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NEW ZONING PETITION ON PARCEL 15 EXPECTED WITH INCREASED DENSITY

by Virginia Beauchamp

The long and troubled history of Parcel 15 is moving into a new chapter this summer, with a petition to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for a change in zoning from the present R-55 (single family homes) and R. P. C. (rural planned community.) Parcel 15 is the 29-acre tract abutting on the Beltway west of the American Legion building and west and north of Charlestowne Village. Although the petition has not yet been filed, according to zoning attorney Russell Shipley, who is handling the matter, action is expected within two to four weeks.

The first indication to the city of this new request for rezoning since 1967, when an earlier petition — for R-18 apartments (20 units an acre) for most of the tract and C-1 (Commercial) for 5 acres — was denied by the County Commissioners, came in the form of a letter, dated June 6, 1978 from Burton J. Reiner, one of the trustees for the property. With the letter, addressed to city manager James K. Giese, are three sketches showing possible development of the most northern section of the parcel, an approximately 19-acre tract. These sketches indicate roughly the layout of streets, parking lots, and placement of buildings for each of the proposed alternative developments of that portion of the parcel lying primarily north of Prince James Way.

The first proposal (for R-80 zoning — 3 units an acre) shows a suggested layout of 46 single family homes, arranged around four parallel cul-de-sacs at right angles to a north-south street on the high bank closest to and directly west

of the highrise apartment building (Charlestowne North). The second and third drawings, showing access along the same north-south roadway, which is entered at Prince James Way, call for R-U zoning (comprehensive design for residential-urban, which allows 8-12 units per acres and permits the construction of Townhouses and apartments, as well as free standing homes). These drawings propose townhouse developments similar to Charlestowne Village — one with 166 units, the other 178. The difference between these two designs, according to Reiner's letter, is the concession in the former to the expressed desire of spokesmen for the county Park and Planning Board for a road interconnection between the townhouse clusters and, therefore, less space for actual buildings.

APB Report

At the July 10 city council meeting, Donald Volk, Chairman of the city's Advisory Planning Board, submitted a report (No. 199) concerning the owners' present plans for residential development of part of Parcel 15. The APB notes that none of the development studies indicate the owners' suggestion to the city that part of the land lying between the ridge line and the Lake Park at the property's western end might be dedicated to the city. Instead, they show development of the full portion of the tract.

All three studies, according to the APB report, also show development up against the Beltway right-of-way. The APB report urges "suitable set backs." (In fact, the preliminary design for single family homes violates present County regulations requiring that all lots abutting on interstate highways must be 200 feet in depth.)

The APB's third comment on the plans suggests the possibility

of future construction of a bridge across the Beltway between Parcel 15 and the Greenbelt Triangle. The report recommends that planning for the development of Parcel 15 should take into account this possibility.

City council is scheduled to discuss these alternatives for development and the APB report at the next regular meeting, August 14.

Suitability Study

According to Shipley, the engineering firm of Ben Dyer and Associates, which drew up the preliminary sketches, is presently conducting a suitability study for the property. The owners, he told the News Review, want to develop in conformity with the College Park-Greenbelt and Vicinity Master Plan of 1970. They also must work out the sewer line capabilities and the boundaries of those portions of the property possibly slated to be taken under eminent domain by county or municipal governments for parks or other purposes. Among these is an easement for a water main, apparently to follow the right-of-way of the north-south road previously mentioned.

This major line, a 99" water main, constitutes a section of WS-SC Project 80.01, a 24-mile bi-county main connecting the Potomac Plant on River Rd. in Bethesda with its terminus near Central Ave. in southern Prince Georges County. In Greenbelt it follows a diagonal line near the State Police barracks on Kenilworth Ave., roughly paralleling the Beltway, and exiting at the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Work is expected to begin on the Greenbelt section some time this next winter.

City Objection

Originally, this water main was planned to be laid directly against the Beltway on Parcel 15. See HISTORY, page 3, col. 1

Local Youth Serves as Park Patrolman

by Beth Wilkinson

Marc Siegel is a Greenbelt Lake patrolman, an appliance salesman, a self-taught guitarist, pianist and jews harpist, creative disco dancing teacher, a Maryland Leadership Workshop instructor, and he's only 19 years old.

"Many people think I'm a lot older, say 24, because I do so much," he said.

Marc begins his first year of college this fall at the University of Maryland. But while he studies music and politics, he'll still patrol the Lake Park, on a part time basis on weekends. He doesn't intend to become a career police officer, but he's not discounting the possibility. He said he "fantasizes about making it big in either music or politics," but above all he wants to serve the public. Actually, he prefers a music career, even though he thinks it will be more difficult, because it's personally more enjoyable, and he likes giving people a good time. "In politics you have to take sides," he said.

He also likes patrolling Greenbelt's recreation areas. It wasn't the pay that attracted him to this job, but "the fact that I would be able to have some say in what goes on in my town." Marc has lived near the Lake on Maplewood Ct. all his life.

Marc's job is to enforce the rules governing Greenbelt's recreation areas. "I'm not a regular commissioned officer," he noted. "I guess you'd call me a cadet."

Most of his duties involve tick-

eting cars and giving verbal warnings against drinking alcohol at the Lake. Although he does have the power to issue tickets and he has noticed a lot of beer at the Lake, Marc said he has issued only one ticket since he was hired last June. "Most people will put it away when I say something," he added.

Traffic tickets, though, are another story. Three weeks ago, Marc said, he issued about 75 parking tickets a weekend, with only one or two during the week. Since then, however, he has issued about 5 per weekend.

He believes the city's ban on parking along Crescent by the Lake is working to decrease the weekend overcrowding of the Lake Park, but he doesn't like it. "Parks are for people," he observed.

Marc believes the problem is not overcrowding but the lack of concern of park users about cleaning up after themselves. He places most of the blame for the "mess" left on weekends on District and Virginia residents. On weekends, he pointed out, about three-fourths of the Park users are from out of town.

Because the parking fine was only \$5 people were treating the ban as a joke, he said. "People can't go anywhere for \$5 anymore, so they're happy to pay the fine rather than spend more money some place else." Some people even asked, "very politely," for their tickets when they knew they had parked illegally, he said. "They know we wouldn't tow."

But the plan is working and Marc believes there are fewer peo-

ple at the Lake on weekends now.

Marc sees himself as a public relations man, providing a better insight and understanding to his peers about police. He isn't bothered by the fact that he's seen by his friends as a uniformed officer, even when he's off duty. "Sometimes it prevents my friends from getting into trouble," he said. "It has a calming effect."

Discretion and diplomacy are at times more effective in reforming offenders than the usual punishments of jail and fines. The laws aren't ignored though.

"It works because trust is created. You've done him a good turn, and he might return the favor. It removes the offender's need to get even with society."

"Unfortunately," Marc said "I walk my beat." The police department gave him a motor scooter, but it worked for about 20 minutes in early June. He doesn't mind, except when he ends up being the last person at the scene of an accident because he's on the other side of the Lake.

"I do a lot of walking and talking," Marc said. In fact, he has been accused of talking a little too often and too long with the girls at the Lake, but Marc defends himself by noting that girls are usually the only people at the Lake.

He has high praise for his fellow officers. They are the "finest in the country," he asserts, "highly educated, cooperative and compassionate."

Marc thinks he's doing the best job he can, and he's having a good time, too. But he's ready to climb

Greenbelters Go to Detroit To Compete In Youth Games

by Sue Jones

Craig Dies, Lynda and Mark Blue, and Nicolette Durantine, all members of the Greenbelt swim team, will be accompanying two other swimmers from the Washington area to the World Youth Games in Detroit, Michigan this weekend. The Games feature participants age 15 and under from thirteen cities around the country in a variety of sports.

Swimmers from within a ten mile radius of Washington, D.C. competed for the six spots on the team and Greenbelt swam away with an incredible four. The team is comprised of the top freestyle swimmers in the 9-11, 12-13, and 14-15 yrs. age groups of each sex. Craig and Lynda captured the 9-11 year old positions, and Mark and Nicolette the 14-15 spots.

To qualify for the team, the foursome first had to compete in preliminary trials and qualify for the finals. The winner of the final qualified for the team, with the second place swimmer the alternate in case of illness. According to Craig, "All we had to do was compete against other kids in the area, and all of us won. That's all we had to do." Winning often meant a few hundredths of a second lead on the second place swimmer.

The swimmers left for Detroit's Wayne University Wednesday and arrived Wednesday night. On Thursday all of the athletes will participate in a parade much like that of the Olympic Games, and will tour the city. On Friday,

Craig, Lynda, Mark and Nicolette will swim in the trial heats. If they qualify, they will swim the next day in the finals; if they place in the top three, they will take home trophies.

Greenbelt can be proud of its athletes, no matter how far they go. Never before has Greenbelt been represented in the World Youth Games, in swimming, and this year comprises 1/3 of the Washington team. The foursome swim year-round, with perhaps a break at the end of the summer. In the summer months, they swim with Greenbelt's team in the Prince-Mont Swim League, rising as early as 5:30 each morning for training.

During the remaining three seasons, they swim for the Piney Branch Swim Team in Montgomery County.

The four swimmers are almost as excited about making it to Detroit as they are about swimming there. As to their expectations: "As good as we can," says Mark. Greenbelt wishes them luck.

Elderly Housing Committee Questions Who Will Hold The Projects' Reins

by Linda Orenstein

At its Tuesday, July 25 meeting the Elderly Housing Advisory Committee dealt with the issues of management and meal programs relating to the Elderly Housing facility. Definitive action was postponed until the August 29 meeting, when a full committee would most likely be present.

James Cassels, a committee alternate, proposed a cooperatively run housing project. He cited a Detroit senior citizens housing project owned by Cooperative Services Inc., with seven buildings of 200 apartments each scattered throughout the Detroit suburbs, as an example of one of HUD's best run projects.

Cassels is hopeful that a representative of the committee will go to Detroit to see this project and bring back a favorable report. James K. Giese, ad hoc member of the group, supports the idea of resident participation in the facility's management, but stops short at their taking on full management responsibility. Those present agreed that prospective tenants should anticipate helping in the operation.

Robert Dove suggested the possibility of screening applicants to determine if they would be likely participants. Tenant participation, it was noted, should be limited according to physical ability. The project would create a community atmosphere and, at the same time, free budgeted funds for other purposes. No decision was made as to whether or not the trip to Detroit was necessary or who would make the journey.

Meal Programs

Discussion then centered around a number of options for meal programs, including arrangements for payment. The housing facility consists of only 200 units, whereas the optimum number for an economically feasible, mandatory meal program is 150 units. For 100 units, therefore, meals would be comparatively expensive and the system might not operate efficiently.

Another possibility would be a nutrition program sponsored by the Division of Aging. Greenbelt would be a likely candidate to receive funds because of the large number of senior citizens residing here. Resources for the coming year have already been obligated, but an application could be made for future assistance. A suggestion was made that the nutrition program be initiated at the Recreation Center;

some trees if people don't come out to the park. Not so he can ticket them; he just hates to see the Park unused.

If it functioned adequately, it could then be transferred to the elderly housing facility. Other packaged meal programs would not depend on everyone's participation. If the dining facility would not be used to prepare required meals, aid in the form of food stamps, surplus food and other available funds could be sought. Each unit has its own small, but complete kitchen, and residents could prepare their own food.

Giese pointed out that the committee would have to decide soon on a meal system and forward its recommendation to council. If meals are to be prepared in the kitchen, it would have to be fully equipped (pots, pans, utensils) and functioning when the residents move in.

Flyers containing a floor plan and picture will probably be sent out to those people on the mailing list before the actual application information is mailed sometime this fall. On July 26 the city manager inspected the construction site to insure that the various plans were being coordinated properly. In the handicapped units, the electric switch and the medicine cabinet were to be placed in the same location. Since the building code prohibits moving the electrical switch, the medicine cabinets had to be relocated to a less convenient place. A roof will soon be placed on the rear wing and following that work can begin on the electrical installation and the framing of interior walls. Approval has been given to the door hardware. There will be levers of the finest quality instead of knobs.

August 29 is the date of the next Elderly Housing Committee meeting, at which time a site inspection will probably be made by the group.

WHAT GOES ON

Sun., Aug. 6, 5 p.m. Reception for the Rev. Edward Birner, Holy Cross Lutheran Church
7 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, Greenbelt Lake Bandstand.

Mon., Aug. 7, 9-11 a.m. 4th Summer Daily Children's Registration, Youth Center

Tues., Aug. 8, 8 p.m. City Council work session on Housing for Elderly.

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Uncharacteristic Hostility

To the Editor:

A very brief reply to your "Silly Season" editorial. Both the editorial and related article displayed an uncharacteristic hostility and a lack of objectivity on the part of your four reporters.

City Council consideration of the GHI request for City endorsement for their grant application was consistent with our responsibilities in representing the interests of all Greenbelt citizens.

The City Council and to my knowledge the representatives of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and Neighborhood Education Center, Inc. agree that the amendment placing control of the Commercial Center aspects of the study under the control of the city was an improvement.

I am hopeful that the GHI/NEC grant application will be acted on favorably by HUD.

I am also hopeful that the standards for objective reporting in your newspaper will improve—maybe after the Silly Season.

Thomas X. White

CANDIDATES' NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

The Greenbelt Jaycees are sponsoring a "Candidates' Night" on Monday, August 14 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library Meeting Room. All candidates for the 24th Legislative District and for School Board District II (both of which Greenbelt is a part) will speak and answer questions from the audience.

The speakers are: for the Senate—Ed Conroy (D) and Leo Green (D), for the House of Delegates—Gerard Devlin (D), Donald McBride (R), Tony McCarthy (D), Bruce McIntyre (D), Dick Pilski (D), Joan Pitkin (D), Charles Ryan (D), Audrey Scott (R) and Alan Vitta (R), and for School Board—John Brunner, Lesley Kreimer and Muriel Weidenfeld.

The public is encouraged to attend and to be prepared to ask questions.

August 14 is the last day to register to vote in the primary, and "Candidates Night" will give residents a chance to choose.

SENIOR CITIZENS ATTEND NO FRILLS FOOD MEETING

by Blanche E. Lee

A bus load of Greenbelt Senior Citizens attended the "No frills" food meeting at the Good Luck Recreation Center on July 2 sponsored by Betterment for United Seniors (BUS). Following the Business Session, BUS President Georgia Holden presented a Generic Drug Award to Joseph Danzansky, Chairman of the Board of Giant Foods Inc. Also on the agenda was a "No frills" food skit. Giant and Safeway Representatives Danzansky and Ms. Jackie Moore, respectively, were asked by Greenbelt Eemora Kimball whether Giant and Safeway would agree to stock all items of No-Frills products. Both promised to have answers by this fall.

Prior to the meeting, on July 26, CBS-Channel 9 on their "Ten o'clock Break" Program with Esther Peterson, Consumer Affairs Advisor to President Carter, presented a program on "How to Save On Your Grocery Bill." Included on the panel was Lenora Kimball of Greenbelt. Martin Holly, also of Greenbelt, was interviewed from the audience.

THANKS

The officers and members of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club wish to express their appreciation and sincere thanks to the Greenbelt Community for their contribution in making the July 28 Sidewalk Sale a success.

Our special thanks also to the News Review for giving our notice of the sale front page space.

Blanche E. Lee
For Publicity Committee
Greenbelt Golden Age Club

At the Library

Tuesday, August 8, Summer films for the family, 7:30 p.m., Meeting Room—"Popeye the Sailor Meets Sinbad the Sailor" and "Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe."

Thursday, August 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m., "Fun with Food", a program on nutrition as well as elementary food processing, for teens and older children. It will be cosponsored by 4H and Youth, Cooperative Extension Service and the Young Adult Department of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library.

Greenbelt Gets Sprayed

by Anne Marie Charter

The University of Maryland sprays Greenbelt for mosquitoes on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 3 p.m. According to a spokesman for the Entomology Department, the truck driver refrains from spraying when there are children or adults on the street or sidewalk.

The spray rigs, which use efficient Ultra Low Volume sprayers, consist of standard pickup trucks operated by a trained driver-operator. These trucks move at 10 miles per hour and can be identified by flashing lights and a slow moving sign. The insecticide employed is a special grade "Malathion" which is registered by EPA for mosquito control work.

In addition to spray treatments, mosquito battlers will be conducting a program of larvaciding which involves treating mosquitoes as they hatch from eggs in swampy places.

In the larvaciding program, known breeding areas are inspected every 7-10 days and those areas producing mosquitoes are treated as needed.

Maryland's Mosquito Control program is now in its 22nd year. It is a cost-sharing program. The State pays half and the county and/or the community involved share the other half.

Kreimer Supporters Hold Children's Carnival Aug. 19

Supporters of school board member and Greenbelt resident Lesley Kreimer are having a carnival in lieu of the usual adult oriented fundraiser at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Saturday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kreimer stated that "children are what my job and this campaign are all about, so why not plan an activity for them? I expect that this carnival will attract parents and others with an interest in children."

At the Kreimer Carnival, children will have the opportunity to see a puppet show, clowns, play carnival games, win prizes, eat and have a good time. In addition, for adults, there will be a bake sale and a yard sale.

Those wanting ticket information or interested in donating items for the yard sale may call: 345-2192. If there is no answer call 441-1990.

Pass Holders To Get Refunds From Metro

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will issue refunds for the four weekdays flash pass holders were not able to use the passes during recent transit work stoppage.

Cash refunds will be available only from July 31 to August 18 at all Metro-run sales facilities and at Metrobus garages. Mailed refunds also will be available.

Refunds are computed at one-tenth the purchase price times the number of weekdays of disrupted service. Base fare pass holders will receive \$4; Maryland-D.C. pass holders \$6.40 and Virginia two-zone pass holders \$6.40.

To receive a refund by mail write: WMATA, Flash Pass Refund, Fare Distribution and Sales, 600 Fifth St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

Our Neighbors

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mary Agnes Smith, 133 Greenhill, on the death of her mother Mrs. Dean Raddy.

First place winners at the July 14 Duplicate Bridge game were Jim Lushine and Mike Glensing. Top winners at the July 21 game were Shirley Bryant and Clare Jacobs.

Lynne M. Loewer, who will be a senior in the College of Business and Economics at Lehigh University, was awarded a \$1,000 Leonard Pool Scholarship. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bernice M. Loewer of Greenbriar.

Camp Pine Tree campers enjoyed a visit to the zoo on July 17.

Janis F. McFarland, a senior in the field of Biology attained a straight A average during the spring and was named to the Dean's list at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McFarland of Fayette Pl.

It is a girl for John and Sandy Martin, 9-A Ridge. Holly Michelle was born July 22 and tipped the scales at 8 lbs., 2 1/2 oz. She joins a brother, Christopher John Martin.

It's twin girls for Maureen and Hank Irving. The latest additions to the Greenbelt Recreation Department, of which their proud father is Director, made their debut on August 1 weighing 5 lbs. 5 oz. and 5 lbs. 13 oz., and measuring 15 1/2". Mother and daughters are doing fine at Holy Cross Hospital, but as the News Review goes to press, the name selection process has not yet been completed since the Irvings were not prepared for two.

Elihu Boldt of Lakeside Drive has been listed in the fortieth edition of Who's Who in America. When questioned, Boldt was surprised to learn that his biography was in the 1978 edition of Who's Who.

Boldt is the x-ray astronomy group leader at Goddard Space Flight Center. He is a member of the American Physical Society, the American Astronomical Society, and the International Astronomical Society.

Who's Who cites reference value as the prime consideration in selecting individuals for the book. Reference value is determined by one or more of the following factors: position of responsibility, significant achievements, or public interest. This would include a certain number of heads of scientific institutions and associations and members of the National Academy of Sciences.

Marine Sergeant Jerry F. Taylor, son of Ronnie J. Donaldson of 6980 Hanover Pkwy, recently participated in exercise "Varsity Cleanex" off the Southern California coast. He is assigned to the 1st Battalion, Eleventh Marines, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Top winners in the July 28 Duplicate Bridge Game were Lucille and Lou Lushine.

A reading activities book for elementary/junior high school students, written by Linda Shevitz of Springhill Lake, has just been published by Goodyear Publishing Company of California. The book is entitled "I Can Make It On My Own."

David R. Steinkle

David R. Steinkle died Saturday, July 22, in a nursing home in Clayton, Georgia. Mr. Steinkle retired in 1965 after 30 years with the Smithsonian Institution. He moved to Greenbelt in 1937, where he developed the hobby of raising rhododendrons. He was a member of the Greenbelt Credit Union, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie, and son, Werner, of the home in Otto, North Carolina; a son Walter, Los Angeles; a daughter, Louise Winker, of College Park and 8 grandchildren.

Greenbelt Baptist Church

The Reverend Kenneth Buker will speak at Greenbelt Baptist Church, Crescent and Greenhill Rds., on Sunday, August 6 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend the service.

Rev. Buker will speak on the subject, "In the Beginning, God." A native of the state of Vermont, Rev. Buker has spent most of his life in the Washington area. He is a retired pastor of the Disciples of Christ Church.

'78 Senior Citizen Service Directory

The Prince Georges County Department of Aging has just published its 1978 edition of their Senior Citizens Directory of Services. Those senior citizens who did not receive the directory in the mail may obtain copies at the Greenbelt library.

The 48-page booklet contains information on available housing, transportation, health services, financial aid and leisure and educational activities. For further

P.G. Comm. College Courses at Roosevelt

Prince Georges Community College will be offering 20 collegiate credit courses at Eleanor Roosevelt High School during the 1978 fall semester.

Course offerings at Roosevelt include: Business Organization, Real Estate, Personnel Administration, Typing II, Introduction to the Administration of Justice, Introductory Accounting I and II, Data Processing, Mechanical Drawing, U.S. History, General Psychology, General Biology, State and Local Government, Introduction to Sociology, Business Math, Astronomy, Speech Communication, English I and II, and Economics. Classes will meet once a week on Monday or Thursday from 7-10 p.m.

Extension Center schedules are now available by calling 336-6900, ext. 418 or 419, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For 24-hour information, call 336-0239.

In-person registration will be held at the school Thursday, August 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Classes will meet on Mondays or Thursdays, beginning August 28 from 7-10 p.m.

Red Cross Offers First Aid Course

The Prince Georges County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Standard First Aid and Personal Safety Course on Tuesday and Sunday evenings, beginning Aug. 8 through August 29, 7 to 10 p.m., at 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville. To register, or for further information, call Safety Services, 559-8500, ext. 49.

information, call Shirley Wywill at 350-6666, Ext. 382.

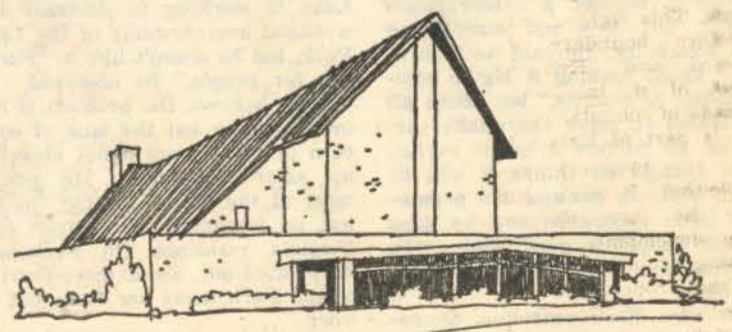
MOWATT MEMORIAL United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410 Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Cribbery and Nursery provided) Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham Pastor 474-3381

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Holy Communion 1st Sunday) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

"Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so" Rediscover this truth this week whether you are a child or an adult. GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH 474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Roads Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am Worship services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Guest Speaker: Rev. Kenneth Buker - 7 p.m. Mid-week prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays.

Greenbelt Community Church (United Church of Christ) Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings) Sunday 10 a.m. - Worship Service and Church School Nursery provided at 2B Hillside Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

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



Water, Sewer Rates Up

County Council has given final approval to a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) budget that will hike water and sewer bills for most consumers. The council okayed a total operating budget of \$120.8 million, including more than \$52.3 million earmarked for debt service to repay construction notes that help build the county's sewage treatment plants and the thousands of miles of water and sewer pipes.

Although council is not empowered to set water and sewer rates, legislators recommended a 22 percent jump in the water rate and an 8.5 percent increase in sewer rates. Both rates are just a little below the levels recommended by the WSSC.

Presently, WSSC customers are paying from 36 cents to \$1.05 for each 1000 gallons water used. The sewer levy ranges from 45 cents to \$1.31 per 1000 gallons water consumption. The sliding scale was instituted in January as a means of encouraging water conservation by awarding water savers with lower rates.

In approving the budget, Council cut 38 proposed new full-time positions and reduced summer employment (\$740,000). The budget also will move ahead repayment of the deficit accumulated over the years in the water operating fund.

Commission employees will receive a five percent cost-of-living salary increase.

In okaying the spending package, council recommended the commission draft alternate approaches for charging customers for the cost of providing service rather than relying entirely on water and sewer rates. The cost of water has continually risen as treatment technology becomes more exacting and expensive and as water consumption has tapered off.

Final budget figures resulted from a negotiating session between Montgomery and Prince Georges counties May 18.

Greenbelt CARES

During the month of July 55 individuals were counseled, of which 35 were under age 18; 35 individual tutoring sessions were held and 8 youth were referred for employment.

The special summer "brush-up" tutoring program which was to have ended this week will be extended into next week at the request of the participants.

land. The city of Greenbelt, however, together with the owners of the property, successfully protested this placement, since it would have forced removal of many fine trees which form a buffer between the heavily traveled highway and the projected residential development adjacent. For that reason, the right-of-way for the water main has been moved further east, to occupy the same right-of-way as the major street access to the property.

This projected water main, to lie west of the highrise building, is not to be confused with an already existing 42" main, to the east of the building and lying under the gravel roadway through the park. This right-of-way forms the western boundary of the city-owned land. Everything to the west of it, including some fine stands of mountain laurel and holly, is part of Parcel 15.

10-acre Portion

Neither Reiner's June 6 letter nor the three drawings suggest any development or request for zoning change for the south end of the property, a 10-acre section fronting on Greenbelt Rd. and stretching northward along the Beltway to the west of the present Charlestowne Village townhouses. In 1966, then owners Charles Breiler, Theodore Lerner and Associates petitioned for C-1 (restricted commercial) zoning for 5 acres of that section. Their expressed intention was to erect a motel.

At that time council opposed this request, advocating R-30 (garden type apartments) for the 5-acre section and R-55 and R-80 (single family) zoning for the rest of the

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary

by Leta Mach

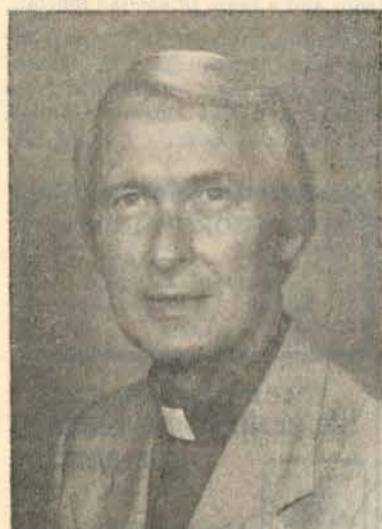
For twenty-five years, the Reverend Edward Birner has served as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. To commemorate the anniversary, the congregation plans a celebration open to the public at 4 p.m., August 6 at the church, 6905 Greenbelt Rd. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Richard Pilski will present Pastor Birner with a resolution declaring August 6 "Birner Day."

In assessing Pastor Birner's contributions, Darwin Beck, a member of the congregation, said "I don't think you can measure it in terms of the church." Under Pastor Birner, the church moved from 22 Ridge to the present location on Greenbelt Road. Reverend Birner credits the growth of the church to the growth of the community. He found that lobbying a bill through Congress to obtain the land for the church was one of the most exciting things he has done. (The land was part of Greenbelt Park, but had been cut off by the Beltway.)

When Reverend Birner first came to Greenbelt in the summer of 1951, the Greenbelt Lutheran Church (the name was changed in 1958) was a teaching station under the Mt. Rainier Minister, Reverend Edwin E. Pieplow. Reverend Birner served as vicar under him for one year, and then returned to Concordia Seminary to finish his studies. In August 1953, he was ordained and returned as the first full-time pastor of the church. Reverend Birner explained that he decided at that time to stay with the congregation until it was well established and could call on anyone for pastor.

Reverend Birner comes from Mattoon, Illinois. Not only was his father a minister, but also one brother and a brother-in-law. Of his four sons, the second son, Paul, is also studying for the ministry at St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas.

Edwin Trumbule, the only original member of the church left, in whose home the first service was held in April 1944 has known Reverend Birner since he came to Greenbelt as vicar. As co-chairman of the church's 25th anniversary celebration, he expressed the hope that "we make a big deal out of it." The guest speaker for the afternoon services on August 6 will be the Reverend Charles R. Birner, the pastor's brother from El Toro, California. The Reverend Richard Hinz, President of the Southeastern District of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran



Church, will preach at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Among other gifts, the congregation will dedicate a new Allen electronic organ in honor of Pastor Birner's anniversary. (The pastor had asked that something be done for the church, instead of for himself.) A guest artist, Walter Rossback from Reston, Virginia, will give a recital on the new organ at 3:30 p.m.

Trumbule feels the Birners have "contributed quite a lot in being a family of Greenbelt." Active in many community activities, Reverend Birner has been a member and past chairman of the city's Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) since its inception. He also meets monthly with other members of the Greenbelt clergy. Throughout his ministry, he has been working with young people; has just recently returned for example, from a church-affiliated young people's camp. Although noting the problems of young people today, Reverend Birner admits that he does not see such intense problems in the church youth with whom he works.

Despite the fact that the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was in the process of being built when he arrived in Greenbelt, Reverend Birner calls himself a rela-

Greenbelt Concert Band To Be at Lake Sunday

Greenbelt Summer Sounds will feature the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County on Sunday, August 6 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Lake bandstand. John DeHonne will conduct the band in works by Bach, Moussorgsky and others. The concert is free and open to the public.

For further information, call 474-0543. The Greenbelt Concert Band receives support from the Greenbelt Recreation Department in cooperation with The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince Georges County.

tive newcomer. He, nevertheless, has seen "traumatic changes" in Greenbelt and cites growth in particular. The "mixed blessing" of growth, he finds, "makes the ministry far more challenging." Since "the church is here to serve people," the increased population "makes the work of the church more significant." He concluded: "I like to think the city of Greenbelt is a better place because the churches are here and I like to think Holy Cross is making some contribution to that."

A Resolution Designating

Sunday, August 6, 1978 as

"EDWARD AND NANCY BIRNER DAY"

in Recognition of Twenty-five Years of Outstanding Service to the Community

WHEREAS, The Reverend Edward H. Birner has been Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the past twenty-five years, as well as a spiritual and community leader of the City of Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church will gather in a joyful celebration on Sunday, August 6, 1978 in recognition of his long and tireless service and has invited the community to join with them in a special service of thanksgiving in honor of Pastor Birner; and

WHEREAS, during the past twenty-five years, Pastor Birner has served not only his congregation but has been a true and dedicated servant to all citizens of Greenbelt, without regard to religious or personal expression; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Birner has evidenced this community and civic leadership and commitment in many ways — in providing assistance to the needy individual or group; in the consideration of the well-being and the interests of the community as was the case in the disposition of the original church property; as a member of long standing and chairman of the Community Relations Advisory Board; in working with the Labor Day Festival; in his activities with the young people of the community; and in his efforts to establish an effective cooperative body of political, civic and spiritual leaders and citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, this dedication and concern for his fellow citizens and for his "city" has been shared during these past twenty-five years by his wife Nancy, who has given quietly and unstintingly of her time and her energies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, determine that it is fitting that the community join in his joyful celebration of the 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINISTRY OF PASTOR EDWARD H. BIRNER to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and his wife NANCY'S devoted service and untiring efforts on behalf of their church and the citizens of Greenbelt, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1978 be designated as

EDWARD AND NANCY BIRNER DAY

in recognition of their twenty-five years of outstanding service to the community, and that the Council, in behalf of the citizens of Greenbelt, commend Pastor Birner and his wife Nancy for their hard work and their achievements and express to them the appreciation and thanks of the Greenbelt community.

Richard R. Pilski, Mayor
Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor Pro Tem
Richard J. Castaldi, Councilman
Charles F. Schwan, Jr., Councilman
Thomas X. White, Councilman

ATTEST:
Gudrun H. Mellis, City Clerk

History of Parcel 15

property. The whole tract then comprised about 32 acres. In September 1970, however, the city purchased just under three acres of forested land along the lake as a buffer strip to comprise part of the lake park. Total cost of the purchase was \$53,284.

Other commercial purposes have through the years been suggested for the southern portion of the tract. In September 1972 the city council turned down the Lancer Corporation's plan to build an indoor tennis facility on 4.5 acres of parcel 15, located west of Charlestowne Village, south of Greenbelt Lake. Council feared that such a facility would open the door to other commercial ventures on the property. The facility would have been commercially operated with the land and the structure eventually being deeded to the city.

The possibility of building a motel on the site still surfaces from time to time. Recently, a spokesman for the owners also queried the city concerning its view of locating a post office there. The city has indicated no objection to a substation for sorting of mail at that location but noted strong concern that the customer-service facility should remain on Centerway. Access to any commercial facilities is possible only from the roadway leading to the American Legion building, at the south, or from the end of Prince James Way, to the north.

Both the American Legion post and the Charlestowne condominium owners have also been interested in purchasing portions of the property. About a year ago the Legion was almost ready to sign a

contract for about 5 and a half acres, mostly north of the parking lot — both to extend parking space and for possible future expansion of the building. But the WSSC plan requiring part of the land for the water main right-of-way halted negotiations. "At the present time we're at a standstill," said Eugene Sparks, past commander of Post 136.

Nancy Hindman, President of the condominium, told the News Review that the group would like to purchase a gravel strip adjacent to the parking lot, which condominium residents have been permitted to use for additional parking for several years, though not actually belonging to the condominium.

School Site

In the long history of the site, the earliest plans for its use involved the citizens of Greenbelt in one of the most acrid controversies. On the city's March 1965 master plan, Parcel 15 was designated for a senior high school building. This use had also been indicated in the February 1965 MNCPPC master plan, and the Prince Georges County School Board also initially preferred this site. Later, however, the board turned it down in favor of a proposed three-school complex and athletic stadium on Parcel 2 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Ridge Rd.

Greenbelt citizens, concerned by the traffic to be generated by such a use of Parcel 2, whose only access is a narrow residential street, lobbied the School Board to reconsider, and the present site of the School was chosen instead.

Recreation Review

Men's & Women's Football Leagues

Three leagues will each consist of six or less teams participating in double round robin competition. All teams interested in joining either league should contact the Rec. Dept., 474-6878, for further fee and registration information.

Chucks 'N' Lassies

Boys and girls, ages 6-12 years old are urged to attend this activity of group games and physical fitness on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Youth Center. Shirts will be given to those children who attend regularly.

Summer Playgrounds - One More Week

Playground programs are held at the SHL Rec. Center and North End Elementary School, Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. All children, 6-12 years, are welcome. Friday, August 11 will be the last day that youngsters can participate in such activities as arts and crafts, sports, table games, nature hikes and special events. The playgrounds are co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Rec. Dept. and the MNCPPC.

Dial 911 for Fire/Rescue

by Wayne Lewis

During the hot summer days when there is high temperature and high humidity, three types of medical emergencies are likely to occur. These are heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Heat cramps are muscular pains and spasms, usually in the legs and abdomen, accompanied by profuse perspiration and faintness. Heat exhaustion is characterized by rapid and usually shallow breathing; weak pulse; pale and cool skin; profuse perspiration, and general weakness, nausea and dizziness. (Heat cramps are often an early sign of approaching heat exhaustion). Heat stroke is associated with high fever (106° F or higher); hot red dry skin; strong fast pulse; dilated pupils; breathing becoming shallow or almost absent, and early loss of consciousness. (Heat stroke is a true emergency and carries a twenty percent mortality rate. Alcoholics are extremely susceptible to heat stroke).

If any one of the types of heat emergencies occurs, get the person out of the heat and attempt to cool him. If you suspect any problems, call 911 and ask for an ambulance to be sent to transport the patient to the nearest hospital.

Be careful of staying in the sun too long as sunburn may also occur. Taking of salt tablets is not recommended as recent studies have shown they may cause stomach problems.

Pre-School Vacancies Now

A preschool educational program is open to all 2-5 year old children at the Campus Center for Early Learning at 7600 Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt. The non-profit day care center features instructors with degrees in early childhood education.

The pre-school group still has a limited number of full-day openings. Also, limited transportation is available. Call 345-8830 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. for more information.

Police Blotter

Emergency: 474-5454
Information: 474-7200

Officers on patrol observed four males drinking in public in the Candy Cane City park area. All four were charged and, in addition, two were also charged with indecent exposure. Several juveniles were also observed drinking outside the Youth Center area and were disbursed.

A male resident of Springhill Lake reported that a female knocked on his door early one morning and told him she had car trouble. Upon opening the door, two males also entered, one armed with a pistol. He reported they tied him up and took cash, jewelry and his car keys from his apartment. The car was recovered in Springhill Lake. Investigation is continuing.

Several thefts from parked cars have taken place in different areas of the city. In one incident, a suspicious vehicle was stopped after leaving the Greenbriar area and the three juvenile occupants were arrested after the officer discovered numerous hub caps in the vehicle. It was estimated that \$800 in hub caps was recovered. Some have been returned to their owners living on Mandan Road. However, the Department still has three sets left. Any resident of the Greenbriar area who has had hub caps stolen recently, should contact Lt. Zoellner, property officer.

A stolen auto from Plateau Place was recovered in the Easton area. A stolen motorcycle was recovered near the owner's home in Springhill Lake.

Officer D'Appollito, while checking the Youth Center early on July 12 located an open door. Three male Greenbelt residents were found inside when the building was checked. Numerous items which had been removed from the building were recovered. The three subjects, two adults and one juvenile, were charged with breaking and entering.

Two male juveniles were apprehended after leaving a restaurant in the Beltway Plaza without paying their bill. They were released to their parents who also paid the bill.

Pension in Jeopardy

A policeman on the Greenbelt force who has tenure just as any other member, may lose his pension rights because of a little known amendment to a Senate Bill which is now Chapter 840 of the Laws of Maryland.

This act which became effective July 1 says that certain employees of "libraries and educational institutions employed pursuant to a Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act are exempted from the State Retirement System."

Contacted by officials of the local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, Del. Gerard F. Devlin (D-24th) contacted Chris G. Christus Assistant Secretary of Personnel for Retirement. As a result of the Devlin appeal the State Retirement Board is going to take another look at this case.

"The whole thrust of the law is that temporary and irregular employees should not be a part of the State Retirement System. Obviously, this officer is not in this category. He is a full fledged member of the department," Devlin said. "I am going to do all I can to see that his rights are protected."

Spellman Fund-Raiser-Fun Day, August 13

Family Fun Day, an event that combines fund-raising with fun-raising on behalf of Gladys Spellman's reelection to Congress, will be held on Sunday, August 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Bowie Race Track. Games, sack races, musical groups, magic acts, door prizes and light refreshments are on the program as well as a softball competition between the Spellman staff team and a team of elected officials.

Coordinators are the Citizens for Spellman Committee. In Greenbelt, tickets may be obtained from Charles and Pat Brown, 474-0419, and Roy and Beverly Colvin, 474-8479.

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Four New Office Buildings Are Planned for Greenbelt

by Elaine Skolnik

Twenty-two office buildings are scheduled for completion and occupancy in Prince Georges County during 1978-1979. The projects will have a combined market valuation of nearly \$51 million and a property tax yield of \$859,000 according to county officials.

Four buildings will be constructed in Greenbelt — the 41,000 sq. ft. Stidham Office Building on Edmonston Road, the 60,000 sq. ft. Professional Building and 60,000 sq. ft. Medical Condominium on the Golden Triangle (Greenbelt Road), and the 114,000 sq. ft. Capital office Park on the Springhill Lake North tract west of Kenilworth Avenue.

Office building construction on the Triangle is limited to 450,000 square feet because of congestion at the Kenilworth Avenue-Greenbelt Road intersection. On the Springhill Lake North Tract a complex of four buildings totaling 450,000 square feet is planned.

It is expected that tenants will be moving into the Stidham Building in September. The Springhill Lake North facility has not yet received a building permit and the Golden Triangle office buildings are at the "grading-sedimentation control plans" stage. Construction of the Capitol Cadillac Automobile Agency has already begun on the Triangle and the hoped-for completion date is November 1.

An office complex (two buildings), Greenbelt-East, is also on the drawing boards on the Schrom Airport site located just outside the city limits, adjacent to the Windsor Green townhouse development. Preliminary site plans are being re-

viewed and topographical studies are underway, preparatory to drawing up plans for road improvements to Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway ramp.

Residential

With respect to residential development, Prince Georges County issued permits for 3,260 units in 1977, a 59% increase over the 2,049 units authorized in 1976, and 13.6% of the metropolitan total of 23,957 units. In Greenbelt, it is expected that the 1,193-unit Greenbriar condominium-Glen Oaks apartment development will be completed this year. Construction of the 650 Windsor Green townhouses is expected to continue for the next five years. Originally, 750 units were contemplated. The reduction was attributed to parking, green-space-common area and other amenity requirements. The city hopes that the Housing for the Elderly development will be completed in the spring of 1979.

Residential development is also being proposed for Parcel 15, the land off Greenbelt Road near the American Legion and bounded on the west by the Capital Beltway. Three preliminary concept plans for the 19 acres of the tract have been submitted to the city. One envisions approximately 46 single family units while the other two are townhouses at 166 and 178 units respectively.

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The fourth and final registration for the Summer Daily Children's classes, will be held on Monday, August 7, 9-11 am at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This is an in-person registration, on a first-come, first served basis. Registration, on a space available basis only, by phone from 11:30-12 noon. Classes will be held on Tuesday through Friday for two weeks beginning Tuesday, August 8.

ACTIVITIES	AGE	FEE
Archery	8-15 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Arts & Crafts	6-12 yrs.	FREE
Chucks 'n' Lassies - Group games/ Physical Fitness Program - boys & girls 6-10 yrs.	Tues & Thu YC, 10-12n	FREE
Clay Modeling	6-15 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Swimming Lessons		
*Beginner, Adv. Beginner	5 & over	\$5/8 classes Resident Child
Intermediate & Swimmer		\$8/8 classes Resident Family
*Diving	6 & over	\$5/8 classes - Resident
Group Competitive Technique	Adv. Beginner Course must be completed	\$5/8 classes - Resident \$8/8 classes - Non-Resident
*Water Baby	1-5 yrs.	\$5/8 classes - Resident
Each child must be accompanied by a person 18 yrs. or over		\$10/8 classes - Non-Resident
*Offered to Non-Resident Pass Holders on space available basis only		\$10/8 classes per child
Tennis	8-15 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Trampoline	6-15 yrs.	\$8/8 classes

ADULT SWIMMING

In-person registration also at the Municipal Swimming Pool Monday, August 7, from 6-8 pm. Swim for Lunch Bunch - Pool Diving Well - adults 18 and over only. Tuesday thru Friday, 12 noon - 12:50 pm. Advanced registration required, limited to 25 participants, must live or work within the city limits. \$5/8 hours.

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City Council Hears COG Representative Explain Federal Air Quality Program

by Beth Wilkinson

Robert Bragan, a Regional Planner for the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (COG) briefed the Greenbelt City Council at its July 31 work session, on an Air Quality Program COG is developing in order to comply with Federal air quality standards as required by the 1977 amendments to the Clean Air Act of 1970.

The 1977 amendments directed that efforts be made to clean up the air in more than 150 regions found violating Federal standards where automobiles and trucks are the major source of pollution. The greater Washington area, including Greenbelt, is one of those regions.

Earlier this year COG was designated by local governments and the chief executives of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, to prepare a plan of action for improving the air quality.

The amendments also included sanctions and penalties in the form of withholding Federal funds for water, sewage and transportation projects, to be imposed against regions where inadequate initiative has been taken.

These sanctions will automatically go into effect July 1, 1979 against negligent regions, or regions which renege on their commitments to a plan, and can be imposed any time after then. Penalties can be imposed regionally as against Prince Georges County or the State of Maryland, and locally as against Greenbelt. It is possible that if a sanction were imposed against Maryland, repercussions would be felt in Greenbelt.

1982 is the deadline set for obtaining clean air, but if proof can be shown that a plan needs more time for success and that an earnest effort has been made, an extension of no more than five years (bringing the deadline up to 1987) may be granted.

Participation by local governments in the development of the plan is an integral part of COG's approach.

Each jurisdiction was briefed by COG in July (Greenbelt just made it with Bragan's July 31 presentation) about the amendments' requirements. Bragan also passed out a list of possible control methods which have been developed by COG.

Local Jurisdiction

Greenbelt, as well as all other jurisdictions, has sole authority to choose which and how many proposals it may wish to commit itself to, as well as the right to suggest and commit itself to its own plans. But once a commitment is given, responsibility is assumed and the local, state and county governments are held accountable for the implementation of that plan.

Some projects already in progress, which were undertaken either partly or wholly to reduce transportation-related pollution, but without the amendment requirements in mind, can be included in the plan and credited to a jurisdiction's effort. Greenbelt can possibly point to its improvement of bike paths around the city.

In September and October of this year public hearings sponsored by COG will be held on the plan, and local governments will take formal action committing themselves to specific projects. In November and December the plan will be adopted by the COG Board of Directors, and the State of Maryland, which will then include it in the Maryland State Implementation Plan.

On Jan. 1, 1979, COG will submit its plan for the greater metropolitan area to the Environmental Protection Agency, which must demonstrate that either the federal standards will be met by 1982, or that an extension will result in progress to attain those standards. The EPA will monitor the plan's progress, and, if necessary, impose sanctions.

Throughout the next three years new projects will have to be developed and initiated because the proposals committed to during this year will not be sufficient to meet the standards, because some of the proposals are too involved to be capable of implementation before Jan. 1, 1979.

Measures will be financed by the individual governments, with some support from federal funds.

The majority of the 31 proposals submitted by Bragan to the Greenbelt City Council for its consideration encouraged the use of buses and car pools, while discouraging the commuters who drive alone.

Councilman Schwan commented that the only proposal he saw that

County Adopts Budget Lowers Property Taxes

Prince Georges County Council has enacted a fiscal 1979 budget that will bring the average homeowner's property tax bill down \$103 from last year, despite a last minute \$4 million shortfall in revenues that the county executive had relied upon to balance his budget.

The county council formally enacted a \$443.5 million budget that saw substantial increases for the Metrobus and Metrorail systems. At the same time, the Board of Education, despite a \$1 million trimming by the council, will receive approximately \$262 million next year, up from \$246 million last year.

The final budget total will put the county's property tax rate at \$3.31 per \$100 assessed property value. The present tax rate is \$3.41. The total property tax levy, including monies earmarked for the two bi-county agencies and the state property tax will be \$4.04, down from the fiscal 1978 level of \$4.14 and a penny below the county executive's proposed rate of \$4.05.

A last minute revenue crisis that amounted to a \$4 million hole in the budget, was patched partially by an increase in revenue estimates. The county executive found an additional \$1.7 million in revenues for the coming year — the bulk in federal impact aid to schools which accrued last year but will be in hand for the first time this coming fiscal year.

Additionally, council cut more

Greenbelt could undertake would be that which dealt with bike paths.

than \$4.85 million from the executive's budget. The cuts were scattered in nearly every county department and agency.

The newly-created Department of Services and Programs for the Aging saw a 30% increase in its budget which will allow heavier use of the senior citizen bus transportation network and several new staff positions.

Council trimmed the police budget by approximately \$200,000. The department will be manned by 894 officers. A new training class is planned.

The library system, successful with its first attempt at Sunday hours at two branches, will expand the service to two more branches. The library budget will increase to nearly \$8 million. New branches will open in Glenarden and Surrattsville-Clinton.

Metro captured the largest increase. Metrobus and rapid rail costs increased from \$3.6 million this year to \$7.1 million in the coming year. The increase will cover 15% of the regional bus deficit and 13% of the rail deficit — designated as P.G. County's share.

Miss Greenbelt Pageant

All Greenbelt girls, 15-19 years of age, interested in entering this year's Miss Greenbelt Pageant are invited to attend an informal meeting Tuesday, August 8, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Library Conference room. All girls who have already entered are requested to attend.

For more information call Mrs. Debbie Kirby at 474-6384.

CITY NOTES

City crews cleaned debris from roadsides and pedestrian underpasses and patched potholes. The three summer crews have been continuing the lane painting.

The paper collection netted 6 tons, 1150 lbs. last week.

The parks crew has been cutting grass, maintaining ball fields, the flower beds on Southway, and the golf course. A foot bridge has been built across the stream at the golf course. The chipper has been out.

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