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Giese Submits Budget That Requires 13c Tax Increase

by Al Skolnik

A Greenbelt municipal budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977 that requires a 13c increase in the property tax rate was submitted to the city council by city manager James K. Giese on April 8. Giese said it was up to council to make the difficult decisions between the level of the tax rate and the level of services to be provided. The present tax rate is \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation. In order to reduce the tax rate, expenditures would have to be reduced (or additional revenues anticipated) in the amount of \$8,039 for each cent of rate reduction.

The proposed general fund budget provides for total expenditures during fiscal year 1977 of \$1,907,200, an increase of 12 percent over the fiscal year 1966 appropriation of \$1,699,875.

During the next year, the city's assessable tax base is expected to rise only 8 percent — from \$67.9 million to \$73.4 million, as also are revenues from other sources, leaving a gap to be filled by a higher property tax rate.

In addition, the city manager recommended a 10 percent increase in waste collection fees for all free-standing homes and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. in order to overcome an expected deficit of \$6,250 plus whatever cost-of-living increase for the waste collection crew is voted by council.

The council will be starting work sessions on Wednesday, April 21, meeting first on the police department, followed by a meeting April 26 on Greenbelt CARES and on April 28 with the volunteer recreation groups. The budget must be adopted by June 10.

Expenditures

Contributing to the increase of \$207,300 in budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 1977 are:

(1) More than \$25,000 in increased city funds for Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau. In the current year \$60,950 was budgeted for this counseling service of which the city put up \$6,000. For fiscal 1977, \$65,500 is budgeted with the State Department of Juvenile Services contributing \$38,650 and the balance to come from the city.

(2) A 4 percent across the board pay increase for all classified city employees costing \$36,000 to compensate for an increased cost-of-living. Giese stated that although the cost-of-living index has increased 5.9 percent during the past year, since last August it has increased at an annual rate of 4 percent.

(3) An increase amounting to \$28,200 (33 percent) to cover the increased cost to the city of the retirement system and social security.

(4) A \$12,100 increase in premiums for employee health and life insurance, workmen's compensation and other insurance.

(5) The city absorption of two additional police officers previously funded by Federal public employment programs at a cost of about \$25,000. This will bring the number of uniformed personnel to 20.

(6) Two additional full-time staff

for the recreation department to provide increased supervision of the two major recreation centers. The cost of these recreation assistants (\$16,600) would be offset in part by reduced expenses for part-time help and in part by increased fee charges for self-supporting recreation programs.

(7) An increase in the cost of operating the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, inasmuch as fiscal 1977 will be the first full year of operation (the Center opened in September 1975). This increase is estimated at about \$10,000 (excluding the new recreation assistant).

(8) An increase of \$5,800 in expenditures under self-supporting recreation activities, to be offset by a proposed increase of 20 percent in fees.

(9) An increase of \$5,300 in contributions by the city to local civic volunteer organizations working in the recreation field.

Most of the remaining increases in the budget are due to the increased cost of goods and services that the city must purchase.

Capital Improvements

Capital improvement funds, derived from the earmarked 3c tax levy and amounting to \$57,700, are proposed for the following items: The Council has adopted a policy of See BUDGET, page 8, col. 3

BAKE SALE ON MALL

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #32, is sponsoring a Bake Sale on Sat., April 17, starting at 10:30 a.m. on the Center Mall. The proceeds will be earmarked for raincoats and Christmas parties for the Safety Patrol children and for needy people, such as the 11 families made homeless because of the recent fire in Springhill Lake.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will host the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Recreation Dept., on Mon., April 19. The hunt will take place at the Greenbelt Lake Park at 9 a.m. sharp. In case of rain, the hunt will take place at the Youth Center. Many special prizes were donated by Beltway Roy Roger's, Gina's, Springhill Lake Villa and the Greenbelt Co-Op Supermarket. Following the hunt, at 10 a.m., "Christian the Magician" will perform on the Lake Park Bands and. In case of rain, the magic show will be held at 10 a.m. in the Youth Center.

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, April 19, 1976

8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Housing for the Elderly
10. Draft Letter to Council of Governments
11. Budget - FY 1976/77

IV. NEW BUSINESS

12. Charter Amendment on Mortgage Financing on Elderly Housing - First Reading

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a PRELIMINARY AGENDA, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

City Council Must Act Fast To Keep Elderly Housing

by Al Skolnik

At the conclusion of last Monday's public hearing on elderly housing, three things became clear.

(1) The city council must make a decision within a fortnight on its intent to proceed with the housing for the elderly project, since inaction would lead to the government's withdrawal of its reservation of 100 units of elderly housing for the Greenbelt area.

(2) Judging by the number of signatures on a petition submitted to council in favor of the project, the majority of Greenbelt residents are supportive of elderly housing.

(3) A referendum on the project can still be held, if 20 percent of Greenbelt's registered voters so indicate. This comes about because a charter change is required for the project and any charter change can be petitioned to referendum.

Experts

Monday's public hearing was held to help clear the air regarding the project which will involve four layers of government. Attending the meeting were representatives of the Federal Government (Larry Dale of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)), the State government (Stuart Wechsler of Department of Economic and Community Development), and Prince Georges county (Earl Morgan of County Housing Authority).

May 1 Deadline

The city was advised that it must officially notify the State by May 1 of its interest in proceeding with the project, as HUD has indicated that it will not hold the 100 units currently reserved for elderly housing subsidies in the Greenbelt area beyond May 15.

Council therefore announced that such a decision will be made at

its next regular meeting on Monday, April 19. If the decision is favorable, then council will have to amend the city charter, since the charter at present prohibits the city from entering into a contract for a period of more than 10 years.

Such a charter amendment can be petitioned to referendum if 20 percent of the registered voters (about 600 voters) sign a petition to that effect within 45 days of the passage by council. Since the earliest day that council could amend the charter is Monday, May 3, the 45 days would run from that date.

Petition With 2,626 Names

Robert Dove, president of the Golden Age Club, submitted petitions with 2,626 names — all Greenbelt residents — in favor of the project. He urged that Council move ahead promptly on the project which is slated for the Ridge Road property.

City manager James K. Giese said that the State has looked with favor on that site and that he sees no obstacles in getting HUD approval for the site. HUD approval is necessary because the site was originally purchased with Federal open-space funds for exclusive recreation use. The city must replace the Ridge Road property with other parkland of equal quality and value. The cost of purchasing the substitute land will be charged against the elderly housing project.

The city's current thinking is to construct 100 one-bedroom, elevator apartments in a building that will blend with the surrounding area by limiting its height to three or four stories. This is possible because the property slopes downward to the rear.

HUD has indicated that it would like to see construction start by September 30. In any event, HUD is imposing a six-month deadline from May 15 for the city to enter into a contract for payment of annual contributions (subsidies) by HUD.

Questions

Upon questioning from the audience, it was determined that if the project did not prove economically feasible, the city would be financially liable. However, the representatives from all levels of government quoted the excellent record of senior housing projects in this area, noting that the project could be 100 percent subsidized and that there are waiting lists at all other projects in the county.

The subsidy does not extend to meals and Giese said that the matter of whether the project would be serving meals is one to be settled later.

Some confusion arose over occupancy eligibility. Apparently, the marketing plan for the project can be directed to residents of Greenbelt, but there can be no residence requirements and no discriminatory provisions.

Questions were also directed at what would happen to the Ridge Road Center and whether it would be replaced. Giese noted that the building was not being fully utilized for recreational purposes and that an addition to the Municipal Building might take care of other city activities that are now being housed in the Ridge Road Center such as Greenbelt CARES. He also noted that the city now has the Springhill Lake Recreation Center to take care of additional recreational needs.

The question of whether a senior housing project on Ridge Road would adversely affect the zoning of adjacent land was also brought up. City officials were confident that several protective measures could be used to forestall nearby garden-apartment zoning, including proper placement of building and condemnation of adjacent land.

Voter Registration At Beltway Plaza

Voter registration will take place at the Beltway Plaza in front of Academy 6 theatre on Fri., April 16 and Sat., April 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Election is April 19.

WHAT GOES ON

Sun., April 18, 7 a.m., Greenbelt Lake Park (Grenoble Hall if rain) Easter Sunrise Services
Mon., April 19, 9 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt; Greenbelt Lake Park; (Youth Center if raining)
10 a.m. Christian The Magician, Lake Park Bandstand (Youth Center if raining)
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Thurs., April 22, 8:15 p.m., PR-AB monthly meeting, Youth Center Conference Room
8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Housing Scorecard

The housing for the elderly project will involve four layers of government. In an effort to unscramble the respective roles of these agencies in the workings of the project, the following information was assembled.

Prince Georges County Housing Authority.—This agency under Section 8 of the Community Development Program has reserved, with the approval of the Federal Government, 100 units of elderly housing for the Greenbelt area. Once the project is constructed, this agency will oversee the eligibility determinations of individuals for occupancy with respect to the subsidy provision and will make annual examinations of premises to assure that the project is meeting appropriate housing standards.

State Department of Economic and Community Development.—This agency provides the funds for construction of the project through floating tax-exempt mortgage bonds in the private market. The city, in effect, will be contracting for a long-term loan of 40 years from the State Housing Finance Agency at the prevailing interest rate (currently about 7 percent). The State loan will cover all the costs of the project, including the acquisition of land. If a private developer is involved as a sponsor, then the State loan can only be for 80 percent of the cost and the developer must put up the extra 10 percent. The State agency will approve construction plans in order to determine the economic feasibility of the project and will enter into agreements with the city (or the sponsor) setting the fair market value of the rentals in order to assure that all costs will be covered.

Federal Housing and Urban Development.—This agency will provide the rent subsidies (housing assistance payments) for the project. The subsidy for each unit would be the difference between 25 percent of an individual's income (adjusted for certain items) and the fair market rental value of the unit (not to exceed \$355 a month) as determined by the agreement between the State and the city (or sponsor). The latter figure is adjusted each year for inflation. There is no limit on the number of units that can qualify for a subsidy, except that 30 percent of the subsidized units must be reserved for very low-income families (under \$5,450 a year for 1 person and under \$7,250 a year for 2 persons). These subsidies are for 5-year periods, automatically renewable for up to 40 years.

City of Greenbelt.—The city can construct and operate the project on its own, establish a housing authority, or encourage a private developer to sponsor the project. If the latter, the profits will be limited to an 8 percent return on the developer's 10 percent investment. The city (or sponsor) will enter into a 40-year contract with the State for borrowing of funds. The site for the project, the type of construction, the amenities, and other details will be determined by the city (or sponsor) with the approval of the State.

History of Greenbelt Property Tax

Fiscal Year	Budgeted expenditures	Real Property Assessed valuation	Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation
1966-67	\$ 601,750	\$32,414,750	.99
1967-68	696,200	38,780,145	.87
1968-69	815,100	40,925,380	.85
1969-70	985,300	44,336,440	.80
1970-71	1,088,350	48,150,036	.80
1971-72	1,132,600	49,418,440	.84
1972-73	1,220,500	52,667,300	.92
1973-74	1,363,500	54,452,640	.92
1974-75	1,438,100	55,502,500	1.03
1975-76	1,699,875	67,592,220	1.00

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GET INVOLVED IN '76

To the Editor,

In this Bicentennial Year, we are urged to consider our past and plan for our future. I would like to suggest ways in which we can productively honor this unique, lovely community.

Preservation is not a passive activity. It means each family cleaning up, repairing, and renewing its own property. Apartment dwellers can alert their management. Deterioration of any property—public or private—changes the quality of life for all of us.

We must shoulder more responsibility for protecting the city and especially the lake area from neglect, litter, and vandalism. We should be the eyes and voices for constructive maintenance by the public works crew by alerting them to areas of need. We must also be willing to speak to those we see littering or allowing their dogs to run unleashed, or who are walking or picnicing in private areas. One must use judgment in each case, but my experience has been that people often forget or don't know many regulations. Extreme situations should be promptly reported to the police.

People may hesitate to get involved, but this is our city and our park, and everyone must treat Greenbelt well if it is to survive for generations to come.

We must support those institutions we enjoy but may take for granted. If we want the Center Mall to continue to be a vibrant shopping area, we must support its merchants, attend its theater, and count the cost in time and gasoline before driving out of town for goods or services.

We may take the News Review for granted; it doesn't live by gratitude alone. It lives by advertising. We should patronize such merchants and tell them we saw their ads. We might also remember the young workers who faithfully deliver the News Review (for a small sum) with a nominal gift in December. We might also thank board, editor, and staff for their work (mostly volunteer) week after week, especially for such extras as the April Fool's Day offering.

Everyone wants to count for something. In Greenbelt, schools, churches, volunteer organizations, citizens' committees, Greenbelt CARES, the News Review, youth groups and more exist as vehicles for that giving spirit. With our money, our time, our support, we honor our country, our city, and ourselves in this anniversary year.
 Eileen Peterson

Bessie G. Gordon

Mrs. Bessie Glazer Gordon, 88, a resident of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and of Greenbelt, died Thursday, April 8, 1976, at the Jewish Nursing Home of Western Massachusetts in Longmeadow, a suburb of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Born in Lithuania, daughter of Nisen and Masha-Ella Cotton Glazer, Mrs. Gordon spent most of her life in Worcester, Massachusetts. For the past eight years she had made her home with her daughters in West Stockbridge and Greenbelt.

She was known for her traditional early morning walks through the city and around the lake. She frequently spoke about and was a living example of the value of exercise and good nutrition, including a vegetarian diet.

She was the widow of Ike Gordon who died in 1960.

Mrs. Gordon is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Elsborg of West Stockbridge and Mrs. Marcella Walder of Greenbelt; three brothers; Solomon and Jacob Glazer, both of Worcester, and Hyman Glazer of Boston; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Ralph E. Diest

The flags were flown at half-mast this past week in memory of city employee Ralph E. Diest who died following a heart attack on April 10. Selected Outstanding City Employee for 1974, Diest served the city for 20 years in the dual role of Refuse Crew Foreman and Animal Warden.

As Refuse Foreman, Diest was immediate supervisor of the crew and had responsibility for operating the special trash program. His animal warden duties required that he be available and on call beyond normal work hours, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Because of a willingness to do what was necessary to get the job done, he was cited by the city for his attitude, dependability, dedication and a willingness to respond day or night.

In tribute to Diest at the time he received the city award, Dorothy Wright Davis wrote in a letter to the News Review "Ralph has had the natural wisdom to overlook the hostilities of upset, irate pet owners. He has had to be the whipping boy for all the State, county, and city rules and ordinances. He has changed with the times and has an expert ability to handle all types of emergencies, but especially he doesn't aggravate situations by taking offense."

Diest lived at 12-B Laurel Hill and is survived by his wife Betty, children Bonnie Sue Beeman and Ralph Eugene, II, and Mildred Diest, and sisters Clara Enleaka and Nellie Sarber.

Maundy Thursday

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will observe Maundy Thursday Communion service on Thurs., April 15 at 8 p.m. The combined choirs of Community and Mowatt Memorial will sing, "Lord, Is It I?" by James Denton and will be directed by Mildred Kern of Community Church.

Safe Driving Awards For Postal Employees

In a colorful ceremony on Friday morning, March 12, twenty-two local post office carriers were presented safe drivers awards. Nine carriers received awards for driving six years without an accident. They are Billy G. Anderson, Michael Blanche, Vincent J. Carroll, Randall Facemire, Richard Green, James Kirsch, Larry Kling, Ben Napier, and Roger Walker.

This award, presented by the National Safety Council is the recognized trade mark of professional drivers who have proven their skill in avoiding traffic accidents.

The Post Office is proud of these drivers who have delivered mail in a safe manner, and helped to keep Greenbelt's streets safe.

School Bus Safety

To the Editor:

After reading about a 12-year-old student who was killed while running to catch a school bus near Hazleton, Pennsylvania, last Thursday, I was made especially aware of the need for alertness while driving. With this background, it is my hope that the motorist with Maryland License prefix EBT will exercise more caution in the future than he did on a recent Monday at 7:45 a.m. because that one minute that he saved could possibly have reaped him a lifetime of regret.

A Prince Georges County school bus was stopped on Westway Road at the bottom of the hill below the Mishkan Torah. The bus lights were flashing and children were boarding the bus. About 30 feet behind the bus, at the apartment parking court exit, this particular driver became so impatient that he veered around a waiting car and then took off up the hill.

It is my view that, as motorists, we should consider at least a quarter of a block area around a stopped school bus with flashing red lights as a danger area, since children may forget their normal caution when running for the bus.

Greenbelt has an excellent traffic and pedestrian safety record which will be maintained only if we all exercise safe driving skills and judgment.

Stephen Polaschik

Ecumenical Sunrise Service

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Greenbelt Lake Park at 7 a.m. The service is sponsored by the Greenbelt Baptist Church, St. Hugh's Catholic, Greenbelt Community Church and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dallas E. Pulliam, pastor of the Greenbelt Baptist Church, will deliver the Easter message.

The Rev. Harry Taylor, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church, will lead the singing with guitar accompaniment.

Mishkan Torah News

"Concepts of the Friday Evening Service," will be discussed by Rabbi Kenneth Berger at Mishkan Torah on Fri., April 16 at 8:30 p.m.

The seventh day of Passover will be observed on Wed, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. Yiskor services will also be held.

Bahá'í Faith

O Son of Man!

Should prosperity befall thee, rejoice not; and should abasement come upon thee, grieve not; for both shall pass away and be no more.

Bahá'u'lláh

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April 24, 8:30 p.m., St. Hugh's

GREENBELT CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY

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Accompanist: Joyce Meekins

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 God plus your life can make a difference.

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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

Spellman Opens Campaign Hdqtrs.

More than 200 friends and supporters of Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman were present when she opened her campaign headquarters in what was formerly Gerard's Men's Store in the Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Rd. Persons who wish to stop in may do so on weekdays from 9 to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5p.m. The telephone number is 441-9500.

"Gladys Spellman Day in Greenbelt" will take place on Saturday, May 8, highlighted by bake and yard sales and a "Meet Gladys Spellman" party in the evening. Those wishing to help please call Sue Simko 345-2983.

CREDIT FOR WOMEN

"HOW WOMEN CAN GET CREDIT" is a new brochure that may be the best 20c investment a working woman can make!

Highlighting recent legislative changes, the brochure is written to help women gauge their own "credit-worthiness" and offers step-by-step instructions on establishing and maintaining credit IN THEIR OWN NAME. Other sections outline the course of action to follow if credit is refused, how to deal with the credit bureau, and how to get a loan.

To obtain a copy of "HOW WOMEN CAN GET CREDIT", send 20c to the D. C. Chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women), 1424 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ).

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Fri. Apr. 16 - 8:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sat. Apr. 17 - 9:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Candlelight Service

Sun. April 18 - 11 a.m. Easter Morning Worship

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor Ministers

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist
 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Joint Services of Greenbelt Community Church and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 15 - Mowatt Memorial UMC - 8 p.m.

Good Friday Services

April 16 - Greenbelt Community Church - 8 p.m.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT GREENBELT LAKE - 7 A.M.

Worship Services 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Nursery care for Infants through Kindergarten

Everyone is Welcome to
THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

at the

Greenbelt Lake

7:00 A.M.

(In case of inclement weather we will use
 Grenoble Hall 135 Crescent Road)

Easter Services

Holy Week at Holy Cross

Maundy Thursday Communion7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service & Cantata7:30 p.m.

Easter Festival Services

Outdoor Sunrise Service6:30 a.m.

Festival Communion Services 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes9:50 a.m.

Come and Worship With Us

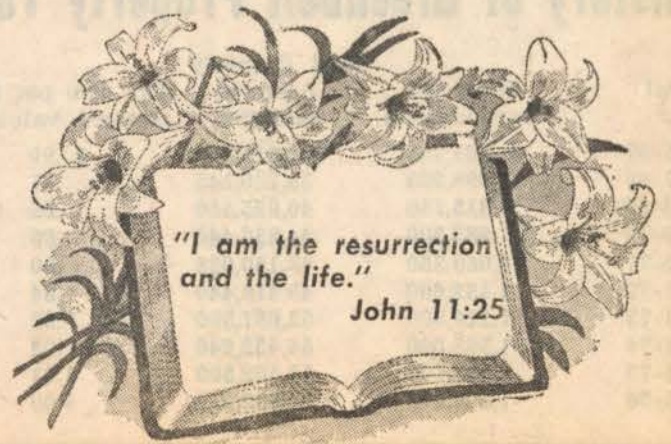
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

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Bicentennial Concert Planned

by Mary Kimmel

The Greenbelt Choral Arts Society will perform an original Bicentennial work entitled "We the People" on June 12 at 8 p.m. in the St. Hugh's Auditorium. Chorus Director Douglas Freeman commissioned New England composer William Johnson to write the piece for the Greenbelt group.

"We the People," a three-part musical tribute to America's past, is scored for mixed chorus, soloists, narrator, piano, organ and tympani. The three major parts of the work represent three major eras in United States history: the revolutionary period — "A Nation of Liberty and Justice," the Civil War — "This Hallowed Ground," and the modern development of the U.S. Performance lasts approximately one hour.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt City Recreation Department, the Greenbelt Choral Arts Society is now in its second year.

It is supported partially by City funds and partially by membership dues.

With the official backing of the Bicentennial Committee and the city council, the Society plans a fund raising drive to cover the unusual expenses of this original work.

If sufficient funds are collected, it may be possible for the Society to perform the Bicentennial concert more than once. Contributions are deductible. Make checks payable to the Greenbelt Choral Arts Society and mail to 15-D Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 20770.

Basketball Championship Won by Greenbelt Team

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club 15-year old boys' basketball team bumped out Glen Arden in the opening round of the Prince George's County basketball championship tournament and followed with two consecutive victories over Beltsville to win the 1976 County basketball crown.

The Greenbelt-Glenarden game brought together the County's only two undefeated 15-year-old teams. Both squads had identical 12-0 regular season records going into the March 15 tourney opener. Greenbelt won, 50-45. Tim Sines, with 16 points, and Erv Riddle, with 12, led Greenbelt in scoring.

In the final two-game series with division champion Beltsville, Greenbelt prevailed 49-47 and 47-41 for the County title. Sines and Doug Nagle were Greenbelt's leading scorers in the final two games.

Greenbelt has since kept its unbeaten string alive in the opening rounds of the Beltsville Invitational Tournament with wins over Takoma Park (Tomcats) and Oxon Hill. The early round triumphs in the Invitational marked the team's fourth win in four days, and the fifth win in a week.

"The fact that the team won four major games in four straight days, in three different gyms, is indicative of the bench strength we've had this season," coach Phil Straw said. "Greenbelt can be very proud of the manner in which these young men have represented the community."

The 15-year-old team will take a 17-0 record into the semifinal round of the Beltsville Invitational Tournament on Friday, April 2. Of the 28 teams in the Prince Georges 15-year-old boys club age bracket, only Greenbelt is without a loss at this point.

Team members are: Ted Reich, Erv Riddle, Tim Sines, James Williams, Mike Willard, Bobby Kent, James Vaughan, Scott Goodall, Doug Nagle, Mike O'Brien and Gene Kellaher.

SHORTER VACATION

There will be no school on Thurs., April 15, Fri., April 16 and Mon., April 19. All students return to school on Tues., April 20. Spring vacation is shorter this year so that students will finish school earlier in June. The last day of classes for most students is June 10; for seniors May 8.

Students Pick Colors For Eleanor Roosevelt

Ninth and tenth grade students from eight county schools chose aqua-blue and white to be Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School's colors. In a vote on Tuesday, April 13, 1,069 ballots were distributed to those ninth and tenth graders who are slated to attend the new school in September.

Students had four choices — medium brown and gold; red, white and blue; aqua-blue and white; and yellow, green and blue. These combinations were selected by some sixteen students, six from DuVal and ten Greenbelt students, at a meeting last Saturday with Robert Ogden, Roosevelt principal. Students were limited in their choices since the colors of other schools could not be duplicated. This eliminated consideration of Greenbelt's colors — green and white. Present at the meeting also was Brian Blavatt, of the County Office of Student Concerns, and Greenbelt Task Force representative Pat Brown.

Casting votes were 770 students: 363 for aqua-blue and white, 229 for brown and gold, 98 for Red, white and blue, 89 for yellow, green and blue and 17 write-ins for other colors. Schools participating in the voting were: Parkdale and DuVal Senior High Schools and Mary Bethune, Greenbelt, William Wirt, Thomas Johnson, Kent and Martin Luther King Junior High Schools.

Recreation Review

Holiday Schedule

The Youth Center and Springhill Lake Center will open at noon on Fri., Apr. 16 and Mon., Apr. 19.

Teen Topics

More players are needed for the KAVA Teen Softball League. Games will be played on Sundays beginning in May. Any interested Greenbelt teen should come down to Braden Field, for practice and organization, this Sat. at 3 p.m. Girls, as well as boys, are welcome to participate.

Men's "B" League Softball

This is a franchise recreational league not affiliated with A.S.A. Games will be played on Sat. afternoons between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Deadline for teams entering this league will be 5 p.m. Thurs., Apr. 22. For further information, contact the Rec. Dept., Mon. thru Fri. 9-5 p.m. 474-6878.

Boys' and Girls Club Equipment Turn-In

The Youth Center's Equipment Room will be open every Tues. and Thurs. from 7-9 p.m. Please bring in all the uniforms you can find.

"THE FLOWERING PEACH" GRENOBLE'S NEWEST PLAY

Grenoble Theater Guild's next production will be Clifford Odet's "The Flowering Peach". The opening night performance on April 23 will feature interpreters for the deaf — the first community theatre to have this service.

The play tells the story of Noah and his family who are portrayed as ordinary individuals. They are skeptical, bicker and sometimes brawl, but they finally get the job done and enter the ark.

Featured in the cast are Bob O'Malley as Noah; Darla Heinz as Esther; Paul Tousignant as Japheth; Tom Schreiber as Shem; Raju Iyer as Ham; Marie Tousignant as Leah; Lise Royse as Rachel; Carol Vacek as Goldie. The play is directed by Laura Petroff.

The play will be presented at St. Hugh's School on April 23, 24, 30 and May 1 at 8:30 and April 25 Sun.) at 2 p.m. For information call 561-5780.

More Details on B-W Hours For Repairs

The Baltimore-Washington Parkway Improvement project, which starts this month, will involve that portion of the Parkway north of Route 50 interchange to Md. Route 175 (Jessup Road). For the benefit of commuters, the contractor will have all pavement lanes in each direction open to traffic and the roadway free of construction activities from 6-9 a.m. and from 3-7 p.m. on weekdays and from 12 noon (Sundays) to 6 a.m. (Mondays).

Until June, alternate routes should be taken at other times when construction work is being performed and one lane in each direction is open. Suggested routes are: (1) Kenilworth (North) from U.S. 50 to Greenbelt Road (Route 193), turn right on Md. Route 193 and take Route 193 to Baltimore-Washington Parkway, (2) U.S. 50 to I-495 (Beltway) and proceed on I-495 to Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The entire project consists of: Pavement joint repairs, three and one-fourth-inch asphalt pavement overlay on entire length of project, construction of all-weather shoulders, new guardrail protection at bridge approaches, several minor ramp acceleration lane improvements, asphalt overlay on a number of ramps, replacement of many deteriorated roadway signs, and repairs of bridge decks on the Patuxent and Little Patuxent River Bridges (located approximately 1 mile north of Md. Route 197 and 1 mile north of Md. Route 198 respectively).

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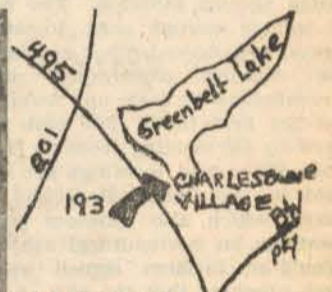
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Garden Club, Still Growing

by Miriam Cornelius and Elizabeth Allen

From its beginning in 1938 the Garden Club of Greenbelt has had the dual purpose of improving the landscaping of the community and promoting the growth and exchange of flowers and vegetables. The call to organize, issued in *The Cooperator* for Oct. 13, 1938, invited everyone interested in "learning more about the growing of shrubs, flowers, or vegetables" to meet for the purpose of "organizing a Garden Club in Greenbelt."

At a meeting on Feb. 20, 1939, the group heard a talk by Dr. W. R. Beattie of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry, and held an election of officers. Raymond V. Hemingway became president, and Joseph W. Brown was elected Chairman of Procurement and Exchange. (Brown's beautifully landscaped garden on Crescent Road is well worth looking at today.) That year the club held its first annual yard and garden contest; the city council allocated \$350 from its contingency fund to provide "premiums for fall exhibits of flower and vegetable garden and other work produced by the citizens of Greenbelt."

Victory Gardens

Throughout the decades the Garden Club has reflected the changing interest of the small community of Greenbelt and the larger community of world affairs. In the 1940's the members had Victory Gardens, which provided valuable supplements to the food scarcities and rationing of World War II.

In the 1950's the Garden Club developed interest in ornamentals, members exchanged seeds, cuttings, shrubs, and plant materials. Mrs. Vilma Cormack led a study of flower arranging; visits were made to flower exhibitions, parks, the national arboretum. With Hans Jorgensen as guide and mentor, lawn, and base plantings were improved. Thanks to George Adams, the entire farm used by the "Hamilton Place Club" was plowed each spring and divided into 50' x 50' plots, assigned to club members and nonmembers on request. Each plot holder chipped in up to \$6 to meet the cost of plowing. Club dues remained minimal.

During the 1960's the greening of Greenbelt paralleled the greening of America. Bob Howell of the Cooperative Extension Service organized educational meetings and brought in experts to lecture and discuss individual gardening problems and the care of lawns and hedges. George Farrell encouraged those who remained faithful to vegetable raising to improve the soil and their methods of cultivation and to try new varieties.

In the early 1970's with Bill Hoff as president there was a resurgence of interest in community projects. The Garden Club contributed \$25 to Greenbelt Environment Day (1970); to the Cooperative Extension Service County Fair (1971); and to the Greenbelt City Council for Arbor Day (1972).

Inflation

The rising cost of living focused attention throughout the 1970-1976 period on vegetable gardens as a hedge against inflation. The hope of raising enough corn, tomatoes, beans, squash, and other vegetables for canning encouraged many Greenbelters to take up "farming" for the first time. The club outgrew its old meeting room on Hamilton Place and meetings are now held in the Greenbelt Public Library, which also sponsors public meetings on horticultural subjects. Would-be farmers signed up in such numbers that the city opened up several additional areas for gardens. In Feb. 1976, with Marilyn Fowler as president, some 130 persons signed membership cards. Most of them wanted the use of a farm plot or half plot, and many joined in ordering pulverized limestone and fertilizer at wholesale rates. The Greenbelt Garden Club, approaching the age of 40, is healthy — and still "growing."

Pool/Ice Rink Begun

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new swimming pool/ice rink complex at Calvert Rd. and 52nd Ave. in College Park will take place at 10 a.m., April 19. The new \$1,607,000 facility will take approximately 500 calendar days to complete and will include an outdoor swimming pool, a covered ice rink with warming hut and a locker room facility.

Police Blotter

Chief William Lane reminds parents that the riding of mini bikes and go-carts is prohibited on public streets and sidewalks. Therefore, the only areas where riding these vehicles is permitted is private property where permission has been obtained from the owner. At this time there is no known area within the city limits which permits the riding of these vehicles. Therefore parents should consider this before purchasing a vehicle of this type, or permitting its operation. Persons riding these vehicles on private property can be charged with trespassing by the owner. Riders of these vehicles on public space can be charged, as well as a parent for permitting same. The Department requests parents' cooperation concerning these vehicles.

With respect to the handling of juvenile cases, the recent CRAB findings mistakenly reported that all juveniles are transported to Hyattsville. The only time a juvenile is transported from the city is when his parents refuse to accept custody, an extremely serious felony involved (i.e., rape, homicide, or robbery), or the juvenile lives outside the State and it is believed he will not return for a hearing.

Twenty-two juvenile complaints were responded to and investigated last week. One juvenile was charged by Officer Cancelose with disorderly conduct, and released to parental custody pending a juvenile court hearing.

Following issuance of warning notices, autos still being parked on city streets with expired registration plates are being removed by tow truck.

Two residential breaking and enterings, both on Ridge Road, were reported during the week. The investigations are still continuing.

A 25 year old resident of Seabrook was arrested and held with no bond set, within twenty hours of the rape at knife-point of a female resident of Springhill Lake who was arriving home from work late at night. The victim provided a good description of the suspect. The defendant is believed to be involved in similar offenses in the area, and his description has been circulated to area police departments.

One of the services provided to female residents of the city is transport from a legal parking space near their residence to their home. Several residents who work late hours make routine use of this service.

Boys' and Girls' Tennis

Boys and girls 8 to 18 who are interested in playing tennis are invited to join the Greenbelt teams of the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL). No previous experience is necessary and there are no fees. In the NJTL program boys and girls play team matches with others of the same age and ability levels from neighboring communities. The object of the program is to develop interest at an early age in tennis as a lifetime recreation. The teams are co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA). For more information call Archie Millhollon (474-8519) or Steve Sinden (345-1669).

Notice

There is no charge for any Prince George's County Memorial Library System event or program. For a complete listing of library programs and displays, pick up a free copy of the monthly "PGCML Calendar of Events" at the Greenbelt branch library located on Crescent Road.

Bond - Burning?

The city will be looking forward to a bond-burning ceremony next year when the final payment is made on the \$200,000 special public building issue approved by the voters in Sept. 1959. The proceeds of this issue were used, along with other funds, to construct the Municipal Building, and the Fire and Rescue Squad Building. This was the first bond issue of the city and thus the first to be paid off.

Aluminum Recycling

Residents are urged to save aluminum for recycling. Clean items may be brought to the Reynolds mobile unit every other Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., (next April 21, at the Beltway Plaza parking lot.

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Language Ship at Oakcrest

The Language Ship Program will be held at Oakcrest Elementary School on May 5 and 6. Parents of children registering for kindergarten at Oakcrest for the coming year are urged to make an appointment for their child's participation in the program. This program is designed to screen the basic skills necessary for learning and will provide information about children that will be helpful to the school in future programming. Call 366-8020 for an appointment.

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Those attending were: Paul and Martin Evans, Steve and Edward Stratchko, Michael and Steven Northcutt, James Hawk, James White, Richard Kollman, Kenneth Costa, Jeff Hawes, Joey Graziano, Tom Tousignant, Tim Gardes, Robert Lauer and Edward Cook.

Accompanying the boys were: Mrs. Gail Gardes, Mrs. Frank Graziano, Mrs. Jane Hawes, Mrs. Joyce Northcutt, Mrs. Shirley Palmer, Mrs. Eugene Stratchko and her mother Mrs. Anna Osifit from Pennsylvania and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawk their sons Rick and Joey and Mr. and Mrs. George D'Esposito.

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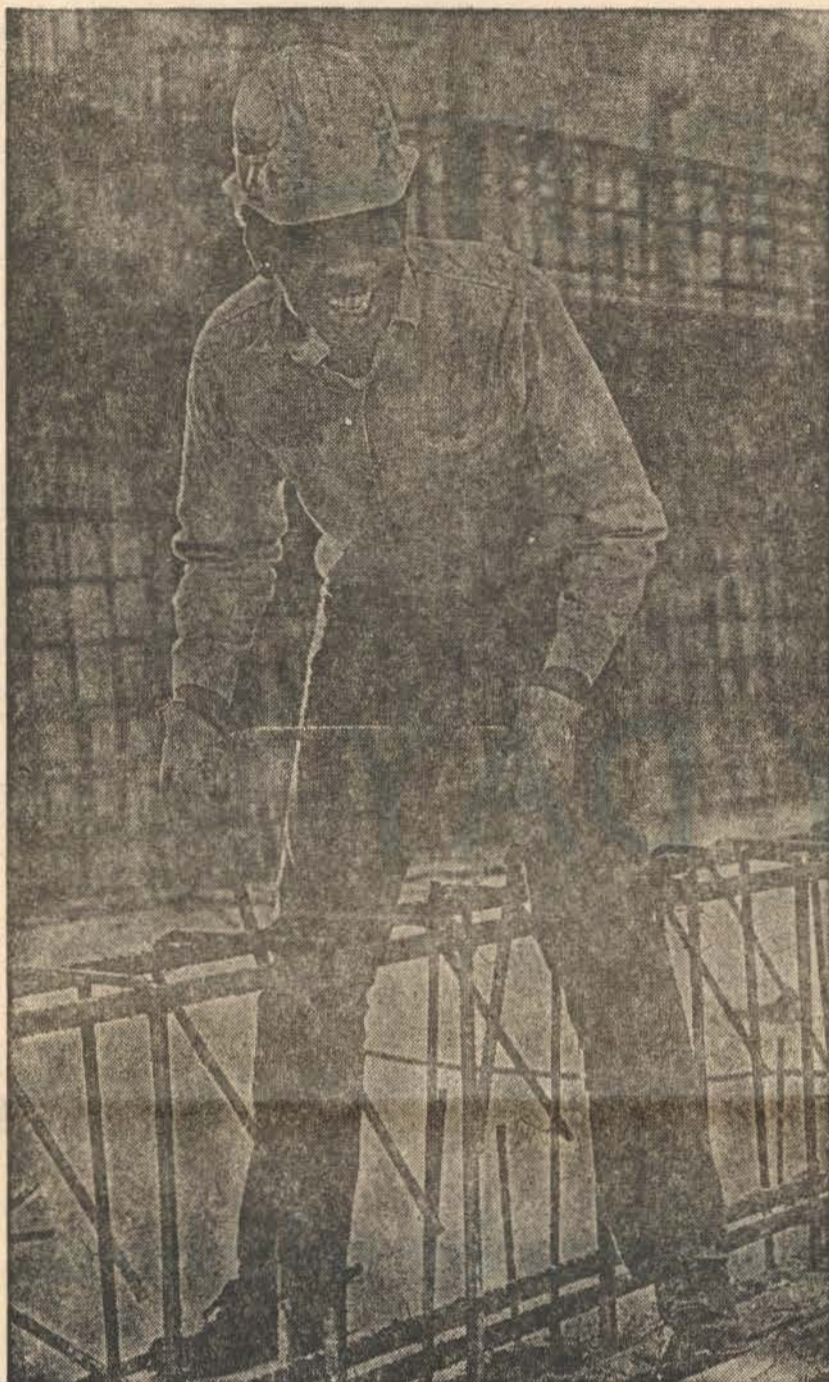
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The Parkdale Senior High School Handbell Choir, under the direction of Dale K. Nonnemacher, has achieved distinction and acclaim as one of the finest high school music aggregations of its kind in the nation. Earlier in the year they performed before members of Congress, also receiving a standing ovation, and on February 22 they played before the national convention of the American Association of Secondary School Administrators, also in Atlantic City. They were chaperoned on this trip by James W. Smith, President of GHI. The group has given numerous clinics and concerts, touring as far south as Florida this past year. In May they will be on tour in the New York City area, presenting sacred handbell concerts at West Point Military Academy and other religious and civic organizations.

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Birthday greetings to Alice Lange who will be 8 yrs. old April 16.

Judge Edgar Smith, former Greenbelt Mayor, of Greenhill Rd., underwent surgery at Doctor's Hospital of Prince Georges County, on Good Luck Road in Lanham last week. We wish him a quick recovery.

Happy-happy birthday to Dawn Marie Kirk, 36-N Ridge, who celebrates her first birthday on April 16. Dawn is the daughter of Victor and Lois Kirk. Her grandparents, Willard and Dorothy Davis, and Alice Kirk also reside in Greenbelt.

Our deepest sympathy to Betty Diest and children, 12-B Laurel, on the death of her husband and their father, Ralph Diest.

Condolences to Marcy Walder on the death of her mother.

Birthday greetings to Gregory Clarke, 5-C Laurel, who was 3 years old on April 14.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Kenneth McNamara who was 9 years old on April 10.

Happy birthday to Angela Garrilli, 20-G Hillside, who celebrated her fourth birthday today, April 15.

Helen, Steven and Brian Chew visited Greenbelt this last weekend. They send greetings to all.

Francis White Gets Award

Prince George's Councilman Francis W. White of Greenbelt has been awarded the 1976 Community Service Award by the National Capital Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers for his "outstanding contribution toward the progressive well-being of the people of the Washington metropolitan area."

The Community Service Award is given in recognition of "outstanding selfless contributions of time and talent to a civil engineering activity that has furthered the welfare of the community", according to the American Society of Civil Engineers criteria.

White, a Registered Professional Engineer, was cited for his commitment to the area's coordinated transportation system including the Metrobus and the entire 98-mile rapid rail network. White is vice chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and has been Council's transportation representative 3 years.

City Prepares to Hold Second Annual Ball

At its April 8 continuation meeting, city council gave its approval to the second annual Greenbelt Day Ball to be sponsored by the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee. The ball will be held on Saturday, June 5, at Grenoble Hall, St. Hugh's Church (The hall is air-conditioned).

The city will advance the initial funds for reservation of the hall. The Bicentennial Committee feels that this year's dance, which was a social success last year, will also be a financial success this year. Last year's dance went into the red \$200-\$300.

To help ensure success this year, the Committee set a date that will not fall on Memorial Day weekend. It also will have just one band this year (Fred Perry orchestra), instead of two. Nancy L. Spong is in charge of the affair.

Playground Equipment

In other action, the council authorized the purchase of \$13,200 worth of playground equipment for the three new playgrounds at parcel 7, Lakewood Park, and St. Hugh's and two existing playgrounds at Candy Cane City and the Lake Park.

Councilman Tom White tried unsuccessfully to delete the equipment for Candy Cane and the Lake Park. He felt that the \$3,100 allocated for the Lake Park could be better spent elsewhere, especially since the money invested at the Lake Park would only attract more outsiders.

Councilmen Dick Pilski and Charles Schwan speaking for the majority reminded White that the Lake Park is still the showplace of the city and that it is being used extensively by Greenbelt citizens.

The council endorsed the Greenbelt Choral Society's fund-raising efforts for its world premiere of the Bicentennial piece, "We the People." It also approved a policy change to permit non-resident passholders to bring guests to the swimming pool.

La Leche Meeting

LaLeche League of Greenbelt will hold a meeting on Wed., April 21, at 8 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Brinkley, 35-L Ridge Rd. The topic will be "Nutrition and Weaning." The League's purpose is to help encourage "good mothering through breastfeeding." All interested women are invited. Babies are welcome. For information contact Cassandra Polston at 726-9472 or Betty Vose at 552-3498.

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WSSC - Greenbriar Near Agreement on Costs

by Elaine Skolnik

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is expected to close the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant as soon as an agreement between WSSC and Greenbriar Associates is signed by WSSC General Manager Robert C. McLeod. The Commission at its March 3 meeting agreed to the concept of hooking the Greenbriar condominium development into the public system pending the satisfactory resolution of outstanding financial charges owed to WSSC by the developer.

Apparently, both parties have reached a meeting of the minds, but the agreement has been held up for language refinements.

In commenting on the agreement discussed in the April 8 issue of the *Prince George's Journal*, Assistant General Manager John M. Brusnighan said, "We gave and they gave too."

WSSC, for example, cancelled a \$200,000 bill charged to Greenbriar for trunk sewers serving the 1,193-unit apartment development. Greenbriar Associates had contested the charge, arguing that the front foot benefit assessment they were paying for the lines yields a rather substantial surplus to the Commission.

Greenbriar also maintained they were overcharged some \$183,000 in operating charges for the sewage treatment plant through December 31, 1975. WSSC billed Greenbriar \$308,000 in operating costs, of which \$166,000 was overhead. Greenbriar argued that it should be charged only for overhead directly attributable to plant operation.

To offset Greenbriar's claim for a refund, WSSC agreed to assume operation costs of the treatment plant from January 1, 1976 until hookup to the public system is accomplished. The plant, however, will not be dismantled until the expansion of the regional Western Branch Treatment Plant is complete.

The existing pumping station, also located on the Greenbriar tract, will be allowed to serve the development with operating and maintenance costs borne by Greenbriar. WSSC had a new pumping station on the drawing boards that would serve Greenbriar and potential new development in the area. If built, the new station, which was opposed by the city of Greenbelt and Greenbriar, would have cost some \$800,000 with WSSC funding one-fourth, Greenbriar the remainder.

WSSC is requiring that certain modifications be made to the existing pumping station. Both parties will contribute an estimated \$10,000 to cover the cost of installing a hydraulic check valve.

Construction has started on the third section of the Greenbriar de-

velopment which will house 351 apartments. The owners of the 252 apartments in the first section have already organized their condominium association. The second section of 236 units is scheduled to be turned over to the new owners in the summer.

Change in Greenbelt CARES

Carol Leventhal, M.S.W., has been appointed Acting Director of Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau. She has worked for the Bureau during the past three years as Director of Client Services. A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Social Work she resides in Silver Spring with her husband and three children.

Nancy Spong met with Greenbelt CARES, Inc., the volunteer organization which provides support to some of the activities of the youth services bureau, in order to discuss ways in which volunteers can be utilized in the program. Rick Barber was elected President of the Board of Greenbelt CARES, Inc.

Award for Helen Chasanow

Realtor Helen L. Chasanow, Greenbelt Realty Company, has been elected to membership in the Farm and Land Institute which awards the designation, AFLM, or Accredited Farm and Land Member, to members who successfully complete prescribed education, service, and other requirements.

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setting aside each year the yield from a 3c tax rate for capital improvements, but shortfalls in revenues have prevented the spending of these funds in previous years.)

Pavement of Ridge Road from Northway to Eastway including shoulders; improvements to the southeast corner of Gardenway and Crescent; resurfacing of Olivewood and Maplewood courts, a portion of Lakeside Drive, and streets in Lake-wood subdivision; construction of sidewalk on east side of Southway from the entrance map to Ridge Road; construction of bicycle path on east side of Lakecrest Drive from Greenbelt Road to Lake Park entrance; and modernization and extension of fire alarm system for city-owned buildings.

Revenue

Helping to compound the city difficulties is the fact that Federal public employment grants amounting to \$43,800 in fiscal 1976 are expected to dry up next year. The yield from the admissions and amusement tax is estimated to be down by \$6,000.

Bright spots are an estimated increase of \$20,000 in the city share of the State income tax and an increase of \$17,700 in the county tax rebate for services provided by municipalities.

To balance the general fund budget, Giese is proposing that \$42,800 of Federal revenue sharing monies be used to reimburse the general fund in 1977. This represents almost three-fourths of the \$57,800 available in this account which the city was hoping could be used for capital improvements.

After applying the revenue-sharing funds of \$42,800 and the revenue from sources other than the real property tax of \$1,035,000, the budget is left with some \$829,400 that needs to be raised through the real estate tax. Applying this figure to the assessable tax base of \$73,400,000 produces a tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Save Labels for PTA!

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Greenbelt's Ambulance Drive

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If you wish to join the Ambulance Club, you will be given a receipt and a membership card for \$5.00 or more which entitles you to free ambulance service for a period of one year. For a contribution of \$10.00 or more, you will receive a Gold Membership Card. Any donation, of course, is tax deductible.

This Department would like to emphasize that non-Ambulance Club members will be charged for services rendered at the following rates:

\$15.00 for emergency calls to any hospital
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If you are unable to give at this time, you can mail your contribution to Post Office Box 35, Greenbelt, Md. 20770, or stop by at the Fire House at 125 Crescent Road.