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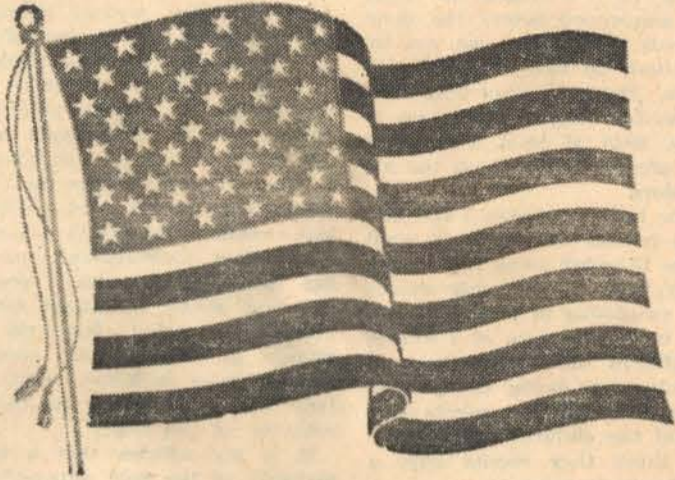
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Our Flag - Show It Proudly!



Fireworks and Concert Will Mark Fourth of July Here

by Janet Weintraub

Greenbelt's annual Fourth of July Celebration promises to be exciting and fun-filled. Music, fireworks, and athletic events will bring the city together and afford everyone the opportunity for a good time.

The annual festivities will begin with a band concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, followed by fireworks, which are scheduled to begin at dark, approximately at 9 p.m. In case of rain the display will be postponed on a day-to-day basis.

The Zambelli Manufacturing Company will again supply the fireworks at a cost of \$1,500, which marks no increase over last year. Among the eighteen-piece ground show will be the Battleship, Niagara Falls and the Airplane, and various other old favorites, as well as several new splashes. The aerial works will include some innovations, and may well be the most exciting ever.

The best view of the fireworks will be from the Lake Park. In addition, those residents who have permits for boats are welcome to watch the display from the water.

The Police Department wishes to remind people that it is both dangerous and illegal for private citizens to set off fireworks.

The Greenbelt Concert Band, under the direction of John Delozanne, will open the program. They will perform "Liberty Bell March," "Universal Judgement," "Glow Worm," "Irish Tune from County Derry," "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" by Bach, "My Regards," which features a saxophone solo, "Latin American Fantasy," and "Bugler's Holiday." The program will end with that annual favorite, "1812 Overture." The City crew will again set off firecrackers for the cannon shot called for in the composition.

Parking will be permitted in the parking lot at the lake, along Crescent Road, and if the land is dry, on the field below the dam and the field south of the new city building. A policeman will be on hand to help direct parking. Those Greenbelt residents who live in walking distance from the Lake are encouraged to walk, because of the large crowds the celebration attracts.

The "Firecracker Tournament" will be held July 2, 3, 4 on Braden Field. Eight softball teams will participate in this tournament. The Boys' Club will be selling refreshments.

A tennis tournament will also be held July 2-5.

RIDING CLUB

The Greenbelt Riding Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tues., July 6 at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Youth Center. A film will be shown following the meeting.

JULY 4 AT MARYLAND U.

A fireworks display, "Pops" concert and a drama production are scheduled for presentation at the University of Maryland at College Park in celebration of July 4.

Free and open to the public, the musical concert at 8 p.m. will feature the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Elliott Galkin. The orchestra also will accompany the fireworks display starting at 9 p.m., performing Handel's "Royal Fireworks Music." The events will be presented in a field adjacent to Parking Lot #1, near University Boulevard.

The 45 minute fireworks display, jointly sponsored by the City of College Park and the Fine Arts Festival of the university's Summer School, will include Liberty Bell, American Flag, Niagara Falls, Barber Poles, a battle reproduction, and a replica of the Iwojima Memorial.

The drama, Edward Albee's "Everything in the Garden," a thesis production of its director William Westerfield, will be presented in the Experimental Theater of the Tawes Fine Arts Center. Ticket information can be obtained by phoning 454-2201.

Labor Day Festival Meeting

There will be a special organizational, instructional and information meeting of the Labor Day Festival Committee on Wednesday, July 14 in the main meeting room of the Greenbelt library at 8 p.m.

All participating organizations will be expected to send a representative.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., July 1, 8:30 p.m. Feature length film - "American's on Everest". Greenbelt National Park.

Sat., July 3, 8 p.m. Folk Festival Music and Square Dancing. (National Folk Festival). Sweetgum Picnic Area, Greenbelt National Park. Free.

Sunday, July 4, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, Fireworks at Dusk.

Tues., July 6, 8 p.m. Riding Club, Youth Center.

Thurs., July 8, 7:45 p.m. G.H.I. Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl. 8:30 p.m. Feature Length Film - "The Great Mojave Desert". Sweetgum Picnic Area, Greenbelt National Park. Free.

GHI Board Discusses Financial Matters

by Sandra Barnes

The operating forecast for the first three months of 1971 was reviewed by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors at its regular meeting June 24. Approximately \$1000 was spent above the amount forecast for this period. The deficit was accounted for by noting that sales department fees were down (all real estate sales have been down during these three months, manager Roy Breashears stated) and services sold to the Greenbelt Development Corporation were above the forecast. (The painting of the exterior of the GDC apartments accounted for most of the \$300 spent that was not foreseen in the budget.) Breashears stated that he felt GHI would catch up in the summer and break even by the end of the year.

Finance committee chairman Darwin Beck reported that over the past 20 years about \$13,000 in profit has been realized by the corporation from the resale of homes which GHI had repurchased. This money has gone into the general cash fund. His committee recommended, and the board approved a motion, to the effect that this money should be put into a special revolving fund which would be used for repurchasing units when necessary and for short-term loans to members, thereby earning interest.

The finance committee also plans to investigate the possibility of enlarging the scope of the financial audit, which might eliminate some of the work proposed in the management audit.

An ad hoc committee will be formed to make recommendations to the board on the six proposals received from the management consulting firms seeking the contract to perform the management-audit for GHI. The survey bids range from \$8,000 to \$27,000, depending on the scope.

Membership Approval

The membership approval system has been questioned by board director Janet James. Miss James' concern stems from the fact that the board, at the time of membership approval, knows little of the person to be approved other than his name, address, and financial record (or ability to make the monthly payments). Some additional information should be known, Miss James feels, in order to ascertain if the prospective member will be able to keep up the appearance of his home and make a good neighbor. Also the board voiced concern over the situation which sometimes occurs when a person purchases a home for a relative. In such cases, does the relative care about maintaining his home as much as an actual owner might? A special committee will be appointed to study this question further.

Littering

The city's new anti-littering ordinance provides that the property owner is responsible for all of the common areas and subject, with certain conditions, to penalty, no matter who does the dumping. This means that GHI might have to pay the penalty for trash on the common areas beside the road, for example.

The manager recommended that this ordinance be referred to an appropriate committee for recommendations and regulations. One possibility is that the nearest court might share the burden of the penalty.

Other

No action was taken on an additional parking lot on Southway because of the generally negative response from nearby courts. There are still some garages avail-

Plans For Greenbriar Project Speeding Up

Upon the request of the developers of the Greenbriar apartment project, the Prince Georges County Planning Board on June 23 approved a Technical Staff report recommending an alternative plan for handling the sewage needs of the project. On April 12, the County Planning Board had recommended denial of a pumping station and force main sewage line for the project that would have used the Anacostia drainage basin and Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The alternative that now has the Planning Board's go-ahead would involve the transfer of sewage from the Anacostia drainage basin to the Western Branch of the Bald Hill Branch (using the Patuxent River estuary). This approval would be contingent on the lifting of the state-imposed sewer moratorium.

Council Winds Up Fiscal Year With Special Meeting

In a brief meeting on Tuesday night — the last of the fiscal year — council adopted a new pay scale for city employees that reflects the 5% increase effective July 1, voted to pay two-thirds instead of one-third of the cost of the employee's health plan, and shifted funds around from surplus accounts to deficit accounts. Council also heard a request from Charles McDonald, new vice-president of the Golden Age Club, for a special waste collection rate for senior citizens.

In a final matter, council was alerted to the fast-moving developments with respect to the Greenbriar apartment project. The developer is seeking several exceptions with respect to the number of 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom apartments, the number of parking spots to be provided, and the width of the buffer zone adjacent to N.A.S.A. In addition, he is seeking a shift in the elementary school site to the corner of Greenbelt Road and Mandan Road and also county approval of a new sewage plan for the project.

City manager James Giese felt that the city would need additional time to look at all these matters. The subject will be on the agenda of the next council meeting on Monday, July 12.

Troop 746 In Project SOAR

by W. Michael Chiville

Project Soar (Save Our American Resources) is a conservation program sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. Several of the projects included are: planting trees or seedlings, cleaning up litter, making the public aware of conservation problems in their locality, prevention of soil erosion by planting grass or other such cover, and paper recycling.

Troop 746 of Greenbelt will be passing out papers entitled "SOAR." This paper cites ten things citizens can do to better the world we live in. Additional copies will be placed at Twin Pines Savings and Loan for those to pick up who have not received a copy or who would like another.

Additional information on what the individual can do may be obtained by writing:

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able for renting. Specifications have been sent to seven firms for bidding on the frame home survey. The aesthetics committee has come up with additional proposed painting regulations which would allow for greater freedom on the part of the member in choosing a color of paint for his home and which would also "retire by attrition" the present colors. The maintenance committee will also look into this broader use of colors and make its recommendations before any final action is taken.

John Gordon and David Bridge have joined the other members of the board (minus Steve Polaschik and David Lange) who will serve as the board of directors for the Greenbelt Development Corporation.

Both treatment facilities are currently subject to the sewage moratorium, but it is anticipated that the Western Branch will have its restrictions lifted first. (There are plans to increase the capacity of the Western Branch.) The Technical Staff said that when the Anacostia drainage basin also has its restrictions lifted, the sewage flow would be diverted back in that direction.

The alternative plan would increase costs about \$400,000 - or double the cost of the original plan. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission expects that the developer will be charged his proportionate share.

The alternative plan would involve two pumping stations instead of one — in addition to the Beaver Creek pumping station there would be a collector pumping station known as the Brier Ditch pumping station. Both pumping stations would pump sewage via force mains to the Bald Hill Branch Trunk sewer for transport to the Western Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Altogether, the alternative plan concurred in by the Planning Board last week would not only involve a revision of project 27.3, but also changes in two other projects — No. 72.1 and No. 57.6 — and introduction of an entirely new project — No. 27.4.

The original sewage plan (project 27.3) for the 1,148-unit Greenbriar project, located on the Smith-Ewing tract north of Greenbelt Road and east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, was to cost \$287,600; \$225,000 for Beaverdam Creek pumping station and \$62,600 for a 16-inch diameter force main. Under the alternative, project 27.3 would cost an estimated \$321,300 to reflect the increased length of the force main and its direction into Bald Hill Branch.

The other cost increases are computed as follows: Project 27.1, which is intended to serve the Glen Ora apartment complex south of Greenbelt Road through Brier Ditch, Branch "A", would now cost \$130,400 instead of the original \$75,000 to reflect the increase in anticipated flow.

The new project 27.4 which consists of the Brier Ditch pumping station and force main to serve both projects 27.3 and 27.1, would cost an estimated \$201,700. Finally, project 57.6 — the already programmed Bald Hill Branch Relief sewer would now cost \$471,200 instead of \$367,200 because of the need to add Branch "T" to accommodate the anticipated increase in flows from the Greenbriar and Glen Ora apartment developments.

In making the recommendation, however, the Technical Staff expressed concern for the ever-increasing sewage service commitments being made in the Western Branch watershed, when it is not now known what the impact will be on the quality of the receiving water of the Patuxent River estuary. It urged that a thorough analysis be undertaken of the subject.

The Planning Board recommendation will now be forwarded to the county council for further action. The county council has already scheduled an all-day hearing on Wednesday, July 14, to consider a request by the Greenbriar developers — Alan Kay and associates — for approval of a special exception to permit bedrooms in excess of the number permitted by zoning ordinance.

Council and Manager Attend Municipal League Convention

A resolution adopted by Greenbelt and a resolution submitted by College Park and supported by Greenbelt were both adopted at the 24th Annual Convention of the Maryland Municipal League, held June 20-23 at Convention Hall in Ocean City. Greenbelt's city council turned out in force to attend the meeting, and city manager James K. Giese also attended.

Greenbelt's resolution, which originated with a committee of city employees on employee benefits, garnered League support in urging the state of Maryland to provide a 20-year retirement plan for police officers in which municipalities could also participate. Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski and Giese appeared before the Resolutions Committee of the League to present the proposal.

Two years previously Greenbelt had attempted to win state legislative support for the same proposal and had also approached the State police with the plan. The legislative session had adjourned that year, however, with no action being taken on the proposal.

Greenbelt also supported a resolution submitted by College Park which endorsed state consideration of legal action against the Big Three automobile manufacturers, who recently discontinued fleet discounts. This action has resulted in higher costs of about \$1000 per vehicle to governmental units in their purchases of police cars and other official vehicles. College Park's resolution also called upon municipalities in the state to withhold purchasing of new vehicles where possible.

Greenbelt an Example

Giese, who attended a special workshop on intergovernmental relations, heard Walter Scheiber, executive director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and a panelist in the workshop, hold up as a good example of intergovernmental relations the recently completed agreement between Greenbelt and College Park to share the latter's sanitary landfill site.

County executive William Gullett, also a panelist, emphasized the county's efforts to work closely with municipalities within its jurisdiction. He particularly signed out two new arrangements which the county is seeking to bring into being: a contractual service whereby municipalities may get extra help from the county police department during emergency situations, and a central garage facility which could be used to service municipal vehicles as well as those belonging to the county.

The third member of the panel was Joseph Anastasi, deputy secretary of the Maryland department of economic and community development and Governor Mandel's liaison with local government.

Other Workshops

Also at the convention Mayor Edgar L. Smith heard the Honorable J. Millard Tawes, former Governor of Maryland, and secretary of the Maryland department of natural resources, and Eugene Jensen, acting deputy assistant administrator for water quality of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, speak on a livable city environment. Councilman Robert McGee attended a workshop in which Richard D. Herzog, director of community services in Rockville, spoke on human resource development.

Pilski, who as Mayor pro tem is expected to assume the mayoralty when Smith steps down to assume his new position as District Court judge, represented Greenbelt at a meeting with Gullett and representatives of 20 other of the 23 cities in the county to discuss ways to improve county-municipal relations.

Senators Edward T. Conroy and Steny H. Hoyer (both D-PG) were named State Officials of the Year at the Awards Banquet which highlighted the convention. Traditionally presented to Maryland state officials who distinguish themselves through outstanding contributions to local government, the award was inaugurated in 1961 and represents the League's highest token of recognition to public officials.

Primers on Auto Purchase Repairs

by Stephen Polaschik

"It's time to buy a new car!" or "It's time to get a 10,000 mile tune-up!" These familiar phrases are heard often in nearly every American home. In some cases, much time and attention is paid to getting the best buy on a new car, or in finding a good mechanic to take care of the old one. Most families, however, take the easy way out and go to the most convenient auto dealer to purchase a car and to get maintenance services.

Two valuable reference books, available through the Greenbelt Library, can help prospective car buyers in their selection of an auto and in finding a reliable automobile garage or mechanic. The first of these books is *How to Save Money When You Buy and Drive Your Car*, by Merle E. Dowd, Parker Publishing Company, Inc., West Nyack, N.Y. The second is *What You Should Know Before You Have Your Car Repaired*, by Anthony Till, Sherbourne Press, Inc., Los Angeles, California.

Dowd, consultant on money management, engineer, and test analyst, presents many money-saving and dollar-stretching ideas for controlling the cost of buying, running and maintaining a car. One mentioned novel idea, which a good amateur mechanic could possibly use, is that of owning disposable cars — buying an older car at a low price and then disposing of it when maintenance expenses get too high. Random chapter titles in this work include "How to Spend Less When You Buy Your New Car," "Learn How to Buy a Used Car With Confidence," "Engine Oil — Your Least Costly Auto Insurance," and "Learn When and How Much to Spend on Car Insurance."

Till's book cover carries this warning: "Don't let any repairman, mechanic, or garage attendant touch your car until you read this book." This note of caution marks Till as a very consumer-oriented author, and his writing brings out many practices by the six types of automobile repair garages which can be considered questionable. Till has very good credentials for reviewing the auto repair business, as he has sold every major type of automobile throughout England, Canada and the United States. He has also held every position of importance in new and used car dealerships, including management of repair departments.

This "What You Should Know Before—" book is extremely easy reading, organized in such a way that the reader is given a tour through all the intricacies and dark corners of the auto repair business. Upon emerging, in the opinion of the reviewer, the car owner is no longer at the mercy of the new car dealer's "Service Advisor," who generally gets a commission on the amount of maintenance work he writes up, or the inexperienced mechanic hiding behind a newly-displayed franchise sign.

These two books are good choices for summer reading for people who are interested in getting the most for their dollar in terms of automobile transportation.

Auxiliary Officers Installed

The newly elected officers of the American Legion Post Auxiliary 136 are as follows: Marjorie Huffaker, president, Shirley Willhobe, first vice-president, Elaine Wood, second vice-president, Lillian McWilliams, secretary, Rusty Beer, treasurer, Nancy Dean, Pauline Anders, Doris Oddie, executive board, Anna Washburn, historian, and Anna Link, chaplain.

School Enrollment Figures

Enrollment at North End and St. Hugh's elementary schools was lower during the recent school year than in previous years, while the student body at Center and Springhill Lake schools increased slightly.

North End's enrollment was 555, some 8% less than last year. The pupil capacity of the school is 600. At St. Hugh's, the enrollment dropped by almost 14%. Two hundred fifty-three youngsters attended classes from first through eighth grades.

The student body at Center School comprised 636, an increase of 5% over last year. The rated capacity of the school is approximately 634 students. Springhill Lake's student body was up by 2.6%. The enrollment at the 750-pupil capacity school this year was 712.

NORAP Presents Comedy, July 8, 9, 10

Continuing its eighth consecutive summer season, The Northwestern Alumni Players, (NORAP) presents Neil Simon's hilarious comedy "Barefoot in the Park" on July 8, 9, and 10 in the modern, air-conditioned NORAP auditorium, located adjacent to Northwestern High School at Adelphi and Belcrest Roads in Hyattsville near Prince Georges Plaza.

The box office is open daily from 1 to 9 p.m. Seats may be reserved in advance by calling 864-2118.

During the past seven years NORAP has contributed over \$11,000 in Fine Arts Scholarships and educational grants to deserving area students and will continue to use profits towards this goal.

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Twin Pines Newsletter

TWIN PINES SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN. GREENBELT SHOPPING CENTER GREENBELT, MD., 20770

JULY, 1971

SAVINGS GROWTH SLOWS

The savings of our members in Twin Pines continue to grow, but not as rapidly as during the early part of this year. This past quarter they increased \$180,000, compared with an increase of \$245,000 the first quarter of 1971.

The number of federal government employees sending pay allotments to Twin Pines has shown a steady growth too. Twin Pines pays the cost of this convenient, automatic way to save.

Twin Pines members who work for the following federal agencies are saving with us this way: Government Printing Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Reserve Board, Agricultural Research Service, Smithsonian Institution, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Security Agency, National Science Foundation, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, U.S. Patent Office, Naval Ship R & D Facility, Federal Housing Administration, U. S. Information Agency, National Weather Service, U. S. Postal Service, and the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

TWIN PINES CLOSES LAST DAY EACH QUARTER

Twin Pines is closed to the public the last day of each quarter in order to give the staff uninterrupted time to calculate dividends and post them to the account cards. This has helped reduce the number of errors, and enables the statements to be completed by the opening of business the first day of each quarter.

CURRENT DIVIDEND RATES	
Regular Savings	5 1/2%
Savings Certificates	5%
*(Multiples of \$1000 for 1 yr.)	
CURRENT LOAN RATES	
Co-op Home Loans	8.6%
(Includes Life Insurance)	
Loans on Savings	8.3%
(Includes Life Insurance)	
Individual Home Loans	8%
(No Life Insurance)	

STILL WORKING ON DEPOSIT INSURANCE

In our continuing effort to secure insurance for our members' savings accounts we are continuing to supply the Maryland Savings-Share Insurance Corporation with more information on our operations. Latest topic to be covered was the pros and cons of recording the mutual ownership contracts assigned to us as security for Co-op home loans. From now on, in addition to having the contracts assigned to us, we will be holding the contracts themselves.

Another question we have been working on is the marketability of these Co-op home loans. The Insurance Corporation wants assurance they could sell them if they ever had to assume operations of Twin Pines. We've learned there is a good market for them at credit unions, savings and loan associations, and commercial banks.

TONI DURANTINE RESIGNS

Toni Durantine submitted his resignation from the Board of Twin Pines, and the resignation was accepted with regret. Toni has served on the Board of Directors and its Personnel Committee since 1968. Prior to that he served on the Twin Pines Supervisory Committee.

Mrs. Leatrice Wainscott, who was elected first alternate Board member at the last membership meeting was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy.

There are now seven members and one alternate on the Twin Pines Board of Directors. They meet monthly. Their next meeting is Friday, July 23rd at 8:30 p.m. in the Twin Pines office. Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings.

TWIN PINES SHOWS GOOD SIX MONTHS EARNINGS

Twin Pines income for the first half of 1971 totaled \$126,000, expenses were \$42,000, leaving net earnings of \$84,000. Some \$72,000 of this was paid to members in dividends, leaving \$12,000 for reserves. Total assets of Twin Pines at the

Renew Savings Certificates

The one-year Savings Certificates which came due on July 1st will be automatically renewed unless turned in for payment. Letters were sent to all holders of these certificates on June 1st.

During the past year these certificates were earning a 6 1/2% return. During the coming year they will earn dividends at our current rate on certificates, which is 5%.

All certificates, no matter when purchased, receive 5 1/2% dividends compounded quarterly, the same as regular savings accounts. Then at the maturity date they receive the extra dividend and a statement indicating the total balance in the certificate account. The extra dividend is labeled "SD" on the statement. The certificate account statements bear the regular account number followed by the letters "SC".

If you have questions about your statements, please phone or write us and we will do our best to answer your questions.

BIG INCREASE IN LOANS

During April, May and June this year Twin Pines made 68 loans on Co-op homes. This was a big increase over the 29 similar loans made the first quarter, and the 19 made the second quarter of last year.

Our total loans outstanding have increased more than \$153,000 since the first of April.

Twin Pines is also lending the money for the addition to the Jewish Community Center in Greenbelt. The addition consists of a new kitchen and eight classrooms. Construction began in late May and should be completed early in October.

end of June were approximately \$2,890,000.

The dividends are calculated on multiples of \$10, on the minimum balance in the account between the 15th and the last day of each month. They are posted to the accounts and compounded quarterly.

SOCC Reviews Year Elects New Officers

At the Save Our Community Committee membership meeting on June 21, Charles McDonald was elected chairman. Other new officers are Thomas X. White, vice chairman; Eunice Coxon, secretary; and James Welsh, treasurer. Members of the executive committee are Dorothy Baluch, Irene Hensel, Nathan Hughes, and the immediate past co-chairman, Rhea Cohen and William Lathom.

Reviewing their first year, Mrs. Cohen noted that SOCC initiated the protest over the senior high school Parcel 2 site which resulted in the removal of the school. She said that although the Prince Georges Board of Education has given FDR Senior High School high priority in its building program, the State Board of Public Works may need to be persuaded to release construction funds for the school when these will be required this fall.

It was recalled that in March, 1970, SOCC advocated City purchase of Parcels 1 and 2 to restore the original outer greenbelt, and insisted that the middle portion of the proposed perimeter road, which would cut through these properties was not needed. Now that the rezoning hearing on the tracts has been postponed indefinitely, Mrs. Cohen added, both issues seem to be on the way to resolution.

The SOCC instructed its new executive committee to testify in the opposition at the July 14 District Council hearings on the Greenbriar Apartments special exceptions, parking waiver and zoning variance, as well as at the yet-unscheduled hearing on the six-mile sewer program amendment for the same tracts. On the latter issue SOCC decided to oppose all of the proposed sewer changes except the one which will serve the new high school.

Guest speaker for the evening was James Vance, a computer analyst, and well-known attorney for community civic groups. He estimated that annual zoning profits in Prince Georges County amount to \$25-to-\$50 million and that industrial rezoning brings from 10 to 25 times the original price of land. To counterbalance the pressures of the powerful PG real estate industry, Vance stressed that vigilant citizens' associations, such as SOCC, must play a major role in county planning, particularly at hearings.

TRAFFIC TIPS

Keep your wheels straight while waiting to make a left turn. If you turn your wheels to the left in anticipation, you may be accidentally hit from behind and pushed into on-coming traffic.

An extremely slow driver on a freeway designed for high speed traffic is a menace. Both abnormally high speeds and low speeds that deviate sharply from the normal traffic flow are dangerous and should be avoided.

Trinkets hanging in car windows or non-official stickers on windows are real distractions. Good vision is all important to safe driving, so keep your car windows free of gadgets or anything that obstructs your view.

Fishing Safety Tips

Before dropping that first line into the water when the fishing season opens, fishermen are cautioned to go over a few safety rules that may prevent death or serious injury. The Prince Georges County Chapter, ARC, offers the following tips:

- (1) Know how to swim and how to administer first aid;
- (2) Carry a first aid kit, needle-nose pliers, wire cutters and a pocket knife;
- (3) Always look before casting and use an overhead cast when in a boat with others;
- (4) If you fish alone leave word where you will be and when you plan to return;
- (5) When wading, step cautiously to avoid slipping on rocks or falling into deep holes;
- (6) If you snag yourself with a hook, cut off the line, bandage the wound and seek immediate medical treatment. Don't risk further injury by trying to remove a deeply imbedded hook;
- (7) Never stand up in a small boat while fishing;
- (8) Carry a life preserver for each person on the boat;
- (9) Don't go out onto open water in threatening weather.

New National Flood Insurance Program

The National Flood Insurance Program enacted by Congress offers the means whereunder homeowners and small businessmen can obtain insurance protection against property losses from floods and mudslides. Encouraging the widespread use of this opportunity is regarded as a Red Cross responsibility since its Congressional Charter obligates the Red Cross to carry on measures to prevent suffering caused by floods and other calamities.

As amended in 1969, the National Flood Insurance Program makes available flood and mudslide insurance at subsidized rates to homeowners, renters (who may obtain coverage on household possessions) and small businessmen in communities which have become eligible for this insurance coverage. According to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the residents of Prince Georges County (except Laurel) are eligible for this insurance.

The program makes available coverage up to \$17,500 for single family structures and up to a maximum of \$30,000 for two-to-four family structures. In addition, coverage up to \$5,000 on the contents of each unit can also be obtained. The premiums range from 40c to 50c per \$100 for private dwellings and from 50c to 60c on household contents. Slightly higher rates provide comparable coverage for small businesses.

It should be noted, that if insurance is not purchased within one year of the date the community becomes eligible, those who could have purchased it without undue hardship are not eligible for other federal disaster benefits such as low-cost SBA or FHA loans.

Residents may purchase flood insurance policies from any local property and casualty insurance agent or broker licensed to do business within the State.

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Firecracker Tournament

The annual Greenbelt Firecracker Tournament got under way last week with three games under the lights on June 25. First round play continued on the 36th with three more games. In the first round Greenbelt Shell defeated Thompson Fence. In the second round of play in the losers bracket on the same day P. G. Properties defeated Thompson Fence.

Play will continue Friday night when Minnieks meets Ledo's in the winners bracket. That game will be followed by two games in the losers bracket. The winner will play Greenbelt Shell Saturday at 1 p.m. in the semi-finals. This game will be followed by the finals in the losers bracket. The Tournament will terminate July 4 at 1 p.m. with the possible game at 2:30 p.m. Tournament schedules are available from the announcers booth at the ball field.

Jogging Program

A jogging program, open to all, will start this Saturday, July 3 at the Peninsula on Greenbelt Lake. Group Jogging will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at which time information will be available on jogging in this area.

Nearby courses are: Around the perimeter of the lake 1 1/4 miles and 2 and 5 mile courses in Greenbelt Regional Park.

A pamphlet on jogging is available. Trophies will be awarded to those who jog regularly or meet a minimum mileage in a 3-month period. Call Mike Talbot 345-3688 or Larry Noel 474-9362.



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The Children's Department of the Greenbelt Library is offering a variety of programs this summer for children ages four through twelve. There will be story program for four and five year olds for which parents may register at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 6 in the Meeting Room. The children may be registered for either Mondays at 2 p.m., July 12 - August 16 or Tuesdays at 10 a.m., July 13 - August 17.

Craft programs for ages six through twelve will be held on Thursdays at 2 p.m., July 8 - July 29. Registration is required a week prior to each scheduled program. The crafts include collage, rock turtles, puppets, and print-making.

The "W.E.B.'s", a Book Discussion group for ages ten through twelve, will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning July 7th. New members are welcomed.

Three familiar children's stories will be performed by puppets in a miniature theater on August 12 at 11 a.m., August 18 at 2 p.m., and August 21 at 11 a.m.

For further information contact the children's department of the Greenbelt Branch of Prince Georges County Memorial Library at 345-5800.

During the months of July and August the Hyattsville Library will close at 6 p.m. on Fridays, rather than at 9 p.m.

by Mike "Turtle" Jones

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