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Task Force I-B, in Surprise Move, Votes to Keep Its Six Schools Open

by Barbara Likowski

Members of Task Force I-B, in a surprise move, voted Wednesday night, January 3, to recommend that no junior high schools in their area be closed. The vote came during a fairly short meeting in Greenbelt Junior High School when the task force members were trying to decide what criteria would be used to decide whether a school in their area should be closed.

One member of the task force made a report which was changed to a motion that the committee recommend that no school be closed. This was passed by a majority of those present. An amendment to the motion which would have recommended a school to be closed if all of the schools could not be kept open was handily defeated.

Volunteers were enlisted for a sub-committee to write a report for the Board of Education stating the reasons for their decision to keep all schools open. The committee planned to meet on Sunday, January 7 and report back to the entire group at their next meeting Thursday, January 11. The report will be presented to the Board of Education on January 29 and is to be considered at the February 8 Board Meeting.

Minority Report

A minority report was also planned by those committee members who did not agree with the majority decision. Those in the minority expressed fear that if the committee did not decide on a school for closing the decision would be made for them by the staff.

The chairman and vice-chairman of the task force had previously met with Superintendent Edward Feeney and asked if county school administration staff could be cut instead of closing schools. Feeney insisted that he was down to a bare-bones staff.

Those junior high schools in I-B are: Buck Lodge, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Mt. Rainier, Nicholas Orem and Rollingcrest.

On the committee from each school are: the principal, a member of the faculty, a member of the P-TA, and parents from each of the communities within the school's attendance areas. This year the principals and faculty members do not vote on final decisions such as the ranking of priorities for school closings or the naming of a school to be closed. Thus no faculty member is on either sub-committee.

Priorities

At the beginning of the meeting the group listed those priorities they had planned to use in selecting

which school or schools should be closed; student enrollment, physical facilities, etc. Transportation had not been included on the list. However it was introduced at the meeting, voted on and added as another priority, to be considered. Opponents felt that transportation was not really important since the school board could decide on enrollment at will by busing students in or out. (The motion to not close any of the schools made all priority considerations moot.)

William Chapples, school administration representative objected, saying that the board considered changing school boundaries only if a new school was opened, a school was closed or if "we get an overcrowded situation that won't alleviate itself." Chapples explained later to this reporter that this would be necessary if there was not a normal decline in enrollment in a few years. He emphasized that it was necessary to look at the overall picture.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Jan. 11, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Mon., Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. School Board Budget Hearing, Roosevelt High School
Tues., Jan. 16, 8 p.m. Roosevelt PTSA meeting

Locraft Corporation Will Measure Stability Of Walls of ERHS for Next 12-Month Period

by Elaine Skolnick

Planning is underway by the Locraft Corporation of Washington, D.C. to measure and monitor the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. The Prince Georges Board of Education voted in December 1978 to spend up to \$25,000 to determine the structural soundness of the building.

Opened in 1976, the \$9.5 million high school has not yet been accepted into the school system. The building contractor, Glassman Construction Company, ran into financial difficulties and did not complete the project. Construction Management Company, which took over, has been correcting such defects as loose and eroded brick work, roof leaks, water seepage, warped flooring and cracks in walls and parking lot surfaces. According to John Aubuchon Public Information Officer for the school system, there are only a few items remaining to be corrected.

In June 1978 a formal complaint alleging unsafe construction was brought by Jack Steiffer, Greenbelt resident and former Roosevelt teacher. He suggested that the building is "literally tearing itself apart as it shifts in three directions on the clay horizon it's built on."

There followed a series of inspections and reports by county and state personnel, who pointed out various deficiencies in the construction, but could not find any immediate hazards that would affect the safety of the students and staff at the school. However, they recommended that the building be monitored to verify that there are, in fact, no structural problems. The members of the board and the staff concurred.

Reports

In a report, dated August 7, 1978, Albert P. Backhaus, principal staff engineer for the state's Department of Licensing and Regulation, Occupational Safety and Health said that prompt attention should be given to various deficiencies (roof leaks, cracks, etc.) "to allay further deterioration which could aggravate

the situation to create hazardous conditions and which delay could result in costly repairs. As for movement of the building walls, it may well be in the interest of all to monitor wall behavior for a period of time through controlled procedures." He said "there is no sign of imminent danger."

An inspection by the Department of Licenses and Permits (DLP) revealed that the inside auditorium walls were 8" out of plumb, which according to an August 30, 1978 memorandum from DLP "far exceeds the allowable limits" permitted by the National Concrete Masonry Association. DLP found "no apparent structural damage" and required that loose bricks be fixed immediately and a stability analysis be ordered.

The Roosevelt student publication "The Review" of October 1978 reported that Backhaus mentioned that the condition of parallax was another possibility as to why the walls were not straight. This occurs when an object, especially a tall one, seems to change shape as one moves in relation to it.

Leo J. Ritter, executive director of the State School Construction Program, in a memo dated September 21, 1978 questioned the use of 8 inch wide masonry walls when 12 inch walls are required where there is corbeling (an overlapping arrangement of bricks or stones in which each course extends farther out from the vertical of the wall than the course below). According to Aubuchon, the architects and their consulting firm are reviewing this matter.

In response to the Greenbelt City Council's October 2, 1978 letter of concern about the safety of Roosevelt High School, Superintendent

of Schools, Dr. Edward J. Feeney said: "Although there are residual problems in completion by the financially troubled contractor, there is consensus (by architects, inspectors of various agencies and an independent firm) that there is no structural instability."

The independent firm, AAA Building and Engineering Consultants in a letter to Steiffer on September 21, 1978 wrote the following: "In general, there is much evidence of poor workmanship in the brick caulk, leaking, etc. All of the above findings must be repaired immediately in accordance with good commercial practice and then inspected by the proper jurisdictional authorities. It is very important that cracking and expansion joints be checked periodically for further movement. There is settlement occurring which is not undue at this time; also, I don't believe that there is any structural instability at this time."

Monitoring

Locraft will be using sensitive surveying instruments to measure the existing conditions of the walls. At about six month intervals for a year they will repeat these measurements to determine if there were any movements of the building.

A spokesman for Locraft described it technically as "establishing a rectangle around the building that is related to a known system of control and from that rectangle (to) determine the position of the exterior walls relating to the rectangle and to each other."

Open Meeting on Schools

School Board Member Lesley Kreimer will hold an open meeting in the media center of Center School next Thursday, January 18 at 8 p.m. Kreimer invites concerned Greenbelters to come and discuss the School closing task force areas and any other concerns about the local schools.

Top Ten Stories of 1978

by Mary Lou Williamson and Virginia Beauchamp

In accordance with its annual custom, the Greenbelt News Review has selected the ten top Greenbelt stories of 1978. This year the following were chosen, listed in the approximate order of their occurrence.

Overpass

The year 1978 begins with high expectations for a pedestrian overpass to bridge the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, providing safe pedestrian access between Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbriar, and the Center of Greenbelt with its shops, post office, library and churches. The bridge would be constructed by the Federal Highway Administration, the approaches by the National Park Service. Greenbelt has only to name the exact location and acquire easement. City staff, studying possible sites, comes up with Gardenway. But Greenbriar residents nearest the site balk, fearing teenage vandalism, they say. City council, after listening to impassioned speeches on both sides of the issue at public hearing in April, votes 3 to 2 in favor of Gardenway location as best in offering the most direct route, greater use and safety, lower cost and optimal topography. By late November, title work on Greenbriar easement is completed, but bridge prospects are still far in the future.

School Closings

This year, as last, begins and ends with alarm over possible closing of a Greenbelt school. During early months of 1978 members of the Greenbelt School Study Committee devote many hours to analysis of School Board staff's Demographic Plans 1 and 2. These plans would return most elementary students to neighborhood schools (but probably not Greenbelt), close North End and 10 other elementary schools, and send Greenbriar students to their third school in three years. The Committee, not liking what it finds — resegregation of some schools and continued long-distance busing for Greenbelt children — mounts full-scale attack on Plans 1 and 2 at public hearings in March. Greenbelt tells school board at last hearing that original concepts — returning children to neighborhood schools and reducing busing — are good, but plans are premature. More time should be devoted to working out specific inequities of the plan and to broaden its focus. Public participation is also urged. However, school board withdraws plans in face of much public criticism of details. Attempts by school board member Lesley Kreimer in July to get board to return to neighborhood schools those children in integrated areas also fails. Instead, board votes to close more schools. All three junior high schools serving Greenbelt — Mary Bethune, Greenbelt and Kent — are included in Task Force Studies as year ends.

City Budget

City council, following the lead of state and county politicians, lops 2c off property tax rate for 1978-79; residents will pay 97c per \$100 assessed valuation. While city budget is up 12.5% over previous year to a record 2 1/4 million dollars, half of that increase is due to 10 federally funded CETA positions. Greenbelt tax payers benefit from a 10% growth in tax base and from increased state-shared taxes. General fund increases are due almost entirely to increased salary and cost of materials. New capital outlay will come from federal revenue sharing funds. City staff writes into this year's budget goals to strive for during the coming fiscal year.

Addition to Municipal Building

A ceremony during the Labor Day Festival weekend marks the formal dedication of the new wing of the municipal building, named as a memorial to the late Edgar L. Smith, longtime resident and former mayor of Greenbelt. Many local and state dignitaries attend, including U. S. Representative Gladys Spellman and Ward Miller, Director of Local Public Works of the Economic Development Administration, which financed construction of the new facility. It houses the city's administrative and financial department offices, frees space in the older building for much needed expansion of police department facilities and supplies permanent housing for Greenbelt CARES.

New Development

Commercial development booms in every vacant corner of land in Greenbelt. Throughout the year work is visible in the Golden Triangle. Major regrading of land contours in January raises city's concern about surface drainage of the northern area toward city parkland. On the southern end, two ponds to control sedimentation are completed for water draining under Greenbelt Rd. Internal roadways are laid out and utility lines installed as construction proceeds on Capitol Cadillac building. Redesign of Greenbelt Rd. for turn lanes into Golden Triangle affect local traffic but new sidewalk makes pedestrian access easier to Kenilworth.

On the Springhill Lake North tract, groundbreaking ceremonies are held August 17 for Capital Office Park. By year's end street grading and building construction are well under way on the first of five projected 10-story office buildings.

On Edmonston Rd. south of the Beltway, the Stidham Bldg. (Nation-wide Insurance) is completed and tenants move in during September.

But plans move more slowly on the Greenbelt East development across the B-W Parkway. Over city's objection that commercial development is premature until road access problems and added traffic burdens can be resolved, county council okayes sewer allocation in April for office complex and local convenience shopping center planned in Williamsburg style. But road access issue complicates petition for rezoning of small tract between Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt East. No decision is made by year's end.

Owners of Parcel 15, west of Charlestowne Village, announce their intention to file for rezoning. APB and city council express preference for free-standing homes. But no action is taken as year draws to a close.

GHI Rehabilitation

Dozens of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board, committee and other concerned members and staff work doggedly throughout 1978 to plan details of housing cooperative's first major rehabilitation of its 40-year-old structures. Reports are drawn up, examined, picked apart and redrawn many times. Membership approves formal package by 2 to 1 vote at packed special meeting in October, though refinement of details continues. Phase I (1979) calls for items that will result in savings of fuel and maintenance costs: insulation, storm windows and weatherstripping. Phase II (1980) will replace worn plumbing fixtures, supplies, electrical heavy-up, and adds attic partitions.

Federal grant helps pay for Mark Beck Associates Rehabilitation and Planning Study for GHI (February, \$50,000).

In September HUD notifies GHI it has been designated a Neighborhood Strategy Area — thus assuring GHI and the city five years of grants to assist in rehabilitation of the neighborhood. The city will receive funds for administering a Section 312 loan and grant program for individual GHI members also to aid in financial rehabilitation. In addition, GHI receives commitment for Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments for 325 low-income members.

The Historical View

Greenbelters look back to their "roots" throughout 1978 as a succession of anniversaries and other events spark interest in our history. First among these is the mortgage burning ceremony held by GHI on Jan. 29, completing the 25 years since the formation of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, a home-owners cooperative, which undertook to purchase the property from the federal government.

Then in October the retirement of City Public Works Director Albert

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Aerobic Dance Classes

An aerobic dance exercise class—cardiovascular conditioning while learning choreographed routines to popular music—will meet in Greenbelt Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. starting Jan. 23. Monday and Wednesday evening classes from 7-8 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. will begin Jan. 8. For further information call 490-0636.

CITY NOTES

Storm sewers and catch basins were cleaned and radios were installed in three trucks that will be used for snow and ice control.

As temperatures dropped last week, it was necessary to apply some salt to various intersections and along some hills in the city. One day was also spent repairing potholes in city streets with cold mix.

Work has been continuing on the remodeling of the police department and some work was done on the flower boxes at the stairway at the Crescent Road entrance to the city office building. Installation of carpeting on the second floor of the original building has also begun.

Christmas trees were chipped. The new C.E.T.A. crew is now on board and their first project is the perimeter trail running from the end of Laurel Hill Road to the old landfill. The ducks were fed at the lake.

Legislators Receive Leadership Posts

Two of Greenbelt's representatives to the General Assembly have been named to leadership positions in the Senate and the House of Delegates for the 1979 session.

Senator Edward T. Conroy, a 12 year veteran in the Senate, has been renamed Chairman of the Senate Constitutional and Public Law Committee and Delegate Gerard F. Devlin has been tapped as Vice-chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Devlin has been in the House since 1975.

"It is an unusual honor for a relatively junior member and I am pleased that our new Speaker Ben Cardin saw fit to appoint me to an important post. I will do all I can to justify his confidence," Devlin said.

Del. Charles J. Ryan, who was elected to the House, after being appointed to fill the remainder of Del. David Gray Ross' term when the latter was appointed to a Circuit Court judge in June, was named to the House Appropriations Committee and newly elected Del. Joan B. Pitkin will serve on the Environmental Matters Committee.

Mishkan Torah News

Leonard Cohen of Greenbelt will conduct services at the Mishkan Torah on Friday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Recreation Review

Correction

For the winter classes, the Greenbelt Recreation Department is offering tap dancing at the Youth Center on Mon., from 3-4 p.m. to anyone 6 years of age and over. Call 474-6878 for registration information. Classes begin Jan. 22.

Free Programs Offered

Beginning Mon., Jan. 22, the Recreation Department will offer the following free activities:

Arts & Crafts, YC/SHLRC, Mon., 4 p.m., 1st thru 3rd graders; YC/SHLRC, Wed., 4 p.m., 4th thru 6th graders; Chucks 'n' Lassies, group games/physical fitness program for boys and girls (Club shirts provided for regular attendance.), YC/SHLRC, Sat., 12 noon - 1:30 p.m., Ages 6-10; Funtime, stories, games and crafts for fun and skill, YC, Thurs., 4-5 p.m., ages 4-6 years; Volleyball, coRecreational play; CS, Competitive games, Mon., 8:30-10:30 p.m., Ages 16 & over; CS, Leisure games, Wed., 8:30-10:30 p.m., Ages 16 & over.

Winter Class Registration

There are still openings in many Winter Recreation Classes which will not begin until the week of January 22.

Open Area Gyms

The following is a schedule for other gyms in the area that are open to the public:

Greenbelt Jr. High School, Sun., 1-5 p.m.; E. Roosevelt Sr. High School, Sun., 6-10 p.m.

Family Roller Skating

Family skating is being held at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School's gymnasium on Sun., from 1-3 p.m., throughout the winter. A nominal fee is charged at the door. Girls' and Women's Gym

Women's Gym Night Activities are held from 7-10 p.m., at the Youth Center and SHL Center Gyms on Wed. evenings. Volleyball, basketball, tumbling and trampolines are a few of the activities that are offered.

Disco Dance

The Recreation Department is offering a Beginner Disco Dance class at the Youth Center Thurs. evenings from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Call 474-6878, weekdays, 9-5 p.m. for registration details. Classes begin Jan. 25.

Managers Needed

The Greenbelt Little League needs managers and coaches for the coming year. Persons wishing to help with a team may call Norm McCarthy at 474-8946 or Dinks Lloyd at 474-6936.

Police Blotter

Three juveniles were charged with breaking and entering an apartment in Springhill Lake. An alert neighbor observed the suspects breaking into the apartment and called the Police Department. As a result of his quick actions, the officers were able to arrive on the scene while the juveniles were still inside the apartment. The three residents, two 16 year olds and one 12 year old, were released to their parents to await Juvenile Court action.

After receiving a complaint that a non-resident was enroute to the city with the intention of harming a resident over a domestic dispute, a lookout was placed. Cpl. Craze observed the subject enter the city and stopped his vehicle. The person was found to be armed with a 12 gauge shotgun and was charged with possession of a deadly weapon with intent to injure. He was transported to Hyattsville and incarcerated in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

Two homes in the Lakewood area were broken into on New Year's Eve. Money, camera equipment, stereo and weapons were reported stolen. Investigation is continuing in both these cases.

Cpl. Miskell recovered a truck behind the North End School. The vehicle had been stolen from the Agricultural Research Center a short time before. The vehicle was returned to the owners.

The Variety Store was broken into during the week of Jan. 1. A small amount of money was taken. Investigation is continuing.

The juvenile who called the department to report officers in trouble and in need of assistance on Halloween was found guilty of making a false report to police in Juvenile Court this week.

Crabill-Chumley

Mrs. Jean B. Crabill of Greenbelt announces the engagement of her daughter, Gretchen Carole, to Phillip Chumley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas E. Chumley, of Alexandria. Miss Crabill is the daughter of Jack Crabill of Mitchellville.

Miss Crabill attends the University of Maryland, where she is majoring in Family Studies and Women's Studies. She is a member of Tau Beta Sigma, national honorary band sorority, and Omicron Nu, national home economics honor society.

Mr. Chumley is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, national honorary band fraternity. He is presently the band director at Robert Goddard Junior High School in Lanham.

The wedding will take place in June.

Roosevelt Calendar

PTSA
 Jan. 16 - 8 p.m. See notice in this week's News Review.
GIRL'S BASKETBALL
 Jan. 12-Away game vs. Fairmont Hts., 4 p.m.
 Jan. 15-Home game vs. Oxon Hill, 4:30 p.m.
 Jan. 19-Away game vs. Douglas, 2:30 p.m.
 Jan. 23-Home game vs. Surrattsville, 4:30 p.m.

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold its regular membership meeting Thurs., Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Community Church. After the meeting, at 8:30 p.m., there will be a Stanley products demonstration. Guests and friends are invited to come.

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 provided)
 Sermon: "A Word of Encouragement"
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham
 Pastor - 474-8381

E. Roosevelt PTSA

The next meeting of the Eleanor Roosevelt PTSA will be held on Tues., Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. A panel discussion on "Collective Bargaining for County School Employees" will be featured. Representatives from several unions who represent various types of school employees will be present to answer questions. As the location of the meeting in the school will be decided by the number of people who attend, a sign will be posted inside the main entrance. All are invited.

New Year Fun Runs

The first Fun Run of the new year will take place on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake. The distances will be 1/4, 1, and 5 miles with the course being around the 1 1/4 mile lake path. Certificates will be awarded to all finishers. There are no sign-ups or entry fees. The Fun Runs will be held this winter every second and fourth Saturday of the month regardless of the weather. In case the lake path is covered with ice or snow, the Fun Runs will start at the corner of Crescent Rd. and Lastner La., and will be run through Boxwood Village. Meet in the Lake parking lot. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Greenbelt Junior Girl Scout and Brownie Troops will be taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies between January 26 and February 5. Call Jean Smith, 474-0543 for more information.

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Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
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 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
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 422-8057

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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)

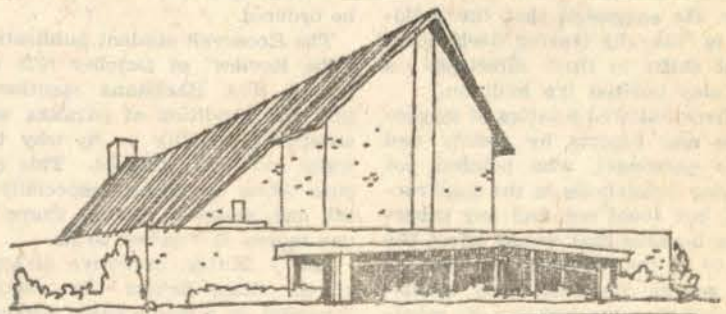
Sunday

Church School for all - 9:45

Worship Service - 11 a.m.

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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 lb. **1.56**

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3-lb. Canned HAM
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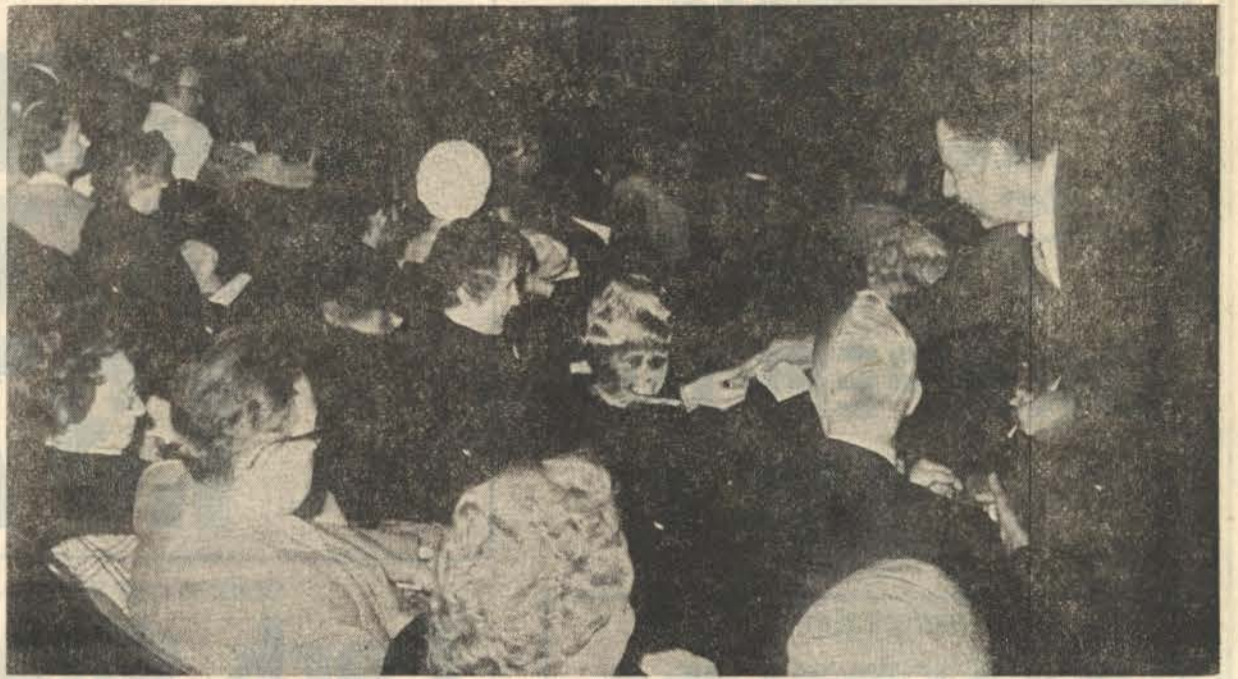
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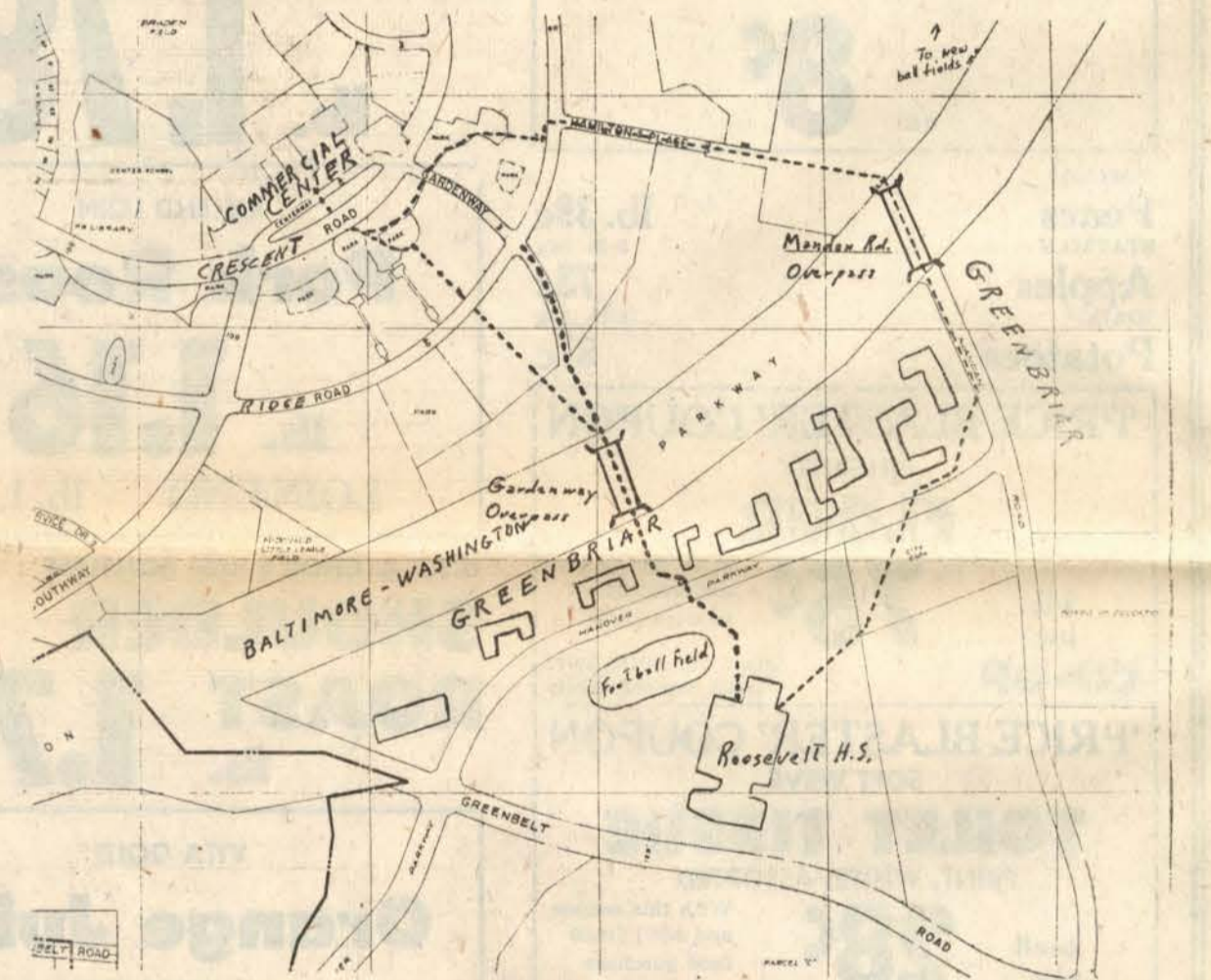
Original signer of the Greenbelt Homes Inc., mortgage, Bruce Bowman tears up copy at Mortgage Retirement Ceremony on January 29. GHI President Jim Smith looks on. —2.2.78



Bruce Bowman hands out pieces of the Greenbelt Homes mortgage to members Anne Meglis and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gropp. —2.2.78



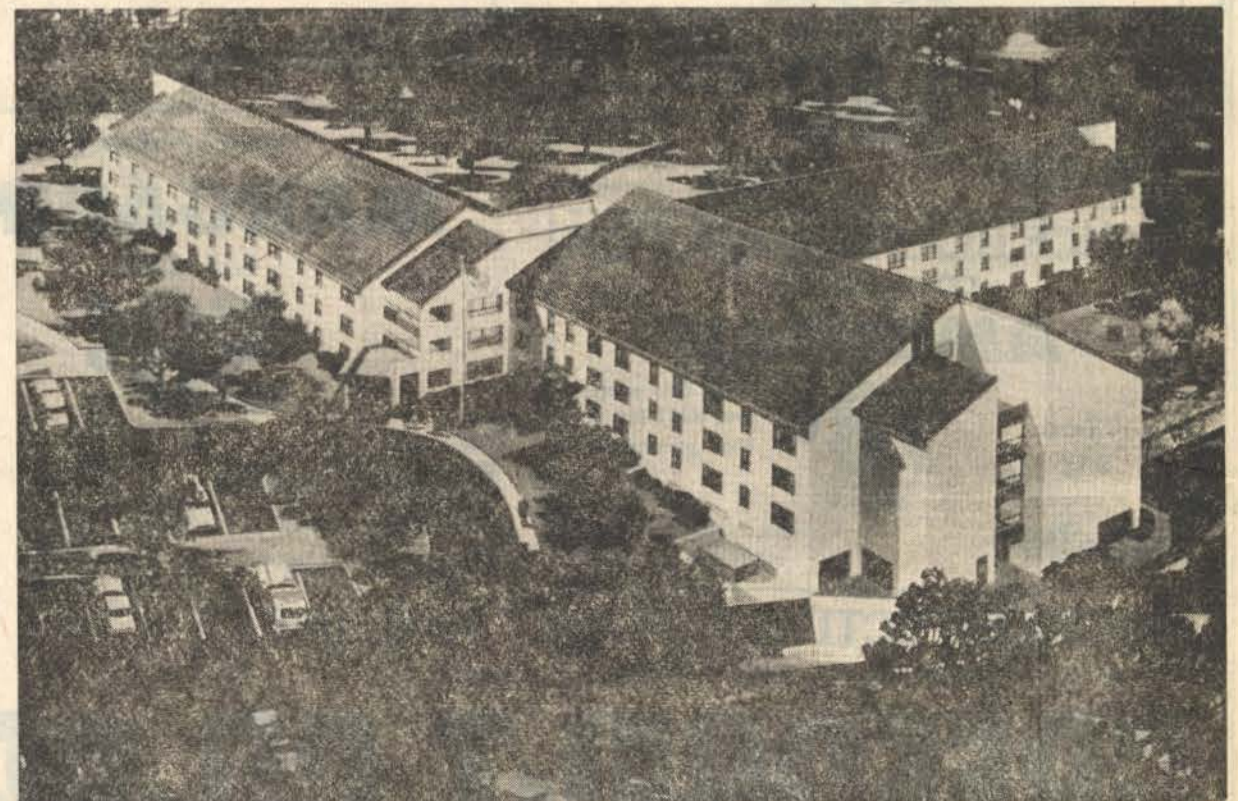
Greenbelt Homes General Manager Roy Breashears shows off plaque presented by the Board of Directors on his 25th anniversary with GHI. —3.23.78



Proposed site for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway overpass at Gardenway and Mandan Road. The routes between Eleanor Roosevelt High School at the bottom right and the Greenbelt Commercial center at upper left are also shown. —4.20.78



Miss Greenbelt of 1978-79, Connie Becraft. —10.5.78

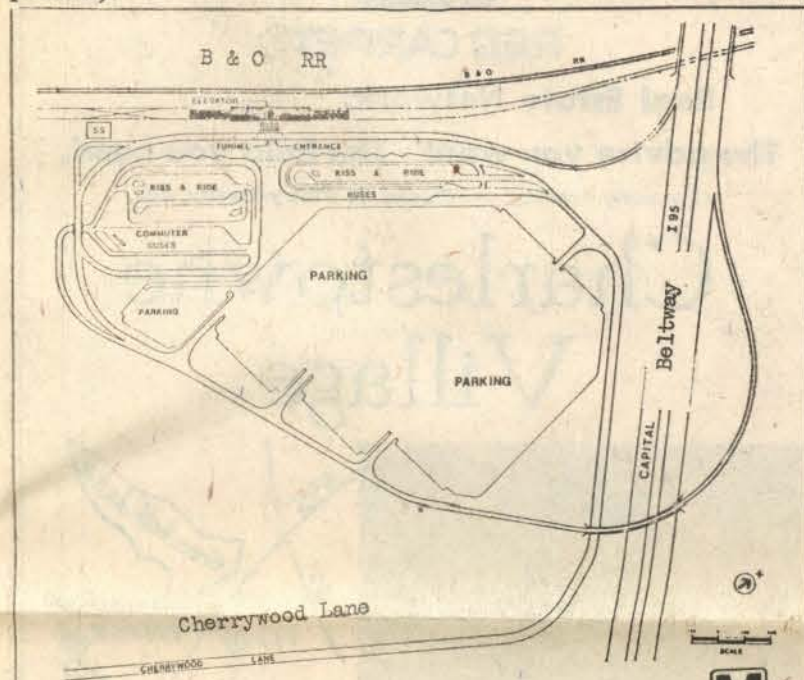


Artist's rendering of Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's elderly housing facility, nears completion by year's end. Building is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of March. Photo by Ed Rice, Lawrence and Grimm, Architects. —1.19.78

and Construction - 1978



Free weekly Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation classes begin in Greenbelt using equipment purchased by the city. Volunteer Committee (from left): Woodrow Woolford, G.P.F.; Lt. John Kroh, Police Dept.; Marilyn Fowler, R.N.; Ron Ernst, Recreation Dept.; Virginia Moryadas, Greenbelt Homes Inc.; Leo Gerton, Heart Association of So. Maryland; Henry Fisher, Lions Club (not present). —11.9.78



Proposed site plan from Greenbelt Metro station shows no pedestrian or bicycle paths and only two entrances for autos. The entrance off the Capital Beltway would serve east-bound traffic only. Remaining traffic would use Cherrywood Lane. —12.21.78



This is an artist's rendering of two of the strong sculptured-look office buildings to be constructed in Capital Office Park. The pedestrian-oriented complex combines a park ambiance with energy conscious design. —7.13.78

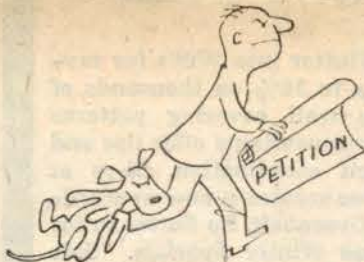


City Manager James K. Giese and his predecessor Charles T. McDonald join together to present Buddy with a small replica of his yellow scout vehicle complete with city logo on the door and yellow light on top. —11.16.78

A Pictorial Review



James Cassels receives award as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1978-79 at the Labor Day Festival. —10.5.78



--- ABOUT DOGS AND CATS IN PARTICULAR ---

GHI urges member participation in developing more stringent pet control policy and procedures —1.19.78



Pastor Edward Birner is honored by the Congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, the church he has served for 25 years. —8.3.78

Photos of the Buddy Attick dinner were taken for the City of Greenbelt by Tom Freeman.



City Manager James K. Giese completes 15 years on the job. —1.5.78



Greenbelt Lions Club President Ivan Landahl holds plaques presented to the Greenbelt Policeman of the Year, Charles Watkins (far right) and the Greenbelt Fireman of the Year, Joseph Aulisio (second from left). Looking on are Deputy Fire Chief William Dunn and Police Chief William T. Lane. Photo by Tom Freeman. —5.25.78



Buddy and Gladys Attick (center) receive standing ovation. Sharing the head table with them (from left) Madeline, Andrea and son Jim Attick; Claire and Mayor Richard Pilski; and Anne and former City Manager Charles McDonald. Bouquets were arranged by Park Superintendent Dennis Dornekamp. —11.16.78



Buddy Attick inspects the dessert - beautifully hand-decorated cakes. Cake on left features city logo and says "Lookin' Good: We love you Buddy." in honor of his retirement. "It's a Beautiful Day, A. S. Attick, City of Greenbelt 1938-1978" on right hand cake celebrates Buddy's completion of 40 years of service to the city - the longest of any employee. From left: Buddy Attick, Claire Pilski, Gladys Attick, Helen White and Muriel Weidenfeld. The three councilmen's wives served the cake. —11.16.78

COUNCIL TIDBITS

At the Monday, January 8 regular meeting, city council unanimously passed a Charter Amendment Resolution establishing the elderly housing facility—Green Ridge House—as a separate municipal facility. According to the terms of the resolution, the city council will serve as the Board of Directors of the facility, with the authority to adopt regulations necessary for its operation. The city manager will serve as General Manager and the city treasurer as Comptroller.

The Charter Amendment Resolution was necessary, Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak explained in a memo to council, because Green Ridge House will be run as a business type of operation, rather than as a governmental service. Because the city is subject to many restrictions imposed on the operation of such a facility by both the federal and state governments, Piendak's memo continues, and because these restrictions tend to conflict with the way other city departments and agencies are operated, the Charter Amendment Resolution was devised as a way to distinguish between the operation of Green Ridge House and the operation of other city services.

Other Actions

Council also voted to notify Greenbelt's representatives in the state legislature of the city's support for House Bill 72, which deals with distribution of previously unallocated withholding taxes. Municipalities will be included in the distribution of these income tax monies, according to the terms of the bill.

Council also accepted the low bid of \$5003.07 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Parks Department. Although the bid was \$203.07 higher than the amount budgeted, appropriations are adequate to cover the difference.

A suggestion made by councilman Richard Castaldi to assign to the Advisory Planning Board the task of looking into the possibility of restricting on-street parking adjacent to court entrances to small and compact cars was enthusiastically endorsed. Castaldi made the suggestion as a means of eliminating possible vehicular accidents caused when drivers of vehicles exiting from the courts find their vision blocked by vans or other large vehicles parked on either side of the driveway. One such accident occurred at a court on Ridge Rd. last week, Castaldi noted.

Dem. Club News

Officers for the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club were sworn in at the club's Holiday Gala on Dec. 15. Lt. Governor-elect Sam Bogely administered the oath of office to the incoming slate of officers:

President, Tom White; Vice Presidents, Sheila Gallegher (21-3), Bobbi McCarthy (21-6), Judy "J" Davis (21-13); Treasurer, Jeff Gallegher; Corresponding Secretary, Pat Unger; Recording Secretary, Deanne Peltin;; Sergeant-at-Arms, Bernie McGee.

The club meets the third Friday of each month except July and August at 8 p.m. at the Greenbriar community center. County Council Chairman William Ammonett will be guest speaker at the next meeting on January 19.

All are welcome!

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will hold their meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. in the home of Charlotte Easton with Irene Szafra co-hosting. The topic of the

month will be "Stretching Your Food Dollar", led by Martha Sinden. For information concerning the club call 345-9032. All interested ladies are welcome to attend the meetings and workshops each month.

Astraka Elected President Grblt. Boys' and Girls' Club

Richard Astrayka has been elected president of the Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' club for the 1979 term. Other officers are Mary Wasson, vice president; Virginia Lasworth, treasurer; and Barbara Osborne, secretary. Past president Pat Gainer will continue to serve the club in an advisory capacity. Members on the Board of Directors are: Bob Hanks, Norm Sacra, Jeff Keir, Madeline Keifline, Bill Rice, Rich Starkweather, Dave Thornton, Jule Churchill, Jim Reed, Bob Bicknell, Henry Fields and JoAnn Rowe.

Cub Scouts Praised

At its January 5 meeting, Pack 746 awarded a plaque to Todd Hurley and Robert Cook. The boys were commended for their quick action in helping their friend, Michael Murray. Michael fell, hit his head and suffered a concussion while playing in the area near the GHI offices on Hamilton Place. Todd stayed with Michael and provided assistance while Robert left to summon the rescue squad. Michael was treated at Doctor's Hospital.

All three boys were present at the meeting.

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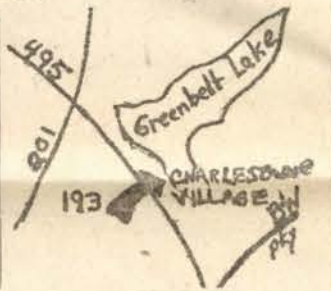
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Our Neighbors

The January 6 duplicate bridge game was interesting and challenging, although there were only three tables. First place honors went to Jim Koch and Bob Gun.

Greenbelter Craig Fitzenreiter was nominated by Congresswoman Gladys Spellman to the Naval Academy.

Glad to hear that Pat Gainer, past president of the Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club is home and recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery.

GHI NOTES

The GHI Board meets tonight, Jan. 11, in the Board Room on Hamilton Place at 8 p.m. On Monday, Jan. 15, the Aesthetics and Environment Committee will meet to discuss recommendations to the board regarding rehabilitation. The specific item to be discussed will be colors and trim for frame homes. This committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

GHI Board and staff members will be participating in CPR classes at the Board Room on Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 23.

The Members and Community Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m. On their agenda are a discussion on identifying members in each of the courts to host court meetings relative to rehabilitation and establishing new and equipping old playgrounds with grant money set aside for this purpose.

All meetings are open to any GHI member who wishes to attend.

Holiday Race Results

by Bill Clarke
239 runners and race walkers participated in either the 1.75 mi., the 10 mi., or the 20 mi. races on Dec. 24 at Braden Field. These races were sponsored by the D.C. Road Runners Club, The Greenbelt Running Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

The featured 20 mile race was won by Coty Pinckney, 22, of the Greenville South Carolina Track Club in a course record 1:46:48. The first woman was Valerie Nye, 33, in 2:34:55. Four Greenbelters finished, Jim Isenberg in 1:57:20, Bill Woodin, 2:06:07, Alex Barnes, 2:29:45, and Nelson Oertel in 2:34:55.

In the 10 mile race Tim Gavin, 22, led 120 runners to the finish line in 52:35. Mary Walsh, 18, ran a course record 1:04:10 to lead a field of 12 women. Fifteen Greenbelters finished in the following order: Leo Aulisio, 56:14; Rafi Sela, 1:01:39; Shalom Fisher, 1:05:17; Charles Wells, 1:09:39; Paul Sweeney, 1:09:40; Robert Mongelli, 1:09:57; George Farris, 1:14:16; Ann Park, 1:26:22; Bob Baker, 1:28:23; George Langford, 1:28:56; Bruce Coulter, 1:31:56; Valerie Fisher, 1:36:14; Joyce Dorsey, 1:50:01; Charles Farrell, 1:51; and racewalker Marty Greenbaum in 1:56:03.

The 1.75 mile run around the lake was won by Adam Bean in 9:00. Thirty-eight runners finished.

Pottery Making Class At Greenbelt Library

A free pottery demonstration will take place at the Greenbelt Library, on Sat., Jan. 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Please register in advance as class size is limited. This program will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired. For details call 345-8500.

Pottery-making techniques will be demonstrated by Barbara Arm and Mary Giammatteo of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission with audience participation. Anyone looking for a new hobby is welcome. Be sure to wear a smock or old clothes and plan to "turn it!" at the Greenbelt Branch Library.

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S. ("Buddy") Attick, after 40 years of service to Greenbelt, gives our readers an unparalleled chance to relive the early history of our town as **News Review** traces his life from his boyhood on the farm which was the first property sold to the government for the Greenbelt experiment, then through his jobs during its construction and its entire later history.

Other **News Review** issues honor James K. Giese for his 15 years as city manager, Royal D. Breashears for his 25 years with Greenbelt Homes, the Rev. Edward Birner for his 25 years as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and James Cassels, 1978's Outstanding Citizen. Still others explore colonial history of the area through activities of Greenbelt Historical Society. An October trip to Greenhills, Ohio, by the city manager and his assistant result in an interesting comparative view of another greenbelt town in 1978.

Metro

The attractions of Metro as a convenient form of transportation into the city become closer for Greenbelters. Two new bus routes come into the center from Beltway Plaza, eliminating the long waits of previous years. The F-6 bus begins service in February, linking the south end of Greenbelt with the Silver Spring Metro station; and in November when the New Carrollton station opens, with express bus service from Greenbelt (R-11, 15), the other new route, T-16, begins regular runs. For the first time all areas of city are served by Metro bus.

Yet plans for the projected Metro E-line to end at the Beltway in Greenbelt move precariously through long series of public hearings. In January, council representatives express Greenbelters' puzzlement that serious consideration is being given to eliminating the planned line in one of the most populous corridors of the metropolitan area. In February, city council seeks support from nearby communities for E-line and a postcard blitz from local residents descends on county council chairman and executive helping to bring about county council vote on April 20 to favor the E-line over the no-build alternative. On December 12 a public hearing brings out Greenbelters to discuss design of Greenbelt station. Speakers urge better access by means of a bridge over the Beltway connecting Ivy Lane to the north with Cherrywood Lane. Greenbelt says welcome to Metro, but Hurry UP!

Green Ridge House

The unwieldy title of "elderly housing facility" is discarded in September as council approves the name recommended by the Elderly Housing Advisory Committee - Green Ridge House. But this is least of many issues the committee and city staff grapple with throughout the year. CDEG funds of \$15,000 are earmarked to redesign and construct a sidewalk connecting Green Ridge House with the center mall. Garbage disposal units are eliminated from the design to enlarge kitchens for greater storage room. Severe weather and unforeseen drainage problems when an uncharted sewer line and old loading dock are uncovered during excavation both delay construction.

As the building rises, questions of pets, meal programs, tenant selection and type of management become more urgent; in December CMI Management, Inc., Silver Spring, is selected. Also in December a lottery is held to set priorities by which applications will be considered. 100 Greenbelters, 104 non-Greenbelters participate.

Post Office

Surprisingly, the Post Office story does not boil over until late Fall, though council was notified in January of the United States Postal Service's intent to replace the present facility in the center. In response, council says it favors keeping customer services in the center, but never holds intended work session on the subject.

In November, GHI members reluctantly approve sale to USPS of 1.35 acres at Parkway and Crescent Rds., fearing, otherwise, loss of post office from center of town. Plans call for new 6860 sq. ft., ultra modern, red, white and blue structure. Council, still anxious to keep customer service in center, finally picks up the ball. Council asks USPS officials for early meeting and more information, and also asks county planning agency for one month delay in formal consideration of site and building plans. At request of federal planning agency, USPS agrees to delay and to consider 4 options to remain in center: 1. (council preferred) separation of services which would keep customer services in center, distribution elsewhere; 2. new facility at Candy Cane City; 3. renovation of empty theater; and 4. limited expansion of current facility. Congresswoman Gladys Spellman's offer to hold meeting at her office bringing together officials from affected agencies and governments is accepted - date to be January 12.

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Beginning for the same at an iron pipe in the northeast line of the original tract of which the herein described parcel is a portion, more particularly said pipe lies N. 51° 35' W. 187.15 feet from a pipe at the end of the original tract, running thence with a portion of the aforesaid northeast outline (1) N. 51° 35' W. 200 feet to an iron pipe, thence with the division line now being established (2) S. 39° 4' W. 612.10 feet to the south line of said whole, witnessed by an iron pipe lying S. 39° 4' W. 1.27 feet therefrom, then with said whole original tract, (3) S. 68° 45' E. 211 feet to a point witnessed by an iron pipe lying S. 38° 53' W. 10.24 feet therefrom, thence (4) N. 38° 58' E. 549.78 feet to the place of beginning containing two and sixty-seven hundredths (2.67) acres. Being part of a larger tract called "Wood Cot".

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CARL E. ZENTZ
Assignee

Superintendent Feeney Gives Budget to Bd. of Education

The budget Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Feeney proposed to the Board of Education last month totaled \$271,459,282. But that figure for Fiscal Year 1980 (FY 80), the twelve months beginning with July of 1979, still lacks two key ingredients. It does not contain the costs of whatever new negotiated agreements the Board of Education reaches with its three employee collective bargaining agents this winter, nor does it reflect what may be saved by the possible closing of a number of schools due to declining enrollment at the end of the current school year.

The FY 80 budget is 2.3% above the current year's spending. In constructing the proposal, budget aides say they cut 184 staff positions from this year's manpower level, due primarily to the continued decline in enrollment expected for the 1979-80 school year. But the mix also called for a number of new positions to meet state and federal requirements expanding programs for handicapped children. To serve additional handicapped youngsters the school system will need to hire 34 new teachers, 22 classroom aides, 14 bus drivers and 12 bus aides from local funding and other additional staff with federal monies.

Superintendent Feeney says the budget was built with voter-endorsed fiscal restraints in mind, but also says he believes it will enable the school system to reach its educational goals.

The Board will not make its decisions on any school closings until March. This is the second round of school closings studies undertaken by the school system. The first effort, during the 1976-77 school year, resulted in a Board decision to shut down ten elementary schools. Nonetheless, there remain 19,000 empty elementary classroom seats, along with about 4,000 vacant desks at the junior high school level. This year, for the first time, a number of junior highs are being examined

for possible closing, as well as elementary schools. But to avoid even the appearance of prejudicing the citizen study process that precedes Board consideration of the issue, no projections will be made of total savings expected until after the fifteen community task forces have made their reports.

Even before the costs of new collective bargaining agreements are added, salaries and fringe benefits have produced the biggest dollar jumps in the new budget. Almost \$4.9 million was included in the total to reflect employee advancement on the salary scale because of length of service of employees and additional college credits obtained by teachers. Contracts between all three employee bargaining agents and the Board expire June 30. Negotiations are beginning. When new contracts are signed and ratified any resultant change in budget requirements will be sent to County Executive Lawrence Hogan and the County Council. The Council has until June 1 to approve an overall county budget, including funding for the Board of Education.

Again this year, Feeney laid down stiff guidelines for department and program heads who did the initial work in the budget's preparation. Administrators were allowed to make no requests for new programs or program improvements unless

they also could identify dollar-for-dollar trade-offs. The guidelines limited such spending as travel and office supplies to below the current year's dollar levels, with no allowance for inflation. From that lean package of staff requests, Feeney and budget officials made further cuts, setting aside the guidelines only in such areas as the necessary new special education staffing.

One measure of the success of this strategy is that while unavoidable major cost increases in the FY 80 budget total almost \$8.8 million, the proposal being sent to the Board is only \$5.7 million higher than the FY 79 budget in funding for all regular program needs. The unavoidable increases include more than \$500,000 in higher utility bills expected, \$316,000 more than the current year's spending on replacing school buses — and the \$750,000 to accommodate additional youngsters in the special education program.

While the budget is up \$6.2 million from this year's spending (including both regular and special grant programs), school officials also expect a rise in state funds for the coming year. The net effect in the superintendent's proposed budget is that the county government's contribution to the school system would rise by \$1.5 million.

The Board of Education already has scheduled public hearings and work sessions on the Superintendent's proposed budget, with one hearing to be held in each of the school system's three administrative areas.

John Aubuchon
Supervisor of Information
Services

La Leche Meeting

The Greenbelt La Leche League will hold its monthly meeting on Mon., Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. at 42-K Ridge. The topic will be "The Advantages of Breastfeeding." For information call: 345-2670.

AID TO ELDERLY

Elderly and totally disabled renters are eligible for assistance from the City of Greenbelt. The program offers grants to Greenbelt renters amounting to 3% of the rent paid during the preceding year for an apartment in the city.

To be eligible, a renter must have attained the age of 65 or be totally and permanently disabled if under 65. Also, the combined gross income of the applicant and all other persons within the household shall not exceed \$5,000.00 for the preceding calendar year and the applicant must reside within the city at the time of making application, as well as having paid rent for an apartment in the city.

Applications may be filed until February 15, 1979 for assistance for the grant year 1978. Applications are available from the City Treasurer's Office, 25 Crescent Road, and it is not necessary to apply in person. Residents wishing to call the Treasurer's office may do so at 474-1552 and request that an application be mailed to them. Those who

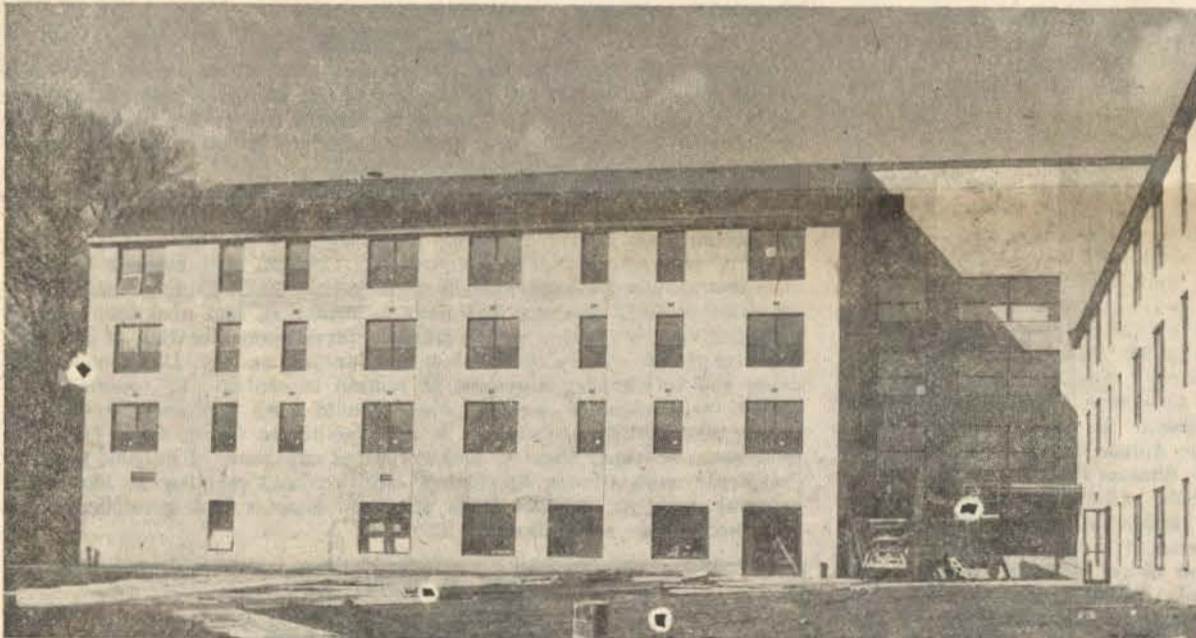
have applied for this program in the past have already had applications mailed to them.

Residents are also reminded that Prince Georges County offers a similar program of assistance to elderly renters. Information may be obtained by calling 952-3770.



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On the outside — the final coat of light beige Thoroseal must be applied to the outside of the building. Moisture problems had discolored some areas of the base coat.

On the inside — the December 30 report shows that dry wall, vinyl asbestos tile, kitchen cabinets and plumbing have been installed in a third of the units, 75 units now have heat. The elevators are nearing completion. This past week workmen have been painting, laying carpeting, installing dry wall, door hardware and sink tops.

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