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GREENBELT STUNNED BY UNTIMELY DEATH OF ALFRED M. SKOLNIK

by Sandra Barnes

Alfred M. Skolnik, President of the Greenbelt Co-operative Publishing Association, Publishers of the *News Review*, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 10, at George Washington University Hospital. Skolnik, 56, was struck down by a heart attack as he was leaving his work.

More than 300 family, colleagues and friends attended the funeral service Sunday. Burial followed immediately.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and a son, Richard, both of the home in Greenbelt; two daughters, Barbara Goldman, of New York City, and Rita Felde, of Greenbelt; his mother, Beatrice Skolnik, of Miami, Fla., and a brother, Lawrence, of Scarsdale.

Al had been a resident of Greenbelt for nearly three decades and his association with the *News Review* had been almost that long. He was elected President on November 1, 1959 after serving on the board of directors for several years.

Al was an unusual person, the kind of person who devoted himself totally and completely to that which he loved. And there were few things he loved more than the community in which he lived and the newspaper which he served. The two intertwined and became a rich fabric of experiences — facts and data collected and imprinted on his brain so that if anyone wanted information on almost any topic that had occurred over the last 30 years in Greenbelt, Al could immediately find all of the pertinent details, going to exactly the right file drawer and pulling the desired issue of the newspaper which chronicled the story.

But Al was more than a walking data bank. His devotion to the *News Review* was like that of father for a spoiled child; he lavished it with attention. He nursed it from near financial ruin in 1959, through two fund drives to set it on its feet until the advertising eventually sustained it. He was immensely proud that through all of this turmoil, there was never a week in which the paper failed to appear on the doorsteps of Greenbelt citizens.

Libel Suit

By far the darkest hour for the *News Review* and for Al and his wife Elaine came on July 18, 1966 when the *News Review* was hit with a \$2,000,000 libel suit initiated by a local real estate developer. The suit charged that the paper had published defamatory remarks made against the developer by citizens at public sessions of the Greenbelt City Council in October, 1965. A Prince George's County jury in January, 1968, found the remarks libelous and a \$17,500 judgment awarded the developer was later affirmed by the Maryland Court of Appeals in May, 1969. The case was successfully appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court, which, unanimously reversed and vacated the judgment in May, 1970. The nation's highest court ruled that the *News Review* was performing its wholly legitimate function as a community newspaper when it published full reports of these public debates in its columns. (The Maryland libel laws have since been changed because of the *News Review* suit).

The four years that the Skolniks lived with this libel suit hanging over their heads took their physical and emotional toll. There were hours and hours of research, days of harrowing questions during the trial.

In many ways, the lawsuit exemplified the special union of the city and its newspaper that Al held dear. At one point Al said, "... the local newspaper (has been) kept alive all these years by the devotion of many dedicated citizens.

... To many of us here it is the *News Review* that gives a distinguishing mark to Greenbelt, makes it a living, cohesive community and an attractive place to live"

Community Rallied

The community rallied to the support of the paper and through private donations raised the \$17,500 necessary to be put in an escrow fund should the paper lose its decision at the Supreme Court.

Roger Clark, who was the *News Review's* lawyer throughout the ordeal, spoke of Al as "one of the very few who come face to face with a serious challenge to a basic freedom that people take for granted in this country. He responded with courage, vigor, perseverance and a healthy outrage. It is because of men like him that our freedoms remain inviolate."

For these many twenty years, Al has been writing stories for the *News Review*, covering City Council meetings on Monday night, attending Tuesday night activities at the *News Review* office, often doing make-up on Wednesday night, and attending a Thursday night Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting. The *News Review* was his hobby, but a consuming one. He never grew bored with the endless squabbles over GHI budgets or zoning or sewage debates. A very uncontroversial man himself, he reveled in the controversies of the community. And he took pride in dissecting through the morass of material to get at the heart of a story to make it understandable to the reader. He had no use for gossip, but give him a Greenbelt issue to write about and he was truly happy.

Outstanding Citizens

Some measure of the way the people of Greenbelt felt about the Skolniks' contributions to their community is evidenced by the fact that in 1975 Al and Elaine were named "Outstanding Citizens of the Year."

Unique Talent

Al brought the same dedication to his job at the Social Security Administration, where he worked for 27 years, that he did to the *News Review*. He served as Chief of Interprogram Statistics since 1965. John J. Carroll, Assistant Commissioner, noted that Al "demonstrated unique talent in correlating data from a wide variety of sources into a body of knowledge which was succinct and clearly understandable." He authored many publications for his agency, among them "Social Security Programs in the United States" and the annual bulletin, reprinted in the thousands, "Social Welfare Expenditures in the United States."

As the city flags flew at half-mast over the week-end, Al Skolnik will long be remembered by the city he loved. As his long-time friend Charles Schwan reflected, "Al was the conscience of the community." And the community will not soon forget his dedicated work on its behalf.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy may be in the form of contributions to the Alfred Skolnik Greenbelt News Review Fund for Special Projects in care of the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association in Greenbelt.

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Monday, March 21, 1977 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

6. PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED USES FOR REVENUE SHARING FUND (See separate notice in this News Review)

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

10. Replacement of Open Space - Ridge Road Center
11. Ballfields
2. Garden Plots on City Land

IV. NEW BUSINESS

14. An Ordinance to Establish a Public Works Grant Fund to Provide for the Receipting of Grant Funds from the United States Economic Development Administration and to Provide for the Appropriation of \$282,860 for the Construction of an Addition to the Municipal Building - First Reading
15. A Resolution to Establish New Admission Fees for the Greenbelt Swimming Pool - First Reading
16. Award of Contract - Municipal Building Addition
17. Discontinuance of Trash Disposal Behind Fire Station
18. Tennis Courts - Control of Use and Fees
19. METRO Corridor Alternatives

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: PRELIMINARY AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Member Complaints, Requests Discussed with GHI Board

by Sid Kastner

The GHI board meeting of Thursday, March 10 - a fateful day marking the loss of outstanding Greenbelt citizen Alfred Skolnik - opened with a minute of silence on the part of those assembled. The board then took up several domestic questions raised by members in connection with cooperative regulations on additions, electrical supply, and other household matters.

A first complaint, by a couple in the process of buying a GHI house, was that existing wiring serving an added upstairs air conditioner had been disconnected by the corporation's maintenance staff after the couple had decided to buy the home. After being given the explanation that the added wiring did not conform to the county electrical code, which GHI follows, they still expressed annoyance at what they termed a "lack of communication" on the part of the corporation, and at the timing of the electrical cut-off. Some board members agreed that perhaps the responsibility of the board in enforcing inspection procedures should be made more explicit to the membership. However, a motion was passed to advise the seller of the home to bring it into "full compliance with electrical code for all appliances therein installed".

A similar complaint against disconnected wiring was voiced immediately following, this time by a member selling his home who brought a professional with him who asked a series of probing questions of the board, concerning GHI enforcement of the county electrical code. The member's chief issue appeared to be that though the house had been given a GHI inspection twice previously, the matter of electrical wiring had not been brought up until the time of sale.

The member's professional representative appeared to focus on the question of whether the corporation was "discriminating against this particular member" who was leaving GHI (by making him pay for correction of the wiring). Several board members spoke in rebuttal of this proposition, among them Director Norman Weyel who commented that the greater the profit the member made on his house, the more taxes would be raised for the membership, and therefore the latter would ultimately be paying for part of the profit.

With regard to the substantive issue of relative costs borne by the departing member and GHI, manager Roy Breashears explained that the corporation would be paying about \$1100 to run heavier electrical line to the row of homes, while the member was being asked to pay only \$200 toward the total costs of heavy-up. And with respect to a still more basic issue raised already by the preceding member complaint (above), Charles Schwan, from the floor, read directly from the GHI newsletter of August 1976, a statement that "added items in a home are the responsibility of the member".

Other Problems

In a different situation involving two neighbors on Laurel Hill Road, one of the members wished to build an addition taking up the full width of her land, while the

other voiced reservations about the loss of trees and light and spoke eloquently for retaining the open, green character of Greenbelt. After some discussion, a motion by director Don Volk was adopted to authorize a somewhat smaller addition as a compromise, with an amendment by director Mary Clarke which provided also for construction of a six-foot privacy screen by the member building the addition.

As the fourth housing issue brought up during the evening, the case of a dissatisfied member in one of the solar-heated homes on Southway was discussed by the board and manager. The member, who has an invalid mother living with her, feels that there is excessive traffic and wear and tear on her house as a result of the project, and has asked GHI to repurchase her house at a stated price. After weighing the pros and cons of the matter (a probable vacancy loss, the likely price GHI could get for the house on the open market, etc.) Chairman Smith suggested the member try to sell the home herself, since the board could not meet her requested price.

Committee Reports

Though discussion of these members' problems was extensive, time was still left for the board to hear some reports on staff activities. Two University of Maryland students in urban planning (who were introduced to the board by Rush Kester of the Member Relations committee) described a proposed pilot survey to obtain initial membership reactions; on the whole the reaction of the board members to this study was favorable, and it was finally authorized.

Also, Kester passed on the committee's recommendation that GHI should proceed with applying for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, which comes under the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). One of the principal benefits of such inclusion would be eligibility to participate in the new Title Historic Preservation Loan Program, concerning which a favorable letter has been received from HUD. In answer to a question by director James Foster, assistant manager Ken Kopstein and Kester explained that GHI could formulate its own conditions in joining the National Register. A motion by Director Virginia Moryadas was then passed to proceed with the application.

This reporter wishes to close on a personal note, by saying that his coverage of this meeting was a last assignment from the late Alfred Skolnik, whose direction, counsel, and humanity will be sorely missed by all.

RESOLUTION

A resolution in tribute to the life of Alfred M. Skolnik (which appears elsewhere in this paper) was passed unanimously by city council on Monday evening, March 14 when council held a special meeting prior to their public hearing on ballfields.

The resolution, drafted and read by Councilman Charles Schwan, commended Skolnik's "integrity, selflessness, sense of fairness and dedication to service to the public."

A statement by Mayor GHI Weidenfeld appears on page 3 under "Tributes."

WHAT GOES ON

- Fri., March 18, 8 p.m. Roosevelt Democratic Club Meeting, Greenbriar Community Bldg.
- Sat., March 19, 12-3 p.m. Boys and Girls Club sign-up, Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center
- Mon., March 21 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Revenue Sharing, Council Chambers
- Tue., March 22, 8 p.m. Twin Pines Annual Mtg. Municipal Bldg.



Al Skolnik talks with the guests at what was then called "perhaps the most wonderful party ever held in Greenbelt" — the *News Review's* 25th Anniversary Dinner, December, 1962.

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Alfred M. Skolnik

He was Mr. Greenbelt News Review. When an angry land developer sued the News Review for \$2,000,000 (a case that the United States Supreme Court eventually decided in our favor), Al Skolnik was named co-defendant; the paper and the man seemed inseparable. In the early years of our history, the position of president of the governing board passed from one to another among our membership, usually on a yearly basis. But after Al was elected in 1959 his rightness for the position was so clear that any change became unthinkable.

To the community his enormous contribution to the News Review must have been readily apparent. Virtually every issue carried his by-line—sometimes several times over. He covered city council meetings more regularly than any other staff member, and always took the responsibility of seeing that they were covered. GHI meetings—especially budget hearings—were another special interest of Al's. He followed all the major issues touching Greenbelt—county zoning changes, the sewer moratorium, proposed highway improvements, school board policies. He wrote most of the editorials expressing this paper's position on such cases.

But to the staff members, his contribution to the inner workings of the News Review were so extensive and so varied that we cannot yet perceive how the tasks he assumed can be apportioned among the rest of us. He kept the files of all our back copies, cheerfully directing a researcher in our archives to just the right file drawer. Yet he was himself a walking archive for Greenbelt. Did you want to know in what year the Municipal Building was constructed, or when Edgar Smith was elected to council? Al's incredible memory would suggest a date to look for. A search in back copies invariably confirmed that he was right. Further, Al always prepared the annual budget for the News Review and oversaw our financial situation. In periods when we had no business manager, he assumed that job. He negotiated all the business arrangements for the publishing end of our activities and often dealt with advertisers, especially those with delinquent accounts.

Perhaps most important of all to the newspaper was Al's role as mediator. He handled with courtesy and quiet firmness the importunities of over-excited Greenbelters demanding that the paper adopt their view of an issue as our editorial stance. He led the staff in coming to consensus on an issue for an editorial position, or, if the staff were split, to avoid taking a position. Under his influence over the years, the disparate personalities of the staff have moved together in harmony. He respected us, and we respected him. He made us stretch to our utmost achievement. His solid encouragement helped many of us to attempt and succeed in tasks we would never have dreamed we could accomplish—and for the enhancement this brought to our own lives, we owe a debt to Al.

Al was both a precise, cautious conservative — a lover of budgets and figures — and an idealist, a fighter who supported the cooperative concept of living and helped give direction to the unique community we live in.

We join with all the citizens of Greenbelt in mourning the loss of our beloved associate and friend. And we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Elaine; to his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Skolnik; and to his children, Barbara, Rita and Richard.

AMBULANCE CLUB DRIVE

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

On April 1, 1977, the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad will start its annual Ambulance Club Drive. We urge all citizens to participate in helping raise the needed funds to provide efficient ambulance service to the community. In an effort to conserve energy and money we are going to leave a postage paid envelope for your convenience to be mailed to the department for your 1977 Ambulance Club Membership.

At the bottom of your letter will be other-information on other services provided by your fire department. Please check any of the items listed and a representative of the department will contact you.

We hope this new approach will be convenient as well as thrifty.

Thank You
Your Volunteer
Fire Department
and Rescue Squad

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It's Up to The Parents

To the Editor:

What is wrong with the parents of Greenbelt? They are quick to yell police brutality if their child gets in trouble or complain about vandalism, but they all disappear if they have a chance to do something positive for their children. They are always too tired from work, have something more important to do or just can't be bothered. The Boys and Girls Club has been asking for volunteers for weeks; we ran a half page ad in the News Review asking for help, and we had forms at the sign-ups listing ways people could help. The response we got is unbelievable.

Four people volunteered to coach, two people gave positive responses to our questionnaire and the few others that responded offered baked goods for our refreshment stands or said they would provide transportation to a game they were going to anyway.

If this is all the interest the parents have in their children the Club has no choice except to cut programs, raise fees for membership or close its doors. Whichever way we go, the children will be the ones to suffer. A handful of people can not run a program for 200 youngsters in five different sports and do it successfully. On Mar. 19, between 12 and 3 p.m. we will be at the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center with forms for volunteers. Parents, it's now up to you. If you want a Club, be there. If not, you explain it to your children.

Pat Gainer
Vice-President
Boys & Girls Club

A Multi-Use Park

To the Editor:

City Council is considering ball field sites. It is concerned with Lake Park use. It has a tight budget. No one wants a tax increase.

I recommend the landfill at the end of Northway be developed, beginning with a basic practice ball field, which the city manager indicates can be done at this time with a small investment. As filling and upgrading and clearing of land goes forward, a multi-use park can emerge with citizen participation in both the planning and actual physical work involved, thereby saving tax dollars.

Serious consideration should be given to putting some of the Revenue Sharing dollars to this purpose. This is a desirable, preserving project, within the concept of keeping Greenbelt's land in balance with its more populated areas.

A few months ago, an article in the News Review described this site as a possible bike and hiking trail, picnic, birding, wilderness-study and organized recreational area. The land is there, away from the push of suburbia on other sides.

I further suggest this site be early designated Skolnik Park, as a reminder of the time and talents given for so many years by two citizens who have cared deeply for the preservation of a total Greenbelt.

Our best feature is our green space. I believe volunteers can be marshalled to help cut the labor costs in many areas of development. A ball field can be had early and with minimal work and money. The Revenue Sharing funds are at hand.

We have the community spirit. We need the park. Let's do it now.
Eileen Peterson

THANKS

To the Editor:

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to our dear friends and neighbors of 13 court of Hillside Rd. for their kindness, compassion and support at the loss of our loved one. Your Spiritual Bouquet and kind expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.

The family of William F. McBride

TRADE

Owner has 4 Bed., 2 bath and rec. room in G.H.I. townhouse close to pool and youth center for the family. Owner wants a 2 or 3 bed. frame, so why not trade up? For details call 345-3191 or 474-5700 ask for

Joe O'Brien
Greenbelt Realty

Kool Klovers 4-H Club

by Diana Turkiewicz

At their last meeting, the Kool Klovers discussed parliamentary procedure. Carla Kooper was their guest. On March 10, they had a demonstration workshop.

They are going to Landover Mall for dinner, Fri., March 18, at 6 p.m. They will go roller skating in April. Call Linda, 681-6570 or Olga, 474-1047, for information.

Boys and Girls Club

Membership sign-ups for the Boys and Girls Club will be 12-3 p.m. at Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center. This is the last chance to get a free Boys & Girls Club patch. Anyone who intends to play softball or baseball must register now. Practice starts Apr. 1. There will also be forms for adult volunteers who would like to help the Club. Those who have volunteered are appreciated but many more are needed, so please stop by and sign-up.

Raffle tickets are still available for the colored TV, 23 channel CB or \$50 cash. The drawing is only two and one half weeks away so call Mary Waso 474-6525 now to get a ticket.

All Greenbelt basketball teams will be playing in the Berwyn Heights Tournament which begins Mar 18. For time and place of games call team coaches or Dick Starkweather 345-3691.

Mishkan Torah Notes

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will feature a Masseuse at its meeting on Thurs., March 24 at 8:30 p.m. Interested women are invited.

MISHKAN TORAH

Ridge & Westway Rds. 474-4223
Rabbi Kenneth Berger — Cantor Donald Weisman
Fri., March 18 - 8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Shabbat
Sat., March 19 - 9 a.m. - Services
Sun., March 20 - 11:30 a.m. Rabbi's Class "Life Cycles"
Thurs., March 24 - 8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Meeting - "Masseuse"

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ).

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

Sun., 11 a.m. - Worship Service and Church School

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, Ministers

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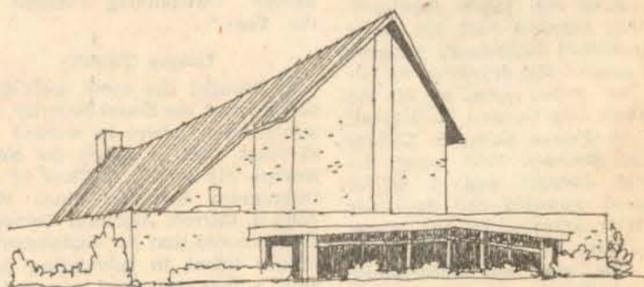
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Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mid-week Service (Wed) 7:30 pm

For bus transportation, call church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

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Tributes

Reflections and Reminiscences

by Harry Zubkoff

The news spread like wildfire last Thursday afternoon, not only in Greenbelt but throughout the metropolitan area. Al Skolnik was gone. It was unthinkable, unacceptable. Everyone I spoke to had the same reaction — shocked silence, a sense of profound sadness, a feeling of deep and irrevocable personal loss.

It is a symptom of mankind's short-sightedness that we seldom recognize the true stature and worth of the giants among us until they are gone. So it is with Al Skolnik. Though he received some measure of recognition while he was here, it was not nearly so much as he deserved. The high regard in which he was held found some expression in the community's mass attendance at his funeral Sunday morning, and in the moving eulogy so eloquently voiced by Rabbi Berger. But much remains to be said. We are not yet finished with Al Skolnik; more to the point, he is not finished with us. His presence, his influence, will continue to touch all of us, felt not only by those who were close to him, but by the entire community he loved and served so well.

Of course, he never realized the impact of his presence on the community. I remember the overwhelming support the people showed him when he and the News Review were sued for libel by a land developer whose name has faded into obscurity. Yet, with characteristic modesty, he preferred to believe that we were fighting solely for a principle — freedom of the press. He would not accept the fact that we were just as deeply committed to supporting him personally. Yet, he was the catalyst around whom the support was rallied and upon whose courage and steadfastness that most precious of American freedoms was extended and strengthened. I can see him now, in the aftermath of that oh-so-sweet Supreme Court decision, declaring that it was a victory for principle.

"But Al," I said "It was as much a victory for you personally."

"Me?" he said, a look of genuine bewilderment on his face. "But I didn't have anything to do with it. I was just incidental."

Banquet

When we held that grand banquet a year or two afterwards, it was billed as a tribute to Roger Clark, the defense attorney who had carried the case all the way to the Supreme Court and ultimate victory. In reality, though, it was a tribute to Al and Elaine, who had carried the heavy weight of responsibility during the years of trial and trouble. It represented a massive outpouring of warmth, good will and gratitude for their total commitment to the service of their community. We tried to persuade Al, beforehand, that he should get double billing with the attorney as the guests of honor, but he wouldn't hear of it.

"I don't want anything to detract from the tribute we're paying Roger," he declared flatly. "This should be his night."

"But Al," I argued, "everyone wants to pay tribute to you, too."

"What for?" he asked, and he was really puzzled.

"For the sacrifices you've made," I replied. "For the contribution you've made to the community."

"That's not a good enough reason," he was adamant.

"Al," I sighed, "you are stubborn and incorrigible."

Of course, he won. But, despite his protestations, the community paid tribute to him that night anyway. And he enjoyed it. I have never seen him grin so broadly or so continuously. He positively beamed. He was jovial. And when the staff of the News Review presented him with an electric typewriter, he accepted it gracefully and cheerfully. But afterwards, just to keep his record intact, he said: "You shouldn't have done it."

Like I said, incorrigible!

I never could understand why the plaintiff in that case insisted on including Al personally as a party to that law suit. Perhaps he, and his attorney, as well, perceived Al as a threat. Well, if objectivity and compassionate honesty can be perceived as a threat, they were right.

Council's Friend

During my five years on the City Council, Al Skolnik frequently sat with and reported council's actions at regular meetings, work sessions, and budget sessions.

Sometimes Al was our critic, sometimes he was our supporter, but he always constructively attempted to get council to adequately explore the issues and make sound rational decisions. He was Council's friend.

Al Skolnik was of average height, but I believe he was a giant in his contributions to Greenbelt.

Al was a gentle person, but he was fierce in his devotion to his community.

Al had a soft voice, but he was heard throughout the city via the News Review.

Al dedicated himself to making Greenbelt a better community for all of us to enjoy. It remains for us to see that his efforts are continued.

— Mayor Gil Weidenfeld

Bright Memories

It was good that the city flags flew at half-staff for our friend, Al Skolnik. Has there been any good thing in Greenbelt, any cause for the good of us all, that Al was not part of? Most of us talk about generosity, of giving of ourselves, of putting others first. Few of us did so much as Al. We are the richer for having known him, and now so much poorer that he is gone. All our memories can only be bright.

— Katherine Keene

In Full Tide

Al's unexpected death in the full tide of his usefulness comes as a great personal loss.

I grieve for Elaine; for the family; for the larger family of the News Review staff and the still larger family of Greenbelt.

In my limited knowledge of him I recognized Al's strength of purpose, breadth of vision, persistence in carrying undertakings through, his patience and the special sense of relationships that saw the importance of each small detail to the overall project.

I am one of many who will miss him.

Miriam Cornelius

No one else was or could be as rigorously objective or as dispassionately honest as Al. He used to drive me up the walls with his insistence on knowing and presenting both sides of every controversial issue. He was forever trying to be "fair" to everyone; he even leaned over backwards to be fair to those with whom he disagreed.

Joins News Review

I felt some sense of responsibility for Al, since I had recruited him to work on the News Review. At least, I persuaded Elaine to charm him into joining the staff and, as everyone knows, Elaine has the talent to do just that. Of course, we had to wait a few years, until he completed the requirements for his Ph.D., but he finally joined the staff and the rest is history. I wish I could take some credit for the enormous contribution he and the newspaper subsequently made to the community, but he did it on his own. Anyway, when Al joined the staff, I felt obligated to pass my wisdom and experience along.

"Al," I would say, "a newspaper is not obligated to be fair or objective. It is obligated only to present the facts in its news columns, but it can be as unfair or as prejudiced as it wishes in its editorials."

"Everybody and every side deserves equal consideration," he said. See REFLECTIONS, page 8, col. 1

Public Spirited

We, in Greenbelt, are fortunate to have men and women who are dedicated to helping make our lives fuller, happier and healthier through their efforts. One person who was an embodiment of the very best of such public-spirited virtues was Al Skolnik. Al not only spoke up for what he thought was right and good for Greenbelt, but also helped to bring reconciliation to emotionally-charged opposing factions. His legacy is that of having helped to make Greenbelt the unique community which it is and will continue to be.

Our deepest sympathies go to Elaine and her family. They also have our unending gratitude for having shared Al's talents with us.

— Steve and Betty Polaschik

Distinguished Life

by David Stern

Remembering Al Skolnik — how can one recall his memory without immediately conjuring up the image of the News Review basement on Tuesday night—any Tuesday night? Those ancient typewriters, those bundles of past issues, the banks of electric meters behind the editor's seat, the old olive-drab filing cabinets, the neatly sharpened pencils and reams upon reams of cheap yellow notepaper . . . not much has changed since I first stepped into that room, 15 years ago!

It took the newcomer a while to get to know the place and it took even longer to recognize Al's place in the scheme of things: he just didn't like to appear conspicuous. The newcomer would note the editor, expertly shuffling stories from the "in" basket to the "out" basket, editing style, checking the letter count in headlines and making sure all announcements spelled out time and place. He would note the volunteers and drop-ins swapping the latest stories, the busy ad department in one corner and the jangling phone. And yet . . .

And yet — it would come as a gradual realization — the newspaper never really started meshing gears until Al and Elaine arrived, announcing their entrance with a resounding "hello" and bringing all the "big stories", their pages taped together and bunched up like ancient scrolls. And even after you realized that much, it would be a while before you noticed Al, he was so unobtrusive. Still, whenever a decision had to be made — about a touchy letter to the editor, the precise wording of an editorial and, above all, the great weekly question "do we go to six pages or to four?" — it was always Al who would ponder it aloud, in his quiet and even voice, and who would then suggest the course of action which was eventually adopted. Then, after you got to know him, you too would show him your headlines and stories, for comments and evaluation — and if any changes resulted, you would always feel that your work had been made better, not that your performance was criticized.

Year after year, for eighteen years, Al has been the mainstay of the Greenbelt News Review. Sometimes we went to six pages, and then minor news items left over from previous weeks could be printed, and columnists could have a bit of fun; sometimes we only managed four, and stories had to be pared to the bone. Editors came and went, volunteers like myself served their stint, gained their experience and went on to other things, while Al's work continued as before. Through the lean years when ends barely met (and one faction in GHI threatened to impose rents or evict the newspaper), through election Tuesdays when everyone stayed around until late at night, waiting for final returns, through the famous lawsuit, Al was there — and Elaine shared his work and matched his devotion. Year after year he would endure overlong meetings of the city council, quietly taking notes, and on those occasions when he raised his hand and asked a ques-

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, IN TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF

Alfred M. Skolnik

PRESIDENT OF THE GREENBELT COOPERATIVE PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, INC., THE FLAGS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING WERE LOWERED TO HALF-MAST; AND

WHEREAS, THE NAMING IN 1975 OF ALFRED M. AND ELAINE SKOLNIK AS "OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF THE YEAR" ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE FEELING OF THE COMMUNITY THEN AND NOW; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE THE INCEPTION OF GREENBELT FORTY YEARS AGO, THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW HAS BEEN ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL PILLARS; AND

WHEREAS, ALFRED M. SKOLNIK BEGAN HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW IN 1955, LED TWO SUCCESSFUL DRIVES FOR FUNDS IN 1959 AND 1960 WHEN THE NEWSPAPER WAS IN DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF ITS PUBLISHING FIRM SINCE 1959; AND

WHEREAS, FOR FOUR LONG YEARS ALFRED M. AND ELAINE SKOLNIK BORE THE BRUNT OF THE HEAVY BURDEN OF DEFENDING THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS FOR THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW AND THE ENTIRE PRESS AND PEOPLE OF THIS NATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE POSITION OF THE NEWSPAPER WAS VINDICATED IN A UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT BY THE COURT'S FINDING THAT "IT WAS PERFORMING ITS WHOLLY LEGITIMATE FUNCTION AS A COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER . . ." AND TO FIND FOR THE PLAINTIFF . . . WOULD SUBVERT THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL MEANING OF A FREE PRESS, PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS . . .; AND

WHEREAS, TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC AND FOR THE SKOLNIKS AS THE ACTIVE AGENTS IN RESISTING ITS SUBVERSION, THE PEOPLE OF GREENBELT CONTRIBUTED MONEY AND ASSISTED IN OTHER WAYS; AND

WHEREAS, THE MEMBERS OF HIS EXTENDED FAMILY, THE CITIZENS OF GREENBELT, WERE SADDENED AND STUNNED BY THE SUDDEN DEATH OF ALFRED M. SKOLNIK; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY THEIR DEEP SORROW, AND TO EXTEND TO HIS WIFE, ELAINE; HIS CHILDREN, BARBARA GOLDMAN, RITA FELDE, AND RICHARD SKOLNIK; AND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY THEIR ENTIRE SYMPATHY; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WE COMMEND AS A MODEL TO ALL THE INTEGRITY, SELFLESSNESS, SENSE OF FAIRNESS AND DEDICATION TO SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC DISPLAYED BY ALFRED M. SKOLNIK.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING, HELD MARCH 14, 1977.

GIL WEIDENFELD, MAYOR

RICHARD CASTALDI, MAYOR PRO TEM

RICHARD PILSKI, COUNCILMAN

CHARLES F. SCHWAN, COUNCILMAN

THOMAS X. WHITE, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

GUDRUN H. MILLS, CITY CLERK

Controversy Aired On Occupancy Amendment

by Janet James

The room was crowded with young people; they stood around the edges of the County Council hearing room in Upper Marlboro on Tuesday evening, March 8, and they overflowed into the hall. It was the final public hearing before County Council action on C.B. 3-1977, which is expected within a month.

C.B.-3 is an amendment to the Human Relations Act giving landlords and housing corporations the right to either reject or accept occupancy by persons unrelated by blood or marriage.

The bill encountered strong opposition from young people, women's rights groups, and political action groups. Most believed that passage of the act would make it too easy for landlords to discriminate against single people. They thought, according to their testimony, that single black women, be they unmarried, widowed, or divorced, might find it almost impossible to locate decent housing. Elderly widows might also be denied affordable housing. Their testimony was often emotional.

Whether or not these dire consequences would result from the passage of this bill, they are not the result Councilman Francis White said he was seeking when he introduced the bill to alleviate a situation in Greenbelt Homes.

White said, "It is not a morality bill . . . rather, it deals with whether the tenant has the right to tend the project towards one concept — singles, married, etc."

As reported in previous issues of the News Review, the Human Relations Commission has ruled that Greenbelt Homes is in violation of the Human Relations Act of 1972 because its mutual ownership contract limits occupancy of a GHI home to the member's immediate family whose members are related by blood or marriage.

Supporting White's position, Albert Ginsberg, GHI attorney, said the basic issue involves "any co-op's right to band together to live in a family-oriented community."

James W. Smith, President of GHI and Norman Weyel, board member, called attention to the make-up of the cooperative and how such a situation would add to the costs of housing to all members, jam already overcrowded parking spaces, and change the character of the community. Some GHI members who did not testify submitted letters to the Council in support of the bill.

Representatives of the Landlord Tenant Commission, landlord associations, chambers of Commerce, and churches testified in favor of the bill.

Chairman of the Council William Amonett stated that all testimony, whether written or oral, would be carefully considered before Council acts. Meanwhile, GHI has appealed the ruling of the Human Relations Commission to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County.

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At the Library

Cinema Choisi, a series of French films, continues next week at the library with Francois Truffaut's "The Wild Child". The film tells the story of a young boy who is brought up in the forest and is civilized by a local doctor. It will be shown on Tues., March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

The branch libraries of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will be closed on Fri., March 25, in honor of Maryland Day. The administrative offices will also be closed and there will be no bookmobile service.

Garden Club News

The Greenbelt Garden Club will meet on Wed., March 23 at the Greenbelt Library meeting room at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Richard Herfurth, Vice-President of the Goddard Garden Club who will speak on Organic Gardening and Planting. This will be a good opportunity for new gardeners to learn some gardening techniques. A Gardening Book will be offered for sale. All are welcome.

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City Council Meeting Room, City Office Building.

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Annual Reports

Refreshments

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Recreation Review

Winners of the Kite Flying Contest
Over 50 adults and children tested their skill against the wind in the Annual Kite Flying Contest held on Braden Field last Saturday. Awards were presented in the following categories: Youngest Flyer - Kevin Piendak; Oldest Flyer - Burt Kerr; Largest Kite - Bill Clark;

Betty Jo Labukas Honored Recently

On Sat., Feb. 12 Betty Jo Labukas, daughter of Peter and Eileen Labukas of Lakeside Dr., was honored by the Prince George's Champions Assoc. at the 4th Annual Awards "Breakfast of Champions" held at the Sheraton Inn in New Carrollton. The purpose of the association is to give recognition to young county residents who have won state or national honors in an athletic event or competition. Betty Jo was honored for receiving the national award in the Special Olympics Run, Dribble and Shoot Contest at the basketball tournament held in Louisville, Ky. This competition was co-sponsored by the Professional Basketball Associations and the Kennedy Foundation.

Betty Jo, who is a student at Bowie Center in Bowie, Md., has been outstanding in athletic competition and has won gold medals in swimming, bowling and track events. In June of 1975, Betty Jo was the first girl chosen to light the torch for the Maryland State Annual Special Olympics Track Meet.

Currently, Betty Jo is an aide at Glendale Hospital, fulfilling a part of the work-study program sponsored by Bowie Center.

Smallest Kite - Eric Molvar; Most Unusual Kite - Peter Williamson. The highest flying kite was most difficult to determine as three flyers had their kites soaring well over 2,800 feet. Tri-winners were Lysle Rice, Ronnie Rowe and Bob Wilhide.

New Spring Brochures
Brochures announcing the Greenbelt Rec. Depart.'s Spring Leisure

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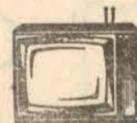
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Greenbelt Grab-bag . . .

by Punchin' Judy

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- Aries** - Your energy is high and spring is springing in your heart. Good time for a daily jog to the lake.
- Taurus** - Your sign is the bull, and you are reputed to be very determined. Use that determination to get a garden started. And stay out of china shops.
- Gemini** - Nobody is better than this sign at communicating, and communicating. The News Review could use you as a reporter.
- Cancer** - Moon children, you are the putterers of this world. Good month to putter around the yard, if it doesn't snow.
- Leo** - You are charming, dramatic, intelligent, talented, and attractive. Our - oops, I mean your - finest quality is modesty. Take a crocus to lunch.
- Virgo** - Neat and tidy, Virgos are wonderful around home or office. You'd be so nice to have around the News Review. Take a Leo to lunch.
- Libra** - Librans have trouble making decisions. The only decision you have no trouble making is that you are the greatest. Often you're right.
- Scorpio** - Scorpions are bright and lively and good talkers, but have a bit of a stinger. You do very well at civic meetings. How would you like to cover them for a local newspaper of great repute?
- Sagittarius** - You speak little, but generally to the point. Travel is in your future. Get a 10-speeder and try some of our bike trails.
- Capricorn** - You are strong and stalwart, a good walker. Take a long walk in the woods and commune with nature.
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YARD SALE - Sat., March 19 10 a.m. at 7A Southway. New and used items, old books, etc. Rain date - Sunday, March 20.

SKOLNIK, Con't fom page 3
tion or made a comment, one could never be sure whether he did so as a reporter trying to clarify a story, or as a concerned citizen involved in his city's business. Both, perhaps? It was natural that, as time passed, the association between the News Review and Al gradually grew closer. He took care of it as if it were something of his — no, more than that, part of him. Small wonder that the two-million-dollar lawsuit, when it arrived, named the newspaper and Al Skolnik as codefendants. There existed a powerful bond between the two.

And still . . . in an age when youngsters flock to journalism classes dreaming of fame and glory, Al deliberately stayed out of the spotlight. Was it shyness, or modesty, or did it just never occur to him to think of a newspaper as something else than a service to one's community, a public channel for communication, a means of bringing together the people of Greenbelt and helping them feel like friends and neighbors? We may each have our guess, but we'll never know.

We pass through this world but once: many of us depart before attaining the full measure of our days, and so it was with Al. Yet his life was distinguished in a way which few people can claim: it had a purpose, and it bore fruit. For everything Al Skolnik did for us, as long as there will be a city of Greenbelt, he will be remembered.

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wed., March 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. The group will discuss "moral values and truth in relation to children."

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The price is gratifying to the most careful buyer on this 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath rambler in Beltsville.; featuring eat-in kitchen, rec room in basement, cent a/c, w/w carpet, washer, dryer and level lawn backing up to woods for privacy. V.A. appraised at \$44,500. Call and let's talk about this one.

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would stubbornly insist. "Not in editorials," I would say. "Editorials can and do take clear, unequivocal positions, either for or against any given proposition, without regard to the opposing views held by others."

"Greenbelt deserves better than that," he declared, "We ought to show the merits of all opposing viewpoints so that people can make up their own minds."

"Al," I said, defeated, "you are exasperating."

Objectivity

With such an attitude, he often appeared to be straddling the fence rather than expressing or taking clear-cut positions. To those of us who hold strong opinions without regard to facts, this insistence on an objective appraisal seemed irrational. Looking back on it, I am reminded of Star Trek's Mr. Spock, who viewed all events in the light of cold logic. Thus, when something occurred that defied all the rules of sensible behavior, he was neither horrified nor offended. Instead, he would find such occurrences "interesting" and, sometimes, even "fascinating," and would proceed to analyze them in meticulous detail in order to understand them and explain them.

Now, after such careful appraisals, Al sometimes arrived at the same conclusion that I had reached intuitively, based on a "gut" feeling. Naturally, when someone agrees with me, I consider him a reasonable, even a wise man. But when he reaches a conclusion different from mine, that is a horse of another color. It is particularly frustrating when his conclusion is based on intellectual conviction. Have you ever tried to argue with someone whose opinion is based on an examination of the facts, while yours is based on intuition? There is just no reasoning with such obstinate, opinionated people. Why, a man like that can change the world; on occasion, he even persuaded me to change my opinion. Exposure to logical thinking can sometimes do that.

Influence on Community

In essence, Al was an observer and reporter, rather than a direct participant in the affairs of the city. I have no doubt at all that he could have been elected to any public office, had he so desired, but he preferred to remain in the background. He was not a public person; indeed, he was basically shy and reserved, a man who felt more at ease behind the scenes. Yet, he has been as instrumental in shaping the nature and destiny of Greenbelt as any elected official in the history of the community. The many background discussions he had with community leaders, and the suggestions and quiet recommendations he made at countless social gatherings, had a way of emerging later on as officially sanctioned policies and programs.

He and Elaine were indefatigable campaigners, but always on behalf of others, never for themselves. Over the years, their efforts assured the election of a great many public-spirited citizens to office. Those of us who were beneficiaries of these efforts used to kid him about it sometimes. In another political environment he would have been known as the "Boss"; in still another milieu, he would have been the "godfather," though he was too selfless and too gentle a man to deserve that title. In any case, he was really embarrassed by our attempts to credit his efforts for our victories.

"I only cast one vote," he would say. "And besides," he would add, with that sly chuckle and half grin, "I wasn't working to help you so much as I was trying to prevent those other guys from getting elected. You just represented the lesser of two evils."

The Libel Trial

He had such a fine mind, trained and disciplined by study and use. During that libel trial the attorney for the plaintiff mocked Al's educational attainments, implying that a man with a Ph.D. ought to at least understand the meaning of certain legal terms. Among other things, the Supreme Court's decision proved that lawyers themselves, and even judges, do not agree on the meaning of some legal terms. In any event, by attempting to degrade Al Skolnik, that attorney succeeded only in diminishing himself. I could not

then, nor can I today, forgive him for some of the tactics he used in the courtroom. Al, however, was quite without rancor or malice at such treatment. When I expressed my feelings to him after the initial trial, he shrugged them off.

"He was only doing his job," he said. Then lifting a hand expressively, he cut right to the heart of it. "After all," he said, "he was playing to the jury, while our lawyer was addressing the law." And then came the punch line. "You know," he added judiciously, a hint of admiration in his voice, all in all, I think he probably did it very neatly, very professionally. After all, he won, didn't he?"

"Al," I said, at a loss for words, "You are too good to be true. It's infuriating."

What can you do with a man like that?

The Movie Critic!

The many social evenings we shared, say for dinner and a movie were illuminating. Al's orderly mind would not tolerate illogic, a quality that Hollywood's movies seem to cherish. Invariably, as we emerged from a thrilling and entertaining whodunit film, Al would start dissecting it.

"I don't understand it," he would complain. "How did the hero know that the villain was going to confront the girl with an ultimatum, and arrange to intercept the bodyguard before the rendezvous?" or words to that effect. "It just doesn't make sense," he would add. "It lacks coherency. The characters didn't behave logically."

Over refreshments at the nearest Hot Shoppe afterwards, we would discuss it. It sometimes got hilarious as we tried to explain the plot, the motivation, the situation, the character development — all the classic elements that make a story hang together coherently.

In the process, we would uncover all the flaws and inconsistencies that mark any of today's movies. So going to a movie with Al was not only an entertaining experience, but an intellectual exercise, as well. Al's mind at work as he tore a movie to shreds was a delight to behold.

"Al," I would say, "you are a born critic."

"It's easy to criticize," he once said thoughtfully. "The problem is to create — to build instead of to tear down."

A Summing-up

And in a very real way, this is

Voigt - Hull

Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Voigt of Greenbelt are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rena Louisa, to Larry G. Hull, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hull of Leete Island, Connecticut. The wedding will take place at 2 p.m. on April 2 at Greenbelt Community Church.

Rena has a Masters Degree from the University of Maryland and is presently an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. Larry holds a Masters Degree from Northeastern University in Massachusetts and an Engineering Degree from George Washington University and is presently a mathematician and aerospace technician at N.A.S.A. After the wedding the couple will reside in Greenbelt.

what Al's life was all about. He brought a measure of order and humanitarian perspective to a sometimes chaotic public environment. He brought a measure of sanity and rational analysis to the scrutiny of public issues. But most of all, by virtue of the active role he played on the News Review, he made the newspaper the kind of all-pervasive, unifying influence that makes a community out of a development, and gives its people a sense of belonging and sharing and togetherness. He left his corner of the world a better place than he found it, and that's not a bad epitaph for any man.

I can see him now, scanning these pages coming out of the typewriter, as on so many previous occasions, and frowning in concentration as he mentally rejects clause after clause.

"Sounds kind of pompous, doesn't it?" he would ask mildly.

Like I said, he was incorrigible, a challenging, exasperating, infuriating man, and — oh, dear God — how we loved and respected and admired him. The sense of loss will be with us always, but, for myself, I shall always be thankful for the years of friendship we experienced together and for the memories we accumulated. For Elaine and his family, no mere words can lessen their grief, but perhaps they can take some small solace in the knowledge that so many, many of us share it with them.

(Harry Zubkoff, a former editor of the News Review, was a member of the staff from 1950-1963).

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED USES FOR REVENUE SHARING FUND

**Monday, March 21, 1977 - 8:00 p.m.
City Council Room - 25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Md. 20770**

In accordance with Federal Regulations, the City Manager will conduct a public hearing in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council to hear all proposals for the use of revenue sharing funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977. In the past, the City Council has allocated approximately half of the revenue sharing funds for General Fund expenditures for Police and Recreation. The other half has been allocated to needed capital expenditures. Last year, however, the act extending the revenue sharing program was not enacted at the time of budget adoption and only half the city's normal allotment was budgeted. Therefore, no funds were allocated for capital expenses. Revenue sharing was later extended, and added revenues over last year's budget will be received and will be available for expenditure. Revenue sharing funds available for expenditure in the new fiscal year are estimated to be \$93,500. After the public hearing, the City Manager will prepare his budget proposal for revenue sharing funds and all other city funds for submission to the City Council on April 4, 1977. Subsequently, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the revenue sharing budget and all other city budgets prior to adoption.

At the public hearing, all citizens of Greenbelt, Maryland, shall have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the possible use of these revenue sharing funds. Senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens will be given every opportunity to be heard and present their views regarding the allocation of these funds prior to final allocation.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND**Notice of Charter Amendment**

On March 7, 1977, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1977-3 (Resolution No. 353) and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1977-3

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY RE-NUMBERING SECTION 72, TITLE "SEPARABILITY" TO SECTION 73, AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 72, TITLE "LEGAL DEFENSE OF CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES" TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND TO INSURE PROPER LEGAL DEFENSE FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTIONS THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE LAWFUL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 26th day of April, 1977, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 16th day of April, 1977, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt. A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND**Notice of Charter Amendment**

On February 28, 1977, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1977-2 (Resolution No. 352) and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1977-2

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND 1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY AMENDING SECTION 3, TITLE "GENERAL POWERS" TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH 21 TO PROVIDE THE CITY THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION TO HOLD TITLE TO AND ADMINISTER A HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY PROJECT

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 19th day of April, 1977, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 9th day of April, 1977, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager