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GHI Board Permits Individual Use Of Urea-Formaldehyde Insulation

by James P. O'Sullivan

GHI members may insulate their homes with urea-formaldehyde foam (UF Foam), provided they obtain board approval, as a result of action taken by the directors at the board meeting on July 24. The board rejected the idea of a temporary moratorium on the use of UF foam and established new procedures to evaluate individual requests on a case by case basis.

Members who wish to insulate their homes with UF foam at their own expense must submit a request to the Engineering and Maintenance Committee. After review and recommendation by the committee, a final decision on the request would be made by the board. Neighbors of the requesting member must be notified and have an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Neighbor approval is not required although it is likely to be an important factor in both the committee's recommendation and the board's final decision. If the board approves the request, the member must execute a release acknowledging that the member is aware of the Consumer Product Safety Commission warnings on the possible potential hazards of UF foam.

Requests by members to use UF foam, the question of its potential risks, and a recent letter from GHI's attorney recommending that the board ban the use of any material it deemed dangerous, all brought the matter to the board's agenda. GHI management concurred with the attorney's view, noting that GHI may be potentially liable for permitting installation of an insulation which a federal agency has indicated may potentially have deleterious health effects.

Although several board members favored a temporary moratorium, a majority of directors clearly did not deem UF foam to be dangerous so as to prevent its use. At least two board members have recently insulated their homes with UF foam and indicated that they had not experienced adverse effects.

Frame homeowners will be the ones most likely to be affected by the decision since the frame homes have sufficient space in the structure to warrant the use of UF foam. Preliminary analysis of block homes appears to indicate that the block cavities are not large enough to make the use of UF foam beneficial. Some new townhouse owners have already installed UF foam. At present GHI has about five requests to use UF foam pending. Property Taxes

The board heard a representative of Cocon, Inc., a Michigan based property tax consulting firm, tell what it might be able to do to reduce GHI's property tax bill. GHI currently pays about \$700,000 in property taxes with approximately \$150,000 going to the City of Greenbelt and the remaining \$550,000 to county, state and other taxing authorities. The amount of tax due is determined by applying the tax rate to the assessment value of the property. Assessment value is the key variable since it is the

only factor that may be protested in an appeal. A lower assessment obviously means a lower tax bill.

Presently GHI's assessment is based on the market value of individual home resales. In the past when GHI has appealed its assessment, it has argued that the market values of GHI homes have been overassessed. However, if GHI is viewed as a rental property, then it would be valued on the basis of capitalization of market rents. This method may lower the basis of GHI's assessment and result in tax savings.

This is the approach which Cocon has taken with a number of other cooperatives. Cocon's fee, if successful, is one-third of the actual tax saving. If no saving is achieved no fee is charged. GHI attorneys, however, have been successful at achieving substantial reductions in taxes in the past and may be able to do so at a much lower fee. The board took no action at this meeting. but plans to review the matter with GHI attorneys.

Other Matters

The board voted to send General Manager Kenneth Kopstein, President Donald Volk, and Vice-President Joseph Jenkins to the annual conference of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives being held in San Diego, California, on October 2-5. The board approved funds for hotel accommodations, travel and registration, but not for personal

The board approved expenditure of \$1,500 to have appraisals made of the value of GHI after renovation and of Greenbelt Development Corporation (a GHI subsidiary) as a separate asset. Both appraisals will be used in connection with the upcoming

The board made a \$60 contribution to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

And perhaps the biggest news of the evening, Kopstein announced that a major lending institution, Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association, will be making loans to finance the purchase of GHI homes.

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WHAT GOES ON

Public Auction, Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center 1-4 p.m. Energy Fair. Center

Sun, Aug. 3, 7 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, Lake Park

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

6 p.m. Registration for Boys Club Football. Braden Field. Soccer for boys & girls, Youth Center

OVERPASS RIGHT-OF-WAY IS SET FOR AUG. 7 CONDEMNATION TRIAL

by Elaine Skolnik

The condemnation trial for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway pedestrian overpass right-of-way easement through Greenbriar Phase I is scheduled for Thursday, August 7 at 10 a.m. in the Court House in Upper Marlboro. Barring a lastminute settlement between the City of Greenbelt and Phase I owners, the matter of how much the city will pay for .09945 of an acre will be settled by a jury.

The easement is needed for a path to connect with the proposed Baltimore - Washington Parkway overpass. (On the west side of the parkway the overpass connects to Gardenway extended.) The easement will include eight feet through the median of the parking lot between 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway and 30 feet through the woods.

Negotiations between the Phase I Board of Directors and the city have not produced a settlement. After several council work sessions, an offer of \$8,000 compensation for the property was made by City Manager James K. Giese in a letter dated July 7. Giese wrote also that the city would provide a wood rail fence on either side of a six-foot wide path through the median strip of the parking lot, with a break in the middle of the fence for residents to cross the island. Bradford pear trees would be planted on the median strip and ornamental trees and shrubs between the parking lot and woods. The value of these additions is estimated at

Phase I residents, however, rejected the city's offer. In a letter to Giese dated July 22, attorney Leo William Dunn, Jr., explained that Phase I received an appraisal conducted on their behalf that set a value of \$29,200 for the property. "In the event that your offer would be in this amount," he wrote, "we will be happy to sit down and negotiate." The city's appraiser estimates the value of the property at \$3,678.

Phase I spokesman Donald Shell told the News Review that the board was disappointed that council was not more personally involved in the negotiations. "We don't want to go to court," he said.

In a court decision only a price for the easement would be determined by the jury. Each party in addition would have to pay its own legal expenses. The city's attorney is Emmett T. Nanna; Dunn will represent Greenbriar Phase I.

The procedure for a condemnation trial is for a jury to be selected, followed by opening statements by the attorneys and submission of appraisals for the property by each side. The jury may then go out to examine the site. Upon its return after testimony is taken, the judge will instruct the jury on the law and how to examine the testimony of the experts. The jury will then determine the total cost of the property or, as it is called, "damage" to the party whose land is being taken.

ZONING EXAMINER FAVORS DENIAL OF REZONING ON PARCELS 3 & 4

by Mary Lou Williamson

On July 25 Zoning Hearing Examiner Richard R. Romine recommended denial of the application for townhouse zoning for Parcels 3 and 4 in Greenbelt, Zoning Map Amendment A-9329. Based on evidence presented at, and following the April 30 hearing in Upper Marlboro, Romine found that the applicant had "not proved a 'substantial change' in the character of this neighborhood." And, as to the recommendation of the R-80 zone (single family, detached homes, three units an acre) by the Planning Board and the Technical staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Romine wrote, "I can only say that I disagree . . . I, therefore, recommend that the subject property be retained in the R-R Zone (Rural Residential, single family detached homes, two units per acre).

of Research Road between Greenbelt Homes, Inc., property and the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center on the northern border of the city. Parcel 3 on the east side contains 2.9 acres; Parcel 4 on the west side, 7.4

Essentially Romine took note that almost all new development in the immediate neighborhood ince 1941 has been single family detached homes. Of the two exceptions since 1941, Romine

The property lies on either side viewed the one small parcel of townhouse development (within GHI) as completing that develcpment "and nothing more." Neither did he find the second exception to be significant. He writes: "The only multifamily housing in the neighborhood (Lakeside North Apartments, I 30 zone) is developed next to a major thoroughfare on the neighborhood's extreme western edge." The land to the north and

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Energy Fair This Saturday

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelt's forthcoming Energy Fair, to be held on the Center Mall this Saturday, August 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. (raindate, Aug. 9) has attracted a diverse representation of local area firms who deal with conservation and alternative en-ergy technologies. Every Greenbelter concerned with saving money and the environment (and obtaining a share of the windfall profits tax on the oil companies which is financing the 40% tax credit on solar installation), is encouraged to view samples Firms will have experts available for consultation on the utilization of the advanced materials and systems now available in the marketplace.

The following companies are expected to participate:

Dryvit - externally applied foam insulation material.

Epsilon Management - energy management and conservation. Markets a Mylar window shade with insulation value of R14.

North American Solar Development - a range of energy con-

servation products including window quilts and insulated shutters. Also has an innovative multi-purpose rubber based collector system.

Pellfoam - pumped-in foam insulation for use in cavity walls. Potomac Energy Group - specializes in passive solar design

Solar Works - active solar sys-

P.M. Thorton - specializes in tion chillers.

Solar Science Industries - flat tion system mounted on an R.V. Solar Unlimited - flat place col-

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Open Letter

Dear Mayor Weidenfeld,

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to you and the community of Greenbelt for the lovely expression of love and recognition given to me on June 8th at my retirement reception, Greenbelt Center School.

I will always cherish the pleasant memories of my 27 years of teaching in Greenbelt because Greenbelt is a very special place to me. I have found the parents, children, and also, grandparents, cooperative and understanding. In sharing and caring together we feel that "our children" will reach their goals and we pray that they will have rich meaningful lives. The greatest reward that a teacher can earn is to see the children return with success and happiness. I have seen many of them return and expect to see many more.

Thank you, again, for the privilege of serving in your community and giving me 27 beautiful years of teaching.

Gertrude Yeager

Mary M. Pendleton

Mary M. Pendleton, age 67, died Wednesday, July 23 in Doctor's Hospital, Lanham. A resident of Greenbelt for 37 years, Mrs. Pendleton had lived during the past year in Green Ridge House. She had worked at Woodward and Lothrop's, retiring in 1973.

Surviving are her husband, Walter, Florida; daughters Eileen Gatton, Greenbelt; and Joyce Scanlon, Edgewater; sons, Daniel, Crofton; Keith, Laurel; and John, Gaithersburg.

A mass of Christian burial was held at St. Hugh's Church on July 26. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Windsor Green Sponsors 2nd Annual Crab Feast

For those who like crabs, the place to be is the Greenbelt American Legion Saturday, August 2 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Windsor Green Homeowner's Association is sponsoring its second annual crab feast which will be bigger than last year's.

Over 200 Greenbelters attended last year. This year's menu has been expanded to include hot dogs, corn on the cob, cole slaw, rolls, beer and soft drinks in addition to crabs for an all-youcan-eat price.

There will also be drawings for door prizes and a raffle and fun for the whole family.

For ticket information and availability, call 474-0203,

Lake Park Concert

Performing at the Greenbelt Lake Park on Sunday, August 3 at 7 p.m., will be the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County under the direction of John DelHomme. Featured soloist will be Mrs. Caroline Cher-- saxophone, and the saxophone sextet. The concert is free and open to the public. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy.

George L. White

George Leland White, 85, a retired Navy architect, died Monday at Goodwin House in Alexandria.

White came to Washington in 1935 and worked as an architect with the Resettlement Administration in the design of the model town of Greenbelt. Survivors include his wife, the former Genevieve Johnson of Alexandria



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Festival News

Art Show

The Art Show and Photography Exhibit will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31. Local artists, both children and adults, are invited to exhibit their works. The art competition will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Registration forms and rules will be available after Monday, August 4, on posters around Greenbelt. For information contact Susan Ragan, 474-3976, Susan Wickes, 345-4688 or Betty Aggson, 345-9678.

Carnival

Organizations wishing to participate in the Festival Carnival are again reminded that August 1 is the deadline for submission of booth sketches. Call Mike Horsman, 474-8430, for details.

Outstanding Citizen

Who will succeed Greenbelters Al Cousin, Al and Elaine Skol-Henry Fisher, Reverend Kenneth Buker, Leo Gerton, Jim Cassels, and Ralph Noble as the recipient of Greenbelt's annual Outstanding Citizen Award? Nominations are needed for this year's award, sponsored by the Labor Day Festival Committee. Individuals or groups may nominate any person who has provided service benefiting the Greenbelt community, and who also meets the following criteria.

- 1. Must be a Greenbelt resident. 2. Current elected officials and candidates for political office may
- not be considered. 3. A city employee may not be nominated for services for which he/she is salaried

Nominations should be submitted on special forms available at Twin Pines or the Springhill Community House. forms should be mailed to Linda Shevitz, 9004 Breezewood Terrace, Greenbelt, by August 10. For further information call 345-

Golden Age Club

Even in hot weather, senior citizens have fun, going on trips and enjoying the Greenbelt Swimming Pool. Our new member, Gertrude Law, a swimming instructor connected with the Greenbelt Recreation Depart-ment, has organized a large group from the Club to participate every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., when the pool is reserved for senior citizens. She reports they are having a great

Zelpha Parsons, in charge of travel, continues to carry on with new trips. After the White House trip, July 30, the group will go to Popes Creek on August 11 and will dine at Robinson's Crab House Restaurant. Two buses will leave Greenbelt at 10:30 a.m. These two trips are presently filled.

Reservations are now being made for September 12, when two buses will go to the much publicized Inner Harbor at Baltimore, with lunch at one of the many excellent eating places

The regular business meeting. held every Wednesday at the Youth Center at 12 noon, offers a host of interesting items besides business transactions. There are committee reports, discussions, plans made, special guests, and, yes, jokes by Henry! At the August 6 meeting there will be a special showing by Irene Hensel of slides from China.

Blanche E. Lee, Chairman **Publicity Committee** Greenbelt Golden Age Club

ZONING cont, from p. 1 east is undeveloped R-R zoned land.

Romine further suggests that the recommendation of R-80 by the Technical Staff and Planning Board appears "to be a compromise."

Among the findings that he lists, Romine makes note of the city's testimony that the parcels lie among three different land uses: row houses to the southeast, free standing homes to the southwest and undeveloped agricultural lands to the north.

Romine also points out that efforts to rezone to higher density usage were approved in only two cases, the two exceptions mentioned. The remainder was developed at or below the density of the category recommended in the plan in effect at the time of development.

He further notes that earlier efforts to rezone to R-18 (apartments) and C-2 (commercial, neighborhood) were denied and that R-R zoning was approved instead.

Romine concluded that the "burden of proof in this case is upon the applicants to show by substantial evidence that there has been a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood since the last (comprehensive) rezoning (1949)." He found they had not done so.

The owners will take exception to the recommendations for denial of townhouse rezoning by the zoning hearing examiner, according to attorney Russell Shipley. The owners, Shipley told the News Review Tuesday, believe the rezoning request is justified because it is in conformance with the Master Plan, which calls for R-80 for Parcel 3 and R-T for Parcel 4. They will request a full oral argument before the District Council. The date is expected to be sometime this fall, as the District Council does not meet during August.

Used Books Needed

North End School PTA is now collecting used books to be sold at the Labor Day Festival. Containers are located in the Co-op Supermarket and Twin Pines.

For pick-up call Caroline Perini, 474-7029, or Mary Ann Baker, 474-1706. Books can also be dropped off at North End School between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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A Greenbelt Profile

Utopia Theatre - - Behind the Scene

by Bill Cornett

The old theater is mostly empty, with seats occupying only the middle portion of the The old art-noveau lighting fixtures that illuminated the house before the showings "The Sound of Music", "The Nutty Professor", and several other Disney movies, along with all the other of Hollywood's then-latest exploits, are gone, along with the angst of having to pay 35c instead of 25c when you started looking more than twelve years old.

Now, in this old theater that I have not been in for I don't know how many years, I still get the sense of overwhelming size that I got when I was a little kid. How it happened, I don't know, but the place seems to have gotten bigger along with me.

After a short glance at the house, I travel with Conrad Herling to his administrative eyry up next to the projection booth Conrad is a bright, energetic and friendly person, a tightly wound mainspring serving as the president of the Utopia. He will be the first to admit that he is a bit of a workaholic. My questions are always answered with a smile, even though he has much to do, principally figuring out ways to come up with \$1,000 per month rent on the building. He is telling me about some of the cast in the present production.

"They're all really enthusiastic," he says. "Not all of them are from Greenbelt, but a few, like Angela Schreiber, the director, have moved here because of the atmosphere that exists for the arts."

We are joined in the office by Trix Whitehall and John Ward, attired in cycling shirts and bicycle racing hats with the bills turned up. Trix shoots out her lines in quick, rapid-fire bursts, contrasting with John's slow, thoughtful delivery. They both jump into the conversation, kidding Conrad about his working too hard. "He's here until one or two o'clock some nights. He's going to have ulcers before he's

thirty.

"Yeah," Conrad says back, "it's too bad nobody else does any work around here."

The banter is light and easy, the mark of friends who have spent a great deal of time in a labor of love, making something work. Conrad stays, working at his desk while Trix, John and I go into the projection room. "Our biggest problem is space," John tells me. "Only eight feet on either side of the stage, for the wings. Eventually, we hope to put dressing rooms and offices in the spaces on either side of the seats, and extend the stage out a bit." But all this is for the future. Right now what they have to worry about is how to increase the attendance, and keep the two un-cooperative projectors running. There is a long way to go before the worries of the day-to-day realities can be overcome enough to start working on the dreams. But then again, the entire concept of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center was only a dream a few months ago

Down in the theater, rehearsal is going on.

Rehearsal sort of dissolves away into the evening, and I find that I have spent four hours doing what I thought was going to be one hour interview. Bits of the cast sit here and there. with some listening and giving suggestions to others on how to sharpen up their numbers. The stage is empty, and the noise of the cast melts down into a loud hububb. The piano player is not needed any more, and I can finally talk to the person who has such strong arms that she can provide almost all of the accompaniment for the whole show.

The cast talks of many things, I ask them how the rank amateurs are doing, the ones who have never performed before, and are getting their first taste of what it's like being up in front of a crowd. One person they all have high hopes for as a young Greenbelter who had never even thought about performing before this show came along.

It is now the last night of the show. Even in the parking lot, it

seems obvious where most of the people are going. They are dressed just a bit better than the usual Greenbelt shopper, and they come in groups. Even a half an hour before curtain time, they crowd the theater, making an obstacle course out of the small lobby. The house is packed, and extra chairs have to be brought in to seat the overflow.

The theater is old, and the lighting fixtures consist of folded pieces of aluminum foil. Piled up in a back corner are props that were used in another play. There is no curtain, and the setting consists of plain white board on which slides will be projected. The piano has been donated, and is tuned by volunteers. But the seats aren't too bad, and the stage is up there where everybody can see it, and to the Greenbelt Players, that's all that counts

With nothing but their voices and a borrowed piano, the cast makes this old and previously abandoned theater into a place to come to and be entertained. It may not be Broadway, but to the young performers it might just be that ticket that will start them on their journey. More important to me is the fact that it is Greenbelt, my hometown, where there exists people with enough love and energy and dreams to use an empty theater to give the community a new focus, and a little more hope for the future.

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Audience Cheers Concert

by Albert K. Herling

Mary Beth Kiss and Friends provided a Greenbelt audience with a magnificent musical experience on July 18. The program, entitled "Baroque and Blue," was presented at the Utopia Theatre by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

The audience was charmed by the Baroque music of Telemann's Sonata No. 4 in F major and captured by the artistry of flutists Mary Beth Kiss and Bob Weber, along with the extraordinary sensitive performance of Jennifer Weber at the piano. The Theobald Boehm composition, "Introduction and Grand Polonaise" in D major, Opus 16, was more in the style of 19th century Austria and Germany. Miss Kiss surely gave the composition its full justice.

In this reviewer's opinion, the Carl Stamitz "Concerto in G major" was the high point of the evening. The long cadenza in the first movement gave Miss Kiss an opportunity to demonstrate her technical accomplishments, but more importantly, her artistic and interpretive ability. Again, the remarkable sensitive accompaniment by Jennifer Weber enhanced the performance and added lustre to the entire musical experience.

The program concluded with Claude Bolling's popular "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano," with Mary Beth Kiss playing flute and bass flute, Jennifer Weber at the

Auxiliary Officers Installed

Greenbelt Unit. No. 136, American Legion Auxiliary begins its new administrative year in July. The newly installed officers are: President, Sandi Willoughby; 1st Vice President, Emily Evans; 2nd Vice President, Bobbi Bayus; Secretary, Linda Newsome; Treasurer, Shirley Seadler; Historian, Meredith Beeg; Chaplain, Betty Connolly; Sgt-at-Arms, Anna Link; Executive Committee, Nancy Dean, Betty Lewis and Lena Thomas.

Willoughby noted that the organization will continue to serve the Greenbelt area in any way possible. If the Unit can be of help, contact the President: 794-6143

Air Quality Report

The Council of Governments is reporting on the air quality at 1 p.m. and 4 pm. on weekdays, with a 9 a.m. forecast. On weekends, COG reports on air quality reading, at 3 p.m., with a forecast at 10 a.m. These procedures remain in effect through mid-September The Air Quality Index is available 24 hours a day by calling WE 6-1212.

piano, Bob Weber on percussion and John Thomas, bass.

It was a great program for a summer's evening, not too heavy, but musically substantive, and thoroughly enjoyable. The audience cheered long and loud, and were rewarded with several extra numbers.

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City Disputes Census Findings Of City Population Decrease

by Virginia Beauchamp

Preliminary figures from the Census Bureau for the 1980 head count held some surprises for Greenbelt officials. Expecting a population increase from additional housing units provided by several new apartment developments, they found a population decrease since 1970 of about 950 people. Yet the census confirmed the increase in housing units - by 396 more than the city itself had counted (and used in the 1980-81 budget).

After close scrutiny of the census records, Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak believes the federal figures are in error. He has prepared a response, using a form provided by the Bureau (which apparently expects discrepancies in its preliminary figures), questioning the initial re-

In making its count, the Census Bureau divided the city of Greenbelt into about 20 numbered enumeration districts. These are shown on a special map, which Piendak has been using to crosscheck the federal figures.

Some district profiles look like gerrymanderer's nightmare. For example, one contains about half of the Lakewood development, all of Woodland Hills, and a portion of GHI homes. Another includes the Lakeside courts. part of University Square, Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North, and some of the Parkway Road apartments. Boundaries which in this way cut across unified housing groups, such as GHI or a separate apartment development, make it very difficult for Piendak, working with management records, to confirm or deny census figures. His analysis also uses city and county tax records, aerial photographs and other maps.

Consultation with the Bureau's own map shows an immediate discrepancy. Three districts reported on the initial computer print-out do not appear at all on the Bureau map for Greenbelt. On the other hand, four districts marked on the map are not reported at all: Boxwood and half of Lakewood, the C and D blocks of GHI, Green Ridge House and GHI units between that building and the Parkway, Greenbriar Phase III and the Glen Oaks development.

Thus the city views skeptically the preliminary findings, which list 8,269 housing units, 225 of them vacant, for a vacancy rate of 3.2%. If correct, the figures would indicate a 26.8% increase in housing units in the last 10

The preliminary figures also show 2.22 residents per household, as compared to 2.82 in 1970, surprising finding as Greenbelt's population ages and children grow up and move away. The estimated population for Greenbelt is 17,246, as compared with the 1970 figure of 18,199-a population decrease of 5.2%

After his analysis, Piendak has reduced the discrepancy between federal and city estimates of housing units in Greenbelt to 246. The city count is 8,023 housing

"In the absence of an accurate unit count," Piendak said, "it is difficult to accept the population counts." He is making an official request for review.

Greenbelt Players Dance in 'Red Shoes'

"The Red Shoes," the Hans story, as Christian Andersen adapted for drama by Hans Josef Schmidt, will play August 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17 at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Utopia Theater at 8:15 p.m. Directed by Angela Schreiber of the Greenbelt Players, the story is a musical that will delight both children and adults.

The story is set in a village in Denmark in the 1870's. Village children play a significant role in the story and entertain with song and folk dances.

Leading actors for the performances will be John Ward, the old soldier; Nancy Prestipino, the shoemaker; Angela Schreiber, Jr., Karen; Nicole La Forte, the princess; and Judy Holland, Grandmother Nissen.

The story concerns Karen, an

Our Neighbors

Timbs for coming in first in the gave birth to their first grand-Junior Division, Beltsville Majorette Corps. The competition was held at Oxon Hill Senior High

Happy birthday to Diane and Jeff Timbs.

The Timbs family extends a warm welcome to Jose Navarro, an exchange student from Barcelona, Spain. Jose will be visiting with the Timbs family for six weeks.

Navy Ensign Michael D. Downs, son of Delores and John Downs, Sr., 4-D Crescent, reported for duty with Air Anti-submarine Squadron 41, North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego. A 1978 graduate of the University of Maryland, with a bachelor of arts degree, he joined the Navy in May 1979.

James and Nancy Coulter are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Carolyn Loving Coulter on Friday, June 13 at 8:38 p.m. Carolyn weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coulter and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loving.

Congratulations to Eric Hirsch-Margaret Williamson, mann, Sonia Schmitt, Devon Drew and Amir Sela who were inducted into the Bethune Junior High School Honor Society at the end of the school year.

Navy Radioman Seaman George S. Work, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Philipovic of Westway Drive, is a crew member aboard the destroyer USS Forrest Sherman now in the Mediterranean Sea.

Congratulations to Tom and Joan Freeman, 9 Lakeview Circle,

orphan who is shunned by the village children. She dreams of setting eyes on the beautiful princess and owning a pair of red dancing slippers. The princess takes pity on poor Karen and puts her in the care of kind Grandmother Nissen, who buys Karen a pair of red shoes.

For what happens next, see the production at the Utopia The-

The story, unlike the original Hans Christian Andersen version, has a happy ending.

Congratulations to Diane whose daughter Debbie Kirby daughter, Laura Noelle, on July 29. Laura joins a big brother, Zachary, 3 years old. The Kirbys reside in Seattle, Washington.

> Congratulations to Marc Siegel of G-122 Springhill Ct., Rabbi Kenneth R. Berger, 11 Greendale Place, and James A. Palmer, 4-A Laurel Hill Road at having been selected for inclusion in the 1980 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Congratulations to Gilbert I). Mead of 7724 Hanover Parkway who has been included in "Who's Who in America."



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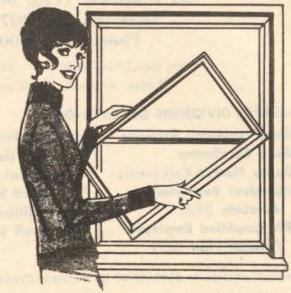
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Participants must be registered members of the Boys and Girls Club. Those who are not yet 1980 members of the club, please come to the registration on Monday, August 4 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center (see ad elsewhere in this paper).

The soccer program is open to all Greenbelt residents born in the years 1961 through 1974, both boys and girls. For the younger children (born 1972 through 1974), there will be an intramural program (the Greenbelt teams will compete against each other). For the older kids, there will be field teams in the county leagues (competing against teams from other towns in P.G. County).

Teams will be formed by age groups on successive nights at Braden Field. Please show up in order to be assigned to a team:

Birth year 1961-1968, come to Braden Field at 6 p.m. on Aug. 6 (Tues.), rain date Aug. 7; birth year 1969-1971, come to field at 6 p.m. on Aug. 7 (Wed.), rain date Aug. 8; birth year 1972-1974, come to field at 6 p.m. on Aug. 8 (Thurs.), rain date Aug. 9.

Coaches, assistant coaches, and referees are needed. Those who do not know the game of soccer will be taught. For more information, contact Bob Spear (441-1063) or Pete Whitten (474-8063).

SWIM TEAM NEWS

by Sue Jones

Greenbelts boys starred in last week's win over Oxon Hill, 311-210. James Fellows broke the 8 and under pool record in breaststroke, Craig Dies the pool record in 11-12 freestyle and the team record in 11-12 breaststroke, and Colin Aldridge broke team records in the 11-12 butterfly and backstroke. High point scorers were: James and Aimee Fellows, Craig Dies, Jay Gordon, Lynda and Mark Blue - 15, Emily Sonneveldt, Susan Gardes, Colin Aldridge, Brian Dies and Margaret Williamson - 13, and Anna Williams, Ken Blue and Shawn Fellows with 10 points.

Also scoring well were: Tara Yaney - 8, Shawn Luddy, Josh Gurvitch and Rachel Martin - 7, and Kelly Donovan, Laura Martin and Karen Jones with 6 points.

This Saturday Greenbelt's top swimmers will face those of the entire division at Belair Bath and Tennis Pool. Swimmers and parents should meet at Greenbelt Pool at 6:45 a.m. so that the team can be at Belair for a warmup at 7:52.

The post-season schedule is as follows: All-Stars on August 9, Cheverly Relays, August 16, and the Greenbelt Novice Meet on August 30.

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LittleLeagueinSeason

by Frank H. Hirschel

Amid feelings of jubilation on the Orioles team and disappointment on the Giants, the season ended for the National League. It was an extremely tough battle, coming down to the next to last game. With a break somewhere along the line, the results might have been different. All in all, however, it was a great season, with plenty of good healthy participation. In later life, you the players, will look back and feel joy in your accomplishments, whether you were the pennant winner or not. The community is proud of each and everyone one of you, and from this side of the mound, I salute all the players and coaches for a splendid season.

Jerry Shafer's "A" team will be keying to next season with a youth movement led by nine year old standout, Bobby Bowen, at first base. This season other key players were Tim Keifline, who played all positions and swung a very productive bat, pitcher John Robinson and infielders Todd Hurly and Carl Childs.

Giants

The Giants, coached by Bill Barron, had outstanding performances from Kent Aycock, first base and right field; Billy Barron, a multi-purpose player with home run tendencies; Chris Jackman, a good hitter who pitched and played shortstop; Shawn Nascembeni, the catcher, who was also a consistent hitter: and Jimmy Barron, centerfielder, the nine year old rookie of the year candidate who started in the all star game. If my memory serves me, he may have been one of the few youngest players to start on an all star team.

Cubs

The Cubs, coached by Steve Hughes, displayed good teamwork during this past season. The effort was strong at times and in many innings the Cubs outplayed the team they were playing. Throughout, the players showed good sportsmanship and clean baseball. For their effort, I strongly praise these ball-players.

Orioles

The pennant winning Orioles are coached by Bob Dies. Stand-out players on this team are Shawn Brady, shortstop and pitcher; Mitu Roy, first base; Craig Dies, pitcher and shortstop; and ten year old Joe Doss, catcher. Craig hit four home runs this season and Joe hit his second homer, which cleared the fence. The hitting and slugging power has much to do with giving the Orioles a chance to win the World Series which starts Friday at McDonald Field. Hope to see you all there, cheering on your favorite.

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The Greenbelt Recreation Department invites people to participate in one or all of the many aquatics programs available at the Muncipal Swimming Pool. Swimming activities are offered for all ages and range from recreational swim periods to struc-

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a person 18 yrs. & over		
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ADULT SWIMMING

In-person registration also at the Municipal Swimming Pool Monday, August 4th, from 6 - 8 pm.

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City Council Wants Parking Uses Designated on Cadillac Site Plan

by Hally Ahearn

"You can't mix parking and storage," said Councilman Richard Castaldi, objecting to Capitol Cadillac's latest revised plan, presented to City Council on July 11. David Freishtat, Capitol Cadillac's attorney, explained that the new plan calls for blacktopping the area near the Beltway to provide needed spaces for storage of new cars. The plan would also increase the number of trees to be planted on the site and would meet the required five percent green space.

In showing council the new plan, Freishtat pointed out two green islands that would be constructed within the present parking area. The additional green space was needed, he said, in order to meet the 5% green space requirement. Capitol Cadillac had agreed to further screening on the parking area along the Beltway. Council members commented that they hoped this plan would be followed, recalling that past landscaping plans had not been fully completed.

In the past other Golden Triangle property owners have objected to the 30 to 50 cars parked in front of the agency on Capitol Drive. Most of these cars belong to Cadillac employees.

At its last meeting, council had requested that the particular uses for parking be designated on the new site plan: employees, customers, new cars. Castaldi was frustrated by the fact that the agency had not done so. (Curlett told the News Review in an interview in June that he opposed such designation, preferring to maintain flexibility in parking so that cars could be shifted around to reflect market and seasonal demands.) Castaldi, who works in the Zoning Information of Park & Planning, hinted at intra-agency problems caused by differing views between the Urban Design Section, which must approve the site plan, and the group which must enforce that plan. At this stage, council and Capitol Cadillac are dealing with Urban Design.

Of the current 328 parking spaces, Freishtat said, about 100 are needed for employees, 100 for cars being serviced in the 71 service bays and 10 for customer parking. This leaves about 100 "surplus" places, which Capitol Cadillac wants to use for new cars

The remaining new cars will be "stored" (according to Freishtat) or "displayed" (according to Castaldi) in the circular grassy area behind the agency next to the Beltway, the area that would be paved. (Far from being grassy, this area is hard, dusty, uneven dirt when dry and sticky red clay when wet.)

Surplus Parking

In part the dispute between the city and agency centers on these 100 surplus places. If the various kinds of parking are not earmarked on the site plan, Castaldifeels that customer and employee parking will again flow onto Capital Drive.

Giese commented to council that the plan appears to comply with county zoning requirements for display, but that "there are no requirements as to storage."

Castaldi's view is that "every car that's new is on display just like food in a grocery store," whether it is parked in the circular storage area, in the 100 surplus places that Capitol Cadillac considers flexible or in the small display area in front of the agency. By calling areas "storage" and "surplus" the agency may be underestimating the share of customer parking spaces required by the zoning laws, he thinks. He told Freishtat that council would not be concerned with oc-

casional or limited parking of new cars in other areas following an unusually large delivery to the agency, but he warned both council and Freishtat that "without proper designation on the site plan, we'll end up with the same inadequacies we have now—new

cars parked all over that lot."

Councilman Tom White agreed.
"In effect, you're encouraging Capitol Cadillac to bring in more cars than they can handle." He predicted that the present process of straightening out old problems would be "an exercise in futility" if greater control over parking uses was not established.

Councilman Charles Schwan's motion to send the city's approval of the site plan to Urban Design failed, Castaldi and White voting no, Weidenfeld and Schwan voting yes, Councilman Richard Pilski absent.

White then moved to have the city communicate to M-NCPPC its concern with the lack of designation for parking space uses on the site plan. Schwan added that M-NCPPC should also be made aware that the present zoning ordinance is not as specific as it ought to be and that two of M-NCPPC's parts are not working in harmony, referring to the differences between the Urban Design and Licenses and Permits Divisions.

The city's position, in the form of a recommendation to M-NC PPC, is not binding on the county's Planning Board, which will ultimately review the site plan for approval.

Contributing to this story was Mary Lou Williamson.

Recreation Review

Annual Children's Play Production

Calling all Greenbelt kids, 6-12 years of age, interested in helping with the summer play. Come on down to the Youth Center's Arts & Crafts Room Tues, thru Fri. at 2:30 p.m. People don't have to know how to act. Also needed are folks to do the scenery and sound effects.

Chucks 'N' Lassies

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

Camp Pine Tree

There are still openings for the 4th session of Camp Pine Tree. Tennis, archer,y, swimming crafts and gymnastics are just a few of the fun and skill programs planned for the campers. Brochures and applications are available at the Youth Center Business Office. Call 474-6878, weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for additional details.

Men's and Women's Football

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

Moonlight Swim

Where: Greenbelt Municipal Swimming Pool; When: Friday, August 1; Time: 8:30-10:30 p.m.; Who: All Ages Welcome. There

Democratic Club

The Conroy For Senate Campaign expresses thanks to the club members who assisted in the successful fund raiser held July 25 at McNamara's Barn. Greenbelt Democrats who wish to help in the campaign effort should contact Mickey Devaney at 262-2376.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the club's Funnel Cake Booth at this years Labor Day Festival. Anyone who can spare a few hours, should contact Tony McCarthy at 474-5888.

There will be a meeting of the E&FRDC Executive Board on Thursday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building.

The next regular meeting of the club will be Friday, September 19 at Greenbriar.

Volunteers Needed

Busy Hyattsville office needs volunteers to answer phones, make appointments and assist people needing Food Stamps and Medicaid. Those who like to talk to people and can give one day a week are needed by Community Ministry Food Stamp Outreach in cooperation with the Department of Social Services. Volunteers can choose their own hours between 9-4 weekdays. Phone 779-2177. Ask for Pat or Jo.

Weidenfeld Re-elected Vice President of MML

Mayor Gill Weidenfeld has been re-elected Vice-President of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to represent Prince Georges County. As Vice-President, Weidenfeld will serve on the MML Board of Directors. This will be Weidenfeld's fourth consecutive year of service on the Board of Directors. The election took place in June at the MML annual state convention in Ocean City.

In addition to representing Greenbelt at the convention, Mayor Weidenfeld was invited by the Executive Director of the League to be a speaker at one of the municipal workshops. He spoke to municipal officials from all areas of Maryland on "Keys For Being An Effective Elected Official."

GHI NOTES

The long-awaited rehabilitation program will begin August 4. Members living in frame homes will be notified approximately two weeks ahead of the time contractors will be in their court. The first group may not receive as much notice as later groups because the schedule will not be firmed up until construction actually begins and times become more than estimates.

The first work to begin will be replacing roofs and/or installing vents on the frame homes. This will be followed approximately a week later with the installation of the insulation and the new windows. When these are completed, the siding contractors will come in. Work in the crawl spaces, testing of electrical circuits inside the house as well as plumbing will be going on simultaneously in some cases with the work on the exterior of the buildings.

More complete details and time schedules will be sent to the members in the next several weeks. It is expected that members will receive numerous notices on the start of each phase of the rehabilitation as it applies to their court. A project manager, D. A. Davis, has been hired to oversee the rehabilitation program from start to finish—ap-proximately two years. Other members of the rehabilitation are to be hired: public relations peradministrative assistant/ bookkeeper, construction superintendent, laborer/messenger. (See ad elsewhere in this paper.) Work has already begun on constructing the holding area for materials and the trailer site near the GHI building in the area formerly used for garden

GHI MEMBERS

Have You Sent Back Your
Rehabilitation Questionnaire?
(frame members only)
and

Heat Conversion Questionnaire (frame, masonry members)
Those who do not express their wishes to GHI will receive the basic package selected by GHI. Contact the Manager's Office on 474-5566 if another questionnaire is needed.

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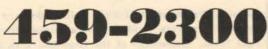
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