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Sen. Green, Delegates to Try to Obtain Traffic Light at Mandan Rd. Crossing

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt's city council, during its regular meeting on February 6, considered the wished-for traffic light at Mandan and Greenbelt Road, county action relating to sewer service for the proposed Northridge residential development, a position description for the new Deputy Police Chief position, and proposed uses for revenue sharing and other city funds during the coming fiscal year.

Councilmember Thomas White proposed that council initiate a meeting with Maryland's Secretary of Transportation Lowell Bridwell regarding the continuing refusal of the State Highway Administration (SHA) to install a traffic light at the intersection of Mandan and Greenbelt Roads. During discussion following the proposal, City Manager James Giese reported on a conversation with County Councilmember Richard Castaldi, who recommended that the city back off from the issue for now to give State Senator Leo Green and other members of the county's legislative delegation a chance to try to resolve the problem during the current session of the General Assembly. Giese said that he is also trying to analyze new traffic survey results to see whether further arguments can be made to SHA for the light. The Board of Education is also tackling the problem, he noted, by asking for a "school crossing" light.

White insisted that the SHA decision cries out for reevaluation. He cited the school crossing situation, the poor lines of sight for motorists, and the ban on occupancy of the Green Holly Woods townhouse development until a light is in place. White said that these factors should be tied together in a letter to SHA with copies to the legislators. Council agreed unanimously with White's proposal.

Shortly after this council meeting, the city learned that its late January refusal to free the Green Holly Woods developer from the traffic light stipulation had been overruled by the Prince Georges County Planning Board. On February 9, after a hearing on the issue that same day, the plan-

ning board approved the final plat for the development after removing the installation of the traffic light as a condition for occupancy. The planning board reasoned that the traffic light authority lies with SHA, that neither the developer nor the board can require the placement of the light, and that it appears the developer has tried to obtain the light but has been unable to convince SHA.

The city has learned informally from George Brugger, the developer's attorney, that the engineering firm of Greenhorne and O'Mara is preparing a study to see if the additional traffic to be generated by Green Holly Woods would raise traffic counts high enough to meet SHA requirements for a traffic light. Brugger also told the city that the developer will continue efforts to obtain the light.

Northridge

Giese told council that the County Council has enacted a resolution to make water and sewer services available to the proposed Northridge development on Parcel 4 within one to two years. Parcel 4, adjacent to Research Road in the north end of the city, is proposed for subdivision to permit the construction of ten single-family free-standing homes.

Deputy Police Chief

Giese asked council to approve a position description for the new position of Deputy Chief of Police. The person selected is intended to become the city's new police chief when the present chief, William T. Lane, retires at the end of June. Council approved the description, but only after getting assurances from Giese that the job of deputy chief will not continue in exist-

ence after July 1 as a budgeted position. Giese also told council that no lieutenant positions are currently authorized in the budget, and that he believes the future appointment of any lieutenant should be left to the new chief.

Marr D. (Doug) Sappington, president of the Greenbelt Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, concerned with the question of whether or not Giese will select the new Deputy Chief/Police See CITY COUNCIL, p. 2, col. 1

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Feb. 23, 8 p.m. GHI Board, Hamilton Place

Sat., Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m. Grey Panthers, Library

8 p.m. P.G. Symphony, Eleanor Roosevelt

Mon., Feb. 27, 8 pm City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg

GHI Board Reviews Shed Placement; Implications of Fannie Mae Mortgages

by Sandra Surber Smith

A review of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. maintenance rules and regulations, a go-ahead to negotiate with the Federal National Mortgage Association, and a lengthy discussion on the placement of sheds in yards before, after and during Phase II rehab occupied the GHI Board at its regular meeting on February 9.

General Manager Shakar Narasimhan described the status of GHI's application for project approval from the Federal National Mortgage Association, known as Fannie Mae, the second largest secondary mortgage purchaser in the United States. GHI and the lender, Goldome Realty, are interested in securing Fannie Mae approval. FNMA requires a warranty which includes several provisions which present some difficulties for GHI under its present operating and legal structure. Among these requirements are that 1) the corporation guarantee that Fannie Mae would not suffer losses on any purchase of a GHI unit; 2) allow Fannie Mae permission to sublet any unit in its possession; 3) require Fannie Mae consent for material changes in the bylaws. Shakar summarized the board response options: to accept these requirements in their entirety; reject totally; or negotiate. He recommended the latter since Fannie Mae approval would substantially increase the availability of financing for buyers of GHI homes. The board agreed that management should attempt to reach agreement with Fannie

S.O.S. Starts Petition Drive

This week the Save Our Services Committee, S.O.S., begins a massive public effort to send the Greenbelt Co-op (GCI) board a message — reverse the decision to divest the Greenbelt supermarket, pharmacy and service station or, at the least, extend present operating for an extra six months.

S.O.S. is a committee formed, in part, to provide Greenbelt citizens a means to express their concern about the co-op board's decision to sell its food stores and gas stations. According to Chairman Joe Isaacs, speaking on behalf of S.O.S., "Our citizens must be heard from if we are to demonstrate to the GCI board that they must reconsider their decision or, at least, provide an adequate amount of time for others to be able to assume the services."

The committee is now providing, through post cards and a clip-out ad in this newspaper, petitions to be filled out and returned to the committee for forwarding to the co-op board. The post cards are being distributed by various civic and homeowner associations in the city. Neighborhood groups participating in this petition drive are Windsor Green, Greenbriar, Woodland Hills, Lakewood, Boxwood, Greenbelt Homes, Springhill Lake and Charlestowne Village. Additional post cards and accompanying flyers will be located in the lobby of the Municipal Building, the library, Golden Joe's Carry Out in the Center, the Springhill Lake Community Center and the Springhill Lake Pharmacy. Drop boxes for depositing cards or the

clip-out newspaper ad are also at these locations.

Flyer

"Though carrying the name of its birthplace, the Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc., board has made its decision to divest without consulting its Greenbelt members or the City of Greenbelt on the potentially serious negative impact it would have on the social and economic fabric of our community," states the flyer that S.O.S. is circulating to explain the petitions. "Within six weeks the community may see the closure of food, pharmacy and auto facilities that have served the community for nearly five decades. This action by the Co-op board could

—Severely limit access to essential services for many Greenbelt senior citizens and other center city residents who have come to depend on the Co-op facilities which are within walking distance from their homes;

—Undermine the rich cooperative history and tradition that has marked the City of Greenbelt since its inception; and

—Threaten the future financial viability of the overall center city shopping area—the city's first shopping center — which would lose its leading component of the past 46 years (the Co-op Supermarket)."

in another location upon member's request.

To handle structural repairs, painting and replacement of gutters, a contract for \$1,352,996 with Bakalyar Construction Company and J. Turner Construction Company was approved on first reading. Following the second reading and final approval, work will begin on four test buildings. At the end of the test, GHI board will review the work before beginning the full project. The contract covers structural repairs on 552 units; painting and water blasting on 556 units; and replacement of gutters, where necessary with copper gutters.

GHI Rules and Regulations

A year-long project of reviewing, codifying and updating GHI rules and regulations in all categories moved further ahead with the board's review of the sections on "Breakdown of Maintenance Responsibilities" and "Minimum Maintenance Standards for GHI Homes and Yards". Management and the board walked through the draft of these sections and sought clarification for some items, identified information to include and information needed. When this project is completed, members will be issued a new set of rules and regulations encompassing changes and omissions from earlier editions.

A request for exemption from the occupancy clause by a member seeking approval for a roommate was defeated. The board approved a contract for \$8,629 to cover tree trimming and removal for a year. A committee to oversee the selection of this year's outstanding employee was appointed.

New Members, Capital Sought for Co-op

by Jim Cassels

Greenbelt Consumers Cooperative, the new Co-op organized to save our Co-op Supermarket, Pharmacy and Service Station, has started its membership drive. According to Mike Burchick, who is heading up the drive, the 100th member of the new Co-op signed on Monday, February 20. By that time over \$9,300 in membership and loan capital had been received, and more than \$500 had been contributed to help with organization expenses.

In addition, many of the new members are signing requests to transfer their membership capital and stock in the old Co-op

to the new Co-op. It appears that the old Co-op will be able to transfer the membership capital readily, but the stock may not be transferable at this time.

However, an effort is being made to use that stock as collateral for a loan to the new Co-op from the old Co-op. The new Co-op would apply this toward the purchase price of the old Co-op's assets.

Time for the regular Friday night meetings of the new Co-op has been changed to 7:30 p.m. The place is still the same—the Greenbelt Homes Board Room on Hamilton Place. All interested people are invited to attend.

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Utopia Theatre-Here to Stay?

Two successive week-end visits to the Utopia Theatre produced a mixture of emotions. The first was delight, Both "Barefoot in the Park" and "Mary . . . Mary . . ." were wonderful, light-hearted comedies which made us feel good. The performers really lived their roles, flitting across the small stage with infectious enthusiasm.

This brings us to the second emotion. Sadness. Where were the people? Both nights, a Saturday and Friday, on week-ends following rave reviews in the newspaper, there were approximately 50 people in the audience, barely filling the first 10 or so rows of seats. Playing to such a sparsely-filled theatre cannot be rewarding for the actors or actresses. It is even less fun for the audience, which needs the camaraderie of many voices laughing together to truly enjoy the comedic scenes.

But, more importantly, what does it say for our community to have so few in attendance? Is the admission price too high at \$4.00? Are the productions not suited to our tastes? Are we bound and determined to be in the mode of picking up the pieces when a brave venture fails? Like the Co-op Supermarket or the late Twin Pines Savings and Loan (now Community Savings and Loan), will we be scrambling to save yet another cooperative organization in a few months or years hence, rather than see a vacant building or a health spa or some undesirable occupant in the Center?

As the star of "Mary . . . Mary . . ." took her bow Friday night, her unsmiling face seemed to cast a darkened cloud over the audience. We have mourned the passing of too many institutions important to our survival as a caring community.

So the next time you think of going to the movies or even staying at home to watch another trite sitcom on TV, why not check the *News Review* to see what's playing at the Utopia Theater? Then call a friend or a neighbor to join you. Or how about organizing a court or block party to attend a show? You might be surprised. Two outstanding theatrical productions went practically unnoticed by a substantial number of Greenbelters. It was a great loss. But the greater loss may be at our doorstep. Supporting the Utopia Theater can only bring us rewards — in entertainment and community pride.

CITY COUNCIL from pg. 1

Chief from within the department, asked council for a review to result in a precise and clear career path, with firm written guidelines, which would encourage officers hoping to move up through the ranks to the top levels of the department.

Revenue Sharing

A part of the evening was set aside for the city manager to hold his annual public hearing on uses to be made by the city of federal revenue sharing funds. The city, in advertising this hearing in advance, noted that citizen suggestions on the uses of all other funds to be budgeted would also be heard. By the time of the hearing, Giese had learned that the federal government no longer requires such "proposed use" hearings for the federal funds.

Giese recommended to council that such hearings nonetheless continue to be held each year, in advance of budget preparation, and under the auspices of the

GHI NOTES

The GHDC Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, February 23, at 8 p.m., followed by the GHI board meeting. Among the various agenda items to be discussed are the structural repair contract, rules and regulations handbook, tree trimming contract.

Pre-construction inspections for masonry structural repairs are continuing. Members are reminded to send all rehab requests to GHI in writing no later than two days after this inspection.

council rather than of the city manager. In written comments to council, Giese said ". . . there is merit to the idea of giving interested citizens and groups an opportunity to make presentations prior to the preparation of the budget. . . ."

After that buildup came the anticlimax: No citizens spoke up to offer views on the use of funds. The public hearing was over within a few minutes, and council took on its regular agenda.

Late T-Ball Sign-up

Late sign-up for T-Ball will be held between 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 in Grenoble Hall at St. Hugh's Church. T-Ball is open to all Greenbelt children in Grades 1-3. The program will provide the children with knowledge of basic baseball skills, sportsmanship and of course a fun time. A fee is charged.

To volunteer assistance in the program or to obtain additional information call Tink Klem (474-1922) or Deana James (345-6232).

Fire & Rescue Review

by F/F April Walker
Weekly Calls

For the week ended February 18, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded to a total of 27 calls. The fire calls included 4 gas leaks, 3 structural fires, 2 vehicle fires, and 4 miscellaneous calls. The rescue calls included 7 vehicle accidents, 2 calls for trouble breathing, 2 injured people, and 2 sick people.

Busy Afternoon

On the afternoon of February 16 the fire department responded to a two-vehicle accident at the entrance of the Chelsea Woods apartments.

As the fire apparatus was preparing to leave the scene, a fire was reported at 8559 Greenbelt Rd. in the Brae Brooke apartments. Greenbelt's engine was the first to arrive on the scene and found heavy smoke coming from the basement.

The fire was found in the storage bin area and was partially controlled by the sprinkler system. A unit from Greenbelt extinguished the fire and checked for extension. This is the second fire in that storage area reported in the last two months. Both fires are under investigation.

Lecture on Weight Loss

Behavior Service Consultants, Inc. of Greenbelt and Bethesda is sponsoring a series of free monthly lectures and discussions on a variety of health topics. This month's topic, Losing Weight Permanently, will be presented by Cassandra Daston, M.A., Health Educator and staff member. This program will be held on Wednesday, February 29 at 7 p.m. at Behavior Service Consultants, Inc., 133 Centerway.

Advance registration is required. Request for hearing interpreter may be made to 651-6267 (TTY). For info. call 474-2146.

Our Neighbors

Our condolences to Peggy and Timothy Delp of 13 Hillside on the sudden death of their 2-month-old son Jason.

Sandy Smith recently completed a thesis on health information dissemination. She has now received a masters in public health degree from the University of Texas at Houston, School of Public Health.

We hope that our columnist Eileen Peterson will have a speedy recovery from her long siege of sore throats, ear infections, influenza and other mid-winter maladies.

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

Jason Reginald Delp

Jason Reginald Delp, youngest son of Timothy A. and Peggy Delp, 13-A Hillside, died January 13, two days short of two months of age. Jason died of AIDS, Crib Infant Death Syndrome. His parents, who moved to Hillside in August, would appreciate contact with other Greenbelters who might have had a similar tragedy.

Jason also leaves a brother, Timothy A. Jr. Grandparents George and Virginia Bodmer of Bowie and Carl and Etta Delp of Beltsville joined with friends at chapel services at Ft. Lincoln cemetery and later at graveside services.

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 345-2918 / 474-4090

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

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Road
 (near Cherry Hill Road)
 Sunday, February 25
 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 9:30 a.m. Four Discussion
 Groups
 10:45 a.m. "PBUC in 1990"
 Presented by the Long Range
 Planning Committee
 Church School 10:45 a.m.
 Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

Yes, You Can Begin Again Worship With Us and Find Out for Yourself

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Rds.
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.

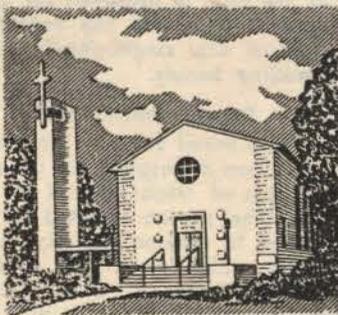
ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. David Conway, Pastor
 Rev. Francis G. Kazista, Associate Pastor

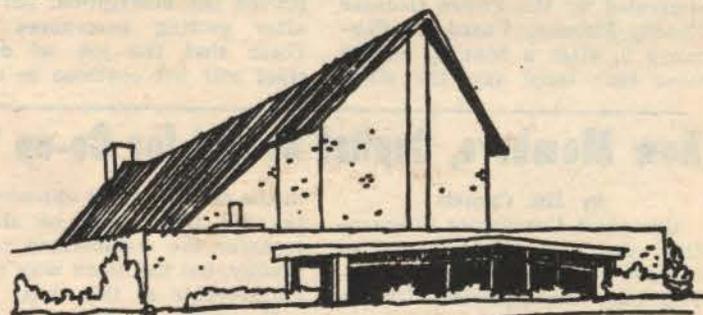
MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m.
 Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
 Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads
 Phone 474-6171 mornings
 10 am Sunday Morning Worship
 and
 Church School for Children
 Infant Care Provided at
 Fellowship Center behind Church
 Richard Leavitt,
 Interim Minister



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road
 Worship Services Sundays 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:50; Pre-School Program 9:50
 to close of late service
 Youth Meeting Sunday 4:30; Youth Bible Study Thur. 5 p.m.
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor Telephone 345-5111

Deadline to File Candidacy

The deadline to file candidacy for the 1984 primary election is 9 p.m. Monday, February 27. All candidates for Congress, Judge of the Circuit Court, and Delegate to the National Convention must file in person in the Office of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis.

School Board candidates in Prince Georges County must file in person in the Office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in Upper Marlboro.

For further information phone: 301-269-3711.

GRAY PANTHERS TO HEAR DELEGATE JOAN PITKIN

The Gray Panthers will meet Saturday, Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. Delegate Joan Pitkin will speak on issues in the Maryland State Legislature. Among bills to be discussed will be those affecting local measured telephone service, electric and gas pricing and rate increases, conservation and weatherization programs, housing, and senior citizen concerns. Ample time will be allowed for questions in other areas. Persons of all ages are invited. Free refreshments. Telephone 474-6890 for information or transportation.

Thursday, February 23, 1984

Lions and Terrapin Voice

Johnny Holliday, sports director of WMAL Radio, announcer for ABC Radio sports information network nationwide, and the "Voice of the University of Maryland Terrapins" will be the guest speaker at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Greenbelt Lions Club on Monday, February 27 at 6:44 p.m., American Legion Home in Greenbelt.

The public is invited to attend at 7:15 p.m. For further details call Emory Harman at 474-5156.

CARRIERS AND SUBS NEEDED FOR NEWS REVIEW. CALL 474-8690

MAYBE JUST TWO STEPS AWAY FROM:

Miss America
"MISS GREENBELT AMERICA"

an official preliminary for girls 17 - 26

March 31, 1984
(REGISTER BY MARCH 4)

* & * & * & * & * & * & *
6th Annual "Queen of Hearts"

modeling & talent pageant for girls 3-5 (talent not incl.)
6 - 8, 9 - 12, & 13 - 17

March 4, 1984

CALL MRS. GRAY - 474-5362

★ SCHOLARSHIPS — BONDS — GIFTS ★



- Homes for Sale -

\$54,000 - Cheverly area - 3 br. rambler - needs TLC
\$68,000 - Landover Hills - 3 br colonial. Fam. room, full bsmt.

\$82,900 - New Carrollton - Spacious 3 br rambler, must see.

\$39,800 - Greenbelt - 2 br. brick - near center

\$54,900 - Greenbelt - 3 br. masonry end, great location.

FOR SALE: Super brick rambler with country kitchen & large level lot for only \$61,900. Call Shirley Collins at Nyman Realty for details 474-5700 or 577-3559.

Are you considering selling your home? If so, I have buyers waiting for 2 & 3 bedroom homes. Please call for details.

Call Joyce Abell

at

Nyman Realty

For more information

474-5700 or 474-1514



Rehab Information Meetings

Masonry Repairs

Weekly information meetings about masonry painting will be held on Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The next meeting is scheduled for —

Monday, March 5

The purpose of this meeting is to keep you informed, listen to and respond to your concerns about painting and structural repairs.

The GHI Hotline (474-6644) also provides information about rehab including schedules and the status of special requests. During business hours, a staff member is available to answer your questions. At other times, you can listen to the pre-recorded information and leave a message if you still need help.

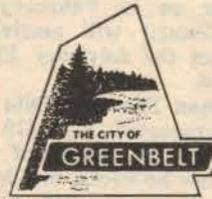
For information about your pre-construction inspection report and the particular work done to your unit, call the rehab offices (474-2300). You can then ask to speak to the Construction Manager, Paul Jackson, of American Property Construction, Inc.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 27, 1984

8:00 P.M.



I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Council Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Council and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentation
7. Petitions and Requests
PROCLAMATION - JAYCEE WOMEN WEEK
8. Administrative Reports
9. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

10. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1, "General Provisions", of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a New Section 1-8, "Municipal Infractions; in General", to Provide for the Issuance of Municipal Infractions Citations, for the Payment of Fines Within Twenty Days or the Notice of Intention to Stand Trial by the Person Receiving a Citation if not Paid or Notice of Intention to Stand Trial is Not Received and a Fine Twice the Amount of the Original Fee if not Paid Within 15 Days, for the City to Request Adjudication Before the District Court, and to Provide that the Conviction for a Municipal Infraction is not a Criminal Violation and that A Person Accused of an Infraction Shall Have the Same Rights as for the Trial of Criminal Causes
- Second Reading
11. Vehicle for Administrative Use

IV. NEW BUSINESS

12. An Ordinance for the Purpose of Establishing Animal Control Regulations for the City of Greenbelt
- First Reading
13. Special Exception Application 3504
Limited Professional Use
Dentists' Offices - 28-A Ridge Road
14. Summer Playgrounds - 1984
15. Proposed Improvements to Greenbelt Road (Md 193)
Baltimore Washington Parkway Interchange
16. Auditing Services - FY 1983/84 Budget

V. MISCELLANEOUS

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

SOS — SOS

Save Our Services

S.O.S.

Save Our Services

CLIP & SIGN

the petition below
and return to S.O.S. Committee

By Mail:
S.O.S. Committee
c/o Joseph C. Isaacs
112 Julian Court
Greenbelt, MD 20770

At Drop Boxes:
• Municipal Building Lobby
• Library
• Golden Joe's Carry-Out
• SHL Community Center
• SHL Pharmacy

Dear Members of the GCI Board of Directors:

To assure the continuance of food, pharmacy and auto services as currently provided by Co-op and that are sensitive to the needs of the citizens of Greenbelt, I am joining others from Greenbelt in asking that you:

- (1) Reverse your decision to divest the Greenbelt supermarket, pharmacy and service station; or
- (2) At a minimum, extend your operation of the services for at least six months beyond the proposed date of divestiture so that a reasonable opportunity is given to let others take over their operation.

Signature(s)

Address

Note: The Save Our Services (SOS) Citizens Committee accepts full responsibility for forwarding this petition to the GCI Board.

Delegation Rejects HB-413

This year's effort by delegates to the Maryland General Assembly, including Joan Pitkin (D., 23rd), to reinstate all of Article VII (planning and zoning) of the County Charter again failed to gain the approval of the Prince Georges Delegation. The vote was 13 to 7 to give the bill (H.B.-413) an unfavorable report.

Of the three delegates who represent Greenbelt, Pitkin, a strong supporter of the bill voted "no," Jerry Devlin, a leader of the opposition, voted "yes." Charles "Buzz" Ryan, who as delegation chair votes only in case of a tie, did not vote.

Strong support for H.B.-413 at the public hearing, held last December in Prince Georges County, came from civic organizations including Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG). More than 30 individual presentations, including those of Greenbelters Eunice Coxon and Charles Hagelgans, were made at that time. CFG also mounted a significant telephone campaign this past week in support of the bill. Their interest centers around provisions that would allow greater citizen involvement in zoning and planning and tighter controls especially on large scale development. The bill provides for citizen petitions to bring to referendum any master plan, sectional map amendment, or amendments to the zoning ordinances for the county and give Citizens Associations standing to take zoning appeals to court. With Greenbelt's long history of zoning battles its citizens are particularly sensitive to the issues involved.

At the County Affairs subcommittee meeting last Wednesday, a dozen leading developers, planners and those who finance large development, and county government officials including County Council Chairman Floyd Wilson and Councilman Richard Castaldi, spoke against the bill. Their contention was that most of Article VII was written into the county law and that those items omitted are no longer needed as the zoning excesses of the '60's have largely been overcome. They felt the future of Prince Georges County lies in attracting large-scale, quality development. Such development, they stated, would be strangled by the constraints of H.B.-413. The subcommittee reported the bill unfavorably to the full delegation by a vote of 5 to 1.

The Greenbelt City Council has the matter on its February 27 agenda. Council will receive a report from the Advisory Planning Board.

Councilman Thomas White has publicly supported H.B.-413. In the January 26 issue of the News Review he wrote, in a letter to the editor, the bill would "... strengthen the role played by local communities in the land use and master plan process. ..."

Babysitting Workshops Offered at Library

Young people ages 11 to 16 who are interested in working as babysitters are invited to a series of free workshops at Greenbelt Library. The workshops will run Wednesday evenings February 29, March 7 and 14 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Child care, safety, emergency procedures and keeping children entertained will be covered in three sessions. Registration at the library is required. Phone: 345-5800.

The course is co-sponsored by 4-H and youth, and the county extension services. Qualified participants will receive an official 4-H Babysitting Certificate.

FOR SALE:

GHI HOME, 4D Ridge Rd., 8 BR, Basement, end unit, 2nd story bi-level sun deck off LR provides beautiful hilltop view. Large, private backyard. W/W, washer, dryer, price negotiable, closing help, Steve, 577-1970 (W); 345-8495 (H).

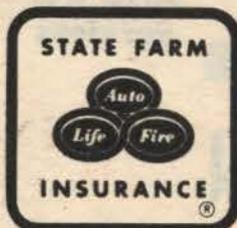
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.

See me for car, home, life and health insurance.

Don W. Taulelle, clu

8951 Edmonston Rd.
Greenbelt, Md. 20770

474-5007



State Farm Insurance Companies
Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois

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Saturday, March 3

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Council Authorizes Purchase Of Five New Police Vehicles

by Philip J. Hanyok

The Greenbelt city council authorized the purchase of five new police cars for a total cost of almost \$49,000 at its regular meeting Feb. 6.

The new cars, Ford LTD Crown Victorias from Koons Auto of Annapolis, will cost \$9,736.54 each. According to James K. Giese, city manager, the state of Maryland has not yet made its award for police vehicles but is seriously considering the Annapolis dealer.

Giese said that Police Chief William T. Lane, who has reviewed the state and county bids, has recommended that the city purchase the LTD's, which have a 351 high output engine and no exceptions to specifications.

The county awarded its bid to Glenmont Chrysler/Plymouth for a Plymouth Grand Fury, which has a smaller engine and two exceptions to specifications. With a spotlight and rear mounted lights as options, this car costs \$9,716.02.

The city budget provides for the purchase of four new police cars to replace older vehicles. It also provides \$7,500 for the purchase of an administrative staff car. The current administrative staff car, a 1971 model, is thought, by some, to be unsafe.

Because it is not possible to buy an acceptable new car for \$7,500, Giese introduced a resolution to "... authorize the negotiated purchase at auction of a used automobile for use by the city's administrative staff." Under this proposal the purchase could not exceed \$7,500.

Giese said a used car could be purchased at auction with "substantial savings." He said a used car would be acceptable because it would receive "light use."

But councilman Richard Pilski

suggested that if a car is needed for the administrative staff, the city should buy a new one and if the administrative staff car is unsafe, the city should "get rid of it."

Council finally rejected the proposal to purchase a used car and favored buying an additional new car because they feared a used car might cost more in the long run with unforeseen maintenance costs. By purchasing five new cars instead of four new police cars and one used car, council plans to "early retire" an existing police car and make it available for administrative staff use. Council felt this move would eliminate the risk involved in buying a used car because the city has complete records of its vehicles.

Council also accepted, for first reading, an amendment to the Greenbelt City Code which would allow for the issuance of municipal infractions citations. This ordinance is necessary to provide enforcement capabilities for a new city animal control ordinance.

The citations would require the payment of fines or the notice of intent to stand trial. If neither is received within 20 days, the fine becomes twice the original fine. If this is not paid within 15 days, the city will request

that the case go before the District Court for trial.

A municipal infraction is not a criminal violation, but the accused would receive the same rights as for a criminal case.

The new city animal control ordinance, which, according to Giese, should be submitted to council at its next regular meeting, will be "comparable with and supplemental to" existing and proposed county ordinances.

The animal control ordinance, according to Giese, will provide for three ways of enforcement: civil fines to be paid to the city, referral to the Prince Georges Animal Control Commission, and declaring the violation to be a misdemeanor. The third procedure would require citations and arrest procedures as established by the state of Maryland.

Boxwood Bus Shelter

Council also heard Joe Isaacs, president of the Boxwood Civic Association, who inquired about a bus shelter promised by council for the intersection of Lastner Lane and Crescent Road.

"The bus shelter is here," said Giese, "It has not been installed in part because it's too cold" to pour the shelter's concrete base.

Giese also said an appropriate location must still be chosen because the usual location—between the sidewalk and roadway—puts the shelter too close to the roadway for safety.

Isaacs, also representing the "Save Our Services" Citizens Committee (S.O.S.), requested and received permission to place a drop-box for S.O.S. petitions in the lobby of the Municipal Building.



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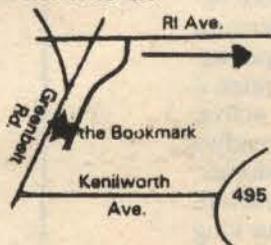
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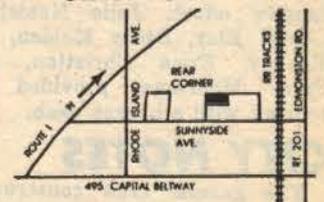


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A resident juvenile male was assaulted by three unknown juvenile males while walking his dog at the lake on February 15. The victim returned the blows and the suspects fled the area.

Pfc. Alan J. Riskin arrested a non-resident female on February 16 for driving while intoxicated. During a routine search, it was determined that she was in possession of a controlled dangerous substance. The woman was taken to Hyattsville, where a bond of \$10,000 was placed against her. She was then transported to the Upper Marlboro Detention Center.

In an auto theft incident, suspects were seen driving a stolen vehicle by friends of the victim, who went to the Greenbelt police headquarters to report their observation. Pfc. Thomas R. Justin responded to the 20 Court of Ridge Rd., where he arrested one suspect. After a foot-chase by back-up officer Pfc. John R. Squires, the second suspect was apprehended in the area of Southway and Ridge Rd. The suspects were taken to Hyattsville, where they were incarcerated.

The Greenbelt Baptist Church was broken into and office equipment was stolen on February 13. During the early evening hours of the same day, a construction site on Walker Dr. was broken into and electrical machinery was reported stolen.

On February 12, Officer Timothy F. Hahn arrested four non-resident juveniles for shoplifting at Marshall's and Sporting Life in Beltway Plaza. The defendants were charged and released to their parents.

On February 13, a 1977 blue Oldsmobile Cutlass, with rally wheels, Md. registration EAK 341, was stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway.

On February 11, on Edmonston Ct., tires were stolen and in the Greenway Shopping Center parking lot, a radio was removed from the dash of an unlocked vehicle. On February 13 in the 6200 block of Springfield Dr. the rear passenger side window of a car was smashed out, the radio was removed and the glove box destroyed.

Thefts from autos were reported from parking lot areas in Beltway Plaza and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Pfc. Squires arrested a female nonresident for shoplifting which occurred at the Fashion Factory in Beltway Plaza on January 30. She was incarcerated in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Midget Girls

St. Hugh's Midget Girls basketball team won their sixth game without a loss, Sunday, when they shut out St. Mary's 12 to 0. Laurel Berg and Laura Shields put together a good defensive effort. Julie Nenichka, Cheryl Eley, Becky Molden, Liz Heaney, Erica Christian, and Stacy Mehringer provided the scoring with a basket each.

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Addition Maintenance

The Board of Directors has approved an optional program which allows GHI to provide maintenance for additions. Members with additions were sent information about this program last month. Anyone who wants to take advantage of this program is requested to notify GHI by February 28.

Rehab Items

Several items for homes are still available under the rehab program. These remaining optional items include extra electric heat, air-to-air heat exchangers and mechanical attic ventilation. Details about these options can be found in the yellow flyer sent to members two weeks ago. Anyone interested should return the bottom portion of the flyer by April 30.

Finally, pre-construction inspections for masonry home structural repairs have begun. Any requests, for example, work on additions, partial waterblasting, leaving a block-home, brick entry unpainted, a particular location for shrubs, new hedges instead of old, etc., must be made in writing no later than two days after the pre-construction inspection.

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Greenbelt Properties Available for Inspection:

- A.) 2 br. studio model with attached garage, CLOSING HELP \$59,900.
- B.) 3 BR FRAMES: (1) Move in ~~great~~ great location. CLOSING HELP, \$34,900. (2) Nice location, fenced yard, CLOSING HELP, \$33,900. (3) Great location, great terms, CLOSING HELP, \$34,900.
- C.) FRAMES: (1) 2 BR end, wood deck, great terms, CLOSING HELP, \$33,900. (2) 2 BR middle, nice condition in great neighborhood. CLOSING HELP, ~~JUST REDUCED~~, \$31,900.

Properties Surrounding Greenbelt:

- A.) 10.9999 acres in Glenn Dale, owner financing, zoned for residential building, \$155,000.
- B.) LARGO: 1 BR condo, for rent, \$475.00 per month or SALE at \$37,500.
- C.) GREENBRIAR: 1 BR & den in Superb condition. CLOSING HELP, \$51,950.
- D.) LAUREL: 3 BR rambler, many extras - fenced yard, patio CLOSING HELP \$75,950.

SO MANY HOMES HAVE I SOLD I HAVE NEED
FOR MORE PROPERTIES TO SELL!

CONSIDERING A CHANGE IN RESIDENCE?

There are three key elements to consider:

- A) Your needs: things you positively have to have.
- B) Your wants: things you'd like to have, but don't necessarily need.
- C) Your qualifications:
 - 1) Your initial investment (cash to move in)
 - 2) Your total income (gross yearly income)
 - 3) Your debt service (total indebtedness)

I would like the opportunity to discuss with you how we can combine these three factors to assist you and your family in achieving your housing goals both within Greenbelt and the metropolitan area - of course with no obligation.

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Please ask for "Rick"