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GHI Manager Royal Breashears Is Honored at Retirement Dinner

A poem from a member of the GHI maintenance crew, one of many tributes to Royal D. Breashears on the occasion of his retirement, was like frosting on the cake. Breashears, who has been General Manager of GHI since 1962, was feted Sunday night, March 30, at a dinner attended by 125 guests at the Greenbelt American Legion. During the evening, many tributes to Breashears' steady, harmonious leadership of GHI and of his neighborliness were expressed.

Over the 27 years that Breashears has been associated with the cooperative, he has worked with more than twenty different boards of directors and a large—sometimes cumbersome—membership (his 1600 bosses, as he likes to call them). During these years GHI has become one of the most stable cooperatives in the United States.

Breashears joined the cooperative as an accountant, not long after its incorporation in January 1953 as a resident-owner organization. Within one year he moved up to Comptroller, then in 1958 became both Comptroller and Assistant General Manager. In 1962 he was appointed General Manager, the third in the corporation's history.

During those early years, Breashears was involved in setting up the books of the cooperative—in a very real sense helping the corporation to establish its own identity after its separation from the federal government. Since GHI at that time was virtually synonymous with the town itself, many projects undertaken in the early years helped to chart the future direction of Greenbelt.

Highlights

Highlights of the years in which Breashears played a major role include:

- helping to prepare a Master Plan of land use for undeveloped areas of Greenbelt to ensure continuance of the community's planning ideals;
- organizing a sales cooperative, Lakeside Home Owners, Inc., composed mostly of GHI members, to develop single family homes;
- encouraging formation of the cooperative Woodland Hills to develop and purchase home sites in the Woodland Way-Northway area;
- purchasing the former North End Store on Laurel Hill Rd. for restoration as a row of four frame homes and similar restoration of the former Medical Center on Ridge Rd. as a row of four masonry homes;
- overseeing construction of four new single family homes and 25 new townhouses;
- engaging in numerous battles with developers and county officials to protect the community from encroachment by highrise apartments and a

large three-school complex near the heart of the residential area;

—surviving critical examinations of the administrative and financial affairs of the corporation by a management consulting firm, as well as by numerous members;

—engaging architectural and engineering consultants to evaluate the GHI buildings and recommend actions for their renovation;

—planning the conversion from a steam heat to a hot water system in the 1000 frame homes; and

—shaping the critical decisions concerning rehabilitation and the heat conversion programs, which will have long-term effects on the history and viability of the corporation.

Tributes

Among present and former associates gathered to honor Breashears were his predecessor and successor as General Manager, Paul Campbell and Ken Kopstein respectively; present and past GHI presidents, Donald Volk, Nat Shinderman, Ed Burgoon, and Jim Smith. Charlie Brown presided as master of ceremonies.

Perhaps the tribute by Kopstein best summed up the feelings of those present when he commented on Breashears' skill in maintaining harmony and neighborliness in the community. "It is difficult to keep an organization like this running smoothly and keeping the discord down to a minimum. For the last 17 years he has provided a very strong See **BREASHEARS**, p. 8, col. 3

Rock-A-Billy At Utopia

Concert goes at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center are in for some good boppin' music Saturday, April 5 at 8 p.m. Appearing for one show only will be Bob E. Rock and Rock-A-Billy Renegades. Opening the show will be folk/rock performer Richard Dan Zanin.

Bob and his Renegades will be performing Rock-A-Billy standards by Gene Vincent, Carl Perkins, Buddy Holly, and Chuck Berry—to name a few—plus original compositions by Jonny Domino, their lead guitarist.

Bob, a native of Arlington, has performed with such local Rock-A-Billy notables as Tex Rubincowitz and his Bad Boys. Members of the Renegades are Bill Rich, native Greenbelter, on drums; Mark Mitchell on bass; and another native Greenbelter, Jonny Domino, on lead guitar and harp. A small admission will be collected at the door.



AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Monday, April 7, 1980 8:00 p.m.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Minutes of Council Meetings
 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
 - II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Petitions and Requests
 7. Administrative Reports
 8. Committee Reports - Presentations
 - III. OLD BUSINESS
 9. An Ordinance to Amend the Greenbelt City Code by Adding to Chapter 2, "Administration", a New Article VII, Titled "Surety Bonds" to Provide that City Employees, Including the City Manager, Shall be Covered by Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond, and to Provide that the City Treasurer Shall be Covered by a Surety Bond - Second Reading
 10. Swimming Pool Fees
 11. Expansion of Advisory Planning Board Membership - Advisory Planning Board Report #228
 12. Community Development Block Grant Improvements
 13. Proposal to Establish Senior Citizens Advisory Board or Committee
 - IV. NEW BUSINESS
 14. Bid Award - Fire Works
 15. Auditor - FY 1979/80 Budget
 16. PEPCO Substation No. 173 - Appearance and Construction Schedule Golden Triangle
 17. Right-of-way Easement Springill Lake North Access to City Cemetery
 18. FY 1980/81 Budget
 19. Appointments to Community Relations Advisory Board
 - V. MISCELLANEOUS
- NOTE: This is a PRELIMINARY AGENDA - subject to change.

Recreation Review

There are still some tickets left for the Recreation Department sponsored round trip bus transportation to Baltimore Memorial Stadium for the opening game Tuesday, April 15. Call 474-6878 for information, cost and reservation to see the Orioles play the Kansas City Royals. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline is Friday, April 11 at 5 p.m.

Twin Pines 23rd Annual Meeting and Elections

by Mike Jones

At the 23rd annual Twin Pines meeting, President Peter Watters noted that because of current market conditions and rising interest rates, Twin Pines is currently unable to make loans for GHI homes. GHI loans are still regulated by the Maryland usury law, which limits the interest rate to 12%, although there are efforts in the state legislature to change this regulation. Currently, according to Watters, there is a waiting list of over 150 applicants for GHI loans.

Plans for a new building for Twin Pines were shelved when it was discovered that the mortgage for a large part of the Greenbelt Center is still held by a savings and loan association in Baltimore, making a construction loan impossible.

In the annual elections (see accompanying box), John Webb was re-elected, and Muriel Weidenfeld and Teresa Downey were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. They join Bruce Bowman, Bill Fern, Harvey Geller, George Jones, John Maffay, and John Unger.

Irving Seigel and Joe Timer were elected to the Member Relations Committee, joining Ruth Davis, Bob Greig, and Bernina McGee. Sonia Garin and Audrey Stern were elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee, joining Miriam Reynolds, Helen Geller, and Otilie Van Allen.

An amendment to the Twin Pines bylaws liberalizing the frequency with which dividends can be paid was passed by the membership.

Nursery School Open House

The Greenbelt Nursery School is planning an Open House which will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The School is located at Hillside and Crescent Roads behind the Community Church. Parents are invited to visit the School with their preschoolers.

Easter Egg Hunt and Show

The Easter Bunny will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, on Monday, April 7. Boys and girls, preschool through sixth grade, are invited to participate in the hunt at the Greenbelt Lake Park at 9 a.m. Sharp! Hidden in the eggs are many special prizes that have been provided by Pizza Inn, Three Brothers, Donut n' Stuff, Family Pub, Gino's McDonald's, Greenbelt Consumer Services and Roy Rogers.

Following the hunt, at 9:45 a.m., "Snakes and Stuff" will appear on the Lake Park Bandstand. In the event of rain, all activities will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center beginning at 10 a.m.

County Planning Board Denies Re-zoning Request

The Prince Georges County Planning Board on March 27 turned down a rezoning request for parcels 3 and 4. The owners want townhouse (R-T) zoning for 10.2 acres located along the northern border of Greenbelt on the east and west of Research Road.

In denying the rezoning from rural residential (R-R) to R-T, the majority of the Board concurred with its technical staff that the preferable zoning should be single-family detached housing (R-80). The Greenbelt City Council and the Citizens for Greenbelt are on record supporting R-80.

The application, together with the Planning Board and techni-

Twin Pines Election Results

Board of Directors	
*Muriel Weidenfeld	233
*John Webb	232
*Teresa Downey	222
Joseph Timer	217
Peter Watters	158
Thomas Martin	105
*Elected to 3 year terms	
Member Relations Committee	
*Irving Seigel	283
*Joseph Timer	41
Tom Martin	28
*Elected to 2 year terms	
Nominations and Elections Committee	
*Sonia Garin	281
*Audrey Stern	258
Konrad Herling	183

PFC Charles Watkins

Outstanding Employee

At the City's Annual Awards Banquet, held on March 15, Pfc Charles Watkins was honored as the Outstanding City Employee of 1979.

Chuck began his employment with the City in 1976 as a Police Officer-Patrolman and was promoted to his current position of Patrolman First Class in 1978. In presenting the award, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld cited Chuck's courtesy, friendliness, interest in the community, efficiency and for setting an excellent example for others. Also noted were his sense of humor, exemplary public relations and genuine concern for the citizens.

Besides Watkins, 11 other City employees received service awards. J. Paul Williams, Assistant Public Works Director, received a gift and service pin in recognition of his 30 years of service with the City. Williams, who began his employment with the City as bus operator for the old City bus system, has held several positions with the Public Works Department including Foreman and Administrative Aide. He was promoted to his present position in 1974 and he also serves as the City's Energy Coordinator.

Police Chief, William T. Lane, and Albert Markell, Foreman in the Parks Department, were honored for 15 years' service. Ten year service awards were received by Betty Lehman, Secretary in the Recreation Department, Gudrun Mills, City Clerk, Ray Vitch, Public Works Equipment Operator, and John Behrens, Refuse Collector/Driver. Recognized for five years' service were Police Officer John Lann, Refuse Collector Carl Bartholow and Detective Corporal, Tom Ceccarelli. Special recognition was given to Hubert Michael, Crewman IV in the Parks Department who will have completed 25 years service on April 11. Hubert plans to retire from the City on May 1, 1980.

Further details on the Planning Board hearing will appear in a future issue of the News Review.

WHAT GOES ON

Mon., April 7, 9 a.m. Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Greenbelt Lake Park. Rain location, 10 a.m. Greenbelt Youth Center

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

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The Great Delusion

To the Editor:

I share with Mr. Donald Archer his concern about the apparent deterioration of the appearance of GHI homes and grounds (News Review, March 13, 1980). However, he seems to lack an appreciation of the facts that have led to this condition.

Mr. Archer also asks if it was possible to cut the budget two months ago, why was it not possible to cut it before. The fact of the matter is that the budget was not cut. As a result of the membership action the budget was held to an increase of 10% instead of more than 20% requested by the board to meet uncontrollable inflationary costs. Even in the face of a 10% overall increase (15% for masonry), a decrease of personnel from 72 employees to 53 employees was necessary to provide funds to meet uncontrolled increased costs. It is obvious the services to members and our homes must suffer by this 20% cut in staff. Included in this cut was one inspector position, which was sorely needed to police regulations which Mr. Archer notes are observed in their breach. Other casualties were three grounds positions thus eliminating the grounds section. If Mr. Archer thinks our appearance is disgraceful now, wait until the summer comes and the corporation is faced with the problem of caring for the common grounds as well as other areas.

Why not electric heat? Mr. Archer, in 1971 the TAA Associates strongly urged a rehabilitation program which included electric heating and would have cost approximately \$5 to \$7 million instead of the current \$11 to \$12 million program now being planned that does not include heating conversion. Is it still possible today? I hope so. But the membership refused to approve \$340,000 for rehabilitation financing. Will it approve an additional \$4 to \$5 million over and above the present rehabilitation program to change over to electric heating? The action of the membership did not save a cent for the GHI members. It merely deferred expenditures and possibly will require greater funds because of inflation.

Colors, designs, etc. of additions and home painting are personal and vary from person to person. GHI as a matter of member preference concentrates on safety and quality of construction. It prefers to dictate limitations on members' discretion at a minimum, being guided by member committee recommendations to the extent possible.

Finally, why should we need GHI management to police us? Each of us should be a responsible member minding our homes and grounds with care and pride, and consideration for our neighbors. Instead of squabbling and carping, why aren't we working

CORRECTION

In last week's News Review, the article on GHI stated that HUD was imposing further requirements—the remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms—in return for the \$6.4 million rehabilitation loan. These requirements are being considered by HUD for a different loan called GNMA Tandem Financing, available at 7½% interest. GNMA Tandem Financing could be used to finance the heat conversion program and the additional rehabilitation, which will go before a membership vote on May 28.

GHI is continuing to work with the City of Greenbelt on revenue bond financing, available at 10½% interest, another alternative for financing the heat conversion and further rehabilitation. Additional requirements for GNMA Tandem Financing have not yet been determined.

Travel Provided For Senior Events

The Jewish Council for the Aged is now providing a weekly door-to-door bus service to a program at Nevev Shalom Synagogue in Bowie. All senior citizens are welcome to participate in art, handicraft, theatre and other activities with a Jewish flavor.

Pick-up in the Greenbelt area is on Tuesdays between 9-10 a.m.; return between 2-3. For further information and reservations call Eva Choper, 345-7565, by Monday evenings.

together, helping our neighbors when we can and facing up to facts instead of believing we can vote away inflation and close our eyes and ears to the realities we are confronted with.

Nat Shinderman

Easter Sunrise Service

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Greenbelt Lake Park on Sunday, April 6 at 7 a.m. The service is sponsored by the following churches: Greenbelt Baptist, Greenbelt United Church of Christ, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist and St. Hugh's Catholic.

The Rev. Ira C. Keperling, pastor of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, will give the Easter sermon, "The Dawn of A New Day." In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in Grenoble Hall of St. Hugh's Church, 135 Crescent Rd.

Cultural Arts Center

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center has opportunities for budding theater buffs.

A six-week Actors and Directors Theater Workshop will be held with Angela Shreiber instructing potential thespians. Sign-up dates are April 8 and 9 and April 15 and 16 at the Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway in Greenbelt. There is a fee for the classes.

Auditions for an upcoming musical revue are set for April 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. at Utopia Theater. All interested singers, dancers and musicians are invited to try out for this extravaganza. Take a chance and become famous.

For more information about either of these opportunities, call 345-3916.

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community

Box 245 / Greenbelt, MD 20770

345-2918 - 474-4090

St. Andrew's Church

(Episcopal)

4512 College Ave.,
College Park, Md.

(1 bl. East of Book Exchange)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 4
12:00 noon, Liturgy for Good Friday

8:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 5

8:00 p.m. GREAT VIGIL OF
EASTER, with Holy Eucharist, Sermon, Special Music.

EASTER DAY, April 6
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist,
Sermon, Special Music

Easter Morning Worship

11 A.M. - Family Worship

(INFANT NURSERY AT 2-B HILLSIDE)

Saturday Easter Vigil - 9 P.M.

(CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE)

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH



(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads

Phone 474-6171 mornings

Rev. Sherry Taylor and

Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

Passover Services

Passover services at the Mishkan Torah will be held on Friday, April 4 at 8 p.m. Services on Saturday begin at 9:30 a.m.

Seventh and eighth day Passover services on Monday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. will include Yiskor Memorial prayers.

SHL PTSA

On Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. the Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA will sponsor a panel discussion on "TRIM and its effect on the Prince Georges School System." The panel will include representatives in the areas of government, education, the County School Board and other sectors related to our children's education.

The discussion will cover the growing changes taking place within our schools. All Greenbelt parents are invited to attend.

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

Good Friday Services

A chancel drama by the youth group on the words of Christ from the Cross and a short cantata "On the Passion of Christ" by the adult choir will form the principal part of the Good Friday Tenebrae service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The drama is under the direction of Sarah Hanna and the choir under the direction of Tony McDonnell, both of Greenbelt. Players in the drama are Bryan Nieman, Heather Beck, Erin Hendricks, and Anne McCracken. Joan Spencer, Mike Horsman and Tom Reich are the soloists for the cantata.

The Reverend Edward H. Birner extends an invitation to the community to attend this service which begins at 7:30, and also to the Easter Sunday services being held at the church on Greenbelt Road at 6, 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

Everyone is Welcome to THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

at the

Greenbelt Lake

7:00 A.M.

(In case of inclement weather we will use
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GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Crescent & Greenhill Roads

Bible Study for all ages (Sun.)

9:45 am

Worship services

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mid-week Prayer service (Wed.)

8:00 pm

For bus transportation, call Church office

8:30-12:30 weekdays.

Observe Holy Week with your friends at Holy Cross

Good Friday

7:30 p.m. The youth of the church will present

"The Nature that Doesn't Change" - a chancel drama

The adult choir will present

"On the Passion of Christ" - a cantata

Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. The Sunrise Service (in the church)

Chaplain Whitfield McMillan, preaching

8:30 & 11:15 a.m. The Festival Services

Pastor E. H. Birner, preaching

Special choral music at all services

9:50 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes

(weather permitting, children of the Sunday school will fly kites they made to symbolize the resurrection of Christ.)

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Ph. 345-5111 & 474-9200

Police Blotter

During two breaking and enterings in the 7600 block of Mandan Road, property valued at \$450 was removed from one apartment, and \$520 from another. Both cases are under investigation.

On Tuesday at 2:20 p.m. an indecent exposure occurred on the lake trail. The suspect is described as a white male adult, early twenties, 5'11", 190 lbs. with a thick scraggy mustache who was wearing a light blue sweat-shirt with hood and blue pants.

As the result of a traffic stop, Pfc. Daniel P. O'Neil charged a nonresident adult with carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

A five year old male was the victim of a sexual assault which occurred in the Lakewood area.

Two separate shoplifting incidents occurred at the A & P Store at Beltway Plaza. The assistant store manager observed persons concealing merchandise under their clothing. Officer Mark A. DiPietro charged both persons with theft.

A 1978 red Gerelli moped with a white basket on the rear was stolen from a residence in Boxwood Village.

Two young females were victims of an indecent exposure that

Spring Clean-up

The city reminds residents that special trash items, leaves and trimmings should not be placed along roadsides. Bagged leaves, tree and shrubbery trimmings and all special trash should be placed in the yard near the location where regular trash is collected and not on the street.

Except for heavy items such as appliances, which require special collection equipment, the city usually collects all special trash within a few days of the time the request is made. If a resident has more than one type of item to be picked up, more than one city crew may have to handle the request, causing a possible delay before the job is completed.

Citizens requesting a special trash pickup, should call 474-8004.

occurred in the area of 48 Crescent Road. The suspect is described as a white male adult, early twenties, 5'9", 150 pounds with brown shoulder length hair, a small mustache, and an unkempt appearance.

A 1959 black Volkswagon bug with a sunroof, Maryland tags DDZ-474 was stolen from the parking lot of 54 Crescent Road.

ERHS Students Do Forties Musical

Eleanor Roosevelt students are now producing a musical, "In the Mood." The show, a musical review of the 1940's, is being sponsored by the class of 1981. This is an original production by the student-director John Mancuso. Melodies of the 1940's include "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "On the Atchison, Topeka, and the Sante Fe," "Jump Shout Boogie," and "In the Mood."

The production is an all-student effort, including Greenbelters Scott Anderson, Sue Dambrauskas, Denise Gordon, Mandy Greene, Kathy O'Sullivan, Carol Szafran, and Beth Tavanello. The musical is being presented in association with the Music Theatre Group and The 8:00 Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of John McClendon.

The show will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 17, 18, and 19, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale. For more information, call the school at 345-7500 and ask for Ms. Joy Pohl.

Construction; Housing Maintenance and Construction

Inspector:

Person wanted with technical training or practical experience in architecture, engineering, building inspection or construction trades related to residential dwellings. Must be able to work with residents of 1,600 unit housing cooperative in designing improvements, supervising renovations, developing specifications and supervising contract work. Job located in suburban Maryland. Send Resume to P.O. Box 182, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, Attention: Staff Engineer. Salary \$15,000 +. E.O.E.

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Beautifully remodeled all brick Super Cape Cod in best location, just inside Beltway, off University Boulevard. An area of all free standing homes — no apartments in vicinity.

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ONE IMPOSSIBLE, COMING UP!

A gorgeous 3-bedroom masonry corner unit with connecting garage, added den, modernized kitchen, and extra appliances; located at I-C Westway; owner wants to leave area in June. Listed to sell now at only \$39,900 and there is a \$19,000 Twin Pines loan that can be assumed. Call quick, Kash Realtors 345-2151.

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Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center

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West Side Story

Friday Films

April 4

8 p.m.

Our Reporter Looks at Today's Fire Department-Rescue Squad

by Hally Ahern

The citizens who watched helplessly as a man caught in an excavation accident suffered for nearly three hours before a rescue squad from a neighboring community arrived were among those who founded the Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1946, according to W. Vincent Dutton, Chief of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad from 1958 to 1965.

On the roster of today's volunteer members, junior members, associates and Ladies Auxiliary. Dutton will show you names of many families are repeated. Dutton's father-in-law, Joseph Wenrich, is a past president of the organization; his wife Cleo is president of the Ladies Auxiliary; his son Michael W. Dutton is the present volunteer fire and rescue chief.

Last week the volunteer family celebrated its 25th anniversary. In February, 1955, volunteers assisting Greenbelt's paid firefighters joined those on the Rescue Squad to become the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Inc.

During 1960 the fire department building on Crescent Road between St. Hugh's Rectory and Parkway was constructed. The volunteer organization moved out of its cramped quarters in what is now the Nyman Realty office, where "bunks" for over night volunteers had been the fire hose beds on the trucks and the nose of the Class A pumper stuck out of the door.

The new building includes an 8-man double-decker bunk room. Additions were later built to accommodate more bunks, including those for the two University of Maryland Fire Protection Engineering majors who live in the bunk room in exchange for being on call and for five other live-in volunteers.

About \$12,000 was raised by carnivals, raffles and dances to pay for many of the furnishings for the new building. The volunteer organization also raises funds through its Friday night bingo games and catering services offered by the Ladies Auxiliary. No money is received from the county to pay for new equipment.

Equipment

Along the back wall and a side wall of the 8-stall bay, called the apparatus room, some 45 or 50 heavy firefighting coats and the proverbial hats, some charred and bubbled from heat, hang on pegs. Heavy rubber hip boots stand under each coat.

When Deputy Chief Bill Holland walked into the fire station 12 years ago, at age 13, he said to himself, "I've got to have one of those coats." He flips open screw-lock panels on the side and back of one of the Class A engines to reveal other equipment necessary for firefighting. In one compartment are giant-sized spare couplings used to connect the 50 foot sections of hose, and equally huge nozzles for deflecting spray in various situations. One is a circular brass "cellar" nozzle lowered through a hole in the ceiling to sprinkle down an area until it is cool enough to enter. In another compartment are shovels, and squeegees for cleaning up after a fire, unless the area must be left as evidence for the fire marshall's investigation.

Specially designed tools are

used to open up rooms to check for charring and the extent of fire spread. (The pike pole looks like a giant fishing spear, with a point for passing through the ceiling and a hook which catches on the inside to pull down the plaster. The egg hook is used for walls. Its hook has a saw tooth which is brought down through the plaster in a sawing motion to cut out sections of wall.) The forcible-entry or "bar" man slides a "K" tool behind the lockplate on a door and rips off the lock to gain entry. Thanks to the K tool, invented by a New York City volunteer fire chief, Holland says "We don't often have to smash a door down with an axe anymore."

Salvage is another firefighting principle. Heavy water-proof throws are carried in the compartments to protect rugs and furniture from water damage and tracking. Ventilation, another of the principles, is assisted by a smoke ejector or heavy-duty fan carried along. But contrary to popular belief, firemen rarely break windows to effect ventilation. "Heat breaks the windows," says Deputy Chief William F. Dunn. "Firemen usually just open them."

Air tanks, called "Scotts" for the name of their manufacturer, and masks are carried in compartments and also in the cab and mounted outside next to the "buckets" or cubbies on each side of the engine where firefighters ride standing up. Before Scotts, the masks firemen used merely filtered the air, "not much better than a handkerchief," commented Dunn.

Another surprising fact not shown in movie versions of fire is that most indoor firefighting is carried on in complete darkness. Even flames do not illuminate through the thick clouds of smoke.

Holland tells of the time he crawled up out of a sunken living room to escape through a window. He learned later that there was no sunken living room; he had crawled up onto a kitchen table and out the window. Dunn recounts the time he mistook an overstuffed chair for a body. Disorientation inside a burning building is complete. For this reason, firefighters are trained with their gas masks taped blind. They are taught to "follow the hose wherever it goes," feeling for the coupling through their heavy gloves to discover which way it is screwed together — "It's male in, female out," says Dunn. "I hope that doesn't sound chauvinistic." They are also taught to follow cracks between floorboards to the wall and then lean one shoulder to the wall and follow it out.

Noxious Gasses

As many as 15 gases can be produced from a burning carpet. Burning telephone wire insulation produces deadly polyvinyl chloride, and heavy levels of carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide are almost always present at a fire. A (D-17) gas meter is carried which measures the lower flammable limit of any combustible gasses present. In the cab is a manual which lists various chemical mixtures and gives ways to combat, contain, and treat victims of each.

The driver operates the pumps from a panel of pressure gauges and control dials set in the side of the truck. Because 38 pounds of pressure are lost to friction for every 100 feet of hose, he must make on the spot calculations to regulate pressure for each of the

5 hoses on the truck, for a total of 1,600 feet of hose line.

Greenbelt's two Class A pumps and one minipump certainly outstrip the converted bread truck of 1955. The minipumper, which has the same water flow capacity as the two big engines but carries only five men instead of eight, is used to get into tight spots — for some apartment fires and for brush and auto fires.

The two box-style rescue vehicles were purchased in 1974 and 1975 to replace the old Cadillac models, at a cost of about \$26,500 each. The vehicles, and those who ride them, are equipped to handle eye wounds, burns, poisoning, bee stings, cuts, fractures and births, explains Lt. Matthew Weber. At least 80 hours of first aid training, including CPR, are required before an aid man, or women, can go out in an ambulance.

Although there are no women fire and rescue volunteers at present, over the years four women have participated. Every volunteer is required to be trained in first aid and be equally trained and willing to ride the ambulance or the engine, although a volunteer can opt to only ride the ambulance.

Transport

Last Saturday, for instance, Eddie Meier, Randy Krob and Earl Breeden handled an "emergency transport." An elderly woman resident of the Greenbelt Convalescent Home was having trouble breathing and was running a temperature. Meier drove, with Krob in the cab to give directions, and Breeden rode in the box, checking the oxygen kit. Inside the convalescent home they rolled the sheets close to the patient's body and hoisted her, in the sheet, onto the stretcher. They carefully wrapped her hair, moist from fever, in a towel, tucked in blanket and sheet and strapped her in. Outside, giving the woman an advance warning, they lowered the collapsible stretcher and on the count of three hoisted it into the ambulance. Krob helped her husband climb aboard and then held the patient's arm. All during the ride aid man Krob talked to her. "How do you like the nurses at the convalescent center? They're pretty nice, aren't they?" The woman's face lit up. "Yes, very nice." The siren wailed, and soon she was delivered to the Laurel Hospital Center.

Randy Krob is the son of Greenbelt Police Lt. John R. Krob, who as a volunteer fireman logged in enough calls to be among the top ten most active volunteers in 1979. A log is kept of all the calls received and answered, and any other operational detail. If a piece of equipment is moved, for instance, its new location is entered in the log.

To maintain voting status, volunteers must earn 250 points a quarter. Points are awarded for attendance at meetings and training sessions, on-duty time and for various other services performed, and logged for each participant.

In the control room where the logs are kept is a red phone, a direct pick-up to the county-wide central fire and ambulance control system in Hyattsville. Mounted on one wall is the city's municipal alarm system connected directly to the fire house from all the major buildings in Greenbelt. Green Ridge House will soon be added to this system.

Throughout the other offices are other notebooks containing pre-plans, equipment-testing records,

procedures, and training materials. Pre-plans are records and block diagrams of all buildings and locations within the department's jurisdiction. They show water hook-ups, gas lines and exits and list any hazardous materials on the premises. Pre-plans are updated by yearly inspection.

Only GHI and single-family homes are exempt from routine inspection, but free home inspections are offered to anyone who wishes this service.

On the bulletin boards are recent notices from county and state agencies, WSSC, Pepco and WGL, concerning changes in roads, and in gas, electrical and water lines. These are later placed on file for reference and for use in training.

Training

Training is ongoing and extensive. "Almost everybody goes to school on Monday nights," says Holland. Typical topics are "Tactics for Brushfires," "Oxygen Systems," "Arson Detection for Firefighters." Since major emergencies are not everyday occurrences, review is important. "We like to keep it fresh in our minds," says Dunn.

Junior Associate members are interested volunteers from 13 to 16 years old who participate in classroom training and work to become familiar with tools, equipment and procedures. Juniors, from 16 to 18, are issued equipment and allowed to ride — on the back step only — but are not allowed to enter a burning building. Younger members are required to maintain a B average in school. Senior members, 18 or older, must be employed.

While associate members do not ride, they perform other necessary duties and accrue points in the same way as regular members. Dunn's wife, Pat, for example, runs the annual ambulance drive and does a lot of the paperwork. "She didn't join the Ladies Auxiliary, because she hates to cook," says Dunn. "She's a very organized person, so that's the kind of work she does for us," he says proudly.

Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is a separate organization but members are often related to the volunteers. The profits from their catering and fundraising events are used to buy equipment and furnishings and to contribute to memorial funds maintained for firemen who suffer illness or injury not related to their active volunteer service.

Fire and rescue volunteers receive no money for the service they perform, but "Everybody with five years service has been in the hospital at least once," says

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Dunn. "We always have burns, everytime there is a 'working' or 'all hands' fire," he adds. The neck, ears, hands and knees of anyone working in the fire are always scorched.

Vince Dutton hopes two bills will get through the Maryland legislature this year. One would give an income tax break to volunteer firemen. The other provides that a portion of fire insurance monies come back to departments. In 1974 the county government provided a retirement bonus of about \$100 a month for volunteers who have served for 25 years and maintained 50 service points per month for all of these years.

Three firemen, paid by the county, work weekdays in the Greenbelt station, but, says Dunn, "In Greenbelt our volunteers come first. They go out on calls first." On the other hand, Vince Dutton says proudly, "There is a job for everybody in fire service." He cites former Greenbelt volunteers who have made careers of fire service. Bob Grant works for the National Fire Protection Association; Joe Batchler teaches firemanship at the University of Maryland; Dick Custer works on hazardous materials for the Bureau of Standards. Adds Dunn, "People are beginning to recognize fire service as a science, instead of sixteen gorillas with a hose."

Holland says he joined the fire service family for a chance to do something — a public service — and for something to do. Others volunteers echo these reasons for their commitment. But Junior member Earl Breeden uncovered what is perhaps the deepest motivation: "It's just that my heart beats faster when I see a fire."

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Council Declines Position on State Bill About Pregnancy

by Denise Tann

The City Council tabled consideration of a State bill on adolescent pregnancy at its March 3 meeting following an endorsement request made by the director of Greenbelt CARES, Carol Leventhal. Council, voting 3 to 2, cited its established policy of not taking a position on matters not singularly affecting Greenbelt.

The legislation, House Bill 444, is a State government bill which will provide funding for public and private agencies to implement comprehensive services and referrals to pregnant and non-pregnant teenagers.

This service will include pregnancy tests, maternity counseling, paternity counseling, family planning services, nutrition information and counseling, educational, vocational and legal assistance.

Since HB-444 focused on the issue of adolescent pregnancy, Leventhal felt that as director of a youth services bureau, the bill was worth supporting. She solicited the support of the council by sending a draft letter to City Manager James K. Giese for approval and possible endorsement by council.

The draft letter requested that Governor Harry Hughes support the bill by including funds for it in his supplemental budget and told of Leventhal's support of the bill.

Leventhal

At the request of councilman Richard Pilski at the February 25 meeting, Leventhal appeared before council on March 3 to explain her position. She said, "I felt that I could personally endorse the bill and professionally endorse it." She said that she saw this as an opportunity to boost existing programs with state monies and a facility like Greenbelt CARES would be attracted to that. Leventhal said she hoped that the letter could be sent with the council's endorsement, but, if not, "I will pass it along as my personal view."

Councilman Thomas X. White asked Leventhal for statistics to get an estimate of the extent of the problem within Greenbelt. Leventhal cited that of the 14 females between the ages of 13 and 17 that CARES is concerned with, four are sexually active, none is presently pregnant, but

each is "pre-pregnant." She said, "I coined a phrase 'pre-pregnant' meaning that the four are intent on becoming pregnant."

White urged council to support the bill and offered a motion.

Opposition

Councilman Charles Schwan said he thought Carol should support the bill because she is qualified to do so and he would endorse that wholeheartedly. But, he said, "I don't feel council should endorse the bill."

Mayor Gill Weidenfeld was in agreement with Schwan. "I have no problem with Carol in her professional capacity lobbying for this bill. I personally support it as an individual, but I'm not comfortable with having the city getting involved in these social issues," he said.

Pilski, on the other hand, said he saw no problem with supporting the bill.

Although he had seconded the motion "for the purpose of discussion," Councilman Richard Castaldi said he too agreed with Schwan. He then moved to table the bill "so I don't find myself voting against it."

"The council will still support Carol's sending a letter," Schwan added.

White

Seeing support for his motion eroding, White explained his position once more: "Carol is a city staff member directly involved with youngsters at risk of untimely pregnancies. The city should support HB-444, which provides funding for counseling and assistance for these youngsters. This bill will directly impact on children in Greenbelt who go to CARES for assistance." White felt the bill was appropriate for council to support. "If these services are made available, they will be meeting a need. I'm sure Carol feels that impacts Greenbelt. I'm sorry to see that council is reluctant to take a po-

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sition on this bill," he concluded.

"One does things as a matter of principle here," said Schwan. "I do support the bill, but I feel we don't take a position on bills that are not peculiar to Greenbelt."

The three members of council who voted to table — Schwan, Weidenfeld and Castaldi — felt that the city government should carefully refrain from going into social issues not singularly affecting Greenbelt.

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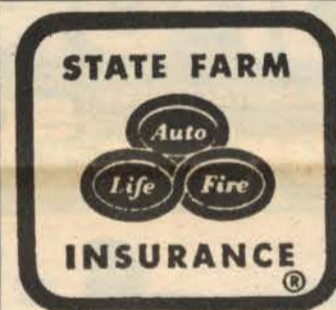
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Council Delays Decisions Until Budget Hearings

by Will Scheltema

The City Council held an amazingly short meeting on March 17 and deferred much of their business until later meetings.

Council first discussed the new property tax rates and decided to question state legislators about their actions.

No action was taken on the budget report from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board but council agreed to take up the matter when the entire city budget comes up for review next month. Included in the report was a request from Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club for \$8300, a boost of 70 percent over last year's request.

The Advisory Planning Board submitted a report on the issuance of a Capital Improvement Bond, with specific recommendations as to what should be included. Again, action was deferred until the council takes up the city's budget.

Council voted to hold future hearings on the feasibility of cable TV for Greenbelt and agreed to contract with the state for mosquito control.

The longest and most heated discussion of the night centered on the raising of rates for the Greenbelt municipal pool. Costs are rising and use is dropping, so the city faces the potential of increasing deficits. To offset this, Recreation Director Harry G. Irving proposed that the rates be boosted \$30 across the board, bringing the membership cost up to \$90 for city residents and \$120 for non-residents. Irving also proposed that daily admittance fees be raised 25c per person. The new cost would be \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Included was a proposal to raise the fee for swimming lessons from \$8 to \$10.

Council member Richard Pilski feels that the city should consider taking a slight loss on the

pool so more people could use it. He was vehemently opposed to raising the rates for swimming lessons because he felt that "... every child should know how to swim."

Member Richard Castaldi took a different approach, saying that everyone should have to pitch in "at least something" to make up for the loss of revenues.

And again, the council decided to wait until the budget hearings to make any decision.

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steady harmonious leadership in the community and for this we should be thankful to Roy."

Breashears, who with his wife, Vera, will retire to Kitty Hawk, received several gifts—a scrapbook, a table saw, a calculator, a plaque, his office chair, a brass fire extinguisher and the poetic tribute written and recited by Joe Early.

A special cake with top layer imitating a fishing creel was designed for the occasion by Greenbelt Dotty Varda with the help of Janet James.

Other special guests were the Breashears' daughter, Sue Burns, and son, Jim, as well as John Phariss, first comptroller of GHI; Al Ginsberg, GHI attorney; and many former board members.

Easter Holiday Schedule

The Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center will open at 12 noon on Monday, April 7 to accommodate vacationing youth and adults.

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The next performance by the Greenbelt Players will be three one-act plays, tentatively scheduled for June. These plays will be chosen from the best productions of the actors' and directors' workshops which will begin soon at the theater. Anyone interested in the workshops should call Angela Schreiber at 345-3916.

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center returns to its regular schedule of events in April. This Friday, April 4, the movie will be "West Side Story," at 8 p.m. On the following Friday, April 11,

the following Friday, April 11, the Cultural Arts Center features a ballet movie, "The Red Shoes," also at 8 p.m.

The Cultural Arts Center will kick off a major membership and fund-raising drive later this month. The Center needs to raise a substantial sum of money by June 1 in order to secure a year's lease on the Utopia Theater. People interested in helping out should call Konrad Herling at 345-9369, John Ward at 345-4487, or Lindley Darden at 474-0037.

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