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Council Approves \$3.6 Million Budget

by Mary Lou Williamson

Council unanimously approved a \$3.6 million budget for the City of Greenbelt on June 8 and set the tax rate at \$1.03 per \$100 assessed valuation. Under the State's Constant Yield Formula, the \$1.03 tax rate will bring the same number of tax dollars into the city coffers as the \$1.06 tax rate did last year because of increases in property assessment. The city continues to be in better shape financially than many governments in maintaining, and this year slightly improving, its present level of services. New commercial development within the city limits plus annexation of commercial land (the Maryland Trade Center Park) are making the difference. The trend is expected to continue for several years.

This year's review of the budget found little substantive difference in the views of the five councilmen about most expenditures. All readily agreed to city manager James K. Giese's proposals to (1) add two new police officers (\$30,700) this year in response to citizen concerns about increased crime, bringing the total number of uniformed officers to 30; (2) a 7% average pay increase for classified employees and a thorough review of the classification system (\$133,700); (3) increased major maintenance of city streets (\$101,500) — a program that has not been keeping pace with needs for a number of years; and (4) a small personnel increase for juvenile counseling for CARES — a half-time position will be made full time (\$15,100). During the final work session on June 1, Councilman Richard Pilski's demand that (5) an increase in the public works personnel not be omitted again this year also found easy acceptance by both council and manager (two positions, \$24,000).

North End School

One item, the acquisition of North End School by the city, caused last minute budget uncertainty. The original fear that pur-

chase costs alone could be substantial has now evaporated — the city will pay only the transfer fees (less than \$1,000 according to Mayor Richard Castaldi). Other costs — operating and repair of the building — are both real and unknown. While council speculates that transfer of the building and its 13 acres of ground could take as long as six months to a year, Giese's guess is two months. He roughed out for council a budget for the building for the coming year at \$106,000 based on limited use.

At the work session council had tentatively decided to set the tax rate at \$1.06 in order to provide an added \$45,000 reserve for North End School. Just prior to the budget adoption meeting, the city manager and city solicitor, Emmett Nanna, recommended that council not increase the tax rate above the constant yield tax rate of \$1.03. The recommendation was based on unclear and potentially conflicting language between State Law and City Charter. In effect it was too close to the June 10 deadline to satisfy state requirements while still abiding by the charter without needing to interpret such words as "immediate" rather broadly. Giese wrote in his memo to council that he and Nanna both agreed that the levy of a tax was too important a procedure to risk a legal challenge.

Revenues

The manager's original budget was written in anticipation of an estimated 25% growth in assessed valuation. Later, the increase proved to be only half that generous. The assessable tax base figure of \$136.2M. given to city officials by two different agencies for use in the budget included personal as well as real property. Greenbelt's new treasurer was not aware that the two figures were lumped together. This discovery came five days prior to the final work session, presenting staff with a serious problem. In addition, the reassessment of Greenway Center dropped its previous valuation by approximately \$1M. Together these items produced a revenue shortfall of \$152,000. An immediate review by manager and treasurer of this year's fiscal ex-

penditures and revenues revealed a surplus greater than previously expected of \$120,000. Expenditures are down by \$70,000 more than anticipated and revenues are up by more than \$50,000, primarily due to the receipt of \$29,000 from

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The biggest unknown for the coming fiscal year has been the North End School. The city learned late in the budget process that the county was anxious to unload the property to the highest bidder. City officials intervened, reminding the county of the new law CB-23 it had just passed giving various governments first crack at surplus property. In haste, Greenbelt officially notified the county executive that it would exercise that option obliging county officials to back out of a commitment to sell to a private concern, which it has now done.

On Friday, May 28, City Manager James K. Giese and several staff members inspected the school building. While staff can see "potential for a wide variety of uses," Giese wrote in a memo to council, "It also has some very serious problems." Water leaks have caused damage to eight rooms. Giese would want those leaks repaired. Original wood casement windows are in "poor condition. . . ." Also, some of the classroom floors are in bad shape in the original building. In addition there is a "need for clean up and painting," he wrote.

Giese suggested the building be used as soon as possible after transfer for some recreational class programs, senior citizen and drop-in youth programs and storage.

Staff support for programs and cleaning personnel would be needed as would some furnishings.

Giese outlined potential budgetary needs for the coming year as follows:

Transfer fees	\$ 2,000
Consultant	20,000
Building maintenance	
salaries	16,000
Recreation Supervision.....	5,000
Fringe Benefits	1,000
Utilities and Heat	23,000
Maintenance:	
Materials and supplies.....	3,000
Repairs	20,000
Furniture	10,000
Security alarm system.....	1,000
Insurance Coverage	5,000
Total	\$106,000

The above figures are based on limited use of the building until permanent uses are determined. Giese is recommending the city hire a consultant to determine what problems the building has and then solicit ideas for permanent uses. There are some state restrictions on rental of all or part of the building. The State will pick up the remaining construction debt (\$194,000) if the building is put to public use by a local government.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, June 24, 8 p.m., Special Meeting, GHI Board, Hamilton Pl.

Sunday, June 27, 7 p.m., First U.S. Army Stage Band, Lake Park Band Stand

Tuesday, June 29, 8 p.m., City Council Special Meeting, Council Chambers

Comedy Potpourri At Utopia Theater

On June 25 and 26 at the Utopia Theater there will be good old fashioned madcap comedy. Buster Keaton, W. C. Fields, Laurel and Hardy, and Charlie Chaplin will enact their hilarious antics on screen at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center at 8:15 p.m. (Different films will be shown each night). The Arts Center will be using its new screen and projector for the first time. For further information call 474-7763, 345-4487 or 345-3516.

Greenbelt Police Officer Charged With Violations

by James P. O'Sullivan

As a result of an investigation conducted by the Maryland State Police Investigation Division, Chief William T. Lane has charged Lieutenant John C. Krob with 26 violations of the Greenbelt City Police Department Rules and Regulations. The charges involve allegations that Lt. Krob, the property officer for the department, misappropriated or otherwise mishandled firearms and in one instance a valuable ring which were in police custody. Lt. Krob was contacted by the News Review but declined to comment on the investigation on the advice of his attorney.

Lt. Krob's case will be heard and a final administrative determination will be made by a hearing board as provided under Maryland law. In the meantime, Chief Lane has suspended Lt. Krob without pay, pending a hearing and decision on the charges. During the investigation, Lt. Krob was suspended from active duty but continued to receive pay.

The hearing board is expected to consist of police officers from other police agencies.

Leo Green Announces Bid for State Senate

Leo E. Green announced this week that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senate from the Twenty-Third Legislative District. The District is comprised of Greenbelt, Bowie, Kettering, Glenn Dale, and parts of Lanham.

Green represented Greenbelt in the Maryland General Assembly from 1974 to 1978 as a Delegate. He is a member of the Eleanor and Franklin Democratic Club and the Greenbelt American Legion.

In announcing, Green stated: "I do so with the encouragement and endorsement of Senator Mary Conroy, who is completing the unexpired term of her late husband. I am very grateful for her support.

This district has set high standards for its delegation in Annapolis—a delegation in which I once served. That experience and my years as Mayor of Bowie and Community involvement have, I believe, provided both a background of public service and an in-depth knowledge of the district which will enable me to serve its citizens well."

Green is a practicing attorney and a resident of Bowie.

Conroy Memorial Tribute

The friends of Senator Edward T. Conroy's testimonial committee announce that a memorial tribute to the late State Senator will be held on Wednesday, June 30.

The event will take place at Martin's West, the Baltimore Beltway at Security Blvd. from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A program and planning committee consisting of elected officials and citizens from across the State is supporting this testimonial. They have established a suggested contribution of \$50 per ticket for the buffet reception.

For reservations or further information call 262-1000, 262-1001 or 627-4046. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Carla Rose at any of the listed numbers.



FESTIVAL NOTES

Planning is already beginning for the 28th annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Anyone who needs information about the festival can contact the appropriate committee officer or chairperson. Officers for 1982 are president, Deana James (345-6232), vice president, Rena Hull (474-2852), treasurer, Ethelyn Bishop (345-3894), recording secretary, Diane Niedner (345-2580), corresponding secretary, Linda Lynch (474-5405). Committee Chairpeople include Recreation Department Liaison, George Rogala (474-6878), Entertainment, Beverly Colvin (441-8822), Publicity, Leta Mach (345-8105), Parade, Mike Vaccaro (441-1780), Sound, Ken Voigt (474-8451), Talent Show, Mary McKeon (474-3546), Crafts, Jackie Kruger (345-6599), Salute to American Workers, Diane Vreeland (345-6484), Pet Show, Alma Marsden (345-1412), Special Contests, Theresa Stringfellow (474-6232), Opening Ceremonies, Sandy Smith (474-6127), Art Show, Susan Ragan (474-3976), Miss Greenbelt, Jean Cook (345-2597), Carnival, J. Davis (345-3243), Donations, Cathy Meetre (474-0490), Outstanding Citizen, Linda Shevitz (345-9358), and Historian, Wayne Williams (474-1259).

Carnival & Crafts

Groups that did not participate in the Labor Day Festival last year and would like to do so should contact J. Davis (345-3243) as soon as possible. Those interested in crafts booths at the festival should call Jackie Kruger (345-6599). Organizations that participated last year will receive a letter from the committee about participation this year.

Salute to Workers

Plans are now being made for the 1982 "Salute to Americans at Work." This is what Labor Day is all about. People who have a skill they would like to demonstrate or know of someone who might be interested, please let the Festival Committee know. In the past the festival has had demonstrations of bicycle repair, pottery, quilting, wood burning and violin making, to mention just a few. The committee hopes to have all these craftspeople back as well as new ones. Trade Unions are also being asked to join this year. Please contact Diane Vreeland (345-6484) or Deana James (345-6232). Remember the Salute to Americans will be held Monday, September 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The City Council of Greenbelt has Scheduled a SPECIAL MEETING for

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1982 - 8:00 P.M.



TO CONSIDER MATTERS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND/OR PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 12, 1982.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 25 CRESCENT ROAD. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

GUDRUN H. MILLS, CMC CITY CLERK

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Baltimore Symphony Gives Moving Concert

by Albert K. Herling

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra was heard once again in Greenbelt in a concert sponsored by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center on June 2. The excellent acoustics of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium served to enhance the enjoyment of the renowned orchestra's performance under the baton of William Henry Curry, resident conductor of the Baltimore Symphony.

The program opened with Wagner's Overture "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" in a rendition which was lively but uneven in some respects. But this was merely a warm-up for the treats which were in store.

Timothy Day, principal flutist of the symphony, was the soloist. With a scant three days' notice, he was called upon to substitute for the announced soloist, oboist Joseph Turner, who had been hospitalized. Turner was to perform Mozart's "Oboe Concerto in C Major, K.314." Mozart had rewritten the same concerto for flute solo in D major and it was this which Timothy Day played.

The audience thrilled to Day's performance. This master of the flute enthralled the listeners with the golden sounds which he brought forth in a sensitive and moving rendition of the concerto. It was pure Mozart and the audience was obviously captured by it. One might also observe that Day was himself captured and captivated by Mozart's intention and spirit. It was a rare display of empathy between performer and composer. The sympathetic accompaniment by the orchestra under director Curry's baton served to enhance the performance.

Curry's ability and musicianship were well-displayed in his meeting the challenge presented by Rachmaninoff's "Symphony No. 3 in A Minor," the final number on the program. Rather complicated in the number and variety of themes in the symphony, the essential unity of the composition was expertly served by Curry's interpretation, an interpretation which this reviewer considers to have been among the best he has heard.

It is to be regretted that the auditorium was barely half-filled for this very fine artistic treat. The tragedy is that so many missed truly unforgettable music.

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, now recognized to be among the leading symphony orchestras in the world, is always worth hearing. That it performed

in Greenbelt and, on this occasion, ushered in the celebration of Greenbelt Day, is a tribute to our city. More of us should be willing to accept such an affirmation.

The orchestra has offered to perform again in Greenbelt this coming October and in May of 1983. Such an offer cannot and will not be accepted, however, unless there is an indication that the people of Greenbelt and of Prince Georges County will show their support. The June concert resulted in a financial deficit, which will have to be met through private efforts.

Future concerts by the Baltimore Symphony in Greenbelt will depend upon the response of the people in Greenbelt and the county well in advance of the proposed concert in October. Those willing to support this effort are invited to express their intention by writing to "The Symphony Committee," Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, P.O. Box 293, Greenbelt.

Religious School Sign-Up

Mishkan Torah Religious School is now accepting registration for the 1982-83 school year. The school emphasizes creative learning experiences to equip the Jewish child for present day life. It is staffed by professional teachers and is an affiliate of the Washington Board of Jewish Education.

Call Mrs. Rena Sodie, 474-2078, or the synagogue office, 474-4223, for information.

Golden Age Club

by Blanche E. Lee

Just four reservations remain for the June 30 trip to Ladew Topiary Gardens at Monkton, Md. Come join us for this unusual garden tour by calling Zelpha Parsons at 345-3904. The trip is available to non-members as well as members. The bus will leave Suburban Bank at 9:30 a.m.

The new time for regular Wednesday meetings is now 11 a.m. as decided by majority vote at the June 16 meeting. The next business meeting is July 7, 11 a.m. and board meeting at 10 a.m. on same date.

At the Library

Tuesday, June 29: Puppet making workshop. Ages 7-10, 2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 1: Movies for tots. Ages 2-8, 11-11:45 a.m. Curious George Rides A Bike; Blueberries for Sal; Leopold the See-Through Crumpleker, Thursdays through July 29.



The 24th Legislative District Delegation gathered to honor Mary Conroy, widow of the late Senator Edward T. Conroy, at a meeting of the Prince Georges County Democratic Central Committee. Conroy was unanimously selected by the Central Committee to serve out her late husband's term in the State Senate. Her name has been sent to Governor Hughes who will make the final appointment.

Conroy was presented with a leather brief case at the ceremony. L-R are: Former delegate Leo Green; Delegate Joan Pitkin; Delegate Charles 'Buzz' Ryan; Mary Conroy, Delegate Gerard Devlin, and Central Committee Chairman Gary Alexander.

Recreation Review

Summer Playgrounds Opening

Playgrounds are held at the SHL Center and Greenbelt North End Park, 73 Court Ridge Road. Co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Rec. Depart. and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, this program is open to children 6 to 12 years of age. The six-week program is offered free of charge. Morning and afternoon activities include arts and crafts, games, trips and special events. A nominal fee will be charged for field trips using bus transportation.

Teen Splash Party

On Saturday, June 26, the teens will be hosting their first splash party of the summer. Open to all teens between the ages of 12 and 18 years, a fee will be charged at the door. Splash party hours will be from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Camp Pine Tree

There are still openings in all sessions of Camp Pine Tree. Tennis, archery, swimming, crafts and gymnastics are a few of the activities planned for campers. Brochures and applications are available at the Youth Center Business Office.

Children's Play Production

All children are welcome to help with the annual play production scheduled in August. Sign up at the Youth Center to participate. Actors, setting and costume design helpers are needed.

Auditions Held at Utopia

Casting for two one-act plays will be held at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway Rd., at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 6, 7, 8. The plays are scheduled to be shown in August. Roles require men, women and one young boy between the ages of 10 and 13. For information call Trix Whitehall at 345-4487.

Sarbanes Reception June 27 at P.G.C.C.

Citizens for Sarbanes will give a reception in honor of Senator Paul Sarbanes, who is running for re-election to the United States Senate. The date is Sunday, June 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. The place is the Largo Student Union Center of Prince Georges Community College. Contact Micki Weidenfeld, 345-2327 for information and tickets.

Notice to Commuters

The parking lot at the lake is for the use of those people using the Lake Park. There is a limit to the available parking facilities for park users and the number of available spaces becomes very limited during the warm months of the year. This lot was not designed as a commuter or all day parking facility; by such use, someone who may want to visit the lake may be deprived of the opportunity due to a shortage of parking.

Commuter parking is available at the Greenbelt Armory located at Greenbelt Road and Southway. Commuters are encouraged to use this facility.

If this commuter parking problem continues, some restrictions will be placed on all day parking at the Lake Park, and they will be enforced.

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770
 474-4090/345-2918

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

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

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Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
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 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

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 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.
 For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

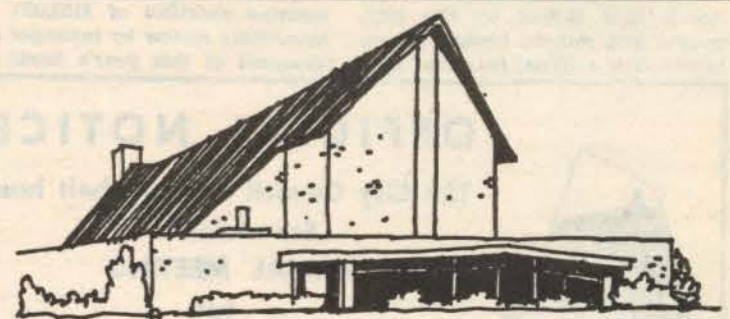
Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads
 Phone 474-6171 mornings

11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside
 Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road
 Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

BUDGET APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

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county for supplemental police aid. Two last minute adjustments to the revenue picture will bring an additional \$20,000 in income taxes to be returned to the city from the county and an additional \$5,000 from interest on investments.

Revenues anticipated from all sources total \$3,464,700. Of that amount 37% will come from the property tax, both residential and commercial. To balance the budget, council and manager agreed to the use of unappropriated surplus funds of \$178,600. This still leaves a little more than the 5%-of-budget surplus Giese likes to maintain for emergency use. Council agreed.

General Fund

The General Operating Fund expenditures in the new budget total \$3,643,000, up \$476,000 over last year's budget or 15%.

(1) **General Government** (\$409,000): Other than a minor revision of the organizational structure, little is new in this section. Council set the manager's salary at \$41,000, a \$3,000 increase. Under Community Promotions, Giese has listed \$7,500 for Public Information programming — funds to come from cable TV franchise fees and an equal amount from general revenues. Funds could be used for the cost of televising city events, council meetings or recreation programs, and for other media such as preparing information handbooks for new residents, annual reports, or slide or movie presentations for visitors to Greenbelt who are interested in the city's original planning concepts.

By a vote of 4 to 1 council agreed to cut in half Giese's recommendation of setting aside \$5,000 toward the city's 50th anniversary celebration in 1987. At the work session Pilski objected to contributing so much the first year, saying, "We don't have a program yet." He recommended \$2,000 instead. Pilski suggested that coming year's budgets could more easily yield the extra dollars, also businesses may contribute. Only Councilman Thomas X. White argued to keep the \$5,000 intact. "It's a good idea," he said. "We ought to be gearing ourselves mentally for a very large birthday party; \$5,000 is reasonable seed money to start with. I wouldn't want to nibble away at it." But councilman Ed Putens and mayor Richard Castaldi agreed with Pilski, though they pushed the figure up to \$2,500.

Revenue sharing funds will pay for insulation of the council room ceiling (\$5,000); a new typewriter for the Finance Department (\$900); data processing equipment (\$5,000); and a continuing effort to make public facilities and services more accessible to the physically impaired.

(2) **Police Department** (\$1,017,600). This year's budget will add two new patrolmen (\$30,700), a police cadet to replace the part-time park patrolman (\$12,000), three new squad cars (\$24,500), two portable radios (\$3,300), emergency equipment for cars (\$1,500). In the work session Pilski was not convinced this was the year to add the cadet — a full year's position. He would have preferred using regular officers with full enforcement powers to improve patrolling at the lake park during times of heavy use by the public in spring and fall. Councilman Gil Weidenfld, on the other hand, said he would not be satisfied to have an officer come through the park every few hours. We need "someone there full time," he said. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PR-AB) had strongly urged council

to increase patrolling at the Lake Park. The cadet, a young police-trainee, would "put in at least as many hours in the park as is now done by the park patrolman," Giese explained. "And he would also provide some foot patrol in the shopping centers." The vote was 4 to 1, with Pilski still unconvinced.

In response to a request by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) for a special Easter Holiday and a personal holiday, council agreed with the manager to study the total leave system and to maintain the current policy of treating all employees alike.

Pilski argued against the purchase of a third squad car this year. At his request, Giese had prepared a listing of all police vehicles, their mileage and specified uses. Giese pointed out to council that the total mileage driven during the year, if spread among one less car, could mean the need to purchase four new cars next year. After much discussion, the vote was again 4 to 1, with Pilski voting no.

Revenue sharing funds will pay for a new typewriter (\$900).

(3) **Public Works** (\$705,000): The two positions of crewmen IV (unskilled labor with license to drive a truck, \$24,000) will be assigned to the general crew. Of that amount, \$14,000 has been added to street repair and maintenance. It was the need to fund these two positions that had led Pilski to pick away at what he considered soft spots in the budget. Characterizing his proposal as "a long time coming," Pilski said, Public Works "is the most overworked department."

Capital Improvement Reserve

Council accepted Giese's recommendation of allotting funds from 7c of the tax rate for Capital Improvements — traditionally spent for major street reconstruction and resurfacing. This increase of 2c will make available an extra \$30,000 over the 5c allotment of the past several years. The city has been able to obtain Community Development Block Grants for street work in the original portions of the city, but must use its own funds elsewhere.

Giese's breakdown of funds to be spent this year for major street and parking lot resurfacing is as follows:

Location:	Cost:
1. Crescent Rd. from Northway to Parkway	\$44,400
2. North (rear) Center parking lot (north half)	24,200
3. Westway from Ridge to Crescent	10,300
4. Westway from Lake to first driveway entrance	9,800
5. Legion Drive	8,800
6. Legion parking lot entrance	4,000
Total	\$101,500

Refuse Charges

Significant increases in the county landfill dumping fees and city labor costs (primarily insurance) will push up by 21% the refuse collection fees charged to the city's customers. Starting July 1, the new residential rate will be \$8.50 per month (up from \$7).

Improvements to the Center Mall will include repairs to concrete (\$5,200), new benches and ornamental trash containers (\$2,100). Revenue Sharing funds will pay for insulation and panelling of the lunch/meeting room in the public works Building (\$1,500), a dust collector for the shop (\$900), a floor cleaning machine (\$1,300), and new walkway at the city cemetery (\$3,000).

(4) **Social Services — CARES** (\$116,400): Council accepted the

manager's recommendation to add \$600 to the proposed salary for the new full-time position of juvenile counselor (\$15,100).

(5) **Recreation Department and Parks** (\$668,200): Following Giese's recommendation, \$8,000 was eliminated by combining two projects needed for the swimming pool — permanent steps for the elderly and physically handicapped and resurfacing of the diving pool to be funded under the reserve for capital improvements (\$12,000). Council requested that when an engineering study is made, it be broadened to include the entire pool area. For example, the swim team has requested a turning wall at 25 meters from the deep end, PRAB supports the idea as the shallow end could then have a level bottom, safer entry steps and a wall to prevent non-swimmers from entering deep water. Giese also noted the potential need for major work on the bath house, perhaps to the extent of rebuilding it entirely. In council's view, the resulting work would be funded through a future bond issue rather than from the annual operating budget.

Under special programs, council earmarked \$100 of funds already in the budget for wreathes for the Center War Memorial on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Contributions

Contributions the city makes to other recreation organizations are as follows:

Organization:	Contribution
Boys and Girls Club	\$8,300
Aquatic Boosters	2,100
Winter Swim Coach	450
Greenbelt Concert Band	500
Band Director	1,250
Greenbelt Little League	3,300
SHL Baseball	700
Greenbelt Running Club	225
Greenbelt Tennis Assoc.	375
Greenbelt Cultural Arts	3,500
Golden Age Club	1,200
Total	\$21,900

New equipment to be purchased with Revenue sharing funds includes: two bleachers (\$4,500); football/soccer goal posts (\$1,200); chain link fences for Northway Field (\$2,400) and for McDonald Field (\$1,500); SHL Recreation Center — paint, woodwork and trim (\$8,300); file cabinet for prints (\$500); and CPR equipment and supplies (\$1,000).

(6) **Parks** — The remaining \$10,000 of the cost of the two new public works crew was placed under parks and playground maintenance. The handball/rebound wall behind the swimming pool will be reconstructed (\$5,000). A new pick up truck (\$7,000) for parks will be purchased with revenue sharing funds.

One item not funded in this budget, Giese told council, is the four Braden Field tennis courts that are in disrepair. He warned council he may have to ask for as much as \$30,000 from surplus if the courts are to be resurfaced this year.

The city maintains 223 acres of parkland, 27 playgrounds, 7 athletic fields (three on city property and four on school property) and 10 tennis courts.

(7) **Miscellaneous** — The \$45,000 reserve for the North End School was placed under General Reserves as a new line item. Giese removed \$10,000 from the reserve for salary adjustment when council opted for an average 7% pay increase for classified employees.

Cost of Benefits Up

Employee benefits continues to be one of the larger single line items in the budget. The city was hit last year with the need to fund its share (\$1.6M.) of the accrued

liability of the State Retirement System requiring a whopping \$153,000 payment each year beginning in 1984 and continuing 40 years. Council put aside \$50,000 last year toward those payments. Beginning with this budget, Giese proposes to increase this amount by 15% a year until reaching the annual payment required, in 1990. This year a second blow fell, the annual contribution rate was raised by 53%. In addition, money paid into social security is up. Funds to be paid this year will be: Social Security, \$112,200; State Retirement Contribution, \$150,400 and Accrued Liability, \$58,200.

Two related expenditures which appear throughout the budget also have increased significantly this year. Group medical payments are up by 36% and insurance is up by 34%. Taking the increased funds budgeted for the above three categories of benefits, Giese wrote in his original budget message to council, "these three items comprise 25% of the total increase in expenditures for the General Fund."

CITY NOTES

The general crew backfilled the new sidewalk at Gardenway and Crescent Road and Westway and Crescent Road. The crew also installed a concrete base for the pedestrian crossing signal at Green Ridge House. The concrete base will have to dry for approximately three weeks before the poles and wiring can be installed. The parks crew collected roadside debris several days this week. Maintenance was done on the golf course and ballfields and grass was cut in various areas of the city.

Cheverly Stage, Japanese Dance

A taste of Japanese culture will be at the Prince Georges Publick Playhouse this weekend. Kotobuki Kai's Dance Troup will present "Ayame," a series of short formal dances interspersed with livelier field dances.

The costumes and props are authentic and expensive. The stage settings, constructed by Greenbelters Leland Chambers, are unique and elaborate. One such setting is an 11-foot waterfall using dry ice for effect.

For reservations, call 277-1710 days or 262-3376 evenings. The playhouse is located at 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, Md.

Historical Society Meets

The Greenbelt Historical Society has scheduled a June meeting for Tuesday, June 29 in the Tugwell Room of the Greenbelt Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Verne Chatelain, historian. His topic will be concerned with "The Significance of the State of Maryland in U.S. History," with special reference to the City of Greenbelt.

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Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

At 4 a.m. on June 21 a woman reported that a young male accosted her as she was walking to her Springhill Lake apartment. He grabbed a knapsack she was carrying and a struggle ensued. She bit the man on the hand but he got away with the knapsack which contained some cash and clothing.

After investigating a theft from a parked car at the Greenway Shopping Center, Pfc. Fred E. Murray located two male juveniles who were responsible and recovered \$125 worth of stolen property.

Officer Timothy Hahn reported a shoplifting arrest at the Shoe-town Store in the Greenway Shopping Center.

The Greenbelt Recreation Center was entered by way of a rear door. However, apparently nothing was stolen. An attempt had been made to break into a vending machine.

Two women reported that a man exposed himself while they were in a boat on the lake. The man, described as a white male in his 20's, was standing on the shore. A lookout was issued.

As a result of a burglar alarm set off in the Beltway Plaza at about 9 p.m. on June 19, a suspect was observed running from the officers who responded to the alarm. After a foot chase it was found that he had just stolen \$143 worth of clothing from another store. He was arrested and the property was recovered. The store in which the alarm went off was not disturbed.

Pfc. Fred E. Murray made a shoplifting arrest in the Sporting Life Store in the Beltway Plaza.

A car stolen in Springhill Lake was recovered by the County Po-

GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on June 24 immediately after an 8 p.m. special meeting of the GDC Board of Directors. Several miscellaneous items are on the GHI agenda in addition to two requests for exemption to electric heat conversion.

The regular Monday rehab information meeting will be held on June 28 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Besides heat conversion, questions about other rehab work will be answered by GHI staff members.

The GHI siding contract is winding down. Members with frame home additions are reminded to have their additions sided while the price is right and the contractor is in the community. Members who have not received and returned to GHI a contract for vinyl siding on their additions should call Dennis Lewis (474-6644).

A request form for masonry homeowners to get new windows in their additions is available from receptionist Mary Hurley (474-6644). The form should be returned as soon as possible, but no later than two days before the member's home is measured for windows.

For answers to rehab questions, call the rehab hotline (474-6644). Members who want to check the progress of conversion can call the rehab hotline in the evening for a recorded message with the next day's rehab schedule.

lice on Rt. 1. The arrest of two non-residents resulted.

Cpl. Terrence M. McGrath and Cpl. Daniel P. O'Neil have completed a required Supervisor Training Program conducted by the Police Training Commission in Woodstock, Md.

P.G. Community College Courses at Roosevelt

Prince Georges Community College will continue to operate a Degree Center at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for the fall semester which begins August 23. A Degree Center is an extension location which has educational capability for students to earn an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies which can be used to transfer to a four-year institution. In addition, selected courses are offered in technical and career programs.

Courses being offered this fall include art, biology, business, career development, data processing, developmental math/reading/composition, economics, English, law enforcement, geography, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, physical education, physical science, political science, psychology, secretarial science, sociology and speech.

For information, call the College at 322-0783, Monday through Friday. For 24-hour information, call 322-0781.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

by Sue Jones

The 1982 season will start with Greenbelt's first meet this Saturday with West Laurel at home. Swimmers and parents should be at Greenbelt Pool at 8:30 Saturday morning.

The swim team is still looking

for new swimmers. Any resident of Greenbelt age 18 or younger who can swim across the pool is eligible and welcome (out-of-townners must have pool membership). Morning practice is from 6-7 and 7-8 for older swimmers, and from 8-9 for those 11 and under. Especially needed are 8 and under and 10 and under boys.

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Student Orchestra Gives Fine Concert Before Trip

by Albert K. Herling

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Symphony Orchestra, scheduled soon to leave for Vienna, Austria to take part in the 11th International Youth and Music Festival, held a benefit concert on Monday, June 7, to raise funds for the trip.

The orchestra, under the extremely able direction of Dorothy S. Pickard, offered the audience a program of popular classics which served to demonstrate the ability and diversity of the orchestra's capabilities.

The program opened with the cheerful and tuneful Rossini "Overture to the Barber of Seville," a work which served to illustrate the degree of discipline the orchestra has achieved.

This was followed by the rendition of the *Allegro molto appassionato* movement from Mendelssohn's "Concerto in E Minor" with Erika Walczak as violinist. Miss Walczak shows promise as a violinist and Pickard's conducting and control of the orchestra's accompaniment provided excellent assistance.

A movement from Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World," showed how well the strings and wind sections performed.

"The Serenade for String Orchestra," Op. 20 by Elgar was a delight to hear.

In the opinion of this reviewer, the violincello section of the orchestra was magnificent in the *Allegro moderato* movement of

Schubert's "Symphony in B Minor, 'The Unfinished Symphony.'" Hearing the Schubert must have stirred the musical memories of many in the audience.

Perhaps the best performed piece in the evening's program was the concluding number, Bernstein's "Overture to Candide." It was sheer beauty. Its brilliance and exuberance came through with an integrity that was wonderful.

The concert not only showed what the young men and women of the orchestra are capable of, it also served to point up the love, the dedication, the very high musical ability—the musicianship—of Dorothy Pickard, the director of the orchestra. She has not only developed an outstanding orchestra, she has imbued these young people with her spirit and love of music. They played, perhaps, better than they knew be-

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- JUNE 28**
- JULY 12**
- JULY 19**

Because of the holiday, there will not be a meeting on July 5.

Meetings on energy conservation for those converted to electric heat are held once a month on the second Wednesday at 8 p.m. These meetings feature a speaker from PEP-CO. In July, the meeting is scheduled for the following day:

JULY 14

If members have specific issues they would like addressed or find the meeting time inconvenient, they may contact the rehab hotline staff. Arrangements can be made for other meetings or information can be provided.

Members can call the Rehab Information Hotline (474-6644) for information during business hours. A pre-recorded message with scheduling and other information will be available on the line at all other times.

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New GHI Board Discusses Range of Issues

by Mary Moien

June 10 was the first meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). The election of officers for the board for the coming year was held. Other major topics of this lengthy meeting included the approval of financing for windows in brick and block home additions, regulations governing antenna placement and numerous requests for exceptions to GHI rules.

The election of officers was one of the first major items of business. Frank Gervasi nominated Margaret Hogensen for president and Joe Jenkins nominated Jim Smith. Smith was elected with the votes of Jenkins, Volk, Williams, and Lewis. The other officers were elected unanimously. They are Hogensen as vice president, new board member Janet Cantwell as secretary and Gervasi as treasurer. As the newly elected officers took their positions around the table, Smith and Hogensen spoke a few words on the year that had passed and the hopes for continued good working relations for the coming year.

Early in the meeting a lengthy discussion arose over the approval of two membership applications. The requirement states that only relatives by blood or marriage may share a unit. In each of these cases, a male applicant sought waiver to allow a specific unrelated female to share the unit with him. Spirited debate from the floor followed on both sides of the issue. The two membership applications were approved with Wayne Williams casting the only 'no' vote. Smith indicated that these were two isolated cases and that the board was not setting a precedent.

GHI regulations call for monthly meetings during the summer. Due to the large amount of business to be covered, however, the board will continue to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays in June, July, and August. The next meeting will be on June 24.

Window Financing

Management reported that a number of members had wanted to finance, under the rehab program, windows for additions in brick and block homes. The board approved this action, pending approval by the National Consumer Cooperative Bank which is financing this phase of rehab.

Antenna Placement

The board then considered management's proposed regulations regarding placement of TV antennas on brick, block and frame homes. The plan calls for antennas to be placed in the attics of frame and brick homes and attached to the upper side walls of block homes. Management developed these specifications when it was informed that improper placement of antennas was damaging the roof and causing leaking in attics. Hogensen questioned whether placement of an antenna in an attic would assure good TV reception. Management had spoken with one of the antenna companies - Super TV - and had been assured that with proper placement in the attic, reception would be fine. The motion was passed but a clause was added indicating that members could place antennas in other areas with prior approval of GHI.

Gypsy Moths

Ralph Webb, a GHI member and employee of the Agricultural Research Center, made an informative presentation regarding the possibility of gypsy moth infesta-

tion in Greenbelt, particularly in the North End. The North End has numerous white oak and chestnut oak trees which are very susceptible to gypsy moths. Although Webb feels that a severe problem is three to eight years away, he is requesting GHI to set traps to count the number of moths that are caught within a specific time period. GHI agreed and also asked Tom White of the City Council to see if the City will join GHI in this project.

The board reviewed three requests for exceptions to GHI rules. In the first case, the exception involved a playhouse built in a member's yard. The house is built on stilts in a poured concrete base. GHI regulations allow playhouses to be built with prior approval but the discussion arose because of the size and sophistication of this particular structure. After a lengthy discussion and a slide presentation, the board voted to allow the structure to remain.

The second case involved a large two-story shed that had been built without GHI approval. The shed's builder is now selling his GHI house and wants the shed to

be sold with it. Again, a slide presentation was made by management. Although the shed was very well built, it exceeded the size and height requirements and permission had not been received from GHI prior to construction. A compromise was presented by the board. The owner will attempt to reduce the height of the shed.

The third case was a routine matter. A University of Maryland professor has had an overseas duty extended a maximum of one year. The board agreed to allow him to lease his home one additional year.

Other Items

Under the visitors and members portion of the meeting, Leo Hool made known his objection to the placement of the heavy-up electric poles on some of the brick and block homes. The poles are placed between the window and the door and not in the less obvious position near the downspouts. Management is aware of the problem and is planning to discuss it with PEPCO and the contractors. In the meantime, no new poles are being placed in that position.

Another member described what

has become, to him, a "10½ month nightmare". This Crescent Road resident is constantly having his car blocked into his garage by other cars. Although GHI management has been working on this problem, no solution has been reached. Smith urged management to continue searching for a solution and to report back any results.

The board has given management the green light to determine the best methods for converting electric closets into usable living and/or storage space in affected units. Approximately 35 members have indicated that they want the space converted into living space. GHI estimates the cost to be approximately \$20,000 and is currently looking into methods for

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getting the work done and methods for financing the work.

The following members have been appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Historic Preservation: Bruce Bowman, Betty Deitch, Ray McCawley, Al and Fran Herling, Bernie McGee, Barbara Havekost, Mary Ison, Ruth Mathes, Don Volk and Wayne Williams. (Also contributing to this article was Sandra Surber Smith.)



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