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New School Demographic Study

Greenbelt Pupils Still Bused As North End School Closes

by Elaine Skolnik

Tonight the Prince Georges County Board of Education will receive from its staff a modified Demographic Alternatives Study (Plan 2) — a plan that would not only close North End School but would continue the 11-mile busing of 130 Greenbelt students to John Carroll Elementary School (Boxwood Village, Lakeside North, Charlestowne Village, Charlestowne North and University Square Apartments). North End's 175 walking students will attend Center School. The plan also continues the 10-mile busing of 92 students from part of the Springhill Lake Apartments to Oakcrest Elementary, and reassigns 49 Greenbriar students from Center to Magnolia. (See table on page 3).

It is expected that the majority of the board will accept the study tonight and schedule public hearings. It is also anticipated that several board members will request a delay for further modifications and refinements.

Plan 2

Plan 2 is a modification of Plan 1. The parameters in the first plan are preserved for all but 35 schools. Essentially Plan 2 deals with those schools which under the original study would have been over 90 percent White — Center and 13 others — or over 90 percent Black — Oakcrest, John Carroll and six others. Thus the new plan pairs Center and John Carroll for cross busing in order to reduce racial extremes in both schools. Similarly, Springhill Lake, Oakcrest and two largely White schools are grouped for cross busing to reduce racial extremes in the latter three. In all, 35 schools have been affected under Plan 2, though four schools would still operate at ratios over 90 percent (three White and one Black). In addition, 91 percent of all county elementary school students would attend their nearest schools. The number of schools with over a 50 percent Black enrollment would be reduced from 62 to 50.

Center School

Enrollment at Center School would jump from 422 as of September 30, 1977 to 542 under Plan 2:

walkers from:	
Center	238
North End	174
John Carroll	130

total enrollment 542

With full capacity set at 555, Center's utilization percentage would rise from 76.0 to 97.7. These figures do not include space allocations for the hearing impaired program at Center.

KREIMER STATEMENT

The following statement was given to the News Review by Lesley Kreimer, who represents the Greenbelt area on the Prince Georges County Board of Education.

I do not feel it is appropriate to implement either plan for the coming school year or at any time without first considering related issues such as the Junior High Demographic study (aimed at reducing busing and possible school closings), middle schools, magnet schools and alternate approaches to achieve quality education and stability and racial balance in our schools.

The school staff did a marvelous job putting together the plans for Roosevelt's Technology Center two years ago utilizing a team approach involving different department heads (curriculum, transportation, pupil accounting and other relevant staff) to achieve an innovative approach to a Board directive. I'd like to see that kind of team effort to develop a comprehensive plan to address the problem and charge before us now.

The studies currently under consideration deal primarily with student population, racial balance, school boundaries, distances students are transported, with school closings seemingly a top priority.

I feel school closings should be considered only after all other studies impacting on student populations have been evaluated.

The Black enrollment would dip from 40.8 percent to 24.5 with 130 Black students continuing to be bused the 11 miles to Center. (An equal 130 Greenbelt students would continue to be bused to John Carroll in exchange.) Some 35 Black children now being bused to Center will return to John Carroll, as will the 220 Black students now attending North End. John Carroll's enrollment will then be 75 percent Black.

Springhill Lake

Springhill Lake's enrollment would decrease slightly from 622, as of September 30, 1977, to 591 under Plan 2:

walkers from:	Black	White
SHL	104	388
Oakcrest	99	0

With capacity set at 660, the utilization percentage for SHL would drop from 94.2 to 89.5. Unaffected by the plan would be the Black-enrollment proportion, changing only from 34.7 to 34.3 percent, with 99 Black students continuing to be bused 11 miles from Oakcrest. (In exchange, 34 Black and 58 White students would continue to be bused to Oakcrest.) Under Plan 2, Oakcrest's Black percentage would be 75.9.

North End

Both plans call for the closing of North End. The following considerations were listed in the selection of North End from among the five schools studied for closing in Area 2-B studied last year: (1) school under 10 percent Black in study area, (2) fewest number of pupils to be reassigned, (3) no significant potential growth within walking area, (4) majority of reassigned pupils can walk, (5) other school serving same community (Center), and (6) original school See SCHOOL PLAN, page 3, Col. 1

LOCAL CITIZENS EXPRESS SHOCK

by Elaine Skolnik

Disbelief and anger — these are the reactions of Greenbelters to the Prince Georges County Board of Education's modified Demographic Study (Plan 2; see accompanying story). "We've been dealt a double-whammy," was one response. "The first plan closed North End school but sweetened the pot by bringing our bused children back to Greenbelt; the second plan knocked us down for the count of 10 by taking away both our school and children." (130 from old Greenbelt and 92 from Springhill Lake). Plans 1 and 2 reassigned 49 Greenbriar students to Magnolia Elementary, where Windsor Green children are enrolled.

At a meeting of Greenbelt's School Study Committee, some 25 citizens got their first look at Plan 2. An indepth analysis is underway by committee members Jackie Morrison, Kathrine Gough, and Howard Savage, chairman. Initial reaction was that the plans were drawn up in haste and offered no stability, continuity, nor permanence for county students.

City Councilman Charles Schwan described the second alternative as better than the first in the sense

MEETING TOMORROW

The Greenbelt Schools Study Committee will meet tomorrow night (Fri., Feb. 10) at 8 p.m. in the City Council room. They will discuss school board plans to close North End school and to continue busing Greenbelt children to John Carroll and Oakcrest elementary schools. Interested residents from all areas of Greenbelt are invited to attend.

that 'death by hanging is better than death by hanging and being drawn and quartered.' The court decreed in 1973 that schools should have an enrollment of not less than 10 nor more than 50% minority students. Plan 2 provides that schools would have up to 90% with either Black or White enrollment, Plan 1 up to nearly 100%.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gil Weidenfeld and school committee member Darwin Beck felt proposals carving out a 75% Black enrollment at schools, such as John Carroll (the present ratio is 63.5% Black, 36.5% White), are unrealistic as they would probably result in an extreme Black-White ratio in a year or two and necessitate more reshuffling of county students. Beck asked, "Are we going to be perpetually in a state of upheaval?"

Weidenfeld noted that the board should give its staff time to do the job right. Otherwise, they "will run into trouble with the courts." The group felt that neither plan would get court approval.

Jackie Morrison pointed out that the board's directive to the staff to get input and views from the affected communities was not carried out in Greenbelt's case. "We had to contact them, only to discover when we met with a staff member that the plan was ready for release."

Committee members noted that there were errors in statistics that needed correcting, especially in the new developments of Greenbriar/Glen Oaks and Windsor Green. They pointed to alternative programs such as cross-busing within the community, magnet schools, See REACTIONS, page 3, Col. 3

GHI Board Wrestles With Incineration, Snow Removal

by Janet James

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., has had a preliminary proposal submitted to it for installation of a solid waste incinerator/heat recovery system whereby trash and garbage would be used to provide heat instead of fuel oil. The GHI Board of Directors meeting on January 31 heard a presentation by representatives of an independent consulting engineering firm explain a proposal to evaluate this plan and also other alternatives to fuel oil to provide heat for GHI.

The consulting engineers would investigate the feasibility of the proposal presently before GHI and also evaluate other possible fuel sources. Both Manager Royal D. Breashears and Assistant Manager Kenneth Kopstein said there is enough money left in this year's Community Development grant to pay for this evaluation. Proponents of the solid waste incineration system claim it would save a half million dollars a year at current fuel prices and more if cost of oil goes up. In discussion following the pre-

sentation Director Mary Clarke suggested that it might be well to wait a few years until technology for this system is well developed. The consulting engineers said the technology is here now. This is not a new concept in Europe and it has been working well in the United States for several years, although there are instances where it has had problems.

Director Wayne Williams asked if GHI might not better use the Federal grant money to install insulation in GHI homes. Kopstein explained that the grant money may be used only for certain specific purposes and the evaluation comes within this sphere, but the insulation would not.

Engineer Dean Mulder said he has not been satisfied with work already done for GHI by the consultants presently being considered. In view of this statement, the matter of employing the consultants was tabled until management could agree on a firm recommendation.

Director Clarke asked that GHI clean the parking lots after a snowstorm. Engineer Mulder said the one snow plow blade GHI owns was in use for 24 hours straight after our first big snow storm and it could keep only the driveways to boiler plants clear for maintenance trucks and delivery of oil. Nathan Shinderman, from the audience, asked why the members using the courts could not get out together and shovel them off as members of his court do "After all it is a cooperative," said Shinderman. President Smith cut off debate by saying that there would be no more big snowstorms this year (Ha! Ha!) and next year the board might put money in the budget to buy another blade and hire men to operate it.

A patented process for refinishing bathtubs and sinks had been brought to the attention of the Engineering and Maintenance Committee. After investigation the committee determined that it was expensive and largely cosmetic. The Committee reported that it did not feel improving the appearance of bathroom fixtures in members homes was the responsibility of GHI so long as their use was not impaired.

Dates Set for Member Hearings
Smith announced that it is presently planned to hold two membership hearings on the recommendations of the consultants concerning the rehabilitation program. The first is planned for Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at North End School and the second for Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at Greenbelt Library Meeting Room. A summary of recommendations and an explanatory letter will go to members prior to the meeting.

WHAT GOES ON

- Thurs., Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Woman's Club of Greenbelt, Community Church
- 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
- 8:45 p.m. P.G. County School Board, Plan 2, Upper Marlboro.
- Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Schools Study Committee, City Council Room
- Sat., Feb. 11, 1-3 p.m., County Councilman Frank Casula Open Meeting, City Council Room
- Mon., Feb. 13, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, City Council Room
- 8 p.m. GHI Meeting on Antennas, Hamilton Pl.
- Tues., Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Garden Club, Greenbelt Library

CASULA MEETS SATURDAY

County Councilman Frank Casula will hold another of his meetings with constituents to discuss problems and issues this Saturday, February 11, at the Greenbelt Municipal building from 1-3 p.m.



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Feb. 13, 1978
8:00 P.M.

(Postponed from Feb. 6)

I. ORGANIZATION

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

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. An Ordinance to Amend Section 11-25, "Stop Intersections", or Article III, Operation of Vehicles, of Chapter 11, Title "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" of the Greenbelt City Code, to Provide that the Intersection of Lakeside Drive and Westway Road Shall be a Stop Intersection - Second Reading
10. Bus Service on Westway - Lakeside Drive, and Lakecrest Drive
11. Twin Pines Re-location - Request for Sale or Lease of City Property.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

12. An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 15-47, "Holidays" of Chapter 15, Title "Personnel" of the Greenbelt City Code that Veterans Day Shall be Observed on the 11th day of November - First Reading
13. An Ordinance to Amend Article IV, "Admissions and Amusement Tax," of the Greenbelt City Code by adding to Section 8-34, Title "Exclusions" a New Sub-Paragraph (D) to Provide that Non-Profit Community Groups or Associations Organized to Present or Offer any of the Performing Arts Shall be Exempt from the Admissions and Amusement Tax - First Reading
14. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Consulting Services from Insurance Buyer's Council in the Review, Updating, and Maintenance of the City's Casualty Insurance Program At a Cost Not to Exceed \$4,000 - First Reading
15. Remodeling Plans for Municipal Building
16. Lake Park Bridge
17. Senior Citizens Bus
18. Meetings
19. Executive Session - Land Acquisition

V. MISCELLANEOUS

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Council Votes to Change SHL Rec. Center Lettering

At the Monday, January 23, meeting of the City Council a motion was passed by a vote of three to two to replace the "City of Greenbelt" lettering on the Springhill Lake Recreation Building. At present the portion reading "City of Greenbelt" is in 9" lettering, whereas "Springhill Lake Recreation Center" is 12" high. The cost of the new 12" letters will be \$360 added to the budgeted cost of city labor to effect the installation.

In favor of spending the funds were Mayor Richard Pilski and councilmen Thomas White and Richard Castaldi who felt that larger lettering was needed so that there would be no confusion as to whom the building belonged. It was thought that some might credit the recreation center to the county. Councilman Charles Schwan and Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld disagreed with this line of reasoning.

Dial 911 for Fire/Rescue

by Wayne Lewis

This is the first of a series of articles to be written by members of the GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and RESCUE SQUAD. We hope to keep you informed concerning many areas of safety for you and your property and also concerning the many activities of this department.

Greenbelt's Fire Department has continued to grow over the years. Presently there are three fire engines and two ambulances available 24 hours a day for your safety and protection. The membership consists of approximately 85-90 members who VOLUNTEER their time to the organization. Four P.G. County paid firemen are on duty Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. along with several of the local volunteers. From 5 p.m. until 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, on holidays and during the weekends your local Fire Department and Rescue Squad is manned strictly by volunteers. These volunteers take their own time during the week and on weekends to take training classes so they will be properly trained in the event of an emergency, whether it be a fire or a rescue. Members are continually being received into the organization, new applications are welcomed.

National statistics have shown the advantages of having smoke detection devices in family dwellings as well as in commercial establishments. GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and RESCUE SQUAD salutes Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for their endeavor to provide for their members a type of county approved smoke detection device for a nominal fee. We feel smoke detection devices are needed in every dwelling within our city if lives and property are to be saved from needless destruction. GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and RESCUE SQUAD has information concerning all approved detection devices should you have any questions concerning the purchase of such a device. Our number is 345-7000.

THANKS

To the Editor:

The senior citizens of the 51-53 court of Crescent would like to thank the many people who shoveled snow several times during the day of the big snow storm, Feb. 6. Erica Mayer

Council Meeting Revisited! At What Price Change?

by Linda Orenstein

When any governmental decision is reached there are bound to be repercussions both great and small. The finer practical and philosophical points of the January 23 decision of Greenbelt City Council to rectify the situation of the lettering on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center must be pondered carefully. What should the perspective of Greenbelters be on this issue? Should they treat the possible consequences lightly or should they let their imaginations run free and conjure up what sequence of events could unravel from the decision? Each citizen must decide for himself whether or not the change will shake the foundations of Greenbelt and the following mental exercise might be of some value to all.

Are the new letters in a flat finish or will they emit some sort of glow in the dark? Reflectors would insure that the sign would be clearly seen at night as well as in the daytime hours. Neon lights are another option but they may appear gaudy and very un-Greenbelt as would blinking lights. Rotating signs are always very eye-catching and perhaps this should have been an alternative.

Another thought is whether or not the "City of Greenbelt" letters can be seen from the air. It wasn't too long ago that the mad buzzer flew over Charlestowne Village and University Square early in the morning, thoroughly frightening residents. The pilot later claimed to have been looking for a landmark so that he could get his bearings. If the new sign were visible from a plane this would not happen again because all pilots would have a beacon to follow. In this case reflectors would be an excellent idea.

One councilman quipped that when reading 12 inch letters some people are literate and when they see 9" letters they become illiterate. If this is true, is it possible that children who attend activities at the center will be better able to read 12 inch letters although they have not yet learned to read? If so, then this represents a breakthrough in teaching methods unknown to all those reading teachers who struggle to teach their pupils to read phonetically and otherwise. Textbooks would hereafter be printed with 12" letters so that learning to read would be a rapidly acquired skill.

The most serious consequence of that January 23 decision could be the outbreak of an insurrection. Springhill Lake residents, incensed by the subtle suppression of their autonomy, may put out a call to arms and the threat of their secession from the City of Greenbelt could cause serious civil strife.

24th District Reception For Hoyer Rescheduled

A special reception for Maryland Senate President, Steny H. Hoyer, which was cancelled on January 17, has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 9 at 8:30 p.m. The combination meeting/reception will be held at the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

The reception is being sponsored by 24th District State Senator Edward T. Conroy and Delegates Gerard Devlin and David G. Ross. For more information, please call Micki Weidenfeld at 345-2327 or Marcia Krasnick at 277-7977.

NOTICE

To the Editor:

On February 11 we will be closing our office at Padgett's Corner after four years at that location. Our practice will be consolidated at our three other offices in the County at the Livingston Square and Clinton Plaza, Riverdale Plaza shopping centers.

We have attempted to contact our patients so that we can transfer their files to one of our other offices or, as a matter of courtesy, to another eye-care professional, if appropriate. These files contain prescriptions and optometric histories which can have significant value. While we have already contacted nearly five thousand patients by mail, we have found that many others have moved.

Patients at the Padgett's Corner office who have not been contacted about the relocation of their files should call 248-2700.

Drs. Fechter, Miles & Rubin

Plea for Buses

To the Editor:

I was very glad to read in last week's News Review that finally there will be direct bus service from Silver Spring and Prince Georges Plaza to Greenbelt. I'm unable to drive yet, so to go places; e.g. a movie, or any kind of shopping; I rely on buses (as do many people).

Personally, I'm surprised at this new development, for as we all know, money is tight and there are cutbacks in service everywhere. I am even more surprised at the people who objected to this extension of service, maybe they have never tried to go to Prince Georges Plaza and been forced to wait an hour or two at Beltway Plaza for their connecting bus. Also, this new bus may help people who work in Takoma Park or Silver Spring.

I certainly hope that this route is not discontinued. If it does prove to be a problem for the people on Westway (which I doubt, school busses use it every day), then reroute it so that this much needed bus service can be used by everyone else. I think it's about time we had it!

Alan Amberg

Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Eighth Annual Outstanding City Employee Award to be presented at the employee banquet March 18. Any citizen or employee of the City of Greenbelt may nominate one or more employees for this award.

The selection shall be made by the City Council, based upon the employee's overall work record with the City and, in particular, the employee's record with the City during this past year. A particular event, such as a heroic feat, might be a factor considered, but the general work record of the employee is of prime importance for the making of an award.

Any citizen or employee of the City may nominate one or more employees for this award. Nomination blanks may be obtained from the City Office or by simply submitting in writing the nomination of an employee and the reasons why the nominee deserves recognition as the outstanding employee. Any person nominated must be an employee of the City of Greenbelt at the time of his nomination.

Nominations must be submitted not later than noon, February 24. The outstanding city employee will receive a \$100 savings bond and an inscribed wall plaque.

SAVE THE HARP SEALS

Anyone who would like to join the worldwide protest against the killing of baby harp seals in Canada, please call Connie Arnold at 474-1982 from 6 - 9:30 p.m. on weekdays or any time on weekends. An annual postcard drive is launched in February by the Animal Protection Institute, and participation by all is needed. The deadline is February 14.

FUN-RUN ON SATURDAY

The Fun-Run will be held on Sat., Feb. 11, at 9 a.m. The races, including a half-mile one mile, and six mile, will start at the corner of Crescent and Lastner, opposite the Lake Park entrance. The Fun-Run will be held regardless of the weather.

CITY NOTES

The general crew has been doing some storm sewer work at the elderly housing site which will aid in de-watering of the earth in the building area. Precast manholes and pipe have been ordered for both the sanitary and storm sewer. The crew was involved in some street salting as snow caused slippery streets. Several areas in town that had a buildup of ice from various water runoffs were cleaned and sanded.

Some electrical work was required at the old athletic clubhouse to maintain the walk lights along Braden Field, while the clubhouse is being rehabilitated.

The park crew has been working in the Greenbriar park.

A hole was cut in the ice at the lake to form a pond for the ducks who are also being fed. Some work was done to remove ice and snow from various walks.

Two large steel beams were taken to the Springhill Lake golf course to be used in the bridge over a stream.

The total amount of refuse hauled to Brown Station Road landfill during the month of January was 174.5 tons at \$6.00 a ton for a total of \$1,047.

State Supt. of Education To Meet With Area Parents

Dr. David Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Schools, will hold a public meeting to discuss educational concerns with interested parents. This meeting will be held in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium on February 15 at 8 p.m. Interested parents are urged to attend.

Garden Club News

The Garden Club of Greenbelt will meet at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14 in the Greenbelt Library. There will be a short business meeting, nomination and election of officers and plot sign up.

All current gardeners may sign up for their existing plots. Any new members may join at this time and place their names on a list for available plots.

MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Church School 9:30-10:30 A.M.
 MORNING WORSHIP 11 A.M.
 (Cribbery and Nursery)
 BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
 SERMON
 "Because God CARES"
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,
 Pastor 474-3381

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ)

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

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

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

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN !!

You are invited and welcomed to meet with us each week.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

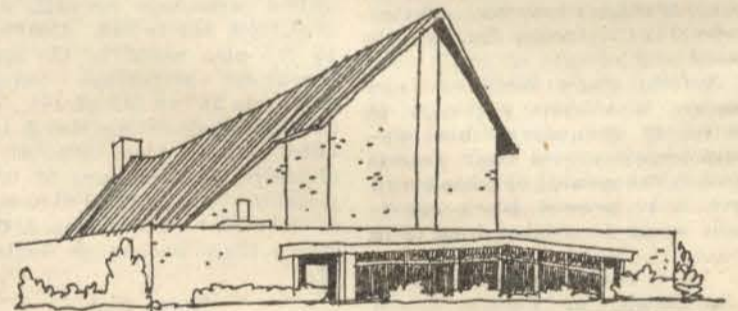
474-4212

Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mid-week prayer service (Wed) 6:00 pm

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



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Bahá'í Faith

In recognition of Black History Month

The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. We cherish the hope that the light of justice may shine upon the world and sanctify it from tyranny. If the rulers and kings of the earth, the symbols of the power of God, exalted be His glory, arise and resolve to dedicate themselves to whatever will promote the highest interest of the whole of humanity, the reign of justice will assuredly be established amongst the children of men, and the effulgence of its light will envelop the whole earth.

Bahá'u'lláh

For more information, call or write

P.O. Box 245

Greenbelt, Md. 20770

345-2918 or

474-4090

SCHOOL PLAN Continued

more than 20 years old.

History

In June 1976, the Board of Education adopted a resolution that directed the Superintendent and staff to prepare a study of attendance areas of county schools to (1) ascertain the feasibility of public school children attendance at schools closer to their homes than those they were attending, (2) give special consideration to the assignment of students in geographically definable integrated areas to schools as near those areas as possible, and (3) to assure that projected changes in attendance areas be sufficiently consistent with the Guidelines for Desegregation.

According to the Board, the central premise in taking this action was that, whereas formerly many of the communities and neighborhoods of the county were populated previously by one race, many have now become biracial. In 1973 the racial composition of the county's elementary schools was 26.2% Black. As of September 1977, that percentage has risen to 42.6%.

During the 1976-77 school year, a partial study was prepared and that information was utilized, in part, by the Board and citizen Task Forces in the examination of school closings. In April 1977 the Board acted to close ten elementary schools.

At the further direction of the Board during the 1977-78 school year, a more extensive study resulted in the Demographic Study Alternative I (Plan 1) and later the Demographic Study Alternative II (Plan 2). Both studies were based not on projections of enrollments, but on the actual elementary school enrollment as of September 30, 1977.

Plan I

Presented to the Board on December 15, 1977, Plan 1 called for some 95.9% of the county's 68,359 elementary school children (152 schools) to attend the closest school. It also proposed the closing of 11 elementary schools including North End, because of diminishing enrollment and for economic reasons. Additionally, the number of schools with over a 90% Black population declined from 62 to 48. (In drafting the original desegregation plan in 1973, and more recently in the case of new school openings and closings, the guidelines stated that no school have over 50 or below 10% minority enrollment.)

The Plan also provided that every student who could not walk by virtue of distance or hazardous conditions, would be transported in most instances to the closest school, or to the second closest school. In some cases of non-contiguous areas it was stipulated that transportation of students should not be farther than an average of 3.1 miles.

Review Ordered

Plan 1 came under fire because it established some schools with enrollments of predominantly one race or the other - eight schools over 90% Black and 14 schools over 90% White. For example, the Black population at Center School would have been reduced dramatically from 40.8% to 1.7%, with the result that Center would become 98.3% White. John Carroll's enrollment would become 99.6% Black, since Greenbelt children were reassigned to Center. Oakcrest's Black enrollment under Plan 1 would total 99.1%, its White enrollment down from 37.1% to .9% due to the return of Springhill Lake students to Springhill Lake Elementary. Un-

Recreation Review

Roller Skating

The roller skating program sponsored by the Recreation Department takes place at Greenbelt Center Elementary School on the following days: Wed., 4-6 p.m. 1st thru 3rd Graders; Fri., 4-6 p.m. 4th thru 6th Graders; Sun., 1-3 p.m. Family Skate - All Ages.

A nominal fee will be charged at the door. Bring rink skates, or rent them. For further information, call the Recreation Department, 474-6878.

Weight Lifting Club Members

Many of the members have cards that have expired. In order to continue membership, the card must be renewed. The fee for persons under 18 years of age is inexpensive. For information as to fees or membership, call the Recreation Department Business Office, 9-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 474-6878.

Open Area Gyms

The following is a schedule for other gyms in the area that are open to the public: Greenbelt Junior High School - Sun., 2-6 p.m.; Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School - Sun., 6-10 p.m.

Kite Flying Contest

Let's go kids!! It is that time of year again. The March winds are on their way. Prepare those kites now for the Annual Kite Flying Contest. This year, it will be held on Sat., March 11, 12 noon on Braden Field. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Further details will be posted in both the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Police Blotter

Investigation is being conducted in the reported armed robbery of a resident of Greenbriar. Two subjects held him up at gunpoint. The victim was then tied up and left. Stereo equipment was taken, along with the victim's car. The vehicle was discovered later the same night in Washington.

A lookout has been issued for a chain saw that was stolen from a Public Works truck recently in the vicinity of the Youth Center.

PFC Duprat, after stopping a subject for speeding, charged the 19 year old resident of College Park with driving under the influence of drugs and possession of narcotics.

An older model car was reported stolen from Springhill Lake during the week. Numerous thefts from vehicles were reported; the main items taken were two-way radios and a telephone.

The Department conducted an In-Service Training School, February 6-10, which will provide 40 hours of advanced instruction as required by the State Training Commission. Several officers attending will be from various area departments.

Under this plan, the elementary school at Springhill Lake, now a biracial community, would have been 23.6% Black.

In Mid-January, the Board of Education ordered the staff to review and redraw the plan so that it would avoid racial extremes - more than 90% of either Black or White enrollments. The Board also charged its staff to enter into informal dialogue in the communities affected (particularly the 25th Legislative District), to solicit their views, input and reactions concerning certain modifications. The staff, however, did not draw Greenbelt into this process.

REACTIONS Continued

pairing, etc. that, if developed, could result in achieving the required racial balances and stability in schools.

Lack of Policy

"The Board has no policy to deal with the present situation," Schwan said. "It needs to develop a long-range policy that will be multifaceted." The plans, he noted, involve such factors as racial balances, busing mileage, and school capacities. But long-term goals dealing with the educational program must be considered. He pointed to the uncompleted Junior High School study which, he said, "cannot be divorced from the staff's present studies... a Middle school, for example, cannot be implemented without first having the study of Junior Highs."

John Van Schoonhoven, Center School principal, spoke of the lack of continuity between sixth and seventh grades, explaining that sixth graders from his school go on to four different junior highs. This fragmentation is a county-wide pattern.

Beck and Tony McCarthy were concerned about the effects that the closing of North End School and the continuation of busing students long distances out of Greenbelt would have on the community. They questioned: "Would people relocate? Would Greenbelt lose its young families?"

Springhill Lake

The group was particularly shocked that Plan 2 continued the long-distance busing of children in Springhill Lake. Springhill Lake is now an integrated community. Its elementary school ratio is 23.6% Black, 76.4% White. Looking at the city in its totality, the breakdown appears to be about 88% White, 12% Black elementary school children.

Weidenfeld felt there should be incentives for communities that are integrated, that where this occurs children should be able to attend schools within the community. The board directive, in fact, stipulated that "special consideration" be given to the assignment of students in geographically defined integrated areas to schools as near those areas as possible.

One-way Busing

Morrison and Kathrine Gough told the News Review on Tuesday that the report revealed a shocking inequity with respect to "one-way busing." It appears that Black students are being bused, for example, into Bowie, Hollywood, and Paint Branch, without students from those communities being bused out. However, the Black communities bear the burden of long-distance (over 10 miles) busing, along with some predominantly White communities, such as Greenbelt, and Berwyn Heights. Muriel Weidenfeld added: "It seems to me that the Board's criteria for long-distance busing is not related to the proximity of predominantly Black or White communities, but to the precedent of which Black-White communities were paired in the past. Perhaps if the staff were to examine this, they could avoid some of the long-distance busing that is proposed in Plan 2."

Of particular concern to committee members is the number of re-assignments for Greenbriar children - up to three schools in three years. (Center this year, C. T. Reed last year and Magnolia next year).

Greenbriar is also an integrated neighborhood.

Meetings

Muriel Weidenfeld and Savage were scheduled to meet with Springhill Lake principal Stanley

Klein on Monday and the PTA on Tuesday, but the snowstorm cancelled all activities. These meetings will be held as soon as possible in an effort to discuss the plans and receive input from all Greenbelt parents.

The G.H.I. Engineering and Maintenance committee

will hold an open meeting

Monday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.

in the G.H.I. Board Room

to discuss the possible regulation of antennas.

Any G.H.I. member who has suggestions or comments is invited to attend this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED USES FOR REVENUE SHARING FUND

Monday, February 27, 1978 - 8:00 P.M.
City Council Room - 25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 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, 1978. 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.

The following amounts are estimated to be available for allocation:

Unappropriated Balance	
Fiscal Year 1978	\$20,500
Entitlement Payments	
Fiscal Year 1979	\$81,920
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	\$102,420

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 3, 1978. 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 to present their views regarding the allocation of these funds prior to final allocation.

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PLAN 2**

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Our Neighbors

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Jennifer L. Halsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Halsey of 131 Hedgewood Drive, has recently graduated from The Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

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HUD Co-op Forum To Be Held Feb. 17

Kenneth Kopstein, Assistant General Manager for Greenbelt Homes, Inc., will be a panelist on an all-day consumer forum on cooperative housing Friday, February 17, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The forum is sponsored by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and is part of HUD's effort to bring residents, advocate groups, managers, and developers of low, moderate, and market rate cooperatives together with federal officials. The various groups will discuss how HUD can help cooperatives and how cooperatives can be an important option for home ownership opportunities with-

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Kopstein will be appearing on a panel which will discuss co-ops as a solution to national urban problems, problems of HUD-assisted programs for low and moderate income cooperatives, and implications of the Co-op Bank Bill, among other items.

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