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Council, Citizens Flabbergasted by Redesign Of Highway Interchanges by SHA Consultants

by Leta Mach

If a consultant's study on improvements to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway which, in effect, widens the Capital Beltway between Kenilworth Avenue and the Parkway is approved by the State Highway Administration (SHA), Greenbelt would lose one of the few developments designated for single-family homes. Like a recent petition to rezone parcels 3 and 4 (from single family), this study for SHA united Greenbelters in protest at the July 9 council meeting.

After heated discussion, council unanimously directed its staff to set up an early meeting with SHA. Council would like a full presentation of all SHA plans involving land acquisition or that might otherwise impact on Greenbelt. Council also directed staff to outline Greenbelt's objections to this particular study for transmittal to SHA. Almost half of the land proposed for single family development on parcel 15, Lakeside West, would be acquired by SHA for rights-of-way under this study. Also, land would be taken from the Golden Triangle along the Beltway and from Greenbelt East/Greenway.

With the aid of a large map sent by SHA, showing proposed new ramps and roadways in color, it still took City Manager James K. Giese at least 15 minutes to quickly run through all the changes.

The purpose of the plan is to eliminate the number of conflicting movements on the Beltway because the Kenilworth Avenue interchange is too close to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange; the interchange on the Parkway for the Beltway and Greenbelt Road are too close together; and also

the Crescent Rd. intersection conflicts with the Beltway interchange on Kenilworth. To achieve this, the Beltway would be widened and additional separate lanes provided to travel between Kenilworth Avenue and the Parkway without entering the Beltway proper.

Under the study, four fly ramps would be built to exit or enter the Beltway from the Parkway and two of the existing Beltway cloverleaves would be eliminated. The existing Southway entrance to the Parkway would be replaced by a new ramp leading off Greenbelt Road adjacent to Capitol Cadillac. On Kenilworth Avenue, there would be more crossing and median breaks.

In summation, City Manager James Giese felt it "would be a poorer interchange than it is now." He did, however, admit that there is some sense to some of these things.

Acquisition too Costly?

Giese extensively listed for council the areas effected by the plan. He wondered whether the planning engineer would reduce the scope of the project when the cost of right-of-way acquisitions became apparent.

Part of the Lake Park and 1/2 of Indian Springs park would be taken under the proposal. While land on two sides of the Golden Triangle would be taken, a portion of the Triangle would be returned for private use when a cloverleaf is eliminated.

The list was not without its little ironies. The proposed Capital Cadillac sign which caused "Verbal Skyrockets" would be taken, as would that portion of the Lake Park from which WSSC just moved its watermain to preserve the trees. An unused part of the Lutheran Church property would be taken as well as a private dwelling nearby. (This site council had recently re-

jected as a possible post office location to avoid taking a private dwelling.) Portions of Smith-Ewing property and Greenbelt East (including the proposed Hanover Trails restaurant) would be needed as would one of Greenbriar's tennis courts. One side benefit, Giese noted, was the straightening out of Greenbelt Road near Hanover Parkway.

After Giese's explanation, councilman Gil Weidenfeld's comment "are they for real?" and Richard Castaldi's "we don't need the super-dooper models anymore," expressed the views of many.

Councilman Thomas White expressed his fear that these plans for Northern Prince Georges County were "the most serious thing that is facing Greenbelt." He cited the intercounty connector and his belief that SHA wants to make the B-W Parkway I-295. Councilman Charles Schwan cautioned that this was simply the beginning and Greenbelt should "not let our indignation be burned out."

Citizen Freda Steinman felt "we can reject it out of hand" and volunteered to stand in front of the bulldozers. Council did not join her in the offer, but rather voiced the necessity of working politically and showing public opposition to the plan. Carl Choper agreed that "now is the time to voice opposition."

Alan Amberg suggested using the money for Metro instead and asked "are we going to be able to get to the Metro Station with all this spaghetti?"

White suggested the SHA had not been reading the papers about the oil crisis. Greenbriar resident Jeanette Gordy felt the planner had certainly not made this for the people of Greenbelt. White responded that it was known as "MCTGQ — Moving Commuters Through Greenbelt Quickly."

FHWA noted that the (more expensive) Mandan location was an indirect route which would result in pedestrians not using it.

Following this response, the city hoped for a reconciliation with Phase I by (1) offering more money for the easement, (2) holding a simple referendum on whether or not Greenbelters want an overpass and (3) getting input from Greenbriar Phase I owners on the design of the overpass and in developing security measures. Phase I Board members said they would meet with owners to try to reach an accommodation.

On July 9 Ayers asked council, on behalf of Phase I, to place the overpass question on the ballot "to find out if the citizens favor or do not favor an overpass."

Castaldi said, "A lot of people support an overpass . . . but the question is where . . ." He also wanted to ask citizens if they were "in favor of condemning private property for an overpass."

Ayers withdrew his request and supported the sense of Castaldi's recommendation. Schwan and White felt that, in light of FHWA's decision to support only the Gardenway location, the question on the ballot should be restricted to whether or not the citizens favored an overpass at Gardenway. With respect to the condemnation question, White said "If the staff can come up with language that fits, I would look at it . . ."

Castaldi described the letter from FHWA as "parrot talk" and "in- See OVERPASS, page 7, col. 3

Requirements to Vote, Run In City Election on Sept. 18

Election Day for the Greenbelt City Council is just two months away, on September 18, to be exact. All citizens should be aware of the requirements to make them eligible to vote or run for office. Here below are the regulations for citizen participation in the Greenbelt city elections.

Anyone who is eligible to vote in Greenbelt city elections is eligible to run for one of the five seats on the city council. Election day will be September 18, 1979; the term of office is two years. Members of council receive a salary of \$2,500 per year; the mayor, \$2,900.

Registration

Citizens may register at the city offices during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, this year the city clerk has arranged for on-site registration from now until the books close at three additional places: Greenbelt Homes offices on Hamilton Pl., Greenbriar and Springhill Lake Community Houses. (See city ad for more information.)

Persons who cannot register at those times may request a voter registration form by calling 474-3870 or 474-8000 which will make it possible to register by mail. The last day to register will be August 20.

Once registered, a citizen need not reregister as long as he lives here continuously, and has voted in at least one of the two previous regular city elections. If a person has never registered here or if he has moved out of town and then moved back or if he has missed voting in the last two general elections, it will be necessary to register again.

There were 2661 registered voters as of the last general election in 1977; 2270 as of June 11, 1979.

Voting Qualifications

Citizens must meet the following qualification requirements in order to register in person or by mail:

1. United States citizen.
2. 18 years of age as of September 18, 1979.
3. Domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt.
4. Of sound mind.

The city Charter defines "domicile" as the dwelling place which the voter intends to be his perma-

nent home. In order to be eligible to vote in the September 18, 1979 council election, mail registrations must be returned to the office of the city clerk not later than 5 p.m., August 20, 1979.

Running for Council

Anyone wishing to run for city council must do the following:

1. Obtain at least 50 qualified voters to sign a nomination petition form, which may be obtained from the city clerk. Married women who wish to sign a petition should use the form Mary Doe, not Mrs. John Doe. The records show the given name, and if the city clerk does not recognize the name in its married form, she may not be able to check and accept it.

2. Prepare a notarized financial statement on a form supplied by the city clerk disclosing financial interests for the period beginning January 1, 1979 and ending June 30, 1979. The report must list business entities and/or real estate in which ownership interests, as defined in the law, are held by self and family and also the source of specified income or debts.

3. Submit the signed nomination petition and financial statement, together with a written acceptance of the nomination to the city clerk no later than Monday, August 6 at 5 p.m.

One final requirement; candidates must file with the city clerk by noon of September 11 a notarized interim report showing all campaign contributions received in excess of \$25 and the names of contributors. A final report is due on September 24.

If five candidates fail to win at least 40 percent of the votes cast, there will be a run-off election 7 days later (September 25). In the run-off election the ballot will consist of those unsuccessful candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to twice as many names as there are positions to be filled.

Greenbelt Citizens Association Meeting

The organizational meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens Association will be held Monday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library meeting room. The tentative agenda includes: the Steering Committee report, adoption of constitution and bylaws, and election of officers. Copies of the constitution and by-

laws can be obtained from the Library and at the meeting.

All residents of Greenbelt are invited to attend this meeting and enroll as charter members. Any person who cannot attend, but would like to be considered for office should forward a statement of willingness to serve.

Overpass Location Once Again Up in Air As Council Discusses Referendum Request

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council on July 9 wrestled with a request by William Ayers, president of Greenbriar Phase I, to place the two-year old overpass issue before the Greenbelt voters in September. Council appeared agreeable, but became bogged down on the scope and language of such an advisory question. In the end, council directed the city staff to draw up a question or questions that would set forth the various alternatives discussed during the evening.

In March, Ayers first proposed that the voters be given an opportunity to voice their preference on the overpass location. He did not feel a 2 to 2 council vote in May 1978 favoring an overpass to span the Baltimore-Washington Parkway from the east end of Gardenway to Greenbriar Phase I should decide the issue. At that time Councilmen Thomas White, Charles Schwan and Gil Weidenfeld, after many months of meetings and hearings, opted for the Gardenway site. Opposed were Mayor Richard Pilski and Councilman Richard Castaldi, who supported the Mandan Road location (east end of Hamilton Place to Mandan Road).

(The proposal for an overpass surfaced in the summer of 1977 when parents, school and governmental officials feared for the lives of students who were crossing the Parkway to and from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.)

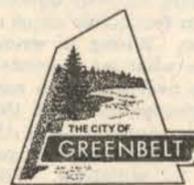
The majority of council viewed the Gardenway location as the best of all alternatives studied, in terms of the most direct route, actual use, public safety, lower cost and optimal topography. Phase I owners objected because .09945 of an acre of land, running through the median of the parking lot between 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway, would be needed as an access to the overpass. They feared vandalism, litter, noise and lack of privacy.

An overpass at Mandan Road would not require an easement from Greenbriar residents. However, this location was opposed by Phase II Board of Directors and many Phase II residents.

The majority of council voted to file condemnation proceedings to acquire the easement in February 1979 after Phase I owners turned down the city's offer to purchase the easement. Phase I retained an attorney to pursue the fight.

In March Ayers proposed a referendum that would allow the voters to choose between the Gardenway and Mandan locations. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld offered a motion to place the issue on the ballot, but the matter was tabled until the city received a response from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as to the viability of Mandan Road as an alternative to the previously approved Gardenway-Greenbriar Phase I location.

In a letter to the city FHWA said "No" to the Mandan Road site and reiterated its support for the preferred Gardenway overpass.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

A REGULAR ELECTION TO ELECT FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF GREENBELT ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1979.

NOMINATION PETITIONS

MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 6, 1979 BY OR IN BEHALF OF QUALIFIED GREENBELT RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR NAMES PLACED ON THE BALLOT OF THE SEPTEMBER 18 COUNCIL ELECTION.

NECESSARY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS. FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 474-3870 or 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills
City Clerk



OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Board of Elections will appoint Judges and Clerks of Elections to serve at the Regular Council Election to be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, September 18, 1979. The Board of Elections is soliciting applications from interested citizens.

Prior election experience is desirable, but the Board of Elections will give consideration to all applicants. However, only experienced election judges may be considered for appointment as Chief Judge.

Please contact the City Clerk at 474-3870 or 474-8000 for information.

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Cooperate to Conserve

To the Editor:

In reading Milton Hoffman's flyer which was distributed only on a selective basis, it appears that GHI members should never have taken any chances on borrowing funds to purchase their units or for capital improvements when the time came to make essential changes such as converting to variable hot water heat to accomplish spectacular oil savings. Perhaps Mr. Hoffman does not particularly appreciate the fact that the frame home members will most benefit from the proposed bond issue, particularly through the wall insulation and storm window projects which are desperately needed to cut back still further on GHI's fuel oil use.

In dealing with economic matters, nothing is guaranteed, but the track record for GHI in being a well-managed and financially secure organization, having responsible members and in a favorable housing area, should be assurance to the members that the possibilities of any foreclosures on the bond issue would be very remote.

This Hoffman flyer indicates that GHI members will pay less in monthly charges if the city cannot as a result of the proposed referendum assist a group of its citizens to obtain rehabilitation money at reduced interest rates. The truth is it would cost GHI members more any way you slice it. Money for rehabilitation would cost almost twice the interest from commercial sources. If the rehabilitation were not done, rising oil prices would make heat waste through uninsulated walls and windows more costly than the rehabilitation program itself. Also, doing this all at once, now, will be cheaper than waiting or doing the work a unit at a time when requested by individual members.

Let's stop throwing obstacles in the way of those GHI members who are working very hard to save energy in GHI. Rather let us, in the spirit of the President's request for individual citizen efforts to conserve energy, cooperate in the rehabilitation of which the chief purpose is reduced consumption of oil with its skyrocketing costs. Furthermore, GHI's oil allotment has been reduced. We must start this rehabilitation program at once to have warm homes under this reduced allotment.

Do not sign the petition to referendum which might further delay the already overdue start of rehabilitation and would put the city to added expense.

Stephen Polaschik
 Janet M. James

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Democracy and Civic Duty

In his detailed account of the Fourth (Fifth) of July activities, your reporter missed one activity also appropriate to the holiday. Several of us were distributing a flyer reminding residents to register to vote in the upcoming Greenbelt city-wide elections. We were reminding citizens that they must register to vote separately in Greenbelt. (County or state registration is not sufficient.) We were reminding all citizens of the spirit of democracy and sense of civic duty which are part of our American heritage. So please register now - vote September 18.

Richard W. Ley, Jeanette K. Gordy

Exercise in Nothingness

For some reason I was led to believe that the issue of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway overpass was over. I was also under the impression that the City Council of Greenbelt had spoken when Councilmen Schwan, White, and Weidenfeld voted to condemn the Greenbriar property and Mayor Pilski and Councilman Castaldi voted not to condemn the property. The fact that the condemnation suit has already been filed further leads me to believe that while my good tax dollar is being spent to condemn my property, that at least three members of the city council are still playing games.

I find it an insult and an exercise in nothingness to put to the citizens of Greenbelt an advisory question on whether or not we want an overpass when every citizen in this city had at least a half dozen opportunities to speak to the issue. The truth of the matter is that at the initial meeting of Phase I those persons who did speak spoke overwhelmingly against the overpass at the city's preferred route, making it crystal clear that yes we want an overpass, and no, we do not want it through the middle of our property. The three gentlemen who voted to condemn the property know that they were wrong, and are now hoping that an after the fact advisory question will make them feel better about an unjust decision. Wrong is wrong, and no matter what we the voters say about the overpass issue now, it does not change the fact that the city must continue with the condemnation proceedings or pay substantially to withdraw. Why then does council wish to spend more time and tax money to get information which will serve no useful purpose other than to make them feel better?

It is unfortunate that these three people do not view Greenbriar residents as a part of Greenbelt and do not show the same vigilance to keep the voters on this side of the parkway happy. I venture to say that if the new proposed Super Highway planned were to ever be a reality and that if it only affected Greenbriar that Council would again tell us that it is for the good of the community.

Like W. E. DuBois, I believe in liberty for all people; the space to stretch their arms and their souls; the right to breathe and the right to vote; the freedom to choose their friends, and enjoy the sunshine . . . thinking, dreaming, and working as they will in a kingdom of God and love.

Society, it is said, is composed of three kinds of people: the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen and the great majority—who have no idea what happened. An advisory question on the overpass deserves as much attention in the September election as does an advisory question on the gullt or innocence of Richard Nixon. Both being after the fact and too little, too late.

Jeanette Gordy

"Shaggy Dog Story"

While securing the bedroom window, in preparation for leaving for Sunday Services (being a sinner by choice) I couldn't believe what I was seeing on the newly mown lawn. There was a Mama skunk and five little skunklets. They were painted glossy black with "Rinso White" stripes. I tore open the closet door and grabbed the new "Minolta". The Mama stopped and counted the kids. Satisfied that all were present and accounted for she continued. With the bright morning sun cutting the colors apart I could just imagine how the family was going to look on that dark lush green background. Ahah!

Now they were heading toward the gate and I quickly ran around to the back of the house to greet them. What a nature study this was going to be! But they disappeared. Or had my years taken more than I thought—and they had gone past? They disappeared! Absolutely gone! Dadgum it!

Well, they didn't stay gone. At 1:30 a.m. Monday morning our neighbor's "Shotzy" let it be known that she had to go (whisper), or so they thought, so they let her out. "Shotzy" didn't have to go at all, she was just pulling a fast one to go out and play with the new kids who crashed the neighborhood. They had stashed away under the steps where "Shotzy" had made herself a cool resting place. Now somebody else had taken over and they hadn't even been formally introduced. "Shotzy" was going to remedy that right now, but the nightcap she got wasn't "Mud" in her eye for they were downright antisocial. How they could have been so hard to get along with, in this friendly neighborhood, nobody knew. And they were full of dirty tricks . . . and stuff.

With a yip and a yell she put herself in four paw drive and zapped back into the house pushing her nose through the "Oriental", the drapes, the bed covers and anything else that would help ease the burning and the phew!

Naturally Dad slept through the whole ordeal and Mama awoke him with . . . "Do you smell something peculiar"? Dad tried hard to lift his lids, without success, and grunted "Naw, go back to sleep"! Neither of them yet realized the full impact of what had happened. In fact both were still half asleep. Then all of a sudden Dad sat straight up in

Mobilizing Greenbelt!

Monday night, July 23, may mark the time that Greenbelt has again mobilized to prevent the further deterioration of its way of life by highway planners, zoners and developers. The mobilization of citizens from every subdivision and from religious, social and service organizations within the City of Greenbelt is needed on Monday night, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt library main meeting room. This event will be the organizational meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens Association which could present a united front of interested citizens and organizations against planned actions that could have a damaging effect on the environmental and social aspects of Greenbelt living.

This meeting is the outgrowth of an informal meeting which was held some months ago by a group of interested citizens and by subsequent meetings of a steering committee which has drafted proposed by-laws and a constitution which will be voted on by the members present. Officers will also be nominated and elected during this meeting.

Please attend this meeting to let your voice be heard.

Stephen Polaschik

At Greenbelt Library

Sat., July 21, the Prince Georges Co. Genealogical Society will provide experienced consultants for individual help in genealogical research. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Tues., July 24, Summer Fun Crafts, ages 6 to 9, 2 p.m., Meeting Room, Yarn Fun. Come and make different animals out of yarn.

Tues., July 24, Summer Cartreels, all ages, 7 p.m., Meeting Room, "Marx Brothers Classic."

Wed., July 25, Films for Children, 10:30 a.m., Meeting Room, "Puss in Boots"; "Chicken Little."

Thurs., Drop-In Story Program, 2 p.m., Program Room, ages 3 to 5.

Hedge Trimming Needed!

To the Editor:

Due to the gasoline situation, have you noticed more people walking in Greenbelt lately? It would be much more enjoyable if people who have a sidewalk in front or back of their homes would trim back the hedges and bushes along these walks. The walk from Laurel Hill, between Ridge and Hillside, down to the Center, is very nice if one didn't have to duck or work one's way around hedges and bushes over the sidewalks. Most other walkways are the same, particularly around GHI homes.

Just a little trimming by a few would make all of Greenbelt beautiful for walking.

Carlton and Joan Tatum

bed and ordered: "Shut that blasted window"! So Mama did, thereby shutting all the essence of "Skunk" INSIDE the house. That didn't work too good so finally they woke up altogether and stuck "Shotzy" in a tub and scrubbed her with everything from Tide to Tidy Bowl. "Shotzy" wasn't very popular at this point and there was some question as to who man's best friend really was. Clearly her name was missing from the list of candidates. As a matter of fact her name now appeared at the head of a quite different list. And it was all so unnecessary . . . if those homesteaders just hadn't been so forward . . . or was it backward . . . or all of the above?

We don't know yet how this is all going to turn out, but one can see "Shotzy" confined to quarters and detailed to the upper deck where she continues to look inside to her once world . . . wagging her thin little tail and no doubt wondering why nobody loves her any more. I hope they clean up their act. So . . . hang in there "Shotzy", and just remember this: "Every dog has his . . . er . . . her day"!

Charles D Kendall, Sr.

MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

Winters-Yakupkovic

Sheila Ann Winters, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd M. Winters of Lastner Lane, is to be married Saturday July 21 to Mr. Joseph Edward Yakupkovic, son of Mr. & Mrs. John E. Yakupkovic of Lastner Lane. Father Robert G. Amey will perform the ceremony at St. Hugh's Church.

Karen Winters, sister of the bride, will be the maid of honor. The bridesmaids will be Diane Fickes, Mrs. Cheryl Murrill of Silver Spring and Mrs. Jeanne Broschardt of Gaithersburg.

The best man will be John E. Yakupkovic II, the groom's brother. The ushers will be Jim McEvoy and Bill Osborne, both of Greenbelt, and Pete Kuhn of Laurel. The couple will reside at State College, Pa.

Margaret Warfield

Margaret Elsworth Warfield, 6 Crescent Rd., died Sunday, July 15. She was the wife of the late Charlie W. Warfield.

Mrs. Warfield is survived by her daughter, Margaret W. Leibe; son-in-law, Heinz P. Leibe; and grandchildren, Paul, Lynn and Lisa Leibe.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, July 18 at St. Hugh's Catholic Church with interment at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
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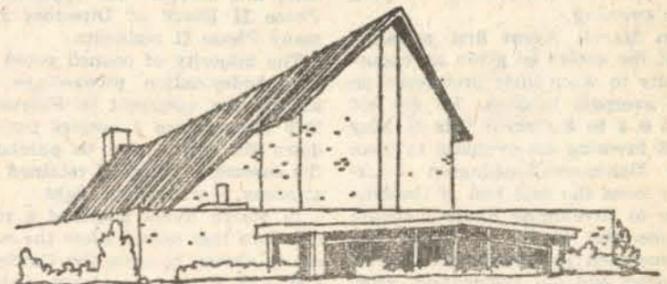
11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mid-week Prayer service (Wed.)

8:00 pm

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8:30-12:30 weekdays.



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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

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

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Educator's 37 Year Career Ends As G. James Gholson Looks Ahead

by Linda Orenstein

G. James Gholson, who retired at the end of June, has ended 37 years in education, 29 years in Prince Georges County. "The Prince Georges County School System is one of the finest school systems in the country," he states. The Board of Education has named William Blount, currently Administrative Assistant to Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Feeney, to succeed him as Assistant Superintendent for the Northern Administrative Area.

Gholson, a native of Norfolk, Virginia, was hired by the Prince Georges County Public Schools in 1960. He became the first Principal of Fairmont Heights High School and held that post for 19 years. In 1969 he was named Administrative Assistant for Administration, and in 1972 became Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Desegregation.

One of Gholson's recent accomplishments was the planning and development of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School curriculum. In the spring of 1976 Gholson drew up a task force consisting of community leaders, educational professionals and members of the school administration. He visited the Bronx School of Math and Science in New York to observe its programs, and incorporated some of its features into the technology program of Roosevelt High School.

When interviewed, Gholson said "Eleanor Roosevelt has a good beginning and is moving ahead in the right direction." He is proud of the school, satisfied with its progress, and added that "The competent staff and principal are making a go of the ideas they (Gholson and his colleagues) had for the facility."

Gholson would like to see the continued expansion of the ERHS program, especially the 12th grade internship program in which the federal government, private interests and universities participate. He would like to see the fine arts program move in various directions. Gholson envisions the music division section working in conjunction with local universities and possibly the National Symphony and Peabody Conservatory and others. He would like master teachers to be brought in for short intervals or seminars to lend their expertise in their specialties.

Gholson is not at all concerned with the structural defects of the high school complex and feels secure that the monitoring being done is "in the hands of specialized, knowledgeable people." "Eleanor Roosevelt," he says, "is filling a significant place in the Prince

Georges County School System."

Gholson has been honored by the Prince Georges County Public Schools as one of its Outstanding Educators. Fellow educators say his unique blend of love and concern for young people and high standards of performance for both staff and students has been an example to them over the years. Gholson's future plans hold the possibility of acting as a consultant and teaching classes on the college level.

DANCE

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GHI Notes

In a few weeks, GHI members will receive a letter asking them to choose one of three different types of windows for the rehabilitation program. These windows are: replacement piggy-back storm windows which means that the entire window will be replaced with a new storm window; replacement with the Pella thermopane window which also will be an entirely new window; or renovation of existing window (if necessary) and storm window added.

At the present time the members may view the replacement storm window at 28 Ridge Road, the medical building; the Pella window at 11-F Ridge Road; and the renovation storm window at 9-S Research.

After receiving the letter from GHI, members will have 3 weeks to indicate their preference. Cost figures for each type of window will accompany the letter. The replacement storm window will be financed under the basic rehabilitation program. The Pella thermopane window is a more expensive window and if this window is chosen, the member will bear the extra expense; if the renovation of the existing window with added storm window is selected, the member will pay for any and all maintenance to windows in the future.

Two informational meetings where sample windows will be displayed are being planned. Sample windows are being ordered for display in the Board Room on Hamilton Place and will be available soon.

Metro Rail Increases Explained More Fully

by Mike Jones

A recent article concerning the metro fare increase may have left some confusion as to the actual fares paid by passengers on some buses. Bus fares that do not involve transfers to metrorail are: Rush hour (6-9:30 a.m., 3-6:30 p.m.)—\$1.10 between Greenbelt and points in Washington, D.C.; 55c or 75c depending on the distance travelled between Greenbelt and other points in Maryland. Outside of rush hour, the fare is 60c between Greenbelt and D.C., and 40c between Greenbelt and other Maryland points.

On trips that involve both bus and rail, the full bus fare is paid on the trip from Greenbelt to the rail station (as indicated above), and the full rail fare is paid after reaching the station. In rush hour, this varies from 45c to \$1.40, according to the distance travelled, and outside of rush hour is a flat 50c.

On trips from D.C. to Greenbelt, which involve metrorail and metrobuses, the full rail fare is paid, and a transfer issued at the station where the passenger boards the train. After leaving the rail station, the passenger must then pay 10c with the transfer if boarding the R-11, R-15, or T-16 bus at the New Carrollton station. From Deanwood to Greenbelt, an additional 55c is paid on the bus (with the rail transfer) in rush hour, and 20c at other times.

There are two types of "flash passes" available. The Maryland flash pass, which costs \$16, is good for all rides on buses in Maryland and D.C. for a two week period and contains \$6.25 of rail value.

The base pass is good for the base fare on all bus rides within each jurisdiction. It is good for a two-week period and contains \$6 of rail value. When the ride crosses into another jurisdiction, for example, he must add a fare. The cost of the base pass is \$10.

Recreation Review

Chucks 'N' Lassies

Boys and girls, ages 6-12 years, are urged to attend these group games and physical activities on Tues. and Thurs. from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Youth Center. Shirts will be given to those children who attend regularly. Last Thurs., the Chucks 'n' Lassies took on Camp Pine Tree in a seesaw battle of seven innings of kickball. Both teams were outstanding on defense, and kicking and base running were excellent. The victory went to the Chucks 'n' Lassies, 10-8. Some of the stars, from both teams, were Andy Bray, Darell Vans, Detrick Gales, Chris Lee, Darryl Brooks, Tommy and Denise Chapman, Mark Singer and Mat Warner.

Summer Playgrounds

Playgrounds are held at the SHL Rec. Center and North End Elementary School, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. All children, 6-12 years are welcome. Activities include arts and crafts, sports, table games, nature hikes and special events. The playgrounds are co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Rec. Dept. and the M-NCPPC.

Splash Party

On Sat., July 28, 8:30-10:30 p.m., the Kava Teen Club will be hosting their third splash party of the summer. The party is open to all teens between the ages of 12 and 18 years. A nominal fee will be charged at the door. Cosmos Sound will return playing all the requests of the previous pool party.

KAVA Trip

An all day trip to Ski Liberty and its exciting Alpine Monster Ride is scheduled for Wed., August 1. This new attraction is a 3,400 foot toboggan ride down the side of Ski Liberty Mountain. The trip is open to the first 35 people who sign up. Sponsored by the Kava Teen Club, for those 12-18 years of age, permission slips will be required for all who will participate. The deadline is Wed., July 25. The bus will leave the Youth Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. For further details call the Youth Center Bus. Office, 9-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 474-6878.



Outstanding Citizen

Nominations are now being accepted for Greenbelt's annual Outstanding Citizen Award, to be presented at the opening of the 1979 Labor Day Festival. Nominees must be Greenbelt residents, and will be selected on the basis of service benefiting the Greenbelt community. Current elected officials are not eligible for consideration.

This year special nomination forms are being used for the first time, so nominations from previous years should be re-submitted. Only those people whose names are placed in nomination this year will be considered. Forms can be requested by phone from Linda Shevitz (345-9358), or can be picked up at Twin Pines, the Springhill Lake Community House, or the Greenbriar Community House. All nomination forms should be submitted to Linda Shevitz, 9004 Breezewood Terrace, Greenbelt, by August 13.

Pictures Needed

The Festival Committee is seeking pictures from past years for display in the showcase at the Greenbelt Library, beginning August 1. This is the Festival's 25th anniversary, and the Steering Committee is most interested in having a display which would reflect events and personalities of past years. Anyone with pictures to lend to the Festival, please contact Sandra Barnes, President, 474-5310.

Neighborhood Entries

One of the special events planned for this year's Labor Day Parade is the sponsorship of neighborhood entries in the parade. These could be floats, special costumed characters, or anything suitable to group participation. Any neighborhood groups wishing to enter or to get further information should contact Wayne Williams at 474-1259.

Miss Greenbelt

Enter the Miss Greenbelt Pageant and win a scholarship to the Barbizon School of Modeling! Those interested in details about the Pageant should attend the meeting on Mon., July 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt library or call Barbara VanWambeke at 345-2278 for information.

Center School PTA

Officers of Center School PTA for the 1979-80 school year are: president, Darwin Beck; first vice president, Gail Drake; second vice president, Evelyn Bland; treasurer, Alexander Barnes; recording secretary, Betty Aggson; corresponding secretary, Kathy Thomas; faculty representative, Isobel Field; and principal, John Van Schoonhoven.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing for consideration of a proposed ordinance to provide for improvements for Greenbelt East Subdivision (Greenway Center), to be held on

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1979 - 8 P.M.

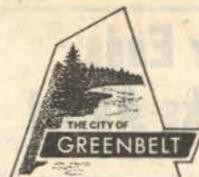
in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The City Council has determined that it is in the public interest to undertake these improvements and, accordingly, the following titled ordinance was introduced for first reading at the regular meeting of the City Council, held on July 9, 1979, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 64 of the City Charter: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR GREENBELT EAST SUBDIVISION (GREENWAY CENTER) UPON GREENBELT ROAD, HANOVER PARKWAY, AND GREENWAY CENTER DRIVE TOGETHER WITH RELATED PUBLIC STORM DRAINAGE FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC BENEFIT TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS UPON ADJACENT BENEFITING PROPERTY, THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY TO BE BENEFITED, THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OWNERS OF SUCH PROPERTY AND THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF SAID ASSESSMENTS IN FULL OR IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS WITH INTEREST CHARGED ON THE UNPAID BALANCE AT A RATE EQUAL TO THE RATE WHICH THE CITY MUST PAY TO FINANCE THE IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR UNDERTAKING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND MAKING SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

Following the Public Hearing, Council will conduct a Special Meeting, at which this ordinance may be considered for second reading and final passage.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance will be available at the Public Hearing, or may be obtained at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road - Tel: 474-3870 or 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills
City Clerk



City of Greenbelt Voter Registration for 1979 Council Election

On September 18, 1979, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt to elect five members of the City Council who shall be elected at large. In order to vote in a city election, it is necessary to be a registered voter of the City of Greenbelt. REGISTRATION WITH PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DOES NOT ENTITLE GREENBELT CITIZENS TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTIONS. Registration requirements are:

- United States citizen
- 18 years of age on or before the date of the election (September 18, 1979)
- Of sound mind
- Domiciled in the City of Greenbelt

Persons who wish to register, may do so at the following locations:

CITY OFFICES Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road	Mondays thru Fridays	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Saturday, August 11	10 a.m.-2 p.m.
	Saturday, August 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.
SPRINGHILL LAKE Community Center 6220 Springhill Drive	Mondays thru Thurs. Fridays	9 a.m.-9 p.m. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Saturdays	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
	GREENBELT HOMES, Inc Administrative Offices Hamilton Place	Mondays thru Fridays
GREENBRIAR Community Center 7600 Hanover Parkway	July 19, 20, 23 and 24	12:30-6 p.m.
	August 3 thru August 20	Weekdays, except Wednesd. 12:30-6 p.m.
	Saturdays and Sundays	1-4 p.m.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1979

Gudrun H. Mills
City Clerk

Greenbelt Recreation Department

474-6878

1979 SUMMER DAILY CHILDREN'S CLASSES

The third registration, for the Summer Daily Children's Classes, will be held on Monday, July 23, 9-11 am at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This is an in-person registration, on a first come, first served basis. Registration, on a space available basis only, by phone from 11:30-12 noon. Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday for two weeks beginning Tuesday, July 24. The fourth registration will be held on Monday, August 6.

ACTIVITIES	AGE	FEE
Archery	8-15 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Arts & Crafts	6-12 yrs.	FREE
Balance Beam/Vaulting	6-12 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Chucks 'n' Lassies - Group Games/Physical Fitness Program - boys & girls 6-12 yrs.	Tue & Thu BF	FREE
Creative Carousel	4-5 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Swimming Lessons		
*Beginner, Adv. Beginner	5 & over	\$8/8 classes Resident Child
Intermediate & Swimmer		\$12/8 classes Resident Family
Diving	6 & over	\$8/8 classes-Resident
		\$12/8 classes Non-res. Pass Holder
Group Competitive Technique		Adv. Beginner Course \$8/8 classes must be completed Resident \$10/8 classes Non-Resident
Livesaving - Junior	11 yrs/completed Grade 5	\$18/12 hrs. (resident/Non-resident pass Holder)
*Water Baby	1-5 yrs.	\$8/8 classes-Resident \$15/8 classes-Non-Resident
		Each child must be accompanied by a person 18 yrs. & over
*Water Ballet-Offered as formed	8 & over	\$8/8 classes-Resident
		*Offered to Non-Resident Pass Holders on space available basis only \$15/8 classes per child
Tennis	8-15 yrs.	\$8/8 classes
Trampoline	6-12 yrs.	\$10/8 classes

ADULT SWIMMING

In-person registration also at the Municipal Swimming Pool Monday, July 23, from 6-8 p.m.

Adult Lessons - offered as formed. \$15/8 sessions Resident; \$30/8 sessions Non-Resident Pass Holder.

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

Swim for Your Life - Adult Swim, exercise, technique and lap swimming under direction. Tuesday thru Friday, 7-8 am. \$8/8 sessions

Diving - offered as formed. \$10/8 sessions Resident; \$14/8 sessions Non-Resident Pass Holder.

GHI Board Approves Insulation Contract For Frame Homes; Plus Major Maintenance

by Mary Lou Williamson

Cellulose insulation may begin flowing into frame home walls before the end of this summer. The Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors held two special meetings, June 21 and 28, to pursue this goal. They approved a contract with Universal Insulators for \$302,500.

In addition, the board agreed to borrow \$170,416 for major-maintenance/capital improvements projects which cannot be put off long enough to be included in the rehabilitation program.

Cellulose Insulation

Board members, all of whom favor going ahead as quickly as possible with insulation before the next heating season, found themselves delaying instead.

The board easily agreed with management to accept the bid of Universal Insulation, a subsidiary of Washington Gas Light. The largest insulating company in the East, Universal has said they will begin work within seven days of getting the contract and, if they can start right away, expect to complete all 1000 frame units this year — weather permitting. (They cannot work in the rain.)

At the June 21 meeting, the board, on a motion by director Bobbi McCarthy, voted to add another \$50,000 for insulating attics as well as walls. "It makes good sense to get the hoses (used for blowing the insulation into the wall cavities) up to the attics while they are in the buildings," she said. "It is very cost-effective." In response to a question, staff engineer Ove Kongsted estimated that 30% of heat loss is through the attic. If GHI insulated the walls and not the attics, said director Norman Weyel, agreeing with McCarthy, "we are containing (the heat) on the sides and letting it out the top."

Newly elected board member Ed James and several members in the audience, while agreeing with the need and the urgency of the insulating project, saw the selection of cellulose as a major disappointment.

Eunice Coxon, pleased with the rock wool she has had installed in her attic, would like to see the board obtain alternative bids on rock wool. She is concerned, she said, about the fire resistance of cellulose and fears smoke and fumes in case of fire.

She and member Stephen Polaschik asked about reports that moisture can sometimes be absorbed by cellulose.

Board member James Foster asked Kongsted: "What was the reasoning behind your recommendations to use cellulose?"

"Money. Cellulose costs less," replied Kongsted. He discounted the problem of moisture saying: "There isn't any problem if you use good quality cellulose from a reputable firm and the product has been properly treated with chemicals before installation."

"Lives and health are more important than money," countered Coxon, at the June 21 meeting, still not convinced on either point. She would prefer to see GHI spend the extra money to get rock wool or glass fibre rather than cellulose.

"If I don't want cellulose and want something else and am willing to pay the extra cost," asked member Bettie Denson at the June 28 meeting, "can I do that?"

Board member Jim Smith, who chaired the June 28 meeting in the absence of both the president Don Volk and the vice president Wayne Williams, assured Denson that the membership last October had provided for such situations: "allowing members to pay the extra amount for work of equal or better value."

Masonry Insulation?

In response to a question by member William Offenbacher, Breashears' stated that Drivit was no longer being considered as a combination insulation/exterior finish for cinder block homes. (The appearance of Drivit can be somewhat like stucco or like the exterior finish of Green Ridge House and may be as much as 2 in. thick providing insulation.) However, the

cost of Drivit, made from a petroleum product, "has gone completely out of sight," according to Breashears. As a result, GHI has been testing another type of insulation which could be used for both cinder block and brick homes.

The board rejected McCarthy's efforts to proceed immediately with the insulation work, deciding instead to delay until the architectural review of the rehabilitation package is completed. GHI's architects must certify that the rehabilitation package meets the federal section 8 requirements for substantial rehabilitation. Bids for the architectural review have been received by management who will make recommendations to the board at its July 12 meeting. The board is expected to make its selection at that time.

Deputy General Manager Ken Kopstein announced that management was prepared to submit the rehab package to the Maryland State Department of Economic Resources and Community Development's Community Development Administration "The State has promised it will move expeditiously on our proposal," he told the board. "We are presenting a phased rehabilitation plan," he explained. "We are asking them to look at our program in a way they do not usually look at substantial rehabilitation programs."

"We're just too big and too complex to do one straight," said Smith with a touch of amusement showing through the frustration.

Muller Proposal

The board looked over a new proposal by Muller Associates to look at the possibility of decentralizing its heating system. Muller would explore various individual heating systems for GHI — using electricity or natural gas. The objective, Kopstein told the board, "is to find out what is the most cost-effective system or systems for GHI; compare these to our present multi-unit systems" both now and in the future. The study, which Muller would complete within four weeks, would cost \$8,600. Since Muller has already done background work on the current GHI heating systems, and since the study needs to be done as quickly as possible in order to be useful in planning the rehab program, the board felt no constraints about not going out to competitive bid. However, they did delay accepting the proposal in order to hear from the Engineering and Maintenance Committee which has been looking into some of the same areas. Carl Conrad, who is a member of the E&M Committee, told the board, "we could give you a lot of assistance." James agreed.

Director Virginia Moryadas was concerned that the board was moving too fast. "If we can get a timely report from the E&M Committee, if the information is available, we may be able to revise slightly what we want to do . . . I don't see that it will hurt us to wait two weeks" until the next meeting on July 12.

Over the strong objections of McCarthy, who thinks the delay won't be held to two weeks, the board voted to table adoption of the proposal. McCarthy and Director Margaret Hogensen voted no; Weyel, Moryadas, James and Foster voted yes.

Major Maintenance

The corporation will probably borrow the \$170,416 from Citizens Bank of Maryland at 1% above prime. However, a favorable cash flow right now, according to Breashears and Comptroller Don McGinn, will allow GHI to delay making that decision until September or October. Kopstein cautioned the board that projects begun before formal approval of the rehabilitation package would probably not be included in the financing later.

Projects	
Sidewalks 1200 l. ft.	\$12,000
Flat roofs 5 bldgs.	79,969
Electrical Heavy up	78,447
Total	\$170,416

Kongsted cut by almost two-thirds the amount of sidewalk work originally proposed at the June 21 meeting. Replacement of 1200 linear feet of sidewalk in dangerous condition will cost \$12,000.

The board accepted the bid of Colbert Roofing to replace leaking flat roofs in five buildings at a cost of \$39,984. Roofs of five more buildings will need replacing before year's end. The contract includes a 20-year guarantee of the work, according to Kongsted.

Electrical heavy-up, continues as needed for compliance with county codes at the time individual units are sold. So far this year, 16 rows of masonry homes and 18 rows of frame homes have been completed. In addition, management expects 10 masonry and 15 frame rows will need to be done this year. The total cost is estimated at \$78,447.

Director Norman Weyel asked that "any of the work that can be delayed until the last possible minute in order to be included in the rehabilitation program."

"Why not use the money in the bank that has been collected for rehabilitation?" inquired James.

In answer, Smith, agreed that the major maintenance work to be done this year could be called "rehabilitation" just as much as the projects that GHI will do in the rehabilitation package. But, he said, the board promised the membership that the money collected in this year's monthly charges for rehabilitation and which is held in trust, will be used to repay the rehabilitation loan or be refunded to members in some way.

Foster, Weyel and Smith all asserted that credibility with the membership is so important that that money must not be used for any other purpose even though the 7% interest being earned is less than the interest GHI would have to pay for a bank loan.

Both James and Offenbacher disagreed saying GHI should use the money collected for rehabilitation rather than borrow.

McGinn, in response to a question reported that approximately \$63,300 has been collected so far this year from members through monthly charges. \$130,000 will be collected during 1979.

Denson wanted assurance that the amounts being spent (\$170,416 for major maintenance and \$302,000 for insulation) would be subtracted from the \$5 million loan authorization the membership had given the board when it approved the rehabilitation program. "My concern," she said, "is that you do not obligate more than \$5 million."

"What is important here," responded Smith, "is getting the most we can for the dollar spent . . . whether we pay for it in a rehab loan or out of monthly charges."

"This capital improvement is not part of the \$5 million," Moryadas further explained, "If feasible, we will roll it into the \$5 million loan, but this may not be feasible."

"We are going ahead with these items because they could not wait," added Board member McCarthy.

College-Career Mini-Mall Summer Trips for Seniors

Prince Georges Community College will open a special College-Career Mini-Mall on Fri., July 27 and Sat., July 28, from 12 noon to 9 p.m. at Landover Mall.

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Swim Team News

by Karen Jones

Greenbelt easily defeated Landover with a score of 292½ to 226½. Triple winners were Nicolette Durantine, Aimee Fellows, Craig Dies, and Lynda Blue. Other high point scorers were Mark Blue (13); Rob Reed and Susan Gardes (12); Tara Yaney, Colin Aldridge, Karen Jones, and Brian Dies (11); Kris Irwin, Margaret Williamson, James Fellows, and Simone Bram (8); Brian Lofgren, Ken Blue, and Dana Sensi (7); Adam Whitmore and Leah Choper (6); and Scott Luddy and Lisa White (5).

Many team and pool records were broken at the meet two weeks ago. In addition to those reported last week, James Fellows broke the team and pool records in 8 and un-

CO-OP NURSERY OPENINGS

The Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School has openings for fall in the 5-day morning program (ages 3-5) and the Monday afternoon 2-year-old program. Interested parents may call Cecilia Chaney, 937-1413.

der backstroke. Craig Dies took the 12 and under I.M. team record, Lynda Blue bettered the team and pool records in 11-12 butterfly and I.M. and the team record in freestyle, and Nicolette Durantine and Ken Blue took team records in 15-18 backstroke.

This week, Greenbelt and Cheverly, the two undefeated teams, will swim together in a meet that could determine the division championship. This is at Cheverly, so swimmers and officials should meet at Greenbelt pool at 7:30 a.m.

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OVERPASS cont'd from pg. 1 comprehensible" adding that "we should tell them to consider another location and spend a few extra bucks."

Jeannette Gordy of Phase I did not buy FHWA's decision. "We should tell them," she said, "that citizens do not want it at the preferred route, that all Greenbelters want it at Mandan Road . . . the money belongs to the taxpayers and they (FHWA) can be made to do what we want them to do."

Ayers voiced the opinion that a "Yes" or "No" on the Gardenway location was like "feeding something to people." "It's a loaded question," Castaldi agreed.

Speaking for himself, Charles Sokol, vice-president of Phase II, complained that he was having difficulty understanding the discussion since the decision on the overpass had already been made. He recalled that at the last meeting "council was telling us that the only way to go was one way . . . with the preferred route (Gardenway). Make up your minds . . . You're playing both sides against

the middle," he said, concerned that this was becoming an election issue. He told council that if the referendum becomes wider in scope, Phase II would want to make an input. (Phase II owners oppose the Mandan location because they believe that more buildings in their area would be affected than in the area of the Phase I overpass.)

Phase I resident Richard Ley also thought council was trying to have it both ways and that, if council members did not want to give the impression that they were playing politics, "they should withdraw the motion directing the staff to draw up an advisory question."

White responded "If I took your advice there would be no issue on the ballot, but it would still be an issue in the election." White said he'd rather have the question appear on the ballot "than behind my back." He was confident that council was acting in a responsible fashion and that the citizens of Greenbelt "would support the Gardenway location."

Advisory Question
An advisory question on the ballot is not binding on council. However, Schwan thought council

should accept the results. "Politically," he said, "it would be the appropriate thing to do because it would be the expression of the popular will . . ."

Weidenfeld noted, "I voted for the overpass at Gardenway because it provided the maximum public safety . . . I support a referendum because only the people who elected me can relieve me of this decision . . ."

Delay
Roosevelt student Alan Amberg deplored the delay in building the overpass. "We should be grateful to the Federal Highway Administration," he said, "for wanting to build the overpass at Gardenway, which is the most accessible to students and most direct . . ." He explained that he and many Greenbelters live on major interior walkways and that beer cans and other materials sometimes get thrown into yards but "I would not trade it for the quick easy access to all parts of Greenbelt. Interior sidewalks are safer than roads . . . Do what's best for everyone."

Still unconvinced, Castaldi asked, "Why do you have to go the quickest way?" And there the question hangs.

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Condolences to Joyce M. Yarwood, Crescent Rd., on the death of her father.

Michael Windsor Koski was born to Ruth F. and Dale Koski, Lakeside Dr. at 12:27 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 at the exact second Skylab plunged into the ocean. Michael, whose father is a NASA employee, was nicknamed "Sky Lab Baby" at Washington Adventist Hospital

where he was born. Both channels 7 and 9 reported his "historic" birth. Michael weighed 11 lbs. and was 24 ins. long.

Lisa Duke was named to the President's Honor List and Dean's Honor List at the University of South Carolina for the spring semester. She is attending the school of Journalism.

Mrs. Mary Linstrom and family of 11 Ridge Rd. are happy to welcome a granddaughter, Elizabeth Cara who was born on July 5. The baby is the daughter of Karen and John Linstrom, Lexington, Ky.

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City Council Denies Citizen's Request To Put Charter Amendment to Referendum

by Mary Lou Williamson

Milton Hoffman appeared at the July 9 meeting to urge city council to "renounce" the Charter Amendment which would permit the sale of revenue bonds for rehabilitation and "to allow the matter to go to referendum." Council listened intently, took issue with some of Hoffman's points and then took no action — in effect reaffirming its original position.

At its last meeting, June 11, council had unanimously approved what is termed "enabling legislation" for revenue bonds and offered to those in the audience who opposed the Charter Amendment some instruction on how citizens may petition a Charter Amendment to referendum.

The Charter Amendment, will automatically become law on July 31 unless opponents can produce 454 signatures (20 percent) of registered voters on valid petitions for referendum by the close of business (5 p.m.) on July 23. (This information, provided by the city clerk, was confirmed by the city solicitor at the end of the July 16 continuation council meeting.)

Under this amendment, a private owner could come to the city with a rehabilitation proposal and, if council approves and if it meets federal regulations, could obtain low-cost financing through the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds.

Revenue bond financing through municipalities has been available for years, a Merrill Lynch spokesman told the News Review this week, but in the past was largely used for other purposes — in particular, the encouragement of industrial development. (Prince Georges County is currently using revenue bond financing as an enticement in its economic development program.) The reason for the new interest in using revenue bonds to provide cheaper mortgage money, according to the spokesman, has been the high home mortgage interest rates. City governments now find providing such low-cost mortgage money to be in the public interest when it makes rehabilitation of aging structures affordable to low and median income families thus preventing neighborhood decay.

While there are no such proposals before the council at this time, Greenbelt Homes had asked council to pass the enabling legislation. GHI has been preparing a \$5 million rehabilitation proposal and is now searching for suitable low-cost financing. The owners of the Center commercial area may also be interested in this kind of low-cost financing for the renovation of their 40-year-old buildings.

Hoffman

Hoffman, a GHI member who opposes its current rehabilitation plan and the use of revenue bonds for financing, opposes the Charter Amendment. In a letter from his attorney, William B. McKinney, to council, Hoffman "seeks a public referendum . . . to allow all city voters an opportunity to express their view on this matter." In return, he promises to "cease . . . a legal challenge of the constitutionality of the new Charter Amendment."

Councilman Richard Castaldi explained to Hoffman that only citizens could petition an amendment to binding referendum. Provision is written into the State Constitution for citizen review of matters as important as changing a City Charter. In other words, referendum is a tool for citizens to use if they are displeased with action taken

by their elected officials and is not a tool to be used by the council itself. While council may put an advisory question on the ballot to seek citizen views, it is not bound by those voters' wishes, even though politically, it might be unwise to go against them.

Hoffman, however, was not convinced. He and his lawyer disagreed with council's interpretation and still felt council should put the matter to referendum.

Charter Illegal?

Council questioned Hoffman, asking what he meant by: "legal challenge of the constitutionality of the new Charter Amendment." Councilman Thomas X. White and Charles F. Schwan pointed out to Hoffman that neither council nor the voters could determine the "legal validity of the Amendment."

"If something is unconstitutional, it doesn't matter whether council and all the voters (in a referendum) approve it. What is the alleged illegality?" Schwan inquired of Hoffman.

"I am asserting the passage of this legislation is the same as passing any money levy. It is an American principal . . . You can't tax me without asking me about it!" Hoffman responded.

This time Hoffman drew fire from City Manager James K. Giese: "Mr. Hoffman keeps using a gross misstatement. There is nothing in this that is a levy. It is a voluntary lending of money through the city to a voluntary borrower. There is no such thing as a levy involved in it. Now you, Mr. Hoffman, may be levied as a GHI homeowner by GHI—that's your problem with GHI—but as far as the City of Greenbelt is concerned, this is a voluntary program and there is nothing compulsory about it. To use the term "levy" in this instance is a gross inaccuracy."

Hoffman insisted that because the city was involved and would in some way be handling the money, it was therefore a levy.

Cheap Money?

Hoffman again took the offensive. "One of the points that was made in favor of this bond issue was that it was cheap money. Nothing would be farther from the truth," he challenged. "Do you know what the overhead is? The

(mortgage bond underwriters) take 15 percent off the top. On a \$5 million loan they would take \$750,000 off the top, before anything else, plus the 7 to 8 percent (interest paid to bondholders) so that we have a case, here, of as much as 20, 21 or 23 percent. This is loan sharking!" decried Hoffman.

William Stewart, vice-president of the Municipal Finance Department of Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore underwriters, had appeared at the March 28, 1979, joint work session with the city council and members of the GHI board to explore the possible financing of GHI's rehabilitation program through tax-exempt municipal revenue bonds. Stewart had offered the following information at that meeting which was later reported in the April 12 issue of the News Review, as follows: "In effect, Stewart explained, 'the city would be the conduit through which to get (inexpensive) tax-exempt bonds.' He expects the interest rate with an 'A' rating to be 7 to 7 1/4 percent if the market remains where it is today. The cost to GHI would be a little higher to pay for insurance and the expenses of issuing the bonds, perhaps 1 percent."

Stewart, when contacted this week by the News Review, declined comment on Hoffman's statement, but did confirm the accuracy of the information in the April 12 News Review article.

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