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## City Council Urges Governor To Veto Apartment Rent Tax

by Al Skolnik

The 4 percent tax on apartment rentals, now before the Governor for signature, again created a stir at the city council regular meeting of Monday, May 5. On a unanimous vote, the council urged the Governor to veto the bill, but not before it defeated, by a 3-2 vote, a substitute motion that would merely have informed the Governor that the council considered the legislation to be inequitable and regressive.

Favoring the substitute motion were councilmen Charles Schwan and Gil Weidenfeld who, while agreeing the apartment tax was bad legislation, felt that they had not been elected as city councilmen to substitute their judgment for that of State legislators and county councilmen who had considered such legislation.

"We don't have all the facts on hand," Schwan said, "on the status of county finances. We don't know, for example, whether the veto of the apartment tax will make impossible a cost-of-living increase for school teachers and county employees." He thought it was almost presumptuous for the city to take the attitude that it wanted the legislation vetoed regardless of the effects on county finances. He thought such an attitude might make future cooperation with the county difficult.

Mayor Richard Pilski and councilmen Richard Castaldi and Tom White disputed this position though admitting they did not know what the effect would be on the county. Pilski said that it will be a sorry day if council ever refrains from voting its convictions for fear of retaliatory action by the county.

White indicated that the fact that this legislation was so bad had to prevail over the concerns expressed by Schwan. He ticked off about ten features of the legislation that he felt were inequitable, including the all or nothing cut-off limit on taxation of monthly rentals of over \$150, exemptions for the aged regardless of income, conflict with rent controls, failure of the tax to be deductible for income tax purposes, etc.

Weidenfeld said that, however unfair the legislation, council should consider the possibility that the revenue lost from a vetoed apartment bill might have to be made up from other sources, such as an increase in the general property tax. He urged that elimination of the apartment tax be considered as part of next year's basic tax reform and a motion to this effect was approved by council for submission to the governor.

### Highway Matters

The council decided to offer advice to the State Highway Administration as well as the Governor by urging that one of the options for the study of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway should be retention of the present Parkway character with improvements to bring roadways, shoulders, acceleration and deceleration lanes, and interchanges up to safety standards. Council also went on record urging the Department of Interior to release immediately maintenance funds for the resurfacing of the B-W Parkway so that the work could be done this year prior to next year's bicentennial traffic.

Finally, the council urged the county council to create a broad-based citizens' advisory group to participate in the Outer Belt deliberations.

### Ordinances

Final passage was given to a charter change that would permit the city to use the personal property assessments made by the Prince Georges County Supervisor of Assessments as a base for taxation of unincorporated businesses. This provision had been inadvertently omitted in the recent recoding of the procedures.

Introduced for first reading was an ordinance permitting the city to use \$100,000 of general revenue-sharing funds to balance the current (1974-75) general fund budget. Originally the city had planned on using only \$75,000, but a shortfall of revenue necessitated the additional transfer of funds.

The remaining funds of \$88,000 available for 1974-75 from revenue-sharing would be allocated as follows: \$67,900 for construction of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center; \$15,000 for purchase of new equipment to furnish the SHL Recreation Center; and \$5,000 for the purchase of new playground equipment.

Also introduced was an ordinance permitting the city to borrow \$100,000 in short-term tax anticipation notes to cover the period until the receipt of taxes at the end of September.

### Other Matters

The police will be cracking down on the use of city roads such as Crescent by scooters and skate boards. . . . City is concerned that it hasn't been receiving any applications to serve on the newly-created Board of Elections. . . . The APB has been asked to look into the possibility of the city purchasing the commercial center. . . . The council has endorsed a resolution declaring the third week of May as Volunteer Firemen's Appreciation Week.

## Greenbelt's First Community Ball

In commemorating "Greenbelt Day" June 1, and in conjunction with the city's Bicentennial activities, the city is extending an invitation to all citizens to attend the "Greenbelt Community Ball" on Sat., May 31 at the National Guard Armory on Greenbelt Road. A social hour will start at 8 p.m. followed by music for dancing and listening from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Two bands will entertain - "Fred Perry's Orchestra (Big Band Sound) and the "Prophets" (Rock). Both of these bands have played at the Kennedy Center for the "Presidential Inaugural Ball" of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. A special floor show during intermission will be presented by the Vic Daumit Dance Studio.

Dress for the occasion will be "suit-yourself" from 1776-1976. It is hoped that many citizens will attend in costumes and dress depicting the era or a specific year of the past or present. This is an opportunity for everyone to display the Bicentennial spirit by joining other Greenbelters in the "kick-off" to Greenbelt Day.

Advance tickets and reservations may be purchased by contacting Chairpersons Bill and Barbara Lawson, 7062 Hanover Parkway, Apt. C-2, 345-3125 or Publicity Chairman, Shirley Meredith, 206 Lastner Lane, 474-3522. Additional sources for ticket sales are as follows: Greenbelt City Offices, 474-8000; Springhill Lake Community Center, 474-4555; Emory Harmon, 204 Lastner Lane, 474-5156 or 345-1335; Betty Maffay, 128 Northway, 474-6666.

## Police Open House

The Greenbelt city police will commemorate National Police Week on Mon., May 12, at 7 p.m. There will be an Open House at the police station with displays of police equipment and crime prevention tips for the public. A formal inspection of officers will be conducted by Chief Lane.

The chief hopes that every resident will take this opportunity to support the officers who have dedicated themselves to protect the community. Greenbelt has the lowest crime rate in the Metropolitan area.

## APB Picks Sites For Housing for Elderly; Public Hearing Monday

The city's Advisory Planning Board has recommended three possible sites for consideration of a housing for the elderly project. Seven sites had been previously reviewed by two consultants hired by the city. The three sites are:

(1) Site A - located to the rear of the Center Mall over the rear Center parking lot.

(2) Site C - located at the intersection of Crescent Road and Parkway on property owned by Greenbelt Development Corporation.

(3) Site F - located in the vicinity of the Jaycee Club House.

These three sites, the APB said, have distinct advantages over the other four. Some of these are nearness and availability to shopping, medical and transportation services present in the central core of the city and the easy access by pedestrians between the sites and such facilities and services.

However, APB added, each of the three sites is not free of problems. Site A raises a question of impact on the center as well as additional cost factors that might be involved in construction on the site. Site C is privately owned land which would have to be acquired. Site F is a wooded section of the Lake Park currently serving as open space land.

At its May 5 meeting, council agreed with the APB in its choice of the three sites. A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 12, to get citizen reaction to the several sites mentioned. Council stressed that there is no intent on the part of the city to incur expenditures or to increase its bond indebtedness for this project.

In another report, APB has lent its support to a suggestion by councilman Charles Schwan that the council hold a public hearing prior to preparation of the annual budget for citizen input on short and intermediate term projects, mainly of a capital improvement nature. The APB added its suggestion that the council consider involving its advisory boards in the review of various projects.

## City Acquires 2 Acres

The city of Greenbelt took custody on May 1 of the two acres of surplus property donated by the Federal government lying east of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks at the Capital Beltway. Formerly part of the Agricultural Research Center, the 2 acre tract is a long wedge largely covered with a growth of young trees adjacent to the Springhill Lake industrial tract.

While outside the city boundaries, the tract had its only access through the city of Greenbelt, and the city council felt its acquisition would assure a wooded buffer strip. The city has agreed to assume the management, maintenance, and protection of the property. The site is valued at \$50,000.

## STRONG VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED ON LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

by Elaine Skolnik

How to improve Greenbelt Lake Park without attracting non-residents was the key thread weaving throughout the discussion at the public hearing on April 28. The Lake Park hearing had been called by city council to get citizen reaction to a number of items relating to development of the Lake, the main one being construction of a combined comfort station, concession stand, and picnic pavilion. Also on the agenda was development of parcel 7 near Boxwood Village.

On the one hand were those who felt that the city should clear out everything from the park - the picnic tables, the concession stand, the boats - and restore the park to its natural state. In this way, the argument ran, the park would be improved by the lessening of litter, noise, and parking lot congestion.

Several residents of Lakeside took this position. Ed Karlander wanted nothing more: "Let's take down what we have." George Loutsch would remove the lake parking lot and regarded the existing concession stand as a "nuisance" that attracted out-of-towners and created noise problems.

Joe Mueller agreed, reminiscing that "once we were a gem of a town in a forest of green," but now "we will wind up being another dirty spot . . . with pollution, trash, beer cans, and waterbugs all over the place", unless the city gets rid of the concession stand and prevents additional facilities from springing up.

A middle position held by others was typified by the remarks of Joan Conway, another Lakesider. While wanting the city "to keep the naturalistic character of the lake," she did not view the Lake Park as a "private oasis". She urged the city to maintain what it had and was joined by Jordan Choper and Joan Neumann who saw erosion control as a priority need.

On the other hand there were those who did not object to a comfort station. Councilman Richard Castaldi saw a need for such a facility by Greenbelters who did not reside near the lake. Joseph Greig said, "The lake should be for the good of all Greenbelters." Most proponents, though, felt that the facility should be placed in some obscure part of the lake, but others pointed out that such isolation could present a dangerous situation.

### No Support

While there was a mixed reaction to a comfort station among the fifty persons attending the hearing, there was no support for a combination facility which would house a comfort station and the concession stand on the lower level and an open-sided picnic shelter on the upper level, or for a gazebo located at the peninsula.

A petition signed by 126 Lakeside residents was presented to council supporting councilman Gil Weidenfeld's position "that the Lake-Park be kept for family use . . . not to encourage any improvements that would lead to the use of the Lake Park by organized groups."

Some of the city thinking behind a combination facility was presented by councilman Tom White. For example, he saw an advantage in placing picnic tables in one location. This would use less space and permit restoration of the pine

grove, where many tables are now located. The staff felt that such a facility would permit better and more formalized control over the permit system and the lake.

### Non-Resident Use

The problem of discouraging the use of the park by non-residents kept cropping up. White commented, "Even if nothing were done, use by non-residents will continue unabated. We have a good thing and other people know it."

Questions raised included the following: Could the city restrict the park use or charge a non-resident fee in light of the fact that Federal funds helped purchase some of the park lands? Even if this were possible, would it be ethical and could the city cope with the control problems involved, because of extended park boundaries? And what about the expense for enforcement? The Lake-Park covers 85.32 acres and adjacent Braden Field 23.80 acres.

Mayor Richard Pilski made clear that the city council has reached no decision on the combined comfort station-concession stand-picnic pavilion. The ideas being presented that night had been developed by the city staff and the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

Councilman Charles Schwan, agreeing with Pilski, said that council wanted citizen reaction. He noted that people have different views on how to enjoy a park - some like picnics, some don't - and he hoped that respect would be shown for all attitudes.

### Parcel 7

Audience reaction to the development of parcel 7 was more subdued. Alternative plans included one or two unlighted ball fields (either football or baseball or both) and free-play and tot playgrounds for the 8.8 acre tract bounded by Ridge, Crescent, Ivy Lane, and Lastner Lane.

Muriel Weidenfeld, president of the Boxwood Civic Association, presented the position of the organization which approved of a "free play area and tot lot in an adequately buffered spot" and "in the event of future development, no more than one unlighted ball field (near the corner of Crescent and Ridge) be considered."

William Barron felt that before any fields are developed, adequate buffers and trees be established to counteract noise problems. Pilski desired that a portion of parcel 7 be developed in a park-like setting since the tract was located at the entrance to the city.

Joe Wilkinson, chairman of PRAB, expressed his disappointment that not more time was spent at the public hearing on the need for more recreational facilities, especially playing fields. He noted that from 1950 to present, the city's population has grown from 7,000 to 18,000, but playing fields have not kept pace. He said Braden Field needs renovation work, but nothing can be done until more ballfields are provided elsewhere. He noted the earlier concern expressed by some citizens over vandalism and said that when recreational facilities don't keep pace and kids have no outlets, they become receptive to destructive ideas.

Giese explained that at the present time there were no significant funds available for the development of either the Lake Park or parcel 7. The 1976 budget, he said, provides funds for some playground equipment, maintenance, and some minor improvements. With respect to parcel 7, a preliminary topographical survey has been undertaken, and under new county laws, grading and sedimentation plans must be presented before development can take place. He thought that, over a period of time, the city could use its own crews for grading a free play area and possibly a ballfield.

## Center School Book Fair

Greenbelt Center School will hold a Book Fair May 12-15 in the School Library/Media Center from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be a wide selection of children's paperback and inexpensive hardcover books for sale, with emphasis on leisure-time and summertime reading. Proceeds will be used to buy classroom materials.

## WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., May 8, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.  
Fri., May 9, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center  
Mon., May 12, 7 p.m. Police Open House, Formal Inspection of Officers  
8 p.m. Public Hearing on Elderly Housing, Municipal Bldg.  
Wed., May 14, 8 p.m. City Recreation Budget Hearing, Municipal Building

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**Area Scouts will Stage EXPO '75 May 10, 17**

The National Capital Area Council Boy Scouts of America will stage its annual action show, Expo '75, at the Gaithersburg Fairgrounds and Manassas Fairgrounds on May 10 and at the U. S. Naval Station, Washington on May 17. Theme for this year's Expo is "Proud of America's Heritage."

Hours for Expo '75 are 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on both dates. Tickets can be obtained from participating Scout, Cub, and Explorer units. Greenbelt Scouts will participate on May 10 at Gaithersburg.

**Parkdale '70 Reunion**

Parkdale Sr. High's premier graduation class of 1970 is planning a five-year reunion. All graduates are asked to send two 3" x 5" index cards with name and address printed on both cards, including a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Vince DiCamillo, Parkdale Sr. High, 6001 Good Luck Rd., Riverdale, Maryland, 20840.

Please write for more details.

**CORRECTION**

The Grenoble Theatre Guild presentation of "I Remember Mama" will be held May 9 and 10 instead of May 8 and 9, as reported by the News Review.

**St. Hugh's Youth To Perform At Pentagon**

A group of students from St. Hugh's School known as the "CYO Young Americans" will perform at the Pentagon on Wed., May 14, at 12 noon. The group composed of Paul and Martin Evans, Timothy O'Shea, James Cain, Timothy Gardes, James Hawk and Steven and Edward Stratchko will present a program entitled "America's Story Retold." Using famous quotations and events of the past the program traces in word and music the history of the United States from the time of Columbus up to our Nation's Bicentennial observance.

The "Young Americans" have already performed before audiences totaling over 2,500 in the past several months. Groups or organizations that would like to have the boys perform are asked to contact Robert J. Begin, 783-1465, ext. 58.

**Pierotte - Hammett**

Ms. R. V. Devote of 13-M Hillside Rd. announces the engagement of her granddaughter, Deborah Joan Pierotte to Mr. R. Gary Hammett. Deborah resides with her grandmother. Ms. Pierotte is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy class of 1974 and is presently employed at Suburban Trust Co.

Mr. Hammett, a Ryker graduate of 1973, is presently a sophomore at the University of Maryland.

The couple have selected Aug. 16, 1975 for their wedding date.

**Library Seeks Displays Of Early Greenbelt Days**

During June the lobby display case in the Greenbelt Branch library will honor the city's first celebration of Greenbelt Day. In addition to pictures and other items of interest from the Tugwell Room, the library will welcome contributions for display from Greenbelt citizens, or from former citizens. Anyone having items relating to or dating from early Greenbelt days or the New Deal period is invited to contact Ms. Elizabeth Allen, 345-5800, to discuss possible inclusion in this exhibit.

**Race Results**

The 8th Annual Greenbelt handicap distance race and Run-For-Your-Life was held on Saturday, April 26, at Braden Field. This year's race drew 132 joggers and runners, running for fun, fitness and competition. There were seven Greenbelt finishers in the long distance race: Milton Greenbaum, Jack Mahurin, Steve Bravy, Tony MacQuillan, Shalom Fisher, Bill Bishop, and Bill Clarke. In the Run-For-Your-Life Greenbelt finishers were J. R. Grieg and Dwight Smith.

**Lions and Rec. Dept. Health Clinic Results**

The results of cholesterol tests administered at the 8th Annual Health Clinic in Greenbelt showed that 33 people were above normal and they were advised to contact their doctors. 141 persons tested were a little high but in the normal range. 90 were within normal range and 11 persons had normal cholesterol.

For further information about individual results contact Henry Fisher, 474-1817.

The Recreation Department and the Lions' Club, who co-sponsored the clinic, wish to thank the community for participating.

**First Annual Music Festival**

Sat., May 17 - 8:30 p.m.  
Featuring

**Cantor Donald Weisman,**  
Congregation and area performers, Israeli Dancers

**Rabbi Kenneth Berger**  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
\$3.00 Adults - \$1.50 Students  
(includes lavish refreshments)  
at the  
**MISHKAN TORAH**  
Information 439-3850

**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



**IN GREENBELT'S LIBRARY**

The Greenbelt Breakfast Theatre presents "The Film is the Message", a series of short films representing unusual and varying film techniques. The films are "Meshes of the Afternoon", "Clay", "American Time Capsule", "Art", and "French Lunch". They will be shown at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14 in the Greenbelt Library meeting room. Coffee will be served.

The Greenbelt Library ushers in spring with "A Galaxy of Stars", a film series to be shown on Tuesday nights in May and June. The first film of the series is "Topper", the story of Cosmo Topper, played by Roland Young, who is befriended by two delightful ghosts, the Kirbys, played by Cary Grant and Constance Bennett. "Topper" will be shown on Tues., May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Everyone is welcome to these free programs.

**Weisel-Gillespie**

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Weisel, 21-D Ridge Rd., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Edith to Specialist 4th Class Michael Allen Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gillespie of Bushton, Kansas.

After enjoying a seven day leave here, Michael has returned to Ft. Riley, Kansas where he is now stationed with the 1st Engineer Bn.

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**

**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
10 A. M.  
**NURSERY CARE**  
Phone 577-1281  
8001 Annapolis Rd.  
New Carrollton  
(at Beltway, Exit 30 West)  
8 minutes from Greenbelt

**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.**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**  
Sermon: "Christian Marriage is Different"  
Nursery Care for Infants through Kindergarten  
Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Minister 474-3381

**GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

(United Church of Christ)  
Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)  
Sun., 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School  
Nursery Care for infants (2-B Hillside)  
Rev. Harry Taylor and Rev. Sherry Taylor, Ministers

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\* There is no question about it;  
\* The word is out;  
\* Yes, We are sure;  
\* We want you to know;  
**What? You are invited - you are Welcome**  
**Greenbelt Baptist Church 474-4212**  
Bible Study for All ages (Sun.) 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship Services 11 am & 7 pm  
Mid Week Service (Wednesday) 7:30 pm

**City of Greenbelt, Maryland**

**NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT**

On April 7, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-4 and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

**Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-4**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE, "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, 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 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."

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 27th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 17th day of May, 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

**OFFICIAL CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Notice of Special Meeting**

The City Council has scheduled a Special Meeting for **THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1975 AT 8:00 P.M.** to consider a Revised Budget for Greenbelt CARES for the 3rd Grant Year (1975/76) for submission to the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing for **MONDAY MAY 12, 1975 AT 8:00 P.M.** to receive citizens comments on possible site locations for Housing for the Elderly. (See Statement of City Manager in this issue of the News Review)

**Voter Registration**

A City Election to elect five Members of Council will be held in the City of Greenbelt on Tuesday, September 16, 1975. Residents are urged to assure proper registration, since registration with Prince George's County for county, state and federal elections does not qualify Greenbelt residents to vote in the upcoming city election. **SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATIONS** have been scheduled for Friday, May 16, 1975 from 5:00 to 8:30 P.M. and Saturday, May 31, 1975 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

at  
**GREENBELT CENTER MALL  
GREENBRIAR COMMUNITY HOUSE  
SPRINGHILL LAKE SHOPPING CENTER**

Registration Requirements: United States Citizen; Greenbelt Resident; of sound mind; and 18 years of age as of date of election.

**Board of Elections**

The City Council is seeking resumes from Greenbelt residents interested in serving on the Board of Elections being established by a recently enacted Charter Amendment Resolution. Detailed information on the duties and responsibilities of the Board may be obtained from the City Clerk.

Information on any of the above items may be obtained from the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road or by calling 474-8000. Comments or Communications should be addressed to the City Council, at the above address. All meetings and hearings will be held in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at the same address.



## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

A young man knocked on my door. "I am doing a survey," he explained, showing his credentials. "We are working on a project to determine the average size of the American family. My job is to do a spot check in Greenbelt."

"What have you found out so far?" I asked.

"Well, at the first house there were 2.7 children, and a noisy bunch they were. At the second place, there were a couple of newly-weds. They plan to have 1.7 children, because they are worried about over-population but don't want to raise an only child. Another couple also said they want 1.7 kids, because they can't quite afford two."

"That's really ridiculous," I objected. "You know those fractions are just an average."

"Of course I know that," he said. "Do you take me for a fool?"

I declined to answer and he continued. "I know all about averages. One family I interviewed had 1.1 and .6 children. That comes out to 1.7. Then I interviewed two families that have 2.9 and 2.5 children. Together they average 2.7, right? Statistics never lie."

"You ought to see whether there is a correlation with the rate of storks nesting in Holland," I suggested.

"This is purely domestic research," he told me. "I wouldn't want to get in Dutch. But let's get down to your family. How many do you have?"

"Well, there is a boy and a girl," I answered. "But one of them has two heads."

"Let's put you down for 2.7," he suggested. "Does that sound OK?"

"I guess so," I said. "But sometimes he doesn't use either one."

"One what?" my visitor asked.

"Never mind," I said. "I'll be interested in the results of your project."

"Yes," he agreed. "Soon you'll read all about it in the papers."

He left and I forgot about the interview. But the other day I read in the newspaper that a survey had shown that the average American family had between 1.7 and 2.7 children.

Aren't statistics wonderful?

## Local Team Sets Record

On April 19 and 20, St. Hugh's boys and girls track team competed in a Catholic Youth Organization meet against 21 teams at Sherwood High School, Ashton, and placed in 11 events. The highlight of the team's performance was the setting of a new CYO Washington area record for the 440-yard relay for 12 and 13-year old boys of 52 seconds, breaking the old record set in 1968 by one second. The 440-yard relay included Chris Cantwell, Jim Folkee, Tim Millhollon and Dennis Cantwell.

Other St. Hugh placers in the meet included: Tom Noel, first in 14 and 15-year old mile and 880; Dennis Cantwell, second in the 12 and 13-year old 220-yard run; Paul Downs, third in a 14 and 15-year old mile; Steve Harques, fourth in a 12 and 13-year old mile; Theresa Downs, fourth in a 10 and 11-year old mile; Steve Marques, fourth in the 9-year old and under and fifth in the 220-yard dash; and Jim Folkee, fifth in the 12 and 13-year old 220-yard dash. Chris Cantwell, Jim Folkee, Tim Millhollon and Steve Marques placed third in the one-mile medley relay for 12 and 13-year olds.

## Rentals Up on GDC Apts.

An 8 percent increase in monthly rentals for the GDC apartments on Parkway Road was voted by the board of directors of Greenbelt Development Corporation on April 24. The increase will go into effect on June 1. GHI manager Roy Breashears informed the GDC directors, at a meeting which immediately preceded the GHI board meeting, that this increase should be sufficient to meet rising maintenance costs and also to start building a reserve fund for the replacement of equipment such as stoves and refrigerators.

## CITY NOTES

During the month of April 22 jobs were obtained by Greenbelt CARES for youth — 1 full-time carpenter, 2 part-time janitorial, 9 gardening, 1 housecleaning, 2 babysitting 3 bicycle repair and rebuilding, 2 typing 2 mimeographing.

Pre-opening pool maintenance is continuing. Weather permitting, the staff will be painting the diving well and touching up the main pool this week. Applications are available for purchasing season passes.

Work on the tennis court lighting was curtailed last week to catch up on two emergency jobs. The waterline across Braden field to the Jaycee building had to be repaired, and a 2,000 gallon fuel oil tank was installed at the youth center building.

The new dump truck with salt spreader and snow plow was finally delivered this week.

Street shoulders in Springhill Lake were cleaned and the grass cut. Some shrubbery — forsythia, viburnum and azaleas — was planted along the stream between Lakewood and Northway.

The refuse crew was on schedule last week although due to illness assistance from other crews was required for the special trash truck.

## Cub Scout Pack 746

Cub Pack 746 met recently at Mowatt Memorial church for their Circus meeting. Den 3 with their spectacular fireman clowns vied with Den 2's live rabbit and fantastic headgear. Den 1 displayed their green thumbs while the Webelos den brought in a cubmade box hockey game and balloon decorations. Homemade toss games filled the midway while all sorts of circus people turned out. Mrs. Donna Hardman provided live music for the show.

Den 3 won the prize for the most parents present which was accepted by Harry Seale, denner. Michael Van Deusen and Sam Falk carried the flags in the Grand Parade.

John Jordan of Den 2 gave an impromptu report on the recent Boy Scout trip to the Scout Museum at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Bradley Blase, Colin Magee and Paul Magee received Wolf Badges; Douglas Haynes, Douglas Neumann, Sam Falk and Kevin Weiner received Webelos activity badges and Peter Williamson received his one year pin.

Robert Hoffman was inducted into the pack as a Bobcat, the first step in scouting.

Eric Lawson sold the first ten tickets to Expo '75 as the pack kicked off its ticket sales. He also managed one of the games.

The Pack plans a Pinewood Derby in May. Visitors are welcome.

## Greenbelters Win In Area Science Fairs

Four Greenbelt students were winners in recent science fairs. George Maeda was second grand prize winner at Parkdale Senior High School's 7th annual science fair. Maeda's presentation "Communication via Oscar" won first prize in the Communication Sciences division.

In the Physics division, Bernard Penney won second place for his "A Possible Principle for Fusion Demonstrated." Second and third places in the Botany division were won by Laura Gunn for "Freezing Seeds" and William P. Reynolds for "Leguminous Nitrogen Fixation."

Maeda, Penney and Gunn went on to enter the 27th annual Prince Georges area science fair which was held at the University of Maryland. In this area competition, each placed in his field; Maeda earned second place and Penney and Gunn third.

## GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PLANNED USE REPORT

General Revenue Sharing provides federal funds directly to local and state governments. This report of your government's plan is published to encourage citizen participation in determining your government's decision on how the money will be spent. Note: Any complaints of discrimination in the use of these funds may be sent to the Office of Revenue Sharing, Wash., D.C. 20226.

PLANNED EXPENDITURES		
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$ 15,000
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$
4 HEALTH	\$	\$
5 RECREATION	\$ 26,000	\$ 28,000
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	\$
10 EDUCATION	\$	\$
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$
15 TOTALS	\$ 26,000	\$ 43,000

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June 2, 1975

(D) Submit proposals for funding consideration by

City Council

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City Manager's Office

at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

(E) ASSURANCES (Refer to instruction E) I assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the non-discrimination and other statutory requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report will be complied with by this recipient government with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

James K. Giese, City Manager 4/30/75

Name & Title — Please Print Date

The expenditures proposed relate to the proposals of the City Manager contained in the budget for Fiscal Year 1975/76. A public hearing on the budget which will include consideration of the proposals for the expenditure of Revenue Sharing funds will be held by the City Council on June 2, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The expenditure for Public Safety is proposed to be used to finance the cost of a cost-of-living increase for police personnel which will become effective July 1, 1975. The expenditure for operating and maintenance in the Recreation category is to be used to finance a portion of the additional cost of operating the new Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The proposal for capital expenditures in the Recreation category is to complete the payment of 24% of the cost of constructing the Springhill Lake Recreation Center building. Without the use of Revenue Sharing funds for the projects proposed the City taxes would have to be increased an additional 7¢ per \$100 assessed valuation and other proposed capital improvement projects would have to be deferred.

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL 1975 SEASON ADMISSION PASSES NOW ON SALE

The Greenbelt Municipal Pool will open for the 1975 season on Friday, May 30th at 11 a.m. Season passes are now on sale and offer a considerable savings over the daily admission fee. These season passes remain the most inexpensive pool memberships in the Metropolitan area.

AVAILABLE BY MAIL AND AT THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE: Please fill out the application below. Mail it with your checks made payable to CITY OF GREENBELT and passes will be sent to you by mail. Season passes may be purchased at the Treasurer's Office, in the Municipal Building, Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

NON-RESIDENT SEASON PASSES will be offered to non-residents and will be sold only to persons who have been recommended by a resident. The affidavit below must be signed by a Greenbelt resident.

POOL HOURS: Normal hours of operation are 1 pm to 8:15 pm, seven days a week for recreational swimming. While the public schools are in session, the pool will open at 4 pm on week days. Morning hours are scheduled for swimming classes, swim team practice and general pool maintenance.

POOL FEES:	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
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Family Admission	\$40.00	\$85.00
Single	20.00	45.00
Senior Citizen (62 yrs & over)	13.00	n/a
Daily Admission		
Adult (18 yrs & over)	1.25	2.00
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Senior Citizen (62 yrs & over)	.50	n/a
Child - Under 6 accompanied by adult	FREE	FREE
Guest Season Child Pass	25.00	n/a

(Limited to house guests under 18 years of age of a resident family pass holder. Applications must be submitted to the City Manager for approval.)

All children 6 thru 12 years of age will be issued arm tags. These tags will be issued at the pool cashier's desk upon surrender of the child's Season Pass. This exchange MUST be accomplished upon the child's FIRST visit to the pool.

### SEASON PASS APPLICATION

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I hereby apply for season admission to the Greenbelt Swimming Pool and enclose payment for the plan checked below. I REALIZE THAT THE PASSES ARE ISSUED TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MEMBERS AND ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE.

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(Resident Family Pass Holder only)

Non-Resident Family - \$85.00  Non-Resident Single - \$45.00

NON-RESIDENTS: The following affidavit must be signed by a resident of the City of Greenbelt. The above applicant is personally known to me and is recommended for season admission to the Greenbelt Municipal Pool.

Resident's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Print names of all members of your immediate family over six years of age (including yourself) who are to receive passes, and complete form.

Name (first then last) Relationship Age

# Council Discusses Waste Collection Problems

by Al Skolnik

At the second budget workshop by city council on Wednesday, April 30, major attention was directed to the self-supporting waste collection and disposal operation which is caught between rising costs and declining revenues. The city manager is proposing an increase for fiscal year 1975-76 of 25 percent in the current waste collection fee of \$4 a month for non-apartment units.

On the revenue side, the city is suffering from the drop in the used paper market, and it appears that the city will not realize even one-tenth of the \$15,000 revenue estimate in the current (1974-75) budget for sale of recyclable paper.

On the expenditure side, inflation continues to work havoc. For example, a packer truck costing \$16,700 in 1973 is now estimated to cost \$24,000. Also landfill costs that were expected to go down this year will remain the same because of changes in the requirements for operating the landfill jointly shared by Greenbelt and College Park.

Salary costs are also increasing. To partially offset higher salaries, the 1976 budget proposes reducing the size of the refuse crew by one man. This city manager James Giese attributed to the decline in the economy which enabled the city to obtain a more stable refuse crew and to experience less absenteeism.

However, he noted that the budgeted figure of \$77,500 for salaries in fiscal year 1976 for the refuse crew, down \$6,500 from current salaries, does not reflect any 1976 cost-of-living increase that the council may grant city employees.

### Fringe Benefits Included

Giese noted that in previous years some of the costs of waste collection, such as fringe benefits for employees, were paid from other accounts and in effect subsidized from general revenues. Some justification for this may have been the fact that owners of detached homes who pay proportionately higher property taxes than individuals in row houses were charged the same as row houses for waste collection even though city studies showed that it was one-third to one-half more expensive to collect from detached homes than from row houses such as Greenbelt Homes Inc.

State accounting procedures now require fringe and insurance benefits be charged against the appropriate salary accounts. As a result, Giese said, fringe and insurance benefits of refuse collection employees, amounting to \$7,800, is charged in the 1976 budget against waste collections. This raises a question whether there should still be no differential in waste collection fees between detached and row units.

Also posed was the alternative of reducing collections from three times to two times a week, but there was not much council sentiment for that.

Also discussed in passing was the idea of absorbing waste collection fees in the general tax rate, thus providing a deduction for income tax purposes. But this raises a question of equity for such developments as Springhill Lake who do not use the city waste collection services.

As for the rest of the public works budget, the 1976 budget provides for no increase in any of the other crews. Four currently Federal manpower positions will continue but no provision is made to

### Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt held its Annual Meeting April 10 preceded by a Covered Dish supper. Incoming Officers to be installed at the Spring Luncheon May 10 are as follows: President, Mrs. Carnie Harper; Vice-President, Mrs. Juanita Wilmer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edna Waters; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lucille Lushine and Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Barstow.

Committee reports were tendered and most outstanding was the donation of 850 hours of Volunteer Service to the Community, to the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Convalescent Homes, etc.

A scholarship is awarded each year to a worthy student of Parkdale Senior High.

fund these positions should Federal funds cease. It is proposed that the persons holding these positions be continued in employment and transferred to regular authorized positions as vacancies occur.

### Public Hearing

The council set the date of Monday and (if necessary) Tuesday June 2 and 3 for the public hearing on the 1976 budget. The budget must be adopted by June 10 and the council will reserve Monday, June 9 for passage of the budget. The next workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 on the recreation and parks budget. The administrative and finance department budget and the revenue accounts will be reviewed on Wednesday, May 21.

### Candidates for CHI Board of Directors

The latest candidates to file for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors are James Wright, 35-B Ridge Road and Kevin A. Burke, 71-A Ridge Road. They join Don Volk, Steve Polaschik, Hugh O'Donnell, and Mary Clarke who announced last week. The first three are incumbents.

Five spots are open on the 9-person board for 2-year terms.

Candidates who have announced their intent to file for the 1-year term on the audit committee are Arthur Gropp, 6-H Crescent, Joe Reid, 51-K Ridge, and Janet James, 1-D Plateau.

The election will be held in conjunction with the annual membership meeting on Thurs. and Fri., May 29 and 30 at the Center School Auditorium. Balloting will begin Thurs. night at the Municipal Building and continue the next day.

Candidates' Consent Forms are to be completed and returned to the Nominations Committee by midnight, Fri., May 16. The forms can be obtained from committee members.

In order for biographies of candidates to appear in the News Review issue of May 22 they must be submitted to the Nominations committee no later than May 20. They should be limited to 200 words and confined to the background, education, training, and experience of the candidates.

To appear on the official ballot, all nominations-by-petition and all written consent-to-serve forms must reach the corporation office by 5 p.m. Thurs., May 22.

### Rebate Formula Protested

The city of Greenbelt has protested the failure of the county to include in its tax rebate formula city expenditures for beautification. Mayor Richard Pilski noted in a letter dated April 18 that such expenditures had been included for other cities. Such expenditures in Greenbelt for the fiscal year 1973-74 amounted to \$6,754, and if granted, would bring the total amount of the tax rebate for Greenbelt to \$34,932.

According to the city, beautification expenditures included maintenance of annual flower beds, ornamental trees and shrubs and lawns on Southway, flower beds along Crescent Road, ornamental shrub beds on Edmonston Road, shrubs and flowers at Lastner Lane entrance to Boxwood Village, ornamental shrubs at entrance to Lakeside subdivision, flowers and shrubs at underpasses, ornamental trees and shrubs along Edmonston Road in Springhill Lake, and planting of trees along rights-of-way.

Also, flower beds, planters and trees in the Center Mall, flower beds around the municipal building and at the war memorial, and various other flower beds and ornamental shrubs in the area.

### CHORAL SOC. CONCERT SETS HIGH STANDARD

by Katherine Keene and Jean Turkiewicz

The Greenbelt Choral Society's 2nd concert on April 19 at St. Hugh's set a standard that other choral groups in the area may do well to emulate, and introduced a musically sophisticated singing ensemble to the city.

Although the group is rather small, only twenty voices including five male voices, their blend was excellent, their intonation practically flawless, the entrances and exits perfect, and their diction incredible. The Latin of the Faure Requiem was easy to follow, and in the Randall Thompson Frostiana, a suite based on seven of Robert Frost's poems, the words came through easily and unblurred. This was particularly important here, since the words were very much a part of the music, especially in the beautiful "Choose Something Like a Star" that ended the program.

Particular mention should be made of the accompanist, Joyce Meekins, who managed to pull an unbelievably sensitive accompaniment to the Faure out of the St. Hugh's organ, which is difficult to play since it has few stops and is better at loud than delicate accompaniment. However, it was in the beautiful piano accompaniment to the Frostiana that she particularly excelled. Here the piano is as important to the music as are the voices, and she showed not only perfect control of her instrument but perfect coordination with choir and director. It was a privilege to hear her.

The Faure Requiem was also accompanied by violist Carolyn Larsen, first viola for the Prince Georges Symphony, who had less than a week in which to prepare her rather difficult part. Adding much to the Requiem were the soloists, Diane and Lowell Murdock, both of whom have clear voices that never departed from pitch.

Noted among the most enthusiastic members of the audience was Fred Eaton, announcer for W-GMS. Several Greenbelters reported hearing his rave review over the radio Monday morning. When contacted by the News Review, Eaton said of the Choral Society, "They were superb, very professional! I think the Washington area is going to hear a lot more from Douglas Freeman—a very talented and sensitive director."

Douglas Freeman, the musical director and choirmaster, received his training at Brigham Young University and certainly to him must go most of the credit for the success of the performance. The group is clearly well trained, meets a high musical standard, and provides the city with a group of which we can indeed be proud. They will be performing next at the Founder's Day program on June 1. The group is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department, and welcomes more singers.

### County Council Considers WSSC Budget for 1976

The Prince Georges County Council on its initial consideration of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission budget slashed 7c off the combined water and sewer proposed rates. The cut in the rates was accomplished by trimming \$2.9 million from the commission's operating budget for fiscal 1976. If okayed by the Montgomery County Council, the new combined water and sewer rates, will be \$1.21 per 1,000 gallons consumed, compared to \$1.08 last year. Council stipulates that no decrease in service or existing personnel will result from this cut.

Any cost-of-living salary increase granted WSSC employees must be funded by the \$1.21 rate. The rates reflect a 12 percent increase rather than the 18.5 percent hike WSSC finally submitted. Council reasoned the commission's rates must keep pace with the metropolitan area's inflation rate to avoid a deficit. Prince Georges and Montgomery County Councils will meet in joint session this month to finalize the commission's budget and rates.

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# William Hoff Honored



— 1963 Photo —

by Winnie Milan

"Until I received the letter in the mail I knew nothing about it" states Bill Hoff of the March 21, 1975 naming of the University of Maryland student union theater "The William Hoff Theatre" in his honor. The letter came from the University's Board of Regents president and cites Hoff who lives at 71-E Ridge, for "significant achievements" in his 25-year career as Director of the University's student union prior to retirement September 1, 1974.

This honor came richly deserved. —Under Bill's capable direction the union has developed from the original student recreation center through a 3-stage development to the present multi-purpose facility serving approximately 41,000 students, covering 245,000 square feet and representing an investment exceeding \$10 million. The union now houses 18 meeting rooms, 2 ballrooms, 7 lounges, a number of dining rooms and snack bars, bowling lanes, a billiards room—and of course the beautiful new 750-seat theater which has been named for Bill.

Just a short time ago, on April 22, another unexpected honor was bestowed on this energetic, enthusiastic man while he and his wife were in Florida. He was awarded an honorary life membership in the Association of College Unions—International in tribute to his continuous involvement in and contributions to this body.

Bill will miss his work at Maryland "working with the students," always a favorite part of his job. He has made many, many friends at the University and it has always been an important part of his life, dating back to days when he was a student there himself. His energy and ability at that time caused him to be named to Omicron Delta Kappa national honor society, for which he has since been a chapter advisor. In addition he was a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity. He graduated in 1949 with a degree in public and business administration and began working immediately thereafter at Maryland.

For over 21 years William Hoff has been a loyal Greenbelt citizen, active in many aspects of community life. In 1963, 1965, and 1967 he was elected to city council, and he was chairman of the city's Personnel Board 1961-63. He has been and remains active in GHI activities as a member of several committees. Upon retiring he received a Certificate of Distinguished Citizenship from the State of Maryland; and October 18, 1974 was proclaimed William L. Hoff Day throughout Prince Georges County in recognition of his contributions to the community.

As President of Greenbelt's 350-member Garden Club, Mr. Hoff has been busy of late helping and advising in the planting of vegetable gardens in areas behind the city warehouse, behind the Ridge Road Center, and on the old landfill site. The approximately 155 50-by-50 plots are being used by Greenbelters, citizens from other

other areas nearby and by University students. Bill points out that in comparison to plots in other areas those in Greenbelt are a real bargain—either free (in the case of city donated land) or \$5 to \$8 (in the case of rented land). A devoted gardener himself, Hoff is now enjoying the blooms of his own 200 azalea bushes.

Somehow Bill also finds time to drive each weekend with his wife, Ann, a registered nurse with a degree in psychiatric nursing education, to their 68-acre farm in Hyndman near his native Cumberland. There they care for their 14 beef cattle and grow some corn to feed the cattle in addition to just enjoying the peaceful woodland surroundings. The Hoff's have two daughters living nearby, Carol Ann of Mitchellville, Md., and Barbara Ellen of Boiling Springs, Pa. Bill states that since retirement he has added to his talents the ability to be a "domestic engineer" — knows how to use the washer using all temperature Cheer, and can make coffee in one minute on their radar range.

William Hoff has definitely left a lasting impression here, especially in the minds and hearts of people with whom he has worked. "Honorable, capable, reasonable, and good humored — these are adjectives which describe Bill Hoff as he appeared to me over the decade or more I have been privileged to know him and work with him in many city activities", states councilman Charlie Schwan. "The city has been blessed to have a man of such stature," asserts Mayor Richard Pilski. "He is an exceptionally fine man," states long-time friend and associate Judge Edgar L. Smith — "Greenbelt has many loyal, hard-working citizens, but there is only one Bill Hoff."

## Special Olympics Winner

Betty Labukas, 21 Lakeside Drive, will represent Maryland in the national finals of the Special Olympics Run, Dribble & Shoot basketball contest to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the NBA/ABA basketball championship game. This athletic event is cosponsored by the Kennedy Foundation and the National Basketball Association and is the latest addition to the Special Olympics program.

Betty, a student at Bowie Center in Bowie, was the winner in her age group (16 and over) in preliminary competitions on the school, county and state levels. She competed against representatives of ten eastern seaboard states in the eastern regional held April 5 at the Capitol Center and again took top honors earning the trip to the national competition where she will meet the winners of the other three regions of the U.S. Earlier this year, Betty took first place for her age group in the Maryland Special Olympics bowling tournament in Baltimore. Paul Florence, 38F Crescent Road and a student at Princess Garden Center in Lanham, was also a state finalist in the basketball contest.

## Alternate Metro Route Supported by Greenbelt

Bucking what appeared to be majority sentiment at a public hearing on Monday, May 5 for stopping the Metro subway at the Prince Georges Plaza, the city of Greenbelt, through a statement delivered by assistant manager Dennis Piendak, supported an alternative route for Metro that would run north from the Plaza and west of the University of Maryland to University Boulevard and then loop east to a terminal near the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks and Greenbelt Road.

The Metro staff has been supporting a terminal near the Capital Beltway interchange with I-95, with the route also running west of the university campus. The original alignment, known as ARS, called for the subway to run along Queens Chapel Road to the east side of College Park and then parallel the B & O tracks north to Greenbelt Road.

Audience opposition to the subway centered on its being elevated or at ground level rather than submerged and fear that residential areas would become desecrated by trainyards, concrete parking lots, and heavy concentrations of industrial and commercial development.

The alignment suggested by the city of Greenbelt would permit better service to the University of Maryland, since a station would be located near Byrd Stadium. The city suggested that the Springhill Lake industrial road just east of the B & O right-of-way could provide the necessary access from Greenbelt Road or the Beltway to the terminal station which it suggested be located north of Greenbelt Road.

## Students Need Housing

A severe housing shortage for students, faculty and staff members has prompted the University of Maryland's Off-Campus Housing Office to appeal for rental listings from local residents.

People with homes or rooms to rent are urged to call 454-3645 for further information or to visit the Off-Campus Housing Office, located in Room 1211 of the Student Union, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

## Food Stamp Centers

The Community Ministry of Prince Georges County in cooperation with the County Department of Social Services announced the opening on April 21 of its Food Stamp Coordinating Center and ten Satellite Centers. Citizens of Prince Georges County may call 779-7358 or 779-7359 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for information and an appointment to make application for food stamps.

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## GHI to Use "Page Boys" For Night Emergency Calls

by Miriam Cornelius

Response to night emergency calls will soon be speeded up as the result of action taken by the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on April 24. With all board members present except director Hugh O'Donnell, the board voted to accept a proposal made by manager Roy Breashears at the suggestion of staff engineer Nicholas Dunlap to install two "page boy" units and a charger at an initial cost of \$566 and an operating cost of no more than \$100 a year.

By this relatively inexpensive bit of scientific magic a night emergency phone call to GHI will be immediately relayed by the page boy "beeper" to the truck driver on night duty wherever he may be. The page boy system was adopted in preference to installing two-way radios in some maintenance trucks, a proposal included as an item on the agenda. The present system requires the night truck driver to phone in for instructions when a job is completed, often involving a delay of an hour or more.

A proposal to purchase an additional truck, offered by Breashears as an alternative to the page boys, met sympathetic consideration by the board, but no action was taken. As president Jim Smith put it, "a truck standing idle, waiting for a driver is far cheaper than a man standing idle, waiting for a truck." Director Joe Comproni recommended that management look for a second-hand truck owned and used by an individual (not a business). Breashears noted that there is enough in the corporation's truck depreciation reserve fund to pay for another truck.

No committee reports were submitted, but director Norman Weyel said that he had encountered difficulty in getting members of the Parking committee together and that at least one has left the area. Weyel is looking for persons interested in the overall parking problems of GHI to serve on the Parking committee.

Speaking for the senior citizens housing committee, Jim Cassels called attention to the public hearing on Monday, May 12 in the city council chamber and urged that GHI send a representative. He pointed out that GHI would be affected through the impact of a 100-unit development and through the fact that one of the sites under consideration is owned by a subsidiary of GHI, as well as by the effect of such a project on the entire community. Several board members expressed interest in attending the hearing as individuals.

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Mt. Vernon Boxwood? It's beautiful, but this time we're talking about Greenbelt Boxwood. We feature a large, completely redecorated 4 bedroom, 2½ bath split-level with the features you expect in a fine home; cent. A/C, W/W carpet, storm windows and doors and much more. You'll love this highly customized home, priced to sell at \$58,500.

Franklin, Ben, you'll never find a better value in a large, older home, near everything in downtown Hyattsville. This fine home has a 15' x 26' living room with stone fireplace, large sep. din. rm. and large kitchen with breakfast nook, large front porch; 3 bedrooms and bath upstairs; full basement; 2-car garage; this home will be completely redecorated and will be offered on VA or conventional terms at \$37,500, and we will help with settlement. See this preview special right away!

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Nathan Hale and hearty? He'll be even more so in this very sensibly priced 3 bedroom masonry home, just a very short walk from the shopping center; offered for very fast sale at \$20,950.

Louisiana Purchase? No, this would involve the purchase of a lovely large 3 bedroom brick end home, with large redwood addition, knotty pine paneled; they want it to sell, and will make it easy to buy at the Twin Pines appraisal price of \$29,500; let us work with you on this one!

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# Charter Day - 1938

## The Town Charter

Distinctive features of the town charter were discussed in the following article by town councilman Sherrod E. East.

Greenbelt's form of government, like other phases of our Town, was planned. It was desired that the municipal organization of the community conform with its other modern aspects.

Further, it was necessary to insure a town government which could and would fit the peculiar property situation (Federal ownership) and still insure traditional democratic prerogatives. The answer was an adapted city manager system.

Certain features of our Charter are worthy of special note.

First, as in other similar documents there is a complete and clear separation of legislative and executive functions.

City managers working under such charters have earned a reputation for business-like methods in municipal administration.

Second, full power of removal of the Town Manager is retained in the Town Council.

Third, due again to the peculiar property situation, the bulk of the town funds is raised by petitioning the Farm Security Administration for funds "in lieu of taxation." This particular procedure is provided for in Section 2 of Public Law No. 945, of the 74th Congress.

Fourth, the Council elects from its own members the Mayor and the Mayor pro tem.

Fifth, the jurisdiction and powers of the Council are clearly defined, insofar as the State Legislature, in an organic law, could define them; but the first Council has had the problem of adjustment of details between the Farm Security Administration and the municipal government.

## Watching the Town Parade

Many of Greenbelt's first residents were upset by the treatment accorded the new community by the Nation's press. Greenbelt's first Mayor, Louis Bessemer, put these feelings into words.

High rents and low incomes, rent gouging, and tenant crowding — these are the intolerable conditions among millions of American city dwellers. Indescribable slum conditions prevail where our "rugged individualists" are loudest against government housing subsidies.

While the welfare of a whole city is at stake, we notice the rabid appeals of demagogues who like nothing better than to poke unreasoning, or silly, satire at "Tugwelltown". Editorials in defense of rugged individualism appear frequently.

While not a few of these editors and newspapers are suffering from fatty-degeneration, one does not wonder that their reasoning is twisted as a rat-hole. Their satire or sarcasm is not at all as "funny" as it is stupid.

While Greenbelt children skip through sunshine, frolic over playgrounds, tramp through woods with their parents, enjoy nature trails and campfires, study in clean, well-lighted school-rooms, sleep in sanitary, spacious houses, and participate in the social companionship of equals, these editors are harping about the priceless heritage of rugged individualism.

At the very door of these editors

On June 1, 1937, the Greenbelt town charter enacted by the Maryland General Assembly went into effect. It provided for the first manager-council type of government in Maryland's history. (A subsequent amendment, effective June 1, 1949, changed the designation of Greenbelt from a town to a city.)

On the first anniversary of the town charter, June 1, 1938, the **Greenbelt News Review** (then known as the **Greenbelt Cooperator**) published a special 36-page Charter Day Edition featuring developments during the first year of this unique planned community.

Excerpts from this Charter Day Edition are being reproduced in this and coming issues of the **News Review** as Greenbelt prepares to celebrate Greenbelt Day on Sunday, June 1, 1975.

## Laudatory Messages

There were also some nice words about Greenbelt and its first residents. Below are excerpts from statements by the Governor of Maryland and officials of the Farm Security Administration.

Under your town charter, I note, incidentally, that you have established the first Council-Manager form of local government in Maryland. By its very nature it must be non-partisan, it must deal with each community problem objectively, and in this period of ever-increasing technology, where the advances of science are re-shaping the whole course of human events, I may say, that such non-partisan town government impresses me as a symbol of progress in town and city administration. I shall watch its development and regard its progress with sympathetic interest.

— Harry W. Nice  
Governor of Maryland

From the original concept of Greenbelt in 1935 until the completion of construction in 1937, great emphasis was laid on the beginning of America's town planning. But, as Pare Lorentz said in "The River", "You cannot plan for land unless you plan for people". In those early days of Greenbelt, the planners never lost the thought of the people who would eventually make up the town's population. A town may be built but it is never a complete town without its people.

The Farm Security Administration is proud of Greenbelt as an experiment in planning and in sound construction practices, but most of all, it is proud of the people who are making it a city. Scarcely six months have elapsed since the first family took up its residence here. Just one year ago, the Maryland Legislature granted Greenbelt a charter as an incorporated town. Today, Greenbelt is as much a part of Maryland as the towns founded in the 18th century by the colonists.

The Federal government bought this land, planned this community and built this town. But the future of Greenbelt rests not in the hands of the government but in the hands of those who live here. You have proved in a short time how well you can carry on the responsibilities of good citizenship.

— J. O. Walker  
Director, Resettlement Division

To those of us, who in the Spring of 1935, visited the site of Greenbelt, Maryland, and saw the wind blowing away top-soil, who saw only 10,000 acres of over-worked tobacco land, it is apparent that only Mr. Wallace Richards and Mr. Hale Walker, the town planners, were able to visualize the Greenbelt of today. To these two men and the others who dreamed of, planned and constructed this town, the residents of Greenbelt owe an everlasting debt. They fought against an incredulous public opinion. They were mocked as idle dreamers. But against these handicaps, they fought and how great a victory they won must be decided by the people of Greenbelt alone.

In a moment of relaxation, it is pleasant to think back upon the site of your town as it appeared in 1935. Unkempt trees surrounded by knee-high weeds, the wind swirling dust across the area on which now stands the business center. The land was poor. Years of intensive tobacco planting had robbed it of its richness. There were no parks, no playgrounds and no lake. As I looked at the site, I wondered to myself. Can this really be the site of America's first planned village? Can a town actually be constructed and will that town be ready for occupancy within three or four years?

As I watched Greenbelt grow, I saw my questions being answered. A town can be planned before its first resident moves in. To those of you who waited anxiously for a home here the interim may have seemed unending. To us, the growth of the town has been phenomenal. I wonder how many of you realize the debt you owe Dr. Tugwell, Mr. Lansill, Mr. Richards, Mr. Walker and every architect, engineer and brick layer who assisted in making these homes possible. Three years aren't so many after all.

The Federal government has presented you with the physical necessities for a town. Your three years have started. As one who watched the town grow, I hope that you may be as successful in the next three years in your obligations as Mr. Lansill, Mr. Richards and Walker were in theirs. And I hope that I shall be watching you build your community as I watched workmen build your homes.

— W. F. Baxter  
Farm Security Administration

rise the reeking stench of slums, the wailing of thousands of mothers whose outlook is darkened by poverty and wretchedness. For all of these mothers and their children, there are the hazards of evil influences, the terrors of traffic, heat in summer, and cold in winter, stifling congestion, in disease-infected slums.

Poking fun at "Tugwelltown" is an indication of the social conscience of our metropolitan press (in certain quarters). Mammon may have blinded a few editors to truth. Where corrupt economic interests are in power, should we not observe that the press (with all its boasted freedom) is prostituted in the name of Rugged Individualism?

## James Wright For the GHI Board

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## City of Greenbelt, Maryland NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On April 7, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-3, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

### Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-3

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, 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 THAT PORTION OF THE CHARTER WHICH PERTAINS TO ELECTIONS, WHICH PART BEGINS WITH SECTION 14, TITLE, "DATE; NONPARTISAN" AND CONTINUES TO EACH SUBSEQUENT SECTION, THROUGH AND INCLUDING SECTION 33, TITLE, "VOTING MACHINES," TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE CHARTER REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS TO REVIEW ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS, HEAR APPEALS OF DECISIONS OF THE CITY CLERK, APPOINT AND REMOVE ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS, CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS AND CONDUCT RECOUNTS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO IT.

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 27th day of May, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 17th of May, 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.

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