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Prudential Site Plan —

Council Takes Tough Stand on Storm Water Routing Through Indian Springs

by Leta Mack

Although representatives of Prudential Insurance Company desired a council decision on a site plan for lot 17 of the Golden Triangle on December 8, Council postponed its decision until after city engineer John Emler can review storm water management proposals for the site. The matter was also referred to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for possible consideration before the next council session on December 15.

At Monday's session, the Advisory Planning Board (APB) submitted its report on the site plan. A 133,000 square foot, six-story office building is proposed for the lot at the north edge of the Golden Triangle between Capitol Cadillac and the city's Indian Springs park. Future plans propose an adjacent "twin" office building to the west and a multi-level parking garage on a slope north of that.

In the present development, parking spaces in excess of code requirements will be provided. The 9676 square feet of landscaping—along the building, in the grass islands of the parking lot, and a buffer strip around the property—is also in excess of requirements. Nevertheless, APB did recommend increased landscape buffer between this site and Capitol Cadillac.

No exterior, free-standing signs are designated on the site plan and it was felt that only a building sign would be needed. APB also recommended architectural coordination throughout the Golden Triangle.

APB recommended that the effect of storm water run-off from the development on the city parkland be examined. In his agenda comments, City Manager James Giese expressed concern and found the original plan, "quite inadequate, and, if permitted, would result in considerable damage to

the city's parkland. There would be erosion and tree loss." That plan would have drained storm water via a pipe which would outfall on city property. City staff had suggested several alternatives.

Dave Murray, a representative of Ben Dyer and Associates, engineers for the Prudential project, reported to council that after discussion with Prudential, it was felt the best solution was also the most expensive. He proposed that storm water be piped across the city park to an existing concrete flume between the park and the Beltway. The water would follow this flume to a 48 inch pipe running under the Beltway for storm drainage. The 42 inch pipe carrying storm water across the city park would be adjacent to an existing WSSC easement once used for the junior high school sewage. This would require another 15 foot easement, but since the WSSC easement is already cleared, it would be possible to save trees. Murray noted that the flume was now two feet across and might have to be widened to four or five feet. This would involve parkland as the flume is now partially on city parkland. (See map page 4.)

Ponding

Councilman Richard Castaldi asked about possible problems especially with additional Beltway run-off. Murray admitted that there would be a pond around the Beltway pipe because the top of the pipe is four feet higher than the land. However, he felt the pond would drain in a few hours.

What Goes On

Thurs., Dec. 11, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
Sun., Dec. 14, 3 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, Youth Center
Mon., Dec. 15, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

"Your land is going to pond, no matter what we do," he said. "There has to be a pond to get the water in."

"What are you going to do for ponding us?" Castaldi asked. Murray mentioned increased taxes, parking and access for the city park. "You want a piece of the rock," joked Councilman Charles Schwan. Benches and tables would be useful, Councilman Richard Pilski felt, especially for deaf people who would not be bothered by Beltway noises. "I'm quite sure you could take it back to Prudential," he said. "there is a mutual benefit." Murray indicated that Prudential was interested in park areas for its employees.

Indian Springs is a historical site. There is an old cemetery on the property. Murray noted that a spring, feeding a two to three foot deep stream channel begins just outside the city property. Giese had thought the spring and an old road which could be used to service the area was on city property. Murray, however, said both were outside the city park. He added that the city property line should be staked this week.

Another suggestion for storm drainage was to provide a channel to the existing stream bed. Murray was opposed to the idea, it would be, "esthetically a disaster, and take too many trees," he felt. He also worried about its effect on the underground spring which is three feet below the sur-

See INDIAN SPRINGS p. 4

Girl Attacked at Lake

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt Police are seeking information concerning a suspect involved in an alleged attack on a 15-year old girl. The incident occurred Sunday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. near the highrise building off Lakecrest Drive where the lake path enters the woods at the south end of the lake.

Wearing a gray jogging suit and a gray knit cap, the suspect grabbed the girl. According to police, he approached her from behind saying "Come with me," and tried to lead her into the woods by yoking her with a bandanna. The victim, however, who was armed with a knife, tried to pull away. In the struggle the man was stabbed twice and the girl suffered superficial cuts.

The assailant is described by police as a white male, about 5' 10", of medium build and with shoulder length fluffy, blond hair.

Persons with information about this incident are asked to call the Police Department at 474-7200 and speak to Detective Corporal Ernest Brumley. All information will be kept confidential.

Police caution persons not to walk alone in isolated parts of the city, especially after dark.

Roosevelt Student Stabbed In Robbery Outside School

by Elaine Skolnik

A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth, a resident of Springhill Lake, is in serious condition following a stabbing Tuesday, December 9, in a robbery attempt outside Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. The incident, which occurred shortly after 11 a.m., took place just after the youth had met his mother in the school parking lot next to the gymnasium. She had brought him money to order his class ring.

As her car pulled away, two black adult males, non-students, engaged the youth in casual conversation. Then they demanded that he turn over to them a 35 mm. camera he held in his hand. When the student refused, one of the suspects pulled out a small-caliber handgun. The student yelled for help. There was a struggle, and one of the suspects pulled out a knife and stabbed the student several times in the shoulder, according to Community Relations Officer Charles Watkins.

Students, hearing the youth's cries for help, ran to his assistance, and others ran into the school to notify school officials, who called the Greenbelt Rescue Squad. The youth was transported to Doctors Hospital. He was reported in serious condition on Wednesday night.

Members of the Greenbelt Police Dept. raced to the scene as soon as the call came in from the school. State Police also responded. Greenbelt police immediately secured the scene of the crime and a search for the suspects began. (By Tuesday night they had not been apprehended.) Student witnesses were interviewed and the Greenbriar neighborhood was canvassed. The impression of those who witnessed the crime was that the attackers were adult non-students.

Detective Corporal Ernest Brumley is in charge of the investigation, assisted by Corporal Tom Ceccarelli.

(News Review staff reporter Virginia Beauchamp also contributed to this article.)

Baltimore Symphony Concert In Greenbelt January 6

by Al Herling

The famed Baltimore Symphony Orchestra under the direction of its Music Director, Maestro Sergiu Comissiona, will be heard in concert at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Jan. 6, 1981 at 8 p.m.

The appearance of the Baltimore Symphony on Jan. 6 is a presentation of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc. in association with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. The program is funded in part by the Bell System as part of its "American Orchestras on Tour" program.

Because of the funding, tickets are being offered to the public at an exceptionally low price and should assure a full house for this cultural event. The coming of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to Greenbelt is a feather in the cap of the one-year-old Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center and a compliment to the city of Greenbelt, its people and the residents of Prince Georges County.

Maestro Comissiona has selected a program to please the expected mixed audience of seasoned symphony concert goers and those who may be experiencing a symphonic program live for the first time: Chabrier's *Espana* and Ravel's *Pavane* and *Symphonie Espagnole* will constitute the first half of the program. The second half will be devoted to Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8 in G Major*.

Maestro Comissiona, Music Director and Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra since 1969, has raised the orchestra to

top-10 status among symphony orchestras in the U.S. The Rumanian-born conductor, now an American citizen, became the principal conductor of the Rumanian State Ensemble at the age of 19. In 1959, he was appointed permanent Conductor of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Israel. He has also held permanent conducting positions in Sweden and Ireland.

The Maestro is one of the most eagerly sought-after personalities in the international circuit, whose guest conducting appearances in North America alone have included almost every major orchestra. The Baltimore Symphony will be on tour in Europe and Scandinavia in 1981. In 1979, the Baltimore Symphony won the prestigious Swedish Gramophone Prize under Comissiona's direction.

A reception for Maestro Comissiona following the concert will raise funds for the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center. Invitations to the reception will be mailed shortly. Contributions for the reception are tax deductible.

Tickets for the concert are now available at Twin Pines Savings and Loan in Greenbelt Shopping Center Monday through Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. or by calling 474-4621.

Play Auditions Dec. 15-16

Auditions for *Wait Until Dark*, a suspenseful mystery thriller, will be held Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway Rd. Casting will be for four men, one woman, and a girl between the ages of nine and thirteen.

The performance of the play will be the last three weekends in March, Fridays-Sundays. For information call Angela Schreiber at 345-3916.

Center School Potluck

There will be a pot luck dinner at Center School on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Families should bring a dish to feed 8. Call Bev Colvin at 441-8822 for more information. The "Secret Shop" will be open at 6:30 p.m. for children to come early and shop for gifts for family and friends.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

A White Elephant Sale will be held at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road, Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited.



ATTENTION
GHI
MEMBERS

Special Membership Meeting Announced
For December 17th

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CANCELLED

Meeting Will Be Re-Scheduled For January
Members Will Be Notified Next Month

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Blowing Hot and Cold

Remember the old fable about the man who blew both hot and cold with the same breath? He breathed on his fingers to warm them on a cold day, and then blew on his soup to cool it. This legendary figure came to mind when we were puzzling over positions taken by some Greenbelt citizens on two recent proposals to develop vacant land at the city's northern boundary.

One sparked a successful effort by Citizens for Greenbelt and nearby neighbors to fight for the concept that Parcels 3 and 4 should be developed with single family homes on large lots — thus saving as much as possible of the natural green beauty of the woodlands. The persistence of these citizens in holding out for large lots and the equal determination of city council not to capitulate to the District Council's efforts to compromise on smaller lots deserve commendation. Both were rewarded when the District Council tilted Greenbelt's way by settling for single family houses on quarter-acre lots.

Unaccountable Attitude

But if the principle of preserving this last undeveloped acreage in the North End for single-family homes is the one everyone supported, then the attitude of some of these same citizens at the Nov. 17 special hearing on the Ridge Road Special Assessment Ordinance seems to us unaccountable. This involved eight families who are starting to build homes on two small parcels also in the North End. Mostly Greenbelt Homes members, they are cooperatively sharing the problems of obtaining larger homes within the community which they have contributed to and love; and they are building on larger lots to save trees, which will disturb the rural green belt as little as possible. Their cooperative endeavor in fact repeats a strong Greenbelt tradition of the '50's and '60's. At that time GHI families joined in cooperatives to purchase land for the residences later built along Lakeside Drive and in the Northway-Woodland Way development.

Greenbelt law requires that when a new house is built, the roadway in front of that house must be improved and curbs, sidewalks, and other appurtenances of suburban life must be added, all in order to meet minimum standards set by the city, and with all such work to be paid for by the builder.

The Greenbelt City Council, after hearing almost four hours of citizen thoughts on the subject, decided it was in the best interest of the city and its residents to enact a special assessment ordinance to assure that the roadway and related improvements adjacent to these eight homes will be done in an orderly and timely manner, fully meeting city standards. The ordinance also assures that the adjoining property owners will each pay their full share of the improvement costs, including interest charges, over a period of 15 years.

Collective Judgment

Although introduction of this ordinance brought forth an unexpected display of public acrimony, the council, after hearing all the public arguments, made a collective judgment and passed the ordinance. We think their reasoning was sound. By their vote council reaffirmed the city's long-time commitment, whenever possible, to add detached homes with trees, not just more and more townhouses and commercial and highrise buildings.

We have been disturbed by the nature of the protests so vehemently expressed at the hearing — and continuing in the Letters column of this newspaper. Close scrutiny and genuine criticism of proposed land development are certainly necessary and desirable in the long run, as exemplified by the fight for low-density on Parcels 3 and 4. Here, however, what we sense is a regrettable tone of resentment against people who can "afford" to build detached homes and who therefore must be "rich" and surely not deserving of "special favors."

We are pained to see such bitterness among the neighbors of our community. As we see it, the whole community will gain from high quality low-density development of this tract of land and from the street improvements that it requires. Greenbelt citizens, we feel, should applaud, not criticize, council's action.

Mishkan Torah News

Dr. Elaine Hollander, a communications expert, will be the guest speaker Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. Dr. Hollander is a chief spokesperson in the Washington area on the Jewish-Black dialogue.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, there will be a panel discussion on "Holidays Americans Celebrate: Are They Religious or Secular?"

Coffee Hour Starts Sunday

Starting this Sunday, Dec. 14, there will be a winter coffee hour in the Youth Center's Conference Room (next to the business office) from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Drop in and chat with friends and neighbors over a hot cup of coffee or tea. The coffee hour will be ongoing until sometime in the spring.

Baha'i Meeting Fri.

The monthly meeting of the Baha'is of Greenbelt will be held Friday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. at 120 Rosewood. A slide program introducing the Baha'i Faith will be shown.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend — call 474-4090 for more information.



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday,
 December 15, 1980
 8 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 8, 1980
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. An Ordinance to Make an Appropriation in the Greenway Center Special Assessment Fund in the Amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000), for Costs Associated with the Installation of a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road (Maryland Route #193), Thereby Making Total Appropriations for this Fund Amount to \$2,024,000.000
 Second Reading
10. Site Plan - Golden Triangle - Lot 17 Prudential Building Advisory Planning Board Report #239

IV. NEW BUSINESS

11. Acceptance of Streets - Permit #193 Walker Drive and Capitol Drive
12. Amendment to Policy on Post-Entry Training
13. Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.

Joseph C. Edinger

A longtime resident of Greenbelt, Joseph C. Edinger, passed away on November 29 at Prince Georges General Hospital after a long illness. Mr. Edinger resided at 32 B Ridge Road for 28 years. In March of this year, he and his wife, Louise, moved to Green Ridge House. He was a lifetime member of the D.A.V. Chapter 23 and a longtime member of the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Craft Sale at Center School

A Christmas Craft sale will be held by the children in the Hearing Impaired Program at Center School on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Inexpensive tree and package decorations and candles will be available. The public is invited.

Eleanor Roosevelt Concert

Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m., the Eleanor Roosevelt Symphonic Band and Orchestra, Concert Band and Choir will present their Christmas Program featuring music by Leroy Anderson, Rossini and Handel. For more information call Jean Turkiewicz, 474-1047.

"Let the flame of the love of God burn brightly within your radiant hearts"

— Baha'i Writings

Baha'i Faith

PUBLIC MEETING
 — All welcome —
 SLIDE PROGRAM ABOUT THE BAHAI FAITH
 Friday, Dec. 19 * 8:00 p.m.
 120 Rosewood
 more information call 474-4090

Greenbelt Community Church



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

Worship Service 11 A.M.

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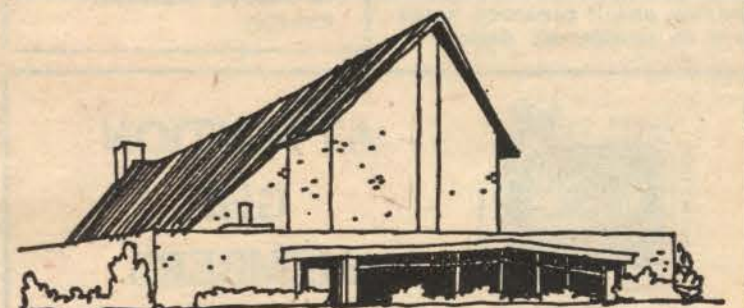
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474-4212

Crescent & Greenhill Roads

Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 am
 Worship Services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
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For bus transportation, call Church office
 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. weekdays.



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6905 Greenbelt Road

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

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

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

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

CORRECTION

The story on the front page of last week's issue entitled "Council Expected to Consider Two Site Plans On Dec. 8" was ascribed to the wrong reporter. The byline should have read Mar-Lyn Weiner. The News Review regrets the error.

PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN CHURCH

3215 Powder Mill Rd.
 12/14 - 9:30 a.m. - Forum
 BENJAMIN CARDIN
 Md. House Speaker
 "Funding Priorities with Limited Resources"
 11 a.m. - Service/Religious Ed.
 A dramatic service
 "Church Family Supper"
 by J.P.D. Women & Rel. Comm.
 937-3666

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

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

THANKS

The family of Joseph C. Edinger wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and their Auxiliary, the D.A.V. Chapter 23, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and our many friends and neighbors that helped us through our bereavement.

Mrs. Joseph Edinger

Open House

To the Editor:

You are invited to an open house tomorrow night (Friday) for Sandra Barnes. The party will be at the home of Charles and Pat Brown at 17-E Ridge, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Why? Because GHI is losing its articulate, perceptive, and persuasive Coordinator of Member Services. This is the person who provided information on GHI to its membership and to the community. This is the person who resolved many problems of individual members, including neighborhood disputes. Sandy handled problems that used to tie up the Manager's time; her efforts improved the quality of life in Greenbelt.

Why does Sandy start a new job downtown in a few days? It is a sad reflection on GHI's Board of Directors that a highly-qualified, very successful employee would be asked to resign. Hard to believe, isn't it! This is the same Sandra Barnes who has been President of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival for the past four years, who is one of the principal Greenbelt News Review staffers, and who has been involved in many other community activities.

So if you can, come on by tomorrow night and say hello—and unfortunate goodbye—to Sandy, a very special Greenbelter.

Charles S. Brown
Patricia B. Brown
Deanne P. Lange
David Lange

In the Public Interest

To the Editor:

I cannot agree with Messrs. Ley, Curtis, James, and Lewis that the special assessment for eight families to build houses on upper Ridge Road is wrong.

These families are going to pay a very large sum for improvements to streets, sidewalks, gutters and such in front of their houses. Instead of having to pay the assessment immediately, presumably by borrowing the money from a bank, they will in effect be borrowing the money from the city and will repay it over a 15-year period with interest. This will not affect the city's financial position adversely. The city will pay for improvements to the street in front of the public park that is adjacent to the new houses.

I am not bothered by this. The city is not granting a special assessment to help these people pay for a private road, or for private sidewalks. The city—not the families—has insisted that there be curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and that the road be widened because these things are in the public interest. These eight families are paying for streets and sidewalks that the entire city will use. We are not going to be expected to walk in the middle of upper Ridge Road as we now have to do on Lakeside and Northway.

The families are expected to pay for street improvements in the public interest, and it is not unreasonable that the city's share of the benefit for all of us be in the form of a special assessment that will cost the city nothing.

Katherine Keene

Letters to the Editor

Interference in Mid-stream
To the Editor:

The letter in last week's News Review signed by six GHI Board members and referring to the purchase by GHI of the Clarke home at 5-C Laurel Hill makes statements about which we as Board members feel obliged to comment.

We are greatly upset at the fact that this matter was dealt with in executive session. We bear some responsibility for having allowed it to be presented in executive session. If it had been dealt with in open session, as it should have been, the action taken would have been clear to the community and the rumors and distortions that have resulted would have been minimized. We feel that when action will impact severely on individuals or small groups, they should be notified of the impending action and invited to attend the Board meeting. The Board has the duty to make decisions, but also has the responsibility to listen first to the people it is elected to serve, and to obtain the facts and the opinions of those concerned before coming to a decision.

Secondly, we disagree totally with the main thrust of the letter signed by our fellow Board members—that "the purpose of the motion was to define the policy for future repurchase and rentals of GHI homes . . . it was not intended to be applied retroactively to the former board member." We were at the meeting too, and both our memories and a reading of the recording secretary's account of the motion belie the idea that this was not intended to be retroactive. We certainly voted against it with the idea which seemed quite clear at the time that it was intended to reverse action already taken by the manager.

We do not oppose the change of policy of ceasing to buy back homes in ordinary circumstances. (The manager had, in fact, already made such a change.) We do oppose strongly the interference in mid-stream with a decision that Management had made that was based on previously accepted policy. We were in favor of some change in that policy for the future, but not in the middle of a transaction.

Donald Volk, President
Margaret Hogensen, Secretary
Wayne Williams, Director

Special Privilege
To the Editor:

Recently the Greenbelt City Council passed a special assessment ordinance allowing eight families to use the city's credit to finance required curb and sidewalk improvements. The council suggested that this measure would encourage individuals to develop single-family detached housing within Greenbelt. Yet they refused to pass a general ordinance to that effect, using the lame excuse that a future council might overrule it.

Nor did they view this ordinance as setting a precedent. Instead, they will decide any future petitions for such financial assistance on a case-by-case basis. Far from encouraging individual home developers by defining eligibility criteria, the council can control arbitrarily which applicants may borrow. In the present case the mayor and two members of the city's Advisory Planning Board are among the eight petitioners. Is it any wonder that this ordinance reeks of special privilege? Is it any wonder that there is a feeling "that some people are

getting a larger piece of the cake?"

The applicants claim that road improvements are in the public interest, as though that is sufficient justification for special assessment through city financing. In fact, the road improvements are dictated by city ordinance. Conformance to city ordinance clearly benefits the public, but that is not of itself a sufficient reason to grant municipal financing to private individuals.

If the city council does indeed wish to support the principle of granting loans for street improvements, they should pass an ordinance defining general eligibility criteria for such loans. This would indicate council's support for the principle, while avoiding the taint of special interest legislation. Catering to a special interest group is not in the best interest of the governed.

Richard W. Ley

"None So Blind"
To the Editor:

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A strange myopia seems to afflict GHI Directors Curtis, James and Lewis in their discussing the city's use of special assessments. In the Manager's Notes and in oral remarks of Councilman White and me reference was made to a special assessment of GHI to connect Greenhill and Hillside Roads. Despite this instruction, these gentlemen wrote in last week's News Review, "Earlier special assessments had been used to benefit large community-based organizations such as the Jewish Community Center or commercial businesses which would significantly add to the city's tax base and hence benefit all the city's residents." They succeed in proving again that, "There are none so blind as those who will not see."

Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

Who Is To Pay?

To the Editor:

The question again is, who is to pay for the muleheaded wrong-headedness of the Board of Directors and management of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.?

1) The budget that the board passed includes a \$40,000 contingency item for the National Labor Relations Board case (GHI is charged with violating federal law by firing four employees in an effort to prevent unionization). General manager Ken Kopstein says not all of the \$40,000 will have to be paid out on this case. Maybe, I say, and maybe not. But none of it should have been hazarded, because GHI was just wrong.

If the case is decided against GHI (the hearing is next September), we will have to pay to each fired employee (including those since rehired) their net wage loss plus interest. Whichever way the decision goes, and besides that liability, the GHI Board authorized payment to one Atlanta union-busting firm at \$500 a day and to a Pittsburgh union-busting firm (the one handling the NLRB case) at \$75 an hour, or so we were told. There'll probably also be airfares, hotels, printing of briefs, etc., to pay.

I urged the Board to delete the \$40,000 item, sack the union-busters, and instruct Kopstein to settle the case now and negotiate in good faith with the union. The Board ignored my suggestion. \$40,000 is \$25 per GHI member per year (over \$2 per monthly payment). It also is \$800 per each GHI employee (white- and blue-collar). We could cut the budget by part of this \$40,000 and give better raises to our employees than the 8% (less-than-the-inflation rate) raise the Board voted. What happens when the union comes in anyway and negotiates raises for its unit (blue-collars)

atop the 8%, and we still have the union-busters and the back-pay to shell out for? But the Board prefers to go Kopstein's route—union-busting, if they can.

2) On Monday, Nov. 24, the staff of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission briefed the Commission on findings by a National Cancer Institute panel of scientists. The scientific panel upheld a previous finding that cancer may be caused by chronic exposure to urea formaldehyde such as that coming from UF foam insulation.

When a previous board, led by board member Ed James, last June decided to permit members to have foam insulation installed (he and the then Board member Bobbi McCarthy wanted to install it) several GHI members, Kopstein and the GHI lawyer warned against it—but the board voted to do so. After other members and I raised more "ned" about it, the present board voted to permit installation of UF foam insulation but not urethane foam. So some of us raised more "ned," and finally board member Curtis moved to suspend the permission to install UF—not on sensible health grounds but because the installation price had gone up so much no one was using it!

Our bright board had voted to make people who install UF sign waivers that they would not sue GHI if harmed by it, but didn't vote to protect people living next door or people who'll move into UF-spoiled homes. So now we can (a) be sued by those who didn't sign waivers and (b) be stuck for vacancy losses on any houses made unsaleable by bad UF foam insulation. These board people aren't prudent; they knew, when they voted permission to install, that government investigation of UF was going on and why, but, as Ed James said, it hadn't yet been banned.

Who is to pay? GHI members will have to, until we get better board and management.

Mat Amberg

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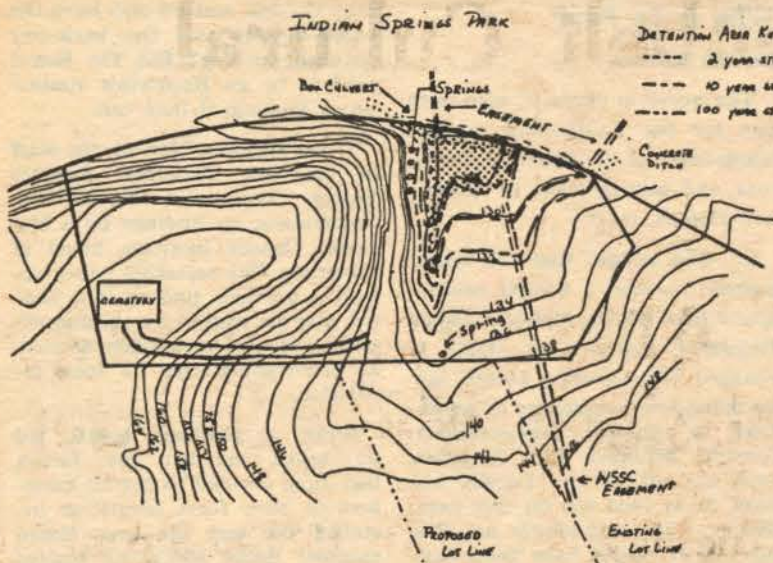
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face surrounded by clay. Citizen Bill Wilkerson asked about a storm retention basin. Murray stated that it creates other problems and "sometimes the cure is worse than the disease." Over twelve acres, 85% of which will be hard surfaced, will drain towards the city park from this site. "I have to be sure that every effort has been made to minimize the impact on the park," said Councilman Thomas White. He expressed concern about a 42 inch pipe emptying into the flume with Beltway run-off and together running into the 48 inch pipe under the road. Wilkerson wondered about the resulting increased rate of flow on the other side of the Beltway. Schwan guessed that Murray's proposal was the appropriate method. But Mayor Gil Weidenfeld summarized council's feelings, "Council is reluctant to approve without more input from staff."

Prudential plans to drain storm water from the proposed 12-acre site (lot 17) into a 42" underground pipe. Where the pipe would cross the Indian Springs Park, an easement from the city would be needed adjoining and to the west of the WSSC easement. Some ponding is expected in the dotted area.

Republican Club Buffet

The Prince Georges County Republican Club will hold a holiday buffet at Greenbrier Club House on Friday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. After the buffet a special music program by the Aloha Serenaders will be presented from 8-10 p.m. All are welcome. RSVP by Dec. 13. For more information call 262-7657.

After the holiday season the Republican Club will hold a registration drive.

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A Renaissance madrigal group, "Musikanten" from the Washington Oratorical Society will give a Christmas concert on Saturday in authentic Renaissance costumes.

Winners in School Contest

Heather Hart received a portable radio cassette recorder for earning 55 points in Center School's flower bulb and decorator tin sale. Two RCA television sets were presented to the two families earning the most points. Cherretha and Venise Jackson received one set and Danyell Allen and Adrian Wright received the second set.

The Greenbelt Center "Tote" bag will be distributed to 74 students and 73 others will receive the "Crazy Stretch" for earning at least five points.

New Coordinating Agency Has Service for Sale

by Mar-Lyn Weiner

Do you need someone to train your dog, deliver balloons to your door, cater your next party? CME - Collegiate Manpower Emporium - is a new temporary agency that offers an alphabet of services ranging from artists to yardworkers, babysitters to woodcutters, cooks to piano tuners, with a couple of jugglers balancing in between.

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Greenbelters will receive rosters providing a list of the various services offered. To request a service, dial 279-9594. Two days' advance notice is recommended.

La Leche Meeting

The Greenbelt La Leche League will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. at 6162 Springhill Terr., No. 102. The topics will be weaning and family nutrition. For more information call 345-2670.

Golden Age Club

On Nov. 26, at the Youth Center, 108 of Greenbelt's Golden Age Club members were the recipients of a turkey dinner. The meal was prepared by Marie's Catering of Greenbelt and was served by the women of St. Hugh's. To top off the meal, the Greenbelt Jaycees donated pumpkin pies.

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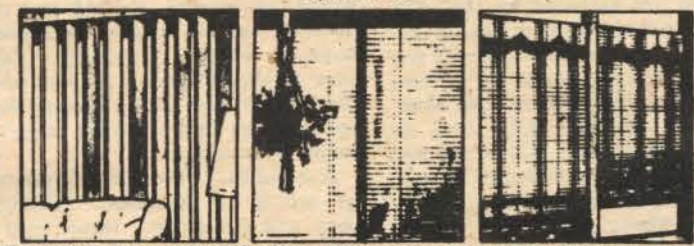
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Police Blotter

Crimes are increasing, which is usual for this time of year. Residents are cautioned to keep gifts out of sight in parked vehicles, and to report suspicious persons in their areas. As a reminder, the Greenbelt Police Department's emergency number is 474-5454. The nonemergency number is 474-7200.

A shoplifting suspect was arrested at Marshall's Department Store and charged with taking a \$40 pair of shoes.

Officers O'Neil and Love arrested two juveniles for stealing recording tapes from a parked vehicle in Springhill Lake.

A mobile electronic generator was stolen from the parking lot of the new Greenway Shopping Center. Some shrubs and trees were also stolen, but Officer Craddock arrested a suspect and recovered four of the trees.

Officers Blake, O'Neil and Lynn arrested two suspects after a short chase which took place after the suspects assaulted an employee of the A&P store in the Beltway Plaza. The suspects were charged with destruction of private property, assault and appropriate traffic charges.

Redistricting Sought by Democrats

The Democratic Central Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton City Hall, 8511 Legation Road.

The hearing will give interested persons a chance to make application for selection to the County Council Redistricting Committee. Under the Prince Georges County Charter, the Redistricting Committee will be chosen by the County Council. The County Council will select two persons from a list of five submitted by the Democratic Central Committee, two from a list forwarded by the Republican Central Committee and one additional individual so that there will be a total of five persons serving on the Redistricting Committee.

All interested persons can call 552-1188 for further information.

Recreation Review

Men's Basketball League
Slots are filling up fast with only a few spaces left for the Men's Franchised Basketball League. Brochures, with League information, may be obtained at the Youth Center Business Office, weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For additional information, call the Recreation Department, weekdays, 474-6878.

Holiday Band Concert
Under the direction of John DelHomme, the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County will be performing at the Youth Center, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Come enjoy an afternoon of traditional holiday music. Featured will be Charlotte Kaminski, soprano, and the Benjamin Stoddard Middle School Chorus, directed by Lita Ellis.

Turkey Bowl Champions
The Men's and Women's Thanksgiving Football Tournament Championship games were held Thanksgiving morning on Braden Field. Winner in the Men's Touch was F.C.S. who defeated last year's champion Enterprise Carpets. The F.C.S. team kicked a field goal in the last 10 seconds for a 30-28 victory. In the Women's Flag Football championship, Waldenbooks defeated Buck Distributors, 210.

At the Library

Resume Writing Part II will be offered at the Greenbelt Library Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. This session, to critique resumes, will be presented by Career Counselors from New Alternatives and the Career Counseling Center for Women.

Exhibits at the Greenbelt Library during the month of December are: Japanese Dolls - Carolyn Estridge, Fairfax, Va.; Photography - Glenn E. Thompson, Temple Hills; Stained Glass Lamps - Douglas Swetnam, College Park; and Holiday Display - Children's Librarians, Greenbelt Library.

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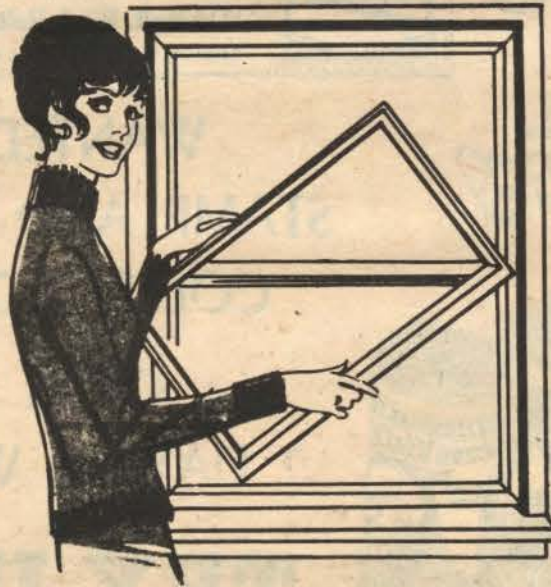
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Poinsettias will also be on sale through December 17. For more information call 441-2662 after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All proceeds will benefit the senior class.

The senior class will hold a party on Dec. 19 for senior citizens at Emerson House in Bladensburg. The class would appreciate donations and table games for the party. Call 441-2662.

Democratic Club Notes

by Tom White

The next meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, at the Greenbriar Community Building.

The officers for 1981 will be installed officially, and a Holiday reception will follow the installation ceremony.

Elected to serve the club for the next year were: Tony McCarthy, President; Jay Davis, John Brunner, Pat Unger, and Ray McCawley, Vice-Presidents; Jeff Gallagher, Treasurer; Edith Beauchamp, Recording Secretary; Muriel Weidenfeld, Corresponding Secretary; and Dick French, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Club members are reminded to remit their dues for the coming year.

Our Neighbors

Jeff Nisenoff of Edmonston Rd. received the "Outstanding Legislator" award for 1980. Jeff, who is in the Student Government Association at the University of Maryland, is majoring in accounting.

Congratulations to Fran and Joe Lakey on the birth of their son Joseph Wiley Francis. Joseph was born December 6 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs. He joins his sisters Kelly and Jennifer. His maternal grandmother is Eileen Hensel, who resides at 58M Crescent Road. His Uncle Richard and Aunt Irene and six cousins live at 6 Orange Court.

Alan and Robyn Feinberg of 7E Ridge welcome a new daughter, Adriana, who was born December 2 weighing 7 lbs. 1 1/2 ozs. She joins her 3 year old sister Jennifer.

Our deepest sympathy to Louise Edinger on the death of her husband, Joseph Edinger.

Senior Fitness Program

For the past few years there has existed a physical fitness program in Greenbelt for those Seniors residing here who wish to take advantage of it. This program is sponsored by the Department of Aging in Prince Georges County.

Rose Haber of 1G Westway Road is a trained volunteer of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) who leads Seniors in exercises tailored to their needs and capabilities. They meet each Monday morning from 10 to 11 in the Greenbelt Youth Center gym. Interested Seniors are invited to join the group.

Fun Runs

There will be 1/4, 1, and 5 mile Fun Runs this Saturday, Dec. 13, at Greenbelt Lake, starting at 9 a.m. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Running Club, these Fun Runs are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, regardless of the weather. Certificates are awarded to all finishers based on the runner's time, age and sex. There are no entry fees or pre-registration required. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.



Although the grand opening celebration of the new Greenway Shopping Center is slated for early 1981, several stores have already opened their doors and others will be open for business later this month. The first on the scene was Zippers, followed by Kay & Bee Toy and Hobby Shop, Curiosity Shoppe, Greenway Interiors, Linens 'n Things, and Kemp Mill Records. Other stores to open before Christmas include Vacuum Center, Greenway Boutique, Greenway Liquors, and Maternity Warehouse. The new Safeway will open January 4.

The 200,000 square-foot shopping center is located on the Greenbelt East subdivision, south of Greenbelt Road between Hanover Parkway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Some 60 stores are planned for the center. Thirty-eight are already under lease. The Safeway will be the largest store of this chain in the Eastern U.S. Photo by J. Henson

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