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10 Candidates File For GHI Board

Last week saw a flood of candidates officially file for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors. The latest candidates are Gordon O. Allen, 65-H Ridge; Theodore C. (Ted) Byerly, 6-J Ridge; Eunice E. Coxon, 9-R Research; Gregory E. Fretz, 14-V Hillside; Hugh B. O'Donnell, 45-A Ridge; Stephen Polaschik, 12-D Ridge; Donald J. Volk, 17-G Ridge; and Norman W. Weyel, 2-F Plateau. They join two other candidates - Joseph D. Comproni and Janet M. James - who announced previously.

The latest candidates to file for the audit committee are Donald G. Campbell, 36-K Ridge and Tony McCarthy, 19-U Ridge. James R. Foster previously announced his candidacy.

This Saturday midnight, May 5, is the deadline for candidates to file with the Nominations and Elections Committee. Thereafter any GHI member wishing to get his name on the ballot must submit a petition signed by at least 10 GHI members to the GHI office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.

At stake in the elections, which will be held in conjunction with the annual membership meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17, are five openings on the 9-member board of directors and all seats on the 3-man audit committee. Board members serve for 2 years and audit committee members for 1 year.

All nominees are required to signify in writing their willingness to serve. Candidate Consent Forms can be obtained from the nominations committee or the GHI office. Biographies should be typed and must be in the hands of committee chairman Alex Chavrid by Monday, May 7, if they are to be printed in next week's issue of the News Review.

Proxies

Official proxy forms are available from the GHI office for any member not able to vote in person. Proxies must be requested in writing, must bear the Corporate seal and may be obtained at the corporation office where the request is entered in a proxy register.

No member may vote more than one proxy. The official proxy forms must be turned in to the GHI secretary or office by midnight, Thursday, May 10.

In other developments, the Nominations and Elections Committee has accepted the resignation of Walter (Bud) Dean since his son-in-law is seeking election to the Board of Directors. The committee announces the appointment of Belva Weisel as his replacement.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., May 3, 8:30 p.m. PRAB Meeting on Greenbelt Lake & Braden Field Master Plan. Youth Center.

Sunday, May 6, 1-5 p.m. - Seventh Annual Arts Festival, Show and Sale, Youth Center 1-5 p.m. - GHI Home and Garden Tour. GHI offices, Hamilton Place

Mon., May 7, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., May 8, 8 p.m. GHI Candidates Night, City Council Chambers

8 p.m. Greenbelt Garden Club GHI Office, Hamilton Place

8 p.m. City Budget Review Continuation, City Offices

AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 7, 1973 8:00 P.M.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 23, 1973
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

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- 9 An Ordinance to Amend Section 12-1 "Ball Games-Restrictions on Locations for Playing" of the Greenbelt City Code to Restrict the Playing of Ball Games to Athletic Fields and Play Fields Which Have Been Established for this Purpose and Subject to Such Regulations as May Be Established by the City Manager - Second Reading
- 10 An Ordinance to appropriate \$1,727.54 from the Replacement Fund Reserves for the Repair and Purchase of Police Automotive Equipment-Second Reading
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V MISCELLANEOUS

Cipriano, Honored Guest

Joseph (Pop) Cipriano was honored guest at the 16th anniversary celebration of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club on April 25, at the Youth Center. A festive luncheon featuring a huge cake was served to 128 people, including Mayor and Mrs. Richard Pilski, and Councilman and Mrs. Francis White.

Mayor Pilski presented two proclamations to the group from the city of Greenbelt. The first was for Cipriano who has lived in the area since 1910, honoring him for his generosity and for the many things that he has done for the city.

The second proclamation was for the Golden Age Club, honoring them for their good work in the community, their friendliness and their work for the aged.

County Councilman White read a proclamation from the Prince Georges County Council which stated that April 25 shall now be known as Joseph (Pop) Cipriano Day in Prince Georges County.

7 Members of GHI Board Are Served With A Suit

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and GHI board members individually were served with a suit this week by a group of GHI members. The subject of the suit was a complaint that the equities of these members were impaired by certain decisions of the board with respect to deferral of increased monthly charges for the elderly and granting of a loan to Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association.

Filing the suit in the Circuit Court was Eunice E. Coxon, joined by Frances Morley, Cathy Foster, Martha Hutzler, Mary B. Welsh, Nancy Motley, William S. Hennessey, Norman B. Charles, Elliot D. Sines, and George Kris. Cited as defendants were 7 GHI board members, including all the officers. Not included in the suit were board members Howard Brooks and Tony Lynch.

The suit charged that the action of the GHI board in continuing the deferral of increased monthly charges for the elderly for 1973 was improper and that the assessment collected but not spent in 1972 - about \$2,696 - was not accounted for to the GHI members.

The plaintiffs also charged that a \$25,000 GHI loan to Twin Pines last December was contrary to the by-laws. They asked that the GHI board members individually and collectively be ordered to personally reimburse the corporation for any loss.

The plaintiffs also complained that their rights as members were violated by the Board's "refusal to permit a vote" on certain motions presented at a special membership meeting on January 31, 1973. They asked that GHI be ordered to refrain from a repetition of such conduct.

Representing the plaintiffs was attorney Joseph Vance.

Ball Playing Ordinance

On the agenda for the May 7 Council meeting is an ordinance which would prohibit the playing of ball games in parks, streets, or other posted places, except at athletic fields and play fields which have been established for ball playing. The ordinance would give the City Manager the authority to establish regulations for these areas.

One reason for the new ordinance is that the existing city code reads in such a way as to permit ball playing anywhere within the Greenbelt Lake Park, including picnic areas. This was not the intent of the old ordinance and the new ordinance would clarify this question.

A second reason for the new ordinance is that the existing code limits ball playing to certain specific areas. The city has established other areas for ball playing such as in the park between Lakewood and Woodland Hills, the tennis courts on Lakecrest Drive, and the Springhill Lake golf-course, which are not presently so designated. The new ordinance would allow the City Manager to designate new ball playing areas.

The ordinance was introduced for the first reading at the April 23 meeting and will come up for a second reading and possible passage at the May 7 Council meeting.

PARKDALE BAND

The Parkdale High School band, winner of the Prince Georges County band festival in March, went on to receive a superior rating at the state festival on Saturday, April 14. Parkdale was the only school of the 28 who participated to receive superior ratings in all categories, which included three performances and one sight-reading exercise.

County Budget Proposal Could Hold Back Rise In City Tax

by Al Skolnik

A little-publicized feature of county executive William Gullett's budget may affect significantly the property tax rate for Greenbelt next year. City manager James K. Giese has submitted to city council a municipal budget for 1973-74 calling for a tax increase of 13 cents, from \$0.92 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.05.

However, the extent to which an increase is needed will depend upon a number of factors, one of which is a proposal by Gullett for having the county pay the cost of certain city services in recognition of the fact that the county is providing services outside the city that it does not provide within the city.

Gullett's proposal is intended to be a substitute for the provisions of the tax differential bill adopted by county council on Nov. 29, 1972 that would provide a county tax credit for services provided by municipalities, but would have the tax credit go directly to municipal taxpayers in the form of a rebate.

If the county council adopts Gullett's new approach, the city of Greenbelt's budget could be eased to the tune of about \$38,150, or about 5 cents on the tax rate. But the municipalities are not happy

with this new approach. The list of items which would qualify for county payment is limited. Such a large expenditure as police department costs would be excluded on the grounds, according to Gullett, that the county provides uniform services throughout the area regardless of where a citizen resides.

Public hearings on the county budget are scheduled for May 21 at Northwestern at 7:30 p.m. and May 23, at Upper Marlboro at 1:30 p.m.

At last week's council review of the recreation and public works budgets, Giese listed those items which would qualify under Gullett's new proposal: (1) leaf collection - \$2,365; (2) special trash pickups - \$3,821; (3) snow and ice removal - \$3,276; (4) animal control - \$2,912; and (5) utility services for street lights - \$25,776.

Revenue-Sharing

The review of the two budgets last week also revealed areas where Federal revenue-sharing funds could be used to keep down the increase in the tax rate. In rethinking the problem of how to make best use of revenue-sharing funds, Giese is now suggesting that these funds be applied against certain capital expenditure items. Giese's original inclination was to use revenue-sharing funds to finance city recreation expenditures.

Giese cited the following items as eligible for revenue-sharing; improvements in Youth Center (\$1,700), improvements in Municipal Service Building (2,200), and equipment for the public works department (\$9,200).

Recreation Budget

The total parks and recreation budget proposed for 1973-74 is \$271,400, some \$31,000 over current year expenditures. Part of this increase - about \$8,500 - will be offset by higher revenues from the swimming pool and other self-supporting recreation activities.

The playground and parks budget is up \$15,900, due partly to the hiring of two additional public works crewmen who will have their salaries paid by the Federal Government under the Public Employment Program (PEP), and partly to a proposed \$9,200 expenditure for dump truck, trailer spray unit, cultivating aerifier, and playground equipment.

Other capital improvement items proposed include \$700 for installing new entrance doors at Youth Center, \$600 for trampoline, \$400 for replacement of amplifier for the sound system, and \$1,000 for the purchase of planter tubs for flowers at Center Mall.

Also contributing to the increase in recreation costs is the refurbishing and operating of the new Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Public Works Budget

The public works budget proposed for 1973-74 is \$266,000, up some \$32,000 from current year expenditures. Most of this increase - \$22,000 - will be offset by the proposed county plan to pick up the utility bill for the street lights. Additional costs will be offset by Federal grants for personnel hired under the PEP program.

Among the capital items proposed are two modifications of the Municipal Service Building. One is to construct a glass enclosure for the passage way between the office building and the garage to serve as a windbreak (\$1,000). The other is to install infra-red space heaters in a section of the unheated portion of the garage used by the parks crew for equipment maintenance (\$1,000). Funds are also provided to install an intercom between the office and the garage (\$200).

The next budget hearing will be on Tuesday, May 8, on revenues and the Finance department.

HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

This Sunday, May 6, there will be an informal showing of the homes and gardens of about 50 GHI members. The 1973 GHI HOME AND GARDEN TOUR has been organized to give both members and non-members the benefit of seeing a wide variety of homes and improvements. An effort has been made to include examples of different types of modifications to the basic units. Included on the tour will be additions, remodeled kitchens, storage units, gardens, patios, and decks. People taking the tour will have the opportunity to see a wide range of successful and original innovations completed (or in the process of completion) by GHI members, and to discuss with the homeowner the costs and problems associated with the improvement.

Homes and gardens will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The tour begins at the GHI offices on Hamilton place where participants may pick up literature locating and describing the homes and gardens on the tour. With 52 units on display, it is expected that people will not want to try and visit all of the homes and gardens, but will select those units most in line with their particular interests. Members of the tour subcommittee will be on hand at the GHI offices to answer questions and assist members in selecting units to visit. Members of the subcommittee are Judith Johnston (chairman), Pat Brown, Gloria Childers, Doug Hawes, Bernie Magee, Dennis Osika, and Joanne Volk.

The Home and Garden Tour has been organized as a community service primarily to acquaint GHI members with the possibilities for improvement of their homes by seeing what other members have done. However, non-members are also welcome. There will be no charge for the tour.

FREE HOME INSPECTION

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will make an inspection of the home of any Greenbelter requesting the service during the month of May. Since Springhill Lake is the responsibility of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, inspections will not be made in that area. To make arrangements call 345-7000. Inspections will be seven days a week from 1 to 4 p.m. on week days and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends.

BUDGET COPIES AVAILABLE

The office of the city manager has announced that copies of the Budgets for Fiscal Year 1973-74 may be obtained at the City Offices prior to the Public Hearing to be held on May 14.

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Greenbriar Developers Seek Sewer Easement On Park Service Land

Upon reevaluation, which included an on-site inspection, the State Department of Water Resources, has determined that the receiving stream into which the sewage effluent from the Greenbriar temporary sewage treatment plant would be discharged is a "continuously year-round flowing stream." As a result, the required piping of the effluent will start from the plant on the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and end at the receiving stream near the exit ramp leading from the Parkway to NASA.

The City of Greenbelt and County Health Officer Perry Stearns originally recommended that the piping be extended through Parcel 1 to the northern border of Greenbelt.

With the stream question resolved, developers of the 1193-unit luxury development still face another problem, that of securing an easement for the pipeline. Two possibilities exist. The first, which was proposed recently and appears to be out of the picture at this date, was an easement through NASA property. The latest development is a request by the developer to use the National Park Service land adjacent to the Parkway.

NASA has already indicated that the developers would need to comply with certain federal standards before it could permit the discharge of effluent into a stream on its property. The National Park Service (NPS) is currently preparing an environmental assessment of the area involving its property. If in its assessment the NPS determines that there is a major impact on the Federal land or on the community, then an in-depth environmental impact statement will be prepared and submitted to other public agencies for review. On the other hand, if the assessment reveals that no such action is necessary, a decision will be forthcoming shortly.

In Greenbelt Nat'l Park

In the Sweetgum picnic area on Saturday morning, May 5, will be the Second Annual Kite Festival sponsored by the Japan-American Society of Washington and the National Park Service. Residents are invited to bring their own kites to fly or come watch kite-flying demonstrations in honor of Boys' Day — a Japanese national holiday.

CITY NOTES

The city's paper pick-up was down this past week to 13 tons from the former high of 16 tons collected during the first week of the new middle-of-the-week pickups.

A load of glass was taken to Baltimore and residents are urged to bring their glass to the warehouse area for recycling.

The city is happy to pick up leaves and twigs at roadsides for eventual use as mulch. However, if residents mix other trash in with their leaves, the city employees either have to spend time separating the various items or the whole thing is carted off to the landfill. The leaf vacuum is sent out to collect leaves and the clipper is sent out to chip twigs and branches — one machine cannot do both jobs, and neither separates out the debris.

The general crew has been busy repairing the southbound lane of Ridge Road, which is now patched to 49 court. In a few days it is hoped that the street will be repaired up to Northway.

Work on the swimming pool and bathhouse is progressing to get it ship-shape for opening day; so too are the ballfields being readied for the May 29 Little League opening. The parks crew is deeply involved in cutting grass, and has planted azaleas along Crescent Rd.

St. Hugh's CYO Baseball

St. Hugh's opened their baseball season recently with 4 wins and 1 loss. Results of the games; Jr. girls 1 — won 26-5; Lori Kellaheer hit two homers for St. Hugh's. Jr. girls 2 — won 20-19; Gloria Hensel was the winning pitcher. Midget boys won 14-10; Alan Jankowski was the winning hurler. Intermediate boys won 6-3; Joe Knight hit a triple and George Mathews was the winning pitcher. Jr. boys won their game but lost due to an unfortunate infraction of the rules.

Cub Pack 202

Cub Scout Pack 202 will be having another Donut sale on May 12.

The following awards were given to boys of Pack 202 on April 27:

Cubs — Tommy Vaughn — wolf badge; Joe Cain, John Bartusek, Mike Moretti and Robert Patridge — Gold arrow point; Robert Patridge — 2 Silver Arrow Points.

Webelos — Mike Cain — Citizen and Arrow of Light; Jimmy Crockett — Artist, Citizen and Arrow of Light. Pinewood Derby Trophies were awarded.

Den Awards — 1st place: Den 1 (100% parent participation); 2nd place: Den 5.

In Greenbelt's Library

Prince Georges County has a new library service. With the help of volunteers, your public library is offering service to the homebound. If you are a Prince Georges County resident and due to extended illness or disability, cannot get to your local branch library, the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will make library services available to you in your home. If you would like books or library materials brought to your home, call the Volunteer Services Office of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System at 779-9330.

The Greenbelt Branch Library of Prince Georges County Memorial Library System is interested in finding out about authors who live in or near Greenbelt. We would like to have a more complete file of local authors who may not have come to our attention. It would be of interest to the library and to the Greenbelt community to have this information so that we may focus attention on works of local authors. Anyone who has published articles, novels, or non-fiction books for adults or children is encouraged to contact Mrs. S. Bean or Ms. Stephanie Greenberg at the Greenbelt Library, 345-5800.

The Library is offering these programs and displays: Programs (adult) — Book Discussion, Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Conference room.

LITTLE LEAGUERS NEWS

by Joel Kastner

Sunday started the Little League season, as the defending City Champion Tigers shut out the Athletics 6-0.

The game was preceded by the parade, which originated at Hamilton Place and moved down Ridge to McDonald Field.

The opening game's activities began with the introducing of the teams and their managers, then the ceremonial throwing of the first ball by Mayor Richard Pilski, which was caught by George Hanvok. Martin Evans then sang the National Anthem.

In Monday action, the Lions edged the Orioles 8-7, as Alan Jankowski connected on the first home run of the young Little League season.

Methodist Church News

Family Week starts May 6. The Church School will be presenting a "What We're Learning Program" at 9:30 a.m. All parents and members are invited.

The Young Adults will be sponsoring a Variety Show on May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church. If you enjoy fine singing, dancing and acting, reserve that date on your calendar. No admission will be charged; however, a free-will donation will be accepted. All monies collected will go to the Building Fund. More details will be forthcoming soon.

Anyone interested in substituting for Church School teachers for a week or more during summer vacation should contact the Rev. Cunningham at the Church — 474-9410 or at home 474-3381.

Half Marathon Cancer Benefit Results

Several hundred dollars was raised for cancer research from a half marathon (13 miles) running race (or any mile distance under that) conducted in Greenbelt April 29. Greenbelters finishing the full distance were Jack Mahurin, Bob Harper and Harvey Geller. Several girls completed the 13 mile distance mostly walking, but were eagerly awaited at the finish line because they had multiple sponsors at a dollar a mile. This charitable event, which also promoted physical fitness, was co-sponsored by the Cancer Society of Prince Georges County, The Prince Georges Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Community Church News

The Rev. David Robb will conduct the worship service at Greenbelt Community Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 6. Mr. Robb was formerly associate pastor of the First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C.

A mother-and-daughter dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 11, in the Social Hall, with Stan Edwards acting as master chef. Call 474-5082 before May 6 for reservations and tickets.

The Rev. Warren Hilfiker, associate conference minister for the Central Atlantic area, will be the guest minister on May 13. A special congregational meeting has been called for 12 noon, immediately after the morning service.

Israel's 25th Anniversary

The Mishkan Torah Congregation will celebrate Israel's 25th anniversary on Sunday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. The hour-long program will feature a program of dancing and singing.

MISHKAN TORAH

The Mishkan Torah Men's Club will hold its Annual Mother's Day breakfast on Sun, May 13 at 10 a.m. The ladies of the congregation are invited to bring their husbands.

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. Wed. Midweek Service			
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH			
Crescent & Greenhill Rds. S. Jasper Morris Jr., Pastor — 474-4040			

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Church School All Classes 9:30 — 10:30 A.M.

Holy Communion 11:00 A.M.

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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9-8 SATURDAY 9-2

GREENBELT SHOPPING CENTER

Greenbelt Arts Festival

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Arts Festival this Sunday, May 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. The annual arts show and sale will be held in the Youth Center and include demonstrations of unusual crafts.

As a special added attraction, the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform at 2:30 p.m. and the Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club will be providing refreshments for sale during the afternoon's festivities.

Anyone wishing to participate can pick up an entry blank at the Recreation Department. All mediums are accepted from 10 — 12 noon on Sunday. Everyone is invited to submit their works and attend. For further information, call 474-6878.

HOMEMAKERS YARD SALE

On Saturday, May 5, the Greenbelt Homemakers will hold a back yard sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Donald McElroy, 11-E Southway in Greenbelt. There will be many items of interest, and homemade cookies and cupcakes will be on sale.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Weekday Nursery School

9:00 — 11:30 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO THE

GHI HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Sunday May 6, 1973

1-5 p.m.

Tour commences at GHI Office on Hamilton Place

... Letters to the Editor ...

GHI Election Procedures

To this observer there appears to be a group which seeks to control GHI by limiting democratic procedures. Please consider these acts and my conclusions concerning them:

One year ago a referendum on election procedures was held. Members were asked to choose one of three sets of procedures. Far-reaching proposals were made but there was no discussion of their implications preceding the vote.

This year bylaw amendments will be presented to implement the selected set of elections procedures. Three changes in particular merit attention: One would permit absentee voting. Another would change the time of the elections to the day of but before the Annual Meeting. The third would place the names of candidates for the Nominations and Elections Committee on the ballot with those for the Board and Audit Committee.

Members should be encouraged to attend Annual Meetings to hear issues discussed and make policy decisions, but taken together the first two will discourage such attendance. Moreover voting by proxy, unavailable in public elections, makes it unnecessary to have absentee voting. Further, absentee voting raises the specter of wholesale collection of absentee ballots similar to what occurred with proxy votes before that procedure was tightened.

The second proposal contributes to non-attendance because members would have to make one trip to the polling place to vote and later make another trip to the Annual Meeting. This hardly encourages attendance.

The role of the Nominations and Elections Committee is to guard the integrity of the ballot box. It is not a policy making body. To place the names of candidates for it on the ballot with Board and Audit Committee is to invite the politicizing of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

The latest development in the apparent move to limit democratic procedures is the petition that the bylaws be amended by referendum to limit directors to two consecutive terms. Were this question — or any other — submitted to referendum it could not be amended or discussed.

I believe it undemocratic for any electorate to limit the choices of voters at any future election, which limiting Board members to two consecutive terms would do. I would welcome the opportunity to make this point in discussion. I should welcome the chance to point out that 27 members have served as Directors in the last 10 years, of whom 20 served four years or less, the arbitrary time limit proposed. I should welcome the opportunity to be shown that the amendment deserves approval despite my present objections. Those who promoted the petition in my view intended that there be no discussion.

To conclude, it is my view that a small group is seeking to gain control of GHI through manipulation of the electorate. They circulate rumors that work on the understandable concerns of members. One example is that personal dishonesty, not inflation, is the major cause of increases in monthly charges. Their rumor-mongering is carefully designed to avoid public discussion. On the other hand they "ask" for an all-inclusive audit in the confident expectation that more responsible members will conclude that it is not justifiable. This leaves them in the enviable position of being able to charge "cover-up." If they truly want such an audit let them put up the money for it. Some of the promoters of the audit can afford it. If it were to show speculation, a grateful membership would reimburse them for their contributions.

Charles F. Schwan

GREENBELT GARDEN CLUB

The Greenbelt Garden Club will meet Tuesday, May 8 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. A film on gardening will be followed by a

GHI Candidates' Night

The past two years have been filled with great activity, change, and planning. The many intensive discussions and consultants' reports have provided greater insight into the conditions of our homes and our organization than was possible before.

As a result, there will be some major decisions made during the next year — decisions which will establish our direction for the next quarter-century. The annual meeting and election on May 16 and 17 is therefore critical to our future.

In order to provide a forum for candidates to discuss the issues and problems which face us in the next year, we are sponsoring a Candidates' Night for all members seeking election to the GHI Board of Directors and to the Audit Committee. It will be held next Tuesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. in the City Council meeting room. Dr. Howard Brinkley will be moderator.

Each candidate will be given three minutes for a presentation. After all candidates have spoken, the moderator will invite members of the audience to ask questions of any or all candidates.

We hope that all candidates and a large number of members will attend. It may be the only opportunity that members have to ask questions of all the candidates and be able to evaluate their competence for the office each seeks.

Thomas X. White
James Smith
David Lange
Nat Shinderman

Who is GHI?

This is a belated response to an attitude expressed at the GHI special membership meeting. One of the speakers on the subject of last year's 25 cent per month assessment to cover the deferred payment of increases for some of us on fixed incomes claimed that GHI was getting a double profit in that "they" were charging the members now, and that "they" would in the future, at the sale of the house, charge the owner again. What was charged was factually correct only in that two assessments would be made. However, the mysterious "they" to whom the money will go is GHI.

My point is that there is no "they", there is a "we". "We" are a co-operative organization of mutual home owners living in a unique environment.

The legal niceties of the 25 cent decision is not here at issue—what disturbs me is that some GHI members apparently consider themselves to be solely in a landlord-tenant relationship, rather than in that of "Organization-Equal Member" which it is and should be.

We are in a period during which major decisions for our community must be made. I only hope that all members will ask themselves, "What shall we do for our community?" rather than "What are they going to do?"

Elections are coming up; participation is free—your participation and continued interest is solicited so that we can all call it Our Community.

Tony McCarthy

Not Scared

This evening a little after 6 p.m., I received a summons directed to Greenbelt Homes Inc., and all members of the Board except Directors Lynch and Brooks. The plaintiffs were Eunice E. Coxon, et al. The cause of the suit is so picayune and specious that its purpose must be to scare me out of running for the Board. I am supposed to cringe and say, "Dear me! I can't stand a law suit." It concerns a charge of 25 cents per month to members made during the year 1972 in order that certain low income senior citizens may not have an increase in their monthly charges, and it also concerns a loan the corporation made to Twin Pines when all of its money was out on loan and it needed more to finance sale of GHI homes. This loan has since been repaid to GHI. Don't worry, folks. It is not scaring me one bit! I am still running and I believe I shall win.

Janet M. James

short business meeting. Bring any extra seeds or plants to swap.

LIFEBLOOD BEING SAPPED

It is not a very pleasant experience to see the lifeblood of your housing investment being sapped by certain forces that are spreading fear and distrust and causing general disruption of the GHI staff and membership.

I know that I will be accused of being overly concerned, but please reflect on the following points: (1) certain members who were once worried about the lowered level of reserves are now complaining that the levels are too high; (2) a costly membership meeting was requested to cover matters which were previously fully discussed, or were to be discussed at future open meetings; (3) a petition was presented for a costly financial audit when the management survey by a nationally recognized reputable firm and regular CPA audits uncovered no wrong doing by any Board or management staff member; and (4) continuing criticisms are made of past activities without bringing forth any constructive suggestions for improved operations.

The majority of the present Board members and work staff have the best interests of GHI in mind and are devoting their efforts, under very difficult conditions, to keep this cooperative one of the very best in the country. Through recent personal investigation of housing in this area, I have concluded that GHI offers the best housing bargain.

The emerging erosion of GHI can be stopped only, in my opinion, through a massive showing of strength by courageous, concerned and knowledgeable members at Board and membership meetings.

Stephen Polaschik

Concert Band To Play

The Greenbelt Concert Band will present a concert at the seventh annual Greenbelt Arts Festival beginning at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 6 in the Youth Center Gymnasium.

Included on the program will be numbers of Edward McDowell, Morton Gould, Victor Herbert, and Peter Tschaikovsky, among others.

The band, which is conducted by John Del Homme, has scheduled a series of three concerts in Greenbelt during May and June. Besides the May 6 program, it will play for the Springhill Lake 10th anniversary on May 26, and will offer a Lake bandstand concert on June 17.

Not all concerts, however, are scheduled in Greenbelt. In March the group performed at the U. S. Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C.

Several openings are now available for interested citizens. Adults with previous band experience are invited to call Thomas Cherrix, manager, 552-1444, if they are interested in joining the Greenbelt Band.

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To the GHI Board of Directors

Donald J. Volk

17-G Ridge Rd.

by Authority of Candidate

GHI MEMBERS

LET'S LOOK

BEFORE

WE SPEND

We are faced with a major rehabilitation program in GHI. A survey has indicated that a multimillion dollar program is needed.

Let's look before we spend to see how much of this multimillion dollar program is necessary and how much is in the "nice to have if we can afford it" category.

Let's look before we spend. Let's take a close look to see if the proposed conversion to electric heat is the best way to go. We should study proposals on oil heat as well as electric heat. Then we can decide which system we want.

Let's look into all of the other proposals. Our future monthly charges - and the future of GHI depend on it.

VOTE IN THE GHI ELECTION

VOTE FOR: JOSEPH D. COMPRONI

For the Board of Directors

Voting at the Annual Meeting, May 16;

at the Youth Center, May 17.

by Authority of Candidate

GHI CANDIDATES' NIGHT

COME MEET THE CANDIDATES

AND DISCUSS THE ISSUES

Moderator: Dr. Howard Brinkley

Tuesday, May 8

Municipal Building

8 p.m.

Twin Pines Members Discuss Progress Toward Certification and Insurance

by Alexander Barnes

President of Twin Pines, Bill Lathom, stated at a special information meeting on April 26 that "... (A) report of the (state) examiners ... has been completed and delivered to the Director of the Maryland Department of Building and Loan Associations. Since this is a special examination, the report will not be made available to us until after it is presented to the Board of Building, Savings, and Loan Associations Commissioner at their next meeting, May 3 (Thursday) ... Our general position is that we ... have no real news to give the membership, except that no news is good news. This is predicated on the experience of ... previous examinations ... (when) we were immediately notified ... that our association was in non-compliance with ... building and loan regulations."

The subsequent statement by the Board's recently hired attorney, Allen Housley, and questions and answers from an active audience of thirty members clarified a twelve year history of Twin Pines continued deviation from state regulations which has culminated in the separation of the two senior management personnel and the lapse of state certification of the organization. Twin Pines is the only savings and loan association within the state that is not insured. Currently Maryland law requires such certification and insurance by July 1.

Background

As the result of multiple and spectacular savings and loan association collapses in Maryland in the late fifties and early sixties, legislation was established to provide state protection for depositors at those institutions. Beginning in 1961 and approximately every 18 months thereafter, characteristically the examiner's report would list numerous non-standard procedures being used by Twin Pines. The use of a single cash drawer by more than one employee was mentioned as an example by Edward Spiegethal, alternate member of the supervisory committee. Since the use of a cash drawer by more than one person means that no single person can be held responsible for a shortage, that practice is anathema to the banking community and is a violation of the state regulations. On the other hand, according to Spiegethal, the use of a single cash drawer at Twin Pines simplified closing procedures allowing them to stay open longer hours. In addition the staff had greater flexibility in dealing with and serving members.

In the past there was no serious concern about the discrepancies reported by the examiner. Some were corrected and the others were explained on the basis of the uniqueness of Twin Pines as a community owned and operated organization. Twin Pines is the only co-operative savings and loan association within the state.

Bringing the issue to a head was the State's requirement that all S&L associations be insured by July 1, 1973.

Other Issues

In addition to tightening up operations, three other issues were discussed: replacement of Twin Pines senior management, loan diversification, and the loan contract for GHI homes.

The problem with a loan on GHI homes is that in the case of a default, Twin Pines cannot sell the unit to recover its loss. Any subsequent purchaser must be approved by the GHI Board. Housley informed the audience that negotiations with GHI were going well on this issue. Diversification can be worked out by selling some of the Twin Pines loans to another institution and, possibly purchasing some of theirs. Twin Pines would continue to act as the agent for all such loans, and there would be no effect on the members.

Change in Management

In a surprising response to some oblique comments past president George Jones stated that the Board had received the impression from the Director of the Division of Building and Loan Associations, Thomas Eminizer, that it would be impossible for Twin Pines ever to be certified under its then current management. Because of this, the Board felt forced into accepting the resignations of the Manager and

Assistant Manager. No one seemed to be sure why this condition was laid down, but there was agreement that it was not personally motivated.

One member pointed out that while the state had established a system to protect depositors, in Greenbelt there already was a system to protect the depositors: that was a staff of unquestioned integrity and the active involvement of the community.

Insurance

The dominant theme of the evening was optimism about getting state certification and subsequently, insurance. In addition to not having received any immediate criticisms after the examination, the new Twin Pines manager, Steve Frankenberg, stated that he had received some favorable response from the examiners. However, contingency plans have been investigated. The formation of a private, non-chartered, corporation was mentioned as a possible temporary expedient while the acquisition of state certification was actively pursued. The other possibility discussed was a merger with an already certified S&L association. The Directors declined extensive specific discussion of either of these possibilities because of their belief that neither would be necessary. In any event, either one of these options would protect the depositors' funds.

Prince Georges Symphony

The Prince Georges Symphony Orchestra is honoring "Youth in Music" as part of the county-wide Dimensions In Music Festival with a concert performance scheduled for Sunday, May 6, at 5 p.m., at the Prince George's Community College, Fine Arts Auditorium.

The Dimensions In Music Festival, an annual event which showcases local musical talent, will be held at the Prince George's Community College on May 19 and 20. Admission is free. A puppet performance by the Prince George's Puppet Players, an exhibit area featuring hand craft items of local artisans and opportunity to participate in a variety of music workshops and seminar sessions.

A second performance of the orchestra which will be sponsored by the Upper Marlboro Recreation Council, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, at 8:15 p.m. at the Frederick Sasser Junior High School, School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

The Prince Georges Symphony's final performance for the season will be on May 13, at 4 p.m. at the Benjamin Tasker Junior High School, 4901 Collington Road, in Bowie. The concert will be sponsored by the Bowie Music Teachers Association.

Additional information on either of these musical programs can be obtained by calling 277-2200, ext. 322 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stock Market Course

A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., members New York Stock Exchange, Inc., will present a complimentary three-session investment seminar, "You and the Stock Market," at Greenbelt Junior High School, on May 3, 10 and 17 from 7:45 p.m. until 9 p.m.

A question and answer period will conclude each session. The public is cordially invited. Reservations may be made by phoning Mr. Dunn or Mr. Seagar at 654-3000.

The Police Blotter

Detective Sgt. John C. Krob has been asked by the Maryland Training Commission to conduct five entrance training courses. Greenbelt is one of two cities within its classification in the state to be asked to provide an instructor.

Daytime housebreaking cases continue. In Springhill Lake \$73 was stolen from an apartment. Due to the alertness of Sgt. Van Valkenberg and Cpl. Miskell, two 16 yr. old juveniles were apprehended and the money was recovered. One of the juveniles was an escapee from a Maryland training school since July.

Two robberies from a townhouse on Lakeside Drive, and an apartment on Westway were reported recently. Five more robberies were also reported from different parts of the city, including one from Boxwood and one from Ridge Rd. The police apprehended two adult male suspects and recovered \$1500 worth of stolen property. In addition to larceny and housebreaking the suspects were charged with the possession of marijuana and were apparently under the influence of marijuana at the time of arrest.

In Boxwood a house was entered and a bottle containing approximately \$500 in change was taken. Later, part of the money was taken to an intermediary at a church and was then returned to the owner.

Investigation is still being carried out in several cases.

An unlocked apartment on Westway Rd. was entered and four guitars were taken. Later on that day the guitars were returned and the case was closed.

Some of those apprehended were known to ride around the city, pick a house, and knock on the door. If there was no response, they would force entry.

Chief Lane would like to repeat his request that residents leaving town notify the police so that the house can be regularly checked. Residents are also urged to report suspicious persons to the police.

A woman reported being confronted near the rear of 7 Parkway Rd. by a young male (judged to be about 12 years old) wearing a ski mask. The young man grabbed her purse and disappeared. Because her wallet fell out, no cash was taken. A lookout has been posted.

Several larcenies have been reported at the Beltway Plaza Shopping center. In S. Klein's over \$2000 in men's rings were stolen from the display counter while the store was open. It is believed that somehow someone was able to obtain the keys to the display case. No suspects were reported.

In the Morse Shoe Store \$170 was stolen from the cash register while the store was open. No suspect was observed.

Police have been making arrests for possession of alcohol in the parking lot at the Center, also for drinking in public. People have been obstructing the entrance to the Sports Center. So far no arrests have been necessary because people have moved when requested.

There have been reports of people riding bicycles in the Center. There are signs posted against this and even though most of the Center is private property and does not belong to the city, police are patrolling this area because of the congestion and the safety hazards involved. About 20 warnings have been issued for riding in the center. Police ask the cooperation of parents.

Although reports of ball playing in the lake park have been made, police are not able to stop this because under the present city ordinance, the lake park is one of the areas designated for ball playing.

Breaking bottles in the Center has become a problem. Again cooperation of parents is requested. One young man will be helping the city maintenance man to clean up the center as a result of his bottle breaking.

Partridgeberry Benefit

Partridgeberry School is sponsoring a bake sale in the Greenbelt Center Mall on Saturday, May 5. The benefit will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Environmental News

by Gabe Huck

It's time for Earth Day. Three years ago that meant rallies and the celebration of an idea whose time, it seemed, might finally have arrived. But most of the battles are still stalemated and the war for a survival worth having goes against us. Most of the noble causes of the time do not require too much personal involvement: cancer can be fought with a check and a quick check-up; scouts or Sunday School take time in preparation and time in presentation; most of us are satisfied with voting, a letter now and then, and at most an hour's demonstration.

Ecology is different. It can be attempted with money, letters, time and the rest — and these are necessary — but even with great legislative victories guaranteeing clean air and water, even with the strictest protection of wilderness areas and at least a little protection against the unplanned growth of cities, even with all the "big" victories ecology depends on the hundreds of little decisions that each of us makes every week. Taken together, these decisions are our way of life. The use of energy, the consumption of materials, the uses of leisure, these make us good children of the earth or shortsighted creators of a future that might not have been.

So I suggest a personal Earth Day this year. A whole day, or just a few hours, all of it spent in Greenbelt, with walking or bicycling as the main means of transportation. By yourself, as a family, or with a friend. Begin at a shopping area, Beltway Plaza or Greenbelt Center. Walk through the stores. Ask yourself things like "When did people first need this particular thing?" "Why do things have from one to three packages around them before they leave the store?" "What percent by weight of what's sold here will be thrown away within a day? Within a month? Within a year?"

Now take a walk. Notice our trees and our erosion. Follow some of the beautiful paths for walking, but keep an ear open to hear if you should find a single spot where you are unaware of the noise of traffic from the parkway or the beltway. Pick up litter as you go along but don't fool yourself into thinking that that is ecology.

If you can take the time, bring a lunch and watch the work at Greenbriar and Roosevelt high school. Remember what it used to look like two months ago? How much more of Greenbelt will be leveled in the next few years? Where do all these people come from anyway?

Maybe your Earth Day tour can include a stop at our public library and an hour in the fine section of environmental and ecology books and periodicals. Read a little bit. Then take a look through a current newspaper. Decide on somebody to write to about something when you get home.

Spend Earth Day somewhere off the top of the food chain. No meat. It takes too much land to raise meat. Make it a day without too much water and electricity. If you have a garden, or have a friend with a garden, close Earth Day celebration there, by yourself, for a while, working or just sitting.

Recreation Review

Ceramics Registration

Registrations are now being accepted for a new session of Ceramics (hand building and throwing on the potter's wheel) beginning Tuesday, May 15. Classes will be: Tuesday - 10-12 noon with babysitting, Beginners; Tuesday 8 - 10 p.m., Intermediate; Thursday, 10-12 noon with babysitting, Workshop; Thursday 8 - 10 p.m. Beginners. Call the Recreation Department, 474-6578 for information.

SHL Recreation Center

Listed below are spring hours and activities available at the Recreation Center on the golf course: Monday - Friday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Open House, Monday - Wednesday 7-9 p.m. Open House, Friday 7-10 p.m. Pre-Teen Club, Saturday 9-11 a.m. Elementary age boys and girls group games and arts and crafts, Saturday 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. Open House.

Men's Slow-Pitch

Monday, May 7 at 7:15 p.m. the Greenbelt Men's 'A' League Slow-Pitch begins at Braden Field. Two games will be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights 7:15 and 8:30. Monday will be Payne Construction Co. vs. Springhill Lakers at 7:15 and Hogan's Heroes vs. Rodman's Discount Drug at 8:30 p.m.

North End Playground

Co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the MNCPPC, this after-school program is in progress and will run through June 1. The hours are from 4-6 p.m. on the school playground for boys and girls elementary to teen age. Activities will include arts and crafts, archery instruction and group games.

Ag. Center Resolution

Insisting Prince Georges County be given a say on disposal of property within its boundaries, County Councilman Winfield M. Kelly Jr., introduced a resolution on April 24 opposing the sale of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center for a non-public use without county approval.

Kelly's resolution pledges county cooperation in planning for sufficient property to be given over to parkland, recreational facilities and open space zones as advocated in the 1964 Wedges and Corridors Plan.

The resolution also notes that the area isn't slated for development within the next 10 years according to the adopted county 20-Year Water and Sewer Plan.

Kelly's move is the fourth attempt in less than a year to gain some county control over the approximately 9,000 acres of federally-owned land declared surplus by the General Services Administration.

Council last November adopted a resolution by Councilman Royal Hart opposing any federal plan to sell or dispose of the land for a non-public use. Citing the county's adopted General Plan and the metropolitan area's development plan, Hart maintained the research center is in a conservation zone.

According to Kelly's resolution, GSA determined the 9,000 acres in Beltsville were being "under-utilized." The land could be transferred to another federal department or agency, to state and local governments or be sold to private interests.

American Host Program

The Maryland Congress of PTA's will again participate in the American Host Program and are looking for families in Maryland who would be interested in having a teacher from Europe stay with them for a one or two week period during July and August. The Host Foundation brings these teachers to America to see for themselves what American life is like.

This program gives families a chance to do something about the misconceptions that are so prevalent in Europe today concerning America in a way that becomes meaningful when the teacher returns to his own country and classroom. It is also a chance to have children introduced to another country on a personal basis.

Host families may choose the time (1 or 2 weeks) most convenient for them during July or Aug.

Last year many families waited so late in the season to apply for a guest teacher that all applications had been accepted and the late ones were disappointed. For further details about becoming an American Host Family, call Mrs. Eloise C. Hall 577-7126 (after 6 p.m.)



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LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

The theme of this year's four-day Festival in September is Unity Through Community Involvement. The Festival Committee welcomes new ideas for additional events, acts or programs to make this annual Festival appealing to all.

Several areas of the Festival are in need of volunteers, particularly the Carnival, Donations and Facilities, although all areas can use the talents of many Greenbelters to offer a diversified program. All of the Festival Committee and workers are non-paid volunteers whose payment is satisfaction in serving the community.

Anyone interested in helping with the Festival in any way is invited to contact Myra Burchik, Secretary of the Festival Committee, 474-6587 now so that planning can be done early on the complete program.

Martha Plaster Is "Miss Coca-Cola"

Martha Plaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Plaster of 10-N Laurel Hill, was crowned as "Miss Coca-Cola" on the company's float during the recent Cherry Blossom Parade.

Martha competed with approximately twenty-five other contestants, all from the Patricia Stevens Model Agency, in swim suit, hot pants, and evening gown competition.

Martha, who was a contestant in the "Miss Metro" pageant and, sponsored by Greenbelt Shell, competed for the title of "Miss Maryland". Her sponsor was the Greenbelt Lions Club.

As a sophomore at the University of Maryland, Miss Plaster is majoring in Radio and Television. She now carries the title of "Miss Greenbelt 1972".

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Bills To Upgrade Neighborhoods

Prince Georges County Councilman Francis B. Francois has presented a trio of bills designed to revamp the way in which Prince Georges County uses federal and local monies to upgrade older neighborhoods.

The proposals were aimed at "our less fortunate citizens and the neighborhoods in which they live" and said that if enacted they would put Prince Georges on a firm base to tackle the problem of forestalling "the development of the slums that plague too many of the urban jurisdictions of this nation."

The bill calls for the annual preparation of a county neighborhood improvement program by the Executive with major policy set by the county council as a basic document for government agencies to prepare annual operating budgets.

The program would take in both the urban and rural areas of the county.

The second bill in the package is designed to continue one of the most successful of the federal-county joint ventures into the realm of neighborhood rehabilitation.

The Federally Assisted Code Enforcement Program (FACE), began in Prince Georges County more than four years ago. Aimed at upgrading deteriorating neighborhoods as an alternative to massive urban renewal, the FACE effort revolved around direct grants or low-interest loans to homeowners in target neighborhoods. Grants and loans are used to bring homes up to local housing code standards with housing inspection and supervision of improvements under the direct control of the county government the individual home rehabilitation is coupled with major upgrading of roads, storm drains, sewers, parks and other public facilities.

The measure would establish a county loan fund for housing rehabilitation that would be funded as part of the annual budget, mostly with revenue sharing dollars. All guidelines would be established annually by the county executive with council approval.

The third bill would build upon the county's 28 municipalities and 34 planning areas to create an official link between citizen and government on major neighborhood improvement decisions. The bill would establish a five-member Neighborhood Advisory Commission, appointed by the Executive and approved by the Council, for overlapping five-year terms. The

Day Care Center News

by Jane A. Main

An organizational meeting for a proposed day care center was held April 24 at the Municipal Building. Ms. Anne Ewell, temporary chairwoman of the group, summarized the work done to date in investigating both state and county regulations in day care centers and adapting these regulations to the type of center proposed for Greenbelt. (City Council will consider the matter next Monday.)

The largest requirement remains to get the city's acceptance of this program. For this, the Greenbelt City Council must be convinced that the people want and will use this facility before the Ridge Road Center can be released for this purpose. To do this, interested parents are requested to contact Mayor Pilski and/or council members directly making themselves known and heard. There are petitions being circulated throughout town and the mail-back coupon appearing in last week's News Review should be completed and returned. It was also confirmed that in order to maintain the sliding scale payment program, city funds must be allocated for support. The deadline for the program is May 7 - the date of the final meeting for the city budget.

There were many suggestions, and discussion centered on the County requirements for the staff and how to keep costs down. One of the main goals in this project is to provide the best quality day care for the lowest possible cost. Various cost factors were presented and discussed, with the most expensive propositions in addition to the staff, being the fencing of an 8,000 sq. ft. area, carpeting for inside the building, and furniture.

With the help of Dale Muir, Director of the Child Day Care Association of Prince Georges County, Virginia Moryadas, Project Coordinator with the Dept. of Human Resources and Community Development of PG's County and Helen Foster, Child Day Centers Coordinator with PG's County Health Dept., several important aspects were agreed upon. Among these were that food for the Center should be catered, eliminating the need for having a certified food preparation area, and thereby cutting cost, and opening the Center for children aged 3 to 6 years only, which would lessen the number of trained adults required. Interested persons should call Anne Ewell at 474-7679.

Commission would promote the creation of neighborhood advisory associations in each planning area.

County Budget Holds Tax Line at \$3.57

County Executive William W. Gullett has proposed a \$331 million 1974 operation, which calls for no increase in the county's \$3.57 tax rate for the third consecutive year. The total budget is an increase of more than \$43 million or 15 percent over last year's \$283.7 million.

Just over half of the Executive's requests—\$168.7 million in all—is earmarked for the county school system. The figure represents a paring of some \$7 million from the Board of Education's request, but a hike of about \$10 million over the total approved for the current year.

In his message to the Council that accompanied the document, Gullett said his proposal "will provide our citizens with meaningful improvements in programs and services without increasing the taxes."

About half of the \$43 million increase, Gullett, said, is attributed to "mandate-fixed increases." Under this category, he listed personnel merit increases and fringe benefits, medical care for the indigent and budget hikes for social services, operation of Prince George's Community College, tax differential to the county's municipalities, debt service and police and fire retirement program improvements among others.

The new budget plan calls for 50 additional police officers, the purchase of three helicopters for county police and upgrading of the department's communications system. Also included are 302 new personnel for the Board of Education.

Other agencies due for manpower increases are the fire department (18 new fire management positions), 26 new workers for the Department of Social Services and 44 new Health Dept. personnel.

Gullett's budget also contains a five percent cost-of-living pay raise for teachers and other school system employees and county government workers with the exception of public safety employees who recently received a 10 percent pay hike retroactive to last Jan. 1.

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Prince Georges County School Superintendent Carl W. Hassel has advised principals in a recent memorandum that they have an "absolute duty" to recommend to his office the names of any students that they have reason to believe should be subject to permanent expulsion from the public school system.

Maryland State Board of Education bylaw 741 provides the authority to suspend or expel pupils "... in those instances where the behavior of a pupil is disruptive and detrimental to the operation of the school ..."

Principals may suspend students up to five days without notifying the Superintendent's office. However, only the Superintendent, upon the recommendation of a school principal, can actually expel pupils. Should such action be taken, the student and his parents may appeal the decision of the Superintendent to the Board of Education.

Principals were further advised by the Superintendent that any student who assaults a teacher or member of the school staff would be automatically suspended for the remainder of the 1972-73 school year.

Dr. Hassel said that he stands 100 per cent behind the efforts of principals to improve the educational climate in schools and will do everything in his power to assure that the clear majority of students who want to pursue a program of quality education will have the opportunity to do so.

NATURE WALK

Nature Walk at Lake Park

Thirty-two Greenbelters and University of Maryland students went on a Nature Walk at the Greenbelt Lake Park on April 14. Dan Muller of Beltsville led this walk and identified many species of trees and plants at the park.

Over 45 children participated in a Nature Scavenger Hunt at the Lake Park on April 18 and searched for over 26 nature items and cleaned the park of debris and litter as they explored the park. First place winners of the hunt were Niles Dunn and Timmy Leech, second place winners were Ann Blair and Eve Ann and John Enders, with Jerry Bryner in third place.

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Best wishes for a happy birthday to Fred Neff, 62-B Ridge, who celebrates his birthday on May 7.

Glad to hear that George Kaufman, 45-K Ridge, is feeling better. George was injured in an auto accident.

Congratulations to seventh grader Steve Newton of SH who was the champion speller of Greenbelt Junior High. Steve will represent the school in the regional contest to be held in Washington this week.

Peggy Coyne, Wendy Crabill and Chris Tompkins went all the way last Sunday in the 25-mile marathon benefitting the National Foundation of the March of Dimes.

Bob Pasternak and Alan Haga won handsomely at last Friday's duplicate bridge game with a .706 percentage. Their nearest rivals -- the teams of Sid Barnett-Tony Pisano and Jule Churchill-Gloria Schulstad -- were tied at .563. Next game: Friday, May 11.

On April 14 John McGee of 7D Hillside Rd. found himself in White Plains, N.Y., giving his daughter's hand in marriage. On the next day he found himself in Beth Israel Hospital, New York City, because of a burst appendix. He is now recuperating at his daughters' apt. but should be back in Greenbelt in a few days.

Captain Thomas E. Mamer, has graduated from the interceptor weapons school at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Captain Mamer, who received instruction in the latest air defense tactics and techniques, is returning to McChord AFB, Wash., where he is a member of Aerospace Defense Command. His wife, Eileen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conkey of Greenbelt.

Brother Leo Aulisio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Aulisio, 2B Northway, was ordained a diaconate of the Franciscan Order by Bishop James J. Hogan on April 14 at St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, Penn-

sylvania. Brother Aulisio was graduated from St. Francis Preparatory School, Spring Grove, Pa. and received his B.A. degree from St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa. He has one more year of study before his ordination into the priesthood.

Holly Geller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Geller, 117 Northway, composed the music for Parkdale Senior High School's recent student presentation of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. Holly also sang and played the guitar. She was accompanied by Greenbelters Ruth Kastner on the recorder and Marcy McGee on the drum.

Other Greenbelters taking part in the student production were: Sarah Hanna, Beth Wilkinson, Rob Richards, Pat Needham, Mark Markovich, Armand Lenchek, David MacFarlane, Sue Goldstein and D. Kline, assistant director.

Mrs. Bernice Kastner, 123 Northway, a math instructor at the U. of Md., has organized a new math education program at the university permitting students in elementary math education to influence the speed of their work. A graduate student is now available to answer questions or tutor. Students can also take exams at their own speed.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Poulin, 6125 Springhill Terrace, announce the birth of a daughter, Candy Mary, on March 31. Weighing in at 5 lbs. 4 oz., Candy joins brother Steve, 7, and sister Nancy, 4. Also living in Greenbelt is the baby's grandmother, Mrs. Jean-Rock Deblois of Springhill Lake.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Melba Marion, secretary at Center School, fell on Ridge Rd. and broke her foot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Marine Pvt. Vivian S. Dean, daughter of Mrs. Betty L. Andre of 36-P Ridge Road, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina.

ADULT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Greenbelt Girl Scouts are in need of adult volunteer workers to help girls grow into responsible, resourceful adults. It is not necessary to have a daughter in Scouting to become an adult member. Age is no barrier. Needed are troop leaders and assistants, committee members, program and craft leaders and those with special skills, crafts, and information to share with the girls. If time is limited, there are many one-time and short-term needs. Training is provided free.

If interested, call Alice Schultz, 474-6799 or Virginia Lasworth, 345-7176.

Red Cross Offers Course For Expectant Parents

The Prince Georges County Red Cross is offering a series of Parent and Infant-Care Classes, to be held from 7-9 p.m., on May 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22. The free six-class course will be taught in the Red Cross Volunteer Office, 368 Main St., in Laurel. Classes will deal with all aspects of the prospective parents' experience. To register, call 559-8500, extension 54.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES

On Thursday, May 10 at 8 p.m. the last of the services on Military Spending vs. Domestic Needs sponsored by a number of community organizations and churches will take place. The meeting will be held in the Student Union of the University of Maryland, room 1150.

Parkdale Cancer Program

Parkdale High School will hold a Mother-Daughter program on May 4. The program, sponsored by the Prince Georges Unit of the American Cancer Society, will be education on breast and uterine cancer.

According to Dr. S. Jane Lake, vice-principal and program coordinator at Parkdale, the event will feature films, speakers, brochures on treatment and prevention of breast and uterine cancer. The program is open to all girls at Parkdale and their mothers, including mothers of male students, female faculty members, and wives of faculty members.

The program will run from 1:30-3 p.m. For information call Dr. Lake or Mrs. Marcia Moses, the school health aide, at 474-4700.



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Consultant Sees Need For Change In Frame Homes Heating System

by Al Skolnik

"Continuation of the present steam heating system in the frame homes will eat you out of home and board," engineering consultant W. Norman Meyer told the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors at a special meeting on Monday, April 30. Meyer had been hired by the board to provide detailed cost information on alternative heating and domestic hot water systems for the renovation of the frame homes.

Meyer produced figures which showed that the present cost of heating the frame homes could be cut extensively by the use of hot water heat, even if the homes are not insulated. Electric heat would also cut costs, but the homes would need to be insulated.

The big question, however, is whether the condition of the present system would permit economical conversion to hot water. "Where you have old equipment," Meyer said, "you don't know what you will get into when you start probing. However," he added, "GHI has a tremendous investment in its heating plant, and before tearing out everything, let us see what is salvageable."

Conversion

One possibility is conversion of central boiler plants to hydronic variable temperature hot water. Meyer said that he did not think this would be feasible for the frame homes north of Northway because there is too much interconnecting piping of questionable condition, much of which is in water-filled trenches in crawl space. The size of the condensate lines is also marginal for use as hot water returns. The vapor barriers in the crawl space are also badly deteriorated.

On the other hand, Meyer thought that the frame homes south of Northway could be candidates for conversion. However, he said he would insist upon a pressure test of the underground steam and condensate lines to determine if they are free of leakage. The estimated cost of converting the central boiler plant would be about \$2,000 a plant. He also noted that the hot water supply lines would still cause concern. "Any hot water supply or return lines which have not yet been replaced with copper will certainly fail with the next ten years," he said.

Alternatives

Meyer said that many alternatives exist. For example, if the tests showed that the lines outside the homes were not usable, but the pipes inside the homes and the radiators were usable, then he would recommend individual oil fired variable temperature hydronic systems with a new boiler plant for each separate building. The estimated cost of this installation would be about \$500 a home.

Furthermore, Meyer said, the board should be prepared, in case the tests show that none of the piping is any good for hot water, to go with other systems such as electrical heat or individual home furnaces with optional air conditioning.

When asked how long the converted piping would last, Meyer ventured a guess of 10 to 20 years, since the hot water system would be a closed system and there would be no further internal corrosion.

Brick Homes

Meyer suggested that savings in fuel consumption of 20 to 25 percent could be made in the brick homes by installing controls to modulate the temperature of the heating water in accordance with the outdoor temperature. He said that the boilers and piping in these buildings appear to be in excellent condition and should continue to give satisfactory service for another 20 to 30 years.

At the conclusion of the meeting the board expressed its appreciation to Meyer for answering the many questions that had been raised by his written report and authorized payment of his \$980 bill. Hugh O'Donnell of the Subcommittee to Evaluate the TAA Report had been upset that the board had delayed payment of the bill until meeting with Meyer personally.

GHI Makes Staffing Changes, Faces Fuel Oil Uncertainties

by Al Skolnik

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors at its April 26 meeting moved ahead in its staffing plans by authorizing the establishment of three new positions of staff engineer, director of maintenance, and accountant. These positions had been the subject of an advisory mail-in referendum by the membership. The referendum had shown a 6 to 4 vote in favor of the staff engineer and director of maintenance slots.

A much closer vote prevailed on the staffing of a new accountant. The final vote was 201 in favor and 217 opposed. Director Nat Shinderman said that this vote indicated to him a lack of a clear-cut direction to the board and he thought the board would be justified in going in either direction. He advocated going ahead with the position in light of the continual demands for information on finances and cost accounting. The rest of the board present agreed with Shinderman except director Howard Brooks, who abstained.

On the controversial question of establishing a director of member relations, the final count was 163 in favor and 257 opposed. In view of this vote, the board reluctantly agreed, with one abstention (Don Volk), not to establish such a position at this time.

Several board members, in addition to Volk, expressed regret at this outcome. Directors Tom White and Dave Lange noted that a director of member relations was needed to relieve the general manager of the time spent in handling member relations — hours that he could much better spend concentrating on broad policy and management issues. Manager Breashears also noted that a director of member relations would have been able to devote the necessary time to getting out the News Letter more frequently to members. He said this is a major production job which consumes a lot of time.

Fuel Oil Bids

An apprehensive shudder went through the board as Breashears outlined the difficulties of getting bids for fuel oil. The current contract runs out as of May 31 and, as is the usual custom, about 15 oil companies were asked to bid for the coming year. Seven companies did not even bother to reply and the other eight said they were not able to quote a price or bid at this time.

The manager said his staff is keeping in close contact with the companies and it was thought that the situation would become clearer toward the end of the month. In the meantime, the current supplier, Takoma Park Fuel company, said that interim arrangements could probably be made after May 30 to keep supplying oil, if no other bidders came forth.

Home and Garden Tour

Judith Johnston, chairman of the home and garden tour committee, gave the board a review of the activities planned for the tour on Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. Visitors will be given a list of homes to visit, classified by type of improvement and home so that they could choose their spots. Each visitor will be given a red tulip as a symbol of the tour.

ORT Rummage Sale

The Greater Greenbelt Chapter of Women's American ORT is having a Rummage Sale on May 4 in the Greenbelt Center, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clothes, books, toys, and numerous articles will be sold.

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