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Decision on GHI Bias Case Expected Shortly

by Al Skolnik

The county Human Relations Commission is expected to reach a decision by the end of the month in the case of an unrelated couple (man and woman) who were denied joint membership in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to purchase a home (perpetual use lease). At the concluding public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 14, GHI witnesses were presented and both sides summed up their case.

The complainants charged that GHI's action in denying membership was a wrongful practice under CB-1-1972, the law that established the Human Relations Commission and its powers. The act makes it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of "marital status," but contains no definition of the term.

In response to a request by county councilman Francis White for an opinion as to the legislative intent of the term "marital status," associate county attorney Diane E. Slabicki said that it was not necessary to consider the legislative intent since the term has a plain, every-day meaning, namely, "status of being married or single."

Not the Issue

GHI attorney Albert Ginsberg said that this opinion begs the question, since GHI membership is open equally to single persons and married persons. During an average year about 80-90 applications by singles are approved. The question is: Does the law require GHI to open joint membership to two single persons living together, he said.

Ginsberg contended that to do so could make GHI a party to criminal action under State laws dealing with adultery. But the complainants' attorney, Jack Gober, said that State laws were not applicable in this situation.

Ginsberg further said that a 1963 Maryland Court of Appeals decision upheld the right of GHI to terminate membership in a case where a married woman was living with a man not her husband. But Gober said that CB-1-1972 was enacted after the decision. Moreover, the complainants argued, the Appeals decision did not deal with equity or fairness, but Ginsberg said that equity or fairness is not the issue, but rather discrimination.

What is a Family?

Another point of contention was the argument by Gober that there was insufficient basis in GHI's bylaws, rules, regulations, and mutual ownership contract for the corporation to deny membership based on family status. Paragraph 7 (a) of the contract states that occupancy of a GHI unit shall be limited to a member and his immediate family. The bylaws also state that only one person per dwelling unit may be a member of GHI, except for a husband and wife. The complainants argued that the term "immediate family" had no definitive definition.

GHI president James Smith and GHI manager Roy Breashears testified that ever since GHI's inception, board has given the conventional, ordinary, normal, everyday meaning to the term "immediate family," namely, persons related by blood or marriage.

One Human Relations Commissioner speculated, in view of recent social changes, whether the term has undergone new meanings. The complainant had testified that she and her male companion considered themselves a family unit, having lived together for two years.

In response, Breashears gave his opinion that he did not think the majority of the American people would interpret the term "immediate family" to encompass unrelated individuals. Gober countered that GHI is living in the past.

Much Explanation Needed

As in the previous hearing, much of the night was spent attempting to clarify GHI's operations and procedures. For example, one question raised was how GHI enforces the ban against unrelated individuals. Does it require proof of marriage? Does it check to see if unrelated persons move in?

"No" replied Smith. "We accept the word of the applicant as to his marital status. If a complaint comes to the board, we will investigate and try to reach an amicable settlement."

Another area of questioning concerned the GHI board's experience in making exceptions to the rule. Smith testified that the board has never made an exception to the requirement that membership be limited to the immediate family, except in the case of one holdover family during the transition period when GHI took over from the Public Housing Administration.

Some exceptions, for very short periods, have been made with respect to occupancy by unrelated persons, Smith said, generally in cases involving elderly persons.

At the outset of the hearing, county councilman White in a communication to the Commission clarified his request of the week before for an opinion on the meaning of marital status. He said he did not intend to ask for a delay in the hearing, but merely wanted to make certain that an opinion from the County Office of Law would be available to the Commission at the time it was making a decision on the case.

Background

The complaint against GHI was filed over two years ago in October 1974. During this period GHI and the Human Relations Commission staff have been attempting to resolve the issue. The Commission has been taking the position that refusal to permit two persons, unmarried, of the opposite sex to become members of GHI is a discriminatory act. As a basis for this conclusion it has relied on housing code provisions which define occupancy standards in terms of persons, without reference to marital status.

Differing in this interpretation, White told the News Review that the marital status clause was originally designed to protect single, widowed, separated, and divorced women from housing discrimination. In order to clear up any question on marital status White has introduced a bill which will permit landlords and housing corporations to refuse occupancy to people who wish to live together but are neither married nor related by blood. White said he introduced the bill primarily at the request of housing cooperatives which want to maintain a "family" atmosphere.

Ice Skating Policy

The Greenbelt Lake is open for ice skating when weather conditions are favorable. In order to provide a wholesome, safe activity, the city has developed certain guidelines that should be followed. During cold weather, persons interested in ascertaining the conditions of the ice at the lake should call the Greenbelt Police Department, 474-5454. It is impossible to continually test ice thickness over all areas of the lake, so skating will always be at the risk of the participant. Recommended areas of skating are the shore lines and the bay around the peninsula. The lake area around the dam and spillway should be avoided as open water is usually found in these areas. Skaters should also avoid gathering in groups on the ice. No fires will be allowed at the lake except those provided by the city because of the scarcity of firewood and danger from brush fires.

The Recreation Department will attempt to provide assistance at the lake during weekdays from 4 p.m. until dark and on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to dark. No skating will be allowed on the lake after dark.

All skaters and parents should keep in mind the dangers involved in ice sports. Parents should accompany young children. A person who falls through the ice is in danger of drowning and freezing if he is not cared for immediately.

Recreation Review

Recreation Centers Holiday Hours

The Youth Center and SHL Center will be open during the following hours for the holidays: Dec. 30 - 12n - 10 p.m., Dec. 31 - 12n - 6 p.m. and Jan. 1 & 2 - 12n - 11 p.m.

Recreation's Winter Class Registration

Registration for the Department's Winter Leisure Time Activities will be held on Mon., Jan. 10, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Youth Center; Tues., Jan. 11, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the SHL Rec. Center and Wed., Jan. 12, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Brochures, listing all the activities and programs, are available at both centers.

Men's 'A' League Basketball

The basketball season is upon us and the Rec. Dept. is ready. Competition will take place Sun. nights at the SHL Rec. Center beginning Jan. 9. Spectators are encouraged.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Courses at Roosevelt

The Extension Centers Office of Prince Georges Community College will offer eight college credit courses at the new Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School beginning in mid-January. Course offerings at Eleanor Roosevelt include: Business Organization, Introductory Accounting I, Economics, Freshman English I, Music Appreciation, Political Science, General Psychology and Sociology. Classes will meet Thurs., 7-10 p.m. There is a tuition fee. Reg., Jan. 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

Extension catalogs can be picked up at the library or call the Extension Center Office at 336-6000, ext. 418. For 24 hours information, call 336-0239.

CORRECTION

The News Review regrets that the winners in the Junior Postmen Contest were incorrectly identified. The winner for North End School was Sharon McGee. Karen Hallman and Ian [unclear] were [unclear] for winning place from Partridgeberry School.

Ten Top Stories of 1976

In accordance with its annual custom, the Greenbelt News Review has selected the ten top Greenbelt stories of 1976. This year the following were chosen, listed in the approximate order of their occurrence.

— City council tries to face up to problem of meeting need for additional ballfields but runs into opposition of local citizens, especially with respect to development of parcel 7 at entrance to Boxwood Village as a combination baseball-football-soccer field. Latest proposals include construction of ballfield on sanitary landfill on Northway extended or on yet-to-be-obtained land near Hamilton Place.

— County council approves sewage authorization for Capitol Cadillac of D.C. to be located on 8 acres of the commercially-zoned Golden Triangle — the 57-acre tract bounded by Capital Beltway, Kenilworth Ave., and Greenbelt Road. — as part of effort to attract high quality development to the county. City council expresses reservations about piecemeal development of Golden Triangle and questions whether an auto dealership will produce high quality development. City council also objects to State Highway Administration purchasing 7 acres of western portion of Triangle for ramp leading to Baltimore-Washington Parkway south as part of proposal to eliminate Southway entrance to B-W Parkway.

— Latest project of developer Alan Kay begins with construction of first section of Windsor Green (formerly Glen Ora) on Greenbelt Road south of new senior high school, consisting of 122 owner-occupied townhouses on 12.16 acres. At the same time, the last vestiges of the Greenbriar sewage dispute are heard as the condominium is finally hooked up with the permanent public Western Branch treatment plant, thus making obsolete the on-site interim treatment plant that was in existence for 20 months.

— Differences develop over the alignment of the Greenbelt METRO "E" subway line, with the city and county councils favoring the modified ARS (Adopted Regional System) route paralleling the B & O railroad tracks and terminating at the Springhill Lake industrial tract and the State Highway Administration favoring an alignment terminating at the intersection of I-95 and the Capital Beltway.

— City council approves a hike in the city's property tax rate from \$1.00 to \$1.05 per \$100 assessed valuation and a 10 percent increase in waste collection charges. Contributing to the tax increase are diminished Federal grant monies, especially for Greenbelt CARES, a limited increase in the city's assessable tax base, and the inflationary effects on the cost of goods and services purchased.

— The city appropriately celebrates the Nation's 200th birthday anniversary by doing its own thing under the aegis of the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee chaired by Steve Polaschik, namely: authorizes the construction of a Greenbelt Trail to provide a self-guided walking tour of the city's inner core, sponsors a Greenbelt March contest honoring the city's uniqueness (won by Seymour Levine), supports the Greenbelt Choral Society's commissioned work "We the People," and conducts a full schedule of activities for Greenbelt Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.

— The 101-room, \$11 million Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School (changed in name from Franklin D. Roosevelt) on Greenbelt Road opens in September after Prince Georges County Board of Education decides to include a technological component of eventually 700 students and to reserve 400 slots in the comprehensive portion for open enrollment for transfer from anywhere in the county on a first-come, first-serve basis. At year's end, new crisis looms on horizon as school board announces appointment of community task forces to study elementary school closings. Enrollment in two of Greenbelt's schools — Center and North End — is under capacity.

— Greenbelt Homes, Inc. moves its energy-conservation and renovation program into high gear by completing its use of 1974 Government National Mortgage Association mortgage deferral monies and by initiating an extensive capital improvement borrowing program. Among the projects completed or started in 1976 were conversion from steam heat to hot water of 19 plants in south end and of #23 boiler plant on Laurel Hill, solar heat demonstration project at 2 A-D Southway, roof replacement work, parking lot resurfacing, insulation of heating pipes in frame homes, tunnel repair work, termite damage repair, ray rotary burner conversion, sidewalk and tree repairs, and renovation of administrative offices.

— In a petition-requested referendum on September 28, Greenbelt citizens vote 2 to 1 for the city to proceed with a 100-unit housing project for the elderly by approving a city charter amendment permitting the city to enter into a mortgage contract with the State of Maryland for up to 40 years for the purpose of constructing and operating a federally-subsidized housing project for the aged. The council indicates its preferred site is the Ridge Road Center property.

— The city seeks to supplement the remaining funds left from the \$950,000 capital improvement bond issue approved by the electorate in November 1968 by filing for Federal public works funds (to construct the Municipal Building addition) and for Federal and State open-space grants (to help purchase parkland in parcels 1 and 2 — land between GHI property and Baltimore-Washington Parkway).

Engrave Valuables

The police department has several electric engravers available at the police station. Greenbelt residents may use engraver to mark their valuables with driver's license number or name and address. The purpose of this program is to make items less desirable for stealing because they can be more easily identified.

Please call the Chief's secretary (474-5454) to ascertain if the engravers are available before coming to the police station.

Refuse Schedule for Christmas & New Year's Holiday Weeks

Monday and Wednesday - Regular trash pick-ups
Tuesday and Thursday - Regular trash pick-ups
Friday and Saturday - Holidays, no pick-ups
Newspapers will not be picked up until January 5 and 6. Please hold them til then, if possible.

Special Meeting of Interested Citizens

All Greenbelt citizens concerned with proposals of the Board of Education to close certain schools in Prince George's County are invited to attend a meeting at the MUNICIPAL BUILDING - COUNCIL ROOM at 7:30 P.M. on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th

Greenbelt CENTER SCHOOL, NORTH END SCHOOL, and SPRINGHILL LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL are included in Study Areas 2-B and 4-A from which schools are to be selected for closing. School Board Representative Lesley Kreimer will be present at the meeting.

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Construction Begins On County Science Center

Construction has begun on the \$1.8-million Howard B. Owens Science Center, to serve as a county-wide science resource center for the Prince Georges County Public Schools. In groundbreaking ceremonies held November 30, Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., said the event has "tremendous significance for future generations of Prince Georges County students and for the County itself. Mathias, guest speaker for the ceremony, predicted the Owens Science Center, when completed, will serve as "a magnet to attract to the county families concerned about science and about quality education for their children."

The Center, to be located adjacent to DuVal Senior High School on Greenbelt Road, will include specialized equipment and laboratories dedicated to the physical and biological sciences, a nature trail, an outdoor instrument deck, and what is expected to be the most modern planetarium in Maryland. Students from all grade levels will use the facility both in groups and for individual research and project work. County teachers will receive specialized training at the Center, and the Center staff will be available to them as consultants, providing information, ideas and data and acting as a liaison with the area's scientific community.

According to Dr. Sidney Blum, the school system's Supervisor of Science, the Owens Science Center will be the realization of a unique concept, with Prince Georges to be only the second jurisdiction in the eastern states to have such a resource available. (Atlanta, Georgia, has a somewhat similar facility.) Officials of NASA's Goddard Flight Center have promised cooperation in programs at the Owens Center, and are working with the school system in planning. Dr. George F. Pieper, Director of Goddard's Science Directorate, told the audience at the groundbreaking he looked forward to a good relationship, and hopes NASA scientists will be able to use the planetarium at the Owens Center in some of their own work.

The new Science Center will bear the name of the late Dr. Howard B. Owens, Superintendent of Science in the Prince Georges Schools from 1956 until his death in 1971. Dr. Owens had initiated the concept for such a facility, and worked with patience and dedication to see it approved. A science teacher since 1933, he also had introduced the first school science fair in Maryland, at Hyattsville High School in the late 1940's. He later organized the Prince Georges Area Science Fair, which later grew to include schools in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Feeney called the Center "a fitting tribute to a man who devoted his life to the school system and science." Dr. Feeney said the public schools have an obligation to serve the needs of all their students, . . . and that must include challenging the minds and imaginations of those students with special talents and opportunities. This facility will provide a tremendous opportunity to do just that."

Dr. Owens' widow, Mrs. Anna Belle Darwin, turned the first shovelful of earth at the groundbreaking. Also present for the ceremony were the Center's architect, Robert J. Glaser, and a representative of the general contractor for the project, C.E.I. Contractors, Inc., of Beltsville.

Completion of the Center is expected by early 1978.

John R. Aubuchon
Supervisor of Information Services

St. Hugh's CYO Runners Do Well In Competition

St. Hugh's CYO cross-country team had only eight members but won one championship, a second place and a 10th place. Tom Noel, 15, won his third cross-country championship. Andrew Greig, 9, placed second in the 9 and Under, and Sharon Bradley, 14, was 10th in the CYO championships held recently on the hilly Lake Needwood course in Montgomery County. Other team members who placed in other races were: Jay Scott, Malia Murray, Chris VanValkenburgh, Steve McCleary, Patrick Murray and Joe Bradley. Mark Brown and Tim McCleary practiced with the team on the two toughest hills in Greenbelt, Research Road and Lastner Lane.

Andy Greig continued to run after the CYO season and on November 27 placed second in a Junior Olympic AAU cross-country race at Fort Dupont Park in Washington. Greig then went on to a 4th place finish on December 4 again at Fort Dupont where runners from about 8 states participated. His standing earned him the right to run in the Junior Olympics finals in St. Louis, Mo.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees may be dropped at the following areas for pick-up by the City beginning January 3: Playground opposite 73 Court Ridge Road, Corner of Research and Hillside Roads, Playground at Plateau Place and Ridge Road, Ridge Road Center Parking Lot, Adjacent to Candy Cane City, Playground at junction of Crescent and Ridge Roads, University Square & Charlestowne North - Adjacent to Lake Park Service Road, Lakeside North near swimming pool, Springhill Lake Community Building, Greenbriar adjacent to parking lots opposite Building Groups 1, 3 and 7.

Cub Scout Pack 746

Awards and Christmas activities filled the December meeting of Pack 746 at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church recently.

Carols and songs led by Danilo Yanez, Brian Dies and Paul Miller accompanied the trimming of the pack Christmas tree. Beaded balls were hung by Den 2, led by Mrs. Sylvia Yanez and Mrs. Ina Pinnis. Mrs. Margaret Zanin's Den 3 contributed hand-made ornaments and a story with Christmas symbols. Den 4, led by Mrs. Virginia Radcliffe, added felt-decorated styrofoam ornaments and cookie decorations were by Den 1 and Mrs. Ruth Haynes.

Jared Ross and Terry Zanin received Wolf badges. Christopher Haynes and John Reneman achieved Bear badges and Paul Miller earned a silver arrowpoint for his Bear badge at the awards ceremony. Eric Aylut, Kevin Clark and Erik Molvar were formally inducted into the pack by Robert Dies, Akela Emeritus.

Refreshments were served by Den 1, assisted by Christopher Haynes and John Reneman, Webelos scouts.

Mrs. Pinnis served as Santa's helper at the close of the meeting. A Pinewood Derby will be held at the January meeting. Everyone is invited.

Volunteers Needed

The Prince Georges County American Red Cross needs volunteers to drive persons to medical and legal appointments. Drivers use cars supplied by the Red Cross, but must provide their own transportation to and from the chapter house in Hyattsville. Volunteers for one half day or more Monday through Friday are asked to call the Red Cross at 559-8500.

GHI Board Meeting

by Miriam Cornelius

In a brief meeting on Dec. 16 the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. concluded several items of 1976 business. Expenditure authorization No. 1 for 1977 was approved. The directors voted to set pay increases for sales staff at the same percentage rate as for other staff. They also agreed to set the interest rate on the deferred increases in monthly payments previously approved for certain elderly persons at 0.5 percent above the rate authorized for savings and loan associations.

Human Relations Hearing

Lively interest was expressed by board members in the county Human Relations Commission hearings on Dec. 6 (see Greenbelt News Review for Dec. 9 and Dec. 14 and a story in this issue). President James W. Smith reported that he and Albert Ginsberg, the corporation lawyer, attended both hearings. A ruling is expected, but Smith was pessimistic, fearing that the council showed an indifferent, if not unfavorable, attitude toward GHI regulations on occupancy. According to Smith, Ginsberg indicated that if any change is made in the wording of the mutual ownership contract, all 1579 contracts now in force would be affected.

President Smith reported that the executive director of the county Human Relations Commission is interpreting the ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing as allowing two persons for every bedroom, regardless of their marital status. Furthermore, he said, an amendment has been introduced which would explicitly state that nondiscriminatory marital status means "the marital status of a person shall not be interpreted to restrict renting to persons related by blood or marriage."

The directors expressed confidence that the present mutual ownership contract, which provides assurance that the individuals occupying a unit will be related by blood or marriage, meets the approval of a majority of members. Director Byerly raised the question, however, as to what obligation the corporation may have toward a minority with different views.

The terms "marital status," "immediate family," "related by blood or marriage," etc. were bounced around among the board members for a while, with the whole tangle finally landing in the lap of the chairman of the member relations committee, Mary Clarke. Director Clarke said she would make sure that committee meetings on the subject of occupancy regulations will be well advertised so that all interested persons can attend.

More important than the occupancy controversy itself, Smith said, is the ability of GHI to make and uphold its own regulations without being overruled by the county.

Other Matters

The appointment of staff engineer Dean Mulder as director of maintenance was announced by Manager Roy Breashears.

The county school board meeting to consider the possibility of closing some schools because of underutilization was brought up by Director Norman Weyel. Weyel pointed out the educational, political, and practical effects of closing a school and emphasized that if the North End school, for example, should be closed the value of property in that area would drop because people with children would not want to buy homes there. He felt that expressions of concern might influence the outcome. On motion of Director Virginia Moryadas, this matter was referred to the member relations committee.

A vote of commendation to the GHI staff for their work during 1976 was proposed by Director Stephen Polaschik and carried unanimously.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13, 1977.

New Year's Eve Service

Members and friends of Mowatt Methodist Church will meet on Friday Dec. 31 at 11 p.m. A worship service will be followed by a traditional song fest to sing the old year out and the New Year in with refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

P.G. County Given Added Park Lands

Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-Md.) has announced that two unimproved portions of land in Prince Georges County have been placed in constructive possession of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The first parcel, approximately 54 acres that is valued at \$2,700,000, has approximately 5500 feet of frontage on Muirkirk, Odell and Fairfield/Springfield Roads. With access from these roads, this heavily wooded and hilly property will be used for overnight camping, picnicking, and hiking, plus tennis, handball, and basketball.

The second portion of land, which like the first was part of the Agricultural Research Center, is approximately 17 acres and is valued at \$510,000. This portion is in three non-contiguous parcels, all accessible from old and new Muirkirk Roads, and is planned for day use only, including picnicking and hiking.

All the property became available to the MNCPPC when the Department of Agriculture declared it excess property. The final title transfer will come from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the Department of Interior.

Nursery School Openings

The Greenbelt Town and Country Center for Early Learning, located in Springhill Lake, is now accepting applications for the spring semester beginning Feb. 1.

The Center has full and half day programs for children ages 2 - 5 and a Before & After School program for children who attend Springhill Lake elementary school. Interested persons may visit the center 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or call 474-5252 for information.

Also accepting applications for the spring semester are the Campus Centers for Early Learning at Greenbriar (345-8830) and Brae Brook (552-1110).

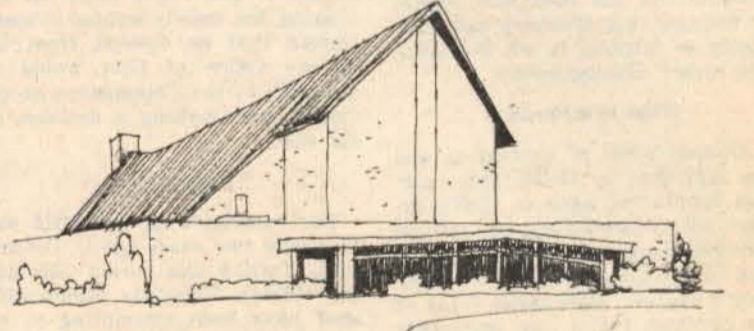
Both of these Centers have full and half day programs for children ages 2 through 5. The Brae Brook Center has a Before & After Elementary School Program for children who attend local elementary schools.

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Eleanor Roosevelt High Science Department Needs Old Magazines

The Science Department of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School is in need of and would greatly appreciate back issues of any scientific publication in order to increase classroom resource materials.

Anyone willing to make donations may write to the Science Dept., Roosevelt Sr. High, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md. 20770 or call the school office 345-7500.

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Bicentennial Activities

by Stephen Polaschik

The acceptance, by City Council, of the Greenbelt American Revolution Bicentennial Committee's final report brought down the curtain on the special Bicentennial activities which took place here in 1975 and 1976. However, the spirit of cooperation, memories, physical markers and traditions will hopefully remain.

The Greenbelt American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, established July 8, 1974, by City Council Resolution No. 285, met nearly once each month during the period of its tenure. Greenbelt Bicentennial activities which took place during this period are shown below. The majority were proposed or encouraged by the committee, but some were the result of actions by Greenbelt groups, churches, cooperatives or Federal organizations.

Bicentennial Activities, 1975-76

- Special July 4 Independence Day celebrations, 1975 and 1976.
- Four-day Labor Day Festivals and Labor Day Parades in 1975 and 1976 with Bicentennial themes.
- Historical Marker dedicated at the Revolutionary-era Turner home and cemetery site.
- Historical City Marker dedicated at City entrance.
- Historical Marker approved for Toaping Castle site which had a history dating back to the Revolutionary period.
- Greenbelt Historic Walking Trail established.
- Histories of Greenbelt organizations were compiled from Tugwell Room archives in the Greenbelt Library.
- A jointly-sponsored Solar Heating Experimental project, 1976 (Greenbelt Homes and Goddard Space Flight Center)
- An official Greenbelt musical march was written by Greenbelt resident, Seymour Levine, and was first played in September, 1976.
- A Bicentennial-theme painting contest helped decorate a pedestrian underpass.
- A specially commissioned Bicentennial musical work was presented by the Greenbelt Choral Arts Society.
- "Greenbelt Day" was established as an annual event the first Sunday in June to commemorate establishment of the City in 1937.
- Bicentennial dances were held in 1975 and 1976 as part of "Greenbelt Day" activities.
- Red, white and blue flowers were planted in appropriate formats in three City gardens.
- New Bicentennial year playgrounds were established and older playgrounds were refurbished.
- A "Unity in Diversity" Art Fair was initiated in November, 1976 by the Bahai community as the City's closing Bicentennial event.
- PEPSCO's Greenbelt substation site was renamed "Greenbelt Toaping Castle Substation" based on the Committee's recommendation.
- Special library presentation of three films relating to the 1930's on July 3, 1976.
- A patriotic-religious musical was presented by the Greenbelt Baptist Church.
- Flying early American Flags.

The Committee was especially interested in getting as much citizen participation in Bicentennial activities as possible, with the least expenditure of City funds.

There were many projects which were proposed at the initial meetings, but they did not come into being for lack of funds or insufficient support. Some of these ideas were:

- Greenbelt or New Deal Museum.
- Restoration of historic cemeteries — still pending in Council.
- Seminars or Conferences for City Planners.
- Tape recording of reminiscences of original residents.
- Restoration of Indian Springs by Boy Scout Troop 1746.
- Concert by nationally-known musical artists Mart Berkofsky and Jon Abramowitz, who lived in Greenbelt at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium.
- WPA Art and Photographic Ex-

hibit in the Greenbelt Library.

A review of Greenbelt's American Revolution Bicentennial celebration will show that the Committee did carry out its duties and functions as mandated by Council. Through its efforts, the citizens of Greenbelt were offered many opportunities to be active or passive participants, within their own community, in honoring 200 years of America's existence. Although some of the projects will be visible for many years, memories of participatory activities will also remain in the minds of the many people who either took part in, or attended the many presentations that took place.

Active supporters and participants ranged from the Greenbelt Baptist Church to Porter's Liquors; from toddler contest entrants to the Golden Age Club; and from the Greenbelt Woman's Club to American Legion Post 136.

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Greenbelt CARES

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is offering to the adult community a growth group on interpersonal relationships. The topics under discussion will be defined by the group members. The group will be led by Hazel Johnson, M.A., and Carol Leventhal, A.C.S.W. There will be six sessions in all, each lasting 1½ hours. This is a free service to the community. Please call 345-3456 for further information.

Nancy Spong, Youth Supervisor III with Greenbelt CARES, has resigned effective the end of December. Nancy, employed with the Bureau since its inception, will be returning to school to complete her college education. The tutoring and job programs, the responsibility of the persons serving as Youth Supervisor, are therefore in a state of transition. CARES' present paid and volunteer staff will work to maintain the programs.

Posters will be distributed over the next two weeks announcing the opening of a Youth Help line. Jeff Katz and Terri Jennings, CARES' juvenile counselors, will be accessible by telephone to any youth wishing to speak with them. The phone number remains the usual CARES number, 345-3456. Approximately 30 youth have been informally counseled by them during November. Three young people were involved in the Big Sib program. Several youth were assisted in developing job hunting skills.

CITY NOTES

The general crew has been doing some cleanup work in conjunction with the contract work. Straw was removed from the newly poured concrete walks and backfilling was also done. Two men from the crew spent one day doing repair work on the backhoe.

Glass was crushed and aluminum was taken to Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Company, amounting to 214 lbs, for a total of \$32.10.

The park crew has been operating the leaf vacuum; leaves were cleaned from the park area of the underpass at Crescent and Hillside Roads. Refuse receptacles in the shopping center were repaired.

The chipper is ready for the consumption of Christmas trees.

The building cleaning crew leader has been out several days ill.

The refuse crew has been on "no paper" collection this week. There will be two refuse collections

Police Blotter

For the period January to September, 1976, as compared with 1975, for the third straight year Greenbelt showed a decrease in the overall index of major crimes. In actual numbers of offenses, for this nine month period, robbery, burglary and larceny-theft all decreased while forcible rape, aggravated assault and motor vehicle theft increased slightly or stayed the same.

A male juvenile was located and arrested for assault after a merchant in the Beltway Plaza reported he was assaulted after asking the juvenile to leave. In another case, a male juvenile was held by Juvenile Services after his parents complained of his being uncontrollable and of also assaulting them. A total of 12 juvenile complaints were handled by officers during the week.

An employee of the Arco Station in Springhill Lake reported he was held up at gunpoint by two subjects as he was closing for the night. An undetermined amount of cash was taken. A lookout was issued.

Over 100 girls and boys attended the departments' 12th Annual Safety Patrol Holiday Party, which was held at the Greenbelt Theater on December 21. The patrols received a gift and were treated to a movie and refreshments. They were personally thanked by Chief Lane for doing an outstanding job.

Two accidents were reported to the Department during the week, none with serious injury. Officers also assisted operators of 19 disabled autos. Two of these autos were disabled due to minor fires that had occurred in them.

Eleven animal complaints were reported during the week. One animal was impounded.

Stevens Offers Scholarships

Stevens Institute of Technology will award two Stevens State Scholarships to students graduating on or before next June from high schools in the Maryland and District of Columbia area. The scholarships provide full tuition and will be awarded on the basis of overall academic record and professional promise. Financial need is not a factor.

Interested students should apply to: Robert H. Seavy, Director of Admissions, Stevens, Hoboken, New Jersey, by February 1, 1977.

to all customers, with no collections on Friday or Saturday.

County Expands Rent Credit for Elderly

The county council on November 23 approved an expanded rent credit program for elderly citizens. The maximum rebate was increased from \$200 to \$220 and the eligible income limit was raised from \$7,500 to \$8,000. Also, the age limit was lowered from 65 to 63.

In addition, the rent credit program, introduced in 1974, was amended to include an escalator clause upping the rent rebate maximum each year the housing price index jumps.

The escalator clause will increase the \$220 maximum cash rebate by an amount equivalent to 75% of the yearly hike in the housing element of the consumer price index for metropolitan Washington.

Under the rent credit program, a qualified elderly citizen receives a return in cash of 15% of his monthly rent, up to the maximum dollar amount. The rebate will now go to citizens 63 or older with net incomes of \$8,000 a year or less. Net income is gross income minus social security or railroad retirement benefits or the first \$2,300 of a government retirement program.

Additionally, to be eligible, an elderly citizen must have a net worth, including stocks, bonds, and savings of less than \$150,000 to qualify.

SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE

The City of Gaithersburg, Department of Parks and Recreation, is now accepting applications for summer recreation positions from high school and college students.

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Regular Meetings - MONDAY, JAN. 10 - 8 p.m.

instead of Jan. 3, 1977

MONDAY, JAN. 24 - 8 p.m.

instead of Jan. 17, 1977

Work Sessions - WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12 - 8 p.m. at YOUTH CENTER, 99 Centerway

Subject of Discussion: **BALLFIELDS**

MONDAY, JAN. 17 - 8 p.m. at MUNICIPAL BUILDING - COUNCIL ROOM

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