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Greenbelt CARES Helps People to Help Themselves

by Wini Milan

A worried mother seeks help for her child who wants to drop out of school. They both are taken into a free professional counseling program. In need of money to pay for school clothes and supplies, a junior high school student is placed in a part-time job. Her math course has a high school student totally confused; she is assigned a well qualified tutor to help—at no charge.

Who provides these and many other valuable community services?—It is a dedicated, caring group of people aptly named Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau. Consisting of clinical psychologists, social workers, teachers, and others, this group, many of them volunteers, is always at work trying to improve the quality of life for Greenbelt youth.

It all began back in 1972. As Dr. Leopold Walder CARES technical director tells it, "We were at Twin Pines (Savings and Loan) xeroxing some material for a youth help program I was directing in Anne Arundel County. Bruce Bowman, Jim Cassels, and John Krob approached me and asked if something couldn't be started for Greenbelt youth similar to what was being done for those in Anne Arundel County." Soon afterward, a concerned group of local citizens formed Greenbelt CARES, Inc., and through their efforts Wednesday night counseling sessions began—the first service CARES offered.

Present Caseload

Counseling at CARES has now developed into a caseload of 25 to 30 families or individuals a week, involving a wide range of problems from drug abuse to communications difficulties within families. This is mainly done at the Wednesday night session (presently held from 7-9 p.m. in the city council chambers). Daytime counseling is also available. Referrals to CARES counseling come from local schools, walk-in and call-in requests, the Department of Juvenile Services, the courts, and the police.

"One of our goals" stresses CARES director Dr. Les Schiller, "is to make the public, and the police and recreation departments aware that we are here to help them." Carol Levanthal, director of client services at CARES, states, "Our aim is to help people help themselves. It is important for people to recognize a problem and get help before the situation becomes extreme."

Services Provided

In addition to counseling, CARES has instituted a number of services to help fill community needs. For example, there is a free clothing exchange open each Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Ridge Road Center). A toy exchange was held on Tuesday, December 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to exchange toys, games and books or accept donated items. There is a job bank to solicit and fill part-time jobs, especially for those aged 14 and over. The job corps, on the other hand, tries to find markets for craft items made by Greenbelt youth and also to teach skills such as mimeographing, bicycle repairs, etc. Crisis assistance is also available in case of disasters such as flood or fire, or in other extreme situations.

CARES has often found itself acting as a referral service and is happy to do so. Recently Carol Levanthal has initiated the formation of discussions on parenting which will be held on a weekly basis, which began Thursday, December 4. "We have been most pleased" comments CARES staff assistant Nancy Spong, "to see young people themselves come in

and offer to help others through us." These young people have helped at CARES by wrapping and delivering packages, decorating Christmas trees for needy families, and by acting as peer tutors.

Where to Call

For all CARES services, one need only remember one telephone number to call, 345-3456, during office hours at their new Ridge Road Center offices, Monday through Thursday 9 to 9 and Friday 9 to 5. (Saturday hours will soon be set also). Someone is always there, ready to help.

As present CARES is looking for funding since the 3-year Federal grant which gave them a start as a "demonstration project" ends in March 1976. However, CARES personnel are optimistic about the future, and feel that funds will be obtained. In fact, they hope to expand into a human services bureau; one not limited just to needs and problems of youth. "We feel good about the 100% support we have always received from city council members and other Greenbelt citizens," states Dr. Schiller.

Bob Brown Marionettes At Beltway Plaza Mall

Bob Brown's Marionettes will present an exciting Christmas Revue, "Holiday on Strings," at the Beltway Plaza shopping mall on Sat., Dec. 20. The show will be presented three times: noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission is free. The fast-paced, original Revue will feature Santa Claus, the Snowman and other wonderful holiday fun char-

News Review Carriers Bring Season's Greetings

Around this time of the year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Christmas cards and greetings. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our delivery crew very high remuneration. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

We wish to remind our readers that our newsboys and girls are of a very tender age and in almost all cases this is their first job experience. It is a learning process for these youngsters and in some cases the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to provide encouragement to these youngsters for their efforts and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays there will be no refuse collection on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1. Although the regularly scheduled City holiday falls on Friday, December 26, trash pick-up has been scheduled for that day because of the anticipated heavy trash load.

Christmas wrappings and trash other than garbage may be placed by Greenbelt refuse customers in the special trash receptacle placed behind the Fire Station at any time.

News Review Deadline

The deadline for submission of News Review copy and advertising will be on Monday nights (December 22 and 29) for the next two weeks of holidays, instead of the usual Tuesdays.

CRAB Hears Complaints

by Jane Connolly

Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) chairman Robert Hardie reports that "a real problem exists in Greenbelt between citizens and police." CRAB has been investigating citizens' complaints against the Greenbelt police department since a Nov. 17 public hearing on the issue. After hearing from citizens, CRAB will discuss the situation with Chief William Lane. The advisory group plans to submit formal recommendations to the city council about Jan. 1, 1976.

CRAB has heard from about 15 individuals, some of whom did not attend the public hearing. Hardie says the private sessions with individuals or small groups have been "a lot more successful" than a public meeting because citizens are more open about their complaints.

CRAB plans to begin talks with Chief Lane next week to "hear the other side" of the issue. After hearing from the police dept., the group will prepare formal recommendations to be presented to city council.

Hardie says he hopes CRAB's recommendations will result in "a long-range means of keeping this kind of thing from happening again," and that the effort will "alleviate, or at least diminish, the problems."

CARES to Aid Needy

Greenbelt CARES is coordinating the efforts of local citizens and organizations to aid needy Greenbelt families during the Christmas holidays. Donations of food, clothing and toys will be distributed to these families by area youth under the supervision of staff assistant Nancy Spong.

Taxes, Elderly Housing Occupy GHI Attention

by Al Skolnik

The county assessor's office has notified Greenbelt Homes, Inc. that its assessment has been increased \$432,140 or 3.5 percent. The corporation's present real estate assessed valuation is \$12,351,350. The increase is apparently on just the buildings.

In the meantime, GHI will have to pay higher taxes based on the new assessment. According to GHI officials, the corporation's tax bill will be hiked \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Elderly Housing

The GHI board took a favorable position toward the city's present proposal for construction of new housing for the elderly. After hearing an alternate proposal by Jack Queen for rehabilitating 100 GHI frame units, the board felt that the proposal was not a feasible alternate and would only delay the city's proposal. GHI president Jim Smith said that the issue boils down to new construction for elderly housing or no program at all.

Queen suggested that GHI might be more interested in rehabilitating 100 of its own units through Federal Section 8 funds than supporting new housing going up on open-space land. Director Virginia Moriyadas noted that the county has set aside 100 units of new housing for Greenbelt and that any change at this time to a rehabilitation project would require revamping of the county's Housing Assistance Plan which she deemed unlikely in view of the fact that other groups were standing by to use the 100 units. She also noted the need for new housing in the area, citing the waiting list of 300 at Attick Towers in College Park.

Other problems were visualized. To be feasible, rehabilitation would have to be on a row basis. GHI manager Roy Breashears noted that since each GHI member has a contract with the corporation entitling him to perpetual use of his home, the consent of all members in the row would be required, many of whom would not be elderly.

Director Hugh O'Donnell said that the rehabilitation project was certainly one that GHI should explore, but as a long-term project. He visualized one approach as GHI buying back in the next five to ten years houses in selected courts as members leave. At his suggestion, the proposal was sent to the Long-range Planning Committee for study.

Queen acknowledged that it would not be easy for GHI to engage in the rehabilitation project but he thought it could be accomplished if there were a will. He said that several cooperatives in the Baltimore area have successfully engaged in a Federal program of rehabilitation.

Other Action

The board gave its support to the citizen movement to have FDR senior high school open in September 1976 as a full academic comprehensive school. . . . The board agreed to a parking committee recommendation to mark off additional spaces in the court at the intersection of Greenhill and Research and to put in concrete stops to prevent parking on the grass. . . . The board agreed to step up its program of inspection of homes prior to sale to make sure that all GHI regulations are complied with.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. - Bd. of Ed. Meeting on FDR School, Upper Marlboro.

Sat., Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. Caroling. Meet at Youth Center 8-11 p.m. Teen Dance, Ridge Road Center

Tues. Dec. 23, 4-6 p.m., Santa's Visit to Youth Center and Toy Exchange.

Caroling In The Center

Center school children will carol for the community on Fri., Dec. 19 at 1:30 p.m. After parading to the center mall, the students will present a gift of song. All Greenbelters are invited to attend.

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Beware the Carolers

To the Editor: Remember when caroling was a delightful thing to do on a holiday evening? Friends joined together to stroll the streets singing favorite songs. And what a treat when someone would open a door and invite all indoors, for refreshments. Last year many small groups of children beat on doors until they were opened, yelled two lines of a song and stuck their hands out for a donation. If you offered candy or cookies you were told — they wanted money! Worse yet, they, sometimes, claimed to be begging for a worthy cause, but that money never left town. Old time customs aren't all bad so this year let's all sing for the joy of singing!

Name Withheld

A Rebuttal

To the Editor: To set the record and Mrs. Viola Keer straight (News Review, Dec. 11), there was no 23 December 1968 meeting at which I, as President of GHI, "steamrolled . . . (a) . . . decision to proceed with the town-house construction . . ." That decision was made by a vote of the membership in August, 1965 in a referendum in which all GHI members were eligible to vote. Charles F. Schwan

Solar Heating Info. Av'able

To the Editor: My present work schedule keeps me out of touch with my Greenbelt friends and neighbors, so I have chosen this method of passing along information to Hugh O'Donnel, Jim Cassels, and others who might be interested. The National Science Foundation has issued a pamphlet on the Warrenton Fauquier High School Solar Heating project. It can be obtained from NSF for a small fee. It contains valuable design information, descriptions and operating results of the project, as well as informative photographs. Included are some of my design tables and sketches, as well as a photograph of my lighted display panel. This panel was designed, hand-constructed, and hand-wired in two weeks. My electronics rack is not shown, but is described under III-J and VIII-B. It can be ordered as follows: ITC Report No. 090974, Dec. 4, 1974, NSF - RA - N - 74 - 019, from National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550. William Nowick

Rename the School?

To the Editor: About ten years ago, when I was a resident of Greenbelt, proposals were made to name the new Greenbelt high school for Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt, a real humanitarian, was the innovator of the concept of the "Green Towns" (Greenbelt, Md., Green Hills, Ohio and others around the country). In September, 1976, a magnificent new senior high school is scheduled to open in Greenbelt. It will be named for a Roosevelt all right, but somewhere along the line Eleanor was changed to Franklin. Prince Georges County has over 220 public schools and only four of them are named for women. Forty-three are named for men. It seems a shame that a school built in a town planned by a great woman should be named for her husband. How and when Eleanor was changed to Franklin is unknown to me. However, I feel the present elected Board of Education could honor Mrs. Roosevelt and recognize women in general by changing the name of this school to the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. Margaret L. Wolfe

Reminiscences

To the Editor: I returned to Greenbelt this year after having been away for many years. I received a copy of the News Review dated Thursday, Nov. 13, 1975 with the headline on the first page "News Review completes 38 years of continuous publication." Here are my recollections and reactions to events preceding and following the first issue of the paper. The mimeograph machine that printed the first issue of the "Cooperator" did not just happen to be sitting on the upper floor over the drug store. Roy Braden, the Town Manager, having no telephone, was at a loss as to how to communicate with the residents. He wished to inform them of meetings, bus schedules to Branchville, church services, how to operate our electric stove (many of our first residents came from the dust bowl and were not aware that electric stoves existed) and other pertinent town information. Well, the only solution was to have flyers printed and delivered to the doors of the residents. After a search we located the A.B. Dick mimeograph machine in one of the Government Warehouses on the property at that time. It needed repairs also new feed rollers and ink blankets. The next problem was to get the needed parts plus paper, ink, and stencils. Well with a little (legalized?) borrowing this was accomplished. Now we were in business. The Journalistic Club had the first issue of the "Cooperator" printed in Washington. I understand the cost was thirty-five dollars. It created quite a stir, not only in Greenbelt, but in city newspapers. The Baltimore Sun was one of the worst critics, they panned the town, citing the huge cost to build, and referred to Greenbelt as a "boondoggle town." The club was anxious to follow up with another issue of the paper, but were unable to come up with another thirty-five dollars, money was scarce in Greenbelt in those days. In a discussion with the Journalistic Club they wondered whether it was possible to run off a paper on the mimeograph machine if they would furnish the copy and a typist to cut the stencils. Well this was done and the first issue printed in Greenbelt was achieved, followed by many more. You can well understand we had problems, the worst being the fact that a member of the staff would cover Town Council meetings, the copy would be late, stencils had to be cut and the paper run off. With a flashlight to lead the way, I found myself wending my way home in early morning hours, knowing I had few hours of sleep before getting ready for a hard days' work at my regular job. Yours for 38 years more of continuous publication, I remain John McWilliams, Former Production Manager Greenbelt Cooperator

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Thanks to Mrs. Spellman

To the Editor: The consumers of this community — which includes all of us — owe thanks to our Congresswoman Gladys Spellman for her strong stands in our behalf. The thanks of the members of the Credit Union go to her for her co-sponsorship of the 1975 Financial Institutions Act which gives greater scope to credit unions for service to members and places them on a more competitive footing with all other financial institutions. The thanks of the member-owners of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Greenbelt Homes, the Credit Union, and Twin Pines are due her for her support of the Consumer Cooperative Bank bill which, when passed, will provide all consumer cooperatives with the financial resources needed for effective growth. This bill will give all consumers (that's us) the same market place opportunities which the Capper-Volstead Act, the Farm Credit Act, the Rural Electrification Act and similar legislation has given farmers since the 1930's. This enabled their cooperatives to provide the services and protection they needed and so richly deserve. The seed money invested by the taxpayers not only performed a desperately needed service to protect farmers against exploitation, but has since been repaid in full, so that there has been no need to bail out farmers as there has been for banks, railroads and corporations. The Consumer Cooperative Bank bill will perform the same seed money function and will also be repaid by the borrowing cooperatives, which over time will own their own financial institutions as do the farmers today, doing billions of dollars a year business as the world's granary. Many thanks, Gladys Spellman, Chairman, Greenbelt Coop Council Ben Rosenzweig President, Greenbelt FCU Member, GHI Finance Committee

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Jolly Green Girls 4-H

by Colette Zanin At our last meeting, the Jolly Green Girls had elections. Elected president, Beth O'Keeffe; secretary - Caitlin Owens; reporter - Colette Zanin; song leader - Betsy Turkiewicz; recreation leader - Susan Dambrauskas. Also congratulations to Susan Dambrauskas and Diana Turkiewicz for winning county awards in clothing and crocheting at the 4-H County Achievement Night.

Community Church News

On Christmas Sunday, Dec. 21, the Community Church will present its Church School program followed by carol singing. The program will begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited. The Advent Bible Study group will hold its fourth and final meeting Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. A Christmas Candlelight Communion service will be held at 8 p.m., Dec. 24, featuring special Christmas music by the choir.

Season's Greetings and a wish for a prosperous New Year to all my fellow Greenbelters in grateful appreciation for the privilege of representing our town. Sincerely, Robyn Lynn Davis, Miss Greenbelt, 1975

The Howard Savage's extend to all their friends in Greenbelt their Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Greenbelt Soccer

The Greenbelt Soccer Association's 14 and under and 16 and under teams have each completed two games in the Mid-Maryland Soccer Association winter-spring season. Both lost their first games to well prepared teams, but each won its second game played Dec. 14. The 14 and under team defeated the Bowie Bengals in a close match by the score 4-2. Fine overall team play helped set up the goals kicked by Tim Millhollon. Randy Oudemans, and Craig Fitzreiter. The Cobras, Greenbelt's 16 and under team, defeated Rockville 4-0 in an improved team effort. The entire game was marked by aggressive and skilled play. Three goals were scored off the foot of David Come, and one by Newt Merricks, all on well executed lead passes from Bruce Barkley, Nels Anderson and Bob Kent. Donahue and Hess anchored the defense as expected, but aggressive play by right fullback Steve Appleton sealed the game allowing only five shots on goal. Goalkeeper Paul Birner gave an excellent showing with hard saves in the first game and smart play to ice the second season encounter. Home games for both teams will resume in January. The 16 and under team could still use four serious soccer players. Anyone interested should please call Mel Kent, 474-8851.

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Where There's Smoke

Bob Mogel Make sure Every Rule is Repeated Year-round Children & candles—never left alone Have a fire extinguisher handy Review your family escape plan Insure against overloaded circuits Smoke detectors - monthly testing Trash to outside containers—promptly Memorize "911" in an emergency Ash trays - in the sink overnight Safety practices throughout the year

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

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. Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Nursery Care for Infants through Kindergarten Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham (474-3381 474-9410)

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH Sun., Dec. 21 - 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School - 6 p.m. Church School Christmas Program - 6:45 p.m. Carol Singing. Everyone invited. Tues., Dec. 23 - 7 p.m. Advent Bible Study Course. Wed., Dec. 24 - 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion. Special Christmas music by the choir. Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor Ministers

Take time to laugh . . . Take time for your family . . . Take time to read . . . Take time to say "thank you", also Take time to worship God. GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH 474-5112 Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Mid-week Service (Wed) 7:30 pm For bus transportation, call church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays

New Year's Eve Party and Dance Time: 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Date: December 31, 1975 Place: Grenoble Hall St. Hugh's Church Cost: \$25 per couple Featuring Music by SUNNY DAZE ORCHESTRA Excellent Hot & Cold Buffet BYOL - Set ups provided beer available Hats, Horns, Noisemakers Marvelous Door Prizes Sponsored by St. Hugh's Church for further information and reservations, please contact Ed Cook 345-2597.

Council Listens to Citizen Report on FDR Sr. High

by Bob McGee

Not often does the Greenbelt City Council meeting have so much business covered that, like an old Flash Gordon Saturday afternoon movie short, we've got to bring it to you in episodes. Such was the case, however, with the regular meeting held Monday, December 15. We'll cover the Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School discussion in this issue, and the housing for the elderly debate and all of the other news in next week's edition.

As the first item of business, Muriel Weidenfeld reported on a meeting of Greenbelt citizens who met and organized last week as the Greenbelt Citizens Committee on FDR. Mrs. Weidenfeld, who was elected Chairman of the group, read a statement which will be presented at the regular Prince Georges County School Board meeting at Upper Marlboro on Thursday, December 18. A busload of Committee members and other interested Greenbelt citizens will be in attendance to support the position.

The statement points out that the Committee was organized because of the great concern felt by Greenbelt citizens that the new FDR senior high school will not be opened as scheduled in September 1976 due to delays in fixing school boundaries and in a determination of how the school will be used. The Committee definitely believes that the school should be used for the purpose for which it was originally designed and built—as a comprehensive senior high school. The Committee would welcome further strengthening of the curriculum with such additions as courses in mathematics and science, in the performing arts, and in other programs that can best utilize the existing design of the physical plant. The Committee pointed out that any deviations from the original design requiring building alterations will need large expenditures, but that funds for this purpose are non-existent. The FDR budget already is approximately \$200,000 short in providing equipment which was originally contemplated. The Committee was also quite doubtful that the radical curriculum surgery envisioned by some of School Board member Nicholas Eny's proposals could possibly be scheduled and staffed in time for the school to open in September. It suggested that a delay in opening would have a domino-like effect on other senior high schools in this part of the County, most of whom will have enrollments that will exceed capacity by next September.

Generally, the Committee will urge the school board to adopt a policy that will assure the opening of the FDR school on time and the assignment of all Greenbelt area students to FDR as a comprehensive senior high school. Councilman Thomas White and Richard Castaldi, and Mayor Gil Weidenfeld thanked Mrs. Weidenfeld and Mrs. Elaine Skolnik who supple-

mented the report with additional comments, for their excellent presentation, with White playing the "devil's advocate" by asking some questions he anticipated would be asked of the Committee at the school board meeting. On a motion by Councilman Charles Schwan the Council unanimously passed a resolution that City Manager James Giese prepare a statement to the school board which is similar to the position taken by the Citizens Committee. Councilman Richard Pilski summed up the feelings of Council by stating, rather vehemently that it just didn't make sense, after several years of careful thought and planning in developing the school, to suddenly, at the last moment, suggest that it is not adequate to the uses for which it was designed.

CITY NOTES

Recreation Department

The Fourth Annual Greenbelt Festival of Lights was launched on Dec. 5 with highly successful results. Over 5,000 persons attended the variety of programs held throughout the city. The activities included the Christmas Craft Show and Sale, and the Concert Band and Combined Church Choirs performing at St. Hugh's and the Choral Arts Society's opera presentation at Center School.

Festival activities this week concentrated on the preparation of the decorations for the city's Christmas tree and wreath. The evergreen tree between the Municipal Building and Suburban Trust was decorated with aluminum foil and natural materials. The tree and traditional wreath are on display in the Municipal Building.

The Recreation Department presented the Gold Medal Award slide presentation at the monthly COG meeting on Wednesday. PRAB met on Wed. evening for the Dec. meeting and were given a tour of Greenbelt Junior High School by Principal Charles Collins.

The Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club, Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop #1746 have their annual sale of Christmas trees at the swimming pool underway.

Greenbelt CARES

Approximately 50 people participated in the Toy Exchange for Adults held at the Youth Services Bureau offices on Tues., Dec. 9. A second Toy Exchange for children only was held on Tues., Dec. 16. Comments received from participating adults encouraged additional programs to assist the community in means of saving money.

Recreation Review

Caroling

All individuals and groups are encouraged to come caroling Sat. evening, Dec. 20. Everyone should meet at the Youth Center at 7:30

Teen Club

On Sat., Dec. 20, the Teen Club has planned a dance at the Ridge Road Center from 8-11 p.m. A nominal fee will be charged.

On Mon., Dec. 29, the Teen Club will sponsor its first ski trip of the season to Blue Knob. All Greenbelt teens and their guests are invited. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, so hurry. Deadline is Mon., Dec. 22. For further information regarding club activities, contact Mike Lundregan, Rec. Dept., 474-6878.

Santa Visits Youth Center and Toy Exchange

On Tues., Dec. 23, Santa Claus will be at the Youth Center from 4-6 p.m. Boys and girls, pre-school through elementary grades, can visit with Santa and his helpers. Also, they may participate in the Toy Exchange. Bring a toy and take a toy, or bring a toy for needy children. Coffee and donuts will be available for Moms and Dads. All youngsters will receive a treat from Santa.

Youth Center and Springhill Lake Center Holiday Schedule

Dec. 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and Jan. 2
9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Dec. 31 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 Noon - 11 p.m.
Dec. 23 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Men's "B" League Basketball

Just a Reminder! If you want to enter a team in the city's Men's Franchise League, the deadline is Fri., Dec. 19. More information available by calling the Rec. Dept. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Boys' and Girls Club Uniform Turn-In

All football and soccer uniforms should be turned in on Tues, Dec. 23 from 7-10 p.m. at the Youth Center. Basketball uniforms will not be issued to any person holding other uniforms.

Open Gyms

Following is a schedule of other open gyms in the area: Berwyn Heights Community Gym - Sundays, 2-10 p.m.; Greenbelt Junior High School - Sundays, 2-6 p.m.; Parkdale Senior High School - Sundays, 1-6 p.m.

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Henrietta Haslinger

CITY SAYS

Police Review Bd. Not the Answer

by Al Skolnik

The city council received at its Monday, December 8 meeting a joint memo from the city manager and city solicitor advising that due to the extensive legal restrictions that exist, a police review board could not be assigned any meaningful responsibilities. Such a police review board had been suggested at the October 6 council meeting by some citizens who had grievances against the police department.

The joint memo suggested that such activity as a police review board might undertake could and is being handled by the city council and the Community Relations Advisory Board.

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the extensive legal restrictions mentioned above were the outgrowth of a 1974 state law known as Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights. According to city officials, this legislation granted rights to police officers not enjoyed by ordinary citizens and provided procedures for disciplinary action which are so cumbersome and confused that the whole process of discipline in police departments is jeopardized, especially in small departments.

For example, manager James Giese said, in order to be investigated, complaints alleging brutality by an officer must be in writing and sworn. All questions directed to the officer under interrogation shall be asked by and through one interrogator. Prior to an interrogation, a law-enforcement officer must be informed of the nature of the investigation.

In addition, Giese said, the law tends to place the police chief in the dual role of being prosecutor and judge — particularly in small departments. Also, Giese said that the requirement for a hearing board of 3 police officers to conduct investigation is not practical for small departments.

Giese concluded that it is one thing to protect a police officer from being unfairly disciplined for unfounded complaints of conduct. It is another to shield a bad police officer from being investigated and appropriately disciplined.

Council had previously gone on record seeking repeal of the existing statute and replacing it with a more carefully drawn law.

Ballfields

Council went on record approving the relocation of the Greenbelt junior high school's ball fields as proposed by principal Charles Collins. This relocation will permit 2 softball fields and one football-soccer field. The city is offering whatever assistance needed for the Springhill Lake Baseball Association to be permitted use of the school's fields.

Also receiving council support is the establishment of a Greenbelt Co-operative Council which will be

Parenting

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is currently offering a parent discussion group. The group, open to members of the local community, explores important issues having to do with being a parent. Carol Leventhal, Director of Client Services, and Eddie Haaz, graduate student, meet with the group Thursdays 1 - 2:30 p.m. at the Ridge Road Center. New members are welcome. For further information, contact Carol or Eddie at 345-3456.

Three Races Dec. 28

On Sun., Dec. 28, three long distance races are scheduled to start at Braden Field at 1 p.m. There is something for everyone. The joggers and short distance runners have a 1 and 3/4 mile run around the lake in which time is not important, and everyone receives an award for completing the distance.

A large field of runners are expected in the 10 mile and 20 mile races. All Greenbelters who complete the races will receive an award. The distance races follow a 5 mile course through the Beltsville Agricultural Farm.

Registration for all races will be at Greenbelt Youth Center starting at 11:30 a.m. These races are organized by the D.C. Road Runners and co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. There will be an entry fee.

responsible for recreational use of the Greenbelt junior high school. PRAB's representatives will be Wayne Spong and Harry Field. Also represented will be the Greenbelt recreation department. Other representatives will come from College Park, Berwyn Heights, and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Surplus Land

The council authorized the mayor to execute the deed for city acceptance of 2 acres of surplus Agricultural Research Center land located on the south side of the Beltway, adjacent to the Springhill Lake industrial property. In return for receiving the land, the city is required to place a sign indicating the land was donated to the city and to establish a plan for its recreational development which at present calls for establishment of an archery range consisting of four lanes. Council also established a hearing date for the first meeting in February on a charter change permitting the annexation of the 2 acres to the city.

Other Matters

The council reiterated its stance on a liquor license application for Pappy's Family Pub located on Greenbelt Road at the westerly corner of Beltway Plaza. This stance is to take no position on the application except to question whether another liquor license can be supported in the area.

The council authorized the expenditure of up to \$300 for sponsoring a contest to write a "Greenbelt March" in connection with the bicentennial program.

SLOT CAR RACE EVENT

Camen Enterprises announces its 2nd annual slot car racing Christmas Party, Dec. 27 at Joel's Race Place, 121 Centerway. Over \$1000 in cash and merchandise will be awarded with trophies to pro-semi-pro, amateur and concourse winners. The raceway will be open Fri., Dec. 26 from 2 p.m. - 1 a.m. and Sat., Dec. 27 at 8 a.m.

Bicentennial Calendar

The League of Women Voters has an attractive red, white and blue calendar for the bicentennial year. It is on sale at the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Office. The regular size calendars may be sold out soon. However, there are smaller pocket versions available. Ask any League member or call Otilie Van Allen - 345-9578.

New Year's Eve Dance

The Mishkan Torah, will host a New Year's Eve dance featuring the Marvin Cohen Trio. The festivities, which start at 9, include buffet snacks breakfast, setups, champagne, toast, etc. For reservations call 474-5811 or 577-4361.

Greenbelt Shell Wins Volleyball Tournament

Greenbelt Shell was the winner of the M-NCPPC Women's Fourth Annual Invitational Volleyball Tournament held on December 7 at Stephen Decatur Community Center. Greenbelt Shell, currently in first place in the Prince Georges County Women's Volleyball League, "A" Division, beat the Good Luck Gamblers team 15-12.

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