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COMMISSIONERS DENY PARCEL 15 REZONING

The county commissioners sitting as the District Council on Friday, July 7, denied the rezoning petitions filed by the owners of Parcel 15 (Charles Bresler, Theodore Lerner, and associates) for apartments and commercial. The city of Greenbelt opposed the petitions at a public hearing on March 15.

Parcel 15, which consists of three tracts bordering the Capital Beltway between Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt Road (see map), is presently zoned R-55 (single-family homes) and R.P.C. (rural-planned community). It was the site designated for a senior high school by the city's March 1965 master plan and the February 1965 master plan by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The School Board initially also preferred this site, but later turned it down in favor of a three-school complex on Parcel 2 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Ridge Rd.

The rezoning petitions called for 27.52 acres of R-18 (20 apartment units per acre) and 5 acres of C-1 (local commercial). The developer indicated that a motel would be built on the 5-acre tract.

The commissioners gave the following reasons for their decision:

(1) further multi-family zoning, especially in the R-18 classification in the subject area would overcrowd the land, present an undue concentration of population, and add to present density imbalance;

(2) further congestion on Greenbelt Rd. and Lakecrest Drive, the sole access to the existing and proposed multi-family dwellings, militates against the R-18 request; the same traffic problems are also related to the commercial request; further, there exists developed and undeveloped commercial zoning to satisfy current commercial needs and proper use in the area, and

(3) the College-Park-Greenbelt Master Plan was returned to the Planning Commission for further study because of the density problem and, therefore, action by the District Council in this regard at this time would be premature.

Voting for the denial were Commissioners Francis Francois, Francis Aluisi, and M. Bayne Brooke. Chairman Gladys Spellman and Commissioner Jesse Baggett, who were not present at the original hearing on the petitions, abstained. **Mayor Credits Citizen's Opposition**

Mayor Edgar L. Smith, at Monday's council meeting, hailed the District Council decision as one of the greatest victories Greenbelt has had since he has been on council. He gave credit to the concentrated effort of community groups in opposing the rezoning petitions.

He was referring to the March 15 public hearing before the District Council at which appeared a parade of speakers led by Green-

belt's special zoning attorney Emmett Nanna, Jr., Mayor Smith, and city planner Buford M. Hayden, of Mott and Hayden Associates, Inc. Also making presentations were representatives of Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt and of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

The Greenbelt witnesses objected to the rezoning petitions as compounding the "mistake" created by the zoning of Charlestowne Village as R-18 (with the city accepting covenants which were later disregarded by the developer). They urged that a comprehensive master plan for the College Park-Greenbelt area be adopted before any further rezoning is approved and pointed to the need for better balance between rental apartments and owner-occupied homes. They also stressed that community facilities were not set up to handle the increased density typified by the petitions.

Testimony opposing the rezoning of 5 acres of commercial next to the American Legion cited fear of commercial strip zonings and lack of access to the property other than through the service driveway of the American Legion and the residential area of Charlestowne Village.

On behalf of the developers, attorney William Kahler and planner Fred W. Tuemmler contended that apartments and commercial development were the best land use for the tract. They pointed to the adjacent area (Charlestowne Village, Capital Beltway) as not being conducive to single-family development. They stated that traffic along Greenbelt Road was not at capacity and could absorb the increases created by apartments and commercial on parcel 15.

At the conclusion of the March 15 hearing, the District Council took the petitions under advisement and later deferred a decision for three months.

Following last Friday's denial, the owners of parcel 15 have the option to submit a new rezoning application in 18 months.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, July 13, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Friday, July 14, 8 p.m. Labor Day Festival Committee, Youth Center
8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Plaudits for Police After Foiled Robbery

The aborted bank robbery at the Equitable Trust Bank in the Beltway Plaza Regional Shopping Center on July 3 brought letters of praise for the Greenbelt Police Department from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Owen Daly II, president, Equitable Trust Bank, and Leo J. Ryan, chairman of the Advisory Board, Equitable Trust Bank.

Their letters credited the department for having averted a holdup, with special commendation extended to Officers Thomas Van Valkenburgh and John Krob. Van Valkenburgh, the first to reach the scene, arrested the suspect, a 36-year old man employed by Westinghouse. Police Chief Lane was cited for the "excellent and professional manner" and the "high level of competency" of his department.

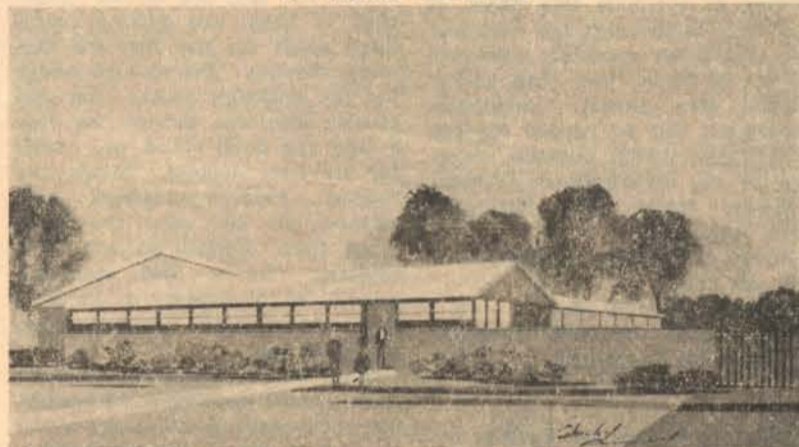
This week Chief Lane presented assistant manager Robert B. Olstrom of the Beltway Equitable Trust Bank with a certificate of appreciation for the "assistance rendered by him as a distinguished citizen in support of the department during an attempted bank robbery . . ." Olstrom, who joined the bank staff about a month ago, is studying law at Georgetown University.

Carnival Ends Sunday

Sunday is the last day of the Carnival sponsored by the Golden Age Club. Rides will be open on that date from 1 to 9:30 p.m. All concession stands will be closed.

Council Approves Plans for Municipal Service Building

by Virginia Beauchamp



The long-awaited plans for a new Municipal Service Building to replace the old dilapidated city warehouses were approved at the July 10 city council meeting. The architectural firm of Walton and Madden, who drew up the plans for the two-winged, one-story structure, were given the go-ahead to prepare structural and mechanical plans and specifications in preparations for bidding.

The new building will be located

Council to Defer its Action on Springhill Lake Rezoning Bid

by Al Skolnik

The city council on Monday, July 10, deferred action on the proposal of the Springhill Lake Apartment ownership for office and commercial development of the northwest section of the city, pending receipt of a status report on the College Park-Greenbelt Area 13 Master Plan.

The Springhill Lake petitioners have requested 24.4 acres of C-O zoning for commercial office buildings and 6 acres of C-2 (general commercial) for a motel and gas station for the area along the north side of Capital Beltway, behind and adjacent to the State Roads Commission office building.

The developers have proposed that the C-2 area be used for a large motel having convention facilities, a small shopping center, and a gasoline service station. In the area requested for office zoning, a four-building complex is proposed, consisting of approximately 400,000 square feet of space.

Gough Motion

Upon a motion by newly-appointed council member Gerald Gough, the council unanimously directed the city manager to contact the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the purpose of ascertaining when the Area 13 plan will be forthcoming and what the current thinking is with respect to development of the remaining vacant land in the city.

The original area 13 plan was sent back to the MNCPPC by the county commissioners in July 1965 for reduction in proposed densities. The city and MNCPPC have exchanged views in the last six months on proposed revisions and a new Area 13 plan is expected shortly.

Several persons from the audience contended that council should adhere to the principle of no major zoning changes until a master plan is adopted for the area. They pointed to the parcel

15 decision as indicative of the respect the county commissioners have for Greenbelt's adherence to its master plan.

Cliff Simonson stated, "We have established a benchmark now and can hold to it a lot easier if we do not make any changes in the master plan now."

Hal Siegel, chairman of the Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, questioned the wisdom of piecemeal decisions without first knowing what the final overall plan will be and whether the Springhill Lake proposals will deviate from a proper balance of residential and commercial development.

Harvey Geller raised the question whether changes in the proposed master plan might better be made at the planning board level before the Area 13 plan is adopted by the county commissioners. To have the county commissioners adopt a master plan and then seek to change it might weaken the city's entire position, Geller said.

Advisory Planning Board Chairman Ed Wuermser also thought there was some virtue in advising the MNCPPC of city thinking on the Springhill Lake properties before the Area 13 plan is released.

Mayor Edgar Smith interpreted council's action as not being inconsistent with the goal of seeking changes in the proposed Area 13 plan before final adoption by the county commissioners. He said that he wanted to take an overall look at the proposed Area 13 plan before making recommendations on the Springhill Lake proposals, though he saw some good points about the proposal.

Nomination Procedures

Upon the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee, the council passed for first reading a change in the requirements for nominating candidates for city council. Instead of requiring that a nominating petition be signed by between 3 percent and 5 percent of the electors, the requirement would be by not fewer than 50 nor more than 60 electors. The change would not affect this year's election.

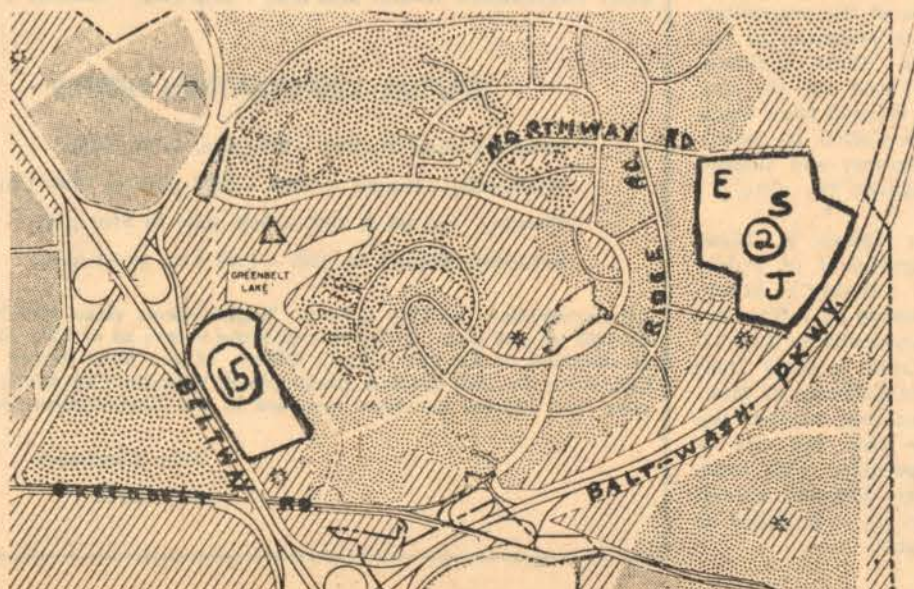
The council approved a request of the Jewish Community Center for a special exception for the operation of a nursery school and recommended that the county commissioners give its approval at a public hearing which is scheduled for July 19.

The council approved in principle the idea of an advisory referendum to be held in conjunction with the city council election in September on the question of home rule for municipalities. The State constitutional convention is considering changes in the constitution which would strengthen the power of the counties with respect to municipalities. Opponents of this change wish to have public sentiment expressed against it.

In accordance with the summer schedule, the next regular meeting of council will be on Monday, August 14.

ing area. Access would be provided through an attractive gate.

Since the parking area would occupy part of the present old Crescent Rd. right-of-way, the city is in the ironic position of instituting a legal petition nearly identical to one it went to court to oppose last year. This was a petition by the former owners of parcel 10 to have that portion of the Crescent Rd. right-of-way which had been abandoned revert to the adjacent property owners. With the city of Greenbelt itself now the adjacent property owner and the right-of-way being necessary for the contemplated municipal facility, the city must soon make a similar request.



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Acting in The Public Interest

Last Friday, the county commissioners sitting as the District Council denied the application of the owners of parcel 15 (Charles Bresler, Theodore Lerner, and associates) for rezoning the 32-acre tract for multiple-family apartments and a motel. The site, which borders the Capital Beltway between Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt Road and adjoins the lake park, is presently zoned for single-family homes.

The county commissioners are to be commended for their decision, which concurs with the public interest as expressed at the March 15 hearing before the commissioners. On that occasion, detailed statements opposing the petitions were read or submitted into the record by the city of Greenbelt and its planners; Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt; and numerous other Greenbelt citizens.

The action of the county commissioners is especially welcome in light of recent accounts of the metropolitan press critical of county zoning procedures. These accounts implied that touchy zoning cases which involved citizen opposition are "almost invariably" postponed by the commissioners until a later date when decisions adverse to the citizenry can be made with minimum uproar. This was obviously not the case in this instance.

Thanks

On behalf of my Dad, Joseph Wenrich, Fire Marshal of the Greenbelt Department, and the Dutton family, I wish to thank the News Review staff for their fine cooperation in printing the Fire Prevention Tips this past year. The Dutton family is very proud of his winning the coveted 'Silver Spring Trophy' at the Maryland Stae Firemen's Association Convention last month. We are also very aware that the publicity in the News Review played a large part in his receiving the award. It is not always how good a Fire Prevention Program that a person has; it depends on how many people in the community receive the message. The News Review has certainly seen to it that the people of Greenbelt are given the opportunity to know the potential dangers of hazards that endanger the lives of their loved ones as well as loss of their property.

Sincerely yours,
Cleo Dutton

Lakeside Residents Make Land Available to City

City council in its session on July 10 commended Leo Davis and Francis White, of 40 and 42 Lakeside drive, for making available to the city a narrow strip of land at the rear of their properties. The strip borders city land adjoining Greenbelt Lake, and its use will help the city construct along the lakeshore a pathway wide enough to carry small city trucks. If the land would not have been made available for this purpose, the city would have had to carry out an expensive grading operation to make a path in this section, since the shore land owned there by the city is narrow and relatively steep.

Gratitude Expressed

To the Editor:

The gratitude of the entire community is owed to those who have contributed time or money or both in the campaign to raise funds to defray legal and other costs of the libel suit against the News Review and Alfred M. Skolnik. Greenbelt is unusual in having a number of significant institutions and causes. The News Review yields to no other institution in its importance to the community. The issue of freedom of the press surpasses in importance any other community cause.

It is a pleasure to report that the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press drive in the core areas of the city is going well. We are now aiming to conclude this phase of the drive in the next ten days and are asking our volunteer collectors to try to finish their "call backs" within this period. Additional volunteers will be needed for the next phase, which includes coverage of the Charlestowne Village, Lakeside North, and Springhill Lake Apartments.

Please call 474-6323 or 474-1529 if you can help.
Charles F. Schwan, Jr.
Co-Chairman, Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee.

Assault Case at Lake

A teen-age Greenbelt girl was assaulted and slashed with a knife on Sunday, July 9, in a wooded area near the lake at approximately 9:05 p.m. She was treated at Prince Georges Hospital and released. Her assailant, a white male in his early twenties, wore a black corduroy jacket and dark trousers. He was about 5'6" with straight brown hair that fell on his forehead. Police are exploring several leads.

Festival Committee Meets Friday at 8

All interested persons are invited to attend a meeting of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee which will be held on Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Under discussion will be parade, special activities and booths. Those organizations which have already expressed a desire to participate in this year's festivities, scheduled to run from September 1st through the 4th, have been notified of the meeting.

The Committee needs help: Anyone wishing to lend a helping hand in the organization of the Festival will be welcome.

The parade will not be directed by former Police Sergeant Austin Green who could not fit the organization of a parade into his schedule. However, through loyalty to the citizenry of Greenbelt, the Committee is going ahead with plans for a parade anyway. Further details will be announced in future issues of the News Review.

Commends Council

To the Editor:

The City Council should be commended for its selection of Gerald Gough to complete the council term of David Champion. Mr. Gough has, I believe, the sort of principles and convictions that will advance good government and individual rights, and should make an excellent councilman.

Norman L. Kilpatrick

City Notes

Citizens attending the July 10 city council meeting were surprised to see a narrow area across the rear of the council chamber being partitioned off. The new wall, being installed by the Arnold Spiering Co. of Laurel, will help reduce the noise from the air conditioner, which has often interfered with council hearings. It will also provide for an exhaust fan to clear the air when overheated politics fills the room with smoke. In addition, the sectioned-off area will offer a little storage space.

The Public Works Dept. has kept busy with a variety of jobs during the last two weeks. Foremost of these was getting everything ready for the July 4th fireworks display. The wooden bridge for the pathway at the east end of the lake was finished on July 3, and the band stand was ready for its first concert. While the concert, twice postponed, was washed out by rain, the band stand itself formed an attractive climbing frame and stamping ground for the younger set on Sunday night when the fireworks were set off at last.

Other improvements at the Lake Park include installation of basketball backboards at either end of the blacktop court in the playground, the addition of two more park benches, removal of dead trees and trimming of others. The city crew reports that a sizeable clean-up job awaited them at the lake after the fireworks.

Elsewhere in the city the Public Works Dept.: repaired plumbing and installed a new part in the filtering system at the swimming pool; installed, in the lobby of the swimming pool building, two light fixtures removed from the council chamber because of the renovation there; worked on plumbing in the former Athletic Club building, which is being used for the day camp program; cleaned from catch basins debris deposited by heavy weekend rain storms; and cleaned roadsides throughout the city.

City manager James K. Giese and the Superintendent of Public Works, Albert ("Buddy") Attick, attended a workshop on refuse disposal, held in Annapolis on July 11.

Speaking of trash, a query from a member of the audience at Monday's council meeting, elicited the information that the city is planning to experiment with some new, attractively designed special trash receptacles, to be installed at several GHI courts.

University Hills Team Swims Past Greenbelt

The Greenbelt Swim Team met a strong University Hills team at the University Hills pool last Saturday and came up on the losing end of a 246 to 224 score. Although the score was close all the way, the Greenbelters could not quite overtake the host team, even with wins in both boys' and girls' relays.

Of the 42 events, Greenbelt won 17 firsts, 23 seconds and 19 third places to University Hills' 25, 19 and 23 respectively. Kixie Aulisio swam away with four blue ribbons, including the relay, while Heidi Myers collected three with the relay win, and Coleen Kincius went home with two of the top awards.

Next Saturday the Rock Creek Swim Club comes to Greenbelt, with the promise of another hard-fought contest. All swimmers and officials are to report at the pool by 8:30 a.m.

Swim team members may purchase black tank suits at a 10 per cent team discount on Wednesday, July 19, from 8 to 9 p.m. at 127 Northway. All transactions will be cash only.

TOPS COSMETIC DEMO

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will hold a cosmetics demonstration on Monday, July 17, at 8:30 p.m. at the GHI office on Hamilton Place. Guests are cordially invited.

Greenbelters on Board of Fair Housing Group

Lowell Owens, 23-F Ridge, was one of 10 new members elected to the 21-man Board of Directors of Prince Georges County Fair Housing, Inc., at the corporation's annual election on June 28. Owens joins Greenbelters Mrs. Jean Turkiewicz, Bruce Bowman, and Norman Kilpatrick on the group's governing body. John Unger, 8-A Crescent, represents the county organization on the Metropolitan Washington Fair Housing Council, Inc., and was recently elected Vice President of that organization.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Mr. Clarence Shaw,
Minister of Music

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You have registered with the Greenbelt City Clerk. Registration with the County for County, State and National elections does not qualify you for City Elections.

Daily Registration Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Monday thru Friday

SPECIAL REGISTRATION HOURS

Saturday, July 29, 1967 - 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Wednesday, August 2, 1967 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8, 1967 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 19, 1967 - 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

All registrations at City Offices. Registrations close Monday, August 21, 1967 at 4:30 p.m. A list of registered voters as of July 15, 1967 may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office. If you have moved within the City since the 1965 election, please check with the City Clerk to be sure your new address has been recorded in the Registration books.

Nita Maschauer

City Clerk

SPECIAL THANKS

to the Greenbelt Citizens
who actively participated
in the recent zoning
applications on parcels 8 and 15.
YOUR letters and testimony
made the difference.

Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, Inc.

P. O. Box 38

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060
After two delays, Greenbelt's July 4th firework's display went off without a hitch on Sunday. This year the display was unusually colorful and elicited many "oohs" and "aahs" from the large audience, as well as diverting the attention of many Beltway drivers and of at least one airplane pilot, who circled the show to get a better look. The newly-opened lake park concession did booming business, and its rental boats provided several parties with a front-seat view of the fireworks from vantage points on the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. James Archambo

LOST: - Basenji dog - short hair, small, red and white male, scar on chest. Lost in Charlestowne Village area - reward - call 466-4565 days, 474-2977 eves.

63 FORD FAIRLANE for sale, 6 cyl., std., 2 dr., new tires, \$695. 474-4876.

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FOR SALE: - Admiral air conditioner - 1,000 BTU - used 1 season, will sacrifice. 345-1156.

FOR SALE: - 3-Bedroom end brick has many improvements including completely remodeled kitchen, enclosed porch with washer and dryer, ceramic tile bath. Near Center - 474-6051.

and daughter Pamela, 20-J Hillside, recently visited Florida's Silver Springs. They especially enjoyed their exploration of the underwater world in a glass bottom boat.

Hal Silvers, 11 Pinecrest, was elected last week as president of the Maryland Association of Civil Defense Directors. Silvers has served as Prince Georges County Civil Defense Director for 12 years.

News Review editor, Mary Smith, is doing just fine after knee surgery. We all wish her a speedy convalescence.

Cadet Bernard B. Smyth, II, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Smyth of Springhill Lake, is attending Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps summer camp at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Smyth is a student at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

William N. Redisch, 6148 Springhill Drive, received a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in New York.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Helen Aulisio, 2-B Northway, who recently underwent surgery.

Peg Markfield, 17-C Ridge, underwent surgery at Sibley Hospital. We wish her a quick recovery.

Little Christine Pilski, 6 Orange, has mended very well after suffering a head gash on July 4.

A very happy birthday to Beverly Francisco, 2-H Northway, who celebrated her sixteenth birthday last Saturday.

Mrs. Bertie Thompson, 15-S Laurel, spent three weeks with her son, Senior Sergeant First Class Harold L. Thompson, Jr., his wife, Ann, daughter, Teri, and son, Swen, in Frankfort, Germany. Mrs. Thompson met her daughter-in-law's family for the first time and traveled about, visiting Heidelberg, the Black Forest, and Luxembourg. While at the Palmer Gardens in Frankfort she met Art Linkletter, who was video-taping scenes for his "House Party" program. Sergeant Thompson, in the Army for 12 years, is stationed with the 15th Division 7th Army MP Corps.

Our deepest sympathy to John and Cathy Foster, 36-J Ridge, on the loss of their infant.

"Les Ballets Africains" will play at the National Theatre Monday through Thursday evenings at 8:30 P.M. and will offer two performances each on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:15 and 9:45 P.M. There will be no matinee performances.

PFC Patrick Cummings, 19, son of Mrs. Evelyn L. Cummings, 2-H Plateau, was home recently on an

18-day leave after graduating from Airborne Training School June 2 at Ft. Benning, Ga. Cummings, a paratrooper, reported to the United States Army Overseas Replacement Station at Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he flew to join the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. The Jordan Choppers now reside at 6-H Crescent.

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland were adopted on June 27, 1967 by the City Council of Greenbelt. The title of each Resolution, which is a fair summary of each amendment is as follows:

Resolution No. 123

Resolution of the City of Greenbelt adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended), Title "Corporation-Municipal", Sub-Title, "Home Rule", to amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, said Charter Being Section 40 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1963 Edition) and Containing in Whole or in Part the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 40-25, Title "Election of Council" to Provide that the Five Council Offices be Filled by the Five Candidates Receiving Votes Amounting to Forty Per Cent or More of the Number of Electors Voting at the Election, and to Provide for a Second Election in the Event One or More Council Offices Remain Unfilled Because of a Failure of Five Candidates to Receive Votes Amounting to Forty Per Cent or More of the Number of Electors Voting in the First Election or Because of an Equal Number of Votes Being Received by Two or More Candidates, and to Provide that There Shall Be Printed on the Ballot for the Second Election Twice as Many Names of Candidates as There are Positions to be Filled from the Unelected Candidates Polling the Greatest Number of Votes in the First Election or in the Event of an Equal Number of Votes for an Unfilled Office the Names of Those Candidates Receiving an Equal Number of Votes in the First Election.

Resolution No. 124

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City Officials Attend League Conference on Municipalities

by Virginia Beauchamp

Greenbelt was well represented at the recent conference of the Maryland Municipal League, held in Ocean City on June 17-20. Mayor Edgar Smith, councilman William Hoff, Richard Pilski, and Francis White, and city manager James K. Giese attended the 4-day series of meetings.

The main focus of the conference was possible changes in functions and powers of municipalities if certain recommendations of the Eney Commission should be adopted by the forthcoming constitutional convention. The Eney Commission, a body appointed by former governor Millard J. Tawes to make a preliminary study of the constitution of the state of Maryland, has recommended certain changes in the present status of municipalities in relation to county organization. In general, these proposals call for the subordination of municipal units to county governments, where at present cities are responsible directly to the state legislature.

If these proposals are adopted, for example, counties could approve the incorporation of new municipalities, enlarge or reduce their size, require their merger with other cities or their dissolution. Existing cities, however, would be exempt from these provisions, their current powers being modified only by action of their own governing bodies or by the state legislature. Heretofore, municipalities have been established by the voluntary agreement of their citizens to incorporate—usually in order to provide urban services. The counties have traditionally carried certain other specific functions—agricultural extension programs, welfare programs (poor house), health services (hospital), and courts.

Opposition Voiced

Although the purpose of the Municipal League conference was to provide information—not to take action, the consensus of those attending the meetings showed opposition to the proposed changes. Municipal representatives noted that an amendment to the state constitution establishing constitutional home rule for municipalities was adopted as recently as 1951. In their view, this amendment—which gives to the municipalities the right to amend their own charters—is not outdated, a charge which can on the other hand be leveled at many other sections of the state constitution. According to the 1955 amendment, the state legislature is empowered to restrict or add to the powers of municipalities—but to municipalities as a class, not to individual cities.

One section of the Eney report, however, received more favorable attention from convention delegates. This was a section to establish procedures for participation of municipalities in larger metropolitan governments, such as Washington and Baltimore. In the view of many of those present, essential public services like water supply

and sewer facilities can only be effectively provided on a regional basis.

The only specific action of the conference was to authorize the hiring of a special staff of consultants to prepare needed information to sell to the constitutional convention the viewpoint of municipalities toward proposed changes in the constitution. Highlight of the conference, according to Greenbelt delegates, was a panel discussion, whose members showed general agreement with municipal representatives concerning the proposals for city powers contained in the Eney report. Participating in the panel were former governor Tawes, Attorney General Francis Burch, Senator Frederick C. Malokus, Jr., Baltimore City States Attorney Charles E. Moylen, Rockville city attorney George W. Shadoan, and Prince Georges County Commissioner Francis B. Francois.

Two awards for state official of the year, honoring legislative efforts on behalf of municipalities, were presented to Senators Frank Conroy (Prince Georges County) and George E. Snyder (Washington County).

Recreation Review

Teen Club Chatter

The Friday night, July 14, Splash Party will have music provided by the Mystairs. Teen Club Members will be admitted free.

Coming attractions: July 21 - Rick Shinberg's band, the Soul-masters. Forty half dollars will be thrown into the pool.

Summer Basketball Tournament

Ten (10) team limit. All games will be played at Greenbelt, either indoors or outdoors. All rosters are due at the Recreation Department by Friday, July 14. Franchise fees must be submitted prior to the first game. Interested individuals will be referred to a team or organized into a team if there is a volunteer captain.

18 and Under City Junior Tennis Tournament

The deadline for entries is 1 p.m., Thursday, July 13. Call 474-6878 for scheduled playing times after 12 noon on the 14th. Play starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the 15th. Tournament rules are available at the Recreation Department.

Men's Softball

In an exciting 7 to 6 slug-fest, the Villa defeated the Varsity Sport Shop and cinched the first-half championship of the Men's Slow-Pitch League. Both teams had been deadlocked with 7 and 1 records. The final standings for the first half is as follows:

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| 1) The Villa | 8-1 | .888 |
| 2) Varsity Sport Shop | 7-2 | .777 |
| 3) Brass Lantern | 5-3 | .625 |
| 4) Charlestown Throats | 5-3 | .625 |
| 5) Lakeside North | 5-3 | .625 |

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| 6) Springhill Lakers | 5-3 | .625 |
| 7) Greenbelt Fire Dept. | 4-5 | .444 |
| 8) Greenbelt Shell | 1-6 | .143 |
| 9) Boxwood Village | 1-7 | .125 |
| 10) Midway Florists | 0-9 | .000 |

Horseshoe Tournament

Alan Archanbo won the 18 & Under Fourth of July Horseshoe Championship. Mr. Frankhauser defeated Ray Leber, who was the runner-up, for the championship. The Men's Doubles were won by Farrell and Parker, who defeated the runners-up, Hooper and Frankhauser.

Ping Pong Tournament

On Tuesday, July 4, a table tennis tournament was held at the Youth Center. The younger players provided plenty of action with their fast and skillful play. The top two places were taken by Thomas Kelley and Thomas Hibbs, who won the first and second place awards, respectively.

The Youth Center has several ping pong tables available for general play. Players must furnish their own bats. Ping Pong balls are available at a minimum charge from a vending machine.

Track and Field Meet For Boys & Girls

Greenbelt boys and girls, ages 7 - 18, are eligible to enter a Jaycee Junior Champ track and field meet at Crossland High School, Camp Springs, Maryland at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 16.

A week later, on Sunday July 23, at the same location at 1 p.m., the State Junior Champ track and field meet will be held, limited to boys and girls age 15-18, with 13 winners receiving a free trip to National Junior Champ at Des Moines, Iowa. Contestants will pay an entry fee while spectators will be admitted free. Medals will be awarded to the first three winners. Grasstex track requires rubber-soled shoes or special spike shoes. Entrants contact L. Noel, 474-9362.

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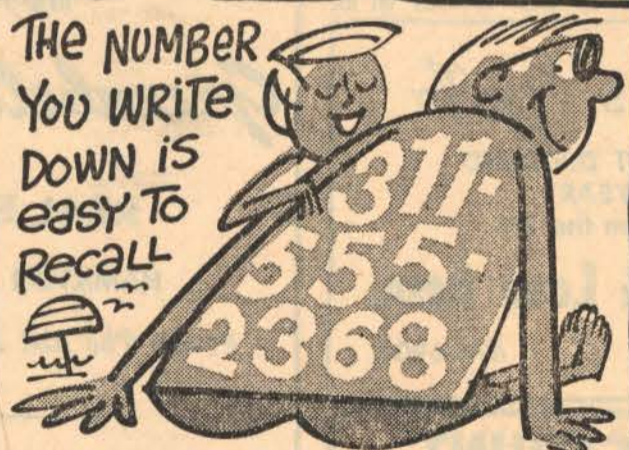
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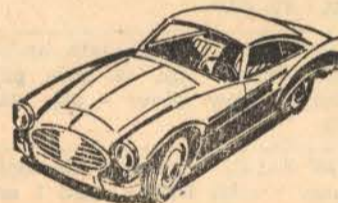
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