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Council Vetoes Special Exception For Extra Greenbriar Apartments

by Al Skolnik

By unanimous vote, Greenbelt city council last Monday night recommended to the county zoning authorities disapproval of the request of the Greenbriar owners for a special exception permitting construction of 2- and 3-bedroom apartments in excess of the number allowed by the zoning ordinance. It also recommended denial of the parking waiver that accompanied the special exception. This action was taken in anticipation of a county council hearing scheduled on these matters for Wednesday (July 14).

Many arguments were advanced by councilmen and members of the audience (which numbered almost 100) against the special exception, but the factors that seemed to weigh most heavily in the council's decision were

(1) lack of guarantees that the project, which is to be located on 82+ acres on the eastern and western ends of the Smith-Ewing North tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, will contain the features promised by the owners, Greenbriar Associates (Alan I. Jerome D., and Stanley G. Kay).

(2) fears that the special exception would increase the population density and the traffic problem, and overtax the recreational and parking facilities planned for the project.

(3) failure of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission to require the developer to dedicate 10 percent of the project area (8 acres) as open space under the county "mandatory dedication ordinance."

The developer, bolstered by testimony from planners, engineers and architects, attempted to overcome the objections, but the council attitude seemed to be that too much was being asked for at one time, too fast. In addition to the special exception and the parking waiver, the developer had indicated that he would be proposing a relaxation of the building line setback adjacent to NASA, a change in the elementary school site, and an alternate, more costly, sewage plan for the project.

Developer's Case

The gist of the argument made by Richard Schifter, representing the owners, was that the special exception is needed to assure development of Greenbriar as a luxury-type, high-quality, project. Under the present bedroom ordinance, 50% of the units must be 1-bedroom units, 40% 2-bedroom units, and 10% 3-bedroom units, with dens and family rooms counted as bedrooms.

The developer is proposing a modification that would permit 31% 1-bedroom apartments, 48% 2-bedroom apartments, and 21% 3-bedroom apartments, with dens and family rooms not counted as bedrooms. According to the developer, this would mean 374 1-bedroom units, 574 2-bedroom units and 245 3-bedroom units. Under the existing ordinance, the number of units would be 596-477-120, respectively.

The special exception is sought, Schifter said, to make it possible for the project to attract tenants willing to pay high rents by offering certain amenities such as large-size units with dens and family rooms. Cutting down the number of one-bedroom apartments will assure a stable residential population. "A high turnover rate detracts from the quality of the development, tends to result in the tenants exercising less care in the use of common facilities, thus making it more difficult to maintain the luxury character of the project," Schifter declared. The special exception is also needed to assure the loan commitment, he added.

Schifter observed that the bed-

room ordinance was originally adopted by the county in 1968 to discourage the expansion of Federal-subsidized housing projects with their large number of 2 and 3-bedroom apartments. Obviously, he said, the ordinance is not directed at a luxury-type project such as Greenbriar.

Luxury-type Project

Greenbriar is called a luxury-type project because of the following features: apartments with family rooms, large patios, fully equipped kitchens which include washers and dryers in each unit, community building, and outdoor recreation facilities including a swimming pool, tennis courts, softball fields, and play areas.

Schifter said that this type apartment will be of benefit to the city of Greenbelt, not only because it will attract a stable residential population, but because of the tax revenue that will accrue to the city. He quoted estimates from city manager James K. Giese that in the first few years of the project the city can expect to receive a net benefit of about \$75,000 in tax revenue (after deducting the cost of city services provided the project). Schifter also mentioned the advantages to the city of having among its residents families whose relatively high income will yield increased State income taxes which are shared with municipalities.

The council had before it recommendations by the MNCPPC Technical Staff, the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for denial of the special exception. The major reasons given concerned fears that

BULLETIN

After an all-day hearing at which the only witnesses heard were the representatives of MNCPPC and the Greenbriar project, the county council, sitting as the District Council, yesterday recessed the special exception hearing until Tuesday, August 10.

One new development was a disclosure by the developer, Alan Kay, that he was entering negotiations with the Greenbelt city council regarding the dedication of land to the city for additional baseball and football fields. "It will be either 5 acres of land or equivalent money and it will be in addition to the fee in lieu of dedication required by the county ordinance," he said. "It appears that the people of Greenbelt feel that the project does not contain enough facilities of this kind, though our project has more recreation than any other in Prince Georges county."

the recreational and other public facilities proposed for the project would not be ample to accommodate the increased density proposed by the special exception. The Technical Staff had estimated that the increase in total number of bedrooms under the exception would be from 1,910 to 3,778 (counting dens and family rooms as bedrooms).

Schifter contended that the increase in the number of bedrooms for the 1,193-unit project would really only be from 1,910 to 2,257, an increase of 18 percent, because the family rooms and dens should not be counted as bedrooms. The family rooms are simply extensions of the kitchen room and are not suitable as bedrooms, he said.

Desire Low Density

But the main point made by Schifter was that the developer is also interested in keeping density low and not having the dens used as sleeping quarters, as overcrowding would destroy the character of the development. The developer, he said, intends to impose lease restrictions limiting the number of residents of one-bedroom apartment to two adults, of a two-bedroom apartment to two adults and two children and a three-bedroom apartment to two adults and three children. Furthermore, this requirement will be a condition for granting the exception, which then can be legally enforced by the county. Thus, the developer will, by controlling the number of persons who may live in any one apartment, prevent the use of the family rooms or the dens as bedrooms, Schifter said.

Schifter stressed that with these legally enforceable occupancy limitations, the number of people living at Greenbriar would be less than if the tract were developed as an ordinary R-30 apartment project. It was noted that the density under the present zoning ordinance could be as much as 4,350, whereas the Prince Georges County Planning Board is recommending a 3,400 population limitation as part of the special exception for Greenbriar.

Reaction

Members of the audience and council were not sure how enforceable these occupancy limitations would be, especially, as councilman Joel Katz said, if the housing market should sour and the vacancy See GREENBRIAR, p. 4, col. 1

Pilski Succeeds Smith As Greenbelt Mayor

Richard R. Pilski was sworn in as Greenbelt's fifteenth mayor at Monday's council meeting. He succeeds Edgar L. Smith who resigned to accept appointment as judge of the District Court of Maryland. Pilski was first appointed to council in 1963 and then was elected on his own in 1965. He was reelected in 1967 and 1969.

The council voted not to fill the council vacancy because of the short period of time left to the next council election which is scheduled for September 21. Pilski voted against the motion.

Read at the meeting was Smith's letter of resignation. Smith took note of the many changes and accomplishments that have taken place since he first started serving the city in 1959. The principal challenge, he said, has been to maintain the many unique qualities of the city that have resulted

District Court Opens In Greenbelt

Prince Georges County District court plans to open a courtroom in the Greenbelt Municipal Building beginning Monday, July 19, at 10 a.m. The District Court recently replaced the People's Court in the County. Judge Thomas Brooks will probably preside at first, though plans call for judges to rotate. Court proceedings will take place in the Council Chambers, while the council office will serve as the judge's chambers exclusively.

According to city manager James G. Giese, a court located in the city will be a convenience to residents and the Police Department. Policemen will no longer have to travel to Hyattsville where they have spent many hours waiting to appear. Although the Greenbelt court is temporary, it may be set up as a permanent court at a later date.

WHAT GOES ON

Sat., July 17, 3 p.m. Showmobile "Sorcerers' Apprentice, Greenbelt Lake.
Mon., July 19, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Build.
Tues., July 20, 8 p.m. PRAB Sub-committee on Pollution Ordinance, Municipal Build.
Wed., July 21, 8 p.m. National Organization for Women (NOW) Co-op Hospitality Room
Thurs., July 22, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Subcomm. Meets On Pollut'n Ordinances, Public Invited

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board sub-committee on pollution ordinances will meet in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 20, at 8 p.m. There will be discussion on open space and tree protection programs. The public is invited.

Smith Statement

Following are excerpts from Mayor Smith's resignation letter of July 5 outlining what he believes to be the main accomplishments of the city during his tenure in office.

"Our problems and battles were many. We faced unresponsive and unconcerned elected and appointed officials in many places. We opposed developers whose interests were strongly divergent from ours. Twice we took our case to the highest court in the state. The issues are still well known. The Master Plan. The location of a high school. Zoning revisions. Land development practices. Covenants and agreements. While we were not always successful and while there are still many problems relating to the growth and development of the city which remain unresolved, we have achieved a substantial decrease in the density of development which will occur in Greenbelt, and we have brought about a considerable change in the attitude and thinking of those county officials who must make the decisions which vitally affect our city. Greenbelt's voice is now heard throughout the county and listened to with respect.

"As to physical accomplishments of the city during the time I have served, I believe the most important action to be the institution in 1965 of a land acquisition program which resulted in the preservation of Greenbelt Lake as a public park, and the acquisition of fifty-five acres of land with the assistance of federal matching funds. Also of particular significance was the approval in 1968 of a major capital improvement program, still in progress, which has resulted in the reconstruction of Southway, the construction of Gentry Drive to serve Springhill Lake, the construction of additions to the Youth Center and the Fire Station, the purchase of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church property on Ridge Road, and the planning of a recreation center soon to be constructed in Springhill Lake. Other improvements to the city include the reconstruction of the swimming pool, the construction of a new public works facility, the reconstruction of Parkway Road and Laurel Hill, the connecting of Greenhill Road to Hillside, and major curb construction and street widening in several locations as well as major street resurfacing."

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**Edgar L. Smith
10 Years of Service**

Edgar L. Smith's resignation as Mayor of Greenbelt marks the end of ten years of service on city council, more than six of which he has served as mayor. First elected to council in 1959, he chose not to run in 1961. When he ran again in 1963, he received the highest vote and was chosen mayor by his colleagues. He then was elected for three more terms, and as top vote-gatherer in 1965 and 1967 was chosen again to serve as mayor.

When Edgar Smith's first term as mayor began in 1963, the city, already lured by the siren songs of those who argued that the salvation of Greenbelt lies in development of the vacant land, was entering a period of growth and transition. New subdivisions — Springhill Lake, Charlestowne Village, Boxwood Village, and Lakeside North — had sprung up to supplement the New Deal Greenbelt town.

This growth was soon accompanied by citizen disillusionment as developers disregarded covenants and fought master plans that were intended to restrict density and provide for orderly development. During the next few years, Greenbelt's attempts to stem the tide of high density development were only partly successful, as county zoning authorities and the courts repeatedly ruled against Greenbelt.

Yet throughout this period of trial and tribulation, Mayor Smith's adherence to the concept of Greenbelt as a low-density planned residential community remained steadfast. Even when the odds and pressures were greatest, he could be counted on to stand up for the public interest. By his example, he mustered a majority on council and helped to consolidate community support in favor of the original goals of Greenbelt. During the last few years, most of these efforts were crowned with success, as the College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan was adopted and the frantic growth of new developments in Greenbelt subsided.

A not insignificant quality which made citizens responsive to Mayor Smith's leadership was his ability to preside over a city council meeting. With calmness and firmness, he kept discussions within reasonable bounds; everyone was assured of having his say; and at the end one could normally be assured of action of some type.

No headline-seeker, Mayor Smith's quiet, effective manner instilled confidence and the public responded by electing him to council five times. We wish him well in his new career as District Court Judge.

G'belt Nat'l Park Events

Thurs. July 15, 8:30 p.m. Feature Length Film - "One Day at Teton Marsh". Sweetgum Picnic Area, Free.
Sat. July 17, 8:00 p.m. Valerie Steinberg, folk singer. Earl Williams Bluegrass Band. (National Folk Festival Assn.) Sweetgum Picnic Area, Free.
Thurs. July 22, 8:30 p.m. Feature Length Film - "The Winged World". Sweetgum Picnic Area, Free.

**Children's Theatre
At Lake Park Sat.**

A magic broom, exciting music and hilarious comedy arrive in Greenbelt with the SHOWMOBILE of the Children's Theatre Association, and the presentation of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. The SHOWMOBILE is a traveling theatre designed to pack up actors, make-up, and scenery, and unfold anywhere in the state of Maryland, ready, within an hour, to present a complete play. SHOWMOBILE will present *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* at Greenbelt Lake Park on Saturday, July 17, at 3:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. There is no charge for admission. You are urged to bring something to sit on while watching *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*.

NORAPPresentsCabaret

The Northwestern Alumni Players will present *Cabaret* on July 29, 30 and 31 at 8:30 p.m. in the Northwestern Auditorium on Adelphi Road in Hyattsville. For further information, call Sheldon Michelson at 864-2118.

**GRIPPING COLOR FILM
AT BAPTIST CHURCH**

A new full color motion picture, "To Russia With Love" will be shown at Greenbelt Baptist Church, Crescent & Greenhill Rds., on July 18 at 8 p.m. Many of the scenes were filmed inside Russia and portray life as it is in communist lands today. The narrator is Pastor Stephan Bankov, a young man who recently escaped from behind the iron curtain with his wife and two children. The public is invited to view this exciting and informative film. There is no admission charge.

Walk-In Counseling

Free, professional counseling services are available to any resident of Prince Georges County on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Walk-In Counseling Center located at Northwestern Senior High School in Hyattsville.

Staffed with psychologists, school counselors and pupil personnel workers from the school system, the center has been one of seventeen in operation during the 1971 school year.

Groups have been organized at the center to deal with specific problem areas. There are rap sessions for youth who may wish to discuss anything from dating to the use and effect of drugs. Group sessions are also being organized for unwed mothers, parents of children with learning problems at the elementary, junior and senior high levels, and even for senior citizens experiencing problems.

For information call Mrs. Marie Goslin, 868-6203 or 6209 or Mr. George Renny, 864-5653.

Indoor Pool Needed

To the Editor:

I believe all of Greenbelt would benefit from an indoor swimming pool, and I believe that now is the time to build one. We already have a great variety of summer activities — in our Youth Center, ballfield, parks and, yes, our existing swimming pool; but there is rather little available during the rest of the year. An indoor pool will help keep us and our youngsters fit and healthy throughout the year and provide an opportunity for a quick dip after a tiring workday or a leisurely swim on a weekend. It would be even more important for the elderly, the handicapped and people with emphysema and similar breathing disorders, for all of whom year-around swimming is one of the best possible medicines. Yes, we indeed need an indoor pool.

Till Bergemann, M.D.

Pro Indoor Pool

To the Editor:

With the continually growing popularity of scuba and skin diving, more facilities are needed in which to give instruction. What better place than the proposed indoor pool at Greenbelt.

A few years ago when I became interested in learning to dive, I had to travel to Northern Virginia for instruction. The number of people who wanted to learn these skills far outnumbered the facilities available.

Since that time, the popularity of scuba and skin diving has increased. But, the facilities have not. As one who really enjoys this sport, I can see no better place for having the needed facilities for learning and practicing than right here in Greenbelt.

Bob Mongelli

The Three-Wheeler

To the Editor:

What bright promise The Three-wheel Bike (adult) holds for the Senior Citizen! Just think — no need for dumbbells, long hikes, jogging or calisthenics of any kind! Bikes and bowling will not only establish but maintain a find-it-yourself fountain of youth for the Senior Citizen regardless of the passing of time. It will open up an undreamed of whole new world of physical fitness, with its built-in social potential for widening our circle of friends and general acquaintances. People do need people to exchange thoughts and feelings, from which fruitful understanding is bound to evolve. Understanding is the root of all spiritual growth.

I have the delicious feeling that many of those now limited to Bingo not only will be mounting their bikes, but will embrace the wonderful, all-age family sport of bowling, and reduce, if not do away with that unwholesome generation gap. The need is great, the benefits are greater. First we must get underway with the cycle path suggested by Charles McDonald, former Greenbelt manager. We must not only approve the idea; we must strive vigorously to make this a reality. We can do it; if we activate, we automatically liberate, the Senior Citizen. As I said a moment ago, what bright promise!

Vivian Paduda

\$1,600,000 Grant to WSSC

Rep. Larry Hogan (R-Md.) announced on July 8 that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has been awarded a \$1,591,133 grant for expansion of its western branch water waste treatment plant in Prince Georges County.

Hogan reported that the grant from the Environmental Protection Agency is designed to increase its plant treatment capacity to 30 million gallons daily. The Congressman added that the newest grant, coupled with earlier EPA grants totalling \$509,877, brings the current federal contribution for the WSSC's plant expansion to slightly more than \$2.1 million.

The entire cost of the plant expansion has been estimated at \$8,828,000, according to Congressman Hogan. The anticipated completion date is January, 1973.

Opposed to Queen Contest

To the Editor:

Since the Labor Day Festival is again approaching, I wish to stand up and be counted as one opposed to the annual Queen contest and instead see an outstanding Greenbelt man and woman honored for service to our community. The time is long past due for us to recognize those of our citizens who put in endless hours on committees, who are willing to sign their names to petitions and take a public stand to door when necessary, who will make contributions to finance some of our crusades, and give freely of their talents for the benefit of all of us.

What significance has the selection of a so-called "queen"? The girl is chosen for a well developed body and a "good personality", although nobody on earth has ever successfully defined the latter. Not only does this honor very little, but it is also a community recognition of the rather vicious attitude that the most important talents any young woman should cultivate are to be pleasing, to have an attractive smile, and to have certain proper physical proportions.

This is simply not enough to justify honor, and has resulted too long in creating a rather sick standard of values not only in women but in men too. Humans are not merely animals; they are capable of many unique qualities — humanitarianism, intellectuality, honesty, creativity, kindness, appreciation of beauty, awareness of other people. Insisting that for women personality and a well developed body are the summum bonum is unfair to all the human race, not only women.

Katherine Keene

**Champion Weight Lifter
To Defend Title in Dallas**

To the Editor:

The U.S. Weight Lifting Championship Tournament will be held in Dallas, Texas, in Sept. 1971. Entered in the championships is Allen Lord, Takoma Park. Allen is one of the regular Monday and Wednesday night volleyball players. He plays volleyball to stay loose. He is National Champion in the Featherweight Class and will be competing to retain his title.

Since Dallas is a fur piece away there will be considerable expense involved. Many of Allen's friends are anxious to help defray the expenses so they are making contributions.

We urge anyone who would like to help Allen to send a check for any amount to the Allen Lord Fund, c/o David J. C. Grego, 129 Northway Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770.

David Grego

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GHI Members Pepper Board With Questions

by Sandra Barnes

It was a typically warm summer evening last July 8 that saw some 15 or 20 people turn out to attend a not very unusual Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board of directors meeting. Included in the audience were several members of the Greenbelt Mutual Home Owners Association (who first emerged into existence during the May elections) as well as the three audit committee and other GHI members.

The board unanimously went on record as opposing the special exceptions on the Greenbriar apartment project and to notify the City Council and the District Council of its position. Specifically, GHI objected to the waiving of the part of the ordinance which would allow the developer to refrain from counting the den as a bedroom.

Members Participate

From the audience, Ed Devonshire wanted to know the cost per year for hot water and the condition of the hot water lines. Manager Roy Breashears stated that the cost varied from year to year. Also, the copper lines for the brick homes were in good condition, but some of the galvanized lines for the frame homes were being replaced. Devonshire then suggested that the corporation might save a great deal of money by installing an electric water heater in each home. Breashears replied that this question was one which the structural survey should answer. Devonshire was also instructed to present the idea to the maintenance committee of which he is a member.

Another proposal suggested by Devonshire, the installation of outdoor siding to replace painting of the homes, will also be a subject for the structural survey and the maintenance committee to consider.

Another member, Eunice Coxon, then wanted to know if siding was going to replace the paint program (using various color schemes in a prearranged pattern) which she "had given many hours of my valuable time" to producing. And Martha Hutzler stated that her only interest in the corporation was seeing that a management audit was performed.

Gordon Allen wanted to know why GHI was "dragging its feet on the heavy work" to be done on the townhouses. Breashears commented that there was no intentional slowdown, but that sometimes there were more pressing demands on the maintenance men to work elsewhere. As far as he knew, Breashears further held, only basement, sidewalk, and patio slab work remained to be completed.

In response to another member's question about whether the monthly payments would be raised on January first, the board demurred on giving any final answer. Board members pointed out, however, that they hoped the membership would consider the deferred payment plan which would postpone any raise for about 75 families on low incomes until such time as they sold their homes, and then the corporation would recover the money owed.

Other Business

The board postponed acting on a probable increase in rent, to cover rising janitorial costs, the GDC apartment residents. The board will make its final decision following a meeting on July 22 of the GDC board.

The board agreed to allocate \$25 for prizes and \$10 for the queen in the Labor Day Festival after strong objection to the \$10 by director Katherine Keene, who felt that such contests contribute to perpetuating "only women's capacities as breeders." Unless there was a similar contest for men, she opposed GHI's sponsorship of a queen in the festival.

Finally, the meeting ending with unbelievable speed at 9:30 p.m., Janet James complimented the work of the audit committee and, in particular, its chairman, Alexander Barnes, by saying "Alex is fantastic."

GREENBELT GRAB BAG

by Punchin' Judy

Pete was one week old when we first made his acquaintance. He mewled at us disapprovingly and his mother hissed a warning to stay away from her kittens. Five weeks later she had grown bored with her family and assured us that she would not object to our taking the whole litter.

We took Petey home, and although he had been the runt of the litter, he grew up strong and healthy. He also grew extremely vocal, a trait inherited either from a rumored Siamese grandparent or his adopted family. His grammar was good enough, but his expletives sometimes lacked elegance. He used some of his choicest phrases to deplore our lack of judgment when a son was born to us. But boy loved cat, and long before he could say "mommy" and "daddy" he would call for "keet", a neat compromise between kitty and Pete.

A daughter arrived three years later, and Petey accepted the new addition philosophically. She learned to walk at nine months only so that she could follow the cat around. He mellowed to the point where she was allowed to trundle him in a doll carriage and to drape him over her shoulders like a stole.

Pete was outraged when a dog joined the household. An armed truce was finally negotiated when the pup agreed never to touch the cat food without permission. This armistice did not extend to other canines. On one occasion Petey attacked and successfully routed a German shepherd who had strayed into our yard.

The main object of competition, though, was the telephone. At the first ring, Pete would be on the spot to harass the person answering. This, he averred, was the very moment he needed to be fed, watered, or scratched behind the ears. There were claws on those velvet paws to enforce his demands.

When he was eight years old we mourned that he was aging. However, mathematics not being his field, he did not count the years. Ten more years passed, and Pete was now filled with dignity. He would no longer chase a string, but he could not resist scurrying after a mini-model car racing around a track.

The wonderful one-horse shay lasted for a hundred years. After nineteen years, Petey was, by human standards, a third of the way into his second century. He was not sick, but he seemed satiated with life. On July 12, snuggled up to his human sister, he died in the middle of a purr. It was a peaceful ending to a very full and happy life.

We plan to plant a pussy willow in his memory.

Troop 76 News

by William A. Aleshire

Fifty-three boys and nine leaders went to camp Dogwood in the hills of Magnolia, West Virginia for their annual Scout summer camp. Seventeen boys earned merit badges and other Scouts earned various Scout ranks.

Michael Chiville earned two merit badges, which completed his requirements for Eagle Scout.

The Commanche Patrol earned top honors as the best camping patrol, for which they received an ice cream party.

Climaxing the camp's activities was the Indian ceremony, directed by chiefs Black Bear, Elowia, Silent Bear, Black Falcon, and Red Feather. During the ceremony new boys were inducted into the Five Pines Indian Tribe.

Tip of the Month

Richard Custer, Fire Marshal
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept.

Of all the consequences of fire, burn injuries to the human body are perhaps the most costly in terms of personal anguish and suffering. The cost runs beyond that of the hospital and doctor bills. Disfigurement and permanent disability often are the results of a serious burn.

Although burn injuries are serious under any condition, it is possible, through prompt and correct action immediately following the injury to actually lessen the pain from the injury as well as reduce the damage potential of the burn. The mechanism involved in the burning of human tissue is basically the same as that of cooking. The greater the degree of doneness, the more serious the burn and the greater the possibility for permanent damage. Any good cook can tell you that a roast will continue to cook after it has been removed from the oven. This same thing happens to human tissue after the heat source has been removed from contact with the skin. It has been found that, in most cases, rapid and immediate cooling of the burned area with ice water or cool tap water can substantially reduce the depth of damage in the burned area. The cooling also reduces pain, a major contributor to the shock which often accompanies serious burn injuries. Before transporting the injured person to the hospital or doctor, the burned area should be covered with a clean dressing. This will help to keep the burn clean, retain the body fluids in major burns, and reduce the pain from air contact with the damaged area.

There are several things that should not be done when a person is burned. Never put grease, butter or similar materials on the burn without the direction of a physician. In most cases, the ointments will have to be removed by personnel at the hospital in order to assess the damage. Removal of these materials will cause additional pain and discomfort for the patient. In cases where the burns are severe and the tissue is charred and there is clothing affixed to the wound, do not try to remove the clothing. This will only cause pain and open the wound. In such cases, it is a good idea to keep the burned area moist to prevent clothing and dressings from sticking to the wound.

Of course, the best treatment for burns is prevention. Care should be taken to keep open flames and hot objects out of reach of children. Loose clothing should not be worn in the vicinity of open flames. Extreme care should be exercised when using gasoline or any other highly flammable material. Always read the labels on all household sprays and cleaning materials. Many of these are highly flammable (bug spray and hair spray for example). Don't let a careless moment result in pain and disfigurement for you or your family. Be aware... Take care...

'This month's tip will end with a question. The question will be the basis for next month's tip. See if you can figure out the answer in advance.

"Where do the greatest number of dwelling fires occur?"

- basements
- kitchens
- living rooms
- bedrooms

Junior Ranger Program

The National Park Service announces a program for 8-14 year-old youths, spending a day in Greenbelt Park with a ranger-naturalist. Beginning July 19, and continuing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through August 27, a park ranger will work with youngsters in promoting the awareness of and an appreciation of the forest environment and the plant and animal life in it.

Reservations are required, and groups are limited to a maximum of ten. For more information and reservations call 426-6646.

City Notes

Despite a schedule change from Friday to Thursday, and despite the large number of local residents away on summer vacations, the third newspaper pick-up drive sponsored by the city was more successful than the first in the series, though less successful than the second. Approximately 13 tons of paper were collected, city officials said.

The fourth paper drive will take place on Saturday, August 7, when the Jaycees will provide manpower for the collection. The city will provide a vehicle and a driver.

During the City fireworks display on July 4 one rocket malfunctioned, exploding accidentally in its tube. No one was injured.

The City was concerned about the number of individuals who set off firecrackers in the area of the Lake Park both before and after the official display, in view of the large crowds of people.

The Public Works Dept. put extra men on refuse collection trying to catch up after their holiday, Monday. The men worked until 6:30 p.m. several nights. They were back on schedule by the end of the week.

One attendant has been stationed at the special trash trailer behind the firehouse. The County Health Dept. and the city have been concerned about controlling the type of trash placed in the trailer. Residents are asked not to use this collection point for kitchen garbage.

Other work done by the public works crew includes street patching — permanent repair of potholes temporarily filled in late winter and spring, gutter repairs on Northway and Woodland Way, and more street line painting.

In Springhill Lake city-planted trees were pruned, removing the lowest branches which interfere with motorists' vision and parking.

PAINTINGS EXHIBITED

Gayle Vernetta Bradley is showing a variety of paintings at Twin Pines Savings and Loan. Abstract and landscape paintings are offered in oil, acrylic, and watercolor medias.

Mrs. Bradley earned a B.F.A. at Denver University and has been an art consultant for Prince Georges County. Her work has been shown in many juried art shows and has received numerous awards.

Art Reproduction In Library Exhibit

Reproductions of 12 famous American paintings on loan from the National Gallery of Art will be on display in the Children's Department of the Greenbelt Library throughout the month of July.

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rate rise. Otherwise, there wasn't much quarrel with the goals of the developer, although Charles MacDonald, speaking for Save Our Community Committee, felt that the luxury-type development was not completely compatible with the original purpose of Greenbelt to provide moderate-cost housing for white collar workers.

Recreation Problems

What apparently concerned most of the speakers were the recreational and traffic problems posed by the project. They were not satisfied that the recreational facilities proposed would accommodate the needs of the residents, pointing to the absence of baseball and football fields.

Several citizens alluded to the lack of ball fields in Springhill Lake — a condition not easily overcome because of little open space available. The lesson the speakers drew was obvious: Greenbriar should have open space available to meet future recreational needs.

The developer observed that nearby schools will have ball fields, but several citizens pointed out that they are available only on a limited basis for nearby residents.

Mandatory Dedication

Many persons observed that the dedication of 8 acres of land for open space as required by the county mandatory dedication ordinance could take care of this problem. Councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay asked why MNCPPC chose to permit the developer to make a cash payment (equal to 5 percent of the assessed valuation of the tract) in lieu of the dedication and why the city wasn't consulted on this decision.

Roy Cowell, a MNCPPC staff member, said that MNCPPC thought there might be legal problems in having land dedicated to the city under a county ordinance. As for having the land dedicated to MNCPPC, he said there was also a legal question since the park authority within Greenbelt is the city. Mrs. Maffay couldn't understand why it would be all right to have money granted to the city but not land under the ordinance. Councilman Robert McGee wondered whether a "citizen's suit" might come about to clarify the basis for the MNCPPC decision to waive the mandatory dedication.

Walter Bucher, Greenbriar architect, made the point that if the 8 acres are granted to the city, it

will have to maintain it. Under the present plan, Greenbriar Associates will be maintaining all the green space. Giese in a memo to council noted that the developer will provide more recreational facilities in relation to the number of units than any other apartment project in the city.

Nevertheless, various aspects of the Greenbriar recreation plans were criticized. Rhea Cohen noted that the facilities such as the swimming pool and community building, instead of being centrally located, are located at one end of the project. The same comment was made with respect to the elementary school. It was pointed out that the city, MNCPPC, and the developer were still negotiating about the recreational facilities.

Parking Waiver

George A. Brugger, also representing Greenbriar Associates, explained that a parking waiver was being sought because the present county ordinance requires that dens and family rooms be counted as bedrooms. He stated that if dens and family rooms were not counted as bedrooms, the number of parking spaces (2,020) asked for in the waiver would be more than what would be required under the ordinance (1,948). Some concern was expressed from the audience that these figures do not take into account the fact that more cars per unit can be expected in luxury-type apartments.

Traffic

In answer to inquiries about the traffic impact of the new project, James Honeycutt, traffic engineer for Greenbriar Associates, testified that the traffic generated by the new project would still leave Greenbelt Road operating at 70 percent capacity. Mrs. Cohen took issue with the implication that traffic effects would be manageable. She said that Greenbriar must be considered along with the new developments south of Greenbelt Road such as Glen Ora apartments. Honeycutt said that third lanes on Greenbelt Road would be added with traffic lights at the project to expedite traffic.

A few persons saw merits in the developer's proposal. Former Mayor Edgar Smith in a letter to council said that he was concerned that denial of the special exception would lead to the sale of the property and its development in less desirable form. He thought the Greenbriar proposal would discourage transiency, but he stressed that attention be devoted to parking problems.

Recreation Review

Senators Baseball by Bus

Round trip excursion to R.F.K. stadium is available to those 12 years old and over. Anyone under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. To reserve space and for further information contact the Recreation Department at 474-6878.

Greenbelt Track Team

Boys and girls 18 years and under wishing to qualify for the annual Governors Track Meet sign up at the Youth Center for Prince George's County Qualification Meet to be held July 20 and 21 at Parkdale Senior High School at 6 p.m.

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Attention! Children

Children's play practice will be held in the Arts and Crafts room at the Youth Center Tuesday thru Friday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The play will be given in the middle of August. All those interested please come to practice.

Greenbelt Chucks

An expanded program of group activities for boys 6-8 and 8-10 years old will begin Saturday, July 24 from 9-10:30 a.m. For further information join the Chucks activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Braden Field.

Former city councilman Ben Goldfaden also thought that the Greenbriar project would be a welcome asset to the city, but he emphasized that every effort should be made to provide adequate recreational facilities.

Summary

Richard Pilski, who earlier had been sworn in as Greenbelt mayor, summed up the position of council when he said that the project was "premature" in that the plans for handling traffic, parking and recreation were not firmed up. He also expressed concern that the mandatory dedication issue remained unsolved.

As the discussion closed, both Goldfaden and Katz summed up a major issue: "Can we trust the developer?" They noted that the city's experience with some developers has been bad, but with others good, referring to Springhill Lake.

Jerry Shafer Resigns

Jerry Shafer, head of the Boys and Girls Club for many years, handed the Board members at the June meeting his letter of resignation. Vice president Bill Carlson, a resident of Springhill Lake, automatically moved to the vacated position. Joe Wilkinson, formerly the Athletic Director, was voted to be the office of Vice President and Archie Millhollon was elected to serve as the Athletic Director.

Shafer cited work schedules along with health problems as the reason for his decision. Shafer was a long time leader of the organization. For some time he carried the work load of the entire club. It was not until the last fall, when more adults have come into the program, that he has been able to take a time-out with the club.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

by Mike "Turtle" Jones

In a meet that was a bit closer than expected, the Greenbelt Swim Team outscored Beltsville last Saturday 247-238. For the second week in a row, Greenbelt never gave up the lead, but was a little nervous when Beltsville tied the score, only to drop back again near the middle of the meet. Kevin Shaughnessy set a new pool record in 13-14 butterfly. High point scorers were: Mariette Vanderzon (13), C. Davis (13), Laine Oertel (13), Kevin Shaughnessy (12), Reggie Smith (11), and Jim Vanderzon (11).

Last week, Mariette Vanderson, who scored 13 points, and Kevin Shaughnessy and Randy Oudemans who scored 10 points each were inadvertently left out.

This Saturday, July 17, Greenbelt will try for its third victory as we host Rock Creek at the Greenbelt Pool. Traditionally, these two teams are rivals and have a history of having final scores less than five points apart. Swimmers and officials should be at the Greenbelt pool by 8:30 a.m. so that the meet can begin at 9. This meet will determine which team is in first place in the division.

Children's Theatre at NW Hi

The Northwestern Alumni Players will present their second production for children on July 24 at 3 p.m. in the Northwestern High School auditorium on Adelphi Road in Hyattsville. "Rumpelstiltskin;" "Sleeping Beauty;" "The Bremen Town Musicians;" "Rapunzel;" and "The Turnip" will provide the entertainment. Admission will be charged. Call 864-2118 for information.

Tennis Tournament Scores

Bob Rossin won the singles final, in the Greenbelt 4th of July Closed Tennis Tournament, with a closely contested 7-5, 7-5 triumph over John Shearer.

After a 6-3, 6-4 decision over Mike Warner, in the semi-finals, Rossin came back in the afternoon to defeat Shearer, a three-set winner over Tommy Donnelly of Carroll High School.

In the doubles, Doug Scott and Joe Emerson conquered Randy Harbaugh and Dave Kerr 6-3, 9-7.

There will be a junior tournament August 13 - 15 including boys and girls, grouping ages 18 and under, 16 and under, 14 and under and 12 and under.

Water Sports Safety Tips

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Glad to hear that Tommy Justin, 10-H Plateau, is coming along nicely after a recent accident. We wish him a speedy recovery.

It's a girl for former Greenbelters, Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Murray, of Ben Oaks, Maryland. Mary Elizabeth made her debut on July 1 and tipped the scales at 9 lbs. 1 oz. She joins a brother Paddy. Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray and great-grandmother, Mrs. Eva Rodier (a member of the popular "Krazy Kats") reside in Greenbelt. Mary Elizabeth's maternal grandparents are former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Tom Canning.

Honeymooning in Bermuda recently were Mr. and Mrs. David Elling of 5811 Cherrywood Terrace.

Seymour and Ruth Levine emerged victorious by two points over runners-up Gretchan Eanes and Peg Wainscott at last Friday's duplicate bridge game at the Co-op Hospitality Room. Third place went to George Desposito and Bob Bates. Next game: Friday, July 23.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Erika Mayer 53-A Crescent, who lost her father, Mr. Emil Neter, last week.

An award for ten years of employment service at Prince Georges Hospital was presented to Greenbelt resident Keith Markfield.

Hope that Sam Jacobs, 37-B Ridge, will soon be feeling better. He is in Prince Georges Hospital.

Welcome to Greenbelt! Brian Ross Burdett was born July 6 weighing 5 lbs., 10 oz. The Burdetts reside at 8-M Plateau Pl.

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According to this schedule, on every other holiday week in which the holiday falls on Monday, the Monday-Wednesday-Friday route will be picked up on Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday, or earlier if possible. The other route will be picked up on Wednesday and Friday, or earlier if possible. This reverse schedule will be used for Labor Day week, Veteran's Day, and Memorial Day during the coming year.

On the other three Monday holidays - Independence Day, Columbus Day, and Washington's Birthday - the Monday pick-up will be omitted from the Monday-Wednesday-Friday route. (This practice already went into effect for the first of these holidays.)

Information concerning this new alternating schedule was mailed to local residents in June with their quarterly bills for trash collection. GHI members have not yet received the notice, however.

Reminders of the schedule changes will also be printed in the News Review before each holiday.

Filing Hospital Complaints

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"Hello, Dolly" At Shady Grove

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In 1950, you probably didn't use electricity to cool your house, much less comb your hair.

The average Pepco residential customer is using 3½ times as much electricity today as in 1950.

Surprising?

Not really. Today it's hard to find a new home without central air conditioning, a dishwasher and a garbage disposer. Many families

have more than one television. Electric combs, hair curlers, clothes brushes, back massagers, water picks, even a nail polish dryer.

This increased usage—plus technological advances—have made it more economical for

Pepco to produce electricity. Result: The cost per kilowatt hour has actually gone *down*.

Why is your electric bill higher? Because you're using so much more electricity.

Think about that next time you pick up your electric toothbrush.



Electricity costs less
now than it did then. **PEPCO**