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GHI Members to Make Decisions On Energy Program, Bylaw Changes

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members will be asked to make decisions in two major areas at the special membership meeting on Thursday, April 10, starting at 8 p.m. in the Center School Auditorium. The first will deal with an energy-conservation program for the frame homes and the second with amendments to the corporation's bylaws. All GHI members will be asked to vote on these matters at the evening meeting.

Energy - Saving Program

by Al Skolnik

The GHI board of directors has recommended that \$125,975 of the remaining mortgage deferral funds be spent on three energy-saving projects for the frame homes. These projects are (1) conversion of all the remaining frame home steam plants south of Northway Road to variable temperature hot water control (\$105,000); (2) installation of the Cottell/Tymponic Ultrasonic oil water emulsifiers on the four large steam plants in the North End (\$17,900); and (3) installation of fuel recording meters in the four large heating plants and the 12 court Ridge road plant (\$3,075).

The estimated increase in monthly charges to frame home owners for these three projects averages about \$4, ranging from \$2.86 a month for 1-bedroom units to \$4.79 a month for 3-bedroom units. This is if the increase goes into effect June 1.

Under the terms of the agreement with the mortgage-holder, Government National Mortgage Association, the borrowed mortgage funds have to be paid back in a balloon lump-sum payment by December 1977. If the pay-back period is shortened by delaying the increase until January 1, 1976, then the average monthly increase will amount to \$5.25, instead of \$4.

The corporation has already expended or committed \$166,222 to various energy conservation measures, as directed by the April 1974 membership meeting. About two-thirds of this sum was used in the brick and masonry homes, the balance in the frame homes, chiefly for atomizing burners in the large heating plants.

Altogether, the corporation received \$318,764 in deferred 1974 GNMA mortgage principal payments. If the membership at the April 10 meeting approves the additional projects, there still will be left some \$25,000 - \$30,000. At the March 26 information meeting, Hugh O'Donnell, chairman of the Engineering and Maintenance committee, stated that under further consideration is a proposal to experiment with breaking up the courts served by the 4 large steam plants in the North End and provide separate burners. In this way, with shortened heating pipes, the courts could also be converted to hot water heating systems.

Conversion to Hot Water

The main argument, O'Donnell said, for giving priority to converting the steam plants to hot water is that this will give the best and most cost-effective return on the dollar invested.

The experience with the conversion in the 12 Ridge court is most encouraging, O'Donnell said. There has been a 25% reduction in fuel use in the period September 1974 through February 1975. This means that the investment in the 12 Ridge court will pay for itself in less than 3½ years. Normally, a full return on investment or a payoff period of five years is ample justification for undertaking a project of this sort.

O'Donnell also noted the other advantages of converting from steam heat to hot water. There is no banging of pipes, the temperature is even and constant, and maintenance costs are less because hot water plants do not need the same degree of monitoring or replacement as steam plants.

GHI vice-president Don Volk, who chaired the March 26 information meeting, pointed out that the savings from these projects will be spread among all the frame home owners.

Oil-water Emulsifiers

This project consists of boosting fuel atomization by water injection, thus increasing fuel efficiency. Oil-water emulsifiers would be put on the four large steam plants in the North End which serve over 700 frame home units. The corporation has no experience on which to base an estimate of what this equipment would save in energy and money, but estimates range from 6% to 14%.

These estimates indicate that the investment required to install and use the equipment for 3 years would pay for itself in less than 2 years. Installation costs for the project are \$8,800 and then there is an annual rental charge for the equipment under a lease-purchase arrangement whereby GHI could apply the rent to the purchase price if the project proved itself.

Fuel Recording Meters

The third project of installation of fuel recording meters is really part of the previous project because it is needed to measure consumption in the four large heating plants. By providing a constant record of fuel use, the meters will be able to detect overconsumption of fuel in a timely fashion. At present, small daily overconsumption cannot be detected by a heating engineer's inspection.

Reaction

At the March 26 meeting, there was general recognition from the audience of the value of the energy-saving programs. Criticism was confined to (1) why didn't GHI undertake such programs years ago and (2) how efficiently will the program be carried out under present management.

To the first, O'Donnell said that when fuel oil cost only 12c a gallon (it now costs 35c a gallon), the return in consumption savings would not have justified the type of heavy capital expenditure that is now being considered.

As for the second, O'Donnell said that the corporation has acquired two competent engineers, Nicholas Dunlap and George Craft, to oversee the projects. He also said that during the 2 years he has been on the board of directors he has observed an improvement in maintenance practices, such as the monitoring of fuel deliveries so as to make sure that GHI was not being overcharged.

Bylaw Changes

A series of seven proposed by-law changes will be voted on by the GHI membership at the April 10 evening meeting. All bylaw changes need to be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present.

One of the changes is a bylaw held over from the May 1974 annual membership meeting. This by-law change, which was submitted by petition by 50 GHI members, provides for one-day voting for GHI officers, instead of the present 2-day voting, and make mandatory the current practice of using voting machines.

Under this proposal, members would no longer be able to vote for directors and audit committee members on the same night of the annual meeting. Instead voting would be limited to the next day following the annual meeting.

Proponents of the change note the difficulties encountered in moving the voting machines after the evening meeting to the site of the balloting the next day. Opponents argue that a 1-day voting system would discourage attendance at the evening business meeting and diminish the opportunities for GHI members to vote.

Another bylaw change of major significance concerns a proposal to meet GHI deficits due to the rising cost of certain uncontrollable items. At present, the membership must approve an increase in monthly operating charges that involves 10 percent or more. In recent years, increases in such items as fuel, utilities, and taxes have exceeded 10 percent, leaving the corporation operating at a deficit when the membership refuses to increase operating charges by more than 10 percent.

The proposed bylaw change would not eliminate the membership's responsibility to approve increases of 10 percent or more, but would provide that the board at quarterly intervals may revise operating charges to the members for the rest of the budget year. This may only occur when the net increase or decrease in the cost to GHI for taxes, fuel, water and sewage, electricity, and trash collection exceeds \$50,000 when projected for 12 months.

Other bylaw changes include

(1) a proposal to stagger the terms of the 9-man board so that 3 directors are elected for 3-year terms each year.

(2) a clarification of the amendment process by not permitting bylaw changes by referendum, except when the membership at a membership meeting requests by majority vote that the bylaw change be voted on by referendum.

(3) a clarification that any petition calling for a special membership meeting must contain the motion to be acted upon at the meeting.

(4) a clarification of the right of the membership to change the order of the agenda at the annual membership meeting.

(5) a proposal submitted by petition requiring that the working capital funds derived from the 3% assessment on the selling price of GHI units be the subject of a report as to their uses. Also, that all investments of working capital be limited to one year.

City of Greenbelt Maryland

Regular Meeting of
City Council

AGENDA

Monday, April 7, 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, March 17, 1975
 - Minutes of Special Meeting, March 20, 1975
 - Minutes of Public Meeting, March 20, 1975
 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Petitions and Requests -
 7. Administrative Reports
 8. Committee Reports -
 - Community Relations Advisory Board Report -
 - Odyssey House
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 9. Charter Amendment Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Portions of the Charter that Pertain to Elections and to Provide for the Establishment of a Board of Elections - Second Reading
 10. Charter Amendment Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Section 4, Title "Creation; Qualifications; Compensation," by Deleting An Unnecessary Sentence Relating to Council Vacancies, and by Amending the term "Regular Municipal Election" to Read "Regular Council Election" - Second Reading
 11. Bicentennial Committee Report - Bicentennial Playgrounds
 12. Bicentennial Committee Report - Greenbelt Bicentennial Trail
 13. Employment of Auditor
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 14. Budget FY 1975/76
 15. Replacement Fund Expenditures
 16. Revised Metropolitan Washington Natural Gas Supply Emergency Alert Plan
 17. Meetings
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

Baseball and Softball Sign-up - This Sat. from 5 till 7 p.m. at Braden Field there will be a special baseball and softball sign-up for boys 12 thru 16 and girls 9 thru 17. Attention boys! If you will be playing school ball, you can still play Boys Club ball this summer. Boys Club Schedule does not start until after school baseball is finished.

Basketball Party - Sat. April 12 from 5 till 7 p.m. at the Youth Center all basketball players should come out for hot dogs, cokes, etc. all free. Price of admission - your basketball uniform.

Greenbelt Breakfast Theater, a program for adults at the library at 11 a.m., will begin on Mon., April 7, and continue every Monday morning in April and on Wed. mornings through May 21. Short films and coffee will be featured. "Calder's Circus" and "The World of Andrew Wyeth" are to be shown on April 7. All are invited to these free programs.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., April 3, 10 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Senior Citizen Shuttle Bus for Beltway Plaza
Mon., April 7, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.
Tues., April 8, 7:30 p.m. North End PTA
7:30 p.m. Center School PTA
Thurs., April 10, 8 p.m. GHI Special Membership Meeting, Center School

Boxwood Citizens Opt For Some Parcel 7 Development as Park

by Roberta McNamara

The city plan for Parcel 7 was the hot item on the agenda of the Boxwood Civic Association meeting March 18. Through the efforts of newly elected president, Muriel Weidenfeld, the residents' anger and frustration were channeled into a spirit of compromise and acceptance of some recreational development of the area.

As the city plan exists now, Parcel 7, the vacant lot bordered by Ivy Lane, Lastner Lane, and Ridge Rd. extended, is designed to have a tot lot in the northeast corner, a baseball field and a football field which overlap. A parking lot at Crescent and Ridge is planned since the fields are designed for competitive play, thus easing parking problems that might happen in Boxwood.

City manager James K. Giese was invited to explain the city plan and two hypothetical plans that rearranged the already planned facilities. He explained the purchase of Parcel 7 from Charles Bresler was secured by the bond issue of 1969. Through matching grants that no longer are available the city had planned to redevelop the Lake Park and Braden Field along with Parcel 7. At present the financing of any development would have to come from the city alone. The cost of a drainage pipe (\$50,000) alone would prevent any immediate development of the property. The tot lot is the only thing the city can afford at the present time. However, the area must be thought of as a whole; therefore, citizen input is desirable.

Boxwood reaction can be illustrated by 1) Don McCaughey's attitude that Boxwood represented \$10 million of property and that he was not concerned with community needs for more playing fields and 2) Edwin Ross's attitude that children needed a secret place i.e. free play areas.

Giese, playing Devil's Advocate, reminded the group that the taxes of the residents of all the city supported the bond issue, thus Parcel 7 was not exclusively theirs. He hinted that the city had the power to sell to any developer if so decided. He stated that Lakeside residents live next to playing fields and the valuation of their property has not been adversely affected.

After an hour of dissent, Muriel Weidenfeld, requested the group to recognize that the development of Parcel 7 is a reality and that they must focus on a development plan that's tolerable. After the residents agreed that the tot lot is a must, J. A. Gerbracht suggested that there be no more than one ball field and that the thickest possible buffer strip be developed all along the edges of Parcel 7 which border Ivy and Lastner Lane. Thus free play areas will also exist.

Baptist Renewal Services

Greenbelt Baptist Church will be having a special week of services April 13 - 20. The theme will be "Church Renewal-Calling the Church to its Task." The meetings will begin April 13 at 7 p.m., and continue each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Review

Youth Center Spring Hours

Spring hours are now in effect at the Youth Center. Open lounge and open gym activities are as follows. Mon.-Fri. 3:30-5:30 and 7-10 p.m., Sat. 9-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Sun. 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

Ride-A-Bike For The Retarded

This event will be held on Sun., April 20. Participants may pick up registration forms at the Youth Center.

Greenbelt Tennis Tourney

Membership drive is taking place right now for the first tournament which will take place on April 12, 13, 19 and 20.

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No Need For This Change

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has a unique two-day voting system for electing directors to its board. Members may attend the annual membership meeting, transact business, listen to candidates and vote — all in the same evening. Or if they are unable to attend the evening meeting, they may vote the next day. Thus, members are assured of a maximum opportunity to exercise their voting privileges.

Coming before the members now is a proposed bylaw change, submitted by petition, that would eliminate the voting at the evening meeting and confine the voting to the next day. We are against this proposal to cut back the hours of voting.

The motion to switch from a two-day voting system apparently stems from the fact that there have been difficulties in placing voting machines where they would not have to be moved during the night. Voting machines are heavy, bulky pieces of machinery and run the risk that the vote count might be jiggled if moved overnight. Center School, generally the site for the evening meeting, has not been permitting the use of its facilities during the day for voting machines.

But this problem is not insurmountable. Last year the voting machines were located at the Municipal Building for both days. If this arrangement is unsatisfactory, may we suggest the alternative of using paper ballots for the evening meeting and voting machines for the daytime voting.

In any event, a very real concern of GHI has been to increase voter turnout and attendance at the annual evening business meetings. This proposed bylaw change will have the opposite effect. Attendance at the evening meetings is bound to be discouraged when members realize that they will have to make a second trip to the center the next day if they wish to vote. And cutting back the hours that the polls will be open is certain to limit voter turnout.

For twenty-two years, the two-day voting system has worked well and we see no need to change it now.

James B. Allen

James B. Allen died suddenly at his home, 47-F Ridge Road, on March 29. A resident of Greenbelt for about 15 years, he was associated with the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in White Oak prior to retirement. He was a member of the Golden Age Club.

Mr. Allen is survived by his wife Eunice, daughter Evelyn Hubscher, sisters Sally Cheek and Lillie Mae Howard, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Greenbelt Cemetery on April 2.

Eugenia Grogan

Mrs. Eugenia "Jean" Conway Grogan, 52, died on March 28 after a long illness. A native of Elkins, West Virginia, Mrs. Grogan resided in Berwyn Heights and was employed by the Beltway Plaza Developers in Greenbelt.

Mishkan Torah News

The Mishkan Torah Players will present their second Sermon-In-Drama of the season Friday, April 11, at 8:30 p.m. The play, a one-act drama, written by Herb Sacks is entitled "A Sermon on Living by Joseph Zimmerman".

The Sermon-In-Drama are part of the regular Friday night services and are open to the public.

Anyone interested in acting or any other phase of theater work may contact director Frank Pearlman at 345-1717.

Greenbelter In "Lysistrata"

A new version of Aristophanes' Greek comedy "Lysistrata" will premiere in Bowie on March 21 and run through April 19 as a cabaret theatre presentation of the Belair Community Theatre.

Sue Simko of Greenbelt plays Lampito in the production. For reservations call 262-2265.

Installation of New Rabbi Marks 20th Anniversary of Mishkan Torah Temple

The members of the Mishkan Torah (Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County) will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their building and the installation of Rabbi Kenneth Berger on April 5. At the dinner event, guests of honor, will include Dr. Ira Eisenstein, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Morris Gordon who inspired the congregation during the early years, Congresswoman Gladys Spellman and Greenbelt Mayor Richard Pilski. Mishkan Torah's Cantor Don Weisman will also participate in the program.

Dr. Eisenstein will install Rabbi Berger who was a member of the first graduating class of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Rabbi Berger has been spiritual leader of the conservative congregation since August 1974.

Mishkan Torah has an unusual history in that its sanctuary was constructed by its own members. Weary backs, torn hands and sweat combined to make the synagogue more than a simple structure of brick and wood, glass and steel.

The dream of a building began with the purchase of land from the government in January 1949. The dream took two years to take shape and four more to complete. The members, mostly government workers, realized that the cost of a building was prohibitive, and decided to "do it themselves." Professional contractors warned that the job could not be done by the unskilled and inexperienced.

Undaunted, the members learned to be bricklayers, carpenters, masons and cement mixers. In Greenbelt, the fever spread and "Help JCC Days" were organized. Side by side Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Methodists, Baptist and Lutherans all worked together. The contractors, whose predictions had been so foreboding, came to observe and went away amazed. And they too contributed - bricks, sand, cinder blocks, cement and tools and materials of all kinds.

In March 1955 the building was dedicated, and in 1971 an educational wing was constructed.

Clute - King

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin G. Clute of 114 Lynbrook Court, announce the marriage of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to Christopher W. King, son of Mrs. P. L. King of Des Moines, Iowa.

The wedding was held at the Greenbelt Community Church Saturday, March 22, Reverend Ralph Weisser officiating. The maid of honor was Shirley Clute, sister of the bride; bridesmaids were Mary Owens and Karen Clute. The best man was Larry King, brother of the groom; ushers were Ed Price and Allen Clute.

Patricia is the granddaughter of Mrs. Allen D. Morrison and the late Mr. Morrison, former Mayor and Councilman of the City of Greenbelt. Chris is employed with the U. S. Government at Fort Meade, and Patricia works for International Business Machines.

After a honeymoon in Williamsburg, Virginia, the couple will make their home in Greenbelt.

TAKE TIME

- To Sing
- To Celebrate
- To Pray
- To Know that God is reaching out to YOU.



Greenbelt Baptist Church

474-4040

Sunday Worship Services 11 am & 7 pm
 Bible Study for all ages (Sunday) 9:45 am
 Mid Week Service (Wednesday) 7:30 pm

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

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Notice of Charter Amendment

On March 17, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-2, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1975-2

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 SECTION 40-63, TITLE "TAX PROCEDURE," TO BRING THIS SECTION INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAWS OF MARYLAND.

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 6th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 26th 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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410)

Church School 9:30 A.M. (For ALL Ages)

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation: "How God Sets His People Free."

Nursery Care for Infants through Kindergarten

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Minister 474-3381

Greenbelt Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Day

Saturday APRIL 12

Pitch In and Spruce-up Greenbelt

Yards, Basements, Attics
 Lake Park - Playgrounds

Why not have your group or organization take on an area as a special project?

(Rain Date - Saturday, April 19, 1975)

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.

Phone 345-5111

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Letters to the Editor

Wants Flexibility

I hope GHI members come to the special meeting on April 10. Certainly the agenda is full. We must proceed with fuel-saving programs. Some bylaw changes are certainly important.

As a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, I wish to urge members to vote against making voting machines mandatory. Certainly I hope we continue to use them. It is most sensible. There is nothing sensible about counting paper ballots until 2 a.m. However, there is nothing in the present bylaws that prevents using voting machines. Is it necessary to have a bylaw that says they MUST be used? Is it not possible that the rental cost might become too high, that they might not be obtainable on the date of our meeting, that they might break down? I hate to see us vote for anything that might box us into any particular voting procedure. None of us can predict the future with certainty. Let's keep as broad a field of choices for ourselves as possible.

I trust my fellow members will not vote for a measure that makes voting more difficult for any members—namely, limiting it to the day after the annual meeting. I feel that present voting procedures are for the convenience of all of us.

Katherine Keene

Housing For Elderly

Greenbelt's long-hoped for Senior Citizen's Housing project is now closer than ever to early realization. The most liberal terms ever are now available under Section 8 of the recent 1974 housing legislation. As a community, we should act now with urgency while such terms are so fortunately at hand, simply for the asking. They may not always be available.

We also need this major project now to provide much-needed jobs in the building trades and permanent jobs for Greenbelt citizens maintaining and administering the project.

The City Council and the Advisory Planning Board have made commendable progress towards initiating formal application for funds for this worthy project. What is needed now is more citizen awareness of, and interest in this project which is planned to provide 100 apts. - modern - comfortable living quarters for senior citizens, at a modest rental charge of only 25% of their monthly income.

Greenbelt has always been a model community lacking only a modern facility for senior citizens to make it a complete community that we can all take pride in. Other communities have built and very successfully operated similar facilities - as note the beautiful and comfortable Attick Towers project at route 193 and Rhode Island Ave., sponsored by the city of College Park. As a community with a concern for the comfort, security and happiness of our honored senior citizens, we can and should do the same for them. Now is the time to act. Show your interest in senior citizen housing and progress for Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Senior Citizen's Housing Committee

Anthony Madden, Chairman

Help Needed

One of our neighbors needs insulin shots everyday and you can be Trained Free if you will help out. We need persons who will look in daily. Please call 474-6348 for information about this unusual opportunity to help your neighbor.

A Good Neighbor

PARKDALE CONCERT

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will sponsor for the sixth consecutive year, a Spring Concert to be given by Parkdale Senior High Choral and Hand-Bell Choirs in the Center School Friday, April 11 at 7:30 pm. The proceeds will benefit the music departments of the 5 Greenbelt schools and Parkdale.

Tickets are available at the door or from Woman's Club members.

Explains Working Capital

Mrs. Coxon's letter last week makes me wonder if she knows that the assessment for working capital which one pays when he becomes a member of Greenbelt Homes goes back to him when he sells. It is not a fund which keeps building and building, with each sale adding to it and with nothing taken away.

Until a couple of years ago, the amount in it was constant, being 3% of the original cost of the homes as sold to us by the government. It is a revolving fund which enables us to buy in quantity, pay cash for discounts, buy multiple-year insurance and similar projects all at savings in money. Then, when your monthly payments come in, the part which is budgeted to these quantity purchases, multiple-year insurance, etc., goes back into working capital to be used again and again for like purposes. The assessment is now 3% of the purchase price, but this also goes back to the member when he sells.

Unless management can use this working capital for projects which will last more than one year, part of its value is destroyed and either purchases would have to be made in smaller quantities at higher cost or the money would be borrowed and interest paid while our working capital would lie idle.

I can't believe that Mrs. Coxon would want this; I believe she simply did not know that the working capital fund is fairly constant in amount and is not invested for interest but is in use all the time to save us money. In order to do this effectively, it must sometimes remain in use in one project for more than a year.

Janet M. James

Open Letter

Mar. 28, 1975

Mrs. Eunice E. Coxon
9-R Research Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Dear Mrs. Coxon:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 6 concerning the NASA/Greenbelt Community Project. We appreciate your interest and concern that the execution of the project be carried out with every possible precaution that the rights of all affected are safeguarded. Please be assured of my intention to adhere to the letter of the NASA/GHI Phase I agreement. As you may be aware, no installation of any components of a solar heating addition to the existing heating systems is possible before a Phase II agreement is signed between NASA and GHI. At that time, NASA will also wish to be assured that all GHI members have been advised of the proposed Phase II and have had an opportunity to participate in the review and approval of the agreement.

As suggested in your letter, we have further reviewed the basic legal aspects of the project. We have found the agreement to be in compliance with the authorizing statutes of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The program is part of the overall NASA program of utilizing space technology to help solve national problems, in this instance, the energy problem. Since your concern appears to be directed towards what the costs of the program will be in terms of insurance, resale, etc., I wish to reassure you that prior to expansion of the program to Phase II, as provided in the basic agreement, the agreement will have to be modified. GSFC is now concerned principally with implementing the Phase I agreement as it exists.

Sincerely,
John F. Clark
Director,
Goddard Space Flight Center
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

THANKS

We would like to thank those GHI members who responded to our request seeking information on the townhouses. The next meeting is on April 8 at the GHI offices.

L. R. Batra
Chairperson

Bylaw Education

Because I may not be able to get to the special membership meeting of GHI April 10 and because my service during several years in the past as member (and sometimes chairman) of GHI's Bylaws and Nominations and Elections Committees has taught me some lessons that I think would be helpful, I am writing these recommendations to the members for their consideration when they vote on proposed bylaws.

Some of the proposed bylaw changes should be rejected, some should be perfected by amendment. Let me be specific:

I strongly urge that the members reject (1) the board-endorsed proposed amendment to provide 3-year terms for members of the board of directors and (2) the proposed amendments that come to us by petition. The latter would eliminate members' right to vote for directors and Audit Committee during the night of the annual membership meeting and compel the use of voting machines in these elections; redundantly require reporting on working capital and restrict use over periods greater than one year, and amend the bylaws in some incoherent way on elections by some unspecified language. The latter petition would conform the bylaws to some sketchy ill-thought-out ideas never debated in full-dress debate by the membership at a meeting or in the News Review columns before they were voted upon one year several years ago while most of us were riveting our attention upon more pressing matters.

As to garbled or imperfect language being presented in proposed bylaw amendments, and needing perfecting, I call attention to the board-proposed new language in Article VIII, Section II. What is intended, I suppose from the explanation they sent us, is that they could revise charges if the net change in specified uncontrollable costs rise more than \$50,000 when projected over a 12-month period. But what they gave us would permit revision of our charges when those specified items cost more than \$50,000 when so projected. Note the word "exceed" - not "exceeds". That points to plural items (taxes, fuel, etc.). Exceeds would point to a singular item - but that still could be "cost" rather than "net increase or decrease." I suggest insert the words "if such net increase or decrease would" in place of the word "would".

I think we've been offered by the board highly-debatable twinned amendments dealing with amending the bylaws. A fair reading of the existing Article IV Section 8, Article X, and Article IV Section 9, should be persuasive that a bylaw amendment is done in the membership meeting and not by referendum. Referenda are usable for "any question which may be considered by the membership," but bylaws may not be considered that way, because of Article X, which was written to avoid ill-considered bylaw amending where debate is not possible.

Now for discussion of some of these proposals:

The proposed 3-year term for GHI directors raises the spectre of a destructive, irresponsible board majority, elected either over a 2-year period or by the filling of vacancies, which would require at least 2 years to get rid of. Even one year of such a destructive majority could be more than we can afford. And, remember, soon the mortgage will be paid out and there'll no longer be Ginnie Mae to safeguard its own interests and ours by vetoing the most wild ideas that could be swept through if some of our ever-agitating characters get into the saddle. Good directors, or those with potential to become good, can be re-elected.

I'm for being able to vote in elections either of two days - the annual meeting night or the whole next day (7-7). Some people can't make one occasion but can another; why disenfranchise them? Some people think they can vote more intelligently after hearing debate at the meeting and don't want to have to come back the next day (I'm one of these), but some seemingly

prefer not to come to the meeting. As to the mandatory use of the voting machine -

I have news for those distrust-sowers that seek always to project among all GHI members their own distrusting (and maybe untrust-worthy) natures. The news is that we have held honest elections with ballot boxes, and honest referenda with ballot boxes, and it always was a Greenbelt gathering-together time when ballots were counted.

I understand that, in a recent election, despite the hordes of clerks the committee had, and the voting machines they used, they reportedly wound up with a small discrepancy between the number of votes cast and the number of voters checked off to vote.

More important - voting machines may be unavailable some year (perhaps impounded because of a disputed public election). And voting machines can be jammed, a corrupt political machine could see to it that something is inserted so that the machine can't be used any more that day, or for quite a while, anyway. That creates long waits for voters who haven't yet voted, and some of them will become discouraged and leave - the very thing a corrupt machine wants. If you make voting by machinery mandatory, the Committee would then be inhibited from having staff mimeo up ballots; if ballots would be used, the whole election doubtless would be challenged by the losers.

Why should we change our way of doing things because of the distrust atmosphere some irresponsible have conjured up and because it is inconvenient to move voting machines around?

It is good to come to meetings to become educated by debate. I wish I could have come to the bylaws briefing recently, to find out why we need the board-proposed Article IV Section 2 and Section 6 amendments. The Section 6 item seems unneeded (here I guess I undertake the awesome risk of finding myself in disagreement with our learned counsel, Mr. Ginsburg), because the existing agenda order in Section 6 has as point 4 "approval of agenda." I should think what you can approve, you can disapprove or amend. My recollection is that we have, in the past, changed the agenda order at the meeting.

I recall distinctly the special meeting at which certain petitioners sought to present for action at a special meeting certain resolutions or motions for which they hadn't adequately prepared us by telling us in their petition what they wanted to raise. The meeting batted them down, and I seem to recall with blushing pride that maybe I had a hand in helping to achieve that result.

We batted that effort down because, as I recall, their petition did not prepare us for some of the specific items of business they wanted us to act on, and some of it was complex financial regulations stuff - too complex to deal with on that short notice and without being told what was at stake so we could study it.

But the proposed amendment goes very far in the other direction. It would require, at a special meeting, that the GHI president, or audit committee, or board, or petition, state the "motion to be acted upon" for which the meeting was called. The nature of an emergency for which audit or board may be summoning us to a meeting may be clear to them, but the exact motion they will offer may not be so clear up until within a couple of days before the meeting. Yet it may be a genuine emergency, requiring mailing of a call to a meeting in a hurry, before the exact language can be developed. I should think that we usually will be adequately protected by present language, "Such request or petition shall state the subject for which the meeting is to be called."

I guess the net of what I've been saying is that, once the amendment allowing revision of charges is perfected to make clear that this is to be done only to deal with net changes in costs, I'm for that amendment and either strongly against or at least very doubtful of all the other bylaw proposals. I hope en-

ough others agree.

One more thing, I hope that most members have had a bellyful, by now, of the wild and constantly changing charges, picayune causes celebres, innuendos, nasty and unfounded traducing of neighbors' character, etc., perpetrated by the whirling-dervish clique in our midst. Dissent and disagreement is necessary. Oldtimers know I do a lot of dissenting when I see a need. But I think we've endured too much wanton destructiveness to tolerate such people any more.

Mat Amberg

New DAV Officers

The following officers were installed for the P.G. Chapter #25 of the Disabled American Veterans for the year '75-'76 by the Maryland Dept. of the D.A.V. at the Ridge Road Center: Henry Fisher, Commander; Lynn Myers, Sr. Vice Commander; Andrew Downs, 1st Jr. Vice Commander; John G. McLaughlin, Adjutant; Alton Maharg, Treasurer; William Clark Legislature Chairman; Guy Miller, Sgt. at Arms.

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TOPS MEETING

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	YC	Sat 9:30-10:30a	4-5 yrs.	\$10/8 classes
Breadmaking	YC	Sat 10:30-11:30a	6 & Over	\$10/8 classes
	YC	Thu 7-9p	Teen/Adult	\$10/6 classes
Ceramics - Pottery	YC	*Fri 10-12n	Adult	\$10/6 classes
	YC	*Tue 10-12n	Adult	\$24/10 classes
Clay Modeling	YC	Tue 8-10p	16 & Over	plus materials fee
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Creative Carousel	YC	*Thu 10-12n	Adult	
	YC	Thu 8-10p	16 & Over	
Crocheting - Beginner	YC	Sun 8-10p	16 & Over	
	YC	Sat 9-10a	6 & Over	\$7/8 classes
Dog Obedience - Puppy (3-5 mo.)	YC	Sat 10:30-11:30a	4-5 years	\$7/8 classes
	RRC	*Tue 9:30-11:30a	Adult	\$12/6 classes
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Funtime - Reading, games music	YC	*Mon 9:30-11a	Adult	\$8/4 classes
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	YC	*Tu/Th 10:30-11:30a	Adult	\$10/10 hours
Sign Language - Beginner	YC	Tu/Th 7:30-8:30p	Teen/Adult	\$10/10 hours
	YC	Tu/Th 8:30-9:30p	Teen/Adult	\$10/10 hours
Slimnastics - Beginner	YC	Mon 5:30-7p	Teen/Adult	\$12/7 classes
	YC	*Tue 10:30-12n	Adult	\$12/7 classes
Tennis - Beginner	BFTC	Wed 5:30-7p	Teen/Adult	\$12/7 classes
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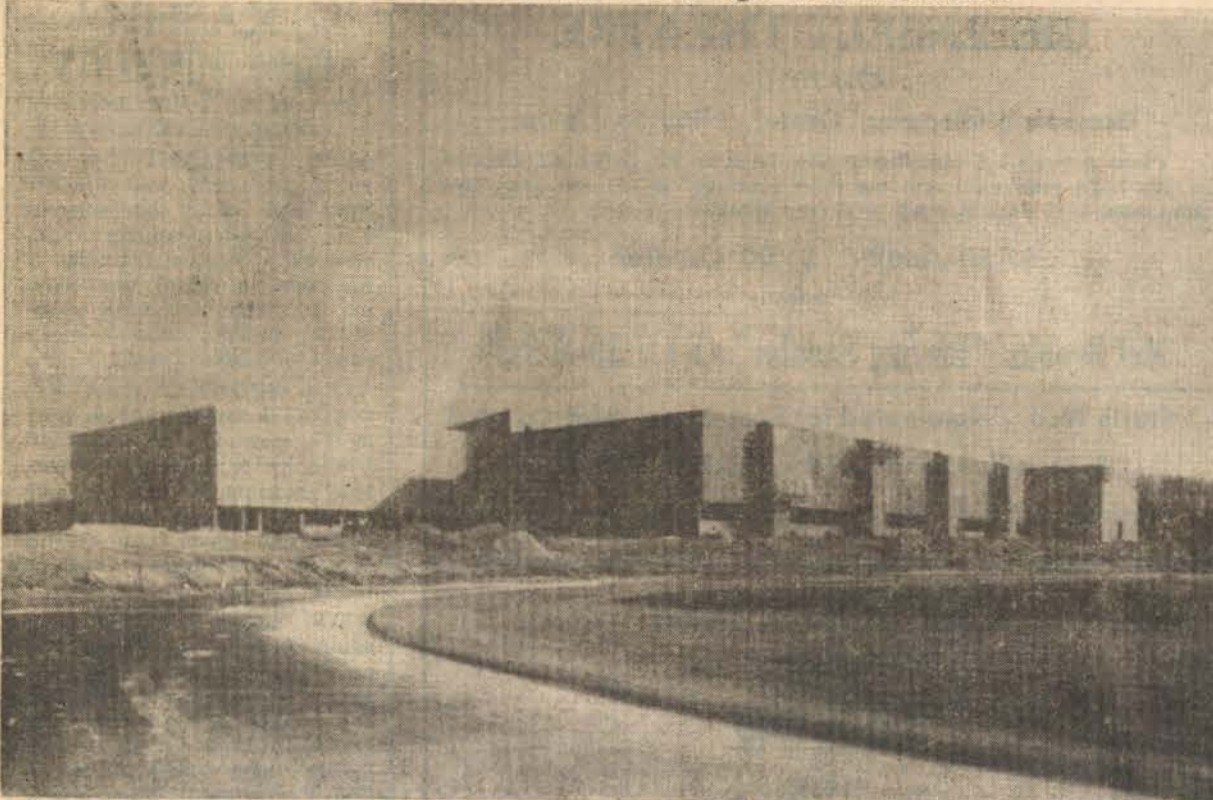
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View of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School from the track. On the left is the gymnasium, in the center are classrooms and at the far right is the auditorium.



Early '76 Opening Expected For FDR Sr. High School

by Elaine Skolnik

Construction of the 101-room Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School is about 67% complete. Originally scheduled to open in September 1975, the school is expected to be ready for occupancy in January 1976. The delay was caused by shortages of materials.

Except for Wing G, which houses home economics, science and other classrooms, all exterior brick work is finished. A problem cropped up recently when, due to expansion, a portion of the auditorium separated from the main building. Correction was accomplished by removing some of the bricks, reinforcing the damaged section and replacing the bricks.

In a few weeks the structure should be entirely enclosed by brick and glass. After a drying period, work will begin on the ceiling systems followed by painting of the interior and installation of flooring.

Inside the building, electrical work, some painting and the grinding of floors for a terrazzo finish are already underway. Generators and transformers were installed some time ago, and there is power operating in the school.

As soon as the weather improves the fields, which were seeded last year, will be checked and restored. It is expected that a good stand of grass will cover these areas by the time the school is ready for occupancy. Repairs will also be made to some of the paving which was damaged by the elements during the winter.

FDR is located on a 40-acre triangular shaped site on Greenbelt Road, east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Bordering the school tract is the Greenbriar condominium development.

The 2,400 pupil-capacity school will house an auditorium seating 850, a gymnasium and commons containing the dining and kitchen facilities. These units are placed so that they may be closed off from the academic wing and programmed for independent and separate use. Lavatories and a shower room will be accessible from the outside.

Center School PTA

On April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Center School, the PTA program will feature Mrs. Catherine Gordon, Assistant Supervisor of Guidance for the Southern Area. Her topic will be "Parent Effectiveness Training", (PET) - a means of dealing with children. Mrs. Gordon was one of four original elementary guidance counselors participating in a pilot program at Montpelier Elementary School. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, and has conducted P.E.T. training sessions around the county.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Workshops Scheduled for Baltimore/Washington Parkway Studies

The Maryland State Highway Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation has scheduled two Public Workshop Meetings to present and discuss preliminary analyses and recommendations for improvement alternatives of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway.

These meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 1975, in the Multi-Purpose Room of Greenbelt Junior High School, Greenbelt, Maryland and on Thursday, April 17, 1975, in the Auditorium of Andover High School in Linthicum, Maryland.

These meetings will be of an informal workshop format for the presentation of project developments to date and discussion of these developments. Comments and suggestions will be received and discussed regarding any aspect of this project. The format of both meetings will be similar in nature and dual scheduling is for the convenience of citizens only. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Northam B. Friese
Acting State Highway Administrator
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ATTENTION ALL GHI MEMBERS

- WHAT:** Special Meeting on Vital Issues
WHERE: Center School Auditorium
WHEN: Thursday, April 10, 1975, 8 p.m.
WHY:
1. To consider several bylaw amendments.
 2. To authorize three additional heat conservation projects to be financed from 1974 GNMA deferred mortgage principal payments.

Up to now most of the funds authorized by the membership a year ago for fuel conservation projects have been spent on improving brick and masonry home heating plants. The reason for this was that it was felt that an experiment should be made to see whether the smaller steam plants could be successfully converted to hot water heat, and if savings would be worthwhile.

The pilot project at 12 Ridge has been successful, not only in a savings in fuel oil usage of 25% but in keeping the houses at a more comfortable temperature. The board, on recommendation of the Engineering and Maintenance Committee, therefore proposes the following additional heating conservation improvements:

1. Conversion of all south end steam plants to variable temperature hot water control. (20 plants serving 284 units).
Estimated cost - \$105,000. Estimated Savings - (15 to 25%)
62,634 to 104,390 gallons of fuel oil per year.
\$20,699 to \$34,449 per year at current oil prices.
2. Installation of the Cottell/Tymponic Ultrasonic Oil Water Emulsifiers on 4 large steam plants serving 704 units.
Estimated cost - \$8,800 installation
\$9,120 first year rental.
Estimated savings - (ranging from 6% to 14%)
45,598 to 115,726 gallons of fuel oil per year.
\$16,399 to \$40,504 per year at current oil prices.
3. Installation of fuel recording meters in 4 large steam plants and 12 Court Ridge Road plant.
Estimated cost - \$2,875 to \$3,075.
Estimated savings - significant but impossible to estimate.

For a clearer picture of estimates of savings please refer to the information mailed you with the Notice of Meeting. During the first six months of operation (September 1974 - February 1975), the three heat conservation projects authorized by the membership in April 1974 achieved a 10 per cent reduction in fuel use. The decrease in consumption of approximately 100,000 gallons meant a savings of more than \$32,000. Annual savings should exceed \$50,000 at current prices. Based on experience in the conversion of the 12 Court Ridge steam plant to variable temperature hot water control and other data, a reasonable estimate is that the proposed projects would pay for themselves in 3 or 4 years.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED !!