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Council Must Make Decision This Week on CARES Budget

by Sandra Barnes

Is Greenbelt CARES, the city-sponsored and federally financed youth counseling service, a "luxury" Greenbelters cannot afford in these times of inflation when families are feeling the pinch of higher fuel costs and rising property assessments? How does it compare with other programs that might be considered "luxuries" during these hard times such as the swimming pool, tennis courts, ballfields, and bikeways — indeed the city's entire recreation program?

These are some of the questions the council and citizens will have to reflect upon because this is the last year that CARES can count on receiving 90% of its total budget from Federal funds issued through the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, with the rest made up through State and city funds.

As councilman Thomas White commented at the end of Monday night's special hearing to review the CARES budget, "Where will our priorities be in terms of the amount of money we have to spend on city programs?" The city council must make a decision on the CARES budget at its next meeting on Monday, February 3.

Budget Up

This year the city will be asked to contribute \$11,473 as its share of the \$90,948 budget which the city manager has drawn up. This is equivalent to 1-2 cents on the tax rate. Last year's budget was \$81,212. The major increases have come in staff salaries. Last year the director of CARES received \$14,000; this year it is proposed he receive \$15,600. Last year the assistant to the director received \$8,200; this year it is proposed she receive \$9,235.

According to Dr. Leo Walder, technical director for the program, there are three major reasons for the increase in the budget: 1) inflation 2) realism (there is an attempt to adequately pay the professional staff) and 3) refinement of the program to more adequately meet the needs of the community.

Counseling Program

The youth counseling program is supervised by Dr. Walder and directed by the recently-hired Dr. Les Schiller. The caseload during the second year of funding has been 90 families or 797 individuals who have sought assistance from CARES. Of these 68 have been Greenbelt families, while some others have children in Greenbelt schools.

The philosophy behind the counseling program is to modify behavior by making contracts with the family members. Families are counseled in a group or privately once a week, on Wednesday night, at the Greenbelt Community Church. In addition CARES has sought to expand its services by offering to the youth of Greenbelt a job bank, tutoring, a teen group involved in a weekly rap session, toy exchange, clothing exchange, and a youth advocate who works intensely with a few youngsters.

Under the federal grant, most of CARES' clients are referred to them by the State Department of Juvenile Services in its program to prevent delinquency, but others are referred by schools, the city

police, physicians, neighbors and the peer group.

CARES has an extensive evaluation program to determine how successful the counseling program is. There have been no further involvements with the law among juveniles referred by the Department of Juvenile Services to CARES. Leo Walder notes that there have been fewer arrests of juveniles since CARES has been in operation in the city. However, he and others were careful to point out that it was almost impossible to scientifically correlate the drop in juvenile crime with any effect CARES is having on the community.

Testimony

Testimony was given in support of CARES. One person felt that the counseling was like a miracle to some families who come to CARES in the beginning as a dis-integrating group and after a few weeks or months one can actually see the family coming together again.

Pete Labukas wanted to know what obligation the city had to CARES next year. City manager James Giese said "none" other than to tell the Governor's Commission that the city would seek funding for CARES in its fourth year from the Department of Juvenile Services.

Some members of the CARES Board of Directors felt the budget was too high and asked the city to consider a reduced budget of either \$65,000 or \$84,000. They did not have however, exact figures on how and where these cuts could be made.

One member of the audience, Joe Hanyok, felt the whole program was entirely without merit. "The police can take care of crime and the recreation department the other needs."

Walder pointed out that CARES was seeking to enhance the "total development of all children" — not just those who get into trouble or find sufficient outlet for their energies in the programs at the Youth Center. Not all youth can fit into the basketball, softball, teen club groove.

Still others felt CARES was possibly duplicating county programs and therefore residents were wasting their money. It was pointed out by Walder and Schiller that county programs while fine in themselves, were not as personal and inclusive of the whole family unit as CARES attempted to be.

Finally, Dr. Richard Bagster-Collins, a clinical psychologist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and a volunteer at the CARES counseling sessions, commented on the results he sees daily of persons who desperately needed "to learn skills in living"—and for whom this opportunity is lost.

There was much discussion of the dollar value for the services CARES provides. Councilman Charles Schwan alluded to the fact that this cost should be compared to the cost of incarceration for those young people beginning a life of crime at an early age and those young people headed for psychiatric care at the citizen's expense. Is prevention cheaper than trying to cure a disease?

City of Greenbelt Maryland

Regular Meeting of City Council

Mon., February 3, 1975

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 January 20, 1975
Minutes of Public Hearing of January 27, 1975
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Springhill Lake Site Plan
10. Adoption of 75/76 Budget for Greenbelt CARES
11. City Cemetery
12. Ad Hoc Committee on Community Development

IV. NEW BUSINESS

13. Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This preliminary agenda is subject to change.

Lions Club Sponsors A Free Health Clinic

A free health clinic co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Lion's Club and the City of Greenbelt's Recreation Department, under director Hank Irving will be held at Center School on Sat., Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doctors, registered nurses, technicians will conduct a variety of tests including cholesterol, T.B. skin test, diabetes, vision and hearing. The American Cancer Society will test for cancer of the mouth and the Heart Association, under Michael Delaney will conduct examinations.

Most test results will be available on Feb. 8. Cholesterol results will be sent out by the National Institutes of Health or by Chairman Henry Fisher.

Federal Funds Aid City

City budgetary problems may be eased somewhat with the recent approval of Federal funds for the employment of up to 11 city employees under the various Federal emergency employment programs, including the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. City jobs that become vacant because of attrition can be filled through this program, but the city will have to pick up the cost of fringe benefits as well as the cost of supplies and material involved in the employment of any additional personnel.

It is anticipated that the 11 positions would include one police officer, a police records clerk, a receptionist for the city offices, a youth job coordinator for Greenbelt CARES, and seven positions in the public works department to be distributed among the general, special details, parks and building maintenance crews. Persons who have been unemployed for 30 days or otherwise underemployed may apply to the city to determine if they meet the requirements. The public works department is looking especially for bricklayers and carpenters.

CITY COUNCIL AND PRAB CLOSE TOGETHER ON LAKE PARK PLAN

by Elaine Skolnik

City council and its Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) appear to be close together in their views on the future development of the Lake Park area and the parcel 7 tract near Boxwood Village. At a council work session on Wednesday, January 22, the recommendations of PRAB contained in Report #1-1975 were digested, and council adopted several general proposals for presentation to citizens at a future public hearing with the understanding that final decisions will depend on public reception.

No date has been set yet for the public hearing because the city wants first to get the results of the topographic study (which was authorized at last week's council meeting) in order to be sure of the feasibility of some of the suggestions.

Parcel 7

The current thinking by council is to place a football field, a baseball field, a neighborhood free-play area and playground with equipment on parcel 7 (the neighborhood play areas would comprise about 50% of the 8.8 acre tract). These facilities would be without lights and screened off from the residential homes by at least a 50-foot landscaped buffer zone starting at Crescent Road and Lastner Lane, continuing along Lastner Lane to Ivy Lane and then west to Ridge Road.

To separate the activities, city manager James Giese envisions attractive landscaping, berms, tiers, and differences in natural grades. An open ditch, crossing the tract,

would be partially or fully enclosed in piping.

The proposed plan does not reflect the rerouting of Crescent Rd. through Parcel 7 since any realignment by the State Highway Administration will be in the distant future.

Original plans for placing tennis courts on parcel 7 were deleted. Instead, it was suggested that a parking lot for 24 cars be constructed at the corner of Crescent and Ridge. In this way, the main access to the football and baseball fields would be away from the Boxwood residential area.

There was recognition that some Boxwood residents favor leaving parcel 7 undeveloped, but recreation officials and PRAB pointed out that Braden Field can no longer accommodate the recreation needs of a growing city. Parcel 7 was originally purchased by the city in the late 1960's to forestall commercial development of the tract and to provide needed recreation facilities for the entire city.

PRAB chairman Joe Wilkinson pointed out that facilities have not kept pace with the city's growth. Recreation director Hank Irving said that the lack of ballfields in the city has led to the Boys and Girls Club discouraging baseball for older children. There is only one regulation baseball diamond in use on Braden Field. It was also observed that Braden Field needs extensive reworking which will put the field out of operation between 18 to 24 months. But this can't be done until other fields such as on parcel 7 and the sanitary landfill are available.

PRAB has recommended the immediate development of the city's landfill area as an active recreation area in order to provide balanced city recreation regions. At present about 300' by 300' of the landfill (located at the end of Northway extended and east of Ridge Road) is filled to grade. Envisioned is an area 350' by 500' to accommodate a football field and baseball field.

PRAB also recommended that the area behind the Public Works building be developed into a girls' softball field.

Lake Park Area

The major feature of the Lake Park plan to be presented to the public is a proposal for a combination building that would include a comfort station, picnic shelter (covered) and concession stand with boat rentals. The location was left up in the air. PRAB suggested placing it close to the dam, but Giese felt better control of the entire lake would be provided if the building were near the knoll, a short distance from the present concession stand.

Another feature is the construction of a gazebo located at the peninsula — a location that is a favorite for fishing and sitting for young and old. Other potential ideas included redesigning of the playground at the lake, moving the entrance to the park across from Lastner Lane, and hiker-biker trails around the lake. In general, the intent of council is for the remaining area of the park to be left in its natural state.

Some concern was expressed that these improvements would attract more out-of-towners to the Lake Park.

Finances

The 1968 bond issue allotted \$70,000 for the development of the Lake Park. However, such funds will probably cover only the cost of the parcel 7 neighborhood play areas and combination facility at the lake. Any further improvements would have to be incorporated in another bond issue.

CITY NOTES

On Mon., Jan. 20, snow amounted to approximately 5 inches, however, it was easy to cope with. A full crew of men worked on the salting detail. Once the snow began to build up, plowing operations were begun and five plows were put into service. After the snow stopped late in the evening, the men worked six hours overtime to clean and salt all streets. The streets remained free from snow and ice.

The general crew has been cleaning the public works yard and arranging for a new supply of salt. One day was spent on street patching (cold mix). Crushed gravel was applied to sections of the walkway on the north side of Crescent Road.

The final test on the oil tank at the youth center building was conducted last week. It was found that the tank does have a leak resulting in water seepage. A new tank will be required. The present 1500 gallon tank is 15 years old having been installed when the youth center was constructed.

The parks crew cleaned snow from walks around the shopping center, city office and youth center. The chipper was operated one day. The crew started the removal of dead trees and brush from the lake park (between Crescent Road and the lake).

ENTRIES ACCEPTED FOR ART EXHIBIT

On Sat., Feb. 8, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., amateur artists who live or work in Prince Georges County may submit their paintings for jurying in the Prince Georges ARTISTS TODAY Touring Exhibits. For many years the Arts Forum of Prince Georges County has sponsored touring exhibits which have recently expanded to include exhibits of photography and crafts.

Those persons who wish to enter may bring up to three works (there is a small entry fee for each painting) to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale. Pick-up of rejected work will be Mon., Feb. 10, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The exhibit is scheduled for display at the Greenbelt Library next Oct.

For further information with regard to the touring exhibits, please call Bette Valenti, Visual Arts Specialist, M-NCPPC, at 277-2200, extension 322. The Prince Georges ARTISTS TODAY Touring Exhibit is co-sponsored by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will have their monthly craft program at the Greenbelt Library on Thurs., Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. "Back to Nature Placques" will be demonstrated. Bring placque, scissors, glue, dried flowers, etc. For further information call Sue Soule 474-0881. Visitors are welcome and refreshments will be served.

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Council Falters

To the Editor:

The Greenbelt city council bent over backwards so far to be fair to the developer of the Beltway Plaza, Mr. Sidney Brown, that it fell down on protecting the interests of the city.

At the request of Mr. Brown, the council passed a resolution endorsing a second department store in the Beltway Plaza shopping center. I strongly opposed the passing of such a resolution because I sincerely believe it is not in the best interest of Greenbelt for the following reasons:

1. Since the City Charter prohibits the city from doing business with a vendor who is delinquent in paying his city real estate taxes, it seems improper for the council to endorse the Beltway Plaza resolution while Mr. Brown is delinquent in his city taxes.

2. Since Mr. Brown's past development has brought ecological and safety hazards to the city, such as: the clay hills between Klein's and the school bus garage and along Breezewood Drive in Springhill Lake which took years to be corrected and then only after extreme measures were taken against Brown by the county; and the present pot-hole infested back parking lot of the Beltway Plaza, it seems improper to endorse more development by Mr. Brown unless some commitments are given by him to the city to remedy present abuses and avoid future abuses.

3. Since Mr. Brown has not specified a particular department store, has not said where in the shopping center it would be located or how it would affect present traffic conditions, it seems improper to give a carte blanche endorsement for a department store to Mr. Brown.

Although the Council's rationale for supporting the resolution was to help the merchants at the Beltway Plaza, it seems rather far-fetched that a Greenbelt city council resolution could overcome the economic problems of the shopping center or convince a department store president that his store would be a financial success at the Beltway Plaza. Other members of the city council conceded that the resolution would be of little if any value for these purposes, but could see no harm in it.

No harm? When I questioned Mr. Brown about sewer hookups, he admitted he had none. Wouldn't this resolution be a fine device for Mr. Brown to use to try to convince the county that when new sewer permits are allocated on priority basis, that Mr. Brown having an endorsement from the City of Greenbelt, should be considered for sewer hook-ups ahead of the North Springhill Lake and the Golden Triangle commercial tracts?

When the city council and many residents have for years been criticizing Mr. Brown's type of development, now the city has given Mr. Brown the credentials to go to any government agency or business entity and say that Greenbelt likes his type of development and wants more. And what is the city getting from Mr. Brown in return for this resolution: delinquent taxes and nothing else.

As I said at the council meeting, I cannot vote for a resolution that is not in the best interest of the city when the resolution endorses a developer who has abused the city and could now use this resolution for his own best interest, and who offers the city nothing in return. Could you?

Gill Weidenfeld, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Greenbelt

Against Bylaw Change

To the Editor:

The GHI membership has received a late Christmas present from the Audit Committee, which has been busier this year as proponent of board ideas than it has been in safeguarding and working for the members' legal rights. Did they urge a trustee for the mortgage escrow fund or have they bothered to try to explain the still unanswered questions on the mortgage modification contract, which does not spell out the principal and interest due in 1977?

This committee "urgently recommends that Paragraph 2, Section II of the GHI Bylaws be changed from the 10% limitation to something higher, possibly based on a cost of living index". No sale! More on this before March!

No doubt another well kept secret, like the suit GHI won in November, which was not even entered in the minutes, is the most important news item I read in the Washington Post of Jan. 21. "The Supreme Court agreed yesterday to review a lower court ruling that shares in a government subsidized housing cooperative are 'securities' within the meaning of federal securities laws." This deals with the largest housing cooperative in New York. The Audit Committee members receive all the memos from the manager that the members do. Maybe they can enlighten us on this one!

Eunice E. Coxon

Clarifies Stand on Budget

To the Editor:

As the members voted a maximum increase of 10% on Dec. 11, for the 1975 budget, I want to go on record that the 10% can be charged only to the 1974 budget (as adopted Dec. 1973.) The board cannot assess the membership according to our bylaws. Therefore, the amount of (June 1974) assessment must be excluded from the 1974 budget.

My increase of \$4.50 was the lowest. This amounts to \$4.50 x 7 x 1579 = \$49,738.50 plus 10% = \$54,712.35 over and above on the 10% levied on the 1974 budget. The amount is considerably greater as I took the lowest denominator.

The 1975 budget would be in violation of our bylaws and would perpetuate the inclusion indefinitely of the 1974 assessment of \$54,712.35 for a \$41,000. non-existing oil deficit. (we had a \$12,000 credit, instead), and a 7-month payment on the 1974 mortgage moratorium.

I hope this will clarify my stand on the budget and why the assessment must be excluded from the membership's 1974 increase. The assessment by law is carefully inserted to prevent a board from increasing the allowable 10% by an assessment.

Actual assessment was \$78,730.

Martha Hutzler

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WHY GARDEN?

by William Hoff

Start with a Plan

The size of the garden plots are 50' x 50'. You can grow a wide assortment of crops for your own enjoyment and to give to your friends. But, first start with a plan. Before putting a spade to the soil, take time to consider just what you want from your garden - and what you are willing to invest in it of time, labor and money. Taking a little time on a sunny Saturday and sometimes missing the six o'clock TV news are all part of gardening.

Make a list of your favorite growing things, in order of priority. By checking the descriptions in your seed catalog, you can determine if the plants on your list will flourish within the limitations of the light and space of your plot.

Some suggestions of vegetables to garden in this area are as follows:

Items to plant early (so after they mature quickly they can be removed to make room for the longer season vegetables) are Broccoli, Leaf Lettuce, Head Lettuce, Radishes, early Cabbage plants, Bush Peas, Spinach and Onions.

Items to plant for the longer season are Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Squash (Acorn and Summer), Bush Lima Beans, Snap Beans, Beets, Carrots and Corn.

Some of the above items can get a second planting to provide table vegetables for the whole summer. This means good planning of time.

Your County agent is a good source of publications and information for many of your garden problems. His advice as to where you can get your soil tested and how much and what kind of fertilizer to add to the soil for the best plant growth are invaluable to your garden because your garden can only be as good as the soil it grows in.

The County agent for this area is Raymond V. Bosmans. He can be reached by calling 627-5626 or writing to: Cooperative Extension Service, Horticulture, 15209 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870.

Kid's Views

by Gretchen Sacra

I would like to print two lovely letters I received from two young ladies expressing their views on Greenbelt.

Dear Gretchen Sacra,

I am in the 4th grade at St. Hugh's School.

I am new in Greenbelt. I lived in Greenbelt when I was 3 years old. Then I moved to Landover Hills when I was 3 1/2. And now I am 9 1/2 and we moved back to Greenbelt. Greenbelt has not changed at all. I think Greenbelt is a nice place. I think Greenbelt needs more citizens that don't litter, don't write on walls and more people that care about our great old Greenbelt.

Kelly Ann Janes

Dear Miss Gretchen:

I live at 34 Crescent Rd. and the playground in back of my house has some big holes in it. I think it would be nice if the holes could be filled up so nobody would be hurt. Please Miss Gretchen see if you can help. Thank you.

Tina Jenkins, 5 yrs. old

I was impressed with the admiration and concern for Greenbelt from this age group. This shows me that our young citizens do care and Greenbelt really must have a great future. I hope that more children will take just a few minutes of their time to let me know how they feel, too.

Write to: Greenbelt News Review, c/o Gretchen Sacra, P. O. Box 63, Greenbelt, Md. 20770, Or, just drop your letter in the box at Twin Pines.

Mishkan Torah News

Daniel Mann of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington will be the guest speaker at Mishkan Torah services on Fri. Jan. 31. He will speak on "Problems Facing the Washington Metropolitan Jewish Community."

Robert G. Bruce, Jr.

Robert G. Bruce, Jr., 44, of 3 Pinecrest Court died Thursday, Jan. 23 of cancer at Prince Georges General Hospital. He recently retired from his position as systems analyst in the New Communities Division of The Department of Housing and Urban Development. Before that he had been employed by NASA and the Dept. of Agriculture.

He leaves his wife Louise Dennis Bruce, two sons, Robert G., III and David, daughter Laurie of the home address, three step-children, Allen Dennis, Greenbelt, Marilyn Werback, Indian Head, Md., and Susan Sherrod, Silver Spring, also his father Robert G., Sr. of Culpeper, Va.

Graveside services were held Monday in Brightwood, Va.



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POSITIONS AVAILABLE. The City of Greenbelt is accepting applications for clerical, public works, and police officer positions under a new federally funded program. Applicants must meet US Dept. of Labor eligibility requirements and the qualifications of the city position. Contact Greenbelt City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., Tel. 474-8000 for applications and further information.

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Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Happy birthday greetings to Chris Pilski, 106 Rosewood, who will be twelve years old on Sunday.

Glad to hear that Larry Levine, 3-H Eastway, is home from the hospital and doing fine. Larry is a staff member of the News Review.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ron Luftman, 9013 Breezewood Ter., who was recently hospitalized. Congratulations to Julius Aulisio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Aulisio, 2-B Northway, who was named to the Dean's List for the 1974 fall semester at Saint Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania. Julius, a sophomore in philosophy, attained a 4.0 point average.

Our deepest sympathy to Louise Bruce, 3 Pinecrest, who lost her husband Robert last week.

Condolences to the Don Davis family, 9 Pinecrest Court on the loss of Don's father last week in Davis, North Carolina.

Also sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayhew. The brother of Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Mayhew died last week in West Virginia.

Last Friday's duplicate bridge session saw a tie for first place between the teams of Sid Barnett-Tony Pisano and Larry and Lee Fink. Only a half-point behind were Peg Wainscott and Elsie Holtzclaw. Next game: Friday, February 13.

Get well wishes to Nancy Spong who underwent hand surgery.

The appointment of Clarence Britt of Greenbelt as supervisor of the county Soil Conservation District will come to public hearing Feb. 4 at 1:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro. The 60-year-old Britt retired from the U. S. Agriculture Research Service Jan. 1 after 40 years service and has a degree in botany and chemistry from the University of Texas. He owns and operates a farm in Anne Arundel County.

Sandra Bracken, Woodland Way,

Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

Basketball - 1/22, the age 10 girls won another close one against Berwyn Heights 17-16. 1/23, the age 10 boys won their first one by defeating Cheverly 27-18. Jeff Herfel was high scorer with 11 points. The undefeated age 15 boys beat Cheverly 56-35 with Neil Schultz accounting for 18 points. Brian Tyner dominated the backboard all evening. In a very exciting game Bob Bicknell's age 17 boys' team beat Hyattsville 57-46 to keep their undefeated run going. Bob Mongelli got 16 points and Mark Weiss 15. Outstanding rebounds were made by Mike Foster and plays by Kevin Foster and Ed Osborne. Club members were also thrilled to have U. of Md. assistant coach Harrington and Tom Roy present. The age 14 boys coach, Phil Straw has had John Lucas, Moe Howard and Tom Roy give his team some pointers. 1/27 to keep their winning ways going the age 17 boys beat Green Meadows 63-55 with Bob Mongelli getting 26 points and Mark Weiss 15.

Games Next Week - Sat. 12 noon, Girls age 13 vs. Silver Hill; 1 p.m., boys age 13 vs. Berwyn Hgts., 2 p.m., boys age 12 vs. Berwyn Hgts.; Mon., 6 p.m., age boys 12B vs. Bowie #2; Tues., 6 p.m. boys age 11B vs. Bowie #3, 7 p.m., boys age 12 vs. Landover Hills, 8 p.m., boys age 14 vs. South Bowie, 9 p.m., girls age 15 vs. District Heights; Wed., 6 p.m., boys age 13 vs. Landover Hills; Thurs., 6 p.m., boys age 14 vs. Berwyn Hgts., 7 p.m., boys age 17 vs. Beltsville. Intramurals have been meeting every Wed. at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10:30 a.m. at St. Hugh's school gym with "Dinks" Lloyd, head coach.

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Recreation Review

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Youth Center Hours

The Youth Center will be open on Fri., Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. to accommodate vacationing school children.

Boys' and Girls' Club Equipment Turn-in

The Equipment Room in the Youth Center will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-10 pm. to receive all outstanding uniforms. Please, check closets and dressers for forgotten uniforms.

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GHI Experiments With Computerized System

by Miriam Cornelius

Although the heating system, ground water seepage, and the townhouses received their share of attention, the interest of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board at its Jan. 23 meeting centered on a new subject — automation of GHI payroll data. All nine members of the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. arrived on time, aided by a change in the meeting time from 7:45 to 8 p.m., and the preliminary items, including approval of agenda, approval of minutes, and membership applications, were disposed of quickly.

Automation of Payroll Data

Director James R. Foster, chairman of the Finance committee, submitted a memorandum to the board recommending that GHI engage computerized services on a trial basis to compute payroll and perhaps other costs. Since last fall, when the board referred the matter of automation to the Finance committee, comptroller Donald McGinn has obtained for the committee proposals from three firms. The Finance committee decided at its Jan. 21 meeting to recommend the acceptance of the Hughes Computer Systems proposal, which was also McGinn's first choice, on a trial basis immediately. The cost can be met for the present, said GHI manager Roy Breashears, from funds budgeted for a position now vacant in the payroll department.

The Hughes people, McGinn explained, will pick up time sheets and other data on Tuesdays and return the finished computations on Thursday, with a great saving in time and in clerical and accounting work. The service will not only compute pay checks but will allocate the time spent by each employee on maintenance, grounds, capital improvements, administration, etc. It could be expanded to provide various kinds of data that would be useful to members.

Director Ted Byerly felt that computer service just adds to costs; more data can be obtained, but "you pay for everything you get." Director Norman Weyel also indicates some doubts, based on his own experience. Nevertheless, director Foster's motion — that the board of directors enter into an agreement with the Hughes Computer Systems, Inc. for automation of the GHI payroll with labor distribution and installation costs on a monthly fee basis — was carried without dissent.

The Townhouses

The following persons, nominated at the Jan. 9 board meeting (the News Review used the word "appointed" in error in its Jan. 16 issue) have agreed to serve on the Townhouse Ad-hoc Investigatory Committee, reported Breashears: John Gordon, Don Kern, Kevin Burke, Lekh Batra, and Sally Rogers. Together with director Hugh O'Donnell, they were duly appointed at the Jan. 23 meeting by GHI president Smith, who serves on all committees ex-officio, and who promised to convene the committee at an early date.

From the floor Gordon Allen pointed out that \$16 of the monthly payment made by each townhouse owner is marked for "replacement reserves." He suggested that certain maintenance costs might properly be charged to this account. The board later passed a motion by director Joe Comproni to refer the matter of maintenance and replacement costs on the townhouses to the Maintenance committee and the Finance committee, with a request that they report back to the board as soon as possible.

Seepage Problem Corrected

A stubborn problem of ground water seepage into a basement in 5 court Laurel Hill seems finally to have been corrected, manager Breashears reported, by the installation of a baseboard water drainage system costing some \$700. The contractor has corrected deficiencies in the installation which had been causing minor seepage. A resident confirmed that there have been no seepage problems since Jan. 13, but thought the repairs had been unduly expensive to GHI in labor time and cost, because various partial measures had been tried first. Breashears said this was done in the hope of avoiding the major installation which has now been done.

Hot Water Heat, One More Time
A sudden shift from too hot to too

cold in 12 court Ridge, where the changeover from steam to hot water was recently made, was explained by director O'Donnell. It was a one time step, incidental to the process of readjusting the calibrations to provide the desired temperature. This is done, he said, not by gradually lowering the temperature, but by lowering it drastically and then gradually raising it to a point where it provides just enough heat but no more. Director Polaschik commented that since this had been done, the temperature has been very even and comfortable.

Handling of Member Requests

In discussing the complaint of a member, Eunice Coxon, that she had searched the minutes of the board meetings in vain for a report on the outcome of a law suit regarding certain administrative fees, director Comproni raised a question as to the board policy in regard to entering in the minutes the request of a nonboard member. Breashears stated that such a request can be attached to the official minutes, but only if the board so indicates; moreover, it must be signed by the individual submitting it. President Smith explained that members have a right to speak and to make requests at board meetings, but that the board is under no obligation to include what members say in the record, or to answer or explain. Director Weyel recalled that he had some years ago looked into this matter thoroughly, and that minutes need contain only motions and actions of board members; but that letters can be attached to the minutes and filed with them.

Meetings Scheduled

The meeting of the GHI bylaws committee scheduled for Feb. 6 will be in the form of a special board meeting. The next regular board meeting will be on Thurs., Feb. 13.

Police Blotter

An elderly resident was approached by a man who claimed to have been a friend years before. The subject told the victim of money problems he was having, and the resident agreed to loan him \$750. After the loan was made, the subject disappeared with the money. The investigation is continuing.

Two autos stolen from Springhill Lake were recovered — one by the Maryland Park Police, the other by the county police. Officer Fulgham of the Greenbelt police found a car parked on Kenilworth Ave. that had been stolen from Ridge Road. Cpl. Janney located a car stolen from Marlow Heights. The car had been abandoned in Springhill Lake.

A female resident of Springhill Lake, returning home late at night was approached by a subject who struck her, exposed himself, and stole her purse. A lookout has been issued.

Several citizens, calling to report their cars stolen, discovered that some apartment projects have contracted with crane companies to tow autos from the grass within the developments.

25 auto accidents were investigated during the week.

The department's newest officer, Thomas Ceccarelli, is now on the road familiarizing himself with the City and department procedures. Tom, a resident of Springhill Lake, was formerly employed with the Riverdale Police Department. He fills the vacancy created when PFC Justin resigned recently.

A resident, while walking along the street, was the victim of a pocketbook snatch by a juvenile who approached her and fled in the darkness. The purse was subsequently recovered.

A citizen was bilked of seven dollars when she paid a newspaper boy who later was found to be an imposter.

As a result of a disturbance at the youth center, warrants were obtained for a young adult for disorderly conduct.

While walking on a darkened sidewalk, a juvenile resident was accosted from behind by a man who placed his hands over her mouth and threatened her. The girl screamed and the suspect fled. A lookout has been placed.



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