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## County, City and Greenbriar Officials Explore Sewer Pumping Station Options

by Virginia Beauchamp

A slide show of the Greenbriar sewage pumping station and what happened within the development when it broke down was the first exhibit in an exchange of information at a September 23 meeting involving representatives of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, city and county officials, and Greenbriar community leaders in the Greenbriar community building. In an amicable session, all concerned raised questions and supplied information in an effort to define the scope of the problem and to reach the one solution that all seemed agreed was in the best interest of the immediate and larger community — an eventual takeover of the sewage pumping responsibility by the WSSC.

The least of the problems was actual repair of the pump whose break-down created the August 14 disaster. On that day four basement apartments and a storage room nearest the privately owned pumping station were flooded with raw sewage. The breakdown had been caused by a loose bolt that holds the packing around the pump. According to engineering consultant Washington Bowie, representing Greenbriar, redrilling the hole with a larger bolt, into which a key is inserted so that the bolt cannot work loose, should take care of the problem. The Allis-Chalmers equipment of the pumping station is of good quality, Bowie said, and requires only minor changes at most.

But according to Dr. David

Schelling, owner of one of the flooded apartments, fixing the bolt would not take care of the real problem—inadequate design of the system. What happens when a fail-safe system fails—as the Greenbriar pumping station has on three occasions? Should nearby apartments act as an emergency holding basin, or should the overflow be directed into an outdoor depression or lagoon, where it could be heavily chlorinated, and then sent into a nearby stream?

Such a "gravity failsafe overflow" is a standard backup solution, WSSC technician Stephen Profflet conceded.

The question of why the Greenbriar pumping station was designed without such an overflow provision set the one moment of discord at the meeting. Because of public controversy over the original Greenbriar sewage treatment plant, which centered upon possible pollution of a nearby stream, Profflet said, the "overflow feature was denied."

"This is a curious perception of why the problem arose," said city councilman Tom White—"curious indeed." The WSSC engineers must have known that the apartments would be the retention system in case of failure, he pointed out. "The opponents of the package treatment plant did not oppose an overflow design solution."

Ironically, Condominium Ventures, Inc., which handles maintenance for the Greenbriar and Glen Oaks condominium owners, had earlier purchased a submersible pump, which they were seeking approval of WSSC to install when the breakdown occurred. Such a pump would have continued to operate under con-

### LATE FLASH

On Wednesday, October 8, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) agreed to assume maintenance and operation responsibilities for the Greenbriar pumping station subject to three conditions. WSSC asked that Greenbriar 1. transfer to WSSC all land and rights-of-way associated with the facility; 2. construct, at Greenbriar's expense, a manhole which could act as a contact chlorination point in case of overflow; and 3. sign a save harmless agreement relieving WSSC from any responsibility for damage due to past sewage back-up.

ditions which closed down the pumps that failed.

Stephen Bupp, managing agent for Condominium Ventures, described the regular "generally daily" maintenance procedures for the pumping station. But when a problem occurs he pointed out, it has to be defined and fixed within 30 minutes if flooding is to be avoided. In the August 14 situation the backup system also failed. Unknown to anyone, a 440 volt electrical conduit leading to a sump pump had received earlier damage during a backfilling operation and shorted out after the sump pump had been working for only a brief period.

Robert Zugby, President of the Greenbriar Recreation Association, the umbrella organization that comprises the boards of directors for the three phases of the development and Glen Oaks apartments, addressed what he See GREENBRIAR, p. 3, col. 3

## Beltway Plaza Expansion Projected: Apartment Development Studied

by Elaine Skolnik

As the office and shopping center boom continues in and around Greenbelt, plans for expansion of the Beltway Plaza Shopping Mall are on the drawing boards and a condominium apartment development in Greenbelt East is under study.

Beltway Plaza developer Sidney J. Brown said an additional 500,000 square feet would be needed to accommodate an office building and two department stores in the shopping center. Using air rights over Cherrywood Lane to connect to his property on the west side of the road, the mall after expansion will resemble an L. Shops will be located on the first level, with offices above. The exterior of the existing mall will be remodeled by raising the height of the present first level and modernized.

Brown noted that business has been good. From an economic standpoint, he said, "There is a

demand for the expansion. Everything I did was done from a practical, sound approach." Architect for the project is Abba Polangin. When plans are completed, they will be reviewed by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Brown also announced that the Marshalls Department Store chain will be occupying 30,000 square feet of the S. Klein's building which closed about five years ago. Marshalls, he said, is a discount department store "similar to Syms," and will feature clothes for the whole family. A chain of 60 stores, Marshalls is a subsidiary of the Melville Company which owns Thom McAn and other stores.

Marshalls will join Basco, Inc. in the Klein's building. A department-catalog store, Basco opened its doors in October 1979 and occupies 85,000 of the 310,000 square foot building. As for the remaining space, Brown explained that K-Mart is still in the picture and

that he is also dealing with other "well-known" stores as prospective tenants.

The most recent addition to the mall is Fitness World, a "complete Spa facility exclusively for women." The facility includes health equipment, whirlpool, sauna, nutritional guidance and a variety of classes.

### Apartments

A condominium apartment development is in the planning stages for the 10-acre "Freda Bell" tract that abuts the Capital Beltway near the Goddard Space Village/Hunting Ridge Apartments outside the city limits. Contemplated are three 10-story buildings with a maximum of 480 units. The property is zoned R-10 (high-density apartments). A record plat was recorded in 1966.

Developers of the project have not yet been announced. However, the Radnor Corporation, the real estate arm of Sun Oil Company, advised the city that it was con- See BELTWAY PLAZA, p. 4, c. 3

## Council Hears Details of New Cable TV System Possibilities

by Leta Mach

Congenial council members present at the September 8 session enjoyed a prolonged picture-taking session with Miss Greenbelt 1980, postponed several items because Councilmen Thomas White and Richard Pilski were absent, and heard another cable television presentation.

Irwin A. Fern, President of American Tele-systems Corporation of Pikesville, Maryland, detailed the impact some of it negative that a cable TV system could have on the city. Such a system, he explained, would begin with a tower about 150 feet high (possibly on an existing high structure) that would hold 14-16 individual antennas to pick up signals from the air. The triangular structure would be 36-40 feet on each side and would require 1/2 - 3/4 of an acre. Through cables, the signals would be brought to a building about 10-15 feet away for electronic processing.

Fern felt the 10 x 10 or 10 x 12 foot building could be a simple block structure. From there, the signals would be carried in one cable on telephone and light poles, to individual houses. A pole attachment agreement with the telephone and light companies would spell out the amount of pole rent and specifications such as distance between electric telephone and cable TV lines. Such specifications may necessitate extra costs and inconveniences like pole rearrangement.

"No one," said Fern, "can provide any more exotic equipment than anyone else." Fifty-four channel systems are "not tried and proven," he added. Fern would provide 36 channel gear, which he feels is "tried and proven." Twelve to 16 of those would be present off-the-air channels. In addition, there would be satellite services. An earth station near the tower would aim at the satellite 22,300 miles in the air to get these satellite programs. These would include basic programming such as 24 hour news service, religious programs and family programs as well as premier service such as movies.

Fern felt local access channels were a "big splurge at the beginning." However, he added the company would provide studio space, equipment and some training. Basically, the company would provide as much as the customers wanted. Monthly rates would probably be \$7-7.50 a month with an installation charge of \$20. Further, the company would request council approval of rates. The system would "probably not be as red carpet treatment" (as other systems); "nice-offices cause higher rates" Fern stated.

Fern, a mechanical engineer, has ten years of experience operating about 10 cable TV companies in lower Pennsylvania. Fern listed several reasons that he felt his company was different. Being small and relatively local, he said, the firm is approachable. The self-contained system would also afford the council and city direct control over the cable TV net-

work. Finally the company stresses preventive maintenance. "Maintenance and service are what will make and break a system," declared Fern.

In response to a question of whether Greenbelt is large enough for a system alone, Fern replied, "Categorically, yes." If the county has a different system from the city, Fern explained that the city system could interface or tie into the county system. However, the cable has to be available for direct, adjacent access for the systems to tie-in. If there was a dead area with no cable lines between the two systems, the city system would need the approval of the county to string lines through the dead area. Fern doubted that the county would give such approval.

### Supports Senate Bill

In a related matter, council decided to support the National League of Cities (NLC) position on Senate Bill S-2827 about Cable television. NLC feels the bill revising local cable TV franchising procedures would reduce local authority and deregulate the industry. NLC recommends opposition to the bill because of provisions that prohibit the requirement of local origination and government access channels, prohibit government regulation of rates, direct the setting of ceilings on franchise fees and make the bill retroactive.

In other actions, council: —accepted the bid of McFarlin Insurance Agency for casualty coverage; —authorized the negotiated purchase of certain goods and services; —again postponed consideration of a petition from the Greenbriar Boards of Directors to reconsider council's position on the rezoning of the Smith-Ewing tract until all members of council could be present; —passed a resolution to amend council's standing rules so that any member voting with the prevailing side rather than the majority side could move for reconsideration of a motion. (At a July session a motion could not be so reconsidered because of a tie vote, which meant there was no majority side.)

### WHAT GOES ON

Sun., Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt School Study Committee, Municipal Building

Tues., Oct. 14, 7 p.m. Bethune Jr. High School PTSA meeting. "Back to School Night" 7:30 p.m. Citizens for Greenbelt meeting, Municipal Building

### CITIZENS FOR GREENBELT

Citizens for Greenbelt will hold a general membership meeting on Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. In addition to updating members on CFG's recent activities, preparations will be made for the District Council (County Council) hearing on the rezoning application to change Parcels 3 and 4 to town-house development instead of single family homes. A strong showing at the October 27 hearing will indicate the community's desire to continue its emphasis on balanced development of vacant land within Greenbelt.

### Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the Columbus Day Holiday, Monday, October 13. Monday trash pick up will be made on Tuesday, Tuesday's collection will be on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER COLLECTION WEDNESDAY. Thursday and Friday will be on regular schedule.

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### IN REPLY

A 'Reply' to "An Animal Lover," published about 2 weeks ago:

Your description of the tragic death of BROWNIE a short time ago is especially sad because of the fact that she had been abused and deserted 'by some 'humanoids' of another breed from animal lovers.

The 'speeder' was not only guilty of breaking the speed laws, but he was in further violation for breaking the State law which says that he should have stopped and aided the animal as much as possible.

You say that a 'kind family' took her (Brownie) in, in which case said family took over the responsibility for the dog's welfare at that time.

Why, then, was Brownie allowed to pursue her old and soon to be, fatal habit of traversing the neighborhood, unleashed (implied), when our Greenbelt City Ordinances prohibit ANY animals to run loose?

In our nearly 36 years in Greenbelt, we have had several cats and 2 dogs. We at this time have the 2nd, a very nice young male. Fortunately, we have a fenced yard also.

But, never once, during our time in Greenbelt, have we ever allowed ANY of our pets to run loose!

So, the 'kind family' who took Brownie in, should feel as much guilt for letting Brownie run loose as the 'speeder' SHOULD feel for hitting the dogs!  
Another Animal Lover

### Insulation? At What Price?

To the Editor:

Questions have been raised with regard to the safety of the urea formaldehyde insulation to be installed as part of the GHI rehabilitation program (Greenbelt News Review, 9/18/80). I have also read an article describing health problems blamed on the insulation (Washington Post 9/27/80).

It seems to me that the Board of Directors' decision to go ahead with the installation of urea formaldehyde insulation needs reconsideration. As long as serious questions remain as to its possible health hazards, the only responsible decision is not to use this material.

As a member of GHI I very much regret to see another delay in the rehabilitation program. I feel, however, that the issue is a serious one. Director Lewis' argument that he had the material installed in his home and had found no problem with it, as well as Director Curtis' argument that it is "the only feasible material," make little sense to me. I insist on my right to choose no insulation at all, rather than "the only feasible material," as long as there remain any questions about its safety.  
Meta Lagerwerff

### THANKS

To the Editor:

My sincere appreciation and thanks to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad for taking me to Doctor's Hospital. Because of their expert efficiency, courtesy, etc., they made me feel so at ease. We in Greenbelt are extremely fortunate to have such qualified professionals right at our fingertips. Again, thank you.  
Diane Ronchi Timbs

### THANKS

To the Editor:

For a long time I have been asking the city's public works department to either paint or take away the run-down playground in back of 26 Crescent Road. It was an eyesore and even dangerous for little tots to play on.

I finally got Public Works Director George Smith to come and look at the playground. He agreed it was a mess and assured me that it would be fixed. Al Markell (city employee) came to the rescue. He painted and repaired the places that needed it, added a duck and little table and painted the bench. Now it is one of the nicest little playgrounds in the city.

Thank you Mr. "S" for the okay to go ahead. Thank you Al for the beautiful job and your concern for little children.  
Hazel Sacra

### High School Diploma Class

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is offering persons a chance to get their high school diploma. CARES will be providing free classes to prepare for the General Education Development—G.E.D. Exam. Instruction will be given in the five test areas—Math, Social Studies, Science, Literature and Grammar, as well as test taking skills. The only requirements for enrollment are to be officially withdrawn from school and 16 years old or older.

These classes will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Greenbelt CARES offices. To reserve a seat, as class size is limited, or for more information, please call Johnnie Franklin at Greenbelt CARES, 345-6660.

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The football schedule for Oct. 11 is as follows: 75 lb. team vs. Lewis-Univ. Park, 12 noon, Lane Manor; 85 lb. vs. Lewisdale, 10:45 a.m., Lane Manor; 95 lb. vs. Lewisdale, 9:30 a.m., Lane Manor; and the 105 lb. vs. Glenarden, 10:45 a.m., at Glenarden Rec. Also, the 115 lb. vs. Palmer Park, 6:45 p.m., Mt. Ranier J. H.

### SWIM TEAM NEWS

The annual meeting of the Aquatic Boosters Club will be held at the Youth Center on Wed., Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

### BETHUNE PTSA HOLDS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The Mary McCleod Bethune Junior High School PTSA is sponsoring a "Back-To-School Night" on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. Parents of Bethune students are invited to visit their son or daughter's classes, meet the teachers and become acquainted with the curriculum and administrators.

### Applicant Procedure For U.S. Service

Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. announced that Maryland students interested in pursuing appointment to the Military, Naval, Air Force or Merchant Marine Academies must apply to Senator Mathias before October 31, the deadline for applications for nominations to the class entering July, 1981.

Candidates applying for a nomination to any of the service academies must be U.S. citizens, Maryland residents, and have the equivalent of a high school education. They must be at least 17 years of age but not yet 22 by July 1 of their entering year.

The nominations are strictly competitive and are based on the recommendations of the Senator's Academy Review Board which evaluates the merits of applicants. College Entrance Examination Board (SAT) scores of 450 verbal and 600 math, or a composite total of 1050, are required to be eligible for an interview.

Students interested in obtaining further information and application materials should contact Ms. Linda Strine in Senator Mathias' Baltimore Office, 1616 Federal Office Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; (301) 962-4850.

### RIVA WINS CYO RUN

Brian Riva, age 9, of Lakeside Drive, a member of St. Hugh's cross-country team, won the 3-kilometer (1.83 mile) CYO cross-country race held at Fort Dupont Park in Washington on October 5. Riva's winning time was 13 minutes 9 seconds. Vincent Morris, age 12, of Woodland Way placed 4th in another section of the 3-kilometer race.

Two more cross-country races remain before the CYO Championship on October 26, also at Fort Dupont Park.

### At Greenbelt Library

Drop In Stories - Ages 3-5. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Special Programs:

Monday, Oct. 13

Car Buyers Workshop - 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Greenbelter I. M. Siegel, of the Institute for Consumer Education. Program will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Coffee Hour Lecture, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., preregistration required, "Machine Embroidery and Your Machine Demonstration."

Beatle Film Festival - 7:30 p.m. HELP.

Thursday, Oct. 16

The Making of Star Wars film. Ages 6-12.

10:30 a.m. Also spoof Hardware Wars.

Exhibits at the Greenbelt Library during the month of October:

Boats - Joe Vignali, Hyattsville; Fire Prevention - Greenbelt Fire Department; Great Dane Dogs - Carla Hayes, Greenbelt; and Paintings - Laurel Art Guild.

The Greenbelt Branch Library now has a collection of prerecorded cassettes. All types of music, plus spoken and instructional recordings are represented. Patrons are limited to two cassettes at a time.

### Safe Drivers Honored

To commemorate National School Bus Safety Week (October 13-17), the Transportation Department of the Prince Georges County Public Schools has named two women as the system's most outstanding bus drivers on the basis of their accident-free safety records and quality performances. The department was recently commended by the Maryland State Department of Education for reducing the number of school bus accidents statewide by nearly one-half last year.

One of the commended women, Veronica Cressman, a school bus

### NOW YARD SALE

The Northern Prince Georges N.O.W. Chapter will hold its second annual yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 19 Court Ridge. Used items to be sold include books, clothes, appliances, and lots more. In the event of rain, the sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 25. For more information, call 794-7532.

driver for ten years, transports students from several schools, including Eleanor Roosevelt High School, on a daily basis. The school system transports nearly 75,000 students daily on 744 buses.

### 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

### Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

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

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

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For bus transportation, call Church office

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. weekdays.

### Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)  
Hillside and Crescent Roads  
Phone 474-6171 mornings  
Christian Education (all ages)  
10 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Nursery provided at  
2B Hillside

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

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church EDUCATION PROGRAM

6905 Greenbelt Road

### NURSERY SCHOOL: 9:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A new program offering a Christian nursery school experience to children ages 3 to 5 on Sunday mornings.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Ages 6-16

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 9:50 to 10:50 a.m.

Transportation provided.

Call 345-5111 for arrangements.

### WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Infant nursery provided.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

## North End School Enrollment Declining Parents Ask Why

by Sandra Barnes

North End School's enrollment, like that of other county elementary schools, is declining. Parents, former parents and prospective parents of North End children will meet to discuss a variety of factors contributing to this decline. These include concern of some parents who say that the school's atmosphere is too regimented. The meeting, sponsored by the Greenbelt School Study Committee, will be held on Sunday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

North End has gone from an enrollment of 404 in 1973 when it first began in Prince Georges County to its current figure of 305. This is a decline over the 1972 figure which saw 353 attend North End. Declining school enrollment is prevalent throughout the county. One does hear comments that the parents are dissatisfied with North End and are removing their children from the school. They can walk in order to send them to a parochial or private school. In 1973 this predominantly white school situated in a white middle class neighborhood is now predominantly black school, with a racial mix of 112 white children and 195 black children (63.5%).

A dwindling student body means fewer teachers which in turn creates dramatic changes in the method of operation of the school. There are combination classes at every grade level, making lesson planning more difficult. This situation prevails throughout many elementary schools as the effects of TRIM combine with ever increasing enrollments. There are part-time librarians and music, physical education and reading teachers. Classrooms on the second floor of the school are closed permanently. (Center and Spring Lake Elementary Schools also have suffered staff cuts.)

Nevertheless, Guinevere Anderson, who is beginning her third year at North End, points with pride to the rising academic scores of her students. "Test scores have improved since I came to this school," she emphatically notes. "Moreover, there are fewer children in the OMA program (a program to give special assistance to the academically disadvantaged) while we continue to have more and more children at the grade level."

Anderson meets with her teachers once a month to review programs and maintain a continuity among the classes. She praises her teaching staff as "superior," remarking that most of them have been at the school for many years. "There is only one new teacher this year—in the kindergarten class," she said.

North End has both an SLRD program for the student with learning disabilities and the TAG program for the superior student. In addition, Anderson herself conducts a weekly enrichment program for those students recommended by teachers as being able to benefit from special attention. This is not a requirement, but something extra we are doing for the students, she points out.

A lack of participation among the parents in school affairs—either as volunteers or members of the PTA—does not bother her.

"PTA's generally are going downhill," she responds. She praises the parents willing to talk with her on the phone when she calls, the parents who help their children with homework assignments. This is, the kind of support for the school she sees as vital to her academic program.

Not only are North End students progressing academically but, according to Anderson, there

are virtually no discipline problems at the school. Oh, an occasional fight, now and then, but that's all. "Our students know the rules and regulations," she affirms.

Why is this meeting of parents being held, Anderson asks. There are no problems at North End that she is aware of. No parent has ever said to her, "I am taking my child out of North End because . . ." or "I am not sending my child to North End because . . .".

Anderson speaks with firmness and a sense of conviction in her voice. She has worked herself up through the ranks as one of the first black principals in Prince Georges County, more qualified for her position than many others in similar jobs, she says, and she is not interested in whether people are sensitive to being a minority or not. She is determined to make her school one of the best in the county, and one does not doubt the depth of sincerity in her tone. "I will do anything for a child," she declares. "And I welcome parents to visit the school anytime."

Is there a problem at North End? Is it real or perceived? All those interested in the future of this community school are urged to attend Sunday night's meeting.

### Drug Awareness Course

The county public schools will offer a five-part course in drug awareness to help parents learn the symptoms of drug involvement and ways to prevent drug abuse. The course will begin on Thursday, Oct. 23, at locations in each area of the county. Registration must be made by Oct. 10. Call 350-4907.

### Police Blotter

A breaking and entering occurred at a residence on Mandan Road. Silver with an appraised value of \$50,000 was removed.

A breaking and entering occurred at a residence located in the 8000 block of Mandan Road. Property valued at \$3,500 was removed.

A burglary occurred at a residence located on Woodland Way. Property valued at \$100 was removed.

A Ridge Road resident reported the theft of jewelry valued at \$1200.

A Springhill Lake resident reported the theft of jewelry valued at \$720.

A 1979 Ford Bronco 4-wheel-drive reported stolen from Springhill Lake was recovered by P. G. County police in Landover.

A 1973 Chevrolet reported stolen from Hillside Road was recovered in the Beltway Plaza.

A 1977 Dodge Van, green, Maryland tags K45073, was stolen from the 7800 block of Mandan Road.

Several attempted auto thefts were reported, one in the area of the 62 Court of Ridge Road, and the other near the 45 Court of Ridge Road.

Pvt. Mark DiPietro located an escapee from Maple Run Forest Camp. He was returned to juvenile authorities.

**GREENBRIAR, cont. fr. p. 1** considered the major problem—the division of responsibility for the pumping station between Greenbriar and the WSSC. "We have the responsibility to run it. But we do not own it," he said. "We do not want it. We feel we should not be responsible for maintenance and operation—primarily because we don't have responsibility in any practical sense. We don't have the authority . . . Delay is inevitable," he said, "when two organizations are dividing responsibility," referring to the fact that approval of installation of the new submersible pump was still pending.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld focused attention on the real purpose of the meeting—exploring the steps to be taken to make possible WSSC's assumption of responsibility for the pumping of sewage in the area. Proflit and WSSC Commissioner Johanna Norris were surprised to learn of possible development in the near future of the Smith-Ewing tract east of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. Greenbriar residents have been concerned that sewer lines for that development would be hooked into the Greenbriar pumping station or—as Weidenfeld put it, the new tract would "get a free ride at Greenbriar's expense." Until the August 14 breakdown, WSSC officials had also been unaware of the two previous, but less serious, breakdowns in the Greenbriar system.

Jim Herl, representing Prince Georges County Councilman Frank Casula, asked: "How can the WSSC take over as expeditiously as possible?"

Proflit suggested that the meeting itself was a "key action" in that process and that WSSC primarily needed names of people to contact in order to gather information on the full scope of the problem—a role which was designated to Zugby, as representative of Greenbriar, and Greenbelt city manager Jim Giese.

Norris particularly wanted more information on the possible development of the Smith-Ewing tract. "We would not want to do it piecemeal," she said.

Another question concerned actual title to the land occupied by the present pumping station. Greenbriar attorney Frank Emig said he saw no need to transfer title—that WSSC already owns the land. The deed had been sent to the WSSC legal staff long ago, he said, though never signed.

Norris commented that she could not, however, personally make a commitment for the WSSC, since six commissioners would have to vote. "The slide show," she said, "might help."

### Mishkan Torah News

Dr. Michael Birenbaum of the Community Council will speak at the Mishkan Torah on Friday, Oct. 10. Services start at 8 p.m.

### DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The Democratic Club will meet on Friday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building. A business meeting will include nominations of officers for 1981.

Invited speakers will discuss ballot questions K, L and M—proposals for changing county councilmanic districts. Refreshments will follow.

### WINTER SWIM TEAM

Winter swimming began Sunday, Oct. 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Silver Spring Y and will continue until April 26. All Greenbelt swim team members and anyone who would like to join the swim team and can swim 25 yards is welcome. Families may also participate. There is a fee. For further information please call Glynn Sargey at 474-5247.



Mary Ann Baker presents Herb Stewart with a gift from co-workers at GHI. Herb retired from GHI after 26 years. Board President Don Volk also presented Stewart with a plaque, a check, and a letter of gratitude for his dedicated service to the corporation.

## Herb Stewart Retires After 26 years at GHI

by Sandra Barnes

Herb J. Stewart (Herbie) came to work on the grounds crew at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. in 1954. In 1967, he became grounds foreman. He will be remembered by many Greenbelters who saw this thin and lanky man, sinewy arms showing through rolled-up sleeves, digging ditches and cutting trees along with the huskiest and brawnier co-workers. Several years ago, illness forced Herbie to retire from the grounds department and he was transferred to the warehouse where he has worked as a clerk, lugging boxes around, anticipating the needs of the maintenance and office staff. He has always been the quietest and most soft-spoken of GHI's

employees, and perhaps one of the most willing to perform odd jobs, errands or favors for someone.

Herbie has lived in his GHI home on Southway since 1962 with his bachelor brother and their 95-year-old mother. The family plans to move back to their native New Hampshire in the spring.

A farewell luncheon was held for Herbie at the American Legion on September 26. Employees and friends gathered to wish Herbie well in his future endeavors.

## Fun Runs

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## Citizens for Greenbelt Hear County Election Options

by Barbara Likowski

Carmen Anderson representing Citizens for Community Council spoke at the Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) meeting Wednesday, September 17 and explained her group's proposed charter amendment to be placed on the November 4 ballot. The amendment, known as question K proposes to decrease the county council from 11 to 9 members but each councilmember would be elected from a separate councilmanic district. At present there are 5 councilmanic districts and 6 at-large with all elected at-large. Candidates running for a district seat, however, must live in that district.

The proponents of question K feel that by running from a specified district, a candidate will be identifiable and accountable to his constituents and would not need to be wealthy to run in this smaller area. This would cut down the possibility of their being controlled by special interest groups.

Although Citizens for Community Council collected the 10,000 signatures necessary to have question K put on the ballot the group had to fight to see that it actually was put on. Before starting, Anderson said, they had contacted the states' attorney's office and the county attorney's office and were told that the signatures on the petitions did not have to be notarized. However, when the council was presented with the petitions, validity of the signatures was questioned and all names had to be checked — an expensive procedure. This done, the attorney for the board of elections decided that the signatures had to be notarized. Council then voted not to accept the petition. After taking the issue before a judge, the group received the right to have the amendment placed on the ballot. Anderson told CFG members that the way council worded their petition it seems to imply that the amendment would increase rather than decrease the number of seats on the council. The number of members would actually decrease by 2. Council also added 2 other questions L and M. Question L (proposed by councilperson Ann Lombardi) would also decrease the council by 2 members but would eliminate one district and one at-large seat. Question M (proposed by Councilperson Deborah Marshall) would retain the present council size but all would be elected at-large. Then a clause was added to each stating that whichever one gets the most votes would take precedence over any petitioned question. Anderson is not sure whether this is legal. She cautioned people to be sure to vote against the 2 amendments they did not want as well as voting for the one they preferred. The petitions do not run against one another, she said.

CFG member Eunice Coxon spoke against question K. She pointed out that a large majority of voters had voted for the charter in the county referendum and urged that the charter be given a chance to work first. If it changes, "my vote has been cast away," she said. "I resent it." Coxon felt that CFG could be the disseminators of information of points of view but should not take a stand. The group agreed.

After the talk, president Richard Ley conducted a short business meeting. He informed the group that enough telephone directories had been sold to cover costs and to show a profit of about \$500. He urged members to sell the remaining books.

Ley announced upcoming meetings that would be of interest to members. A delegation will attend the meeting on the proposed Beltsville Regional Park. Ley also

gave an update on the status of parcels 3 and 4. The zoning hearing examiner had seen no reason to change it from R.R. (rural-residential). It now goes to the district council and will be presented orally on October 27. As soon as Ley receives written notice, he plans to ask that the hearing be held in the evening somewhere in Greenbelt.

Ley informed members that Western Development Corporation had withdrawn its zoning request for the 45-acre property behind Greenway.

### Transportation

Ley has not heard from the Beltway Plaza Merchants regarding a possible bus to the plaza. Dorothy Baluch will hold a meeting of the transportation committee. Two concerns of CFG will be discussed — Sunday Metro service and the possibility of rerouting the T 18 bus to include a swing through Greenbriar.

Irene Hensel proposed that CFG take a stand against the city's new policy of letting two of the stronger street lights take the place of three of the old lights. She felt that safety was the issue. It was decided to wait until more facts were obtained from the city about this.

### SOCCER VICTORIES

On Sept. 28, the 1971 Greenbelt County Team defeated previously unbeaten Lewisdale — University Park at Lane Manor by 2-0. Both goals came on shots by Jim Barron, the first high over the opposing goalie and the second on a follow-up of a shot by Chris Adams.

On Oct. 4, the 1971 team defeated New Carrollton 4-1 at Northway Field. Goals were scored by Joel Cahalan in the first half and by Georgie Clindinst, Joel Cahalan and Chris Adams in the second half.

### Campaign Rally

All Greenbelters are invited to a rally for Senator Ed Conroy on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Bowie Community Center on Stoneybrook Drive off Route 450. Admittance is free and free beer, wine, soft drinks, and pretzels will be served.

The Ed Conroy for U.S. Senate campaign has recently opened a headquarters near Greenbelt on 10742 Tucker Street in the Beltsville Industrial Park. Volunteers are needed. Greenbelters who wish to work in the campaign should call the headquarters at 937-9510.

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sidering financing the project, which was brought to them by local developers. Radnor vice-president Joseph J. O'Connell told the News Review that his firm was "resolving an agreement" with the developers while awaiting the outcome of various economic and engineering studies to see "if this is a good project."

O'Connell was aware of the city's concerns. Assistant city manager Dennis Piendak had advised him of the "overabundance of multi-family units both in and adjacent to the city," and of the need for single family homes. Additionally Piendak conveyed the city's probable opposition to "such a project due to traffic problems as a result of Hanover Parkway not being completed to Good Luck Road."

The engineering firm of Cordeiro, Steadman and Ward of Beltsville is drawing up the plans for the development, which will include such amenities as deck parking, pool and health club.

### CITY NOTES

Patching work was done on Lakeside Drive and on Westway Road at Ridge Road this week. Composted sludge was transported to the bandstand area of the Lake Park.

The scoreboard at Springhill Lake Recreation Center was wired. New transfer switches for emergency power in the Police Department and a new light control device at the tennis courts were installed.

Grass around the Lake Park was cut and ten new picnic tables were constructed. Maintenance was done on the Springhill Lake Golf Course and all the ballfields.

The shoulders of Crescent Road and the access road to Northway Park were graded by Arnold Parreco & Sons. Both parking areas at the Northway Park were graded and leveled. Fill dirt on Braden Field was leveled.

Arrangements were made for centerline and shoulder striping. State Highway Administration crews will perform the work with their equipment.

### Craft Show Seeks Entries

On Saturday, November 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Bowie Chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization through Rehabilitation and Training) is sponsoring a Craft Show at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Admission and parking are free. Those interested in participating and demonstrating their crafts may call 464-0114 or 464-8787 for more information.

### Recreation Review

#### Recreation Center's Hours

Both the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center will open at 12 noon on October 16 and 17, during the county schools' holiday period.

#### Attention Craftspeople

The Rec. Dept. is sponsoring the Ninth Annual Craft Show and Sale on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 5 through 7. Gather crafts and enter the show. Applications are available at the Youth Center Business Office or call 474-6878 and be put on the mailing list. Limited spaces are available. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

#### Recreation Centers' Fall Hours

With the beginning of a new fall season, city recreation centers began operating on their 1980 drop-in schedule beginning Tuesday, September 2. After-school and weekend hours for both the Greenbelt Youth Center and the city's Springhill Lake Recreation Center are as follows: Monday thru Thursday — 3 p.m. — 10 p.m.; Friday — 3 p.m. — 11 p.m.; Saturday — 9 a.m. — 11 p.m.; and Sunday — 1 p.m. — 10 p.m.

#### Roller Skating

Roller skating is now being held at the Greenbelt Center School Gym from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Wednesdays for Kindergarten and on Fridays for 4-6 grades.

#### Halloween

Plan now to attend the Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party to be held at the Youth Center on Fri., Oct. 31, 3:30 to 5 p.m. The program will be for youngsters pre-school through elementary grades.



### GREENBELTER RUNNER-UP

#### "BABY MISS MARYLAND"

On August 30 Christina L. Callahan competed in Baltimore for the title of "Baby Miss Maryland." Christina, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Callahan of Lakecrest Drive, was named Third Runner-Up in the state. Contestants were judged on their natural beauty, poise, personality and overall Fashion Appearance. Christina won trophies in six categories including 1st Runner-Up Sportswear competition, 1st Runner-Up Most Beautiful Smile and Miss Photogenic. Christina's hair was styled at Hair Shadows in Adelphi and her competition Party Dress was created by Mrs. Frances Willey.

### Volleyball—Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Center School Gym. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings with recreational play on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. Everyone age 16 years and over is welcome.

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# GHI Board Determines Which Rehab Costs Will Be Shared and Which Won't

by June Webb

Money figured prominently in the discussions at the GHI Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, October 2 (recessed from Sept. 25). The meeting was chaired by Director Joe Jenkins in the absence of president Don Volk.

Staff provided a matrix for the board to use in deciding which rehab costs should be assessed as shared costs, to be paid for by members equally, and which to charge as individual costs to be paid for by the member for whom the work is done. Costs which the board decided would be shared are: roofing; attic insulation and venting; attic openings; crawl space work; all electrical work except heavy-up for heat and hot water; all plumbing work; and structural repair. Costs to be charged to individual owners are: sidewall insulation and siding; windows; and heavy-up for heat and hot water.

Assistant manager Tim Mitter reiterated GHI policy that if an owner had already done an item of rehab work on his own, he would not be charged for it again as part of the shared costs.

About 20 members attended the meeting, asking questions and making comments on the various items discussed. Several people emphasized that GHI is a cooperative, with most costs being shared. Others felt that more costs should be individual.

A motion to include frame home additions under Phase 1 rehab was approved. (Financing would have to be arranged.)

### Bricks vs. Blocks?

Bob Feller asked that the heating costs of brick and block homes be separated. If done immediately, the fuel fees for block owners could increase by 30%. He asked that the matter be investigated at budget time next month. According to staff, block homes have only one quarter of the insulation value of brick homes and thus use substantially more fuel.

Director Steve Curtis felt it would be a moot point soon, because of the coming heating conversion. Audit Committee member Katherine Keene agreed. However, Curtis does favor the separation of brick and block structural maintenance costs in the future, but not now.

Another member commented that it would be divisive to separate bricks and blocks, pitting one portion of GHI against another.

Reading a prepared statement, Janet James told the board they could not unilaterally alter the current system which, she feels, is spelled out in her contract. Continuing with the same point, member Charles Schwan requested the board obtain a legal opinion as to the contractual legality of any proposed action before the board made any decision. Feller asked that the separation of costs be considered at budget time.

Jenkins remarked that there were too many "unknowns" to proceed. He recommended tabling action until staff could provide answers to such questions as legality. The board then directed the staff to consider the feasibility of separating the structural maintenance charges of brick and block homes, and if heating conversion lags one to two years, to do so for heating charges, too.

The board directed staff to provide a low permeability primer paint to members, to serve as a vapor barrier to prevent excess moisture from causing damage to the structure or to insulation. The new siding will increase humidity in walls if permeability is not lowered. The paint, newly on the market, is advertised as having some insulating qualities. Paint would be applied on the inside surface of exterior walls.

### Structural Damage

Director Wayne Williams wanted to know how GHI could determine the extent of structural damage to frame homes. Staff engineer Ove Kongsted replied that damage was evaluated when old siding was being removed during

rehab; when crawl space inspections were done; and when paper was stripped from the base of frame homes during rehab. He said 90% of damage could be found in these ways.

A request by management for \$2500 to replace two saws that do not meet OSHA and insurance standards was approved.

Mitter reported that HUD officials have again said that its loan funds cannot be used to pay for rehab charges for owners also receiving Section 8 funds. General manager Ken Kopstein has been in contact with those officials. Mitter continued, and is hopeful of persuading them to change their minds.

### Siding

Director Carl Conrad expressed great exasperation that no formal request had been made by GHI to HUD considering GHI's desire to use vinyl siding from the time the problem first appeared in early September until October 1. Mitter reminded Conrad that Kopstein was out of town, but that all of the substantiating data necessary to make the request were available. Over the past few days the data were assembled and the request was hand carried to Terry Chisholm, manager of HUD's area office. Williams asked the board to reconsider and set aside a previous vote to include new townhouses refinancing in the bond issue. There was no second to his motion.

### Two Greenbelters Win In Sr. Citizen Olympics

Two Greenbelt senior citizens, Freda Sarni and Vita Pergola, won silver medals in the 1 1/2 mile walk for their age group in the first annual Maryland Senior Olympics. The Olympics, sponsored by the Maryland State Department on Aging and the Maryland State Commission on Physical Fitness, was held on October 4 at Towson State University. The all day gathering included opening ceremonies, competitive events, banquet and closing ceremonies.

# Plexus Mime Theatre Performs Oct. 10, 11

by Joan Bryce

Plexus Mime Theatre, a professional Maryland based mime company, will perform this Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, 8 p.m. at the Utopia Theatre.

The word "plexus" refers to a new shape or form that is created by a network of interlacing parts, like the strands that join in the pattern of a web. It reflects the collaboration of the three performers to create each new work, and the variety of distinct performance skills they bring together in a single show.

Using the techniques of old and new theatre forms, and blending mime, masks, music and move-

ment, the company has created a unique form of theatre based on gesture, rather than words.

The company has performed throughout the Maryland school system, at the National Theatre in D.C., Wolf Trap Farm Park, and the Washington Project for the Arts.

Bryce, director of the Maryland Arts Management Association, manages the group.

### UNION ELECTION

The union election scheduled for Thursday, October 9, at Greenbelt Homes, Inc., has been indefinitely set aside pending resolution of a labor dispute, the News Review was informed on Tuesday, Oct. 7, by the Teamsters local representative.



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Jonathan Birner, son of Rev. & Mrs. Edward Birner, is a member of the Kansas Soccer League, at Bethany College Soccer Club, Lindsborg, Kansas. Their championship spring 1980 season record carries them into their fall season (now in progress).

Mr. and Mrs. William R. McCloskey announce the arrival of their new beautiful bouncing baby

girl. Celeste Marie joined her brother Walter on Tuesday, September 16, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. Happy are the new grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Varda & Mr. and Mrs. William F. McCloskey and the new aunts and uncles—Tara, Bob, Joe, Cindy, Greg, Raymond, Tracey, Sue, Dennis, and Matthew. Both families are from Greenbelt.

Congratulations to former Greenbelters, Laura and Rick Ransom, on the birth of a daughter, Kristen Jeanne on October 3. Kristen weighed 6 lbs. 10 ounces. She joins a sister, Leigh, and a brother, William.

Congratulations to Jim Cassels, a resident in the Green Ridge

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Robert J. Finnican, son of Ronald J. Finnican of Lakecrest Drive, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman. He is an administration specialist at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. He earned an associate degree in 1977 from Genesee Community College in Batavia, N.Y.

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# Decision on New GHI Siding To Be HUD Responsibility

by Donna M. Daniels

Whether to go for siding or shingles is one of the issues to be resolved in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) rehabilitation project. The originally agreed upon composition shingles have been found unsatisfactory by residents.

Construction at 73 Court Ridge Road has been halted following complaints from residents about the quality of the shingles. One resident said that the shingles were "brittle, cracked and the paint chipped where the nails went through."

For comparison purposes homes at 12 Court Ridge Road have been covered with vinyl siding. Al Nuzzo of that address, comparing the vinyl siding with the old and new shingles, said, "You can't even put them in the same category." All of the parties involved hope to have the issue resolved quickly and with as little inconvenience to the residents as possible.

The final decision rests with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). According to program officer Millie Walcott, HUD will be sending a representative "familiar with construction methods and materials" to inspect the homes.

Based on the inspection, a report will be prepared by HUD and forwarded to the President's Advisory Council on Historical Preservation.

## PETITIONS WANTED

More petitions from GHI members expressing their preference for vinyl siding are urgently needed. GHI management staff will be meeting with HUD area director Terry Chisholm next week to discuss this issue. All petitions should be received by GHI no later than noon, Tuesday, October 14. Any member may sign a petition whether or not he or she lives in a frame home. Call 474-2300 or 474-5566 for a petition form to circulate.

Kenneth Kopstein, general manager of GHI, who has been in contact with HUD, feels they are "sympathetic to our problem and will so advise the council."

The President's Advisory Council, which has no veto power, acts in a review and consultation capacity. Amy Schlager of the council feels the agencies and people involved can reach an agreement at the state level.

Rodney Little of the Maryland Historical Trust said the Trust would assist in any manner possible, but that their "position is not to approve or reject vinyl siding."

According to Schlager, the council is relying on others for expertise and guidance in the areas of materials and budget and are "very interested in what the



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## Handicapped Children

Handicapped children who were 20 years old between July 1, 1979, and June 30, 1980, and who were unable to receive appropriate educational services in any year since 1975-76 may now be eligible to receive up to two additional years of compensatory special education and related services because of a new state law.

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To apply, contact the Director of Special Education, P. G. Public Schools, Instructional Services, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870.

## Volunteers Needed

Prince Georges County American Red Cross needs volunteers to send emergency messages concerning military personnel, when there is a serious illness or death requiring the return home of a military person. Coverage is needed on weekends, holidays, and after normal working hours. Three hours a week would help tremendously. Volunteers will have a very short training program and Red Cross staff act as "back-up" advisors to those on duty. Disabled or home-bound volunteers can serve as well as the able-bodied. Please call 559-8500 Ext. 30 or 31 if you are interested.

Trust has to say."

In some past instances the council has shown strong opposition to vinyl or aluminum siding. Schlager attributes this not only to preserving historical character, but also possible damage to internal house structure.

This damage can be caused by the inability of vinyl siding to release airborne moisture (from bathing or washing machines). The wooden frame could rot as a result of the trapped moisture.

If all other alternatives have been exhausted and the cost restraints considered, the council may support vinyl siding in their recommendation to HUD. "We just can't say at this point," Schlager said.

Mildred Russell, owner and manager of Beltway Aluminum, feels the mineral-fibre shingles are inferior because government "regulations required that certain components be taken out." Beltway Aluminum has been contracted to install the shingles. Russell added that the manufacturer feels it is the fault of the installers and not a defect in their product.

## Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemaker's Club will meet at 117 Hedgewood Dr. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. Hostess Lori Moran will speak on "Diet and Drug Interactions." Ruth McElroy will be co-hostess.

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