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GHI Seeks Council Support for Increase In Revenue Bond Financing for Rehab

by Bill Rowland

Revenue bond financing for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. rehabilitation program has again become a major topic for the city council and for GHI's Board of Directors, management, and members. Council has considered the subject at two successive regular meetings and an intervening work session, and expects to deal further with the matter at its next regular meeting. In February GHI will hold two hearings and a full-scale membership meeting for members to express themselves on the issue. (See box for schedule.)

Mon., Feb. 2, 8 p.m. - Council considers bond ordinance.
Wed., Feb. 11, 8 p.m. North End School - GHI hearing.
Sat., Feb. 14, 10 a.m. Utopia Theater - GHI hearing.
Thurs., Feb. 19, 8 p.m., Center School - GHI membership meeting.

Council members thought they had settled the revenue bond matter last October when they voted to commit the city to issue \$17,500,000 in revenue bonds for GHI rehabilitation. Then on January 5, GHI brought to council an urgent request for a new commitment in place of the earlier one, with the price tag increased by \$3.1 million to \$20,600,000. The GHI directors and management also began preparations to ask for GHI membership approval of the higher figure.

The January 13 council work session provided two hours of information flow from GHI, two

brokerages, and a law firm to the three council members present (Schwan, White and Weidenfeld). Answers about the current revenue bond situation were given both in copious written form and in oral replies to questions.

First Phase

The first phase of the rehabilitation program is being done under a \$6.4 million loan from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A further loan is now being negotiated by GHI to provide the remainder of the construction financing. The Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA) has agreed to provide both a short-term interim loan (at 9 percent interest) and a long-term bond issue for this purpose. However, GHI finds itself faced with conditions that must be met before the proposed financing becomes a reality:

1. GHI must borrow enough additional money to establish two contingency funds required by CDA because GHI is serving as its own general contractor for the rehabilitation program. One fund of over \$2.3 million (20 percent of the construction cost estimate) is to cover any unanticipated increases in construction costs. This amount will be a part of the bond issue total.

The second fund of \$4.5 million, to be borrowed from the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, would cover any possible costs beyond the amounts provided by CDA and HUD, and would assure CDA that GHI would be able to complete the rehabilitation program.

GHI General Manager Ken Kopstein told the council that he estimates no more than 10 percent

of the two contingency funds would actually be used. He noted that unless money is actually spent from the funds, the cost to GHI of having had the funds available would be "minor."

2. GHI must also cover costs related to the issuance of the revenue bonds, estimated at close to \$863,000; and must provide bond issue reserves of over \$3 million. The bond issue reserves would only become a GHI obligation if GHI were to fail to make normal payments on the revenue bonds over their expected 20 to 22 year term.

The GHI membership will be asked in February to reaffirm its previous approval of borrowing by GHI for rehabilitation of an amount in excess of \$14 million, and then to approve the additional amounts for the two contingency funds, the bond issuance costs, and the bond issue reserves. Further, the members will be asked to approve still more borrowing of almost \$1.2 million to be used for additional construction items to be included in the rehabilitation program. Most of this extra work will be roof ventilation systems for the brick homes, repairs to frame home additions, and replacement of water mains and installation of individual water meters for the frame homes.

GHI members are to be given full written explanations of the additional costs, including detailed charts showing what monthly charges per home through 1985 would be after rehabilitation, with the amounts based on revenue bond interest rates ranging from 10 percent to 15 percent. Although the bond market is highly unsettled, the hoped-for interest rate is
See COUNCIL, page 5, col. 1

North End School Closing Not Opposed by Greenbelt School Study Committee

by Leta Mach

A dozen individuals met Sunday evening, January 11 under the auspices of the Greenbelt School Study Committee and decided not to oppose the Board of Education plan to close North End Elementary school next year and consolidate it with Greenbelt Center School. Instead the committee will ask for such concessions as rehabilitation for Center School, a full-time counselor for the school, safety provisions for students walking to Center School, and a choice for present North End fifth grade students so that they need not attend five different schools in five consecutive years.

School Board member Lesley Kreimer and the principals of both schools were present and answered questions. Howard Savage, Greenbelt School Study Committee Chairman, began the meeting by recalling a similar

session several years ago on a proposal to close North End. Although that plan was defeated, he stated that committee members realized North End was a difficult school to keep open because of its location on the periphery of the school area and its small enrollment. Savage felt those outside the North End School district should remain neutral and support the feelings of North End parents. Accordingly, he asked for the views of those present.

North End Parents

North End parent, Jean Smith said, "I want to see the kids stay in Greenbelt." As the parent of a fifth grader she was upset that these students would attend North End this year, then Center, Mary Bethune Greenbelt Junior High, and finally Eleanor Roosevelt as ninth graders. Kreimer said she would propose that North End fifth graders could transfer to Greenbelt Junior High a year sooner if they desired. Another North End parent, Eva Choper, also expressed concern about the

North End fifth graders attending so many schools. The safety of students walking to Center was

MEETING

The School Board will hold informational meetings on the proposed plan. Greenbelt North End will be discussed on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in High Point High School.

another concern. Others wondered whether transportation would be provided. Mark Rudy, more concerned about safety than distance, suggested an adult crossing guard for Crescent Road in the vicinity of St. Hugh's.

At the end of the meeting a subcommittee was established to study the safety question. The committee, which met a week later to review facts, figures, and distances, recommended that an adult crossing guard be provided at Crescent Road. Bus transportation will not be requested as the longest walking distance is about a mile. City Manager James Giese told the News Review that
See SCHOOL CLOSING, p. 8, c. 1

PETITION DRIVE IS ORGANIZING TO SUPPORT METRO E ROUTE

by Elaine Skolnik

"Greenbelt wants Metro at the earliest possible date." This is the message that Greenbelt citizens and the City Council are sending the Prince Georges County Council. Greenbelters want the County Council to approve the planned alignment without further delay, with or without the two alternatives that require minor adjustments in the route. In March the County Council must decide whether to approve the proposed alignment for which engineering and environmental impact studies have already been completed or to recommend the studying of other possible alignments.

Any major shift to another alignment, such as is desired by University Park, would require further evaluation, environmental impact statements, and public hearings. Such action and the ensuing delay would increase construction and planning costs. It would also cause the loss of the "E" route for the foreseeable future (or, according to a Metro official, perhaps permanently).

"It is truly ironic that the 'E' line was originally scheduled for completion in 1979. Ten years is enough time to allow for timid decision making! It is time for the County Council to take the necessary actions to move ahead so that it may be completed in this decade," said Jeff Gallagher. Gallagher is spearheading a Greenbelt area petition drive that urges the county to get the stalled "E" line moving. He pointed out that "while we have been wasting time (by a series of restudies and a lot of second guessing) Metro progresses in other parts of the county and other local jurisdictions."

Similarly the Greenbelt City Council has been pressing the County Council to "oppose any efforts to change the alignment or to cause delay in construction." In separate letters to County Council Chairman Parris Glendening and Councilman Frank Casula, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld wrote on behalf of the city: "The alignment of the E route has been studied time and time again. It is not possible to build Metro without adversely impacting upon some county residents. All the studies we have seen

indicate that the proposed alignment provides the least impact upon adjacent properties. A major shift in the alignment will not eliminate opposition but only change the source of opposition. It will also result in increased operating and construction costs."

For many years University Park fought to divert the planned alignment so that it would not cut through their community. In an effort to reduce U. Park concerns, the present Metro plan does not call for any loss of homes. Relocations of households during the time of construction have been reduced from 16 to five.

The current plan calls for the Greenbelt branch to begin at the existing Fort Totten station in Northeast Washington and to end at the terminal in Greenbelt on the Springhill Lake industrial tract. New stations would be located along the line at Chillum, Prince Georges Plaza and College Park. Trains are expected to start running to Greenbelt in 1989 under the proposed plan.

PETITION DRIVE

Persons wishing to sign or carry petitions urging the County Council to approve the proposed alignment may call Jeff Gallagher, 345-8632 (home) or 279-4644 (office).

Former Greenbelter Celebrates 90th Birthday

by Blanche Lee

December 31 was a special day for former Greenbelter, Anna Stepura, who has been living at Manor Care-Adelphi Nursing Home at Adelphi the past several years. It was her 90th birthday and good friend Mildred Hieber decided this special occasion called for a party. Anna's old friends were contacted and those attending the party from Greenbelt were: Marjorie Bergmann, Eileen Labukas, Betty Jo and Kathy Labukas, Dorothy Davis, Gary Davis, Cecelia Hanyok, Grace Birchard, Beatrice Hartman, Bertha Boushell, Blanche Lee, and hostess Mildred Hieber. Other guests included patients and nurses at Manor-Care — about 50 in all. Refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

It was a happy day for Anna and, although she is confined to a wheel chair, she looked fine and greeted her guests with a smile and some tears. Three of the guests, Betty Jo and Kathy Labukas and Gary Davis remembered her as their babysitter way back when. Anna Stepura is a Charter member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, and a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church. She is wished many more happy returns.

WHAT GOES ON

Tues., Jan. 27, 8 p.m. Lake-Park Master Plan Work Session, Municipal Building
Wed., Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Informational Meeting - North End Closing, High Point High School

Fundraisers Set For Joe Michiline

Two organizations have come forward to help the Greenbelt Jaycees' "Joe Michiline Fund," set up to send Michiline to the Deaf Olympics in West Germany. The Greenbelt Democratic Club will hold a benefit social for Michiline on Friday, Feb. 27, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Greenbriar Community House. There will be music and dancing at the affair (BYOB). For tickets, call 262-6000 (during the day) or J. Davis, 345-3243.

The Windsor Green Homeowners Association also is planning a fundraiser for Michiline, with details to be announced later.

Expenses for each athlete amount to \$4000 and must be raised by March. Rich Barber of the Jaycees reports that about \$500 of the total for Michiline has been raised. Contributions are tax deductible and should be made out to Joe Michiline Fund and sent to Greenbelt Jaycees, P.O. Box 302, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. The Jaycees have asked that those who want to help in fundraising contact Rick Barber at 474-5700 (day) or Larry Noel at 474-9362.

On Jan. 19 Michiline was formally inducted into the Greenbelt Jaycees by state Jaycee President Bruce Hall. Michiline was helped in his induction by a member from Waldorf who used sign language.

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Not Facing the Issue

To the Editor:
 The annual greetings translating the GHI budget into individual monthly charges reached members during the holidays. As in the past the board had little or no control over most of the cost for operating the Corporation (oil, taxes, insurance, loan payments, utilities, etc.). However, instead of facing the issue, the board used a questionable technicality to avoid asking membership approval for an increase of more than 10%. Estimating that electric heat will be installed during the summer of 1981, the board budgeted heating at about 55% of the 1980 cost for heat. This should pay for heat and hot water until sometime in the summer, but the charges are being spread over the entire year. Thus, if all goes as scheduled, next fall members will begin paying for heat and hot water in their electric bill while continuing to pay GHI for oil burned in the earlier part of the year. The question of how heating costs will be paid if the installation of electric heat is delayed has not been addressed.

James W. Smith

Mishkan Torah News

The Mishkan Torah Congregation will hold a community-wide "Mordechai Kaplan Centennial Symposium" on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. A dialogue will be presented on Reconstructionism, its past, present and future contributions to Jewish living and thinking.

Participants will be Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, president of the Reconstructionist College; Rabbi Ludwig Nadelman, president of the Reconstructionist Foundation; and David Teutsch, Director of the Foundation's Special Projects. Interested persons are invited.

Retirement Party Honors Zoellner

Greenbelt Police Lt. Marshall ("Bud") Zoellner, who is retiring February 1 after 27 years of service with the Department, will be honored at a Retirement Dinner and Dance at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 on January 31. The affair, which is being co-hosted by the city of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt branch of the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A limited number of tickets are available for sale at the Greenbelt Police Station

Golden Age Officers

Installation of Golden Age Club Officers for 1981 was held at the Youth Center Jan. 7. Sworn in were Robert Dove, president; Florence Holly, first vice president; Henry Buese, second vice president and treasurer; Betty Petroff, recording secretary and Olga Mae Delle, corresponding secretary.

THANKS

To the Editor:

May I, through your columns take this opportunity to thank all who helped to make the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center's presentation of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra such a resounding success?

The enthusiastic support of the event by the many people who sold tickets, the extraordinary support by the City Council, the City Manager and his associates, the cooperation of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, and not least, the consistent willingness of the News Review to remind the people of Greenbelt of the forthcoming event — all contributed to the success of the evening. The presence of a packed house is an important element in the musical success of an orchestra because it provides the members of the orchestra and the conductor with the necessary "chemical" element so basic to performance success.

And we should be ever mindful that without the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center it would have been impossible to bring this outstanding cultural event to Greenbelt.

All those who helped can take credit for a remarkable evening and those who purchased tickets and were present are equally entitled to a share in the credit.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, I wish to extend the thanks of both organizations for the wonderful community support. Long may it continue.

Albert K. Herling

Evening School Registration

Registration for Evening High School courses offered by the Prince Georges County Public Schools will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Northwestern Senior High and Thursday, Jan. 29, at DuVal Senior High.

Evening High School classes will begin Monday, February 2 and will continue to June 11. Each course is offered twice a week for two hours. Catalogs are available in schools and libraries.

McGEE-ROBIN

Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, 7-D Hillside Rd., announce the marriage of their daughter Kathleen to Walter Robin, son of Mrs. Ruth Greig of Rockville. The ceremony took place on December 27 at the Community Church of New York City. The bride, who was born and grew up in Greenbelt, and the groom are residents of Los Angeles.

Republican's Meet

The Prince Georges County Republican Club will meet Monday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. on the second floor of the Greenbriar Club House, located at the corner of Greenbelt Rd. and Hanover Parkway. John B. Burcham, Commissioner of the Park and Planning Commission, will speak on "The Need for Greater Involvement." Instructions about the voter registration drive will be given. All are welcome.

An optional buffet dinner will be held from 6:30 until 9 p.m. For dinner reservations, call 262-7657 by Jan. 23.

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Citizens interested in contacting their representatives of the 24th Legislative District to the Maryland General Assembly can telephone them as follows: Sen. Edward Conroy at 858-3578 and Del. Gerard Devlin, Del. Joan Pitkin, and Del. Charles Ryan all at 858-3098.

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Jaycees Announce Xmas Lighting Contest Winners

The Greenbelt Jaycees have selected the winners in the Christmas lighting contest. There were three categories — GHI homes, free-standing homes, and apartments. The GHI winner was William Souser of 13-E Hillside. The free-standing home winner was at 108 White Birch Court. The apartment winners were: Springhill Lake — 9010 Edmonston Terrace #203; University Square — 217 Lakeside Dr., Pat Gainor; Glen Oaks — 7501 Mandan Rd. #104.

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New Windows Installed

For the first time in GHI, new vinyl sliding windows with mullions (dividers) were installed at 1-F Southway. The Aero seal windows have mullions in proportions as close as possible to the original casement windows. Interested persons are welcome to see the new windows.

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Fri., Jan. 23 8 p.m. Services

Sat., Jan. 24 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Berger & Rabbi Gary Fink, Reconstructionist Shabbat

8 p.m. "Kaplan Centennial Symposium" Dialogue on

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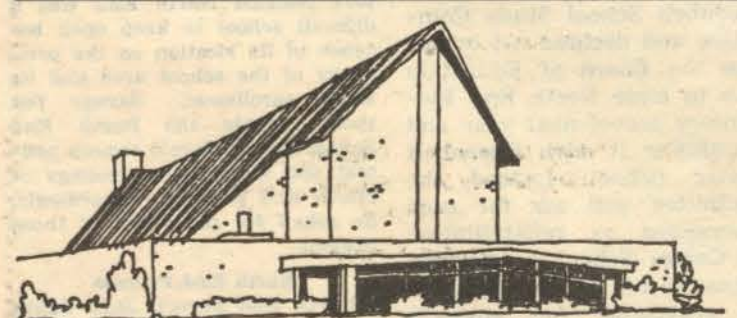


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Rehab Issues Dominate GHI Bd. Meeting

by June Webb

From Carl Conrad's "getting their attention" motion to halt Phase 2 rehab to Al Ginsburg's letter of resignation, communication and the lack of it figured prominently at January 15's Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors meeting. Townhouse refinancing, the establishment of a rehab damage fund, and the choice of an auditor were also accomplished at a meeting which lasted until midnight.

Shortly after the meeting began, Director Carl Conrad called for a moratorium on Phase 2 rehab until all problems occurring under Phase 1 are resolved to the satisfaction of the board and audit committee. The ensuing discussion consumed over two hours, leaving little time to cover the rest of the agenda.

The major argument in favor of the moratorium was that Phase 1 problems should be solved before beginning Phase 2, and the resulting solutions used to develop Phase 2. Those opposed felt that Phase 1 difficulties were the result of insufficient planning, and that shortening the time to plan Phase 2 was not the way to ensure that it proceeded without the same difficulties. Representing management, Tim Mitter said the moratorium would make it difficult for staff to provide the paperwork on Phase 2 required by CDA.

Conrad withdrew the motion, saying that he had achieved his purpose of "getting their attention" about Phase 1 problems. (Full story next week.)

Damage Fund

The board voted to establish a rehab damage fund to reimburse members who had suffered damage as a result of rehab work. The fund would be used in claims where blame was difficult to ascertain. Davis said that the sooner a claim is made after damage is done, the easier it is to

ascertain fault.

Mitter said GHI plans to obtain an infrared camera to help determine how thoroughly the insulation is installed. Davis commented that when empty spaces are found in the walls after insulation has been applied, the contractor is required to return and correct the problem. Davis said that a communications problem exists—that the specifications are based on drawings that are not accurate. The insulating of the walls will continue for 3 to 4 more months.

Ginsburg Quits

President Volk read a letter from Al Ginsburg in which Ginsburg said that he had learned of the board's action to terminate his services as GHI's corporation counsel from a third party, and that he had not been so informed by GHI. Commenting that "common courtesy" would have required GHI to inform him of this action, he stated that he was immediately terminating his position as GHI counsel. He further stated that a GHI director had made a slanderous remark about him at a public meeting, and related his intention to take legal action.

Comptroller McGinn stated that GHI is presently without a broker's license, and therefore cannot sell homes. Tim Mitter replied that the new attorneys were going to obtain a license soon. Former counsel, Al Ginsburg, was the holder of the broker's license. With his departure, GHI no longer has a license.

The first reading of a proposal to authorize the expenditure of five million dollars for 1981 expenses, as called for in the budget, was approved.

The board approved the audit committee's recommendation that Wills' firm be contracted to perform GHI's financial audit.

In response to management's request, board authorized management to borrow funds to refinance two townhouses at 13.75% interest.

The meeting adjourned at mid-

night, to be followed by an executive session.

Two subjects were to be discussed in the executive session—conflict of interest, and procedural questions concerning management.

NOTICE TO TWIN PINES MEMBERS CORRECTION

The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking nominees for four positions on the Board of Directors; three for 3 years and one for two years to fill an unexpired term.

Chorale Rehearses

The Greenbelt-Lanham Chorale is beginning rehearsals for its spring season and has several vacancies for tenors and basses. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings at DuVal High School in Lanham. Please call 459-1336 for more information.

Recreation Review

TEEN SKI TRIP

The first Ski Trip of the year is planned for Monday, January 26. The bus will leave at 4 p.m. sharp from the Youth Center parking lot. Only 35 persons will be able to attend. The trip is for teens 13 or older. For further information, see JoAnn Rowe at the Youth Center, or call 474-6878, 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

ROLLER SKATING

Wednesdays, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., 1st - 3rd Graders; Fridays, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., 4th - 6th Graders. A nominal fee is charged at the door. For further information, call 474-6878.

WINTER COFFEE HOUSE

There is an adult coffee hour on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 at the Youth Center Conference Room.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The girls' 15 and under basketball team now has a 3-1 season. Greenbelt lost to Green Meadows, and won over Lewisdale, Beltsville, and Langley Park.

Fun Runs

Freeze along with the rest of the runners this Saturday, as the semi-monthly Fun Runs continue this winter. The distances will be 1/4, 1, and 2 1/2 miles, starting at 9 a.m. at the Lake. All distances will be run around the lake path unless weather conditions have rendered it hazardous. Runners will meet, instead, in the parking lot. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

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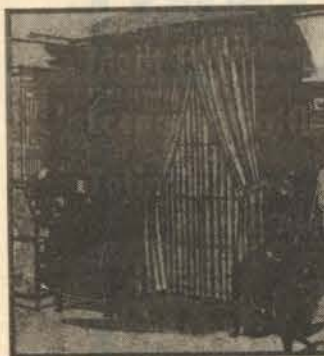
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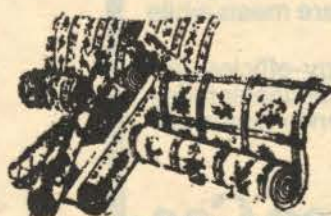
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Sprinkler Causes Damage To Green Ridge House

by Barbara Likowski

On the evening of January 6 the Green Ridge House attic sprinkler system ruptured and caused serious water damage. It was necessary to evacuate eight apartments. Accommodations were found for all residents in Green Ridge House, except for one, who was temporarily located in a motel. By the end of the following day four of the tenants had moved back into their apartments. The resident of the most seriously damaged apartment is out of the city and will be away for some time. That apartment and the neighboring one on the top floor have ceiling damage. Repair work has begun and will also be necessary in apartments now occupied.

From the information available, it appears that the entire sprinkler system was in good operating order except for a "T" cast iron coupling that ruptured. The attic sprinkler system is dry because the attic is not heated. That is, air is in the system instead of water. When the connections broke and let the air out, the water gradually came in through the crack that was created. When the crack became worse, high pressure water gushed out. This automatically set off the fire alarm at the same time. Even though response to the fire alarm was swift, the high pressure of the water combined with the cellulose insulation in the attic made a heavy substance. This fell through the ceilings of the two top floor apartments.

This incident is similar to one which occurred a year ago. According to city manager James Giese, the city was advised then that this was a rare and unusual happening. This advice has been repeated this time. Giese, however, is exploring all avenues to see if something else should be done. The insurance company is checking also. High pressure testing should theoretically have shown any weak link yet another inci-

dent occurred this past weekend. No damage was done this time. It was attributed to the fact that after retesting, the rehooked air compressor pump valve was not fitted properly. When the fitting is loose the pump vibrates or runs all the time and eventually sets off the fire alarm. This happened in the middle of the night and the fire department was again called and the sprinkler system turned off. There was no fault with the sprinkler system this time and no danger — just a bad connection between the air pressure and the pipes. Although there was no safety problem, the incident was upsetting to the residents.

The sprinkler system was turned back on right away and, by January 19, the dry air system in the attic was also working.

One solution might be to put a recording meter device on the air pump. If something begins to leak slowly this would show because the pump would begin to work more often. To be on the safe side all fittings could be replaced, Giese said, but he was not convinced that this is the best route to take. He is worried that poor workmanship in making the changes could result in worse problems than now exist.

"Fourposter" In 2nd Week

by Paula Lipman

The second week of "Fourposter," presented by the Greenbelt Players and Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, will play Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24, at 8:15 p.m. in the Utopia Theater. Actors well known to Greenbelters—Bruce Flesman and Claudia Schreiber—will play the roles of Agnes and Michael in this human comedy about the pitfalls and pleasures of marriage.

Flesman previously starred as John Wheeler in the Utopia's first live drama, "Night Watch." He also charmed audiences with song and dance in the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center's production, "A Ticket to Broadway." He is a speech and drama graduate of Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia, where he played roles in every major production. Greenbelt may soon also have a budding film star, since Flesman will play the King Ape in the film for television, "Beyond the Planet of the Apes."

Claudia Schreiber, daughter-in-law of director Angela Schreiber, impressed audiences with her dramatic ability in the Greenbelt Players one-act play, "Where Have All the Ghosts Gone?" Earlier she was associated with Greenbelt Players, playing major roles in "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "The Heiress."

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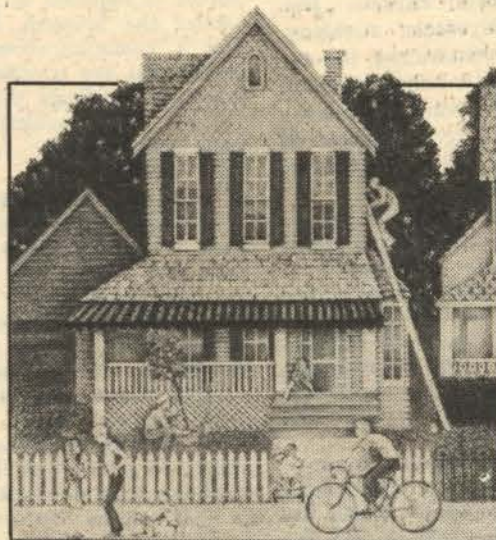
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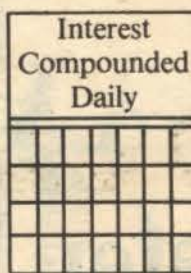
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11 percent. Councilman Charles Schwan urged improvements in the drafts of these written explanations before presentation to the membership, in the interest of full disclosure and full understanding.

Councilman Tom White spoke to "contingency upon contingency upon contingency," and his "overall concern about the escalation of the amount." He asked at what point GHI would have a problem servicing a debt (including the HUD loan) now approaching \$31.5 million. Kopstein emphasized that the basic rehabilitation costs have not changed very much since council gave its earlier bond issue approval, last fall; that heating system and insulation improvements, and replacement of leaking water mains, will save money for GHI members; and that most of the proposed increases in cost of the bond issue are being imposed by CDA. As noted above, Kopstein also expressed his belief that the contingency funds required by CDA should actually result in little extra expense to GHI.

Other Problems

In addition to the foregoing considerations, the bond underwriting firms and bond counsel and the GHI management and Board of Directors have been struggling to resolve a number of other highly complex problems. These include questions such as the following: In the present high-interest bond market, what should be the timing of the bond issue to get the lowest possible interest rate for GHI? What kind of interest rate can be expected? Can GHI get better terms if the City of Greenbelt, rather than CDA, issues the bonds?

City or CDA

The GHI leadership would much prefer to see the bonds issued by the city than by CDA. Their reasoning is that the city probably would not impose such stringent regulatory controls as would CDA, and might be expected to accept less in the way of contingency funds, thus lowering the face value of the bond issue. But Councilman Schwan suggested the city might very well require substantial contingency amounts, and said, "I'd dearly love to see the city not get involved" in the bond issue. Councilman Tom White thought it would be better all around if CDA serves as issuer of the bonds. City Manager James Giese noted that the CDA contingency amounts may represent excessive conservatism, but that CDA does get good ratings on bonds it issues.

Bond counsel William Scott offered the view that CDA might continue at least one very crucial control (having to do with percentages of families in lower income levels) even if the city issues the bonds. Robert Walsh, a co-manager of the underwriting effort, said in writing, "In spite of the higher issuance costs, a bond

issue through CDA could potentially secure a lower interest rate for GHI because of its name and favorable image in the debt markets where the City of Greenbelt, as a new issuer of revenue bonds, would not."

In his written presentation, Walsh noted another problem that might tend to depress the market rating of the bond issue; namely, that to date GHI has been able to obtain mortgage insurance on less than half the value of the basic mortgage loan amount. Walsh said orally in the council work session that for the city to issue an unrated bond issue could be considered "highly speculative" so as to give the city a bad name for any future bond issues the city might try to develop.

Timing of Bond Issue

On the timing of the bond issue, Walsh pointed to the 18-month limit on the interim construction loan granted by CDA, and expressed the hope that interest rates will allow issuance of the bonds this coming spring. He said the aim is not to "play the market" up to the final months of the interim loan, but instead to try for an interest rate of 13 percent or lower as soon as possible and not take a chance of being caught with maybe a 20 percent rate later. (As noted above, GHI members will be given information showing the consequences of interest rates ranging from 10 to 15 percent.)

On another aspect of timing, GHI General Manager Kopstein explained that GHI must reach a final commitment with CDA by February 28. This means that the council must decide at its February 2 regular meeting whether it will agree to possible city issuance of revenue bonds at the new higher dollar figure.

Kopstein and others also pointed out to council the implications of a new federal law controlling the issuance of tax-exempt housing bonds. One requirement of the new law is a yearly dollar limit on the amount of such bonds that may be issued within each state. In Maryland, a half of the total allocation for this dollar limit has

been given to CDA, and the other half is controlled by Governor Hughes. Before the city could issue revenue bonds for GHI rehabilitation, it would have to obtain an allocation from the governor.

Council had the allocation request letter to the governor on its January 19 agenda for action. However, on January 15 a motion was introduced at a GHI board meeting to put a moratorium on planning for Phase II of rehabilitation. Even though the board moratorium motion did not come to a vote, the city council, in what is understood to have been a quiet rebuke to the GHI board, on January 19 voted without discussion or explanation to delay consideration of the allocation request letter until the next regular meeting of council.

At the end of the work session, Councilman Thomas White reflected on the many uncertainties of this proposed bond issue as contrasted to the situation when council was considering and approving the bond issue for Greenway Shopping Center. Observed White, "It's a little different than when we started down the road."

At the Library

Greenbelt residents having trouble with taxes or searching for additional deductions should be aware of the resources available at the Greenbelt Library. In addition to a supply of the standard Federal and Maryland tax forms, the library has several other services. Greenbelter Richard Pilski has donated a full set of the complete and authoritative Prentice-Hall Federal Tax Guide, a systematic organization of the Internal Revenue Code with explanations and cases. The library also has the popular J. K. Lasser's Your Income Tax. Those who need help in filing the Federal Tax Return should take advantage of the free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs scheduled for March 4 and April 8.

GHI NOTES

The Greenbelt Homes staff welcomes three new members:

Member Services Coordinator: Dennis Lewis replaced Sandra Barnes, on December 22. Dennis comes to GHI from the Montgomery County's Department of Family Resources, Division of Children and Youth, and prior to this, served as the Youth Program Coordinator at the Barney Neighborhood House in Washington, D.C. Dennis received his undergraduate degree from James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and is currently completing his Masters in Social Work at the University of Maryland, with a concentration in social strategy.

Sr. Accountant/Assistant Comptroller: Samuel Judd comes to GHI with an M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh with an emphasis in accounting and finance. He also holds a Masters in literature from Louisiana State and a B.A. degree from Washington Jefferson in Washington, Pennsylvania. Sam's most recent experience was with the Professional Turf Corporation where he served as controller. Previous to this, Sam served as a financial analyst with Zenith Audio Division and as a consultant with Pennsylvania small business consultants.

Warehouse Inventory Clerk: John Martin joined GHI in late November as Warehouse Inventory Clerk. John's duties include the receiving and stocking of materials, their issue, and balancing of Perpetual Inventory Card System.

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Rehabilitation Briefs

by Pat Estel, 474-2300

Attic insulation

Because cellulose insulation must be blown below attic floors, workman will enter homes through second floor window with hose. After work is finished, workmen will vacuum up debris in living areas. Members with attic floors may contact the Board of Directors for permission to have insulation blown in through drilled holes which can be plugged. This process increases the cost.

Attic Partitions

Members should keep attic openings unlocked during the time workmen are installing attic partitions. Also, smoke detectors located in hallway ceilings are in danger of being knocked down and broken. They should be removed temporarily.

Windows

Installation of windows should be completed by April. Workmen must enter unit to caulk new windows.

Plumbing

On completion of plumbing work, walls must be left open for inspection by WSSC. (GHI Development Corporation has no control over the inspection schedule). Dry-wall will then be replaced. Any tile will have to be replaced by the member.

screenings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 2 to 4 p.m. at the GHI Office Building on Hamilton Place.

Official Notice

TWIN PINES SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Nominations and Elections Committee of Twin Pines is currently seeking names of persons interested in filing any of the seven elective positions which will be voted upon in the upcoming annual meeting. These positions are:

- Three positions on the Board of Directors for terms of three years and one position for two years to fill an unexpired term;
- Three positions on the Nominations and Elections Committee for terms of two years;
- Three positions on the Member Relations Committee for terms of two years.

Minimum qualifications for all positions are membership in Twin Pines (loan or savings of \$100 or more) and willingness to serve if elected.

Persons who meet these qualifications, or who know of others who meet these qualifications, are asked to inform the Committee in writing at the following address:

Nominations and Elections Committee
Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association
105 Centerway
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Deadline for suggestions for nominations is Thursday, February 12, 1981.

REGARDING PETITIONS

Although it is highly recommended that potential candidates submit their names to the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Bylaws of Twin Pines provide for candidacy by petition. Such petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five members of Twin Pines and must be turned in to the Twin Pines office or to the Secretary of Twin Pines on or before Monday, February 23, 1981.

In addition, items of business can be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting by petition. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifteen members of Twin Pines, must contain an explanatory statement, and must be turned in to the Twin Pines office or to the Secretary of Twin Pines on or before Monday, February 23, 1981.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 8 p.m. The official meeting notice will be published in approximately one month.

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Coming up for the January 28

meeting will be two guest speakers. Mrs. Joyce Schaub, Branch Manager, Landover Social Security Administration, will speak on "Medicare." Mrs. Alberta Soch will discuss Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal and Group contracts for hospitalization. The meeting opens at 12 noon.

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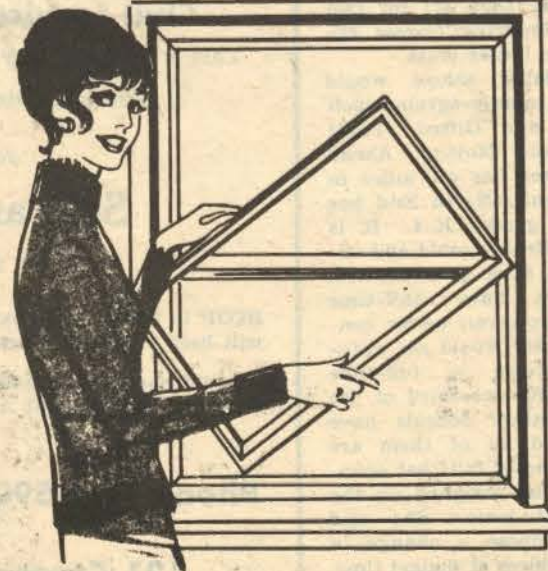
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an underpass for Hillside Road between Laurel Hill and Research Road should be constructed by next fall.

Center School

Ann Rogers, a Center School parent, questioned what the effect would be on Center when it becomes one of the largest elementary schools in the county. Although it is hard to determine, Center school principal John Van Schoonhoven suspected the school's enrollment would be nearer 600 than the 633 projected by county school board staff. North End principal Guinevere Anderson said its enrollment was 296 at present not the 312 used by school staff in its calculations.

Van Schoonhoven said that pupil accounting figured Center capacity on 21 rooms. The school has 24 classrooms, but five of these are used for special programs such as vocal music, hearing impaired, and a special education program that serves several schools. He also noted that there has been discussion of relocating the hearing impaired program. If room allocations remain the same, the school would be crowded, but it is possible that some of these programs could be moved to smaller rooms within the school.

Capital Improvements?

This year a 2 million dollar renovation for Center was dropped from the Capital Improvements Program. Items needing attention are normal wear and tear, plumbing, heating, rewiring and a new gym ceiling. A new roof is supposed to be put on the school this spring. Jean Smith asked if students would need to be removed during renovation. Kreimer said it was possible and that some schools would be warehoused for such events.

Anderson felt that "professionally Greenbelt is better off with one school than two." With specialization a big school is needed, she explained, to economically provide services for children. Currently, the reading teacher and librarian at North End are part-time. It's almost impossible to get substitutes for part-time people, she noted, because substitutes won't usually travel between schools. Although Center has a full-time librarian and reading specialist, the music and physical education instructors are 7/10ths employees. With consolidation, these could become full-time positions.

Consolidation Advantages

Other problems North End has with its small enrollment are several split classes such as a 4-5 and 5-6 combination. This year the school just barely had enough students (more than 32) for two smaller kindergarten classes rather than one larger class.

A consolidated school would still have the same programs such as Talented and Gifted (TAG) and Operation Moving Ahead (OMA). Center has 4½ aides in grades K-3 while North End has 3½ aides in grades K-4. It is possible that Center could add additional aides after consolidation. Both schools have half-time counselors. However, under consolidation Center would not automatically receive a full-time counselor. Only one-third of the county elementary schools have counselors and all of them are half-time. Kreimer felt that counselors should be assigned on the number of students. She said she would propose a change in staffing procedures at budget time. She hoped that class sizes could be lowered if money is saved from consolidation. "Staffing in consolidated schools can be better,

not worse," she said.

The staff at a closing school has priority in moving to another school and can elect to move to the consolidated school if there is an opening. The staff would be based on the number of students. There would be more classes at Center, Van Schoonhoven explained, but the classes could not be larger than specified in the teachers' contract. With adequate staff, discipline should not be a problem, he added. However, scheduling of such things as gym and lunch would be tighter.

Kreimer said that she would work on the committee's concerns. She added that a proposal for all-day kindergarten was before the school board, but money was the question. Kreimer said she would propose a three-hour kindergarten with a half-hour of music and physical education instruction.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Paul Felsher, sophomore at UNC - Wilmington for making the Dean's list during the fall semester.

Virginia Mary Gambrie made the Dean's list at Frostburg State College in Frostburg.

Airman 1st Class John R. Peters, son of Beverly Peters of Parkway, has been named outstanding airman of the month at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. An administration specialist, the airman was selected for professional skill, duty performance and exemplary behavior.

Congratulations to Jackie Wells on receiving her BS degree in biological sciences from the University of Maryland in December. Jackie is leaving in mid-January for a job as lab technician in Ferrara, Italy. She will be traveling in Europe in the summer and return home in the fall to enter law school.

Belated congratulations to Judi Cooper and Mike Miedzinski who were married on December 4, 1980.

Police Blotter

A female resident of Hanover Parkway reported that as she was walking from her parked car to her apartment, late at night, a black male, 18-20 years of age, 6 feet tall and weighing 180 pounds, approached her and, at gunpoint, demanded her purse. She stated that she ran, then tripped. The suspect then took her purse containing \$30 cash and fled from the scene. In the past several months there were similar purse snatching incidents in the evenings.

Last week several breaking and enterings to townhouses on Mandan Road and Mandan Court in Windsor Green were reported. Entry was gained in most cases by prying a window open. Jewelry was reported as the main item stolen.

In one case, when a resident was at home and did not respond to a knock on the door, entry was attempted. However, the resident heard the noise and called the police. The suspect fled prior to the officers' arrival.

As a result of a traffic stop, Officer McGrath placed the operator under arrest when a search of the vehicle revealed a large sum of cash and numbers slips.

Cpl. Ceccarelli charged a local resident, after investigation, with uttering a forged check at Suburban Trust.

A purse-snatching occurred in front of 9006 Breezewood at 8:30 p.m. over the weekend. A black man in his twenties grabbed a woman's purse by cutting the straps with a knife. There was a struggle.

A shoplifting suspect was arrested at Marshall's in the Beltway Plaza and charged with theft. Approximately \$100 in clothing was recovered.

They spent their honeymoon in the Bahamas and are residing in Lakeside North Apartments. Mike is the son of Norma Miedzinski of Greenbelt.

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