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County Council Stops Action On Greenbelt Subway Line

Eight years and two county councils removed from initial decisions on the Metro rapid rail system, the Prince Georges county council voted unanimously May 6 to take no further action on the Chillum-Greenbelt and Suitland subway lines until it has had an opportunity to reassess the entire Metro concept. Contracts completing work on the New Carrollton and Addison Road lines will move ahead as scheduled.

The move is expected to delay significantly construction of the system and possibly cost millions of dollars. The council plans to hold a series of public hearings on what kind of transportation system county residents really want.

In recent public hearings on the Chillum-Greenbelt alignment, citizens have fervently expressed their opposition to Metro. This opposition has primarily centered on Metro plans for putting part of the lines above ground rather than in subways, which would reportedly require the destruction of an excessive number of homes. Also feared were the disruptive effects on residential areas of storage yards, concrete parking lots, and development of commercial complexes.

Citizen Input Needed

As noted by county councilman Francis W. White, "We have found that while many people want Metro, nobody wants it in his own backyard. Therefore, we must stop and look." He noted that seven years have passed since the adoption of the original regional system routes, and council felt there was a need to gain input on the kind of transportation system county citizens desire.

County councilman Parris N. Glendening, who asked for the delay, expressed reservations about the whole Metro system, its ultimate cost and its ultimate value. He noted that Metro proposals call for nearly 80 percent surface and elevated trains for the county, which he called "a second-rate system". He indicated that the county, will have more above-ground Metro miles than any other area receiving the system. He also charged that the county is slated to receive a large portion of the warehouses and transfer stations for Metro.

Denying charges that placing the tracks underground will destroy the financing for the rapid rail system, Glendening said that "this system will be with us for a century and it should be done the right way." At question is whether any alterations in the line would have to be financed exclusively by county funds or whether additional funds could be secured from the State of Maryland.

Possible Effects

What does all this mean for Greenbelt? For one thing, failure to construct Metro north of Prince Georges Plaza means more reliance on commuter automobiles. It probably also means more traffic on the Capital Beltway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, now that

plans for extending I-95 to the D. C. line have been abandoned. This additional traffic will probably increase the pressure for widening the B-W Parkway and opening it to truck traffic.

One possible alternative is to improve the B & O railroad which terminates at Union station where passengers could make connections with Metro downtown. Recently a study has been proposed on the feasibility of a bus service to connect five local jurisdictions with the University of Maryland. This bus service could be used to provide commuter links with the B & O railroad.

GHI Filing Deadline This Friday, May 16

Only six candidates have announced so far for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors as the Friday, May 16 deadline approaches for filing of candidate's consent forms with the Nominations and Elections Committee. Thereafter, any GHI member wishing to get his name on the ballot must submit a petition signed by at least 10 GHI members to the GHI office by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 22.

At stake in the election, which will be held in conjunction with the annual membership meeting on Thursday and Friday, May 29 and 30, are five openings on the 9-member board of directors and all seats on the 3-member audit committee. So far just three candidates have announced for the audit committee.

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 8 p.m., Monday, May 19. They should be typed, limited to 200 words, and confined to the background, education, training, and experience of the candidate.

Candidate's consent forms can be obtained from Nominations Committee members Josie Seay, Mary J. Kinzer, Katherine Keene, Gary Smith, or Dennis Burton.

Official proxy forms are available from the GHI office for any member not able to vote in person.

Proxies must be requested in writing, must bear the corporate seal and may be obtained at the corporation office where the request is entered in a proxy register.

No member may vote more than one proxy. The official proxy forms must be turned in to the GHI secretary, Steve Polaschik, 12-D Ridge, or office by Saturday, May 24.

POOL PASSES ON SALE

Season passes for the Municipal Swimming Pool are now on sale at the Municipal Building, Mon. through Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Applications are available at the treasurer's office or call the Recreation Department, 474-6878.

Aquatic Boosters Meeting

The Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters semi-annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center. All persons interested in the swim team or competitive swim are invited to hear committee reports on the upcoming swim season.

City of Greenbelt Maryland Regular Meeting of City Council AGENDA

Monday, May 19, 1975 8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation
 4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 5. Minutes of Meetings
 6. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Petitions and Requests -
 7. Administrative Reports
 8. Committee Reports -
 - a. APB Report - Greenbelt Master Plan
 - b. CRAB Report - Beer at Lake Park
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 9. An Ordinance to Amend Section V, Revenue Sharing Fund, of Ordinance No. 780, in Order to Adopt a Revised Budget and Revised Appropriations for the Revenue Sharing Fund for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1974 and Ending June 30, 1975 in the Total Amount of \$187,900 - Second Reading
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 10. An Ordinance to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Article I of Chapter 7, "Elections" of the City Code of Greenbelt in Order to Make the Provisions of the City Code pertaining to Elections Consistent with the Provisions of the Charter as Revised by Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-3 - First Reading
 11. Appointments to Boards and Committees
 - a. Park and Recreation Advisory Board
 - b. Bicentennial Committee
 - c. Board of Elections
 12. Representative to Serve on Outer Beltway Advisory Committee
 13. Nomination to Human Resources Advisory Council of University of Maryland.
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

Wide Support For Housing For The Elderly Project

by Sandra Barnes

Overwhelming support for the city's housing for the elderly project was manifested at the Monday, May 11, public hearing to consider whether the city should indeed proceed with such construction and, if so, what site should be chosen. Some 80 residents, many who might qualify for such housing, attended the hearing to view the slide presentation on the various sites and express their opinions. Most people expressed their feeling that the project was long overdue and would be a dream come true for many residents whose retirement income can no longer support them.

City Manager James Giese noted that the criteria for selection of a site included: nearness to food and drug stores, accessibility to medical treatment, desirability of having surrounding green areas, noise factors, and topography of the land.

Earl Morgan, of the Housing Authority for Prince Georges County, told the audience that federal and state funds will be used to cover all of the construction costs. Also, with the city as, in effect, the landlord for the project, the city would choose who was eligible to live in the 100 proposed units.

Councilman Richard Castaldi wanted to know why as many as 100 units had to be constructed. Morgan replied that "100 units is as low as is economically feasible to build."

Charles Wells, a resident of Woodland Way who also works for the Administration on Aging with the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, spoke eloquently of the many Greenbelt citizens who were forced to move from the community they had spent many years in because their current house did not meet their needs. He noted that senior citizen housing provided "an opportunity for an independent and dignified way of life."

City Clerk's Office Moved

The office of the city clerk has been relocated to the second floor of the city office building. The east wing of the second floor now houses the city clerk's office, police records office and the office of the Chief of Police.

In addition, a new telephone listing has been provided for the city clerk's office. To contact Mrs. Gudrun H. Mills, city clerk, call 474-3870 or the general city number, 474-8000.

Center School Book Fair

Friday May 16, is the last day of Center School's book fair. The public is invited to browse in the school's library-media center from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Inexpensive hardcover and paperback books will be on sale with proceeds going towards the purchase of classroom materials.

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 Georges 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.

Many long-time residents expressed their feelings for the project. Helen Oring, a Greenbelter for 34 years, told how she had to sell her house and now lived in Lakeside North. She told how rising prices affected persons on fixed incomes and how she hoped to always remain in Greenbelt.

Differ on Sites

While there was no consensus on which site the senior citizens preferred, all agreed that they wanted the building located in a park-like setting. Many liked the site on Parkway and Crescent (behind the GDC (Greenbelt Homes, Inc. subsidiary) garages and near the firehouse) and the site on city property west of St. Hugh's (where the Jaycee clubhouse is located) as the most scenic, fairly close to the Center Mall and also the lake. Some sentiment was expressed in favor of the Hamilton Road site (across from the GHI office building) as a lovely setting which was also flat and cleared of trees. This latter site was not considered desirable by the city manager who felt the steep hill leading to the Center combined with the long walk would be too much for many senior citizens.

Jordan Choper, representing the Board of Directors of Woodland Way, stated that the site near the Jaycees Building was undesirable because of the "dangerous intersection" at Northway and Crescent Road. His group also saw the Center site (the parking area behind the commercial center) as "deleterious to the nature of the community" in that it would take away the traditional carnival area. He also pointed out to council his personal feeling against a high rise building with elevators which could not be operated in case of a fire. How would the elderly get out, he asked. Many, he felt, would be trapped because they could not negotiate the stairs.

Jim Smith, President of the GHI Board of Directors, expressed his board's desire to help with the project in whatever way possible. He noted GHI's long history of trying to construct housing for the elderly (a 1961 referendum on the subject was narrowly defeated 51% against, 49% for).

Negative Views

Of the few negative reactions, Joseph Dallas feared that one high rise would lead to others. Giese commented that in order for land to be zoned for high rise certain density factors are considered. The senior citizen building, although it might be a high rise because of its seven stories, had only 100 units and therefore did not completely qualify as high rise under current zoning. He saw no place in the Center that could be developed for high rise. Councilman Charles Schwan also noted that if any parkland were used, the city would have to replace the acreage with a comparable piece of land so no parkland would be lost to the citizens.

Two letters were received in opposition. Joseph Hanyok of Lakeside felt that council was wastefully occupying its time with the project, that such housing was restrictive, that senior citizens had a responsibility to the community to maintain themselves, and that such housing would pose an excessive tax burden. Viola Keer, also of Lakeside, was "unalterably opposed to the use of parkland."

Council Views

All of the councilmen expressed their enthusiasm for the project. Mayor Richard Pilski wanted the program to move forward to completion as soon as possible. Council will now have to formally adopt the program and choose a site. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld noted that the project would receive "top priority."

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., May 15, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl. 8:15 p.m. PRAB Meeting, Youth Center

Fri., May 16, 5-8:30 p.m. - City Voter Registration, Center Mall, Greenbriar Community House, Springhill Lake Shopping Center

Mon., May 19, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Wed., May 21, 8 p.m. City Budget Hearing - Meeting Room, Municipal Building 8 p.m. GHI Candidate's night - City Council Chamber, Municipal Building 8 p.m. Aquatic Boosters' Meeting, Youth Center

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Summer Driver Education

Registration for Driver Education in the Prince Georges County Summer School program will be handled by mail this year. Registration forms are in all county junior and senior high schools, and in most area non-public schools. The form must be completed and postmarked before May 28.

Driver Education programs will be held at DuVal, Northwestern, and Parkdale high schools. Two sessions will be held—the first beginning on June 23, and the second on July 14. Students will attend classes for 3 1/2 hours each day for eighteen days.

Mishkan Torah News

Confirmation Class 5735 of Mishkan Torah, will present a cantata, "7 Golden Buttons" on Fri., May 16 at 9:30 a.m. A congregation luncheon will follow Shavuot services.

Lion Belles Meet

The Greenbelt Lion Belles will meet on Tues., May 20, at the Blair Mansion Inn. There will be cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. After dinner, Polly Curtis will talk about her week at Erica Wilson's School on Crewel Work.

Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of the Mishkan Torah will hold its final meeting of the year on Thurs., May 22, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

The Elkridge Chapter of the "Sweet Adelines" will perform. Part of the nationally known female singing group, the chapter was the 1973 regional champions and placed ninth among 600 chapters in a recent competition. The public is invited to attend the performance at 8:45 p.m.

First Annual Music Festival

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

Featuring

Cantor Donald Weisman, Congregation and area performers, Israeli Dancers

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\$3.00 Adults - \$1.50 Students (includes lavish refreshments)

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ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

The Nominations and Elections Committee announces a Candidate's Night on Wednesday, May 21, at 8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 25 Crescent Road.

All G. H. I. members are urged to attend and hear the candidates for Board of Directors and the Audit Committee. Voting will be on Thursday evening May 29 and all day Friday, May 30.

Spaghetti Dinner

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road

Greenbelt, Maryland

Saturday, May 17, 1975

4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Adults — \$2.50

Children — \$1.25 (under 12 yrs.)

Sponsored by: Young Adult Group

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.

Sermon: "A Gift And A Promise"

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

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Ridge & Westway

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Rabbi Kenneth Berger

Fri., May 16, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation & Shavuot Services

Congregation invited to Luncheon

8 p.m. Services - "Book of Ruth" discussion.

Sat., May 17, 9:15 a.m. Shabbat & Shavuot Services - Yizkor

8:30 p.m. 1st Annual Musical Festival

Sun., May 18, 7:30 p.m. Special Membership Meeting

Grenoble Theatre Guild

presents

"I REMEMBER MAMA"

by John Van Drueten

Cabaret

Grenoble Hall

Friday, May 16

St. Hugh's Church

Saturday, May 17

135 Crescent Rd.

8:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$3.00 in advance

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Twin Pines Savings & Loan Assn.

will hold a

Special Meeting

on

The Articles of Amendment

Wednesday - May 21 - 8 p.m.

in the Twin Pines Office

to be followed by the regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Annual Poppy Sale is conducted during the month of May by the members of The American Legion Auxiliary as an ongoing memorial to the men and women who gave their lives in the service of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from this Poppy Sale are used to support the many programs sponsored by the Auxiliary, and to provide the funds necessary to support ongoing programs in hospitals throughout the country, including rehabilitation programs and activities and service to the widows and children of our veterans, and

WHEREAS, These "POPPIES" are made by hand by our disabled veterans and afford these veterans an opportunity to actively share in this fund raising effort through an opportunity for useful work, and

WHEREAS, this "Poppy Sale" should be a reminder to all of us that, even though we are now living in peace, there are many men and women who are deserving of our assistance and support, and this is but a small way in which we can share in their rehabilitation and education,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard R. Pilski, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and citizens of Greenbelt hereby issue this proclamation in recognition of

POPPY MONTH - MAY 1975

and urge my fellow citizens to lend their support to the "POPPY DRIVE" of the American Legion Auxiliary so that they may continue their services to our veterans, their widows and families which this "POPPY DRIVE" will help to finance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt to be affixed this 13th day of May, 1975.

Richard R. Pilski, Mayor City of Greenbelt, Maryland

ATTEST: Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Eliminate the Frills

In spite of public protestations to the contrary, it seems obvious that a majority of the council, the manager and the omnipotent advisory boards have decided, prior to public hearings, to further commercialize our limited parkland. This ranges from "improvement" (paving over) of Greenbelt Lake Park to building a high rise apartment complex on public property.

It is recreational facilities for the 12-18 year group which haven't kept pace for the simple reason that they have been pushed out by adult activities sponsored by the city. The Youth Center, originally constructed especially for the teenagers, should be renamed the adult center. Those in that age bracket who are receptive to destructive ideas are not interested in needlework, ceramics, tennis or duplicate bridge. Not everyone is interested in playing or watching ball games. These younger citizens are actually discriminated against. An example—weight lifting—a fee is charged to anyone under 18, but it is free for adults. Why?

The Recreation Department receives more funds and employs more personnel than the Public Works and Police Departments combined. I submit that a maximum of 2,000 residents out of 18,000 participate in Recreation Dept. programs. Public Works and Police Depts. serve all 18,000 plus responding to emergencies anywhere within the city limits.

We are actually spending, in toto, about \$500,000 for that Taj Mahal known as the Springhill Lake Rec. Center, yet our Police Dept. radio system is so obsolete that the maintenance contractor can't even find parts to repair it.

Before the 1975/76 budget is finalized I suggest our bureaucrats reorder their priorities. Eliminate the frills (adult recreation) and adequately fund the vital services such as waste collection and public safety. Stay out of the apartment construction business and forget about operating such a project as part of the present administration or creating a special housing authority. Let the persons advocating this housing for the elderly form a nonprofit organization not in any way connected with this city, buy some land in an area zoned for highrise. We can't afford any more "non-profit" organizations such as CARES.

Viola L. Keer

GHI Voting Flexibility

It was startling to learn from Ms. Coxon's letter that I "led the attack" against mandatory voting machines at the recent GHI special meeting. I feel that persons reading her letter might suppose that I am opposed to voting machines.

I am not opposed to use of the machines, only to locking ourselves into a situation where we must use them. We can no longer get use of the School Board's machines which were at a nominal cost. We are unable to use PG County's machines. We must get them from Baltimore—at \$130 each, plus paying a mechanic should anything go wrong. What if the price next year is \$500? Or a thousand?

What if we had to order them from even farther away than Baltimore? It's not necessary to multiply the "what ifs"; the point is that GHI ought to have a little flexibility if necessary.

At present the by-laws allow us to use voting machines or any other voting method, but insist on what we basically all want—that the elections be conducted honestly. They have never been conducted in any other way in GHI, and I have sufficient faith in the integrity of my neighbors to believe that the present and future Nominations and Elections Committees will continue this tradition.

Katherine Keene

Letters to the Editor

Out of Context

Fun's fun, and there's no more delicious fun when you're engaged in an argument than to quote your adversary's words back at him to prove your own point. So who could blame Mrs. Coxon for wanting to play that game with me by quoting something I wrote in 1963? That's what she did in the May 8 issue of what should be her favorite newspaper—you give her so much (undeserved) space.

She tried to convey the impression that before voting machines were used by GHI, we had corrupt elections or reason to think we did. Wrong! We had honest elections but, we also had people like her.

Trouble is, Mrs. C. didn't quote the whole letter, nor even enough of it to give her readers a fair shot at figuring out what I was really saying. She quoted "out of context," to use a more or less technical term. As if I said, "Today is a beautiful sunny day to go to the beach," and someone quotes me as saying "Today is a day."

In that 1963 letter, I was explaining to the GHI membership that a political group within GHI had been spreading false insinuations about the integrity of the previous election—despite the fact that some of the suspicion-sowers had won and so been certified! To shut these insinulators up and calm the atmosphere the Nominations and Elections Committee had reluctantly decided to send me to recommend to the Board approval of an unnecessary expenditure of funds for voting machines in the next election. It was the false-insinulators on the Board and their slate-backers who had stirred up the atmosphere of suspicions that we sought to allay. Like some of today's suspicion-spreaders, they figured anyone who didn't agree with them had to be a crook.

I then went on, in that letter, to make some observations that are as valid today as they were then. I thank Mrs. C. for reminding me of such good sense I wrote so long ago, and for giving me the excuse to say it again. Here goes:

"If enough suspicion and bitterness is engendered by GHI election tactics, the pieces won't be worth the victor's picking up—our community won't be fit to live in and our housing corporation will have been wrecked. And one more point—it is one thing to seek to render elections procedures relatively tamper-proof; we have tried to do this. But the mind of man cannot construct a system so tamper-proof that the mind of man cannot find a way to corrupt it if it is a dishonest mind. So in the long run, reliance must be placed in the honesty of one's fellows. The member or candidate who cannot bring himself to this reliance and continuously insinuates or asks questions that imply what he doesn't dare affirm—hurts his neighbors and degrades himself"

Mrs. C. asks if we aren't glad those days are gone. Are they gone, Mrs. C.? Haven't you—with your complaints about letting GHI clerks—who know how as few once-a-year volunteers can possibly know—help with election registrations, with all your picky-picky complaints about every other GHI procedure—with all your suspicion-fostering—haven't you helped bring back to GHI the kind of rancid atmosphere that almost dissipated for a while, after the suspicion-mongers of 1963 subsided?

Mat Amberg

Correcting the Correction

In Dick Pilski's recent letter to the News Review entitled, "Correcting the Facts," he presented mostly fiction. He criticized my recent letter to the News Review which focused attention on city council proposals to locate a large picnic shelter and gazebo at the Lake Park. In his letter Mr. Pilski stated that, "The council had not made any decisions regarding the Lake Park at any previous meetings." However, the January 30 issue of the News Review reports on a meeting of council members and their decisions on the Lake Park plan. The News Review story states, "Council adopted several general proposals for presentation to citizens at a future public hearing with the understanding that final decisions depend on public reaction." The story further describes, "a proposal" that would include, "a picnic shelter (covered)" and, "a gazebo." My letter simply stated that council, "is proposing" and did not state that any approval or any final decisions had been made.

The purposes of my letter were to remind citizens of the proposals for the Lake Park, to indicate the reasons why I had voted against these proposals at the meeting, and to urge citizens to come to the public hearing on April 28 to support my minority position.

And come they did, packing the council room, those who couldn't come sending letters, and others bringing a petition signed by 126 citizens who wished to inform the council that they strongly opposed the proposal for a large picnic shelter and a gazebo at the Lake Park. Not a single voice was heard in favor of the proposals.

Many thanks to all those citizens who gave their support to the city on this issue.

Gil Weidenfeld

Mugging in Greenbelt!

To the Editor:

Last Monday night as a friend and I were returning from a Senior Citizen's Meeting on Housing around 10:30 p.m. and when we were crossing the parking lot adjacent to the Co-op, a young man (white) appeared suddenly from behind and threw me violently to the pavement, took my purse and ran toward the Youth Center and wooded area while my friend and I both screamed to the top of our voices. It is amazing to think this could happen in Greenbelt only a few blocks from the Police Station and in a more or less lighted area and at that hour in the evening.

I felt that I should write this as a warning to other senior citizens and all the citizens of Greenbelt. It is sad to think we have such desperate young men in our midst—this one it seems with some professional training—who would be willing to perhaps risk the life of another for the contents of a purse. In this instance the intruder got very little money, but succeeded in carrying off a valuable pair of glasses, which will have to be replaced, and up to this time have not been retrieved, along with the pocket book—a tan bag with handles. If found please return to Police headquarters. Fortunately I was not hurt, but bruised and badly shaken up.

The Victim

GHI Board Considers Peeling Paint Problem

by Miriam Cornelius

A couple of new ideas for solving old problems emerged at the regular board meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on Thursday, May 8. One was about paint and the other about the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The business meeting, with all the directors present except Stephen Polaschik, was preceded by a presentation of color slides by director Don Volk showing six convenient sites for an apartment building in Greenbelt for senior citizens.

Manager Roy Breashears reported the complaint of a GHI member that his house and two others in his row that were painted with paint supplied by GHI are "peeling pitifully." This man offered to buy his own paint if GHI would provide the labor to scrape and repaint his house, as he feels that the paint provided by GHI was inferior. The board denied the member's request, but agreed that peeling paint is a problem for many GHI homeowners. Both the Engineering and Maintenance Committee and the Esthetics Committee are working on the paint problem, said President James Smith.

Director Hugh O'Donnell commented that a friend of his with expertise in this field thinks the trouble may be that the primer and the overcoating are not compatible. This person's advice was to clean the surface thoroughly and then apply latex exterior paint without any priming coat. Director Joseph Comproni said he tried this on his house with - so far - good results.

B-W Parkway

In regard to the plans of the State Highway Administration for widening the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the board reaffirmed its June 1973 position in opposition to any improvements which would change the essential parkway character. Specifically cited was opposition to any widening which would destroy the median or the buffer between the road and the adjacent users of land, and any use of the Parkway by trucks.

This is consistent with the city's position, said President Smith, and stresses safety features. At the suggestion of Comproni, a refinement of wording was adopted, calling for improvement of "access and acceleration lanes."

In other actions the board approved the following statement for inclusion in all maintenance contracts with contractors and subcontractors: "Release of information relative to this contract remains solely with GHI. Any and all inquiries or requests for information will be referred to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. management, telephone area code 301, 474-5566."

The board also voted to confirm the change of location for the solar heating demonstration to 2 A-D Southway. O'Donnell explained that this change would reduce the distance to be covered by materials, such as copper wire, of which there is a shortage. The board approved revised roof plans for an addition a member is building. The hour was late when the board finally took up item 9 on the agenda, relating to the annual meeting to be held on May 29. A discussion developed in regard to a referendum on proposed changes in the bylaws, and the board voted to recess the meeting until 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 15.

Greenbelt's Library

Greenbelt Breakfast Theatre presents the last of the free series of morning films on Wednesday, May 21, at 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Library. The program, entitled "Town and Country," will include two films, "NY, NY" and "Redwoods". Coffee is served.

The Folklore series will feature "South America," Tues., May 20, 7-8 p.m., in the meeting room. This program is for ages 6-10 and their families.

A book discussion will take place on Thurs. evening, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Library. The topic of discussion will be Slaughterhouse-Five and Silens of Titan written by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt wishes to thank all friends and neighbors for supporting the Parkdale Concert, which made it possible to divide the proceeds among the five Greenbelt schools' music departments, and Parkdale Senior High. Because of generous contributions and support of the sidewalk sale the Woman's Club is now able to give its annual scholarship award to a student of Parkdale Senior High to be selected by the principal.

Scout Camping Skill - O - Rama

Greenbelt Park will present the Second Annual Greenbelt Park Boy Scout-Girl Scout Camping Skill-O-Rama on May 16, 17, and 18, with more than 1,400 scouts participating.

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Reynolds Sales Company, a subsidiary of Reynolds Metals Company, will be making a mobile unit stop at the following location: Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Rd. & Cunningham Dr., every other Wednesday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Residents are urged to collect all-aluminum cans and scrap, put them in a plastic bag, and bring them to the designated location. Reynolds will pay 15 cents per pound — CASH ON THE SPOT.

Festival Committee

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will meet at the library on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. Organizations interested in participating in this year's festival are urged to send a representative. Several positions on the Festival Committee are vacant and open for nominations. Greenbelt residents interested in becoming a part of the festival in any capacity are asked to contact Nancy Spong at 474-7296.

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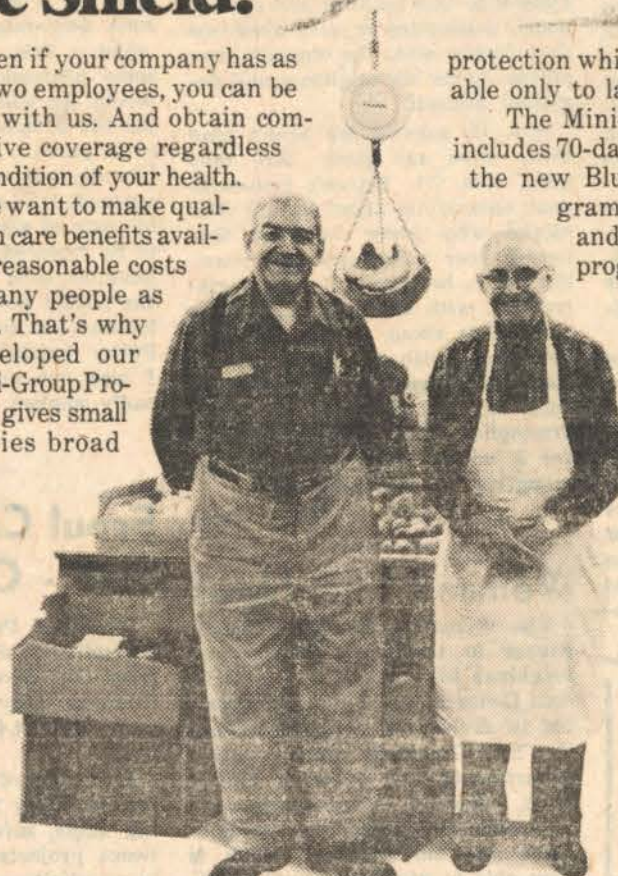
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The Greenbelt American Revolution Bicentennial Committee in its consideration of City Bicentennial activities noted that the celebration of the Bicentennial was not only to commemorate the events of 1776 but to also commemorate American heritage and history during the first 200 years of the nation. Further, the Bicentennial is intended to be a time to look towards the future of the country.

Beltway Plaza Mall Flower Show

The Cheverly, Goddard, Lanham, and New Carrollton Garden Clubs will be presenting a flower show entitled "Living With Nature" at the Beltway Plaza Mall on Fri. and Sat., May 16 & 17. The show will be located at the center of the Mall, and admission is free to the public.

The show will feature exhibits providing information on various flowers and their growth; an artistic design exhibit displaying flower designs and arrangements, and an exhibit dealing with roses, irises, and various biennials, perennials, trees and shrubs. Many experts will be on hand to answer questions.

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It was an early conclusion that one way Greenbelt could recognize American heritage was to recognize the contribution of this city to the history of America, and that one way to look towards the future of the country was to consider the future of the city. The committee further believed that this recognition of the city should not be just a one-time Bicentennial event, but should be a continuing activity of the city.

Therefore, the committee recommended and the city council approved and established by resolution the designation of the first Sunday in June as Greenbelt Day. It is appropriate that this year the first Sunday is June 1, the 38th anniversary of Greenbelt's incorporation as a municipality.

While Greenbelt Day is a Greenbelt Bicentennial project and is an appropriate time to give recognition in various ways to the country's forthcoming Bicentennial, it is primarily a day to commemorate Greenbelt's past, celebrate Greenbelt's present and look toward Greenbelt's future. It is a time for Greenbelters to enjoy the company of other Greenbelters and former residents. It is a time for citizens to give thought to their community and how they can make it a better place in which to live. It is a time for the community to recognize those who have helped to make Greenbelt what it is today.

While only one day has been proclaimed as Greenbelt Day, many activities will take place in the weeks before and after the event. Some of the events that have been planned for the first Greenbelt Day event are as follows:

- Dedication of Historic Marker Commemorating Greenbelt as an Early Planned Community
- All Community Dance (Saturday night)
- Special Greenbelt Displays at Library (2 months)
- Concert by Greenbelt Concert Band
- Concert by Greenbelt Choral Society
- City Tennis Tournament

Police Officers Honored

During last week's police station and formal inspection the following awards were presented by Chief William Lane:

- Outstanding officer award**: Detective Robert A. Smith
- Honorable Service Award**: Sergeant Carl F. Goodwin
- Chief's Commendations**: Communications Specialist Linda R. Scarlata - Communications Specialist Ephraim W. Day

The week of May 11-17, 1975 by act of Congress is National Police Week. May 15 is Police Memorial Day. Nationally during 1974, 132 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. All flags at the Municipal Building will be lowered to half mast in honor of those police officers who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060
Happy birthday to Ben Clarke, 5-C Laurel, who was five years old on May 7. The celebration took place at Watkins Park. Ten Greenbelt juniors from Parkdale senior high school were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations to: Deborah Bodner, Denise Bourgeois, Gregory Capotosto, Gretchen Crabbill, Steven Herlich, Carolyn Kolbe, Joseph Lepanto, Michelle McGee, Jan Mogel and Samuel Polack. Chosen president for the 1975-76 school year was Steven Herlich.

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Charter Day - 1938

Greenbelt Journalistic Club

One of the major accomplishments of the early Greenbelt settlers was the initiation of a weekly newspaper the Greenbelt Cooperator. The tremors of birth during that first year were described below by R. S. Sowell.

No sooner had they settled in Greenbelt last October than several of the "First Resettlers" conceived the idea of a "home-town" weekly newspaper for the community.

An announcement of the proposed plans containing a statement that they "would like to get a newspaper started and have it grow with the community" was placed on Greenbelt's first bulletin board which was located in the temporary food store.

First Meeting

This notice resulted in an expression of interest by others and a meeting was held on November 11, 1937, attended by 15 persons.

It was at this meeting that the Greenbelt Journalistic Club and the Greenbelt Cooperator came into existence.

First Trial Period

Not being sure, of course, that even a mimeographed weekly could be successfully published for the time being, a trial period of six issues was decided upon.

The Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., expressing an interest in the proposed paper, consented to purchase the stencils and paper and pay for stencil cutting during this period.

The work of writing, editing, typing, mimeographing, and delivering was done entirely by volunteer workers, and the paper was distributed free of charge to the residents.

Second Trial Period

At the end of this time the club decided to continue publishing the Cooperator and to do so meant financing it. This the club proposed to do through the sale of advertising space and subscriptions. The Cooperator received widespread publicity in the press.

Sally Rand Article

The first issue, which contained 16 pages and was published on November 24, 1937, received the most mention because in it was published a letter to the Community Manager signed "Sally Rand" in which someone, as yet unidentified, complained of her "brazen outdoor clotheslines."

It was claimed that she had to hide her "crimson face" in a "dark closet after hanging out my first public wash" because she "could imagine the passers-by discussing each item." Previously she had "dried my little tid-bits of intimate apparel on the towel rack in the bathroom," the letter stated.

The "Sally Rand" story appeared in newspapers as far away as Denver, Colorado, and requests for copies of the Cooperator were received from many places.

The Greenbelt weekly also received considerable attention and encouragement from some of the Nation's more important leaders.

Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, when informed of the Greenbelt Cooperator and told something of its history, wrote a letter expressing her interest "in the fact that you have formed a journalistic club and will carry this venture through on a cooperative, voluntary basis."

Secretary Wallace

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace reads the Cooperator because he is "interested in watching what you are doing with the publication and what the people of Greenbelt are accomplishing."

Dr. Tugwell

Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell, who was instrumental in planning Greenbelt, likes the Cooperator because "in that way I can follow the development of Greenbelt".

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.

How Greenbelt Co-ops Originated

The following articles explained how the cooperative seed was planted in Greenbelt.

GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES

In August 1937, the Consumer Distribution Corp., founded by the late Edward A. Filene, leased from the Government the business center of Greenbelt, upon condition that it would one day assign the lease and turn over ownership of the established businesses to a cooperative. Pending that event any earnings over expenses were to be returned to the residents or held in trust for the cooperative when formed.

On September 30 the first resident moved into Greenbelt but it was not until the end of November, when there were about 150 families in town, that it was suggested to us to make a start.

I remember the day well. It was Sunday afternoon, the 28th of November, the day after I moved into Greenbelt, that I attended a meeting along with fifty others who had come in response to an invitation extended by means of a mimeographed hand bill left at the door.

I did not know a person present but I listened to Messrs. Herbert E. Evans and Flint Garrison, members of the CDC Board of Directors. They explained that it was their desire to surrender ownership of Greenbelt business enterprises to us.

At the meeting Mr. Evans suggested to Stanley Rider, president of the Citizens' Association at that time, that an advisory committee of citizens be formed to act in the interests of our residents in consulting with the management of the stores concerning our needs and desires.

The committee was formed and its work began shortly before Christmas, 1937.

When 400 families had settled in Greenbelt, members of the Advisory Committee decided that a more definite and more democratic plan should be put in operation.

Consequently it was proposed to the citizens in March, 1938, that a Cooperative Organizing Committee of nine members be elected and that it serve until such time as a cooperative mercantile system was formed.

There are now nearly fifty citizens serving on the Cooperative Organizing Committee and its sub-committees and Greenbelt is fast nearing the attainment of cooperative ownership of its retail enterprises and movie theater. Sale of shares will begin late in the fall of 1938 and before 1939 becomes history it will be recorded that Greenbelt has attained a successful Consumer's Cooperative.

— Peter J. Carroll

GREENBELT HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Shortly after families began moving into Greenbelt, it became apparent that the community needed a doctor. But as the people discussed this problem they found that they needed not only a doctor but also a plan whereby they could budget a substantial part of the costs of medical care. They set to work, therefore, with this goal in mind.

On April 1, after two and a half months of intensive "spade-work", the Greenbelt Health Association began operation and the newly elected Board of Directors announced the opening of the Health Center with Dr. James S. Dryden in charge.

The association has been under way for only two months yet we have already seen the tremendous advantages of budgeting medical expenses through periodic payments. "Prevent that illness" is the watchword of the association, and we have found this motto to be something more than words only.

Membership charges were fixed as low as possible in order that every resident might be able to avail himself of the services. The \$5.00 entrance fee which every family pays is used to buy medical equipment. The monthly dues, \$2.00 for a family and \$1.50 for an individual, are used entirely for medical services and overhead. (The board of directors, officers, committee members, and office help serve without compensation.)

Members and their families receive general practitioner care. Benefits of membership include unlimited office calls without further cost. Members also have the privilege of calling the doctor to the home, with a small extra charge for the first home visit in any one illness.

— Arthur A. Dickorman

The Children's Cooperatives

As they passed up and down the corridors of their fine new school building last fall, the upper-classmen of the elementary and high schools in Greenbelt caught sight of orange crates, tin cans with bright red labels, empty cartons and bottles—all arranged in piles with some semblance of order. Feeble scrawls on placards announced the opening of "Our Store". The first and second graders were building a play store and were learning to trade with cardboard nickels.

The upperclassmen were too realistic for such juvenile practices. They determined to start real stores—one in the elementary school and one in the high school. At home they had been hearing about cooperatives and on the cans they had seen Co-op labels. Why not try a Co-op store—with their own money? And run it themselves?

The idea got well under way when committees canvassed all the rooms to find out what the pupils would like to buy in their real stores. Another committee got busy selling shares at ten or twenty cents each. Others were drawing up bylaws, making posters, and preparing speeches to give in classrooms or before assemblies to explain their project.

With this preliminary work done, the stores became a reality. The members elected Boards of Directors who selected managers to stock their stores with \$10 worth of cookies, candy, popcorn, gum, pencils and tablets. And they proceeded to "save by spending".

Savings returns of 20% of the purchases have been distributed twice this term. In the elementary

Recreation Review

Free Swim for Greenbelters

There will be a free swim at the Silver Spring YMCA on the following Sundays: May 18 and 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All Greenbelters are welcome. This is an opportunity to warm-up for the summer swim program or just enjoy a night of recreation.

Greenbelt Concert Band

Rehearsals are held at the Greenbelt Youth Center every Monday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Performances are scheduled throughout the year. Schedules are available thru the Recreation Dept., 474-6878. Experienced Greenbelt musicians are invited to attend any of the rehearsals and audition. For further details, contact Mr. Tom Cherrick, manager, 552-1444.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

This newly formed bridge group, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, is expanding to include all bridge players, party and duplicate. The next meeting is Thursday, May 22, 12:30-4 p.m. at the Ridge Road Center. Anyone planning to come, please call Lucille Lushine, 474-5991 or Ann Pisano, 474-7841.

Boys' and Girls' Club

Equipment Turn-in

Many soccer and basketball uniforms are still outstanding. The equipment room will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. to receive all outstanding uniforms. Persons not returning uniforms by May 22 will be billed by the city.

Play Ball

The Greenbelt Little League will play their first night game of the season, under the lights, on Braden Field #2 on Fri., May 17 at 8 p.m.

Junior Teen Club

Youths aged 12-15 years are encouraged to participate in the weekly activities held at the Ridge Road Center on Fridays from 7-9 p.m. Activities will include bumper pool, ping pong, floor hockey, table games and special events.

Teen Club

The first Teen Club Splash Party of the summer will be held on Sat., May 31 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Juice box sounds and a variety of water games will be featured. A nominal fee will be charged. Plans are still being made to attend a number of Arrows Box Lacrosse games. For further information, contact the Youth Center.

La Leche League

La Leche League of Greenbelt will hold the first in a series of four monthly meetings on Wed., May 21, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Regis Milan, 224 Lastner Lane. This month's topic will be "Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby."

The League's purpose is to help encourage "Good mothering through breastfeeding". All women who are interested in nursing their babies are invited, as are their babies. It is not necessary to be pregnant or even have a family to attend. All who are interested are welcome.

For further details call Mrs. Joseph Vose at 552-3498 or Mrs. Charles Davis at 552-2928.

Lutheran Nursery School

On Tues., and Wed. May 20 and 21, Holy Cross Lutheran nursery school will have an open house for parents and their children between 9 and 10:15 a.m. The school will be in session and the children are invited to watch or join in. Members of the nursery school committee will be on hand to answer questions and serve coffee. The school, located at 6905 Greenbelt Road, has a program for the 3 or 4 year old child.

store the total sales have reached \$75 although the store is open only two half-hours each school day. The high school cooperative does not distribute its savings but builds up a social reserve of over \$30 which will be spent for library books and athletic equipment.

While their parents talk about cooperatives, the kids build them and learn about them in a realistic manner.

— Ollie E. Hoffman

KASH'S HOME KOMMENTS

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Bicentennial days are here, and we hope that our Greenbelt friends and neighbors join us in looking forward to this period with pride. We also hope that we can help everyone to achieve the American dream, a home of his own.

Thomas, Paine far too much rent? We'd like to help you get into your own home. There's a lovely starter home in a modest section of Hyattsville that has had loving care for many years; 2 bedrooms, separate din. rm., large kitchen, den, full basement; choice of terms at \$34,950, so hurry

Marlboro was old when the colonies became free; but Marlboro has new ideas and new homes today; as an example, we are proud to tell you about an almost new 4 bedroom, 2 bath brick and aluminum bi-level home in like new condition; so many luxury features, including cent. A/C, appliances etc., that you'll want to make history by grabbing this one.

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!

Put your John Hancock on an offer on this 5-level, 4 bedroom brick and aluminum split-level in Woodlawn, near Capital Plaza, this home is a real sleeper, already VA appraised at \$44,500; if you need space and convenience, this large modern home is the one for you. Don't hesitate!

If you Act quickly we can give you the Stamp of home ownership in this nice rambler with 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths and many extras, priced right at \$42,900 on all terms.

Tea Party? yes or, a formal dinner; whichever you have in mind; your landlord will stop Boston you around with rent increases when you invest in this nice townhouse in Charlestowne Village; 2 bedrooms, large dining room; many extras, priced to sell in low to mid thirties. It may be just your cup of tea.

If you've Concord your fear of home ownership, we'd like to show you an excellent selection of 2 bedroom frame homes in Greenbelt in which you can Bridge the gap to owning a larger home later; these homes are priced from \$14,000 to \$15,900, and one of them is sure to please you; if you are going to start into home ownership, let it begin here!

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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