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Apartment Tax Stirs Up Differences on Council

by Al Skolnik

County executive Winfield Kelly's proposal for a renters' tax was the only item on the city council agenda for Monday, March 17, that created a difference of opinion. The council had not previously taken a position on the proposed 4% occupancy tax on multi-family dwelling units (where the rent exceeds \$150 monthly), but had stipulated earlier that, if additional taxing authority be granted to the county, the municipalities share in the proceeds of the tax.

An attempt to modify this legislation in the General Assembly to permit the municipalities to share in the revenue, proportionate to the tax generated in the municipality, failed by a close vote and an attempt is now pending to return a portion of the renters' tax to municipalities, but on the basis of overall population.

There was a general agreement among councilmen that the new distribution formula was inequitable. Because of its large apartment population, Greenbelt would receive less than its proportion while a community like Berwyn Heights, with no or few apartments, would receive more than its proportion.

Councilman Tom White took exception, first, to the idea of a renters' tax which he strongly opposed and, second, to the distribution formula for the municipalities, which he termed "stupid." He said approval of the amendment would put the city in the position either (1) of approving the renters' tax; or (2) of opposing the tax but accepting it because the city will get a "share of the pie."

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld explained that the political situation appears to be such that the apartment tax is going through no matter what Greenbelt does, and that the only chance for the city to benefit is to support the latest amendment under which the city would receive an estimated \$39,312. He noted that if the amendment fails and the county tax passes, then the city tax rate on both apartments and non-apartments will have to rise to make up the \$39,312 loss.

The latter statement was made in reply to opposition expressed by Kathy Lefever of Springhill Lake to the apartment tax. She felt that the tax was inequitable, not only to the city, but also to apartment dwellers because of the uncertainty as to whether the tax would be deductible for income tax purposes. Kelly's rationale for the apartment tax is that the apartments are not paying their full share by means of the property tax.

Mayor Dick Pilski and councilman Charles Schwan supported Weidenfeld, and the motion to inform the county delegation of city approval of the amendment carried by a 3-2 vote. A proposal by the city manager that the motion include an alternate recommendation for a distribution formula based on each municipality receiving back a set percentage (20-25%) of the apartment tax collected within its borders was also approved.

Pilski said that no matter what one's feelings are about the renters' tax, it is hard to vote against a proposal that would ease the finances of the city. Schwan said that the time to establish the principal of city sharing of a county tax is when the new revenue source is being proposed, not later after the county has established a claim to the entire proceeds. He commented that municipalities as well as the county have financial problems.

In a related matter, the council was unanimous in supporting an amendment to the proposed county cigarette tax which would cut the municipalities in on part of this tax. Greenbelt could get \$27,000 in additional revenues under this amendment.

Transit Study

Discouraged by the findings of its transit study, the council pretty much reached the conclusion that it would not be financially possible for the city to establish an internal bus system along the full-scale lines laid out by the transit consultants. The council decided, however, that it might be worth while to review the possibility of a limited, part-time, schedule with one bus or perhaps taxi service to provide types of service to meet special needs. Such a service might provide for local commuting travel and some periodic special trips to shopping centers.

Council also noted that the county is considering a bus study to provide services between the University of Maryland and such nearby municipalities as Berwyn Heights, Riverdale, College Park, and Greenbelt. The council suggested that the county might want to look at Greenbelt's transit study for possible pitfalls to avoid in the study.

Bids

Council approved a bid of \$5,724 by Prince George's Electric Company for the purchase of a variety of electrical fixtures and materials necessary for installation of lights at the Braden Field tennis courts. Also approved was a bid for two police cars (Malibu) for \$4,247 each from Lustine Chevrolet.

CARES

Council agreed to enter into a third-year contract starting March 26 with Greenbelt CARES for the operation of the Youth Service Bureau. The Governor's Commission is being reorganized and it is not expected to act on the funding for the project until April some time. In the meantime, funds are being continued at the previous year's funding rate.

Building Problems

City manager James Giese reported some Springhill Lake Recreation building problems with the supplier unable to furnish bricks of same color and size to finish building. Alternative solutions are being sought such as using different size bricks, but same color, for opposite walls.

Highway

Council agreed to ask the State Highway Administration to clarify the use of white lines on the shoulder lane at the intersection of Crescent Road and Kenilworth Ave. Motorists are not clear in making a right-hand turn from Kenilworth Ave. whether they are to avoid the shoulder or not. Weidenfeld also asked that a guard railing be placed on the shoulder on the other side of the road.

Other Matters

Council approved a \$2,110 ex-

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., March 20, 8 p.m. Hearing on City Elections Procedures, Municipal Building

Sun., March 23, 7:30 p.m. Springhill Lake - Duplicate Bridge, SHL Comm. Center.

Tues., March 25, 8 p.m. Twin Pines Annual Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., March 26, 7:30 p.m. GHI Information Meeting, Youth Center (new wing)

6 Theatre Complex Opens At Beltway Plaza Mall

Beltway Plaza mall developer, Sidney J. Brown, announces the completion of the Academy 6 Theatres, the only ground level six-theatre complex in the Baltimore-Washington area.

Wed., March 26, will mark the official ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Academy 6 Theatres located inside the Beltway Plaza mall on Greenbelt Road. The new six theatre complex will open to the public on Fri., March 28. All six theatres, which are housed under one roof, adjoin each other and, depending on the popularity of the pictures, may offer six different pictures each day.

The symbolic ribbon cutting ceremonies will be a public event open to all and will commence at 2 p.m. on Wed. TV personality Jim Karvelas, Channel 5 newscaster, will MC the event. Maryland Comptroller Louis Goldstein, Greenbelt's Mayor Richard Pilski, and State Senator Arthur Dorman are among the state and local officials participating. In addition members of Washington's professional soccer team, the Diplomats, will attend as well as other stars and celebrities. Theatre tickets will be given away during the ceremonies and there will be free popcorn and sodas.

The Academy 6 Theatres is the newest addition to the company's large chain of multi-theatre complexes, operated by American Multi Cinema, Inc., with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

CHORAL SOCIETY

The Greenbelt Choral Society is looking forward to presenting its next concert on Sat., April 19, at 8:30 p.m., in St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Crescent Road. The program will consist of two parts: Requiem, by Gabriel Faure, and Frostiana, seven of Robert Frost's New England Poems set to music by the American composer Randall Thompson.

The Greenbelt Choral Society was formed this year under the sponsorship of the City of Greenbelt, with Douglas Freeman as musical director. A husband and wife team, Lowell and Diane Murdock, will join the group to sing the baritone and soprano solo parts of the Requiem.

The group is enjoying the preparation of this challenging music for the listening pleasure of Greenbelt and county residents.

penditure for July 4th fireworks. Included this year is an "Uncle Sam" Bicentennial set piece . . . Council adopted a charter change to bring its tax procedures into conformity with State law . . . June Isaacs and Janis Mosley have resigned from the Bicentennial Committee because of departure from town . . . The newly-formed Greenbelt Soccer Association indicated that it will be seeking city recreation funds . . . Greenbelt Senior Citizens Housing Committee through Anthony Madden has offered the city its services in promoting the elderly housing project.

GHI Bylaws Meeting Reveals Philosophical Differences

by Al Skolnik

Conflicting Greenbelt Homes, Inc. philosophies were not better illustrated than at the March 11 informational meeting on proposed bylaw changes. One school of thought, motivated by a deep distrust of the board and management, felt that the corporation's salvation lay in restricting and curtailing the powers of the board and management. The opposing school of thought, noting the complicated and continually shifting problems facing the corporation, stressed the need for the board to have additional flexibility and expertise to operate in a business-like fashion.

WSSC Holds Hearing On Storm Drainage

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has scheduled a public hearing to discuss methods of correcting a storm drainage erosion problem in the stream valley between Lakewood and Woodland Hills subdivisions.

Designed to gain public input on a WSSC staff-suggested project to solve the problem, the hearing will be held on Tues., March 25, at 4 p.m., in the WSSC's Main Office Building Auditorium, 4017 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville.

Expected to cost about \$27,000, the proposed project involves the installation of drainage pipes, which would discharge into a stable stream in a wooded area adjacent to the Greenbelt athletic field.

If approved for future construction, the project would begin in Block V, approximately 100 feet west of Hillside Road and run westerly for approximately 225 feet. The drainage area is generally bounded by Greenhill Road on the north, Hillside Road on the east, Northway on the south and Fayette Place on the west.

At Monday's city council meeting after hearing an appeal by Northway resident Bob McGee, the council went on record supporting the efforts to correct the erosion problem. McGee pointed out that the present situation was creating safety and odor problems.

County Municipal Conf. Will Meet Here Sat.

The Prince Georges County Municipal Conference will meet Sat., March 22, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Among the guest speakers will be Senator Meyer Emanuel, Delegate Frederick Rummage, and County Councilman Frank Casula. Chairman, Councilman Gil Weidenfeld said the conference is open to the public.

Greenbelt Residents Invited To Annapolis

Del. Gerard F. Devlin, who represents Greenbelt in the House of Delegates, has invited local residents who would like to see "democracy in action" during the present session of the General Assembly to drop by his office in the new House Office Building in Annapolis.

The General Assembly meets Monday evening at 8 p.m. and every other week day at 10 a.m. Devlin is a member of the Ways and Means Committee which meets each afternoon at 1 p.m.

Anyone wishing to watch the House of Delegates may call 779-2180 or 261-2500, ext. 1428. Both are toll free numbers from the Greenbelt area.

These philosophies either explicitly or implicitly seemed to underlie the approaches taken to the major bylaw changes being proposed.

For example, the proposal to have staggered 3-year terms for the 9-man board, instead of the present 2-year terms, was attacked because it lengthened the period that directors would be in office. "The problem," Ben Elkins said, "is how to get rid of the dry rot sitting on the board today, not to extend their term."

GHI president Jim Smith, on the other hand, thought that the longer term would contribute to the efficiency of the corporation by making full use of experience gained on the job by the director. He also thought that the membership would be better able to appraise the qualifications of candidates for office if only three vacancies were open at a time.

The idea expressed by Elkins and others that some mechanical means must be devised to get rid of unpopular or irresponsible directors was pooh-poohed by Charles Schwan who said that the simple answer is to vote the undesirable directors out of office at the next election.

Similarly, the proposal to give the board authority to revise operating charges at quarterly intervals to meet actual rises that take place in taxes, fuel, water, sewage, electricity, and trash was a subject of philosophical differences.

On the one hand, Eunice Coxon denounced the proposal as relinquishing the membership's only control it now has over an irresponsible and inept board — the present bylaw restriction on annual increases in operating charges in excess of 10 percent.

On the other hand, Allen Lenchek and others argued that the 10 percent restriction not only tied the hands of the board, but was also shortsighted since the financial position of the corporation and the members' investment could be impaired when the basic costs of the corporation rise faster than 10 percent a year.

Another proposal that illustrated the lack of faith in the board's judgment was a bylaw change submitted by petition through Mrs. Coxon and Martha Hutzler. This called for limiting investments of working capital to one year. Smith noted that working capital is used for such purposes as prepayment of insurance premiums, taxes, pension costs, inventories and equipment and funding of such projects as trailer park and enclosed garages, the income from which is used to pay back the working fund over the years. This proposal, Smith said, could force the corporation to borrow outside funds at a much higher cost than if it used working capital funds.

The entire membership will have a chance to vote on these and other proposed bylaw changes at a special membership meeting on Thursday, April 10.

Attention GHI Members

A second information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the new wing of the Youth Center. Proposals for bylaw changes and energy conservation procedures will be the topics of discussion. The major part of the discussion will be devoted to energy conservation. GHI members are encouraged to attend and participate.

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Plans to Do His Part To the Editor:

I attended the GHI informational meeting, March 11, and talked with other GHI members. My conversations convinced me that the life-blood of our corporation is its members' skills and services on committees. It is easy to justify not getting involved by thinking that other members will do the necessary work, or that GHI staffers are sufficient. This, however, overlooks the fact that, as members, our most valuable assets are our collective skills, time and energy. An additional advantage of using our own time and energy is that it's FREE. It does not require increases in monthly charges to pay someone else to do our work for us.

Membership on a committee carries with it a moral commitment to "full-time" participation. Yet there are few who are this dedicated. Then I realized that "full-time" is not necessary. Without doubt, this commitment is desirable, but there are many positive contributions which each member can make with only limited involvement.

I urge each member to lend his individual skills, time and enthusiasm to the improvement of Greenbelt. I am told that a list of committees, and their interest areas may be obtained by contacting the GHI office. I plan to do my part. How about you?

Rush Kester

More on SHL School To the Editor:

After reading last week's News Review article on renovation funding for Springhill Lake Elementary School, I want to publicly thank so many more parents and public officials who supported the SHL PTA's campaign for money to improve our school.

In addition to the people mentioned in the article, I want to thank Dora McCoy — SHL teacher and PTA vice president — who appealed our case before Gov. Mandel and the State Board of Public Works in Annapolis, and parents Suzanne Cooke and Tom and Nancy Layton who spent many hours preparing statements, letters, and other materials used in our appeal. Also, there were many parents and friends from Seat Pleasant and Greenbelt who supported our effort.

Public officials endorsed our cause, too. I especially want to thank city councilman Gil Weidert, county councilman Parris Glendening, and 25th district State delegates Nathaniel Exum and Francis Santangelo.

With the sustained support of the county Board of Education, school parents and public officials, the Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA will continue its fight for renovation funding.

James H. Gianfagna, President
 Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA

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Open Letter

Dr. John R. Clark, Director,
 Code 100
 Goddard Space Flight Center
 National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

March 6, 1975

Dear Mr. Clark:

As a member of this housing corporation since 1966, I am forwarding to your attention and that of your committee on the cooperative solar heat experimental project at Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the letter I wrote to the Greenbelt News Review. (March 6 issue)

May I stress that I am not against scientific experiment in the name of progress or solar heat, in particular. I am against this contract being signed with no vote of the membership and with the most fragmentary information as to costs and procedure. Only this week, did I succeed in securing the agreement, which was minus the all important project statement. I only received this after letting one of the board members know that a most important part was missing.

It is simply outrageous to think that these people in the "test-homes" have signed no individual agreements, as far as I know, or even seen the agreement or project statement.

When I went to the office after the news article appeared in the local paper and objected to this secrecy and signing, the manager, Mr. Breashears told me, if I didn't think it was legal to take the board to court. He said it was "free" etc. I have referred this matter to my two U. S. Senators, who are at the present time looking into the modification of our GNMA mortgage, which spells out neither principal or interest.

The end does not justify the means. I think we are fortunate to have an offer of this kind from a distinguished scientific facility (center) such as yours, but as people of modest means we have a right to know exactly what costs the membership will bear, even those not intimately connected with the experiment, particularly electricity insurance costs, appraisals of the homes, and resale value difficulties.

I feel the president of our board and the board members, as well as your group, should review this whole matter from a legal as well as moral viewpoint.

Sincerely,
 Eunice E. Coxon

Easter Choral Concert

The Combined Choir from Greenbelt's Catholic, Methodist and Community Churches invites the community to attend an Easter Choral Concert on Palm Sunday, March 23 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent. The choir's director is Jean Cook with Mildred Kern at the organ.

Marriage Seminar

A Christian Marriage Seminar will be held on Sun., March 23, from 3 - 6 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. Andre Bustanoby, an ordained minister now in private counseling practice in Bowie, will direct the seminar.

Bustanoby, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, holds an M.A. in Marriage and Family Counseling from Azusa Pacific College, and is a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors.

Discussion will center on what the Bible has to say about the role of the husband, role of the wife, communication within the family, parent-child relationships, etc.

The seminar, sponsored by the Couples' Club of Holy Cross, is open to all interested individuals — married or single. If interested, please contact Marcia Davidson (577-3515) by March 21. Advance registration is suggested. There is a small registration fee.

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CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On March 3, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-1, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1975-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUB-TITLE "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SUBSECTION (C) TITLE "ADOPTION" OF SECTION 40-50, TITLE "COUNCIL ACTION ON BUDGET," TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT THE BUDGET ON OR BEFORE THE TENTH DAY OF JUNE OF THE FISCAL YEAR CURRENTLY ENDING.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 22nd day of April, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 12th day of April, 1975, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

JAMES K. GIESE, City Manager

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Sun. 8 p.m. March 23 EASTER CHORAL CONCERT - Combined Choir

Thurs. 8 p.m. March 27-Maundy Thursday Communion Service

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Don't Forget

Annual Meeting
 of the
 Members

Tuesday, March 25, 1975
 8 p.m.

Council Chambers, Municipal Building

Elections to be held at the meeting

CORRECTION

To last week's information on election:

Board of Directors

Vote for no more than four

Member Relations Committee

Vote for no more than four

Nominations and Elections Committee

Vote for no more than three



SHL Traffic Problems Attract Attention

The Springhill Lake Civic Association has taken up the cudgels on behalf of motorists entering and exiting from the Springhill Lake apartments. It appealed successfully to the city council at the March 17 meeting to initiate a move to have the driveway entrance to Beltway Plaza near the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane closed and blocked.

Tom Greer, vice-president of the SHL Civic Association, stated that while posted signs forbid the use as an exit of this Cherrywood Lane roadcut, which enters into the Plaza just a few feet from the Cherrywood Lane/Greenbelt Road intersection, drivers ignore the sign, creating a traffic hazard.

Moreover, he said, the use of this roadcut as an entrance is also a traffic hazard. Traffic coming from the west to make left turns into the project onto Cherrywood Lane is often forced to make sudden halts whenever a motorist attempts to use the roadcut entrance because of the necessity for extremely low speed.

Council suggested that the city manager approach the Beltway Plaza developer to see what could be done — perhaps through a swap of driveway entrances.

The SHL Civic Association has also initiated contact with the State Highway Administration to ease the various traffic problems found around the Springhill Lake complex.

The first problem highlighted by Greer is the exit from Springhill Lake through the ramp leading from Edmonston Road southbound to Kenilworth Ave. He noted that almost all traffic must merge across two lanes of southbound Kenilworth traffic to get into the left turn for gaining access to the approaches to the Capital Beltway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

State Highway Administrator Bernard M. Evans replied that the State has on the planning boards a proposal to make a second left turn lane for southbound Kenilworth Ave. traffic. The results, he said, should be a shorter line of left-turning vehicles, as well as a shorter time in the overall signal cycle in which to turn them. This, Evans said, should make it easier for exiting Springhill Lake traffic inasmuch as it would permit a longer distance in which to weave across Kenilworth Ave.

A second problem cited by Greer is the hazard encountered by Springhill Lakers returning to the project from points east on Greenbelt Road or south on Kenilworth Ave. Such residents have to make a right turn into the project in front of traffic turning from southbound Kenilworth to westbound Greenbelt Road. Then, they have to run the gauntlet, within a few feet, of additional traffic from the cutoff which allows southbound Kenilworth traffic to make a long right hand turn onto northbound Edmonston Road.

To this, Evans noted that a traffic signal system is under design that will help provide for a more efficient flow of traffic along Greenbelt Road. This will make the movement at Cherrywood Lane easier and perhaps somewhat more attractive, Evans said, thereby lessening the use of the other entrances and exits to the project.

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AMBULANCE ON DISPLAY



We regret the Ambulance left the Center early last Saturday, but a Greenbelt resident was lying in the woods with a possible broken leg.

Our plans are to have the Ambulance in the Center again this Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our crew will be glad to show you and your family the many items we carry to serve you and explain the training necessary to become an "Emergency Medical Technician".

If you care to donate to the Ambulance Club, you will be given a receipt and a membership card for \$3.65 or more. This, of course, is tax deductible. Just show your card when our members start the door-to-door campaign April 1st.

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Boys and Girls Club
by Fred Ford

All Sports Sign Up - Every Saturday in March at the Youth Center from noon till 3 p.m. there will be sign-ups for the year. Boys from 12 - 16 and girls from 9 - 17 should sign up for baseball and softball now. Come on down or call Fred Ford, 474-8343.

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3 Bedroom Frame Townhouse in clean clean condition. This home has dishwasher, washing machine, 3 Air Conditioners, sanded hardwood floors.

1 Bedroom frame downstairs apartment with very nice yard. Call to show.

3 Bedroom End Townhouse close to Center just listed. This home has wall to wall carpeting, 2 Air Conditioners, washer, & dryer. A very good buy for \$23,000.

3 Bedroom GHI Townhouse with basement Rec. room. There are very few of these homes in Greenbelt that go up for sale. This End Townhouse is situated in a wooded area and has a beautiful large wooded backyard. Reduced in price \$31,325. Call to show.

GREENBELT: LAKECREST:

3 Bedroom Brick Central Air Townhouse with 1 full bath and 2 half baths. This Townhouse has a separate dining room, large living room and large master bedroom. Also washer, dryer, & lots of closet space. Reasonably priced at \$34,500.

Lanham-Kingswood:

Reduced in Price: This 4 Bedroom Brick Rambler with carport & pool. This home is Central Air Conditioned, has 3 full baths, separate dining room, and fireplace in rec. room. A must to see at \$59,900.

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"Greenbelt Day" Dance Plans Need Citizen Input Now

by Shirley Meredith

By resolution the Greenbelt City Council has designated the first Sunday in June as "Greenbelt Day." Many activities will take place in the weeks before and after commemorating the 38th anniversary of Greenbelt's incorporation as a municipality. It will be a day for observing Greenbelt's past, celebrating its present and looking towards its future. "Greenbelt Day" will be in conjunction with the Bicentennial celebrations and will be one way Greenbelt will be recognizing its contribution to the history of America.

In recognition of American heritage and history during the first 200 years of the nation and 38 years of the city, an all community dance on Saturday May 31, 1975 will be one of the highlights of the observance, and a kick-off to Greenbelt Day.

Tentative plans are being made by the chairpersons, Bill and Barbara Lawson for the dance to be held at the Greenbelt Armory with a possibility of two bands, one a "Big Band" sound and the other a rock band. The Lawsons would like to incorporate the dress styles and dances of the past from 1776 to the present as an added attraction by those attending.

Anyone who would like to contribute, suggest or has knowledge of any of the dances or dress styles is invited to contact the Lawsons. There's the waltz, polka, galop, big apple, jitterbug, quadrille, square dancing, one step, turkey trot, cake walk, fox trot, shimmy, the Charleston and many many more, so perhaps a little practice will be needed beforehand.

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Greenbriar Runs Into Sediment Problems

by Elaine Skolnik

A sediment device on the northern portion of the Greenbriar tract will require adjustment according to the State Department of Water Resources (SDWR). SDWR is also in the process of requesting that the Prince Georges County Board of Education take similar corrective action on the adjacent Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School site where some pollution problems have been spotted.

Alan Kay, developer of the 1,193-unit condominium apartment development, said that weather conditions caused a breakdown in the sediment trap, and appropriate action is being taken for its repair.

On February 18, SDWR notified the Kay and Kay Construction Company that the discharge from the sediment device at the northern end of the property was causing sediment to be deposited into an unnamed tributary of Beaver Dam Creek. The agency ordered a stop to grading and earth movement operations.

Two weeks ago an SDWR inspector met on site with representatives of the construction company and their engineers, a city of Greenbelt inspector and officials of the Prince Georges County Soil Conservation District. The problem and its solution were discussed. As a result, the Kay and Kay Construction Company was asked to submit to the Soil Conservation District a revised sediment control plan covering (1) restoration of the area below the outfall of the present sediment trap affected by the discharge, (2) upgrading of the existing trap, (3) stabilization of the site as soon as possible with some vegetative cover and (4) timetable of implementation of the measures. The District has since received the plan, and is now reviewing it.

Kay told the News Review that the finishing touches are being applied to the first section of the development which houses 252 apartments. About 150 units have been sold. Kay foresees the completion of the second section containing about 220 units in the near future.

FDR

SDWR found that the sediment basin on the FDR tract was defective, and not built according to original plans. The matter was turned over to the Prince Georges County Department of Licenses and Permits for corrective action under the county's sediment control law.

CIRCUS ACROBAT AT BELTWAY PLAZA

Circus acrobat David Linden and his wife will come to Beltway Plaza Mall on Sat. March 22, and give four performances starting at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to see his feats and acrobatics. Free buttons and balloons will be given out to the youngsters at the Mall during the performances.

Miss Rae Lynn's Puppet Storytime will be featured with Pal Bunny in an Easter presentation at the Beltway Plaza Mall. Pal Bunny has rings for the youngsters in his Bunny House. Everyone is invited - admission is free to all.

The Greenbelt Trail

Perhaps not as famous as the Oregon trail, but Greenbelt will have its own trail, if the Bicentennial Committee has its wish. Transmitted to city council last Monday was a proposal for the establishment of a Greenbelt trail as a Bicentennial project. The idea of the trail is to provide a walking tour of a section of the city, with appropriate signs placed along the way explaining the significant features.

The project was developed by David Stern and envisions a trail starting near the Municipal Build-

ing, from where it leads to Center School, and then to the pedestrian underpass near the library. From the underpass it will continue among some of the original Greenbelt Homes, Inc. homes, cross Ridge Road and descend through an existing forest trail to Maplewood Court and to the Lake. The trail will then return to the starting point through Braden Field and visitors will have the option of a longer alternative route circling the lake by way of the dam.

Stern saw a need for two types of trail markers. First, guiding markers, about 50, which will identify the trail by a logo and indicate the direction. Second, descriptive markers, about a dozen, which will tell something about each location of the marker. The total cost for all materials is estimated to be around \$3,000.

The committee is hopeful that these costs might be reduced if they could induce the National Park Service or the local schools to help with the markers.

The merits of the project, as perceived by Stern, are

(1) It provides a focal point for bicentennial visitors and combines for them a pleasant walk with a tour of Greenbelt and information about the city's unique features.

(2) It will become a permanent point of interest in Greenbelt after the bicentennial year has ended and will serve, among other things to acquaint Greenbelt residents and children with the city's history.

(3) It is relatively inexpensive and self-contained, and does not require any personnel for its operation.

Parkdale Instrumental Nws

As a part of their annual fund-raising plans, the bands and orchestra of Parkdale Senior High School are now offering residents of Greenbelt the opportunity to order fresh Florida oranges and grapefruit. Thirty-three Greenbelt young people will be taking orders for Valencia oranges and pink or white grapefruit. All orders must be placed by March 25. People wanting to order by phone should call Mrs Moore, 474-5421.

The spring instrumental concert will be held in the school's multipurpose room on Tuesday, March 25 at 8 p.m. The public is invited and there is a fee.

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GHI Discusses Trim Paint, Energy-Saving Programs

by Sid Kastner

At a long, protracted meeting last Thursday evening the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board considered a large number of matters which at first sight seemed unrelated, but which turned out to be mostly in the category of saving fuel, or of saving money because of the fuel cost burden.

In the latter class was a proposed new policy of assigning fiscal responsibility to each member for painting exterior house trim, brought to the board by the Aesthetics and Environment committee. Under this policy GHI would inspect the houses each year and inform the member if his or her home needs painting. The member could then choose between doing the job or having GHI do it. If the second course were chosen, the member could repay GHI in monthly payments.

The board members appeared to be in essential agreement that the policy would be necessary. However, they discussed at length several practical problems that would be involved. A first question raised by directors Hugh O'Donnell and Joseph Comproni was whether such a policy would be within the purview of the corporation to carry out, and several directors concurred that an opinion on this should be sought from corporation counsel, Albert Ginsberg.

A second question was how long the repayment period could be, and on this point manager Roy Breashears expressed concern that too long a repayment period could decrease GHI's working funds. Director Virginia Moryadas suggested on the other hand that perhaps financing could be made easier for hardship cases, and also brought up the need for members to be able to get their windows caulked and glazed professionally.

Director Donald Volk, as chairman of the A. and E. committee that initiated the proposal, argued in its favor that "this is a way to get us back into a regular trim-painting program", and was supported by some board members who noted that certain homes were now looking "shoddy" as a result of neglect.

The board finally passed an exploratory motion to endorse the principle that "members be allowed to paint their own trim", and referred the matter back to the Finance and Aesthetics committee to iron out details.

Fuel-Saving Program

As mentioned above, several separate items were brought up at different times during the meeting in connection with the fuel-saving program:

1. Certain burners in both the small and large heating plants may have to be replaced because of a new regulation originating from the state's Air Quality Control Office; however this regulation still needs to be clarified.

2. The manager stated that the mass adjustment of the Weatherman variable temperature control units was completed during February and that the maintenance staff will "keep an eye" on them during regular boiler check-ups.

3. Chairman James Smith noted that a second informal meeting, to discuss the corporation's fuel-saving program with the members, will be held Wednesday, March 26 at the Youth Center.

4. The manager expressed pleasure at being able to report that an approximate 25% reduction had been achieved in fuel consumption over the last six months; director Stephen Polaschick said he was beginning to see the value of the program, noting "This is working out very well".

5. A further problem to be faced in the immediate future, however, was brought up by O'Donnell who reported that more leaks are occurring in the steam lines serving the North End homes. He again urged that a pilot project be initiated to determine whether these homes can be successfully converted to hot water heating, but Smith and Comproni were unresponsive because of the financing problem.

6. Comproni brought up the resistance of some members to the solar heat project and suggested that GHI undertake written agreements with members involved in the project, but other board members including chairman Smith felt the project should continue on the present basis.

Sewer Problem

Some other issues were also dealt with by the board during its four-hour session. The real source of troublesome sewer blockages experienced by townhouse members appears to have been located by staff engineer George Craft, who has found several low spots in the sewer caused by settling; these low spots collect sediment and ultimately become blocked. A first estimate from a contractor for replacing this sewer line is about \$10,500, which the manager urged should be included in replacement reserve planning for the townhouses.

Chairman Smith released a copy of a letter which he has sent to sixteen members of an Ad Hoc Investigatory panel, created by the board to evaluate some charges made by Martha Hutzler. In his letter Smith noted "accusations of serious administrative and accounting irregularities" made by Mrs. Hutzler at various board meetings and in letters to the News Review, and asked the panel "in the best interest of GHI to resolve the issues as quickly as possible" because the charges have continued over the last three months. Director Theodore Byerly commented that Mrs. Hutzler's principal charge was considered by the Audit committee a year ago and was found to be not verified. In reply to question by Comproni and member Charles Schwan on the size and make-up of the panel, Smith said he had tried to get a wide cross-section of members - unassociated with either board or Audit committee - to ensure an objective appraisal.

Ben Rosenzweig has been requested to serve as chairman and to organize the panel to accomplish its mission. The first meeting is scheduled for tonight (Thursday, March 20).

Recreation Review

Pre-Teen Club

Activities for boys and girls, 14 and under, are held at the Ridge Road Center on Fridays from 7-9 p.m. Table games, bumper pool, ping pong and floor hockey are included in the activities.

Kava Field Trip

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Police Blotter

Three Beltsville youths, ages 13 to 15, were apprehended in vandalizing the Prince Georges County bus depot on Greenbelt Road on March 1. Four school buses were deliberately burned causing damages estimated at \$14,000 to \$18,000. The County Fire Marshall is pressing charges.

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A resident of Springhill Lake was taken before the District Court Commissioner in Hyattsville when he refused to sign a speeding ticket he had received. Failure to sign a summons requires the officer to place the subject under arrest, and take the individual before an officer of the court.

Local Areas Seek to Share New County Tax Sources

The Prince Georges delegation to the Maryland General Assembly met in Annapolis on Feb. 28, to discuss the tax measures requested by county executive Winfield M. Kelly. Mayor Pro-tem Gil Weidenfeld, vice-chairman of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association, made a presentation to the delegates requesting that municipalities share in any new county tax revenues raised in the municipalities.

Weidenfeld's presentation used the city of Greenbelt as being illustrative of the financial difficulties that the cities and towns in the county have encountered in the past few years, mostly, as a result of high inflation.

One of Kelly's tax measures was a renter's tax of up to 4% on multiple family dwellings. An amendment was introduced to return to a municipality an equal share of the renter's tax generated in the municipality, but was defeated by a 12 to 10 vote. The renter's tax was approved by the delegation.

Another Kelly tax measure, which would generate 2.2 million dollars for the county by increasing the cigarette tax in the county from 6c to 10c a pack, was passed. An amendment to the cigarette tax which would give 15% of the revenues generated by the tax increase to the municipalities on a shared per capita basis will be introduced when this bill comes up for second reading. If the bill, as amended, passes the delegation and is approved by the General Assembly, it would bring about \$25,000 to Greenbelt, which amounts to approximately 4c on the city's tax dollar.



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Less: accumulated depreciation	3,305	(3,986)	10,071	3,147
Prepaid insurance & others		17,801		29,501
Prepaid rent & other assets		1,433		7,858
Deferred income tax-variances		2,479		4,784
Total Assets	\$4,823,661	\$3,928,773		

LIABILITIES:

Note payable-bank		\$ 250,000
Savings accounts	\$4,577,100	3,460,742
Accrued dividends on savings	71,126	49,049
Accounts payable & escrow	4,031	840
Accrued expenses	1,633	3,070
Withholding taxes	1,390	1,438
Federal & state income taxes - current	3,737	1,073
Total Liabilities	4,659,017	3,766,212
RETAINED EARNINGS:		
Total Retained Earnings	164,644	162,561
Total Liabilities & Retained Earnings	\$4,823,661	\$3,928,773
Dividends Paid to Members	242,981	188,458

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