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COUNTY, BELTWAY PLAZA REACH AGREEMENT ON SHOPPING CENTER

Conditions of Agreement

by Elaine Skolnik

Agreement was reached on Monday afternoon at the Upper Marlboro courthouse on what needs to be done in order for a use and occupancy permit to be granted for the opening of the addition to the Beltway Plaza regional shopping center. The settlement between the county and Beltway Regional Center, Inc. and Sidney J. Brown, developer, followed 2½ hours of morning testimony by officials from the county Board of Licenses and Permits (BLP) and the State Department of Water Resources (SDWR).

Under the terms of the settlement, Brown and the Beltway Regional Center agreed to enter into a consent order with the following conditions:

(1) A use and occupancy permit will be granted after Brown has placed 20 feet of sod at the entire base of the hill which stretches across the back of the shopping center, has completely graded in accordance with the plans submitted to BLP, has mulched the remaining unsodded hills, and has stabilized the soil in accordance with Soil Conservation Service requirements.

(2) Brown will complete on or before June 1, 1972 the performance of a new grading contract to provide for complete stabilization either by seed or sodding of the area not presently covered by the sod. This permanent stabilization will be in accordance with Soil Conservation Service specifications and standards. Brown must post a cash bond of \$10,853 to secure the performance.

Presiding Judge Samuel J. DeBlasis directed that the consent order be presented to him for review within 15 days. Monday's court action resulted from a bill of complaint Brown had filed last week asking the county to show cause why the shopping center should not be opened.

Brown said that under this settlement he has guaranteed to complete the work. "These were the only terms that the County would agree to. My arm was twisted - I had no choice. We have a responsibility toward our tenants and want to open." He hoped that the shopping center could open in a week.

Testimony

After some initial sparring as to whether the Beltway Regional Center had exhausted all its administrative remedies before coming to court, the morning court session featured testimony by county officials as to the reasons why an occupancy permit was not granted. William R. Stehle, Chief Building Inspector for the county, said that Brown had agreed when the building permit was granted in December 1970 to provide certain sediment controls and proper grading, drainage, and ground cover of the soil. However, Stehle said, this work was not completed by the time the shopping center was scheduled for opening on November 22.

In the bill of complaint, the shopping center's attorney, William Kaplan, argued that the grading work was delayed by the county's own action in temporarily halting the Savoy Construction Company from further grading because it had relocated the sediment control traps to meet field conditions. County Attorney Glenn Harten at the hearing said that the stop work order was issued because the grading did not conform to the sedimentation control plan. Subsequently, he continued, further gra-

ding was allowed after agreement was reached on interim measures. Harten also said, "he had ample opportunity to take this action at the same time he was building the shopping center."

Kaplan also argued that the sodding work required at the Beltway Plaza was excessive and arbitrary because the same requirements were not applied to the State Roads Commission. Roger Kanerva, SDWR Associate Sedimentation Specialist, said that the State Roads Commission has an approved procedure and program for seeding and mulching all year around which assures that the necessary work is done. "At Beltway Plaza we are in critical area in terms of sedimentation control," he continued, "and seeding and mulching now won't do the job."

1972 Festival Meeting

An evaluation meeting of the 1971 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, plus planning for the 1972 festival, is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the meeting room of Greenbelt Library, Tuesday, Nov. 30.

All participating organizations are expected to have a representative there with suggestions and ideas in written form.

Also on the agenda will be slides, films, photographs of the festival and tapes of the TV and radio previews.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

GHI to Host Housing Cooperative Meeting

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. will be host to the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Eastern Cooperative Housing Organization on December 11 and 12. Workshops will feature discussions on financing of membership equities, treatment of reserves and depreciation, maintenance, membership relations, and the rising cost of real estate taxes. The workshops will be held in the GHI Hospitality Room at Hamilton Place.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Day Service. St. Hugh's Church

Friday, Nov. 26, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Monday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. GHI Budget Hearing, Greenbelt Library

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. GHI Budget Hearing - Municipal Building

8 p.m. Festival Meeting, Greenbelt Library.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. National Organization For Women (NOW) Co-op Hospitality Room

Opening Ceremonies

by Mary Granofsky

The Beltway Plaza Shopping Center held its advertised "Grand Opening" ceremonies on Monday, November 22; however, the occasion was marred by the absence of the guest of honor (Governor Marvin Mandel) and by the fact that none of the new stores was allowed to open its doors to the public.

Prominently displayed on each of the store windows were signs stating that "A final building inspection must be made prior to the use or occupancy of this building."

Reportedly, Governor Mandel's office, when contacted by phone, said that the Governor was attending a conference of Southern Governors at Atlanta, Ga., and that his office had no knowledge of the opening of the Plaza.

In the absence of the governor, or of any other dignitaries, the ribbon-cutting ceremony was performed by Mrs. Sidney Brown, wife of the developer of the shopping center.

Outside the store were pickets from the Environmental Coalition and Save Our Community Committee with signs protesting that the development is causing pollution of streams and rivers and is thus an expense to the county and to taxpayers.

Pollution Denied

Sidney Brown denied that there is a major pollution problem; whatever pollution exists, he says, has been caused by the cutting through of Gentry Drive (from Springhill Lake to Greenbelt Road). When informed of Brown's statement, City Manager James K. Giese vehemently objected, saying, "The only part of Brown's man-made mountain that has been stabilized in any way by vegetation is that part worked on by the city in order to construct Gentry Drive, and we also did extensive stabilization along Cherrywood Land to stop erosion from the mountain going into the street."

Merchant's Views

Many of the owners of the 63 new stores were present and voiced their feelings about not being able, pending the court decision, to sell to the public. Their comments ranged from anger at Brown to anger at the county officials; many commented on the loss of business in the pre-Christmas season.

Charles Chambers, president of the Merchants Association of Beltway Plaza, was philosophic about waiting for the court decision. He said, "The merchants are angry but we don't know whom to blame. That is for the courts to decide, that is what courts are for. But we feel, as merchants and tenants, that a stranger has come between friends. The people of Greenbelt are anxious for the Plaza to open, and we are anxious to open." He also commented on Greenbelt, saying it is the friendliest town he has ever known.

Of the 63 planned stores, about 20 seemed to be completely stocked and ready for business. Workmen were all over the place and the noise of their hammers and saws almost drowned out the music being played over the public address system.

However, the 100-odd guests enjoyed a lavish brunch, complete with Danish open-face sandwiches, pastries, and champagne.

NEWS REVIEW BEGINS 35th YEAR OF PUBLICATION IN NOVEMBER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following brief history of the Greenbelt News Review is published for the benefit of new residents of Greenbelt on the occasion of the newspaper's 34th anniversary.)

Six weeks after the first residents of Greenbelt unpacked their household belongings in 1937, a newspaper was issued. Recognizing the immediate need for a news medium, the first families formed on November 11, 1937, a Journalistic Club to issue a weekly paper, the "Greenbelt Co-operator."

The policies of the paper, as formulated at the meeting were: to serve as a nonprofit enterprise, to remain nonpartisan in politics, to remain neutral in religious matters, to print the news accurately and regularly, to make its pages an open forum for civic affairs, to develop a staff of volunteer writers, and to create a "good neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy of life."

These principles still guide the motives and actions of the present Greenbelt News Review, the direct descendant of the Greenbelt Co-operator. The name was changed in September, 1954, in order to clarify the independent status of the paper and prevent its being confused with numerous other co-op organizations in Greenbelt. The Journalistic Club lasted until July, 1940, when it was converted into the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, which has continued the sponsorship of the paper ever since. An incorporation char-

ter for the Association was granted in September, 1941, by the District of Columbia.

The First Issue

The first issue of the Cooperator, appearing on November 24, 1937, was a neatly mimeographed paper containing sixteen letter-sized pages of local news and editorial content.

The newspaper has appeared regularly every week since then for thirty-four years.

The paper was prepared at the homes of various staff members until January, 1938, when the Federal Government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) made space available at the Center, free of cost, and also loaned much-needed furniture, typewriters and office equipment. To meet the costs of paper, ink, and stencils a charge of five cents per copy was made beginning with the issue of January 5, 1938. Distribution was turned over to the Boy Scout troop, which was allowed to retain two cents for each paper sold.

Free Delivery

An important development in the history of the newspaper was the decision to deliver the Cooperator free of charge to every home in town, beginning with the issue of September 7, 1939. The additional cost of local distribution was small, and this radical change of policy provided larger circulation figures, which could be used as evidence of the value of advertising in the Cooperator, once its distribution had become community wide. The town government engaged more and more space for the publication of pending ordinances, budgets and the like.

The policy of free distribution remained unchanged until July, 1953, when the paper was forced by financial straits to go to a subscription basis — \$3 a year. The response was fairly encouraging, but the added cost of maintaining subscription records convinced the governing body that the additional income was not worth the additional workload. In January, 1955, the paper returned to city-wide circulation.

Financial difficulties continued to plague the newspaper, and appeals were made to the businesses and organizations in town for funds. See NEWS REVIEW, p. 2, col. 3

Inter-Faith Services

The 21st Annual Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Day Service will be held in St. Hugh's Church, 135 Crescent Road, on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, at 10:30 a.m. The Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, Greenbelt Community Church, Mishkan Torah and St. Hugh's Catholic Church will participate. People of all faiths are invited to attend.

Tax Credit for Senior Citizens Is Raised

Prince Georges senior citizens received an economic boost from the County Council November 17 in the form of legislation to increase the property tax credit for eligible seniors and disabled county residents from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The same bill also raises the eligibility requirement from an annual income of \$5,000 to \$7,500. Under the measure, introduced by Councilmen Donald R. Reeder, R-4, and Francis W. White, D-1, property owners 65 or older and persons permanently and totally disabled under the Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Acts qualify as well.

Holiday Schedule On Trash Collection

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no trash pick-up on Thursday, November 25. City crews will follow their regular schedule on Friday and Saturday.

NOTICE

GHI Information Hearings On 1972 Budget

Monday, November 29, from 7:30 to 10:15 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of Greenbelt Library, lower level.

Tuesday, November 30, from 7:30 to 10:15 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building.

The purpose of these meetings is to review the 1972 GHI budget with the membership.

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GHI BOARD NIXES MANAGEMENT SURVEY; OK'S STRUCTURAL SURVEY

by Sid Kastner

On a 4-4 tie vote, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board decided at last Thursday's regular meeting not to include money for a management survey in the already hard-pressed budget. Chairman Nat Shinderman indicated that members' views on this item could be voiced at the upcoming budget hearings on Nov. 29 and Nov. 30. A final contract for an engineering and structural survey, which is more generally supported by the board, was approved with no trouble.

The Aesthetics Committee's proposed painting regulations and hedge regulations drew quite a lot of discussion with the latter dividing the board members into two groups, favoring either privacy or security (i.e., high hedges or low hedges).

Shinderman brought up the management survey item in two parts, the first being the choice of a contracting firm. Directors Donald Volk and Stephen Polaschick and chairman Charles Schwan of the Ad Hoc Committee on Management Survey agreed that the firm of Cresap, McCormick & Paget would be a suitable choice, and a motion by Volk to approve the firm passed unanimously. At this point Shinderman noted that the firm's quoted price for the survey would be between \$8000 and \$10,000, and stated that from his knowledge it has done good work for government agencies.

Board Split

The next move on the survey opened with director David Lange's opinion that the board had an obligation to indicate its position to the members on whether to proceed. Directors Polaschick, Volk and James Smith favored including money in the budget for it, as did Mark Rudy and Schwan in the audience.

Volk thought it would be useful to have the results of such a survey available at the same time as the results of the engineering survey, while Smith made the point that if the members themselves were willing to approve a budget figure "commensurate with the inclusion of this management survey," the project would be feasible.

Directors Lange, Janet James, Katherine Keene and Norman Weyel came out against it, however; Lange stated that "the budget has already been cut to the bone and is still in trouble," and noted that if it were carried out it would be meaningless unless its recommendations were put into effect.

Audience Unhappy

Mrs. Kandler and Mrs. Morley, in the audience, supported the survey with their own statements. Mrs. Kandler said that more members had turned out to back the management survey than the engineering survey, which the board was quick to undertake at potentially greater cost. Here Mrs. Foster questioned the whole concept of the corporation's capital improvements program, suggesting that the only way in which members had control of the cost of this program was through the budget. Shinderman dissented from this, saying that there was not an "open end" to the amount allocated for the program.

Following a further discussion of priorities by director Smith, the board voted on Volk's original motion to include the money for the survey in the budget. It failed to pass on a 4-4 vote, with chairman Shinderman registering his "yes" vote as a matter of record. Mrs. Coxon from the audience noted that director Thomas White, who was absent, would have voted for the survey, and just then a written statement by White was handed to

Shinderman which bore Mrs. Coxon's comment out. It was at this point that Shinderman remarked that members could still make their views known on this at the scheduled budget hearings.

Structural Survey

A final contract with Architectural Affiliates, to carry out the engineering and structural survey was approved earlier in the meeting at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 for the first phase, which will be completed within sixty days. The GHI liaison committee which will maintain contact with the firm consists of John Gordon, Joseph Vella and board member Lange.

Painting Regulations

The principle behind the Aesthetics Committee's proposed painting regulations was described by Joseph Vella as a compromise between membership's freedom of choice and management's efficiency: "If membership is allowed latitude in choosing wall colors, then membership should permit management to have colors that are consistent throughout GHI, thereby assuring economy and efficiency." He gave this as the chief argument for allowing only one trim color to be used (off-white). Volk and Smith supported this idea. Miss James moved to amend the proposed regulations in another direction, however; namely, to grant an exception to those rows who have already been given approval to carry out their own five-year cycle. After some further discussions, which showed that aspects of the committee's proposal were not clear to board members, a motion by Smith was passed to refer these regulations to the Maintenance Committee for review, over the obvious reluctance of chairman Shinderman.

Hedge Regulations

The Aesthetics Committee's proposed hedge regulations were next taken up. A principal point in these is that any planting within three feet of a property line or shared walkway is to be kept less than seven feet high; i.e., the allowed hedge height would be increased over the presently allowed four feet. Lange felt this would hurt the feelings of open space, and Keene and Weyel also objected for the different reason of safety of pedestrians. Volk, on the other hand, agreed with Vella's view that members who want to preserve their privacy with a high hedge, should be able to do so "in a community as close together as GHI." He suggested that lighting the inner walkways would take care of the safety aspect. The board started to vote separately on each paragraph of the regulations, but Lange was dissatisfied with the idea of making changes on the spot, and his motion to refer the regulations to the manager for rewriting was passed with Smith's support.

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Finally, in April, 1959, the News Review resorted to a house-to-house community-wide drive for funds. Organized by the drive chairman Elaine Skolnik, who was aided by 125 volunteer court collectors, the drive netted over \$1500. It proved such an unqualified success that it was renewed again the following year.

The yield from these drives was sufficient to meet the needs and no drives have been conducted since 1960; however, a fund drive was launched in 1966 by the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee to help the paper defend itself against libel charges.

Libel Suit

The libel charges arose out of the paper's publication of remarks by citizens at a public city council meeting regarding a proposal made to the city by a local developer, Charles Bresler. A Prince Georges County jury found the remarks libelous and a \$17,500 judgment awarded Bresler was later affirmed by the Maryland Court of Appeals. The U. S. Supreme Court, however, in May 1970, reversed and vacated the judgment, ruling that the News Review was "performing its wholly legitimate function as a community newspaper when it published full reports of these public debates in its news columns." To hold otherwise, the high court said, "would subvert the most fundamental meaning of a free press."

During the 4-year legal struggle, the Freedom of the Press Committee collected over \$30,000 from the community to help meet legal expenses and to pay the judgment in case of an unsuccessful appeal.

Offices of the Paper

The News Review has had several homes since its inception. From its original second-floor quarters in the commercial center the paper moved its offices four times before finally coming to rest in the present basement office at 15 Parkway. With the withdrawal of the Federal Government from town, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation) continued the federal policy of providing free office space, with the paper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses.

The entire staff consists of volunteer workers, most of whom have joined the paper as their contribution to their community's activities. Since March, 1957, nominal payments have been authorized to the editorial staff and to columnists—when finances permit, of course. There have been 38 changes in editorship during the paper's 34 years, attesting to the difficulty of this job; the position is at present held by Mary Granofsky and there are 22 staff members.

At present over 4,500 free copies of the News Review are distributed weekly to homes in Greenbelt, including Springhill Lake and University Square Apts.

Post Office X'mas Hours

Starting Thursday, December 9, the windows at the local Post Office will be open one hour later, until 6 p.m. (weekdays only until December 17) for the sale of stamps and acceptance of parcels.

On the following Saturdays (December 11 and December 18) window service will be expanded until 5 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 22 the windows will be open until 8 p.m. for parcel pick-up ONLY.

On all days after December 18 the Post Office will return to normal window service hours except December 24, when the windows will close at 1 p.m.

Mishkan Torah Program

The third in a series in group dynamics for young people and adults will be held on Monday, November 29 at 8 p.m. at the Mishkan Torah. Entitled, "Who Is He?", the inquiry into attitudes and prejudice will be conducted by Dr. Elaine Hollander. The public is invited.

Almighty Dollar

To the Editor:

I cannot imagine the people living on Lakeside Drive being more concerned over the Almighty Dollar than their own safety.

I live in old Greenbelt but would be willing to pay higher taxes for their sidewalks rather than be the driver who kills a Lakeside child.

Noreen Bryant

Support "Bundle Days"

The children in Mrs. Foster's 5th grade class at Greenbelt Center School are sponsoring "Bundle Days" through mid-December. Any old but good clothing (or any wearing apparel) that you can contribute will be greatly appreciated by those less fortunate in the Appalachian area. Help make their holiday season a little brighter, by bringing your contributions to Center School.

Recreation Review

Open Gym

Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. the Greenbelt Junior High School opens its doors to the general public offering a free gym featuring basketball and other physical endeavors. Equipment is provided and tennis shoes are a must.

Volleyball

The Recreation Department offers two separate volleyball programs which are held at the Center Elementary School. Mens' night is Monday from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Adult mixed night is Wednesday from 7 - 10 p.m. Feel the enjoyment one gets when involved in a fun and exhilarating sport.

Pre-Teens

This active program for 5th and 6th graders meets every first and third Friday at the Ridge Road Center and charges no admission. End the boredom of Friday nights by joining your peers in fun and games.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
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Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.M.

9:45 A.M.	Sunday School	6:00 P.M.	Training Union
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	7:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday		Midweek Service	
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For Thankful People
A service with the sights and sounds of Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING DAY
10:00 A.M.

Message: "An Attitude of Gratitude"
Anthems by the choirs

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt Rd.

SUNDAY SERVICES:	8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	9:50 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor 345-5111

CITY OF GREENBELT
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

The Recreation Department will abide by the following schedule for the upcoming holiday season:

Thursday, 25th	
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Youth Center closed
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Open Gym
Friday, 26th	
9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Skating 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon	Skating 4th, 5th, and 6th graders
12 noon - 1 p.m.	Teen Skating
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Open Gym
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Open Gym
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Arts & Crafts CANCELLED
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	RIDGE ROAD CENTER - Drop In
Saturday, 27th	
ALL CHILDRENS' CLASSES CANCELLED	
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Open Gym
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Open Gym
Sunday, 28th	
4 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Gym reserved for Men's B League Basketball
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Multipurpose Room Open

Enrollment Shifts, Program Changes In Area Schools

by Roberta McNamara

The enrollment at the six schools that serve Greenbelt children has shifted: Springhill Lake's figures are up, while North End and Center School and St. Hugh's show decreases. Parkdale Senior High's enrollment is down; Greenbelt Junior High's is up. The overall county enrollment is 162,828, a 1.2% increase over last year.

A total of 733 students attend Springhill Lake: 1.8% more than last year. Approximately 20 children are bused to the school, mostly from Westchester Development.

Stanley Klein, principal, reported that the technique used for teaching reading to first graders is Language Experience. This program consists of a student dictating a story to an adult, underlining words that he already knows and adding these words to his word bank. This program eliminates the need for a pre-primer, promotes a relevant reading vocabulary for the student, and helps to develop a sense of organization and allows individual creativity. This program exists only because parents are willing to volunteer their time to work with the children individually at the school.

Klein stated that the school uses "team teaching" on all levels, as well as in the ungraded classroom of 5th and 6th graders. In addition, two classes are set aside for students with special learning problems. As for special programs at Springhill Lake, one group of students went to Camp Orme for an experience in camping; another class will go to Camp Letts later in the year. As a special treat, the patrol and their sponsor attended a recent University of Maryland football game.

North End School

At North End Elementary School enrollment is down. This year there is a total of 526 students. Last year at this time there were 570 enrolled—a decrease of 8%.

Principal Mrs. Helene Poland discussed the method of teaching reading, which is also Language Experience. This method, although widely used in the state and the metro-area, is just now being incorporated in Prince Georges county schools. North End, however, has used this method for several years. The preference for this method does not mean that the school has scrapped old methods. Phonics is still being taught at North End. As one teacher explained, a child learns to read conjunctively by his own volition through many methods—phonics, word recognition and memorization, or the simple desire to know a word relevant to his existence.

At North End School, two classes of second grade students use a huge double room, which can be divided into separate classrooms by a sliding partition. The two teachers using this classroom practice team teaching. In the room are learning centers — an area for math, an area for reading, social studies, etc. Throughout the day the children move from center to center, learning at their own rate.

Learning through camping is also a part of 5th grade education at North End. One half of the 5th grade will go to Camp Letts in November with the fifth grade teachers and the physical education instructor. The remaining half will go in December.

Center School

At Center School enrollment is also down. This year there are 568 students, a decrease of 10% over last year's total of 630.

The Principal, Robert Ellis, reported that his volunteer program is still an integral part of the school. Parents spend from one hour to three hours a week helping in all subjects and at all grade levels.

Language Experience is used at Center School but is not relied upon, as at the other two schools. The school has an individualized approach to reading in which books are set aside for certain students so that they may pursue special interests.

Ellis discussed one innovation at Center, the ungraded classroom. There is a grouping of 4th and 6th graders in a continuous program, which is ungraded and self-con-

tained. Also he mentioned the three classrooms of deaf children, whose ages range from three to seven who have been receiving instruction at the school for several years.

St. Hugh's School

At St. Hugh's Sister Anne Frederick is principal. The school includes grades 1-8. The enrollment is 245 this year, 252 last year, a decrease of 3%. There are eight teachers: four lay teachers, four sisters. Volunteers are an integral part of St. Hugh's too. Two volunteers devote time to teaching physical education, one to music. Ten women also work in the library, and twelve help with reading.

After a year of planning, St. Hugh's decided to use an individualized program for language arts and then broaden it to include other areas. Reading is a combination of everything — pre-primers, Language Experience, and phonics. The emphasis is on individualized instruction and small groups. The school is attempting to rely less on reading texts and more on library books because they are more meaningful to the students.

Greenbelt Junior High

Last year at Greenbelt Junior High there were 1146 students; this year, 1266. The increase of 11% is mainly attributed to the temporary shift of students from overcrowded Beltsville Junior High. The new Martin Luther King School will open in Sept. 1972.

At the Junior High, where Francis Furgang is principal, there are two new classes. The first is 7th grade science, called Life Science, which is a rudimentary biology course. The students study insects, digestive systems of the frog and dissect frogs. The second course is a 9th grade subject called Introduction to Business. The course is concerned with personal finance, banking, credit charges, general consumer information and rudimentary business math.

Parkdale Senior High

Enrollment is down at Parkdale Senior High School this year. There were 2566 students last year. 2466 students this year, a decrease of 4%.

Dr. J. Allan Sager discussed several changes in approach to regular courses. Chemistry has been redesigned for students by Maryland University in conjunction with the Parkdale faculty. It is an inter-disciplinary approach divided into eight modules (general concepts, organic, inorganic, bio-chemistry, physical chemistry, geo-chemistry, environmental, and nuclear). Each will instill a basic concept interwoven with the latest theory and knowledge.

Another subject that has undergone a change is Art. The new course, Art in the Round, is divided into four areas of exposure: ceramics, painting, graphics, drawing. Each of the art teachers teaches in just one area all year long, while the students rotate to another area and another teacher. Changed also is Driver Education. The course is done on a half-day basis, using the University of Maryland Driving Range. The students drive independently and simultaneously on the range, while being observed by the instructor, who is in a control booth. A change is also apparent in Home Economics, which is no longer a girls-only subject. Added is a course for boys only — Bachelor Living. In addition is a Co-Ed Seminar, which is a combination of Foods I and a course of Family Living.

FDR School

Originally slated for fall 1973, the opening date of the new Franklin Delano Roosevelt Senior High School is now contemplated for September 1974. Since the state is now funding school construction, plans must go before the appropriate state agencies for review and

Hart Addresses Democrats On Landlord-Tenant Bill

by Joseph Mulvihill

County councilman Royal Hart told an audience at the Springhill Lake Community House that the Landlord-Tenant Bill presently before the Prince Georges county council is merely a working bill and that inputs are being received before a final version will be agreed upon.

Councilman Hart spoke on the bill before about 75 people at a meeting of the Springhill Lake Democratic Club on Wednesday, November 17. The audience included tenants of Springhill Lake, management personnel from the apartment development and members of Greenbelt city council.

Hart projected that a possible timetable for the new amended bill might have final action coming by the middle of March. He said that he and several other councilmen are using the inputs from two hearings on the present bill to prepare a revised version, which should be ready for public hearings in January or February.

At present, Greenbelt city council has referred the legislation to the Community Relations Advisory Board to study so that the City might make a recommendation on its provisions.

On probably the most controversial part of the proposed law, rent guidelines, Hart pointed out that while it would be advantageous to have these guidelines included in a good law, they might have to be sacrificed to assure passage.

Hart told the audience that the present bill evolved from proposed legislation originally introduced statewide, which passed the Senate but was defeated in the House of Delegates. In the election campaign for county executive in January, William Gullett promised a tenants' bill. Frank Kratovil wrote the existing bill. But because of what were called "errors and lack of communications," many suggested changes and revisions by Hart and agreed upon by Kratovil were never incorporated prior to introduction of the present bill.

Two lengthy public hearings have been held - the first substantially for management, the second for renters.

"As it stands now, the present bill is a working copy, serving to get input from landlords and tenants on the various viewpoints of a landlord-tenant bill," Hart said.

During a question and answer period, Hart pointed out:

... Council favors a 3 to 5 person commission to administer the bill rather than the one-man commissioner written into the proposed law.

... Provisions are included to protect tenants against retaliatory actions by landlords when tenants rights groups are formed. Hart also feels that the bill should provide landlord recourse against bad tenants.

... It would be difficult to require landlords to file rents for all rental units, but, says Hart, that will probably happen on its own.

... Tenants would still be required to go to management to have complaints resolved before approaching the county agency.

School Directives On Snow Closing

The Prince Georges County school system notifies most radio stations early in the morning, usually by 6 am., if schools will open late because of snow or ice. (As a rule, openings are delayed one hour.) Should schools close early because of the weather conditions, radio stations will be contacted well in advance of the closing time.

If radio broadcasts do not specifically mention Prince Georges schools, that means they are open on their regular schedule. Please avoid calling radio stations, schools, police or the central office for snow emergency information.

approval. First, however, they will be presented to the school board sometime in December.



Lion's Club presents raincoats for North End School patrol members to Phys Ed Coach Joe Emerson. (Men are, from left to right, King Lion Jay Brubaker, Vice President Sam Ewing and Coach Emerson.)

GREENBELT LIONS DONATE RAINCOATS

The Greenbelt Lions Club distributed thirty-two raincoats to the Greenbelt elementary schools for use by the school safety patrols. In past years North End, Center and Springhill Lake schools have maintained a full inventory of raincoats and replaced a percentage each year. This year the Lions Club contributed the replacement coats.

Since St. Hugh's school patrols have not been provided raincoats in the past, they were given sufficient rain gear for all patrols. The yellow raincoats with the Lions emblem on the back come with matching raincaps.

King Lion Jay Brubaker, President of the Club, and third Vice-president Sam Ewing presented the rain gear. Brubaker announced that this is typical of the community type projects being undertaken by the Club. He stated that the goals of the Club, which were established earlier this year, place heavy emphasis on local community projects.

CLOVER CLAN 4-H CLUB

The Clover Clan 4-H Club of Greenbelt recently elected the following officers: Jackie McFarland, President; Wendy Crabill, Vice President; Gretchen Crabill, Secretary; Janice Lindahl, Treasurer; Peggy Coyne, Reporter; Maz McEvoy, Recreational Leader; and Kathy Allen, Song Leader.

Center School PTA

What are you doing December 7th? That's our PTA night for December at Greenbelt Center School. Circle that date and come to hear about a Year Round School Program that's making the news. Mr. Sebastian, principal of the Dale City elementary school, will be our guest speaker.

Refreshments are at 7:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 8.

School Gyms Open For Recreation

School gymnasiums in P.G. County have opened their doors on weekday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons for supervised free play activities. The program will continue through the fall and winter months.

Greenbelt Jr. High and Parkdale Senior High will be open on Sundays from 1-6 p.m.

Sponsored by the MNCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation, the supervised gym program will provide adults, teens and children the opportunity to participate in organized activities such as basketball, volleyball and gymnastics.

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Atlantis on the Hill

by Robert Muller

This is the third in a series of excerpts from a manuscript entitled Atlantis on the Hill: A History of Greenbelt, Maryland, 1932-1970 prepared by a New Jersey scholar, Robert Muller. Today's chapter deals with the early years of the project.

Chapter Six We Pioneers

The dream of the Resettlement Administration (RA) was to make Greenbelt the prettiest town east of the Mississippi. "Men of vision were called in . . . social engineers, planners, builders, outriders of the March of Progress. Blueprints were drawn, conferences, surveys, a thousand press releases. An army like that which labored over the Hanging Gardens of Babylon was requisitioned from the WPA. The great project was two years in the building. Before its finish, Professor Tugwell, the father of 'Tugwelltown,' had decamped and taken up the money grabbing job of selling molasses." 85

Regardless, in early November, 1937, Greenbelt's first resettlers moved in. Ever conscious of their national reputation, Greenbelters organized a Journalistic Club to preserve their viewpoints for posterity. Mary E. Van Cleave's *We Pioneers* appeared in the club's first edition of the *Greenbelt Cooperator*, and seemed to capture the early spirit of the community.

"We did not arrive in Greenbelt after long tiresome miles by covered wagon; nor did we find this place by chance. We were not the first to gaze upon this spot of ground; nor did we cut down trees in order to build our homes. Nor is it necessary to clear the land to plant our crops, that we may eat; nor dig a well, that we may quench our thirst . . .

"Yet we were pioneers of a new way of living; we are the sculptors handling the soft, yielding clay of a new community. What form shall we mold out of it . . .

"Let us make good laws, wise laws, and not too many of them. Let us keep ourselves, our community, our city government, our ideals, as clean as our own, new, windswept roofs. Let us conduct ourselves and the management of our Greenbelt in such a way as to deserve the pride with which all Americans will be looking on . . .

"Greenbelt will be a success with the cooperation of her citizens and with the help of God. We will have proved ourselves . . . we pioneers!" 88

If this wasn't sufficient to assure an interest in good national coverage, the same issue of *The Cooperator* contained, "Greenbelt is receiving national attention time and again. Notice the spread in *Life Magazine*, November 15. Future articles will continue to appear and all Greenbelters can help make the facts clear when any camera man or reporter comes a-knocking at the door." 89

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"An apocryphal story is told of a visitor to early Greenbelt who, noting the relative isolation of the town, asked a local resident what people do here in their spare time. Back came the rejoinder, 'We organize.'" 90

Organize they did, with thirty-seven clubs established in the first few months of Greenbelt's existence. One old-time resident reminisced, "Before the Maryland Legislature made it a city, Greenbelt was a lusty, brawling town. Folks were alive and dynamic. They attacked community problems and civic events with enterprising vigor. At one hot meeting a leading citizen was punched smack in the nose . . . husbands and wives fought over their voting cards. I don't mean quarreled, I mean fought. Only a few of these brave men were able to vote, for it proved the truth of the female of the species being more deadly than the male." 91 In fact, civic affairs came to attract such enthusiasm that *The Cooperator* was persuaded to endorse "Stay at Home Week," in which all public meetings would be cancelled.

The national press jumped on this development. "Where are the Nation's vast experiments in regimentation to end if, in the model closest to the Capital, citizens unanimously prefer staying at home and minding their own busi-

ness to organizing details of their own and their neighbors' lives." 92

These developments eventually reached President Roosevelt through his able assistant, Eleanor. In November, 1937, Wallace Richards, the Executive Director for Pittsburgh's Municipal Planning Association, pleaded for Mrs. Roosevelt's intercession with FDR on behalf of Greenbelt. She responded with a memorandum for Missy Lehand on November 4, 1937. "FDR, this seems to me most important. There is a new experience being involved which curtailment may seriously hurt. Won't you look into it?" 100 Two days later Franklin replied, "I suggest that you and Will Alexander go out to Greenbelt and see it some morning or afternoon after you get back." 101

Therefore, on December 15th, the First Lady made a surprise visit to Greenbelt, praised the neighborly spirit and studied the co-op store project; found the children happily at work in school; and sought information on medical plans. The visit, and Mrs. Roosevelt's follow-up column in the syndicated *My Day*, prompted Greenbelters to rededicate themselves to their original ideals. "Greenbelt must be raised to such a lofty plane that no exponents of selfishness and greed will ever dare point to it in their arguments against a better housed America. And only by cooperation, by pulling together, can we make Greenbelt the success its sponsors want it to be."

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Rex Tugwell responded to the news of Greenbelt's growth with a letter to *The Cooperator*, "I did indeed find many things to interest me in the first issue of *The Greenbelt Cooperator*, which you so kindly sent me. I hope you will continue to send me the issues as they come out, because in that way I can follow the development of Greenbelt, which I could do in no other way." 105

Tugwell was not the only one interested in Greenbelt, as the nation's business community continued to flay the project. "The government has made the static existence worth striving to attain. It provides transportation for the tenant from his country estate to Washington. He is relieved of the annoyance of firing the furnace and cleaning out the ashes. He will have diversion from the vexations of a busy world and finally, a cemetery is provided by the taxpayer when he lays down his burden, such as it is. Everyone who suppresses initiative and keeps his income down will be having a comfortable home without lifting a finger or batting an eye. The only obstacle in the way of complete success is individual initiative, but the Government promises to put that 'emptation out of the way.'" 106

By now, accustomed to such criticism, Greenbelters continued unabashed. They united to vote overwhelmingly in favor of a plan for cooperative medicine and to organize the Citizen's Advisory Committee, which was to serve as a liaison between the citizens and the store management, and to advise the store management as to general policies and as to particular criticisms and suggestions received from citizens. On March 16, 1938, the Greenbelt Health Association swung into action; and on April 13, "the citizens of Greenbelt took a decisive step toward ultimate control and ownership of their town's business enterprise when on Monday night, they trooped down to the Social Room of the school to elect a Cooperative Organizing Committee to set up the necessary machinery through which the citizens of Greenbelt will eventually take over the ownership and operations of the business ventures of Greenbelt." 110

Ever conscious of Greenbelt's image, *The Cooperator* chose this moment to remind Greenbelters that, "the eyes of the world are upon you! The town is on a mighty pedestal to withstand the scrutiny of the world, and it will take the wholehearted cooperation of every citizen here to maintain that position without bring-

ing a deluge of criticism upon us." 112

"Let us work to make our town a model of good fellowship, neighborliness, tolerance, and practical democracy. As we approach the New Year, let us resolve to keep faith." 113

However, keeping the faith was not always so easy.

"On two recent occasions race prejudice has shown its ugly head in Greenbelt, during the Town Council election campaign, and again last Monday night in the Citizens' Association meeting. One or two individuals have tried to make an issue of the occasional Negro visitors to Greenbelt. On both occasions public opinion demonstrated itself vociferously, and the instigators were literally shouted down." 115

Greenbelt now entered its first complete decade aware of the fact that the New Year posed untested problems, and oft repeated old ones. In three years Greenbelters had established more civic organizations than any city its size in the United States; demonstrated keen interest in discussion, athletics, and progressive education; and taken over complete control of the cooperative businesses of their city.

85 *Nation's Business*, "Fever Chart of a Tugwelltown," November, 1938, pg. 13.

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WSSC SUIT DROPPED

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has dropped its lawsuit that sought to force the U.S. Interior Department to permit construction of a three-mile pipeline that would carry sewage effluent from the Piscataway Treatment Plant across national parkland in southern P.G. County.

The suit was withdrawn after the Prince Georges Environment Coalition chaired by councilwoman Rhea Cohen, intervened in the case to argue, successfully, that permission for the pipeline can only be obtained through hearings, not by suit.

Greenbelt Band Heard Behind Iron Curtain

The story of Greenbelt behind the iron curtain—and of the Greenbelt Concert Band! That is the final result of a concert on October 24, at which the Concert Band was invited to perform in honor of Czechoslovak Independence Day. Both the concert and commentary by former city manager Charles McDonald, who announced the program and explained a little of Greenbelt's history, were recorded by the Voice of America, to be beamed to listeners in Czechoslovakia.

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After awaiting delivery for some weeks of a small batch of fine aggregate asphalt mix - not a standard mix, the city crew was finally able to finish the job of smoothing the walkway at the pedestrian underpass near Hillside and Crescent.

As time permits, the city crew has been working on a solution to a drainage problem in front of the garage doors of the Public Works Dept. building. A swale running through the courtyard of the building never has drained properly since the warehouse building was first constructed. The difficulty was diagnosed as being partially due to a design defect and partially to improper execution of the design by the contractor. Settlement was finally reached in the form of a cash adjustment from the contractor to the city, with the city undertaking to redesign the drain and rebuild it. The swale will be replaced by an underground pipe, which will carry water from the catchbasins.

The city mechanic did a variety of repairs to vehicles; he relined the brakes of one police car, installed a water pump and a rear axle and fixed the transmission in other police cars. In addition, he rebuilt the starter and fixed the transmission in two of the refuse trucks. Antifreeze was put in all vehicles.

The leaf vacuum made one complete round of the city, picking up piles of leaves left at roadsides. It also picked up piles raked up by the Parks crew in various city parks.

Even as leaves were sifting down from the trees, the grass was still growing. Many Parks crew man-hours this fall have been spent on grass cutting. The Parks crew also installed park benches near the perimeter of the lake.

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by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

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Evelyn Marie Donahue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Donahue, 14-F Ridge, completed 10 weeks of basic training at Recruit Training Command (Women), Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., and was graduated during a military review held on Nov. 12. She will report to Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, for General Duty Administration Seaman Apprentice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rowe proudly announce the arrival of Ronald Lewis, Jr. on Nov. 19. Ronald, Jr. weighed in at 10 lbs. 1 oz. His father is currently serving on the USS America in the Mediterranean. Ronald's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Loughlin and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rowe, all of Greenbelt.

W. Buford Hudgins, 6008 Springhill Drive has been named to a key management position in Ford Customer Service Division's recently opened Washington district office.

Margaret A. Sadowski, 3-C Laurel Hill, was one of 15 winners of a College Scholarship Award of \$250 from the National Association of Tobacco Distributors (NATD). The winners were selected from children of retail store proprietors served by NATD's member wholesale houses throughout the U.S. Margaret, a University of Maryland graduate student, was chosen on the basis of an essay contest.

Mrs. Rose Haber, 1-G Westway who is home from a stay in George Washington Hospital after surgery, would like to see her friends. Glad you're recovering nicely, Rose.

TWINS ARE NEEDED IN NIH RESEARCH

The National Institute of Health is looking for twins in some important research related to personality style and to how people notice their sensory environment. The twins would be asked to spend a few hours at NIH answering questionnaires and doing a few simple tasks.

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New Year's Eve

Dance Planned

Lion Roy Breashears, chairman of the Greenbelt Lions Club New Year's Eve Dance, announces that the dance will be held this year at the Greenbelt Armory. The New Year's Eve Dance, sponsored by the Lions Club has become a traditional element of the holiday season in this area.

King Lion Jay Brubaker, President of the Greenbelt Lions Club, indicated that a special effort has been made this year to obtain the best possible music. He stated that the Club was fortunate this year to obtain Rudy Adler's Capital City Jazz Band.

As usual, set-ups, favors, and noise makers will be provided, as well as coffee and doughnuts for the road. The dance is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

For information, contact Ruth Kennedy at 474-6329.

MNCPPC Annual Report

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's 1970-71 Annual Report entitled "Together for Excellence" is now being made available to the public.

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Development & Improvement of City Parks Is Being Studied

A potentially controversial proposal for development of the Greenbelt Lake Park - Braden Field complex was referred by city council to the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board last month with a suggestion that public hearings be held. At that time one member of the audience wanted to be first on record against any developed type of park that would involve elimination of greenery.

City manager James Giese said that the plan emphasizes improvement of what already exists and, in fact, calls for planting more trees than are to be removed. But, in his report, he acknowledged that there were many conflicting forces to be considered. For example, he said the park is a logical focal point for city recreational activity because of its central location and size, yet as parks go, the Greenbelt Lake Park is small (120 acres), with nearby homes that accentuate the need for passive (natural state) areas. As another example of conflict, he said that the more the park is improved, the more attractive it will be to non-residents, thereby resulting in overcrowding and less enjoyment to Greenbelters. The park now serves 18,000 Greenbelters. Ultimately the city's population will reach 35,000.

The report as presented by Giese was the product of city staff thinking based on earlier plans prepared by T. N. Donovan and Associates. It divided its recommendations into three areas.

Main Entrance at Lake

- (1) Construction of group picnic pavilion, including comfort station and concession stand.
- (2) Enlargement of parking lot and improvement of road and pedestrian entrances, including the erection of needed information signs.
- (3) Development of picnic facilities, and a portion of a paved walkway system.

Parcel 7

- (1) Construction of city-wide and

neighborhood facilities - baseball and football fields, lighted tennis courts, and tot playground. Activity areas will be separated by differences in grade elevations and use of earth embankments.

- (2) Development of a buffer of trees along Crescent, Lastner Lane and Ivy.

Braden Field

- (1) Conversion of baseball field to a lighted softball field.
- (2) Lighted tennis courts and some additional courts.
- (3) Improvement of handball courts.
- (4) Construction of new parking facility at Youth Center.

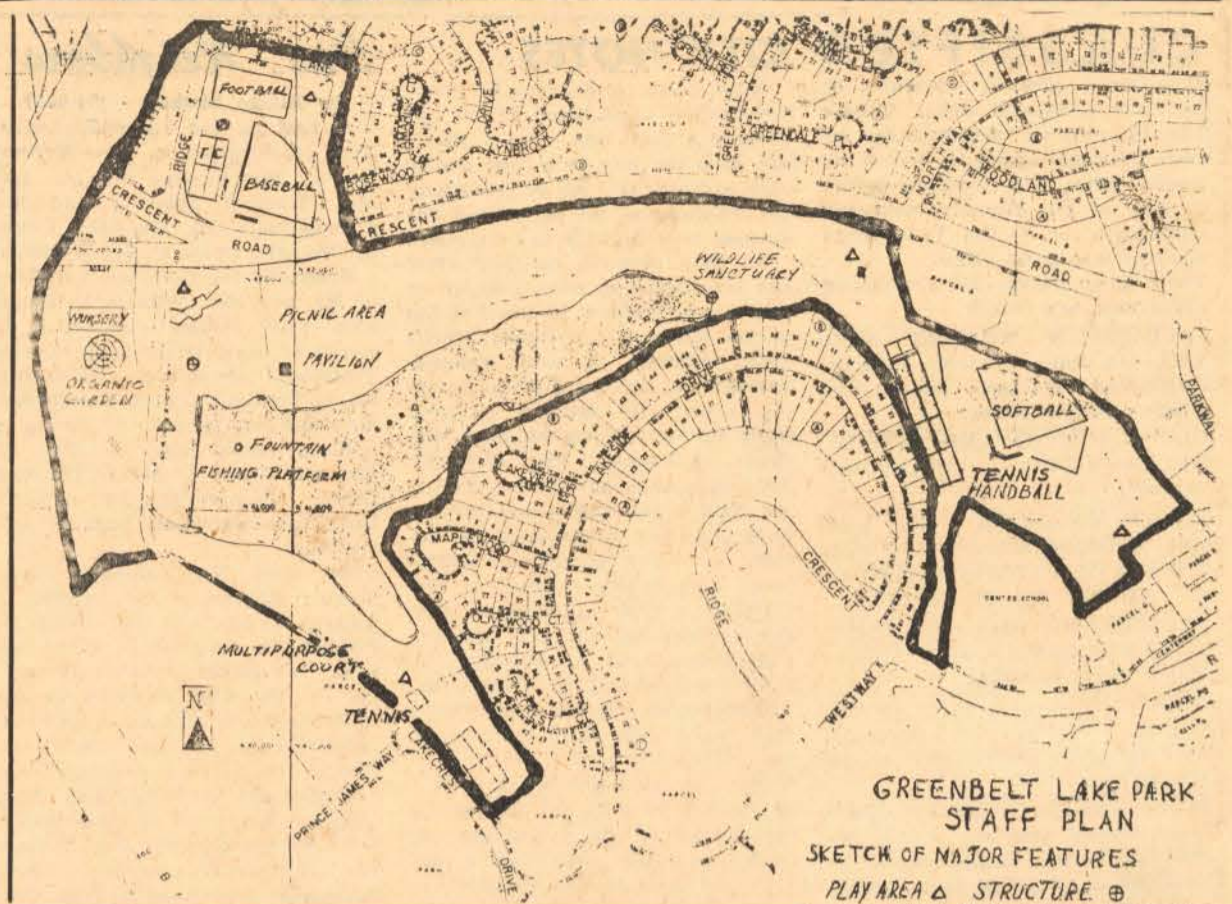
Other Features

The staff plan calls for detailed topographic surveys, pollution controls, stream channel improvements, and shoreline improvements. Innovations also include bicycle trails, wildlife sanctuary, play area near Jaycee Center, warming pit for iceskaters, fishing platform relocation of band-stand, and fountains.

Non-Resident Use

Of main concern to the staff was the question of non-resident use. It therefore attempted to recommend facilities such as athletic fields, tennis courts, and picnic pavilion that would mainly serve Greenbelt residents and be under the control of the Recreation Department.

Without making any recommendations, the report summarized other ways of restricting non-resident use such as entrance fees and parking charges with exemptions



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PLAY AREA Δ STRUCTURE ⊙

4-H Sparklers

by Penny White and Karen Coloe

In the last couple of weeks we have elected our officers and planned our schedule for this year.

Our officers are: President, Regina Werner; Vice President, Mindy Potts; Secretary, Sue Karlander; Treasurer, Teresa Novak; Song Leaders, Joan McFarland and Kathy McEvoy and Game Leaders, Sue Levesque and Ruth Baluch.

We made candles as our first project of this year. For our first sewing project we are making pajamas.

for Greenbelt residents. However, the staff cautioned that there may be ethical or legal objections to charging non-residents.

HAZARDOUS LIDS ON PUDDING PACKS

A group of law students at George Washington University is interested in hearing from anyone who has information concerning children who lacerate their fingers or tongues while either lifting the lid off pudding packs or licking the lid to taste the pudding that adheres. The students, working in cooperation with Professor John Banshaf and the Action on Safety and Health, are gathering data on such injuries in preparation for an action before a federal agency to remove this hazard. Anyone wishing to cooperate should write ASH, 2000 H St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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