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Membership Action on James' Petition Would Be Improper, GHI Attorney Says

by James P. O'Sullivan

At the January 19 meeting of the GHI Board of Directors President Don Volk read a letter from Patrick J. Clancy of Krooth & Altman (counsel for GHI) advising the board on the legality of a recent petition submitted to GHI calling for the membership to vote for the removal of Kenneth Kopstein as General Manager. Clancy advised that if the relevant GHI bylaws were satisfied, the petition would have to be included on the agenda of the special membership meeting now scheduled for March 19. However, Clancy further advised that "... it is illegal for the matter to be considered by the membership and thus must be ruled out of order by the person who presides at the (March) 19th meeting."

According to Clancy, both under Maryland law and pursuant to GHI's own bylaws the power to appoint or remove the General Manager is vested in the Board of Directors. The membership may elect or remove members of the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee. The membership is not authorized to appoint or remove the general manager or other administrative personnel under Clancy's reading of the bylaws. Clancy further advised that removal of an administrative officer by a vote of the membership could subject GHI to liability for breach of an employment contract or for improper termination of services.

At the conclusion of the reading of the letter, board member Ed James disputed the Clancy opinion and indicated that he believed that the bylaws do authorize such action by the member-

ship. James is the author of the petition in question. There was no further discussion of this matter during the public portion of the meeting.

Demonstration Projects

The board gave the green light to several monitoring and demonstration projects proposed by board member Steve Curtis. The board agreed to conduct a monitoring program to determine the actual costs of electric heating. Members living in the 3 rows (18 homes) now converted to electric heat will be asked to participate in a data gathering program. Participation is voluntary. Curtis said that the program could help to dispel some current misimpressions about the high cost of electric heat. However, when Curtis volunteered to conduct the experiment himself, board member Wayne Williams said that he thought that it would be more appropriate for management to take the survey. Williams so moved and picked up the support of board member Margaret Høgenesen on the vote, but board members Curtis, Lewis, James, Conrad and Donaldson voted the motion down, leaving Curtis in charge of the project. Joe Jenkins was absent from the meeting and had advised Volk of his inability to attend because of illness.

A second project (approved by a unanimous board vote) involves conducting two tests to determine the best technique for blowing-in cellulose insulation in frame attics with boarded floors. One method (proposed by Curtis) involves removal of several boards and blowing in the cellulose under sufficient pressure to compress the insulation already there and fill up the air pockets. An alternate method (proposed by management) involves drilling holes in the floorboards and then blowing in the cellulose.

A third Curtis demonstration

project to test the efficiency of polystyrene perimeter insulation to prevent energy losses through the crawl space under the block and brick homes was referred to the staff engineer and an architect for evaluation.

The board also appeared to be favorably disposed to two other See GHI BOARD, page 8, col. 3

"Greenbelt Historic District" Announced

The Maryland Historic Trust has informed the city that the original portions of Greenbelt including city parkland and part of the green belt have been accepted onto the National Register of Historic Places, with designation as the "Greenbelt Historic District." The National Register is a division of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

This historic listing carries with it certain protections at the federal level and in time will help measurably with preservation and protection at the state and local levels. Listing on the National Register makes all property owners eligible to be considered for federal matching grants-in-aid for historic preservation. Listing also affects both the federal tax status of restoration or demolition of National Register structures used for commercial purposes and the state tax status of restoration of all National Register structures.

In a separate but related matter, the Prince Georges county council and the P.G. County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission recently held a public hearing on a proposed preliminary "Historic Sites and Districts Plan."

The proposed plan would amend the county's General Plan. It would recommend that important historic resources proposed for demolition or significant exterior alteration be subjected to a review process for consideration of alternatives. The Plan also recommends the application of various benefits and incentives to encourage private restoration or adaptive re-uses of historic resources.

The Plan identifies 150 important historic sites and two districts to be fully protected under the proposed ordinance, and further identifies 450 potentially important sites which have yet to be evaluated. This secondary category includes a number of sites in the Greenbelt area.

Since Greenbelt sites do not appear on the first list, Greenbelt would not be subject to the proposed ordinance upon its initial adoption. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. had previously expressed concern that the proposed county ordinance, if applied to GHI, could affect the rehabilitation program in an adverse manner.

Council Holds Work Session On Lake Park Master Plan

by Bill Rowland

The Greenbelt city council and city staff have begun work toward a master plan that would guide future development of Greenbelt's Lake Park. In a work session on January 27, City Manager James Giese and Assistant City Manager Dennis Pien-dak presented the staff's recommendations to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and Councilmen Richard Castaldi, Charles Schwan, and Thomas White. The city's advisory boards are to be consulted, and a public hearing is planned, probably within the next two months.

Until now, there has been no master plan for the Lake Park, even though various studies have been made over the years. The most recent guidelines for lake-area development have been city staff recommendations put together in 1971. The master plan, when adopted, will provide an organized way to decide where any funds that become available for park purposes should best be spent.

The city staff recommendations include 25 specific proposals. Council plans to have the proposals made available for public review before the hearing. Some of the more significant recommendations are these:

1. The vehicle entrance to the lake parking lot from Crescent Road should be improved and the entrance made more attractive. Staff study of this aspect is not yet completed, but the city's consulting engineer, John Emler, has in effect recommended that improvements should be made at the present location of the entrance roadway rather than trying to change the location. (The problem of overflow parking at the lake during the warm months is not a part of the current study. Council plans to review that issue before spring.)

2. A bandstand should remain at the present location, but a professionally designed structure should be built in the future.

3. The concession stand should be located at the northwest corner of the lake, built into the hillside. The stand should have restrooms included, and a group picnic shelter either attached or close. The design should include access for the handicapped.

4. The present vehicle service road which passes through the playground northwest of the dam should be replaced by a new service road along the west side of the park. Parking for the handicapped should be provided either at the concession stand or along the service road.

5. A multi-purpose play court should be built at the bay end of the lake. This would not include pre-teen play equipment.

Other recommendations include leaving wooded areas of the park

in their natural state but improving pathways with gravel or stone and adding plantings at several places. A seating area and landscaping are proposed for the peninsula.

Gong Show Feb. 28 To Aid Joe Michiline

The Greenbelt Jaycees are sponsoring Greenbelt Gong Show III, to be held on Saturday, February 28, at 8 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center in Greenbelt with proceeds going toward the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center and the Joe Michiline Fund. Joe is being sponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees for the Deaf Olympics scheduled for July 1981 in West Germany.

Prizes will be awarded for the Best, Second Best, and Most Outstanding acts. All acts will be judged by celebrity judges. The deadline for entering an act is February 18.

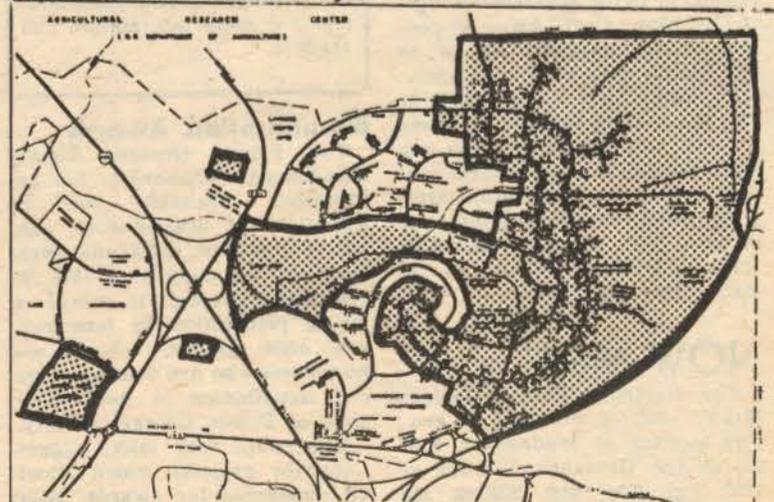
Auditions will be held Saturday, February 21 at 12 noon at the Utopia, 129 Centerway. Needed are singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, clowns, etc. Call 474-3347 or 474-7272 evenings for further information on auditions. For ticket information call Tim Povinale at 345-7344 or Jerry Morris at 439-6888.

Greenbelters on TV

Behavior Service Consultants, a private mental health center located in the Greenbelt Center, will be featured on Channel 11 (WBAL, Baltimore) 6 p.m. news program the week of February 9-13. A series of Phobias will be aired in five minute segments.

The Channel 11 Action News Team interviewed Dr. Leo Walder, Marcie Walder, Linda Cimarrusti and Sandy Daston, as well as several clients. Clients were also filmed in action working on their phobias. The team videotaped in Greenbelt the greater part of two days, and scenes of Greenbelt may be shown.

The Anxiety and Phobia Remediation Program is one of a number of programs developed by BSC. Further information may be obtained by calling the BSC office at 474-2146.



Greenbelt's Historic District, as proposed by the City of Greenbelt has now been formally listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The District, shown as the shaded area outlined in black on the above map, includes the original planned community, a portion of the remaining green belt, most city parkland, the three original schools, Indian Springs and the City Cemetery.

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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The Two Membership Hearings originally Scheduled During February

HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED

The new dates are:

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 8 p.m.
In the Center School Auditorium

Membership Hearings:

- 1) Mon., March 2, 8 p.m.; GHI Board Room
- 2) Wed., March 11, 8 p.m.; North End School
- 3) Sat., March 14, 10 a.m.; Utopia Theater



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A Compliment To the Editor:

I have two disparate items to discuss with your readers if I may.

First, you may remember that I castigated the Cultural Arts Center for bringing the "Owl and the Pussycat" to Greenbelt. I would now like to compliment them on bringing the Baltimore Symphony to us. That was "Cultural Arts" par excellence. Also I would like to thank them for a good time at "The Fourposter." It was a pleasant comedy and well acted by Craig Mooring and Angela Schreiber.

Second, I read in the News Review that, "for the first time in Greenbelt, new vinyl sliding windows with mullions (dividers) were installed" at 1-F Southway. I hope the emphasis was on "sliding," for Acroseal (not "Aeroseal" as in the News Review) double-hung windows with mullions have been in at 1-D Plateau Place for nearly four years. I'm sure the present owners would not mind if you drove past and looked at them, if you are interested in seeing how double-hung thermal windows that look like GHI present ones would look in vinyl.

Janet M. James

Children's Choir to Perform

The North-Central Area Children's Choir of Prince Georges County will present its first concert of the 1980-81 school year at Prince Georges Community College on Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Two students from North End School, Margaret Welk and Cathy Smith, will be participating in the free concert. For further information call 474-0543.

Windsor Green Sold to U.S. Home Corp.

The builders of Windsor Green, Rozansky and Kay, have sold out their remaining interest in the development to the construction firm of U.S. Home Corp. About 40 percent of the expected 650 or so townhouses have been completed.

According to a recent article in The Washington Star, "U.S. Home is the nation's largest on-site home builder and has several subdivisions in the Washington area. It delivered 15,821 houses last year in more than 300 subdivisions in 121 metropolitan areas in 18 states."

NOW Meeting

The Northern Prince Georges N.O.W. chapter will hold its general meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Greenbelt Library at 7:30 p.m. The film *Killing Me Softly* will be featured. The movie points out the many ways that women are stereotyped in advertising. A short discussion will follow. For more information, call 345-8397.

Religious Persecution Discussed at Forum

"Religious Persecution in Central America" will be discussed at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church Forum on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Gail Phares, president of the National Guatemala Network, will speak. The public is invited. (The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road).

On Feb. 15, Senator Paul Sarbanes will be the Forum speaker.

Promotion and Retention Hearing on February 10

A public hearing for comments and recommendations on promotion and retention of students in the Prince Georges County school system will be held on Tuesday, February 10 at Largo Senior High School. The hearing, which will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., has been scheduled by a task force which was appointed by Superintendent Edward J. Feeney.

The task force is studying policies and procedures on promotion and retention in the county as well as elsewhere in public education and is expected to report its findings later this spring.

To register as a speaker at the public hearing, call 952-4666. Those people representing a group will be allowed 5 minutes of testimony, and individuals will be allocated 3 minutes. A written statement must be presented to the task force at the time of the hearing to ensure a complete record of the testimony.

RETURN SURVEY

Greenbelters are reminded to fill out and return the Reader's Survey questionnaire that appeared in last week's News Review. The survey deals with the Greenbelt Commercial Center on Centerway.

Persons may also obtain the survey at the city offices in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. For more information call 474-8603.

Beautification Awards

The Prince Georges County Beautification Committee has applications available for its AWARDS '81 beautification contest. The contest, an annual event since its beginning as a 1976 Bicentennial project, is aimed at giving recognition to homeowners, civic groups, schools and businesses who are making a special contribution to the appearance of Prince Georges County.

The public may make suggestions for projects which should be considered for awards. Entry forms are available at public libraries or nominations can be made by telephone to the committee at 350-3000, ext. 114. The deadline for nominations is April 17.

Utopia Theatre Auditions

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center is holding auditions for quality entertainment for the year of 1981.

Wed., Feb. 18; 7:30 p.m. auditions for singers and instrumentalists.

Thurs., Feb. 19; 7:30 p.m. programs for children, mime, puppet shows, etc.

Fri., Feb. 20; 7:30 p.m.: Dance and Mime.

Location: Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway. For information call Graceanne Adamo, Program Chairwoman at 345-8826.

Boys & Girls Club

The girl's 15 and under basketball team, coached by Joe Bistany, has a 1-1 record. The loss to Green Meadows on January 6 was 42-14. Greenbelt won the January 8 game, 30-16.

Rehab Bulletin

The rehab program generally is on or ahead of schedule.

Roofing work has been discontinued for approximately a month because the roofing material must be applied at 40 degrees or above. It is anticipated that this work will be completed on schedule; 55 percent is now complete.

Numerous callers have testified to greater comfort in their homes after insulation has been installed. Crawl space insulation is now more than 55 percent complete in the frame homes. Approximately 60 attics were insulated in January. Progress in this area was slower than anticipated because many attics were not cleared, and a number of fully floored attics were found. These problems are currently being addressed. It is believed that the problems regarding cold spots will be satisfactorily resolved.

Serious structural problems have been found in some homes and repairs are being made. This work will increase in the spring and summer.

If weather permits, the installation of the windows will be completed by late May.

Complaints

In a project of this size there are always a few problems that must be resolved. When a letter or telephone call is received in the rehab office (474-2300), it is recorded on a multi-part form. When it is necessary, an inspector goes in the field to verify the exact nature of the problem and report back to the rehab office. This information is added to the initial report on the "Complaint Form" and a copy is given to the subcontractor for appropriate corrective action. A follow-up file is maintained, and after resolution, a copy of the form is filed in the individual file of the member.

Claims

A claim form for loss and damage is available in rehab office. A copy may be picked up or will be mailed if member calls 474-2300.

TEEN ART CONTEST

County teenagers, ages 13-18, may submit designs for the new cover of *Thought Waves*, through March 1. *Thought Waves* is a bi-monthly publication of young adult book, movie and record reviews plus original poetry and illustrations.

Cover design should be original, in black ink on white paper, measure 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches and include the title *Thought Waves*. Entries may be submitted to any branch or bookmobile library in the county. Name, age, school, home mailing address and phone number should be included on a separate sheet with each entry.

The prize will consist of books or records valued at up to \$25. The winner will be announced March 24.

Co-op Open House

The Open House for new Co-op members on January 14 was well attended. Held in the Greenbelt library, the event was sponsored by the Greenbelt Cooperative (Supermarket), Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and Twin Pines Savings and Loan. Highlights were an informational session and presentation of three door prizes—"Because We Care" packages. Each package contained nine different Co-op label products.

Fielding questions were John Webb and Belle Melzer for Greenbelt Cooperative, Joe Comproni for the Credit Union and Bob Waugerman for Twin Pines.

A question that concerned many persons was "How is Co-op doing?" Melzer said "very well, Co-op is coming up with a capitalization structure to offer additional member benefits."

Mowatt Memorial

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 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor
 474-1924

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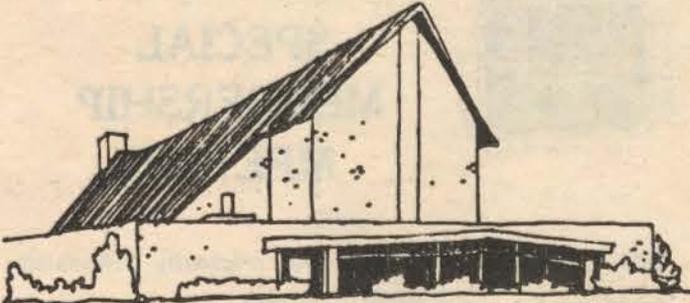
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Chapter Two Opens In Laurel Theatre

Neil Simon's comedy "Chapter Two" opened at Petrucci's Main Street Dinner Theatre in Laurel and will play Thursday through Sunday evenings until April 5. "Chapter Two" is a warm and funny story about a couple who have a grand time making a second marriage work. The play is under the direction of Fay Jacobs. For reservations call 725-5226.

AT THE LIBRARY

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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

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 4 blocks south of High Pt. H.S.
 Feb. 8 - 9:30 a.m. Forum
 "Religious Persecution In Central America" Gail Phares, Pres., Nat. Guatemala Network.

11 a.m. - Service, Religious Ed.
 "The Sea: Constancy and Change" by Worship Workshop
 Rev. Richard W. Kelley, Min.
 937-3666

Greenbelter Surveys Seniors On Crime

by Leta Mach and Bill Rowland

"I have no complaints," "I have no problem with problems," and "I have no problems, no complaints, and it doesn't matter," went the dialogue as city council humorously stretched out a slow evening January 19 while discussing a revised job description for Office Assistant I. Council decided that the job entails dealing with problems, not just complaints, and then approved the new job description.

Senior Citizen Survey

Earlier in the evening, council appreciatively accepted the report of a survey of Greenbelt senior citizens and their experiences with crime. The survey was made by Greenbelter Betty Timor in cooperation with the police department for a university course. While three-fourths of Greenbelt's senior citizens feel Greenbelt is a safe place to live, the report found that 11% of the 110 senior citizens surveyed had been victims of crime in Greenbelt. Feeling they could be easy victims, many senior citizens avoid dangerous areas and going out at night. These areas include the parking lot near Candy Cane City and the Center Mall at night. Lack of enough lighting behind Beltway Plaza, in the Center Mall, on pathways, and in underpasses were noted. Other concerns were bicycles in the Center and overgrown bushes beside pathways. Suggestions of improvement were more, and more visible, police officers such as walking patrols. Educational programs about crime prevention were also mentioned.

The most frequent crimes were break-ins of cars or residences, purse or wallet snatchings, and assaults. Although the most common Greenbelt and national victim is female, other Greenbelt statistics are contrary to national norms. In Greenbelt, victims usually don't live alone and don't know their assailants; nationally the opposite is the case. Interestingly, almost all Greenbelt victims reported crimes to the police, but nationally only 50% do so. Timor suggested the discrepancy resulted from the fact that most studies are done in big cities.

The police department and Green Ridge House already have copies of the report. Council decided to send other copies to Springhill Lake Management, Beltway Plaza Management, Council of Governments, Park and Planning officials who are studying Center Mall, and the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB).

In a related matter, council accepted a CRAB report on steps it has taken to determine the needs of the elderly in Greenbelt. At two meetings last summer, concerns raised were transportation, lawn care, housework, home maintenance, and discount purchasing. CRAB detailed the varied options and costs of conducting a city-wide survey on the matter and asked for Council di-

rection. The report will be considered at a future meeting.

Police Car Bids

The city has received bids for the purchase of three new police cars. In addition, Prince Georges County has taken bids on police cars, and the city can make a purchase through the county. After drawn-out discussion of sizes of engines, frequency-of-repair reports, comfort of police officers, adequacy of police response, and the future of the Chrysler Corporation, the council (with Castaldi dissenting) came down in favor of saving the taxpayers \$900 per car by getting three Chrysler LeBarons through the county.

Ethics Law

The Maryland Legislature in 1979 adopted an ethics statute which requires that all local jurisdictions in turn enact ethics laws applicable to their employees. A State Ethics Commission was established to assure compliance. The city, by July 1, must set up a law that meets the minimum requirements of the state law.

The council will have a work session on Tuesday, Feb. 17, to determine the scope of ethics legislation which it wishes to consider for enactment.

Advisory Boards

Council renewed for three years the appointments of Monsignor William O'Donnell and Pastor Edward Birner to the Community Relations Advisory Board. Council also accepted the resignations of Ronald Colton from the Advisory Planning Board and Donna Fluke from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Volunteers Needed

The Prince Georges County Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteer workers for the bloodmobiles in this area.

Volunteers will be assigned duties such as registering and escorting blood donors.

For further information call Mary Jane Wright at 559-8500 or 335-9630.

C. G. Sokol Is Commended For WSSC Contract Work

A Greenbelt resident has received the highest employee award given by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. On January 27, WSSC contract manager Charles G. Sokol, of 7818 Hanover Parkway, won the General Managers Award for outstanding performance. Two of Sokol's inspectors shared in the award with him.

The three men successfully completed a contract for much-needed improvement to the water and sewer line for the Bethesda area, doing so ahead of schedule despite numerous county ordinance restrictions and operational delays. The severe traffic conditions at the major intersection of Wisconsin Ave. and East-West Highway required that much night work be done and created severe problems with the public. Sokol and his two inspectors were commended for the way in which they effected changes in contractor work schedules and equipment to reduce noise and traffic interference, and for their effectiveness in dealing with the public. Sokol was given special mention for his effectiveness in dealing with individual citizen complaints and inquiries by officials.

NEW DEVLIN AIDE

Delegate Gerard F. Devlin, 24th District, announced the appointment of Edith Beauchamp, a long-time Greenbelt resident, as his administrative assistant for the 1981 legislative session.

Beauchamp attended the University of Maryland, where her major was "Political Communication." She is currently recording secretary of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and is on the staff of the News Review. She has lived in Greenbelt since 1957.

Greenbelters may call Beauchamp directly in Annapolis (toll-free) at 858-3103. To reach the 24th District office, call 858-3098. For information about the status of any bill call the legislative information number, 858-3586. The main switchboard may be reached at 858-3000.

Senior Tax Assistance

The Senior Citizen Tax Aid Program, is held each week at the Youth Center, on Tuesdays from 10:30 - 3. Sponsored by the Department of Services and Programs for the Aging, volunteer tax aides will provide, without charge, income tax assistance to residents 60 years old and over.

For an appointment call 699-2688 or 699-2714.

Food Stamp Volunteers

The Prince Georges County Department of Social Services is seeking volunteers to work in the Food Stamp Appointment Office in the Hyattsville-Greenbelt area. No typing is necessary. Volunteers may work one day a week, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Primarily they will take phone calls and set up appointments.

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City Council Postpones Action on GHI Revenue Bonds, Agrees to Send Letter

by Mary Lou Williamson

Four items on city council's February 2 agenda related to the revenue bond financing of the Greenbelt Homes Inc. rehabilitation program — Phase II. Council, however, took up only one — a letter to Governor Hughes requesting an allocation of \$20,600,000 of the Maryland State Ceiling for 1981. "We need to get our request before the governor as early as possible in order to be included," explained Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, "If the bonds are not needed, the request can always be withdrawn." Council unanimously approved sending the letter.

City Council was not ready to move ahead on the final ordinance and supporting resolutions which would commit the city to issue revenue bonds for the rehab program if so requested by GHI.

The Maryland Community Development Administration expects to do the initial financing through a temporary construction loan. CDA has already issued a bond anticipation note. The money has been placed in a bank to be drawn upon after the mortgage agreement has been executed by GHI and CDA. The bond anticipation note is for a two-year term, with the maximum interest

rate not to exceed 8½%. As a condition of the temporary financing, CDA has asked GHI to get a commitment from the city in case CDA is unable to issue the permanent revenue bonds or if GHI finds it advantageous for the city to issue the revenue bonds rather than CDA.

The February 28 settlement deadline CDA had set for GHI has now been pushed back 30 days allowing GHI more time to tie up loose ends before going to its membership for one last vote of approval. The membership meeting has been delayed until March 19.

Our Neighbors

Seen around town with their television cameras on Monday were the staff of Ted Turner's Cable News Network. They interviewed City Manager James K. Giese at city hall and then spent some time in the center asking residents about the impact of inflation on Greenbelt.

Also on Monday Barbara Havekost, the city administrative assistant, was taken out for lunch by some of her co-workers. The occasion — her birthday. We extend to her our very best wishes.

Congratulations to Michael A. Moriarty, 109 Julian Ct., who recently received his BBA degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Congratulations to Dick Peterson of Windsor Green. After much practice and concentration, he has become the grand master of Atari Space Invaders with a grand score of 24,900. With Dick in the neighborhood everyone feels well protected from space invaders. Now to work on the "house invaders" alias common burglars.

Captain Philip A. Calderwood, son of Jane Calderwood of 51 Ridge, has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at the Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The medal is awarded specifically for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement or service to the

Roosevelt Tops in Hockey

E. Roosevelt hockey team continued its winning ways with a 6-0 shutout of High Point January 28 at the Wells Ice Rink in College Park. The Raiders out to repeat as league champions continue to dominate the league in all departments. In six games the high scoring Raiders have netted 10 goals while Martin Evans leads the league with three shutouts.

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GHI NOTES

***Tax Rebates**—Under Maryland law, people may be eligible for a credit on their property tax bill up to \$900, based upon gross family income. This program is available to homeowners of all ages. Since eligibility for the program is based upon income, it may be convenient for people to apply for this tax credit at the same time they are preparing their Maryland and federal income tax returns. Any credit due on property taxes will be given by one of several methods to be used as a subtraction from combined City or County/State/municipal property tax bill usually received by the homeowner in July of each year.

Also, there is a law in Maryland which allows a property tax credit for renters who have reached age 60 or who are disabled. The purpose of the law in providing property tax credits for qualified renters is that renters indirectly pay property taxes on their rental unit through the monthly rent, and, thus, should receive a credit as homeowners do if the portion of their rent attributable to property taxes exceeds a fixed limit for their specific income level. Qualified renters can receive a property tax credit of up to \$450 a year, based upon their income.

Below is a cross section of the income eligibility table which applies to both owners and renters:

Combined Gross Family Income Before Deductions	Tax Limit
\$3,000	\$ 45
6,000	130
9,000	255
12,000	420
15,000	645
20,000	1,080
25,000	1,530
30,000	1,980

Any questions about the property tax credit program or the renters' property tax credit program should be directed to the central office of the Tax Credit Program in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 1-800-492-3790 (toll free), or contact Dennis Lewis, Member Services Office at 474-5566.

Note: Anyone who participated in this program last year is au-

tomatically on the Tax Credit Program mailing list and will be receiving this year's tax credit application and information within two weeks.

***New Staff at GHI** — GHI is happy to welcome four new Public Service Employees who joined the staff in January. William Moore, Eduardo Escalera, Nathaniel Brown, and Anthony King come through the Prince Georges County CETA office and will serve as groundsman trainees.

Stan Sersen joined the GHI staff on February 2 as the Staff Architect, a position left open by Ove Kongsted. Stan's responsibilities will include all architectural matters which concern the GHI members as well as assisting in the coordination of the rehabilitation program with GHIDC. Stan has lived in GHI since last June and has a degree in architecture from the University of Maryland. Stan has worked directly in design and construction in the Washington/Annapolis area for several years and plans to be accessible and sensitive to any housing problems which face GHI members. Welcome aboard!

***Letters to the GHI Editor**—Anyone who has an opinion, a suggestion, a comment or a statement to share with other members should send in a letter for consideration to the GHI Newsletter Committee at the GHI Offices. Also, anyone who would like to volunteer any time to the Newsletter Committee should contact Dennis Lewis, at 474-5566.

CITY NOTES

Public Works

Routine maintenance was performed on all buildings and the heating system at the City Office Building services.

Gutters and storm sewers were cleaned out and streets patched. New traffic control signs were installed at various locations in the city.

Leaves were collected in parks and along roadsides. Trees were trimmed along the streets and the chipper was out for one day.

Two new employees, Scott Hobbs and Susan Padgett, have begun working for the Public Works Department. Scott is assigned to the parks crew and Susan to the building maintenance crew.

Members of the general and parks crews were called in early to work on Jan. 7 morning due to the snow. Snow and ice removal kept the crew busy the remainder of the week.

The salt pile, which had become a solid mass due to the moist weather, was crushed and plow units prepared for the next snow.

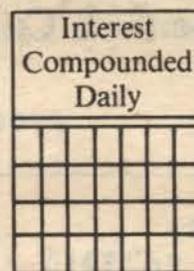
Deadwood was removed from the Lake Park. Ducks at the Lake are being fed every day during the cold weather.

The heating system in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center's men's room, gym, and game room was repaired.

On Jan. 15 members of the general and parks crew worked most of the day on snow removal.

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Our Editor On A Quick Trip Through Greendale

by Mary Lou Williamson
(This is the second in a series of three articles on Greenbelt's sister city of Greendale, Wisconsin. The articles are the result of a trip to Wisconsin last May by our editor and her husband.)

Greendale, Greenbelt and Greenhills (Ohio) were planned on the English garden city pattern and built by the federal government as part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal in the mid-thirties. The Village of Greendale lies along the Root River, eight and a half miles southwest of Milwaukee on gently rolling terrain.

As a village, Greendale's powers under Wisconsin law have been much broader than Greenbelt's. For example, as a result of zoning control by the village, development has been fundamentally different from that of Greenbelt in a state with stronger central controls at the state and county level.

The surrounding green belt in Greendale, which used to comprise 200-acre dairy farms has been lost to development, but not at the whim of private developers. Greendale, unlike Greenbelt, controls planning, zoning and building. In 1952, all vacant land, some 67 percent of the total land area when the federal government sold the project, was purchased by the Milwaukee County Development Corporation (MCDC). The holding company was created by three local corporations in an effort to keep out Chicago land speculators, according to one brochure. These men are described in several village pamphlets as "public-spirited," attesting to the friendly relations between village and officials and developers.

According to Village Manager Donald Fieldstad, MCDC's staff of planners has worked well with village officials in preparing development plans and zoning ordinances. He believes that MCDC's

success in its first, small venture close to the existing community services encouraged the corporation to listen to and cooperate with the village on its larger ventures. Thus the development of the community has been carefully planned, orderly, and offers a wide variety of homes and therefore a broad base for village taxes.

This year construction will begin on the last large area to be developed.

Greendale today has an even larger stock of free standing homes — 75 percent. The rental apartments have been located in small groups throughout the community.

Streets

While Greendale is criss-crossed with a half dozen straight streets of Milwaukee's grid-iron, the newer internal streets are carefully planned to serve specific purposes. Only loop residential streets give access to homes. They are relatively narrow, short and sharply curved to discourage speeding and to limit traffic to residents and their guests. These service streets empty into village traffic streets. Intended for heavier traffic between neighborhoods, they are wider but curved to ensure slower speeds. The village has effectively screened residential areas from some of these collector streets, using a variety of spring flowering trees and shrubs. They were beautiful in May. Comprehensive planning allowed for designing into each neighborhood, as it was developed, the roads which would connect to future adjacent neighborhoods. Fieldstad is proud that the original concepts have been built into each new part of the village.

Parks, Overpass

Another original concept that has remained an integral part of planning has been the inner park system. Milwaukee county, famous for its parks, controls a sizable portion, over 780 acres. Neighborhood and entrance parks add another 95 acres. The major park area follows the Root River as it flows from the northwest

corner where it enters the village, curves east below the original community and then exits to the south. Smaller stream valley parks connect from other areas. Dale Creek runs through the original community alongside the center. Twenty-acre Scout Lake lies just east of Loomis Rd., a six-lane limited access state highway which bisects the village. A path encircles the lake and there is a pavillion for ice skaters.

The state has agreed to finance 75 percent of a pedestrian overpass which it built across Loomis. Previous efforts to have the speed limit reduced or a traffic light installed had been rejected by Wisconsin state highway authorities, according to Fieldstad. The Catholic parochial school lies just opposite the lake across Loomis to the west, and from there a main walkway provides safe access to the village center. Thus the overpass connects the eastern half of the community with the stores, churches, parochial schools and the public high school of the center as well as providing safe passage from the west half of the village to the lake and residential areas to the east. (To be continued.)

Leo Gerton Retires

by Bob Mongelli

Leo Gerton, franchised operator of the High's store at Center Mall for 23 years, retired January 27. Millie Lush, an employee at the store, will take over as manager under High's ownership. Gerton's retirement will not mean a slowdown in activities. His retirement plans include fishing, traveling, and continued work for the community. Already planned is a trip to Israel this year.

Over the years Gerton has provided noteworthy service and leadership to the Greenbelt community. In the 1960's when zoning was a major issue, he served on the residential-commercial and industrial zoning subcommittee of the Greenbelt Advisory Board, the city's goals committee and the GHI zoning committee. He was also a member of the committee which worked to bring about construction of the present Greenbelt Library. During the 1960's Gerton was also active in the Labor Day Festival Programs and, as chairman, worked on the rebirth of the festival following the death of Eli Don Bullian, the previous chairman. In 1969 the U.S. Jaycees awarded Gerton its distin-

guished service award for "outstanding service to our community."

Illness in the early 70's kept Gerton out of active service; but in 1972, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Heart Association of Southern Maryland, he persuaded the association to conduct heart and related disease screening programs for Greenbelt citizens. He chaired the Greenbelt Risk Factor Screening Committee, which helped recruit hundreds of volunteers and screening of over 2,000 citizens. He also organized the CPR program in the community.

Gerton has also served on the City Council and on the Board of Directors of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association. Because of his dedicated service to the community, he was chosen Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 1977.

Other organizations that he has been active with include Citizens For a Planned Greenbelt, the Lion's Club, the Freedom of the Press Committee, the American Legion and the Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

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Greenbelt Race Results

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by Blanche Lee

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Two indecent exposures took place last week. One was between

16 and 18 Courts of Crescent Road and the other between 4 and 6 Courts of Ridge Road. The suspect is described as a white male in his 20's.

An adult male was arrested for disorderly conduct at Bob's Big Boy.

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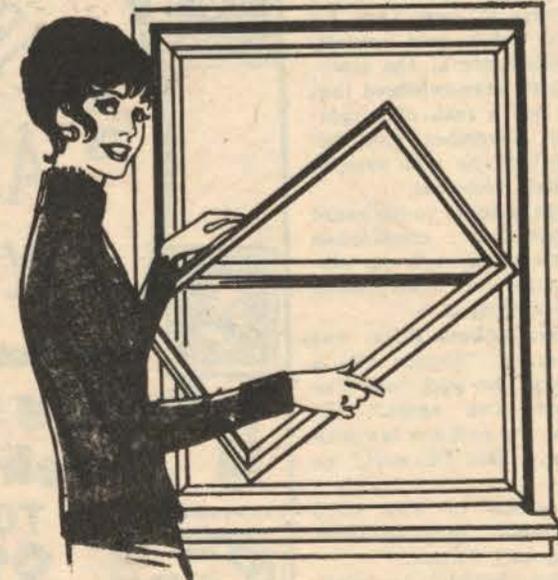
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GREENBRIAR NEWSLETTER STORY ON POLICE DISMAYS COUNCIL

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Greenbelt City Council, at its regular meeting, February 2, reacted with dismay to an article appearing in the current issue of the "Greenbriar Crier," a quarterly newsletter distributed to Greenbriar residents.

The article, entitled "Crime Prevention—What the City Council Can Do," urges Greenbriar residents to pressure council to fill a vacancy in the police department, pass a municipal infractions ordinance and use their political clout—their votes. But it was the way in which these items, apparently all desired by the police officers, who were presenting a Crimestoppers program for Greenbriar residents, were stated in the article that distressed council and manager. For example, the article states: "The Police pointed out . . . there is a vacancy on the police force that city council has chosen for some reason not to fill."

"Council needs to point out," objected Councilman Tom White, "that statement is not accurate." Staff, not council, is responsible for filling of vacancies, a process which usually takes several months, according to City Manager James Giese.

On the proposed municipal infractions ordinance the article says: "The police need an effective means to enforcement that does not tie them down with more paper work than they have now." Council has been studying the possible uses of the infractions law and has expressed serious interest in pursuing the matter. It is the staff, Giese told the News Review later, that has some reservations.

And again, the article states, "The Police noted Greenbriar has the potential to elect the entire City Council by ourselves, and move the entire Police Department into our Community Building."

White deplored this attitude that would "pit one part of the community against others."

White, who placed the item on the agenda, was concerned that what he considers a valuable "out-reach program to advise, inform and educate citizens about crime and security," apparently in this case may have been used to lobby citizens instead.

"I share your concern," Giese told White, "but I don't want to overreact." A number of comments attributed to police officers at the January 13 meeting "were inappropriate," he continued. "The problem is how much came from the police officers and how much came from the reporter." Giese told council he has asked Chief of Police William Lane for a report on what was actually said by the officers at the meeting. Giese also acknowledged that Greenbriar had a rash of burglaries during November and December. He said he was sympathetic to their concerns.

"The police deserve to be heard first," reiterated councilman Charles Schwan, "though city employees should not misrepresent council to its citizens."

Councilman Richard Pilski was not so generous. "Sounds like a familiar story," he said, "one I've heard again and again." He doubted that the problem lay with the reporter. "But I'll wait," he said.

Council agreed to wait until Giese can report back to them before going any further.

While also willing to wait, White told council he had spoken to the reporter, asking, "Is the attribution of these statements (to the police officers) correct?"

The reporter, after consulting his notes, said yes, though he admitted "relishing writing the article in an effort to galvanize residents of Greenbriar." White said he also spoke to another Greenbriar resident who had been present at the meeting and that the resident backed the reporter.

Recreation Review

CPR Classes

The winter class schedule is noted below. To pre-register, call the Rec. Depart. Business Office weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878. Choose the location most convenient. Hours are from 7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the following schools: Center Elementary, Feb. 10 and 11. Springhill Lake Elementary, Feb. 18 and 19.

Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour at the Youth Center on Sunday but it will resume on the following Sunday, Feb. 15.

Volleyball - Competitive and Recreational

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

Roller Skating

The Greenbelt Center Elementary School roller skating program reopens on the following schedule: Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m., 1-3rd Graders; Fridays, 4 p.m. - 6

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Curtis proposals involving the installation of an attic fan to prevent moisture buildup in brick home attics and the use of thermos insulation under the vinyl siding on block homes.

Surveyor Contract

The board tabled a motion which would have approved management's request for authorization to contract for surveying services up to \$10,000. Both CDA and a title insurance company require a survey of GHI property. Manager Kopstein told the board that he had obtained an estimate of \$6,000 to \$7,000 for the survey from Oyster, Imus & Petzold, Inc., the firm which did the original survey of GHI in 1952. Kopstein indicated that it would probably be less expensive to have that firm recertify its original survey and do some additional surveying of GHI property which was not part of the original deed than to have the work performed by some other firm. The board balked at the request, however, indicating that they wished to obtain other estimates to see if the Oyster price was reasonable.

Delay in MHRP Loans

Some members who have already converted their homes to electric heat have been caught in a bind as a result of a delay in processing MHRP loans. Two members who have made the conversion and are now waiting for other members of their row to convert asked the board to cut them off the boiler and let them switch to electric heat now. The work on converting the other homes is being held up by delays in obtaining MHRP financing. In

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the meantime the members who have converted are still paying the fuel portion of their monthly charges and will soon also have to begin making payments on their MHRP loans. The board was reluctant to approve the request because the reduction in fuel use would not be sufficient to offset the amount of the monthly charges. The board did promise to review the matter at a regular meeting in February and possibly reconsider its position if it appears that the delay in the other MHRP loans will continue. Volk explained that the delay has been caused because GHI has not satisfied all of the MHRP requirements. Manager Kopstein added that MHRP keeps changing the requirements.

Frame Home Siding

In response to a member inquiry, Kopstein indicated that vinyl siding for frame homes continues to be delayed because a memorandum of agreement has not yet been executed by HUD and the Advisory Council. Siding is scheduled to be done as part of the rehabilitation program.

Volk said that GHI also has a commitment from a bank to finance the siding work if that became necessary, although it was preferable to do the work under rehab.

Member Complaints

Kopstein said that members should contact Pat Estel if they have complaints about damage done during rehabilitation. Kopstein also said that GHI has a small fund to pay for minor damage claims during rehabilitation where responsibility for the damage cannot be determined.

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