would be classed entirely residential (R-80) until applicable zoning classifications are adopted. The Area 13 plan calls for half of it to be commercial-office park.

(4) The Greenbelt plan calls for a neighborhood commercial center on the west side of Kenilworth Ave., north of the Beltway. The Area 13 plan calls for a center of this kind on the east side of Kenilworth Ave. adjacent to Boxwood Village.

(5) The Area 13 plan calls for high-rise apartments in Springhill Lake north of the Beltway. Greenbelt's plan calls for R-18 and parkland north of the Beltway and a small commercial-office site south of Beltway. The Springhill Lake management has advised council that the city's plan is satisfactory to it.

With respect to highways, the major differences are:

(1) Greenbelt's plan calls for a new access road from Springhill Lake to Greenbelt rd., passing between Beltway Plaza Shopping Center and Greenbelt Junior High School. Area 13 plan calls for an access road west of the Plaza near the A&P.

(2) Under Greenbelt's plan, the northern perimeter road would intersect with the presently-planned one-sided interchange linking NASA with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Under Area 13 plan, the perimeter road would cross over Parkway with no direct access to it.

(3) Greenbelt's plan, unlike that of Area 13, would extend Westway until it intersects Lakecrest Drive.

(4) Greenbelt's plan calls for cross-over roads between the industrial area near the B&O tracks and Springhill Lake. Area 13 plan does not.

Lillian D. Canton

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 5 at the Little Church of Ft. Lincoln Cemetery for Mrs. Lillian D. Canton, beloved wife of Robert F. Canton, 8-G Laurel Hill Road. Mrs. Canton, who passed away on March 1, was the mother of Carol Ann Wyant and Donald C. Zocchi. She is also survived by four sisters, a brother and two grandsons.

Rabbi Morris Gordon

"The Status of Jews In The Soviet Union"

Fri., March 12 - 8:15 p.m. - ONEG SHEBAT
Jewish Community Center, Ridge & Westway
Everyone Welcome

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister

9:30 Church School
10:45 Morning Worship
Infant Care and Church School
11:45 Coffee Hour Fellowship
4:00 Springridge Terrace U.C. Home Dedication
620 Pershing Drive., Silver Spring
8:00 Membership Encounter

(A United Church of Christ)

Bus Tour To U. N. And World's Fair

The American Association of the United Nations and the Greenbelt Travel Club are jointly sponsoring a two day trip to the United Nations and the World's Fair, originating in Greenbelt, on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 & 2.

Last year over two hundred and fifty people took advantage of trips sponsored by the Greenbelt Travel Club, including trips to the World's Fair. However, this will be the first two day trip. On this trip, as with all the excursions last year, the bus will make one trip around Greenbelt to let people off near their respective courts.

Reserve Early

To assure hotel accommodations, full deposits must be made within fifteen days of the trip. Since we have confirmations for only forty-four people, reservations must be made on a first come - first served basis. Please see the advertisement elsewhere in the News Review. Further details and registration forms are available at Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, which is open until 9 p.m. daily.

9:45	Sunday School	6 p.m.	Training Union
11 a.m.	Morning Worship	7 p.m.	Evening Worship
	8:00 p.m. Wednesday		Midweek Service

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor GR 4-4040

Dear Teenagers:

Thank you for your nice letter. If only you wouldn't take my kidding so seriously, I could do the same with your letter.

But honestly, I am gratified to find that some of you read my short notes and even bother to make your views known. Whenever in the future you have anything to complain about, comment about, or even (who knows?) praise, I hope that you'll find the time to speak out.

D.S.

Hi-ho-Come to the Dance

All Springhill residents are invited to a St. Patrick's Day Adult Dance on Saturday, March 13, at 9 p.m. in the Community House. There will be live music by "The Embers." Call 474-1600 for reservation.

The S.H. Square Dancers invites all dancers in Greenbelt to join them on Saturday, March 20 at 8:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Community House. There will be no charge.

Jewish Community Center

Rabbi Morris Gordon will conduct services tomorrow night, Friday March 12, at 8:15 p.m., in the Jewish Community Center, Ridge and Westway. The topic of his sermon is "The Status of Jews in the Soviet Union." Everyone is welcome.

Statement of GREENBELT HOMES, INC. on Master Plan

The Board of Directors of GHI has studied all the pertinent documents, sought advice from committees and its membership and deliberated carefully on the proposed Master Plan for Greenbelt. We are convinced that the Master Plan developed by the Advisory Planning Board with the assistance of Marcou, O'Leary and Associates and submitted to this Council would provide a basis of reasonable, orderly growth for the community. We are convinced that its implementation would make it possible for Greenbelt to remain a viable community. It would provide for an appropriate balance in density of development among various sub-areas and in owner-occupied and rental units. It would be fair to residents - current and prospective - and to developers. The latter would be able to realize a reasonable, even generous, return on their investments. The former would enjoy an opportunity to remain (or to become) residents of a community which heretofore has served as a model of a planned community throughout the world. It would preserve the fundamental character of Greenbelt as a quiet, residential community—a safe place for children. It would maintain the present attractiveness of this city—likened by some to that of a college campus with its hedges, trees, lawns and other green or flowering plants. It would maintain Greenbelt as a tribute to those who had the courage and vision to create this community.

I should like to say a few words about the Master Plan for College Park - Greenbelt and Vicinity adopted February tenth, by the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Despite some resemblances between the two plans, their differences are more significant. Succinctly stated, the several points I have made in support of the Greenbelt Master Plan, if restated in the negative, would apply to the Park and Planning Commission's Master Plan.

As we understand the Park and Planning Commission's Master Plan, it would provide for no additional single-family homes in the city. It provides for two minuscule parks in the currently undeveloped area—one north of GHI property and west of the Parkway, the other south of Glenn Dale Road and east of the Parkway. South of Glenn Dale Road and East of the Parkway, both inside and outside the city the Park and Planning Commission Master Plan would permit a higher density development than that recommended by the city's plan or by the Commission's own professional staff, for that matter. A perimeter road is recommended by both plans, but the city's would skirt the city—that of the Park and Planning Commission, the presently developed area. Other than this odd version of a perimeter road, the Park and Planning Commission would afford no additional access relief to the heavily populated Springhill Lake area.

I should like to comment on the procedural aspects of the planning process as practiced by the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Apart from its disregard of the views expressed by a majority of witnesses at the public hearing in this city on July 21, 1964, on the Preliminary Master Plan, the procedure followed by the Commission since the adoption of the Master Plan, February tenth, has amounted to an arrogant refusal to be bound by the rules of representative, responsible government. With all due regard to the heroic efforts of city personnel and—in our case—GHI staff, the GHI Board has not had all the materials necessary to make a complete evaluation of the Master Plan. A copy of the map for the area was hung in the Riverdale office of the Commission. To my knowledge no copy was made available to the city, none to the newspapers and certainly none for general distribution. As to a text to support or justify the Master Plan, if the Commission has prepared one, it is maintaining a discreet silence concerning its existence. Under these circumstances, how does the Park and Planning Commission and how do the County Commissioners expect to receive informed, reasoned comment on the Master Plan? Do they expect or want such comment?

It seems to us ironic that at a time when, as a nation, we are called upon by the President to conserve natural beauty; when, at the President's request, the Secretary of the Interior strives to preserve the character of the Potomac; when we have official programs to preserve open spaces throughout the county, that—in the very shadow of the Nation's Capitol—the Park and Planning Commission would propose a Master Plan that would negate these concepts and defeat these programs in what heretofore has been our prime example of a planned community.

To sum up our objections—we are offended by a Master Plan which would not permit this community to enjoy a balanced development of multiple dwellings and single family homes and that, on the contrary, would violate the universally accepted community planning principle of balanced residential development. We are concerned to retain the "green" in Greenbelt and do not propose to substitute gray or brown as the Master Plan contemplates. Nor are we misled by the Planning Commission's apparent dropping of a plan of having four-lane roads traverse the core of the city. Adoption of Park and Planning Commission's plan by the County Commissioners would amount to a coercion of the city to build a somewhat similar network of roads just to permit access to and from the densely developed area the plan would permit.

Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council, we can and we must adopt the Greenbelt Master Plan proposed by the Advisory Planning Board, or some reasonable modification thereof, and fight for its acceptance by the Planning Commission and the County Commissioners as the plan for development of the city and its environs. We must act to preserve our community and we need your leadership. Tonight we fight here. Then we must fight before the County Commissioners. Every reasonable, honorable and effective means must be used—an informed public opinion, litigation, participation in the electoral process. If we fail, or the degree to which we fail, Greenbelt will suffer. As far as GHI is concerned, it is not our aim to fail. We hope you are with us, or—to state it more accurately—we are with you.

Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

President, Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Presented to Council
March 8, 1965

(Space Purchased by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.)

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Invites You to
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided at Service
40 Ridge Perry F. Miller, Pastor
GR 4-7295

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2 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, GR 4-4477
Edward H. Birner, Pastor, GR 4-9200

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
Kindergarten registrations now being accepted
WEEKDAY KINDERGARTEN



Royal Hart Addresses Twin Pines Meetings

Royal Hart, member of the Maryland House of Delegates from Prince Georges County, was featured speaker at the 8th Annual Meeting of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association. Fifty-three members and five guests attended the February 23 meeting held at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Hart said he is supporting a bill which would limit the cost of revolving charge accounts to one percent per month. Most Maryland firms now charge 1½% per month, and some go as high as 2% a month.

Floyd Hanson, Assistant Professor of entomology at the Univ. of Maryland and former Twin Pines board member, together with Roger Drissel, one of his students, opened the meeting with songs on the mandolin and banjo.

President Harvey Geller, reporting for the board of directors, noted:

- (1) The great sorrow everyone had felt at the recent and untimely death of board member Harold Calof; and the sincere appreciation for his active and capable participation in the affairs of the Association during 1964.
- (2) That 1964 had been a year of continued growth in all phases of operations: membership grew from 1,560 to 1,751—a 12% increase; savings accounts grew from \$604,500 to \$814,200 — a 35% increase; number of borrowers grew from 335 to 371 — an 11% increase; amount loaned out grew from \$731,500 to \$936,300 — a 28% increase.
- (3) The regular 5% per annum dividend was paid throughout 1964.
- (4) Conversion to an accrual accounting system continued satisfactorily during the year. A complete deferred income accounting system should be achieved by the end of 1965, in keeping with a planned 5-year changeover period.
- (5) Certification from the State Department of Building and Loan Associations, and membership in the Maryland Savings-Share Insurance Corporation, are now undergoing active processing. Effectuation of each is anticipated within six months.
- (6) Long term financing plans for GHI Co-op homes—20 to 25 year loans with lower down payments and lower monthly payments—are desired both by Twin Pines and Greenbelt Homes. Twin Pines is working with GHI on this problem.

The regular elections were also held during the meeting. Elected to the Twin Pines board of directors were John S. Webb, Harvey Geller, Gordon O. Allen, Robert A. Hill, and Charles T. McDonald. They join George C. Reeves, Eleanor Ritchie, Leo Gerton, and George Jones, who were elected at previous meetings.

Dorothy White, Ronald K. Shepler, Marvin Wirtz, and Charles H. Wainscott were elected to the Supervisory Committee. Bruce Edwards is a carryover member of this committee.

Elected to the Nominating Committee were Bruce Bowman, George M. Phibbs, George M. Townsend, Rita Fisher, and John W. Maffay. They join Jeremy Anderson and Edward Wuermsler, elected at last year's meeting.

Lewis to Direct N.S.A. Singers At Concert Here

The N.S.A. Gleemen, a male chorus of 30 voices, and the N.S.A. Madrigal Singers, a group of 23 men and women, will present a program April 4.

Both musical organizations are directed by Frank Lewis of Greenbelt. The Gleemen will be remembered by Greenbelters for the Gilbert and Sullivan concert they gave on Labor Day.

The concert is sponsored jointly by Greenbelt Consumer Service and the Greenbelt Woman's Club, with the support of the Jewish Community Center and other civic organizations. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, to make their annual bus trip and dinner at Chesapeake Bay a memorable occasion.

The program will include a number of operatic choruses presented by the men, including such favorites as the Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust," the Sailors' Chorus from "The Flying Dutchman," and the Pilgrims' Chorus from "Tannhauser." A lighter touch will be provided by several comic scenes from "The Mikado" and De Koven's "Robinhood."

Lastner Named to Board Of Peoples National Bank

County Commissioner Frank J. Lastner has been elected a member of the board of directors at Peoples National Bank of Maryland, it was announced this week by Alfred C. Scuderi, board chairman.

Lastner, an original resident of Greenbelt, and immediate past president of the Board of County Commissioners, has served as a member and president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., as president of Greenbelt Services, Inc., and has also served other banks in the County.

Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

We are developing a complex, sort of reverse paranoia. No wonder! We are practically the only News Review columnist who has not been attacked in a Letter to the Editor.

When this first came to our attention, we preened ourselves, feeling that perhaps what we had to say pleased everybody. Then a terrible thought occurred: Maybe nobody complained about us because nobody read our column! Now we knew how Tinkerbell would have felt if all the audience had said they didn't believe in fairies. The Greenbelt Grab Bag empty - Judy without any Punch!

Something had to be done. We decided to test our theory.

To begin with, a cause had to be found which was so controversial that someone would be sure to take up the challenge. Ha! Try and find one. All the good causes have already been spoken for, zoning, libraries, teen agers, traffic lights, industry, etc. Perhaps a combination of the aforementioned would do. How about a request for a high-rise building behind the swimming pool to contain the library and a factory for the manufacture of black leather jackets? That should make us either very popular or very unpopular with practically anybody.

If this doesn't work, we'll know that we're outclassed, and next week will find us back in our old niche, giving advice to the troubled, which includes us.

Little League Chatter

Help support the Little League by attending its spring dance on Saturday, March 13 at the American Legion. Boys may register to play ball with the Little League by contacting Norman Macarthy, 474-6939, Bill Ruppel, 474-8792, or any manager.

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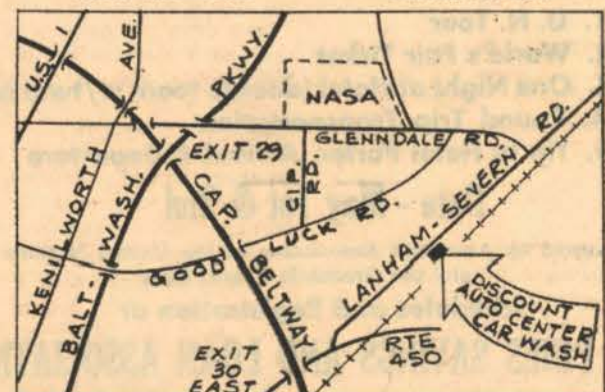
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Recreation Review

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Poetry Hour

The Third Grade Poetry Hour will meet at the Greenbelt Center School Library Thursday, March 18, at 4 p.m.

Basketball

Trophies were presented, last night, to the champions of the Mens "A" League. Temple Cleaners remained undefeated during the 14 games of the league. High scorer on the team was Ernie Black.

Congratulations to the "B" League Celtics, who captured the second half championship. Bob Schumaker was high scorer. The league playoffs will begin next Monday, with a 2 out 3 series. The Celtics will play the Bullets, winners of the first half, at 7:30 p.m. March 22 will be the second game and if a third game is necessary, it will be played on March 29.

Annual Basketball Tournament

Arrangements are in the making for the Third Annual Basketball Tournament. Winners of Recreation Department Leagues, of various metropolitan counties, have been contacted and invited. Watch this column for further details.

Adult Crafts

Inquiries have been made, to the Recreation Department, concerning an Adult Crafts Program during the day. The program will be open to all interested adults. If you would like to participate in a program such as this, please leave your name and phone number at the Youth Center, phone 474-6878.

Bowling League

Blue ribbons to all who participated in the "Bowl the Coach Tournament," two weeks ago. Some of the scores were pretty hard to beat, even for a coach. Some games from last week were: C. Davis, 159 - E. Snoddy, 121 - J. Hahn, 119 - D. Fendley, 141 - K. Hall, 143 and R. Fendley with a 141 game.

Ballet, Jazz Class

Ballet registration will take place this Saturday in the Youth Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Jazz classes for junior high and elementary school students will start at the end of March. Planned also is an adult class in jazz exercises. Call the Youth Center, 474-6868 if interested.

Susan Ellerin who has been with the Recreation Department for three years will again instruct.

Cloverbuds 4-H News

by Linda Simonson

The Greenbelt Cloverbuds and their parents and relatives lived it up at the annual parents' night. On the agenda were a potluck supper prepared by the 4-H'ers, a judging contest and skits. In the "Camp Skit" were Sharon Rosen-teur, Jenny Simonson, Patty Zanin, Gail Neuman and Cynthia Whit-taker. Those in the Demonstration Day skit were Linda Simonson, Laura Simonson, Ellen Hanyok, Maureen Geiger, Mary Haker, Patty Zanin and Patty Geiger. Prizes were awarded to the winners in the judging contest—Mrs. Haker (first prize), Mrs. Neuman, Mrs. Zanin, Mrs. Geiger, Mr. Haker and Daniel Zanin. The club celebrated its fifth anniversary with a cake decorated by Mrs. Virginia Klinger.

4-H To Discuss Dating

The older youth 4-H Club (for boys and girls 14 and over) will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 14 in the Municipal Building. Mrs. Robert Cook, an expert in family life will discuss "Dating and Courting." All interested teenagers are invited to attend.

Students Win Flags

Twenty-four children were awarded American flags at a Center School assembly commemorating Lincoln's birthday. The youngsters had won prizes in a recent school contest about the history of the American flag.

Prizes were awarded in three categories: drawing, for the display of an historical flag exhibited in the setting of the era in which the flag was used; essay, for a composition on "What the American flag symbolizes"; and report, for listing the flags hanging in the school's Heritage Hall, together with the dates they were first used, and by whom.

The following children won prizes: 2nd grade, Kevin Thornly and Kim Nicholson; 3rd grade, Karl Anton, Sukkie Lee, and Jane Laster; 4th grade, Ruth Kastner, Rebecca Boyce, Carmen Torresi, Rita Polaschik, Siniti Oneda, Chris Gregersen, Jay Lehman, Jimmy Fritz, and Amy Larsen; 5th grade, Judy Kastner, Jody Jenkins, and Stephen Smithe; 6th grade, Robin Bachtler, Elaine Levine, Vickie Seidman, Barbara Wirtz, Helen Werner, Jenny Simonson, and Nancy Evans.

School Savings Program

Postmaster Emory A. Harman is extending all cooperation possible to students, educators, bankers and other volunteers in promoting and servicing the U. S. Treasury Department's school savings program in Greenbelt.

Postmaster Gen. John A. Gronouski has asked all local post offices to cooperate.

"I am pleased to carry out Mr. Gronouski's instructions," Harman said, "because any program which stimulates young Americans to save is for the good of the country and for themselves."

The school savings program, during World War II, he noted, provided one of our most effective instruments for teaching thrift and good citizenship.

An adequate supply of saving stamps and books and promotional material will be available to meet the needs of the students and the community in carrying out the stamp consignment plan.

North End 5th Graders To Visit Williamsburg

Fifth graders from the North End School will visit Williamsburg on March 26-27, accompanied by their teacher, James Williams. The trip has been planned to enrich their study of the colonial period in American history by giving them a first-hand glimpse of the way people lived in the Eighteenth Century.



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School Patrols Take Classes In First Aid

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerrish, 4-C Parkway, proudly announce the arrival of a son. Eric Richardson made his entry February 25 weighing 7 lbs.

Pvt. Robert W. Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Norton, 100 Tamorick Ct., completed a ten-week map compiling course at the Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Condolences to Mrs. Rhoda Friedman, 6205 Springhill, who lost her father recently.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Volin, 6209 Springhill. Risa Michelle made her debut Feb. 23 weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz.

Pvt. Robert W. Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Norton, 100 Tamorick Court, completed a ten-week map compiling course at the Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Robena Mathers and Adelaide Kaighn broke into the winning column at the Feb. 26 duplicate bridge game when they scored a comfortable 37 points East-West—6 points better than the runners-up, Peter Frey and Sam Jacobs. In the North-South direction, Si and Tina Pristoop won even a more impressive victory with 49 points—9½ points better than the second - place team of Tony and Ann Pisano. Next Game: Friday, March 12.

Happy, happy birthday to Kathleen Foster 36-J Ridge who celebrated her twelfth birthday on Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Westner, Jr., newly elected Corresponding Secretary of the District of Columbia Young Republicans will be the officer in charge of the publication of the RALLY, official monthly magazine of the D.C.Y.R., and of pamphlets and information brochures. She will also be responsible for the club's public relations program during the coming year.

Mrs. Westner and her husband reside at 6229 Spring Hill Drive, Greenbelt, Md.

Peace Corps Test March 13

An opportunity for Greenbelt area residents to test their aptitudes for Peace Corps service will come at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 13, at the Baltimore test location, room 601, McCawley Building, 37 Commerce Street.

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Civil Defense Seminar

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Golden Agers News

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Mrs. Fearson is sponsoring a magazine and book sale. She reports several have been sold—sale price is ten cents per book, five cents per magazine. Phoebe Waldman, who has charge of the eye-glasses drive, reports that several dozen pairs have been received.

Plans are underway for the largest club party ever held; all members in good standing will be on the rolls. Cold weather has delayed the membership drive, but spring will spur it again.

Personal Note

We pay our respects to Mrs. Ruth Bryant for the 28 years she spent in the Post Office; patrons of Greenbelt will miss the many favors that she extended to everyone—the employees will miss her advice and counseling — we wish her many years of health and happiness—we missed our congenial recreation director, Mr. Stevenson, while he was in the hospital—glad to see him back on duty—Rev. Buker and his wife, Mrs. Vorce, and Jennings Craig and his wife are enjoying the Florida sunshine and they report some "tall" tales about the size of fish they have caught—Mrs. Hall is in Canada for a few weeks, visiting her daughter—Mrs. MacGregor, Mrs. Koenig and Mrs. Joseph E. Lewis are proud grandmothers — congratulations—many of our members have been ill and are now returning to the club meetings — last week forty-eight were present for roll call.

Junior Highlights

by Gail Kendall

The boys and girls physical education department presented a Gymkana program for the March P. T. A. on Tuesday March 9. The students performed on the box, horse, and the bar. In April, "The Wag and Wig", Greenbelt Junior High School's drama club, will present the "Pied Piper of Hamelin."

The Future Scientists of America took a trip to the Statler-Hilton Hotel to see science exhibits on display. President Bob Cassels, and members Mary Morphet, Ken Rich and Laura Simonson, accompanied by Mr. James Cassels as chaperone, participated.

Two hundred ninth grade students journeyed to Northwestern Senior High School's new auditorium to see Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."

More than a dozen G. J. H. S. students will participate in the Prince Georges County Music Festival to be held at Northwestern Senior High School on Saturday, March 20.

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its second meeting in the home of Mrs. Roy S. Braeden, 1-F Gardenway.

Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer was appointed supervisor of family and community services in Greenbelt.

Tom Poston son of Mrs. M. C. Poston, 1-C Northway, took part in the historical tableau, "One Hundred Years of Bethany" which was presented at Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, March 2.

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