

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Two Insurance Companies Refuse To Pay Police Damages Award

by Bill Rowland

The two insurance companies that provided police and general liability coverage for the City of Greenbelt in 1981 have both declared that they have no responsibility to pay the \$65,000 damages judgment recently awarded by a federal court to Greenbelt resident Peter Ladnier. The decision handed down by the Fourth District Court on October 4 held Greenbelt police officer Fred E. Murray, in his individual capacity, liable for these damages on a charge under federal civil rights law of using unjustified force against Ladnier. The court additionally found Murray liable for \$6,605 in attorneys' fees incurred by Ladnier, and the insurance companies have also denied responsibility for that expense.

The position taken by the insurance companies, in letters made available by the city to the News Review, is that their policies did not specifically include liability for violations of civil rights under the federal statute. One of the two firms also cites exclusion clauses in its policy that the firm believes "precludes response to the judgment."

Murray was charged by Ladnier with unnecessary use of force in restraining and handcuffing Ladnier after a pre-dawn collision on August 14, 1981, in which the police car Murray was driving ran into the motorcycle Ladnier was riding. The court found Murray not liable on a negligence claim by Ladnier arising from the vehicle collision, and also not liable on an assault and battery claim by Ladnier. The City of Greenbelt, its police department and police chief were exonerated by the court of related charges.

The insurance firms are Atlanta International Insurance Company, which issued the 1981 policy covering the official actions of city police, and Home Insurance Company, holder in 1981 of the city's general liability insurance. During the court proceedings, Atlanta International retained an attorney to defend the city, the police department, the police chief, and Murray on the civil rights and related charges; and Home Insurance provided an attorney to defend Murray on the charge of negligence in operating the police car.

Both attorneys filed post-trial motions on Murray's behalf, asking that the judge in the case reverse the decision against Murray, or set a new trial, or reduce the dollar award. However, the two insurance companies, in their subsequent letters, disclaimed re-

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## Police Concerned

Concern among Greenbelt police officers about the protection given them by city-purchased insurance surfaced in the wake of refusal by two insurance companies to pay court-awarded damages and attorney fees for which a city police officer has been found liable. The awards by a federal judge resulted from charges by a Greenbelt resident that the police officer, in 1981, had violated the resident's civil rights as protected by federal law. (See related story.)

In a letter to city council, the Greenbelt Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) asked for a meeting to discuss present police liability insurance coverage. In response, council held a work session on October 25 with FOP representatives and their attorney, Benjamin R. Wolman. Also taking active part in the discussion were City Manager James Giese and City Solicitor Emmett Nanna, as well as a consultant on insurance matters for the city and the agent for the company that currently provides police liability insurance for the city.

The city renews its insurance coverages annually on a bid basis. Because of that renewal practice, the city's police liability insurance is now carried by a different firm than the one that provided that insurance at the

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## GHI Board Passes '84 Budget; Charges to Remain about Same

by Mavis Fletcher

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. passed the corporation's 1984 budget at the regular meeting on Nov. 3. With Vice-President Frank Gervasi wielding the gavel in the absence of President Margaret Hogenson, the budget was adopted unanimously on a motion by Director Joe Jenkins after relatively little debate. Earlier forums in which the budget had been discussed (a work session and a members' hearing) had apparently provided ample opportunity for the members to raise any questions they had.

The 1984 budget totals \$4,720,223. Overall, according to a statement by General Manager Shekar Narasimhan, members charges will remain about the same: many will see a few dollars reduction, some may be a few dollars higher. The stabilized charges are attributed primarily to the use of the '1979 rehab col-

lection' amounting to \$219,000, to reduce members' charges in 1984.

Budget highlights include: creation of a rehab stabilization fund to minimize fluctuations in members charges after 1986 when the National Consumer Cooperative Bank rates will change; one dollar per month increases in garage rents; beginning a 5-year capital improvement project to repair the roofs of rental garages; decrease of four management staff positions to a total of 35 (the lowest level, according to a member's remark, since 1953); a 4% salary increase for GHI employees; a decrease in payroll and related overhead.

The budget anticipates receipts of a little more than \$4 million from members' charges; the other \$640,000 will come primarily from service income, other income and reserves. Member June Didas questioned the advisability of using the 1979 rehab collection to lower 1984 charges by a few dollars for each member per month. She said that on her unit the lowered charge would amount to

only about seven dollars, and she felt it might be wiser to use some or all of the money to increase the rehab stabilization reserve. However, according to Narasimhan, in 1982 the board made a commitment to the members to use the collection to reduce members' charges in 1984.

Among several questions which had been raised earlier, Finance Committee had inquired into the proposal to modernize the GHI car and truck fleet. The corporation currently owns five cars and 22 trucks. The average age of the fleet is seven years; average mileage is about 40,000 miles. Management proposes to reduce the number of cars to three and modernize by acquiring one new car in each of the next three years. The truck fleet will also be reduced in number and modernized by replacement of two trucks per year. The board passed unanimously a motion to approve the plan in concept. Specific authorization for expenditure of funds to carry out the plan will depend on later board action.

Comptroller Don McGinn, ob-

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## Roosevelt's Problem Phones Ring, But . . . No Answer

by Robyn Small

Administrators at Eleanor Roosevelt High School can't reach out and touch someone, not if it means using the school's faulty telephone system. That has some parents worried about being able to contact their sons or daughters in emergencies.

PTSA President David Merkwitz says the student's safety was the topic of concern at a recent PTSA meeting. He says the PTSA realizes that correcting the phone problem is both complicated and expensive, but that "it's ironic that a science and technology center is adapted with such faulty equipment."

The eight-year-old system was manufactured by GTE, and according to Roosevelt Principal Ray Ogden, it was not the most efficient on the market at that time. Bill Roe, who handles the telephone systems for the County schools, says the equipment was supposed to last for 10 years when it was installed. In the past year, however, school faculty say the telephones have been out of service for lengthy periods of time, often three or four hours during the school day.

It's that kind of service that has parents worried. Ogden says he knows of no situation where the parents or school have not been able to make contact with one another in an emergency. He categorizes the situation as "basically just bad P.R.," because often the telephone is the first contact a parent has with the school. Ogden adds, access to the two C & P pay phones at the school is very difficult because of their location.

The problem with the GTE system has to do with incoming calls. There are seven trunk lines through which all incoming calls must pass. When the system is

down, the caller hears ringing, but the phones do not ring at the school.

Bill Brown, a Contract Services Specialist with the county, says the trunk lines are very sensitive to dust, and it is the sixth of seven trunk lines which has been causing the problem. Brown says that dust had settled on one of the relays and caused the malfunction, but that the problem has now been corrected. Ogden says, however, that the problem has been corrected several times in the past, but never for a long period of time.

Replacing the system this year is not likely, according to both Ogden and Bill Brown. According to Brown, the system isn't likely to be replaced until the fiscal year 1986 budget. Costs for replacing the phone system are estimated between \$17,000 and \$35,000. For now, it appears the school will have to continue to use the GTE system.

### WHAT GOES ON

Friday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. Veterans' Day Observance, War Memorial, Centerway.

Mon., Nov. 14, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session on M-NCPPC Traffic Study, Municipal Building

Thurs. Nov. 17 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

## Veteran's Day Observance

American Legion Post #136, its Auxiliary, and D.A.V. Chapter #25 will sponsor the annual Veteran's Day observance on Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the War Memorial on Centerway.

Congressman Steny Hoyer, State Senator Leo Green and Mayor Gil Weidenfeld will be among the speakers. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Symphonic Band will provide patriotic music and accompaniment. Local elementary school children have been invited to participate, also.

Area veterans and residents are invited to this ceremony dedicated to honoring civilian participation in military service in combat periods of our nation's history.

## Post Office Closed

All post offices in Washington, D.C. will be closed Friday, November 11 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. Postmaster John R. Cochran announced today. On that day, delivery service will be limited to Express Mail and Special Delivery items. There will be no delivery of mail by letter carriers.

## At Greenbelt Park

Sat., Nov. 12 Birdfeeder Workshop. Feed birds this winter from a feeder people can make from recycled materials. For reservation, call 344-3943 and meet at the Park Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Sun., Nov. 13 Autumn Ramble. Take a walk through the autumn woods with a Park Ranger. Meet at the information station at 1 p.m.



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## Carl M. Conrad

Carl M. Conrad, 78, of Southway, died Monday, November 7.

A resident of Greenbelt for about 14 years, Mr. Conrad was born in Rockingham County, Virginia and was educated in the Harrisonburg, Va. high school. He also took courses in architecture and engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Conrad conducted a construction business in Harrisonburg during the 1930s. Later he was a construction superintendent for several large firms and worked on construction in the area, including the U.S. Capitol, the old Sheraton Park hotel and the Holton Arms school. After his retirement in 1970 he worked for Prince Georges County as a building inspector for several years.

He had been active in Greenbelt Homes, Inc., having been a member of the Board of Directors, chairman of the Audit Committee, and a member of the engineering and maintenance committee and the ad hoc committee for executive salaries. He was also a member of the Citizens for Greenbelt.

Mr. Conrad is survived by his wife, Una, of the home address; children (all former Greenbelters), Donald, of Clinton; William, of Lanham; and JoAnne Blakley, of Beltsville; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday morning at the Ager Road United Methodist Church.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to the heart fund or to the Ager Road United Methodist Church memorial fund.

## Adult Coffee Hour

There will be an Adult Coffee Hour starting this Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1:30 at the Conference Room in the Youth Center. The Coffee Hour will be held every Sunday during the winter months from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend. If there are any questions, please call Irene Hensel, 454-7219.

## Arts Center Bake Sale

Cooler weather should bring back the baking instincts to the many Greenbelters who donate to the Cultural Arts Center Bake Sale every month. The monthly event is slated for Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Utopia Theater. Contributors may call Eileen Peterson at 345-2454 for information. Donations (rewarded with a free ticket for a Cultural Arts Center event) may be brought to the Center after 9:45 a.m.

## AAUW Panel On Women's Networks

The College Park Branch of AAUW invites all graduate women and their guests to attend its November program, "Networks That Work For Women." The date is Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the College Park Municipal Center, 4500 Knox Road.

Greenbelter Virginia Beauchamp will chair the session, which will include as panelists Warlene Gary, former executive director of President Carter's Advisory Committee for Women; Jill Greenberg, former member of the Maryland Commission for Women and originator of the Maryland Women's History Week project; Mary Joe Strauss, co-editor of *Everywoman's Guide to Colleges and Universities*; and Sol del Ande Eaton, EEOC Officer for the Naval Research Laboratory. For more information, please call Branch President Patty Jantho, 454-4113 or 699-3344.

## Golden Age Club

by Nancy Knoll

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club enjoyed a Halloween Party with prizes for the best costumes. The group played games and delicious refreshments were served.

On Monday, November 14, the group will be taking a bus trip to the Pavilion in the Old Post Office in Washington, D.C.

## Invitation to Demonstrate

To the Editor:

On November 12 the Greenbelt Peace Committee invites Greenbelters to join them to demonstrate in support of the negotiation and conciliation of conflicts in Central America.

To carpool downtown, meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 12 beside Suburban Bank in the Center Mall.

The Peace Committee will join other peace contingents at the U.S. State Department (22nd and Constitution) to walk to the White House and join the rally at the Ellipse with groups demonstrating for social and economic justice in Central America. Call 474-6265 for more information.

Rebecca Williams

Greenbelt Peace Committee

## GHI NOTES

GHI's first Energy Management Workshop of the season will be held Thursday, November 10 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. It will present "Ways to Reduce Your Electric Bill." GHI members are invited to attend and share their energy saving tips.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, November 17 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. GHI members are always welcome at these regular Board meetings.

Because Friday, November 11 is Veteran's Day, GHI offices will be closed. The GHI answering service (474-6011) will take calls about emergency maintenance. Members should wait to place regular maintenance requests during Maintenance Department hours (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday).

Members are reminded that a trash container cabinet or closet must be used to store trash. For those who need a cabinet, the GHI Warehouse sells one that holds two 30-gallon cans. Call Purchasing Assistant Mary Anne Baker (474-7476) for information.

## Greenbelt Jaycees to Hold Food Drive for the Needy

On Saturday, November 12, the Greenbelt Jaycees will hold its annual Thanksgiving Can Goods Drive. Jaycees will be in front of the Co-op, in front of the Safeway in Greenway Shopping Center and at the A & P in Beltway Plaza.

The Greenbelt Jaycees will accept can goods and boxed items which will be turned over to the Catholic Charities of the Metropolitan area through St. Hugh's Catholic Church. The goods will be used to help the needy in the area.

## At the Library

Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — "Rain or Shine" Booksale.

Thursday, November 17—Adult Book Discussion, 10:15 a.m. Stephen B. Oates' *Let the Trumpet Sound; The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold its membership meeting on Monday, November 14 at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The Reverend George Natonick, Chaplain of Gallaudet College, will be guest speaker. Interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

## P.G. Schools to Celebrate American Education Week

The Prince Georges County School System will present an education fair at Landover Mall this weekend as part of its celebration of American Education Week. Educational displays will be offered to the public from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The fair will also feature musical presentations, Junior ROTC drill demonstrations and student fashion shows.

The celebration will continue through the week of November 13, with a systemwide School Visitation Day being held at all 175 public schools in the county on Wednesday, November 16. The week's activities will conclude with live entertainment demonstrations in music, fashion and dance at Prince Georges Plaza in Hyattsville on Saturday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 952-4350.

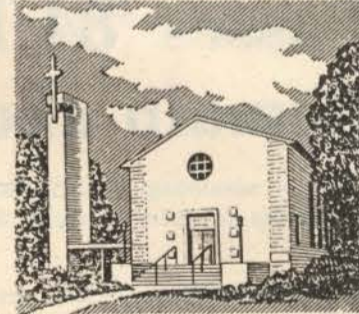
'Bring thyself to account each day ere thou art summoned to a reckoning.'

—Baha'i Sacred Writings

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Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
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## Greenbelt Community Church



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 Rev. Francis G. Kazista, Associate Pastor

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.

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Nov. 13 - Sixteenth Century Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. Communion Service, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School, 9:50; Youth Meeting, 4:30 Pre-School Program, 9:50 until close of late service

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Telephone 345-5111

## Free Dance/Exercise Class To Help Needy Children

Fit n' Image Aerobic Stretch, Inc., its members and friends, invite Greenbelters to dance and exercise their way through a special class. The cost to participate is a donation of canned food goods to St. Christopher's Church in New Carrollton (next to Toys R Us). Bring contributions between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14 and be prepared for a workout! Bring a mat and wear appropriate shoes.

Help those who would otherwise be without this Thanksgiving!

## Church Shows Film

The Greenbelt Community Church will be having two showings of a new film about the work of the ecumenical Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. Those interested are invited to come either November 13 or November 15. The showing on November 13 will be at 6:30 p.m. after a potluck supper at 5:30. On November 15, the showing will be at 12:30 following the monthly luncheon meeting of the Women's Service Guild. Everyone is welcome.

## Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 (for all ages)  
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
 Rev. Dr. James Chong Park  
 Pastor  
 474-1924

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville  
 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 First and third Sundays  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 Second and fourth Sundays  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector  
 422-8057



## Crossland to Dedicate John Merricks Stadium

On Saturday, November 12, Crossland High School will honor the memory of its first head football coach when it dedicates the John M. Merricks Memorial Stadium.

Crossland principal Joe Hairston, a football coach at Northwestern in the mid '70s has proclaimed this week, Crossland's 17th Homecoming, to be John Merricks Week in honor of the coach who died at his home in Florida last November 16. The Merricks family were long-time Greenbelt residents.

All those who knew or worked with Coach John Merricks are invited to attend a reception in the school library at noon. At 1 p.m. John's brother, Dr. David Merricks, will participate in a pre-game ceremony on the football field with current and former administrators, teachers, coaches, players, students and local dignitaries to dedicate the stadium.

Merricks joined the school when it opened in 1963. In 1965 Merricks and Crossland began a dominance of Prince Georges County AA football. An operation for cancer caused Merricks to miss the last two games of the 1975 season and the disease caused his retirement in 1978. His final football team in 1977, Class AA Region 2 champions and Maryland state semifinalists, capped a 14-year career during which Merricks led Crossland to a record of 95-35-3, five Prince Georges County Class AA titles and 10 seasons ranked in the Washington Star Metropolitan Area Top Ten.

Greenbelters interested in carpooling to the reception and ceremony may contact Joe O'Loughlin (474-8200) or Pete Labukas (474-9486).

## Utopia Production Stars Greenbelters

by John Ward

The Lion in Winter, by James Goldman, will open a three-week run at the Utopia Theater this Friday. The play is a historical dramatic comedy about King Henry II of England and his treacherous, plotting and yet very human and loving family.

The family is concerned with the question of which son will succeed Henry to the throne.

The cast includes Greenbelters Bruce Miller, who was featured as Elias in the Greenbelt Players recent production of Dr. Cook's Garden, as Henry, and Marie Toussignant, of Olivewood Court, who has been in many Greenbelt Players' productions, as Henry's wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine. Henry's sons are played by Jeff Beyrent, a former Greenbelt resident now living in Laurel, a familiar figure on the Utopia's stage, as Richard, who later was called the Lionhearted; Bruce Pope, who has appeared at the Utopia in The Glass Menagerie and Twiss, as Geoffrey; and Joseph Ross of Boxwood, a veteran of The Water Engine at the Utopia, as John.

Kelly Holl, of Greenbriar, another veteran performer of the Utopia, appears as Alice, the beloved of both Henry and Richard; and Bob Mogel, who grew up in Greenbelt, who is making his first appearance in a Greenbelt Players production, as Phillip, King of France.

Lion in Winter is a Greenbelt Players production directed by former Greenbelt Cliff Smith, who has directed several Utopia productions, including The Glass Menagerie and Kaleidoscope. The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday evenings, November 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26 at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday, November 20 at 2:30 p.m. There is an admission charge.

## Holiday Inn - Greenbelt To Open November 21

The 208-room Holiday Inn-Greenbelt will open on November 21. At the same time, Celebrations, a 210-seat combination restaurant and lounge located adjacent to the hotel, will also open. Both are a joint venture between Coakley & Williams, Inc. and Sunstates Properties, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina. The hotel is located in the Maryland Trade Center Park, behind the Greenway Shopping Center.

The seven-story building will feature a gift, news and notion shop, vending machines convenient to all floors, a game room and, in season, a swimming pool and outdoor snack bar. There will also be nightly dancing in the lounge.

For meetings, conferences, parties and social and business functions for up to 30 guests, the Holiday Inn-Greenbelt will have fully equipped conference rooms and boardroom suites and cable TV service.

Coakley & Williams is acting as general contractor and will also operate the properties. The Holiday Inn-Greenbelt will be the company's fourth hotel built, owned and operated in the metropolitan area. The others are the Ramada Inn, Lanham, The Springfield Hilton, Springfield, Virginia and the new Henley Park Hotel in northwest Washington.

At the same time the new hotel and restaurant opens, the second Maryland Trade Center office building is rising nearby. Completion of the 12-story building is expected in late 1984.

## Co-op Grocery Holds 5% Appreciation Day

Tuesday, November 15, is Member Appreciation Day at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, 121 Centerway in the Greenbelt Center. All Coop members will receive a 5% discount on all purchases on November 15 at the

Supermarket.

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by Eileen Peterson  
345-2454

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Una Conrad of Southway on the death of her husband Carl.

Congratulations to Norman McCarthy of Greenhill Road on being honored recently for his work with the Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club. Norman is retiring as manager of the 8-12-years-old baseball team, and a proclama-

tion honoring him for his service was presented at the Prince Georges County Council meeting Nov. 8 by Council Chairman Frank P. Casula and Councilman Richard J. Castaldi of Greenbelt.

A very happy birthday greeting to Mrs. Lillian D. Parker of Green Ridge House. To celebrate her 84th birthday on November 3, she had lunch with one of her granddaughters, was given a surprise birthday party at the home of one of her sons, Lewis S. Parker, Jr., and received a con-

gratulatory letter from President Reagan.

Mrs. Parker has five children, 17 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. Her very close friends Charles and Bert Batch, and their daughter, joined the large number of family members at the celebration.

Bert Donn, Becky Williams and Stephen Ready, representing the Greenbelt Peace Committee, presented a puppet show as part of the "Kids Night Out" program

at the Community Church recently. The show, a message of Peace, was first given at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

Pfc. William E. McCormick, III, son of S. Jean McCormick of Hanover Parkway, has arrived for duty at Camp Casey, South Korea. A flight operations co-

ordinator with the 2nd Infantry Division, he was previously assigned to Fort Rucker, Ala.

Congratulations to Diane Ronchi Timbs of Greentree Place on placing second in a recent Wheaties Jingle Contest sponsored by General Mills, Inc. Diane's Jingle will be used on an upcoming TV commercial.

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### HARVEST FESTIVAL

FRI, NOV. 11

5-7 p.m. Polish Dinner

7-11 p.m. Games of Chance

SAT., NOV. 12

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Yard/Hall Sale

12 noon - on Bazaar

4:30-7 p.m. Lasagna Dinner

10 p.m. doors close

### Holy Redeemer

4902 Berwyn Rd., College Park

CRAFTS \* GAMES \* AUCTIONS \* RAFFLE



### GHI BOARD MEETING

#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday  
November 17 1983  
8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Manager
  - a. Explanation of 1979 hab fund distribution
  - b. Exemption Requests: 44-L Ridge; 35-J Ridge 4-Z Laurel Hill
  - c. Proposed Md. Legislation
5. Committees
  - a. Aesthetics & Environment
  - b. Engineering & Mainten.
6. President
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The office is located in the County Service Building, 5012 Rhode Island Avenue, Room #8, Hyattsville. No appointment is necessary between the hours of

### Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

A woman was assaulted in the 6200 block of Breezewood Dr. at about 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 8 when a man offered to help her get her car started. After she let him in the car, he attempted to assault her; she fought back and he inflicted several wounds on her with a razor-like instrument. When the woman continued to resist, the man robbed her and fled. The woman suffered multiple wounds but did not require hospitalization. The man is described as a white male about 27 years old, 5'10", with brown hair almost collar length. He was wearing brown dress slacks, a beige and brown sweater and a beige sports shirt. The police request that anyone having information about this crime or who can offer additional description should call the Greenbelt Police Department at 474-7200.

A purse-snatching took place in the parking area at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Nov. 8. Two juvenile males took a girl's purse and fled into the woods.

A rash of breaking and entering cases occurred on Nov. 4, all at about the same time during

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daylight hours. Entry was gained into a dwelling in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace by throwing a rock through a sliding door. A window was broken in a residence in the 9200 block of Edmonston Rd., the home was entered, and a typewriter, jewelry and silver were taken. And a home in Whitebirch Court in Boxwood was entered through an unlocked door, and cash was taken.

#### Last Week

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

A young girl was the victim of a 3rd degree sexual offense (touching) in an incident which took place at Center School on Oct. 28. The suspect is described as a white male in his 20's, 5'6" with a thin build, sandy hair and dark eyes. He was wearing tan corduroy pants, a "preppie" long-sleeved shirt and dress shoes. The Greenbelt police request anyone having any information about this incident to call the department at 474-7200. Ask for Det./Cpl. Doug Sappington.

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men as he left a movie theater in Beltway Plaza. The men hit him for no known reason.

A blue 1982 Chevy pickup was stolen from Lakeside Dr. the night of Oct. 24-25. The Maryland registration is N42002. At about the same time articles were stolen from an auto on Lakeside Dr. On Oct. 26 a car stolen from District Heights was recovered on Lakeside Dr. Property was also stolen from a car on Westway on Oct. 25.

Officer Timothy F. Hahn arrested a suspect for possession of PCP on Oct. 28 in the Springhill Lake area.

A breaking and entering took place on Morrison Dr. in Windsor

Green. A TV was stolen during a breaking and entering in Gardenway on either Oct. 29 or 30.

Three cases of malicious destruction occurred during the week. The hood of a VW was caved in in the Springhill Lake area and windows were broken on autos on Ridge Road and in the Co-op parking lot.

Pfc. Gregory E. Lynn made an arrest for shoplifting at Showoff in the Greenway Shopping Center. Officer John R. Squires charged a suspect with shoplifting at Shoe Town.

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## Little League Awards Banquet

by Martin Murray

The Awards Banquet on Sunday, Oct. 16, was truly a banquet this year. The Greenbelt American Legion generously provided the hall and fed over 300 family members of Little Leaguers. Speaker Charles Sullivan, baseball coach from DeMatha, encouraged the boys and girls to seek baseball scholarships to college.

Jim Barron and Robert Bowen received the Most Valuable Player Award. Rookies-of-the-Year Awards were presented to Tommy Ray and Greg Klem. Nine boys received Outstanding Player of the Year, James Jordon, Pat Conrad, Sparky Wilson, Steffan Sonneveldt, Chris Lee, Robert Bowen, Lee Santos, Jim Barron and Sean Luddy.

Awards were also given to the World Series teams, the Cardinals and Indians.

Retiring Norm McCarthy, Indian manager for twenty years, was honored with a watch and a standing ovation. This was his last year. Dave Smyth, Cardinal coach, received the Volunteer of the Year Award presented by Hank Irving.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, City Councilman Ed Putens and County Councilman Richard Castaldi also attended. President Jerry Shafer thanked Post Commander, Sam Hoffberg for the Legion's generosity in sponsoring and

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sponsibility for the costs of appeals and Atlanta Insurance said it "is not interested" in funding a new trial.

The judge is expected to set a date for hearing the post-trial motions, although he could reject the requests in a written order.

According to City Manager James Giese, City Solicitor Emmett Nanna has advised city officials that Murray, not the city, should bear responsibility for any legal challenge to the refusal of the insurance firms to pay the awarded damages. As a result of that opinion, Murray is now being represented, as an individual,

hosting the event.

by attorney Benjamin R. Wolman of the Upper Marlboro law firm of Wolman, Gushee and Newman. (Wolman also represents separately and on an ongoing basis, the Greenbelt Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.)

Wolman has told the News Review that he and Murray are considering possible legal action, but that they have made no decisions. One such action, Wolman said, might be to ask an appropriate court to rule that the insurance companies are wrong in their interpretations of their policies, and that the damages and attorneys' fee awards are to be paid by the companies. Another step, according to Wolman, could be an appeal of the Fourth District Court decision.

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viously elated by the board's action in passing the budget so early in the year, stated that members can expect notification of next year's charges by mid-December. Any questions can thus be resolved before the first payment is due. Or, as he put it: "I'll be able to enjoy Christmas for the first time in years!"

In a separate action, the board also voted to retain Stegman and Co., the present auditors, to perform this year's audit for a fee not to exceed \$20,500.

**GDC**

A meeting of the board of Greenbelt Development Corporation was also held at the beginning of the evening. The board set the hourly fee for maintenance work done for GDC by GHI at \$20 per hour, the same rate as last year. The board also passed unanimously a motion to keep rents in GDC apartments at their current levels. In reply to a member's query about the possibility of raising rents to provide a higher return on investment, Narasimhan explained that rents in GDC properties have traditionally been kept at moderate levels and that they are, at present, at or slightly below the 'going' rate for comparable apartments.

The GDC board also received a third quarter financial statement which showed a year-to-date profit of slightly more than \$11,000.

The December GHI board meetings will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 15.

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time of the 1981 incident.

Giese told the group that the city's police liability coverage in 1981 was considered the best then obtainable, but that it did not specifically cover civil rights claims. Now, according to Giese, almost all aspects of potential police liability are covered in the new policy just issued to the city by Imperial Casualty and Indemnity Company. Giese pointed out that it is impossible to cover in an insurance policy every "gray area" that might arise in police work.

A. R. Keir, agent for Imperial, explained that the policy is intended to include coverage for actions relating to all sections of the federal civil rights statute.

Prolonged discussion, however, brought agreement between city officials and FOP representatives that certain clauses in the policy need to be clarified by Imperial, and that the city may need to negotiate with Imperial changes

in some provisions.

One item of particular concern to the FOP was a clause in the Imperial policy excluding from coverage "damages arising out of the willful violation of a penal code or ordinance. . . ." The officers felt this exclusion seemed to cancel out the protection supposedly given them by the policy against damage judgments, under civil rights and assault and battery laws, for personal injuries as a result of wrongful acts arising out of law enforcement activities. This concern brought caveats from both Nanna and Giese. Nanna, while agreeing that clarification of the clause is needed, said he does not think any insurance company will cover an "intentional act," a "willful act," or a "deliberate tort." Giese concurred in that assessment. Giese later told the News Review that the object of the city is only to protect its employees for acts they may take in good faith in the performance of their duties.

B.R.



**YOUTH INFORMATION FORUM**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**

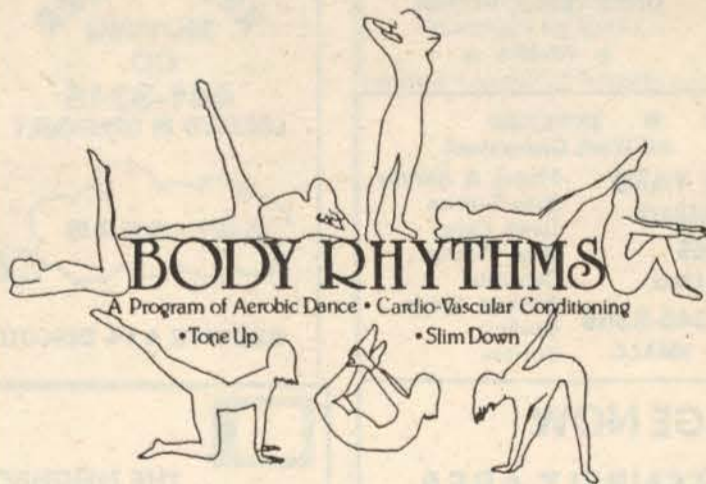
The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Youth Program Information Forum at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Information and literature, concerning youth programs, in the city, will be available. In addition, the Boys' and Girls' Club will be holding registration, for their basketball program, 10 am. - 12 noon.

A special slide and tape presentation of Recreation and Park activities will also be shown. The public is invited — see you there!!!!



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Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
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Tues. & Thurs. 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.  
2nd Floor room 2009

Register at 1st Class

**Session begins week of Nov. 14**

**5 weeks**

Call 953-1540 to pre-register or for further info.  
P.S. — What a great holiday idea — a gift certificate for Body Rhythms Aerobics!!

**Recreation Review**

The Greenbelt Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center will open at 12 noon on Friday, November 11, to accommodate the vacationing youth and adults.

**CPR CLASSES**

This course is free to Greenbelt residents. A nominal fee is charged for non-residents. To pre-register, call the Recreation Department Business Office, 474-6878. A book fee is charged and required of all registrants. The last two classes of the year will

be held on November 15 and 16, from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

**Bullets Tickets**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has another service to offer the city's residents. For a selected 15 Bullets home games, discount coupons that may be used towards a reserved ticket will be available. This will provide opportunities for individuals, families and organizations to enjoy exciting N.B.A. action at a substantial savings. Coupons may be picked up at the Youth Center Business Office. 474-6878.

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**Properties Surrounding Greenbelt:**

- A) RIVERDALE, 3 BR, Many improvements, large addition, family room, VA assumption, all terms, \$63,900.
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