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## Rain Fails To Dampen Warm Spirit of Green Ridge House Dedication

by Virginia Beauchamp

The drenching rain that washed out the long-planned outdoor dedication ceremony for Green Ridge House on Sunday afternoon, June 3, failed to dampen the general good humor of those who turned up anyway for the festivities.

Crowded into the terrace-level dining room on hastily arranged folding chairs, an appreciative gathering of Green Ridge House residents, friends and well wishers, including city, county, and state officials, heard themselves commended, and congratulated one another, on the successful outcome of 20 years of concern in Greenbelt for the idea of a housing facility for the elderly.

The concert by the Greenbelt Concert Band scheduled to precede the ceremony, had to be moved to its rain location in the Youth Center gymnasium. With the band thus unable to participate in the formal program, music was improvised by the crowd, who joined in on patriotic old standard songs called for by master-of-ceremonies Jim Giese and led by Janet James.

Improvisation, in fact, was the order of the day. The ribbon which stretched across the front door was to be ceremoniously cut from the outside by Mrs. Myrtle Jones, the first tenant to move into Green Ridge House. Instead it was cut from inside the vestibule. The refreshments, which were to have been served in the dining room, had to be moved to the multipurpose room when the former became an instant auditorium.

### Program

But the ceremony itself went off as planned. All speakers, from Pastor Edward Birner, who gave the invocation, to Monsignor William F. O'Donnell, who pronounced the benediction, expressed a variant of the message of Mrs. Mikred Robertson, spokesperson for the residents: "I think it's just wonderful."

Mayor Richard Pilski, who gave the principal address, invited the

full participation of Green Ridge House residents into the activities of the community. "It's your home in our town," he said. "You're welcome, and you're wanted in Greenbelt."

State Senator Edward Conroy, linking Greenbelt to the New Deal programs of a "disabled" president, spoke of the appropriateness of establishing here the first home for the elderly and the disabled to be constructed under the Community Development Administration of the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development. Senator Conroy surprised most of those present with the news that his own mother had moved into Green Ridge House the day before.

Thomas Cook, Director of CDA, who expedited the financing of construction, also spoke briefly. Public officials present, besides the members of the Greenbelt City Council, were County Councilman Frank Casula, State Delegates Gerard Deylin and Charles "Buzz" Ryan. Architect Stephen L. Parker and representatives of Thomas P. Harkins, Inc., builders of the facility, were also present.

From remarks of guests at the reception later in the multipurpose room, one heard only praise for the attractiveness of the building. Particularly noted were the pleasant, cheerful colors of yellow and green and the way the interior rooms were related to the outdoors with exterior views of lawns and trees. The airy, bright greenhouse brought particular compliments.

Even the refreshments reflected the purpose of the gathering, to honor Green Ridge House. A cake contributed by Mrs. Cotton of Windsor Green was made in the shape of, and frosted to look like the building.

### History of the Facility

Although for many years Greenbelt citizens and city officials have been discussing the need for specialized housing for senior citizens, not until September 28, 1976, when the voters of Greenbelt approved a charter amendment to authorize financing, was a feasible plan for constructing such a facility put together.

The key factor in making the project possible was the allocation by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of 100 units of Section 8 rental assistance. With the aid of the Prince Georges County Housing Authority, Earl Morgan, Director, this allocation was provided to the State of Maryland which, in turn, allocated it to the city government. The Maryland Community Development Administration, Thomas M. Cook, Director, then agreed to provide 100% financing with a 40 year mortgage contract.

The city council considered six site locations before finally choosing the Ridge Rd. Center property, formerly owned by Holy Cross Lutheran Church and acquired by the city as open space. Under the terms of the open space grant which had made possible the original purchase of the property, the city was required to replace this land with other land. For that reason a part of Parcel 2 was purchased this February after a condemnation suit was concluded.

### Description of Facilities

Each apartment in the building consists of one bedroom with a walk-in closet, a living-dining area, kitchen and bath. Twenty-five apartments have special features to aid the handicapped. There is a common dining room with commercial kitchen adjacent to a tree shaded patio. The building has a lounge, a crafts room, a game room, and a multi-purpose meeting room.

Coin operated laundry facilities are located across the hall from a small library stocked with books by the Prince Georges County Memorial Library. A suite of rooms to be used by visiting nurses, doctors and beauticians is also available.

Safety features include a fire sprinkler system throughout the building, a smoke alarm system and an emergency fire alarm system connected directly to the fire department. Each apartment has two emergency call switches connected to the front desk and resident manager's office. There is also an extensive outside door security system.

## Charter Amendment on Revenue Bond Financing Receives Citizen Support

by Mary Lou Williamson

Some 30 residents representing a geographic cross-section of the city came to the public hearing, Tuesday, June 6, mostly to urge city council's support for revenue bond financing. Those who came to testify in opposition focused their concerns not so much on the enabling resolution that would make such bonds available, but rather on the possible use of such financing by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

City Manager, James K. Giese summarized the contents of the charter amendment which had been prepared at the city's request by the law firm of Piper and Marbury, Baltimore.

The amendment would give the city the power to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of rehabilitating existing structures—either commercial or residential. Revenue bonds, issued by a government such as the City of Greenbelt can provide low cost financing because of their tax exempt status.

The bonds would be backed by a pledge of revenues derived from

the project undertaken and not by the general revenues of the city.

A buyer of revenue bonds, said Giese, looks carefully at that pledge—the security determines the marketability of the bonds.

Monies received from the sale of the bonds would be placed in the hands of a trustee who would be responsible for paying 1) the costs of the bonds, 2) financing of the project and 3) returning interest and principal to the bond holder.

If the charter amendment is adopted, specific proposals could be presented to council for its approval. For example, Giese continued, "providing GHI can put forth the necessary securities to satisfy buyers, it might be possible to issue low-interest rate bonds to finance rehabilitation."

The second possibility would be "financing the rehabilitation of the commercial center" and other homes such as single family and apartments.

"As far as I know, except for some federally subsidized interest loans, there is no cheaper means of financing rehabilitation projects than revenue bonds," Giese said.

Giese reported that city solicitor Emmett Nanna, in a written opin-

ion, saw no conflict of interest on the part of any member of council on either city or state statutes. The share of ownership in GHI on the part of councilmen Thomas X. White and Charles F. Schwan, Jr. is not sufficient to constitute a conflict of interest, Nanna wrote. (Councilman Richard Castaldi is not a member of GHI.)

GHI's new president Donald Volk urged the city to approve the charter amendment. "No risk is incurred by the city in doing so. But, much is gained by the city and by GHI."

The major goal of the \$5 million rehabilitation program, according to Volk, is the reduction by 1/3 of GHI's 1978 level of fuel consumption. "Over the first 5 years of the program, GHI expects to save more than \$1.5 million," Volk said. "Each month that GHI delays in implementing this program costs the members money in terms of higher construction costs and increased fuel costs. If revenue bond financing is not made available to GHI, the alternatives," Volk prophesied, "would be conventional loans at about double the interest or abandonment of this rehabilitation. See PUBLIC HEARING, page 8

## Controversy Sparked by Proposal To Cut Beltsville Farm Acreage

by Elaine Skolnik

A proposal by the General Services Administration (GSA) to cut by about 41% the acreage of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) drew fire from Senator Paul Sarbanes, Congresswoman Gladys Spellman, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland and several area citizens groups. The Greenbelt City Council is already on record against reduction of BARC's green space, and will take up the issue at its next meeting on June 11.

The current proposal to "excess" 3,390 acres of the 8,220-acre Center property in five different parcels results from (1) a 1972 order under which various parts of BARC have been declared "excess" in recent years and (2) a GSA survey performed in late 1978. The survey was conducted in an effort to end a disagreement between GSA and the Agriculture Department over how BARC's land can best be put to use. GSA contends that optimal use of the land is not being made. The Agriculture Department counters that many ongoing research projects, by their very nature, require less than optimum use.

On the drawing boards also is an Agriculture Department Master Plan for the Agricultural Center which, it is hoped, will help settle the controversy. The plan is expected to call for some excess land, but not the 3,390 acres proposed by GSA.

The GSA proposal, is currently pending before Acting GSA Administrator Paul R. Goulding. Bergland has written Goulding, strongly objecting to it. The National Capital Planning Commission will consider the proposal on June 28. The final decision on how much land, if any, is declared excess will be made by the Office of Management and Budget in the event GSA and Agriculture (both have cabinet status in matters pertaining to land) cannot get together.

Federal land declared surplus is offered first to other federal agencies. If none want it, next in line are state, county and municipal governments and finally individuals, in that order.

This move to declare a large part of BARC "excess" is seen by the Assistant Director Dr. Paul Putnam, as threatening 1) the center's effectiveness by causing a cut-back on research projects and (2) the "last open wedges of green space along the Baltimore-Washington corridor." The bulk of the land at issue is a 2,700 acre section east of Soil Conservation Road which provides buffer zones between BARC and both the abutting Goddard Space Flight Center and the Patuxent Wildlife Preserve.

Spellman noted that over the last 40 years, a gradual chipping away

has seen the BARC reduced from approximately 14,000 to its current 8,200 acres. "More than 1,000 acres have been lost since the early 1970's," she said, "when the order to 'excess' Center property first was issued. Things have reached a point where Agriculture officials fear any additional reductions — let alone a cut of more than a third — will seriously impair the Center's ability to carry on programs."

In a letter to Goulding, Congresswoman Spellman and Senator Sarbanes noted BARC is used by both domestic and foreign scientists, the University of Maryland, the Maryland Environmental Service, the Goddard Space Flight Center and "by local residents who enjoy walking and bicycling through the area. "The releasing of this land to other federal agencies or to private development would be a severe loss to the residents of Maryland, many of whom rely on the Center for their livelihood," they said.

Citizen groups representing residents in the area of BARC are concerned about the loss of green space and the possibility that private developers may eventually get some of the excess land.

BARC is touted as the largest agricultural research facility in the world. Bergland described the center as a "National Showcase of Agriculture research," and "the leading, most diversified agricultural research complex in the world."

Its employees conduct research on a wide variety of subjects, including human nutrition, insect physiology, plant virology, sludge, genetics, cattle, etc. One of its main functions is solving food production and distribution problems.

### NOCP

A development concept plan approved by the National Capital Planning Commission (NOCP) on May 1, did not include the bulk of the proposed "excess" property east of Soil Conservation Road. Putnam noted that this was "because of an executive order." (by the previous administration). However, a final Master Plan for BARC (a draft has been under study since 1973-74) is expected to be completed in August. This plan covers the total 8,220 acres.

Putnam explained that "We are in the process of dual action with NOCP and hope to present the Master Plan document in concert with the GSA report so that the commission can evaluate both."

### Greenbelt Concert Sunday

The Greenbelt Concert Band, under the direction of John A. DelHomme, will perform on the "A" Patio of Glenn Dale Hospital on Sunday, June 10 at 3 p.m. The Greenbelt community is invited.

### PARKING PERMITS AT LAKE PARK

Greenbelt residents are reminded that permits may be obtained at the Greenbelt Police Department for use of the permit parking area at the Greenbelt Lake Park. A nominal fee is charged for this annual permit. While it is expected that adequate spaces will be available to accommodate all permit holders under normal circumstances, spaces are available to permit holders on a first come, first served basis. On special occasions all spaces might be occupied.

The permit parking area was established so the Greenbelt residents could drive to the Lake Park on busy weekends and have a parking space available. Other public parking spaces are expected to be scarce, as parking is prohibited between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays along Crescent Road, Lastner Lane and Ivy Lane in the vicinity of the Lake Park.

### WHAT GOES ON

Sun., June 10, 7 p.m. Bavarian-Austrian Dance Company, Lake Park Bandstand

Mon., June 11, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

### Democratic Club

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet Thursday, June 14 at 8 p.m. at the city council chambers. The date and place of this meeting has been changed because another affair has been scheduled by Congresswoman Gladys Spellman on Friday, June 15, the club's regular meeting date. A brief business meeting will be followed by a special program featuring the ten first-year delegates from Prince Georges County. Each freshman delegate will give a brief perspective (5 minutes) of his or her experiences in Annapolis. A question and answer period will be followed by a social hour with refreshments provided. All are welcome.

A "Democratic Fun Machine" will be held on July 6 at the Greenbriar Community Bldg. featuring a covered dish social, open bar, music, and games. People should bring a covered dish entree. Tickets will be limited and can be reserved now by contacting Dorothy Rothgeb at 441-1096.

There will be no regular meeting during July and August. Next regular meeting will be Sept. 21.

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## A Continuing Vision

The City of Greenbelt is to be congratulated on the lovely new building which was formally dedicated on Sunday. Green Ridge House, as all the speakers noted, represents the realization of a long-held concept, the fulfillment of a vision of fine housing for our older citizens. But the building is also an asset to all of us.

Greenbelt was built on vision, of course. The planned city which it became was first also a concept. In 1952, when the federal government decided to sell the town, the vision of Greenbelt's residents led them to form a cooperative to buy it themselves.

Greenbelt had the first city manager type of government in the state of Maryland. It had the first municipal swimming pool and a well-developed recreational program. Citizens with vision made the land purchases that became our extensive parkland tracts. The very land on which Green Ridge House now rests was in fact one of these purchases.

With each of these developments the value of the city has increased as a desirable place in which to live. In the real estate market we can see this value translated into dollars and cents.

But moving into its fourth decade, Greenbelt is aging. The commercial center properties have deteriorated. And although most GHI residences have been attractively maintained, many of their structural features must be replaced. If these homes become undesirable places in which to live, all homes in Greenbelt will find their values lowered.

Thus the city's inquiry into low-cost ways of financing rehabilitation of residential and commercial buildings within our boundaries may well represent the clearest vision for the time to come.

### Distortion of Facts

To the Editor:

The headline read GREENBELT HOMES MEMBERS ELECT FOUR INCUMBENTS AND ED JAMES but the first sentence of the article read: "... and election of five board members: incumbents Bobbi McCarthy, Donald Volk and Margaret Hogensen are joined by new board member Ed James." This sentence should have read: "... and election of five board members: incumbents Bobbi McCarthy, Donald Volk, Margaret Hogensen and Wayne Williams are joined by new board member Ed James."

Later on the article reads: "Most recently he reported, his committee started investigating charges made by a former supervisor..." This should have read: "Most recently he reported, his committee started investigating charges made by a former inspector..."

It is human to err and we can easily forgive Sid Kastner for a couple of slip-ups in an otherwise exceedingly fine article on our annual meeting and election.

What we cannot forgive is the starting of false rumors and the distortion of facts! For instance when I was down at the civic center on Saturday, June 2, I was told: "I hear that the rehab program is now going to cost \$16,000,000." And when I said that this was not the case, the reply I received was: "Well, I heard that Ken Kopstein said it was at the last board meeting."

What actually happened was that Ken read into the minutes an old letter that was addressed to him. This was done in compliance with a request from William Offenbacher along with Bettie Denson, who handed him a reproduced copy of the letter and he read from that reproduced copy. What was contained in that letter no longer applies to the rehab program at the present time. Yes - I was present at the board meeting and heard what was going on. And I also saw that Bettie Denson brought a portable tape recorder with her. What she recorded I do not know. However, if she should say: "I have a recording of..." I would suggest you contact Ken or any others whom she may have recorded to get the correct story as to what actually transpired.

Ben A. Hogensen

### OPEN LETTER

To Members of GHI:

I wish to express my thanks to the 266 members who came out in the rain to vote for me. If fourteen more had braved the weather I would have won over the lowest incumbent.

However we succeeded in getting a very good man on the board. Ed James will represent your interests and we all together will support him. We also have a good man on the Nominations and Election Committee, Jean Nance.

Furthermore, I'll continue to support what I believe to be important - no codicil without limitations as to sum of money covered, length of time of the mortgage, and money in a trust fund to insure its proper use; individual contracts on rehabilitation; a tightening up on management to eliminate waste and promote a more efficient operation which in turn will reduce our operating costs; and a change in the bylaw to increase the number of members constituting a quorum and at least a two-thirds majority to pass any financial measure, or a mail referendum of all members.

We nearly put five new faces on the board. We did get in one good man and we will expect to be heard on all important measures in the future.

We ask all members that believe as we do to support James by serving on committees, attending board meetings and letting the president know how you feel by letter and by your presence.

Bettie G. Denson

### Pull Together for GHI

To the Editor:

The G.H.I. elections are over with for another year. The voice of the majority has once again been heard. The trick now is for all members to pull together and work towards our common goals.

New lines of communication have been opened and it behooves the membership to use these avenues as a means to reduce divisiveness and a green light toward progress.

Joseph A. Jenkins  
53-N Ridge Road

## Thanks

Thanks for your support in my recent campaign for the Nominations and Election Committee. I will do my very best for democratic and honest elections. Thanks again.

Jean R. Nance

My heartfelt thanks are extended to all GHI members who took time to attend the GHI annual meeting and to vote. I am especially grateful to my friends and acquaintances who gave me support during my campaign.

Although I will not be on the board, I intend to remain active in GHI affairs to help keep our housing cooperative a place where members of various backgrounds can continue to enjoy Greenbelt living.

My very best wishes to the new board for a very successful year in office.

Stephen Polaschik

I would like to thank all my fine neighbors and friends who encouraged and lent me support for the recent election for the board of directors. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and as the old saying goes, "Try, try again." With the help of my supporters, I shall try again.

Your work behind the scenes was inspirational and invaluable which attributed to the close vote. With your support, I am encouraged to seek office in the next election.

Many thanks are extended to my supporters and neighbors.

Bill Offenbacher

The GHI campaign and election were very exciting. I sincerely appreciate the support of those who voted for me and promise to do my best to continue to merit their trust.

This year, many GHI members were active, for the first time, in support of candidates on both sides of the various issues. I strongly encourage them to continue their efforts on behalf of our cooperative. Participate in the committees. Continue to come to the board meetings. Normally there is a great spur of member interest in the meetings before an election. This time, why not continue that interest throughout the rest of the year?

Wayne F. Williams

Thank you, Steve Polaschik. Your distinguished public service entitles you to the gratitude of your fellow Greenbelters. Chairmanship of the Bicentennial Committee and the Indoor Swimming Pool Committee and membership on the City's Advisory Planning Board, plus your 14 years on the GHI Board add up to a record matched by few. I hope you will regard your no longer serving on the GHI Board as a pause—not the stop—in your public career.

Charles F. Schwan

I would like to thank all of my friends who were so kind during my recent stay in Doctor's Hospital.

Grady Kneece

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens and friends of Greenbelt and surrounding area who supported our Barbecue Dinner on Sunday, June 3. The next event will be a Bull Roast on July 8.

Members of the Greenbelt  
Volunteer Fire Department  
and Ladies Auxiliary

### At the Library

Genealogy Workshop—personal research help on a one to one basis. Sat., June 9, 1:30-4 p.m., meeting room.

The June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System, Thursday, June 14, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library. Meetings are open to the public. (Although the branch library is closed on Thursday evenings, the entrance off the rear parking lot will be open to the public thirty minutes prior to the meeting).

Displays for June include: Crafts made by Margaret Radford and the Leisure Group of Greenbriar; Dolls—Karen Dudley, Upper Marlboro; Oils and Pastels by Phyllis DePasquale, Greenbelt; and Porcelain Cats collected by Carol Pelosi.

## Recreation Review

### Firecracker Closed Tennis Tournament

Registration will be taken in person at the Y.C. Business Office weekdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., June 11 thru 19; or by mail to the Greenbelt Rec. Depart., ATTN: Tennis Tournament, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. For further information, call 474-6878, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Greenbelt Day Table Games

Competition in Bumper Pool, Ping Pong and Billiards were held over the weekend in conjunction with Greenbelt Day. Winners were as follows: Bumper Pool - Ronnie Rowe and Ann Sowers at the Youth Center; Ivan Wiener at the SHL Ctr. Ping Pong - Bill Capotosto at the Y.C. and Darryl Laws at SHL. In Billiards, it was Donny Dorsey at the Y.C.

### Greenbelt Summer Sounds

Performing at the Greenbelt Lake Park Bandstand on Sunday, June 10 at 7 p.m., will be the Bavarian-Austrian Dance Company. They will keep the young and old toes tapping. Bring a chair or blanket and relax.

## Martha Unger Is State Gymnastics Champion

Martha Unger, ten-year-old daughter of John and Patricia Unger of 14 Lakeside Dr., is Maryland's 1979 Class III (Beginners, 9 - 11 yrs.) Girls' Gymnastic Champion. At the state meet held May 19 and 20 at the John F. Kennedy High School in Silver Spring, Martha scored a total of 36.60 (out of a possible 40.) to win the All-Around title. Her 9.45 on the compulsory floor exercise won 1st place and a gold medal for that event. In compiling her total, she placed 3rd in the uneven parallel bars and 4th in balance beam.

Martha, who will soon begin training as a Class II Intermediate, is a member of the Prince Georges Gymnastic Club and has been a gymnast for two years. The PG gym, which is directed by Andy and Chip Dainis in conjunction with the MNCPPC, offers trampoline and gymnastics classes for all ages (boys, too!), as well as the competitive teams for girls. The program is sanctioned by the U.S. Gymnastics Federation.

## MEET OF MILES

A series of one mile races will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 17. These races are held each year to give both children and adults an opportunity to run a mile, at their own pace, in their own age group. All finishers receive an award and there is an entry fee, which increases after June 11.

Entries for these races may be obtained at the Greenbelt Recreation Center or by contacting Larry Noel 474-9362.

## CORRECTION

The name of Wayne Williams was inadvertently omitted from the list of incumbents re-elected to the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors.

The five members elected to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee for the coming year are Janet James, Robert Spear, Steve Sinden, Linda Lynch and Jean Nance.

Eunice Coxon told the News Review she was misquoted in the article. The sentence should have ended "... in light of the serious allegations (from the former GHI employee) a non-legal committee without subpoena powers was useless."

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8 a.m. Holy Communion  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector.  
 422-8057

### MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
 TRINITY SUNDAY  
 "Me, Myself, and I"  
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,  
 Pastor 474-3381.

## Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)

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

Sunday

Church School for all ages - 9:45

Family Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

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

Spring Summer Fall Winter

Whatever the season

Whatever the temperature

You are invited to worship with us

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Crescent &amp; Greenhill Roads

Bible Study for all ages (Sun.)

9:45 am

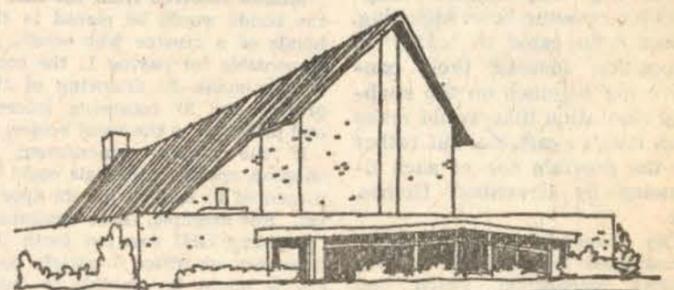
Worship services

11:00 am &amp; 7:00 pm

Mid-week prayer service (Wed.)

8:00 pm

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



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

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

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

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

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

# Capitol Cadillac Sign Plans Sent Back to Drawing Board

by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince Georges County Planning Board on May 31 expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed design for a sign for Capitol Cadillac in the Golden Triangle. The Planning Board requested that Cadillac and Greenbelt officials, together with the staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, meet to resolve their differences concerning the specifications for the sign, to be oriented toward Greenbelt Road. A motion indicating preference for a low-rise sign was offered by board member Dr. John Churchill, seconded by chairman John Burcham, and passed unanimously.

When Capitol Cadillac revised its site plan to add a 25 foot tall sign (8 1/2 by 10 feet mounted on two poles) near the Beltway, the Greenbelt city council expressed its dismay at the action which reversed the assurances of Cadillac's representatives in 1977 that only a low-lying sign would be placed in front of the building facing Greenbelt Road. Council felt the new plans were inconsistent with the overall quality development proposed for the Golden Triangle and a total reversal of design concepts put forth by representatives of the property owners.

With Councilman Thomas X. White leading the dissenters, council voted 3-2 on a motion by Councilman Charles Schwan to disapprove the request for the proposed sign facing the Beltway and, if the Planning Board approved the sign, that it do so with (1) some decorative shrubbery to be planted around the base of the sign and (2) the other sign designated for the front of the building to be deleted from the site plan. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld also supported the motion.

Voting against the motion were Mayor Richard Pilski and Councilman Richard Castaldi, who thought council should be more realistic since, in their opinion, it would be futile to fight a sign that was almost certain to get the approval of county officials.

### Firm's Position

John Curlett, vice-president of Capitol Cadillac, who said he was

## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

Uncle Pierpont was wearing a helmet and gas mask when he came to visit the other day.

"Is there a war going on some place that I haven't heard about?" I asked.

"There's a great deal you haven't heard about, Sis," he answered. "This here outfit is to protect me against fallout. There's a lot of it around, you know."

"I doubt that what you're wearing could protect you against anything," I told him. "Besides the danger from radiation seems to be about over."

"That's what you think! Did you know the President is having a radiation shield put up on the White House roof?" he asked.

"That's not what it is," I said. "Those are solar collectors."

"Collectors? You mean he can't pay his fuel bills and the collectors are after him?" he wondered.

"Not that kind of collectors. These collect solar energy and help create heat and hot water," I explained.

"You'd think he's in enough hot water already," Uncle said, "What with inflation, and the fuel shortage, and now the sky is falling."

"You sound like Chicken Little, Uncle," I teased. "The sky isn't falling, just Sky Lab."

"If we're so short of fuel, why do they want to put a tax on windmills?" Uncle wanted to know.

"Not windmills, windfalls; wind-fall profits, that is," I explained.

"That's the trouble with prophets," Uncle said. "They're without honor in their own country. Like that fellow down the road that's building a fall out shelter."

"Is that what he's doing?" I asked. "I thought he was drilling for oil."

"Or digging for coal," enthused Uncle. "By jingo, I like to see a young 'un with enterprise.. Think I'll go help him."

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The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will meet with representatives of all organizations who wish a booth at the carnival on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library's meeting room. In particular, any organization that is interested in a booth but has not had one previously should send a representative to this meeting.

## CITY NOTES

The general crew cleaned drainage structures and curbs last week. An area of base in front of the curb on Centerway was removed and will be replaced. The curb and gutter program has been temporarily interrupted due to the loss of curb forms by the contractor.

Crosswalks at all schools, major intersections on Crescent Road and Green Ridge House were painted. Crosswalk signs at Green Ridge House were installed. The sign letters "City of Greenbelt" have been installed on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Beltway. Additionally, the Prince Georges County Planning Board must review an individual parcel site plan prior to the issuance of each building permit, with the city providing input at this stage.

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## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, June 11, 1979 - 8:00 p.m.

### I. ORGANIZATION

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

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

### III. OLD BUSINESS

10. Charter Amendment Resolution to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt by Adding a New Section 58, Titled "Revenue Bond Financing," to Provide Authority for the Issuance by the City of Greenbelt, Maryland (The "City") of Bonds Payable as to Principal and Interest Solely from the Revenues of One or More Revenue-Producing Projects; to Set Forth Certain Legislative Findings; to Set Forth the Public Purposes Such Financing is Expected to Achieve; to Define the Types of Projects Eligible for Assistance Through Revenue Bond Financing to be Limited to Rehabilitation of Existing Structures; to Provide for the Security and to Recognize the Tax Exemption of the Bonds; to Provide for the Determination by Ordinance of the Form, Term, Interest Rate or Rates or Method of Determining Them, Terms, Conditions, Maturities and all Other Details Incident to the Issuance, Sale and Payment of the Bonds; to Provide that the Revenue Bonds are not to Constitute any Indebtedness of the City to Which its Faith and Credit or Taxing Power are Pledged; to Provide for a Trust Agreement Between the City and a Corporate Trustee and for the Provisions Thereof; to Provide for Refunding Bonds; and to Provide for All Other Matters Deemed Necessary or Appropriate by the Council to Effect an Authorized Financing - Second Reading
11. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Motor Equipment Maintenance Fund in the Amount of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) Thereby Making Total Motor Equipment Maintenance Fund Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979 Amount to Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$87,100), for the Repair, Maintenance and Operation of Major Motor Equipment - Second Reading
12. An Ordinance to Amend Article II, "Greenbelt Lake," of Chapter 13 Title "Parks and Recreation," of the Greenbelt City Code by Amending Section 13-7 of Division 2, Boating Regulations, to Provide that the Maximum Length of Boats or Vessels Shall be Twenty Feet Instead of Sixteen Feet - Second Reading
13. Resolution to Amend the Uniform Compensation Plan for All Classified Employees - Second Reading
14. Resolution to Establish New Service Charges for Garbage and Trash Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective July 1, 1979 - Second Reading
15. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision - Parcel 5 (4-79077) Advisory Planning Board Report #211
16. Special Exception 3151-Mobil Oil, Notice of Request for Variance
17. Greenbelt Post Office Sites - City Response to U.S. Postal Service
18. Financial Disclosure for Members of Advisory Planning Board
19. Advisory Question at Coming Election for Separate Mayoral Election or for Indication of Preference for Mayor

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

20. An Ordinance to Authorize a Temporary Loan to the Fire Station Addition Fund in the Amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund, and to Appropriate Said Sum for the Payment of Expenses in Conjunction with the Construction of an Addition to the Greenbelt Fire Station - First Reading
21. An Ordinance to Amend Section 11-18. Citation of Violators of Parking Regulations, of Chapter 11, Title "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Greenbelt City Code, by Changing the Fine for Violation or Noncompliance with this Chapter from Five Dollars (\$5.00) to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) - First Reading
22. A Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments - First Reading
23. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 400, "A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein, Not to Exceed an Aggregate Total Cost of \$95,910" To Revise the Estimated Aggregate Total Cost - First Reading
24. A Resolution to Waive Bid Procedures and to Authorize the Purchase of Police Professional Liability Insurance through McFarlin Insurance Agency - First Reading
25. Amendment to Position Classification Plan
26. Compensation and Retainer Fee for City Solicitor
27. Request for Administrative Leave - Officer Fulgham
28. Request for Advance Leave - Cecil Breeden
29. Proposals for Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 1978/79
30. Request to Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program for \$1,000,000 in Loan Authority for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Optional Rehabilitation Program
31. Request to Prince George's County To Amend Housing Grant Plan to Include Sufficient Number of Section 8 Elderly Units to Implement Neighborhood Strategies Area Program.
32. Diversion of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Rehabilitation Loan Deferral Program for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to Cedar Heights Road Construction Program
33. Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) Greenbelt Area Studies
34. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Surplus Property
35. County Bill 9 - Provisions for Common Areas Along Rear Property Line in Town House Zone
36. Legislative Program - 1980

### V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

# Boat Length and Commas Divert Council; Greenbelt East Annexed

by Leta Mach

Is a comma in any other place just as good? City Council debated this question at length Monday, May 21, while considering an ordinance to amend city boat regulations. Before attacking the grammatical question, however, council completed its annexation of Greenbelt East/Greenway.

The long-awaited annexation was executed by council as it unanimously passed a charter amendment resolution enlarging Greenbelt's boundaries. Council also unanimously authorized the Mayor to execute an annexation agreement with the Greenway Shopping Center owners. Although comments either pro or con were solicited by Mayor Richard Pilski before the final vote was taken, only Robert Manzi, attorney for the property owners, spoke. "Everything's been said," he stated, but "I'd like to speak in favor." Following a 45-day period during which the annexation may be petitioned for referendum, the annexation will be completed.

## Boat Ordinance

Second reading of an ordinance to amend the city code by removing length restrictions for boats caused considerable concern and comment about one comma's necessity. The ordinance proposed for passage read "only hand or foot propelled boats or vessels, row boats, canoes, paddle boats and sail boats shall be permitted." The proposed amendment would delete "sixteen feet or less in length" after "sail boats." Because council had received a request from the owner of a kayak type boat about two feet longer than presently permitted, the deletion had been proposed. City Manager James Giese felt that the size of boats would be limited by the fact that they would have to be carried to the lake.

Councilman Charles Schwan at first found "the rationale of the city manager impeccable," but later seconded an alternative amendment proposed by Councilman Thomas White. White proposed that "20 feet or less in length" be added after sail boats because "conceivably six or seven men could carry a very big boat down to the

lake."

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld felt the twenty foot limit was arbitrary and wondered whether council would receive a similar request from any person with a twenty and a half foot boat. Councilman Richard Castaldi agreed, suggesting there were too many restrictions in unnecessary areas. Pilski stated he had no problem with the deletion of length requirements because boat owners would still need a city permit. However, Schwan felt that under the proposed amendment a permit could not be denied for excessive length. Giese stated that the boat permits were forever. However, the city clerk corrected him, explaining that although the fee is paid only once, the permit needs to be renewed every April.

In the midst of the lengthy conversation, Greenbriar resident Richard Ley laid the comma controversy before council. Because there was no comma at the end of the series of boats, Ley felt "as written it only restricts length to sail-boats." Finding Ley's comments arguable, Schwan added a further amendment to put in a comma "although it offends me grammatically." Saying "I won't discuss the comma," Weidenfeld returned the discussion to length restrictions by suggesting something else could be done later if a problem with big boats developed. Nevertheless, putting a comma into the ordinance passed unanimously.

White summed up the remaining issue as "not 16, 20, 21, etc., the issue is some restrictive number versus no restrictive number." Then the motion to add a twenty foot limit came to a 3-2 voice vote. Pilski sent the amendment back to first reading because it was now different.

The next item of business, an appropriation ordinance, was passed before Schwan questioned council's addition of the comma in the boat ordinance. He then moved that that item be reconsidered and further moved "to delete the comma after paddle boats we just added." Much confused discussion centered on whether the absence or presence of the comma limited the ordinance. A similar problem

facing Judge Chasanow was cited and English Professor Virginia Beauchamp from the News Review was called upon as an "amicus curiae," friend of the court. She, however, did not think it made any difference. Pilski added, "I don't think anyone will take this to the court of appeals." Finally, council unanimously moved to delete the comma.

Two resolutions and an ordinance dealing with routine business were also passed at the session. A substitute resolution to transfer \$59,500 in funds between departments was introduced, rules suspended and passed on the same night. A resolution to provide for judges and clerks in the upcoming council elections was also passed. In addition, an ordinance passed for a supplemental appropriation in the replacement fund to purchase a combination steam jenny and pressure washer and a riding mower, a brush chipper, and a pick-up truck.

## Pool Opening

Citizen Mary Helen Spear appeared before council to voice concern that the pool would not open until 4 p.m. for almost one-third of the summer because public schools will be in session longer than usual. Although budgetary problems and lack of lifeguards were given as reasons for not opening earlier in the day beginning Memorial Day, Giese felt it might be possible to open earlier later in June when public schools would normally be closed. Giese is checking into the matter.

Council received an APB report submitted by vice-chairman Ronald Colton with three abstentions. The report recommended approval of a three-lot subdivision for parcel 5 subject to resolution of two matters. The report recommends that land (5% for single family lot subdivisions) be dedicated next to the existing city park. Also, if the Perimeter Road is built, it should run along the east side of the subdivision and within Ridge Road in front of the subdivision. After staff makes a recommendation, council will discuss the matter. Weidenfeld indicated that he would abstain from the issue since he is one of three purchasers of the lot.

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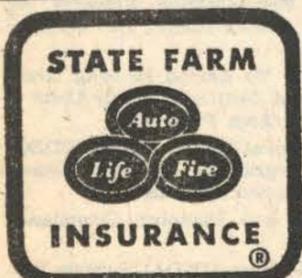
## GHI Notes

GHI needs members to help senior citizens with lawn and garden work. Members who have a few spare hours a week, please call the manager's office, 474-5566.

Nurses are also needed to help with the blood pressure testing on Wednesdays in the GHI offices. Anyone who knows or is a student nurse or LPN and has two hours once a month to test blood pressure, please call Sandra Barnes, 474-5566.

Meetings for next week: Long Range Planning, Wednesday, June 13, 8 p.m.; GHI Board of Directors, Thursday, June 14, 8 p.m.

From time to time GHI has available chips and logs for members with fireplaces. These are placed behind the GHI building, reached by the service road leading to the boat and trailer yard. Members who want chips or logs may check this area from time to time or call the maintenance office to see if the tree cutter has been cutting or chipping recently.



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## A Special Treasure

by Stephen Polaschik

The steady downpouring of rain on June 3 prevented a large number of Greenbelt residents and visitors from enjoying the concert sounds of Greenbelt's special treasure, the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County. The small but appreciative audience in the Youth Center heard a varied program of fine music presented by over 60 musicians under the direction of John DelHomme.

The Greenbelt Day Concert featured the voice of soprano soloist Anne Bentz opening the program with a Bach Chorale. Miss Bentz also sang a medley of Jerome Kern melodies, plus the National Anthem, which concluded the concert and signaled the beginning of dedication ceremonies at Green Ridge House.

Other featured soloists were William Hershey, trumpet; Alan DelHomme, marimba; Mrs. Carolyn Cherrix, alto saxophone; and Linda Casselberry, piccolo. The varied selections ranged from "Fingals Cave Overture" to "Merry Widow Selections", and from "The King Cotton March" to the "Whistler and His Dog". Special attention was given to "The Heart of Greenbelt Concert March", which was written by Greenbelt resident, Seymour Levine.

Comments from some of those in attendance were that the band's performance was of a caliber that would put it among national community concert band contenders, if there were such a competition. The success of the band is based on a mixture of ingredients, starting with the support of the City of Greenbelt and Prince Georges County officials, the very able Band Director, John DelHomme; the band's management under General Manager, G. Thomas Cherrix, and the dedication of the volunteer band members who regularly attend the Monday evening and special practice sessions at the Youth Center. The variety of music presented at the concerts is made possible not only by the purchase of arrangements over the years from appropriated funds, but also through the generosity of DelHomme's loaning of music to the band from his very extensive private collection of arrangements, which is a unique resource in the concert band music area.

Greater attendance at concerts by Greenbelt residents of all age groups would be proof of appreciation of a special cultural treasure that many cities much larger than Greenbelt do not have. The band's next concert in Greenbelt will be held at the Greenbelt Lake Park Bandstand on Independence Day, July 4 from about 7 p.m., presenting a two hour program preceding the Fireworks Display.

## Golden Age Club

by Blanche Lee

April 25 was another special occasion for the Greenbelt Golden Age Club when they celebrated their 24th Anniversary at the Youth Center. A delicious buffet luncheon was served at noon; tables were attractively decorated with Spring flowers, and places were set for a large number of members and guests.

Special after luncheon entertainment was a Barber Shop Quartet from the Goddard Space Flight Center. They delighted their audience with old-time familiar songs of yester-year. An invitation was also extended to the club to attend a dress rehearsal of "Oklahoma" at the Space Center later in the year.

And finally there were door prizes donated by the generous Greenbelt merchants. It was a happy event and much credit is due Hospitality Chairman, Esther Miller and her committee who had charge of planning the party. Members say "It was the best yet".

Greenbelt Golden Age Club now has 219 members on the books, and an appreciable number have been added to the list since the first of the year.

## Full-Service vs. Self-Service Pumps for Mobil Station

by Leta Mach

One significant item of business at the May 21 City Council meeting was a discussion of a special exception for the Mobil gas station, in preparation for a hearing scheduled by the county hearing examiner on May 23. The latter was recessed until June 27.

Two weeks previously, before the County Planning Board, Mobil Oil representative Lumsden testified that the remodeled station would have all self-service gas pumps with full service garage bays.

However, the Advisory Planning Board (APB) and council were under the impression that the station would have a combination of attendant-service and self-service pumps. Schwan told Lumsden: "I realize, though, that you did not deceive us." Lumsden told council that a decision was really up to the owner under the franchise laws of Maryland.

Lumsden said that he recognized Greenbelt was a unique community and expressed his willingness to have the station a combination. However, he hoped this could be done with a letter of agreement between the city and Mobil Oil rather than as part of the special exception. All members of council agreed that a combination of full service and self-service would serve the community better, especially the elderly and handicapped. Schwan, Weidenfeld and Pilski

concurred that a letter of agreement with high level management in Mobil Oil would be acceptable. But Castaldi favored a condition in the special exception.

Lumsden was concerned about being locked in by the special exception and being unable to make changes without a long process. However, city solicitor Emmett Nanna informed council that a letter such as Lumsden asked for would be unenforceable. Castaldi reassured Lumsden that such conditions were minor changes and could be altered in three months or less.

Council also was concerned that no food be sold at the station. Except for possible cigarettes and vending machines, Lumsden assured council that "we do not intend to put any kind of food service in there." Council unanimously passed Castaldi's motion for approval of the proposed special exception with two conditions — that there be no quick-shopper service selling convenience foods except cigarettes and vending machines and that there be at least one aisle of pumps for full service.

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### NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At a regular meeting held on May 21, 1979, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1979-2 (Resolution No. 418), and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

#### Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1979-2 (Res. #418)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT BY ANNEXING LAND CONTIGUOUS AND ADJOINING THE EXISTING CORPORATE AREA, KNOWN AS PARCELS A AND C, GREENBELT EAST SUBDIVISION, TOGETHER WITH ADJACENT PUBLIC ROADWAYS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL TREATMENT OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IN THE AREA ANNEXED FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNEXATION THROUGH THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1985.

Said resolution extends the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt to include the property described as follows:

... being two (2) parcels of land, the first consisting of all of Parcels A and C, as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled Parcels A, B and C, Greenbelt East, as recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Plat Book NLP 120 as Plat No. 70, all of the dedication to widening as shown on said plat, all of Greenway Center Drive, as shown on said plat, all of the lands described in an Agreement to Dedicate Real Property between Henry M. Witt and Greenway Center Associates Limited Partnership, recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Plat Book WWW 80 as Plat No. 14, consisting of 25.9052 acres the second being part of the right-of-way of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and consisting of 16.2103 acres."

On April 19, 1979, a public hearing was held by the City Council of Greenbelt on the above resolution, which was advertised and held in all due form according to the laws of the State of Maryland. The amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 5th day of July, 1979, unless within 45 days of its passage the City Council of Greenbelt receives a petition for referendum in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended).

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building - Edgar L. Smith Wing, in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and copies may also be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000.

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Harry K. Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Noel, Jr., 105 Northway, received a Bachelor of Science degree in business and finance on May 20 from Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md.

Kirt T. Hardy of Ridge Rd. also received a Bachelor of Science degree in business and finance from Mount Saint Mary's. He is the son of Jean Hardy.

James H. Richards received a Bachelor of Arts degree in public administration on May 19 from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa.

Congratulations to Kathy D'Esposito and Bryan Tiplady who were named to the Dean's list at P.G. Community College. Kathy has received this honor for the third semester in a row.

Harold R. Weiner recently returned from Montreux, Switzerland, where he was the guest of Southwestern Life Insurance Company at the firms' 1979 convention. Weiner is an agent with the company.

Tillie Wetter received a service award and Adele Mund recognition for her first prize-winning egg salad from the National Council of Jewish Women.

Winners of duplicate bridge on June 1 were Shirley Bryant and Clare Jacobs with Doris Johnson and Ruth Schultze coming in second.

It's a boy for Lola and Steven

Skolnik, 1-E Plateau. Benjamin Alan was born May 20 weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. He joins a sister, Shayna, who is almost three years old.

Scott L. Hand, 106 Lynbrook Ct., received a Master's of Education from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Charlotte Tropp, wife of Sterling E. Tropp, Jr., graduated from the Prince Georges Community College School of Nursing on May 26. Charlotte is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thawley of Germantown, Maryland. Her grandmother is Beatrice S. Hartman of Greenbelt.

Douglas Stanley Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Graham, received a bachelor of arts degree from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., in the field of social science.

Janis E. McFarland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. McFarland, will be inducted into Virginia Tech's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honor society June 8. She is a senior in biology.

Congratulations to Ilana Stern who won first place in the Communication field at the Regional Science Fair at Prince George's Community College, Largo, Md.

Ensign Daniel Brandt Lloyd, US-CG, grandson of Mrs. Louise Murphy of 51 Crescent Road, has been presented letters of commendation naming him to the Captain's List and as Academic Training Student of the Month. Lloyd's outstanding achievement in academic training

at the Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, has placed him among the top ten percent of all student naval aviators undergoing training at the air station and first among all student naval aviators completing academic training during the month of January 1979.

Airman Gregory R. Dahms, has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Texas, after completing Air Force Basic Training. Gregory is the son of Donald F. Dahms, 43-C Ridge Road. Airman Dahms will now receive specialized training in accounting and finance.

Marine Lance Corporal Danny R. Newton, son of Bobby R. and Barbara A. Newton, 19-M Parkway Road, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa.

Susan Ellerin Rindler, daughter of Pearl and Albert Ellerin of Lakeside, was named associate dean of the Northeastern University College of Arts and Sciences. Rindler, an associate professor of education, was appointed to the Northeastern faculty in 1973. Her area of academic specialization is psychometrics, the technique of mental measurement, and her research focused on bias in testing. She earned her B.A., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to Craig Fitzreiter who was recently awarded a University of Maryland merit scholarship. A senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Fitzreiter

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzreiter, 111 Tamarisk Ct. While at Roosevelt he participated in varsity soccer and baseball and was twice awarded the coach's award for the soccer team, was named a member of the Prince Georges County A B soccer league team and was a photographer for the school yearbook and newspaper.

Amy Hecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hecht, 112 Julian Court, was elected president of Cottey College's chapter of Mu Sigma Epsilon, the national music honorary society for junior colleges.

The National Science Foundation awarded University of Maryland student Donald L. Glassman an honorable mention in recognition of his potential for a scientific career. His field is botany.

Andy Kliman was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Maryland. He is the son of Itzy and Ted Kliman of Crescent Road. Kliman graduated in December with a major in economics. Since October, he has resided on Kibbutz Keturah in Israel where he is mastering the technology of manufacturing of dripper pipe irrigation systems.

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# Public Hearing on Revenue Bonds

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tion program."

Past GHI president James W. Smith reminded council that GHI since its inception in 1952 has been a good neighbor. "From 1953 to 1964, GHI regularly prepaid its taxes to the city so that the city would not have to borrow in anticipation of taxes," thus helping all segments of town—Lakeside, Woodland Hills, Lakewood and Boxwood as well as GHI.

GHI paid 1/3 of the cost of preparing the Greenbelt Master Plan, supported the city in achieving low-density development in Greenbelt and sued the Board of Education when that body ignored the city's wishes in regard to the high school site, he continued.

GHI member Stephen Polaschik cautioned council and citizens alike that "the efforts of the GHI community to maintain their homes reflect upon the entire city. If the homes in the GHI area were permitted to deteriorate, this condition would affect the property values of all homes."

"I support this proposal 100%," said James Cassels, Greenbelt's 1978 Outstanding Citizen and new resident of Green Ridge House. Cassels, representing a co-operative interested in purchasing the center, said that if his group is successful, it would come to council seeking revenue bond financing. Cassels would like to see the amendment broadened to allow for new construction also. "Had the city been able to finance construction of GreenRidge House," he said, "we would have saved ourselves a lot of headaches and money."

Councilman Richard Castaldi reported that the present owner of the shopping center has also inquired about possible rehabilitation.

Howard Savage, Lakeside, urged council to pass the amendment: "... indirectly the GHI rehabilitation project reflects on me. I gain by it."

David Lange, also of Lakeside, said "I strongly support the charter amendment. It is in the Greenbelt tradition to support improvements in the quality of life... we are concerned by the appearance of our town and its economic viability. GHI needs (revenue bond financing) right now because it is part of the original town. Those of us in houses that are 10 to 12 years old will be interested in another 10 to 15 years. Greenbriar is very new, but its time will come. We're starting with GHI because that's where the town started."

### Opposition

Since opposition appeared to revolve around specific questions about GHI's rehabilitation program, Mayor Richard Pilski inquired of the audience "Would anyone ob-

ject to the city enacting the charter amendment?" Three hands went up — newly elected GHI board member, Ed James, and GHI members, Eunice Coxon and Milton Hoffman.

Hoffman summarized the opposition's point of view on rehabilitation: "What will it cost? What is at the back of GHI's mind? A \$17 million dollar loan? Will they sock Hoffman with a \$5,000 mortgage for more heating work? They want a blank check so they can come back for more money! If you gentlemen are going to be in pipeline, Mr. Hoffman is going to be angry with each of you!"

Coxon was particularly concerned that no upper limit is placed on revenue bond financing. She felt some limit should be written into the amendment. Giese pointed out that the effective "ceiling is what the lender will lend based on the security of the issue. If the example is GHI, then the pledged revenue derives from charges its members pay into the corporation. Anyone who lends to GHI would take a close look at the legal authority of the rehabilitation plan and the ability to raise revenues."

Coxon, however, was still not happy. "I think that is a danger," she stated. "What is to prevent three developers or three Arabs from buying up all the bonds and razing the frame homes?"

"Whoever buys the bonds would have no claim of ownership of the land," Giese explained, "unless members do not pay their charges."

Smith further commented on the unlikelihood of such a scenario. GHI "does have quite a bit of value. The tax assessor thinks so. We have an annual budget in excess of \$4 million so the amount in this project (\$5 million) represents a minor part of the assets of our homes."

According to GHI Deputy General Manager Kopstein, "we now have loans with commercial banks for \$1.3 million. These loans could possibly be refinanced, but that would not add any more debt to GHI; just lower the interest rate."

"The \$17 million is a red herring," decried Janet James, GHI member. "At no time has GHI planned a \$17 million program. GHI did ask a consulting firm to come up with everything that would be nice to do — the \$17 million was their figure." The GHI board, committees and members reviewed those plans, eliminating those items that were not necessary and came up with a \$5 million program, she said.

Ed James argued that he "was not against rehabilitation, but against the way it's being done." He would like to see conversion from central heating plants to individual

electric heat. He argued that only 16% of the members had approved the rehabilitation plan. He asked council to take a more "democratic" route and let the people who wanted revenue bonds petition for the charter amendment through referendum, instead of council taking the lead.

Both White and Schwan explained that citizens would have 40 days after passage of the resolution in which to petition for referendum. Such a petition must be signed by 20% of the registered voters.

Schwan challenged Ed James' interpretation of the meaning that a vote by only 16% of the members for rehabilitation wasn't good enough. Schwan pointed out that Greenbelt, in 1977, had about 14,000 eligible voters. "The highest vote getter, was of course, the mayor. He got 8.36%; each of the rest of us received less than that; yet we're on council. It is a terrible indictment, but we cannot cease making decisions because people won't participate."

### Richard Ley

Greenbriar's "rugged individualist" Richard Ley strongly opposed the use of revenue bonds for residential rehabilitation. First, he thought it deceitful that the bonds would say "City of Greenbelt" in capital letters on the top, but in small print down below would be the disclaimer that the city's "full faith and credit" is not backing the issue.

Ley opposed the drain on the U.S. Treasury resulting from over-use of tax-exempt revenue bonds. "The average taxpayer," he asserted, "must make up the difference."

He called the public purpose of the charter amendment "noble," but questioned whether the cost was justified. "Greenbriar too has suffered from rising fuel costs, as monthly fees have climbed nearly 33% in four years. We could use thermal windows... attic insulation and attic fans for better cooling in summer." Like Ed James, Ley would prefer to finance his own improvements. "To the city council's revenue bond proposal, I would say 'Thanks, but no thanks... we will not be crucified on the cross of city council's credit, which this charter amendment would have us take up.'"

Council members commented on the heat of the evening — the first hot day in summer with residents coming forth to speak on a hot issue. Councilman Richard Castaldi felt that the exchange of issues epitomized Greenbelt... was part of its democratic way. Nevertheless, the council seemed unified in support of the charter amendment which will most likely come to a vote at next Monday's regular meeting.

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