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Council Looks at Plans to Reconstruct Roadways Along Eastway, Hillside Rds.

by Diane Oberg

At the snow-postponed regular council meeting on Tuesday, January 27, the Greenbelt City Council held a public hearing on upcoming road improvements and discussed a proposed agreement between Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) and the city governing maintenance of playgrounds in the GHI area of the city.

The council also accepted the resignation from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) of Pastor Edward H. Birner, the only member to serve for the entire time CRAB has existed. Council approved a special letter of appreciation, to be signed by all members of council, recognizing Birner's contributions.

Public Hearing

A brief public hearing was held on the road work to be funded by a \$179,000 Community Development Block Grant. The hearing will be continued at the next regular council meeting.

The project includes the reconstruction of Eastway and Hillside Roads, including installation of curbs and gutters and resurfacing to a 40-foot width. Sidewalks will be constructed on the west side of Hillside and Gardenway.

The Advisory Planning Board (APB) reviewed the plan without making a formal recommendation, although they suggested that utility lines along Hillside be buried and that the sidewalk along Eastway "meander".

City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson said in a telephone conversation that APB's idea was that to avoid creating a very linear visual scheme, the city should pull the sidewalk away from the curb where possible, preferably taking it among the trees. The city has not studied this suggestion to determine if it is feasible, according to Wilson.

The staff proposed building the sidewalk on the outside of the curve on Crescent since that is where the homes are. City Manager James K. Giese said that observations show more pedestrians on that side.

APB recommended constructing the Crescent Road sidewalk on the inside of the curve, snaking it through the trees. Mayor pro tem Thomas X. White said APB considered recognition of the inner walkway system to be a major factor in determining sidewalk locations.

Two citizens spoke at the hearing. One requested specific information on how her property

would be affected. The other asked about the cost. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld explained that the project would be funded without city funds using the Block Grant.

Council unanimously passed Council member Edward Putens' motion directing the staff to notify each resident whose property will be affected of the specifics of the impact. Giese noted that these "disturbances" will consist mostly of the need to set some shrubs and hedges back slightly.

Wilson told the News Review that the city expects to go to bid in the spring and hopes to begin construction in the summer and complete it by the end of the year.

Playgrounds

Council briefly discussed a proposal governing maintenance of both city-owned and GHI-owned playgrounds in GHI neighborhoods. Giese said these playgrounds are unusual in that the city maintains and equips them, whereas elsewhere in the city such playgrounds are privately owned and maintained.

Under the GHI proposal, GHI would assume responsibility for grounds maintenance and related costs for both the city-owned and GHI-owned playgrounds. The city would remain responsible for maintenance and replacement of play equipment, tree trimming, trash collection and insurance for the equipment.

In addition, GHI is requesting that the city annually allocate \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment.

Giese said the staff generally supports the proposal, although it has concerns about the long term commitment to spend \$5,000 on equipment, which equals the amount budgeted in some recent years for playground equipment for the entire city.

However, he said that the maintenance responsibilities GHI proposes to assume probably cost the city more than \$5,000 per year.

Council member Joseph Isaacs, who was out of town on business, left written comments requesting that the city and GHI "more tightly" define the \$5,000 expenditure and that the question of what happens to unexpended funds be clarified.

Council referred the proposal and Isaacs's comments for review to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Signage

Council unanimously voted to support the APB recommendation that the city support denial of the revised sign plan for the Jefferson Bank behind Greenway Center. However, Giese reminded council that the city does not have sign plan review authority and that the plan does seem to meet permit requirements.

The motion was revised to in-

clude emphasis on the city's concern for the precedent that would be set. Council objected most to the proposal for a roof-mounted sign seven feet tall on two-foot high steel legs. Putens suggested exploring revision of the county ordinances governing signage.

Council unanimously supported the APB recommendation that the city approve the Hanover Office Park sign plan. The property's covenants grant the city sign plan review. The plan calls for five brick signs, each four feet high. Four "gateway" signs, which will direct traffic into the project, will be set into the berm surrounding the projects.

The other sign will be a free-standing sign at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive. The developer has agreed to a condition suggested by APB requiring that all temporary signs be removed before this sign is constructed.

WANTED GREENBELT CITY POLICE



Police Release Sketch Of Robbery Suspect

by Jack Brickman

Greenbelt police have issued a "wanted" alert with a composite Identikit sketch of a suspect in a particularly aggravated strong-arm robbery and assault which occurred about 7:30 p.m., January 28 in a parking area of the Glen Oaks apartment complex in the 7500 block of Mandan Road.

Police report that the victim, a 20-year-old woman preparing to park, drove past a man who was walking in the lot. As she left her car he approached her and stated, "This is a stickup." His speech was slurred as though from a speech impediment rather than the influence of alcohol or drugs, according to the victim. When she asked him what he had said he became angry, threw her to the ground and demanded her purse. He then continued the attack, punching her in the left

BELTWAY PLAZA SLOPE'S EROSION ORDERED CONTROLLED BY APRIL 1

by Steve Galanis

Recurring erosion on the steep embankment at the eastern end of Beltway Plaza has forced Plaza owner Sidney Brown to seek a new solution to an old problem. According to state Water Resources Administration (WRA) official Edson Larrimore, Brown is working on acquiring the county school bus lot adjacent to the Plaza so that he can eliminate the embankment. Larrimore says that Brown was cited by the WRA for sediment pollution in October 1985 and that Brown is required to eliminate all sediment from the slope by April 1, 1987.

The embankment, which rises above the Plaza parking lot to the edge of the largest school bus lot in the county, has a history of erosion problems dating back to the 1960s.

Larrimore said that in response to the citation, Brown submitted a plan for corrective action with two options: (1) to swap land with the school board, or (2) to stabilize the slope as it is.

According to Larrimore, Brown submitted a progress report to the WRA in early November stating that headway was being made in negotiations with the board. Larrimore said that in the report, Brown was optimistic that a fair market value for the 1 1/4 acre lot plus improvements could be agreed on soon.

Larrimore noted that in prior reports, Brown indicated that county officials seemed open to the idea of swapping land.

However, according to Don Lee, a real estate officer for the county school system, the proposal is still in its preliminary stages. He said no recommendation has been made to the school board by the associate superintendent of supportive services, and that it will be a while before the decision is made whether to relocate the lot.

"I don't think people realize what kind of a problem it will be to move that lot," he said, explaining that the 105 buses on the lot have assigned routes, "and a relocation would mean we would have to redo their bus assignments."

Lee also said that the bus lot is not just for parking the buses, but also for maintenance work. He said a relocated bus lot would either have to be equal to or better than the existing one.

According to a county government official involved in the earliest deliberations on the proposal, the county government tried to act as a catalyst in the negotiating process between Brown and the school board.

He said county executive Paris Glendening, who initially received Brown's proposal, had favored relocating the bus lot be-

cause it would alleviate traffic congestion in the area as well as solve the embankment problem.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said he had been authorized to meet with Brown and his attorney, and with Economic Development Corporation (EDC) representative Verne Martin several times to come up with some starting points for negotiation, such as an estimated value of the school lot property and possible sites for relocation. He said he had been unable to engage school system officials in these preliminary discussions.

At the end of his involvement in these proceedings prior to a fall job transfer, the official said that EDC had not identified any possible sites for relocation and that the school officials in the supportive services department were still resistant to the proposal.

Also a factor in the proposal's delay is the value of the bus lot property, which has been estimated by the County Property Management and Services Division to be well over a million dollars. Frank Bell, the department's deputy administrator, said that after the appraisal was made, the county executive's office was advised to deal cautiously with the property. "When we had it appraised, we found out it was an extremely valuable property; not the sort to give away," he said.

Beltway Plaza owner Brown maintains that the school board already supports the proposal. "They have agreed to it in principle," he said. "Now we have to try and get them to designate a site." Brown said he would be trying to meet soon with county executive Glendening, school system officials, and a private broker, who is currently searching for prospective properties for the proposed land swap.

Brown said he was aware of the estimated value of the current bus lot property, but the matter of its being high or low had not weighed heavily on his mind.

What Goes On

Mon., Feb. 9, 8 p.m. - City Council Meeting, Council Room, Municipal Building
Wed., Feb. 11, 8 p.m. - Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Conference Room, Municipal Building
8 p.m. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Youth Center
Thurs., Feb. 12, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

complexion, no facial hair, wearing a tan or rust-colored hip-length ski-type coat with a snap-on hood. He wore thick black ski gloves.

Police spokesman Sgt. John A. Lann, questioned about the promptness of the police response to this robbery stated they could not comment on this for fear of jeopardizing their investigation.

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Really Great Job

To the Editor:

I'd like to thank Greenbelt and GHI for the really great job that they did during our two big snows. Although much was said about this in the January 29 issue of the News Review, I just want to add my and my son's heartfelt thanks.

A job this well done should receive some special award other than our thanks. The great job you did and the cooperation you showed is a rare and beautiful thing in this day and time.

Doris and Brian Jones


Phletus Williams

Phletus Williams, of the 7 Court of Southway, died on January 23. He was a member of Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church and was a retired employee of the Prince Georges County School system, with part of his career spent at Greenbelt's Center School.

Mr. Williams was born in West Virginia and had lived in Greenbelt since 1961. He is survived by his wife Rita; a son, Phletus P. of Ames, Iowa; a daughter, Patricia Deliere of Grove City, Pa.; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Gasch's Funeral Home on January 26.

Did You Know?

* Did you know that longtime Greenbelt physician Dr. Hans Wodak, who began the medical partnership that still continues in the Roosevelt Center, first began a practice here on September 1, 1944 as one of two new physicians of the cooperatively run Greenbelt Health Association?


Catholic Community of Greenbelt
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 Church School 11 a.m.
 Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

Dear Neighbors

To the Editor:

We have lived in Greenbelt since 1953. Many changes have taken place over the years—many new tall buildings, shopping centers, beltways and people. People (are) the only thing that never changes. All our years here, we have always found our neighbors ready to help whenever needed.

My husband has spent most of December and January in the hospital with three operations and four trips to the emergency room. My neighbors, 2 Court Westway, all were there to see what they could do to help me. We woke up with our first snow and there were our dear neighbors clearing our walks and car should I need it for an emergency.

The day of the second storm I needed an ambulance. They couldn't get into the court, but carried my husband out to the ambulance on the street. They were there so fast and they were so kind and gentle with my husband. When we got home late, all our walks and car were cleaned again. God bless all these wonderful people in Greenbelt.

Mrs L. C. Shanahan

THANKS EVERYBODY

To the Editor:

A great deal of credit goes to the Greenbelt police department for their rapid response Saturday afternoon, January 31, to a neighbor's report that my parked car had been struck by a hit-and-run driver. Within hours the culprit in the accident was calling me, anxious to make amends. From parts left by the other car, paint chips left behind and a portion of the license number spotted by a neighbor, the police located the auto and the driver.

Thanks, too, go to the neighbors who promptly reported the incident and offered information enabling the police to find their man.

Credit belongs also to the quick response of the Greenbelt fire department who responded to my call for help earlier that same afternoon. After the snow slid off our roof, tearing the rain spout away, the snow smashed into my gas grill. I did not realize that the underworkings of the grill had been badly damaged by the crush of the snow. When I lit the grill, the rush of gas quickly engulfed the whole grill in hot flames. The firemen were a very calming and understanding source during that frightful misadventure.

The GHI crews, out on a Saturday afternoon feverishly trying to limit the rain spout damage to our row from the melting and falling snow, also deserve some recognition.

Finally, thanks goes to my neighbor Mike, who knocked to tell me that the police were across the street investigating my car accident and who offered me a nice stiff drink when the police left.

Thanks everybody. Greenbelt's best.
 Rennie Mihalovic

Baha'i Faith

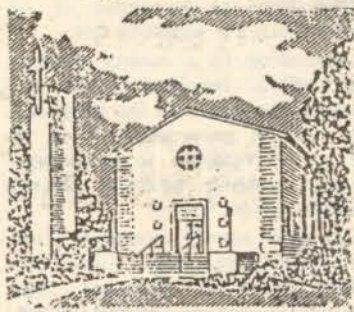
'Ye are all the leaves of one tree and the drops of one ocean.'

—Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community

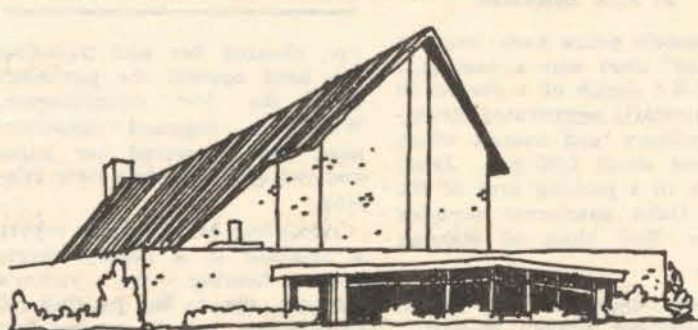
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 Edward H. Birner, Pastor 345-5111

A Snow-weather Friend

To the Editor:

As a home health nurse, my visits take me to many areas of the county. On a snowy weekend it could be almost impossible to visit patients in their own homes. (Especially on unplowed side roads) unless, of course, one was lucky enough to have a friend with a four-wheel drive and who was caring enough to make the visit with you. John Lloyd of Plateau Place is just such a friend. For three days we visited the patient, who (as I understand) is on the only home life-support system in Prince Georges County and who had to be seen daily for a large dose of injectable antibiotic. (Bacteria don't slow down for a snowstorm). As a priority patient the roads to her home should have been plowed clean—they weren't! The only tracks visible in over a foot of snow were those of a broken-down snow plow — and John Lloyd's.

Patients are leaving the hospital earlier these days to continue their recovery period at home. When pleas are made for four-wheel vehicles to transport hospital personnel to their jobs we can't forget the home-bound patients awaiting medical care and a friend like John Lloyd. Thank you, John.

Lori Beaird, R.N.

(P.S.—Greenbelt Public Works be assured the above was not directed toward you. As always in a storm situation, your roads were super. I know!)

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The Greenbelt Players production, directed by Kevin Kneisley, features the many-sided personality of a Scottish school teacher who describes "her girls" as the "creme de la creme."

In a recent review by Barbara Likowski in the News Review, Miss Brodie (Phyllis Conroy) is "loving, giving, deceiving, selfish, naive and worldly; indeed there are so many facets to her character that each of us can choose which is the real Miss Jean Brodie for us."

The play also features Marie Tousignant, Carlton Ray, Marty Parker and Steve Zeisel. Lynne Tucker and Shannon Mormon, Greenbelt Center School students, play two of the children in the story.

Tickets are available through Ticketron outlets, by Teletron Charge (1-800-233-4050) or at the Box Office.

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

**Monday
February 9, 1987
8:00 P.M.**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Public Hearing Street Improvements for Eastway, Hillside from Crescent to Northway, and sidewalk on Crescent from Gardenway to Hillside.
7. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
8. Minutes of Council Meetings
 - * - Regular Meeting of January 27, 1987
 - * - Work Session of February 2, 1987
 - * - Work Session of February 3, 1987
9. Administrative Reports
10. Committee Reports - Presentation

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13, Title "Personnel" of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Bring City Regulations Relating to Compensation and Classification of City Employees into Conformity with Regulations Promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act - First Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Review of Plans for Development of Roosevelt Center
13. Awards of Purchases
 - Survey of Schrom Hills Park
 - Dump Trucks (2)
14. North End School

V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Work Sessions

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA — SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Seminar to Feature Greenbelt's History

by Sandra Barnes

On two Wednesdays, February 18 and 25, Prince Georges Community College and the Prince Georges County Library are co-sponsoring a seminar on Greenbelt's history. The seminars will be held at the Greenbelt Library, 7-9 p.m.

Why was Greenbelt built by the federal government in 1937? What was it like to live in Greenbelt during those early years? How have cooperatives in Greenbelt framed a unique way of life? What are Greenbelt's planning and architectural features that have made it the subject of numerous books on urban planning as well as masters and doctoral theses? How has Greenbelt changed over the years? These will be the major themes for the seminar.

The first session on February 18 will deal with the early years. Joseph Arnold, associate professor of history at the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus, will discuss the events in the New Deal administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt that preceded the building of Greenbelt. David Fogle, associate professor of architecture at the University of Maryland, will trace Greenbelt's roots to the English garden cities and will comment through a series of slides on the many planning features unique to Greenbelt. Bruce Bowman, long-time resident and instrumental in the forming of two key Greenbelt cooperatives, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (first known as Greenbelt Veterans Housing Cooperative, Inc.) and Twin Pines Savings and Loan (now Mellon Bank) will focus on the development of coops and their importance to Greenbelt.

In conjunction with the second session, on February 25, George Washington University (GWU), will host a reception for the publication of its "Links in the Chain: Greenbelt, Maryland, and the New Town Movement, an Annotated Bibliography on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Greenbelt, Maryland." The 64-page, illustrated book has been written under the guidance of Howard Gillette, professor of the American Studies Program at GWU, and will be an important document for students and journalists researching past articles, papers and books written about Greenbelt. The book will be available at a discounted price at the reception.

The program for the second session will focus on Greenbelt's early days and the development years.

Betty Allen, librarian and unofficial Greenbelt historian, will portray early Greenbelt life

through photographs and other memorabilia contained in the Rexford Tugwell Room of the library. The Tugwell Room will be open for both sessions. City Manager Jim Giese has guided Greenbelt through its most rapid period of growth during the past 25 years. Giese will discuss the functions of city government as well as explain the circumstances which thrust Greenbelt into the center of commercial development in Prince Georges County.

The course is free, but registration is required; the class number is ENR 370. Persons may register by phone through February 11 by calling 322-C998; a mail-in form may be found in the Spring Bulletin of the Community College, and applicants may also register at the door.

SHL Hosts Wedding Party

On Saturday, February 7, the Fountain Lodge in Springhill Lake will host a Wedding Cake Tasting Party from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A number of area bakers will provide their best wedding cakes for all to sample. Also on display will be bridal gowns from residents and neighbors in the Springhill Lake and surrounding community.

The festivities will include a Newlywed Sweepstakes and a bridal fashion show.

Participants are invited to display their gowns, heirloom jewelry, furs from another era, or even be a model in the Bridal Fashion Show.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information call Pat Giordano at 474-1600.



**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 11, 1987
8:00 P.M. - COUNCIL
CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Further Consideration of 1987 APB Work Program

Note: This is a tentative agenda - subject to change.



**GHI
Board
Meeting**

Preliminary Agenda

**Thursday, 8 p.m.
February 12, 1987**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors and Members
4. Committees
5. Manager Parking Policy Implementation
6. President
7. Board Members

Recreation Review

CPR

To pre-register for winter classes, call the Recreation Department Business Office weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 474-6878. All classes are held at the Greenbelt Youth Center, 7-10:30 p.m. on both evenings. Schedules are: February 10 and 12, March 10 and 12, and April 14 and 16.

Parking at Youth Center

Parking behind the Greenbelt Youth Center is by permit only. Permits are issued to senior citizens, handicapped and program personnel with special needs. Please note that all others will be ticketed by the Greenbelt Police Department. Permit parking information may be obtained by contacting the Greenbelt Recreation Department, 474-6878.

Entertainment '87

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now selling the Entertainment '87 books. Savings are available all year long on dining, movies, sports and more. Those joining the nation's largest discount club can enjoy hundreds of get-acquainted two-for-one coupon offers including family dining, fast foods, movies, concerts, sports, hotels plus other valuable coupons. Contact the Recreation Department, 474-6878, for further details.

Weight Lifting Club Members

Many of the members have cards that have expired. Membership fee is for one year only. A current card is required for use of the facilities.

Volleyball-Competitive

Co-recreational competitive volleyball is played at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School

Woman's Club News

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held on Monday, February 9, 1987 at 1 p.m. in the meeting room in the Greenbelt Public Library. This will be the club's yearly Birthday Party.

There will also be a speaker on "How to Handle Stress."

Members will be pleased to hear that the club has done 4069 hours of volunteer service in the community this past year.

Gymnasium Monday evenings from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Everyone 16 years and over is welcome.

Roller Skating

Skating is held in the Greenbelt Center School Gymnasium. On Wednesday, 1st and 3rd graders share the floor, while on Fridays, it is 4th through 6th graders. Time is from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. both afternoons. Rental skates are available.

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Police Facility Cost Stirs Some Unease in Council

by Steve Galanis

Greenbelt's council approved a final set of preliminary schematics for the proposed new city police facility at the Jan. 27 council meeting but not before, recounting the cost had made some members uneasy about the project's direction. Discussion of the square footage allotment and corresponding costs of the building and garage overshadowed council's review of the modified site plan, described that evening by City Manager James Giese. Strong reservations about the project's brick and mortar costs were expressed by councilmembers Thomas X. White and Antoinette Bram. White, however, was the only councilmember to vote to deny approval of the plans which entailed both the site plan and building layout scheme.

Modifications to the earlier schematics, approved by the council last November, produced no real qualms among council members. These modifications included the relocation of the garage, relocation of entrances to the building, and further detailing of the police parking compound area. Although no elaboration of the architectural design of the building was given, it was understood that facade details would be furnished to the council for review at a later date.

The concern about cost was raised by Bram, who asked Giese to estimate the cost of constructing the building and garage. Although cost estimate figures cited by the city manager remained unchanged from those submitted to council last November, Bram wanted to be sure that the garage was still an optional aspect of the planned facility. She pressed for and obtained a rewording of the motion for approval to clarify the optional nature of the garage.

White, who in November opposed the earlier building layout scheme, argued that council should have previously put a \$1.5 million cap on the facility's construction cost. He said that, as proposed, the 16,000-square-footage allotment for the building was unwarranted. He warned that the ultimate cost of constructing the building and garage could exceed projected costs which already consume a high proportion of the city's two million dollar brick-and-mortar bond allocation.

White wanted to divide the motion for approval of the schematics into two separate motions—one for the approval of the site plan, the other for approval of the building layout scheme. His bid, however, was turned down by the rest of council on a 3-1 vote. After the vote, White stated that he would have supported the site plan had its approval been a separate matter from the building layout scheme.

Police Urge Action

City police department spokesman Pat McAndrew told the council that the evening's deliberations had thrown him "for a loop."

McAndrew urged that the planning and construction of the facility move along expeditiously. He said that December 1988 (when the facility is expected to be finished and ready for occupancy) could not come quickly enough for members of the department who have been working in crowded conditions out of the municipal building. "I just hope that the project continues forward, and won't take any steps backward; that things continue as planned," he said.

White told McAndrew that although he wanted the police department to have a new facility as soon as possible, he was concerned about the fiscal impact of the current plans. White pointed

out that there are other worthwhile projects that the city needs to undertake as well. "I think that a police facility to meet your needs can be done with a little more control over costs," White told McAndrew.

McAndrew responded by saying that the city needs had outgrown the bond referendum approved by Greenbelt citizens in 1985.

Other building projects that the city had recommended under the bond referendum included improvements to the Youth Center, additions to the Public Works Building, and renovations to the Municipal Building and North End School.

Castaldi Elected

Prince Georges County Councilman Richard Castaldi (former Greenbelt mayor) has been elected Second Vice Chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board.

Police Blotter

A 23-year-old woman walking to her apartment in the 400 block of Ridge Road about 7:20 p.m., January 28 was the victim of an indecent assault by a man who came out from between two parked cars and reached under her dress. She screamed and he fled. He was described as a white male in his 20's 5'10", wearing a tan or olive drab parka with a hood.

Officer Carolyn McLean arrested a 26-year-old man of no fixed address about 5:55 p.m., January 25 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace after he assaulted his girl friend during an argument. He was held on \$2000 bond.

A purse left unattended on a chair at the Three Brothers restaurant at Beltway Plaza was stolen about 6:20 p.m., January 27.

A tan 1984 Jeep Cherokee, N. J. 175WZG was reported stolen January 26 from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane.

While patrolling at Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive about 4:30 a.m., January 26 Officer David Buerger located a 1985 GMC pickup truck which had been stolen in Howard County, Md. The truck has been abandoned in heavy snow on the highway median strip.

Blood Drive

Remember the blood drive at Greenbelt Armory on Saturday, February 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. It will be conducted by the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion of the Maryland National Guard in conjunction with the Maryland Blood Center. For further information call 599-6900.

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Plans for House Tour Underway

"50 Years of Greenbelt Homes," a home and garden tour of Greenbelt, will be held on May 16 and 17, as part of the city's 50th anniversary celebration. This tour will be the first city-wide home and garden tour and all areas of Greenbelt are invited to participate.

Early plans call for the tour to run from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and to include 50 houses, apartments or gardens each day. Planners envision the homes and garden areas marked with helium balloons, tour visitors identified by colorful badges, and transportation available between major stops. Some of the oldest and the newest homes will be on the tour whose aim is to show the variety of housing in the city and how the city has grown during the past 50 years.

Plans are now well under way. The first planning meeting has been held with representatives from many Greenbelt areas present. The planning group is requesting volunteers to have their home on the tour. Homes from every part of Greenbelt are needed. Anyone who would like their

Free Income Tax Course

"Income Tax for Senior Citizens," a seven-session course, offered by Prince Georges Community College, will be held from 1 until 3 p.m. Wednesdays beginning February 11 and ending March 25. Classes will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Although the course is free, preregistration is required. For additional information call 322-0158.

house, condominium, apartment and or garden included on the tour please contact the area representative listed below:

Arlene Peterson — Greenbelt Village — 474-1214; Carolyn Horvath — Lakewood — 441-1019; Ethelyn Bishop — Lakeside — 345-3894; Nancy Le Plattchett — GHI — 474-8655; Dorothy Pyles — Greenbriar — 474-0326; Sharon Kopstein — Windsor Green/Glen Ora — 474-4922; David Moran — Boxwood — 345-1429; and Mark Davis — Woodland Hills — 345-6322.

The next planning meeting will be held on February 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Employees' Lounge, City Hall. Representatives from all areas of Greenbelt are welcome. For more information, please call Sandy Smith, 474-6127.



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Reserve Funds, Parking Policy, Storm Fallout Make Full GHI Board Meeting

by Sid Kastner

At its regular meeting on Thursday, January 29, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors heard staff reports on the recently proposed Replacement Reserve Fund and existing reserve funds, on the ongoing implementation of parking policies, and on the state of member services. Reactions to the winter storm onslaught and its handling were also voiced by members, complaints and compliments being mixed like the sleet and snow itself.

With respect to the idea of a Replacement Reserve fund to meet the long-range maintenance and capital improvement needs for the board of GHI, the staff viewpoint was that it was "most important for the board to endorse the concept, establish the fund, and set procedures in motion to adjust the fund's projections in light of actual experience". Manager Ron Colton noted that because such a reserve had already been established for the 29 larger homes, "We feel confident that when the roofs on (those) homes need replacement, we'll have the funds to do it". To firm up the background, he added, the staff was reviewing the life expectancy of equipment, looking into suppliers and software to record information, and studying the effects of inflation.

A motion to establish the reserve was accordingly passed which noted that it would reduce future borrowing, provide a stronger financial base for the cooperative and maintain the quality of members' homes.

The board also discussed two of the other reserve funds which now exist, the Contingency Reserve which covers unplanned expenditures, and the Stabilization Reserve which covers any increase in National Cooperative Bank mortgage rates (on the rehabilitation loan) which might occur in 1991. Some caution on the part of board members was evident in questions by directors Andrea Haslinger and Chuck Hess about the staff's proposed amounts, the latter suggesting that motions be deferred until after the 1986 audit is completed. Assistant Manager Steve Wright advised, however, that "these motions (would) set policies and directions for management and the auditors". A goal for the Contingency reserve was then set at 10% of the annual GHI budget, by motion, and a similar motion established the Stabilization reserve fund balance at \$500,000.

Parking

Implementation of GHI's new parking policy was reviewed by the staff in a detailed memorandum which pointed up unique differences among courts which in some cases will require further consideration. The stated goal of the policy is to provide an average of 1.85 parking spaces per unit. For this purpose GHI has been divided into several Quadrants. Quadrant I includes 9, 11, 12, 14 and 16 Courts of Ridge, and 7 through 11 Courts of Southway; Quadrant II includes 1 through 10 Courts of Crescent, 1 through 8 Courts of Ridge and 1 and 2 Courts of Westway.

In Quadrant I, it is proposed that eight additional parking

spaces be built for the Ridge Road courts and 27 additional spaces be provided for the Southway courts, to meet the goal. In Quadrant II, 6 Court will require one additional parking space, and 7 Court Crescent would require construction of four additional spaces; however the board was informed that the members there do not want new construction.

Also, special cases exist in two courts which have garages, particularly 9 Court Ridge which has 12 units and 12 garages and so might be thought to be straightforward in assignment, but is not. Eight members in the court lease one garage each, with one member leasing two. Two of the garages are leased to members in 12 Court Ridge across the street. Thus, three units do not have assigned parking at this time.

The staff's memorandum brought up several questions to the board in connection with this situation, such as, if members in the courts do not want garage parking, can they or should they be assigned parking in the adjacent courts which have several visitor parking spaces? Should different priorities be assigned to first and second garages leased by a member?

Director Nancy Hutchins felt that this latter question has already been answered in the corporation's present garage policy, and argued that "We're going to create a problem for ourselves if we don't follow the present garage policy, which says second garages should have lower priority." Director Janet Cantwell agreed with this assessment. Director Mac Wirick on the other hand supported the idea that the overall goal of sufficient parking was more important than particular rules.

Allocation of visitor spaces in the various courts was also a matter bringing out different opinions, with some board members voicing opposite views on whether visitor spaces in a given court should be considered unavailable to members from other courts. Of this point, director Ray McCawley noted that inter-court parking could be a potential cause of arguments.

The board did agree that if a member rented a garage, that member automatically lost an assigned parking space. Director Wayne Williams quoted a member's comment that "In the past, parking within GHI has been a privilege—is this changing to a

right?" The response of Hutchins was, "I do think it's a right in today's modern world."

The knotty problems faced by the staff, however, in solving the problems of implementation were underlined by Colton who commented, "The first GHI parking study was done by the Federation for Cooperative Housing in 1952. If after 36 years someone can solve the problem, the board should give him/her the "Cooperator of the Decade Award!"

Issues similar to those raised in Quadrants I and II are being encountered also in Quadrants III and IV, with the additional complications contributed by being close to the Center with its apartments. Directors Hess and McCawley emphasized that the board will consider any proposals from members in these areas in further implementing the parking program. Alan Freas, a member of the Audit Committee who resides in Quadrant III, told the board that some positive steps are being taken by concerned members to bring a reasonable proposal to the board, and Haslinger responded that "I think it's great that the people in those courts are getting together to work things out; all we want to do is to please the people" in all the courts.

Storm Fallout

Staff reported that no serious structural damage to units has been caused by the double snowfall and winds, but there has been minor damage to siding and roof gutters due mainly to water leaking into interior spaces into which it would not usually get.

Member Betty Dietch complained that in the storm's aftermath a snowplow operator cut down a section of her hedge, and another truck was operating near a child in what she termed a reckless manner. Maintenance Supervisor Joe Whalen said he had talked with the drivers involved, and assistant manager Wright noted that unfortunately damage to shrubbery sometimes happens in such situations.

In general it was agreed that city and GHI workers had kept Greenbelt streets more accessible than surrounding districts. From the floor, member Steve Bond thanked these workers "who did a great job" in plowing the snow.

Member Services

The manager reported that several GHI services were running smoothly, such as the discount

High Point Reunion Coming

The High Point Senior High Class of '67 will be holding its 20-year reunion on May 15 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Adult Education Center at the University of Maryland (College Park).

For more information, call Elena Davis 441-2033.

Awards for "Snowmen"

City Manager's awards were presented on January 29 and 30 to 25 Public Works and Police Department employees who were involved in the snow removal effort following the snowstorms of January 22 and 25. The employees receiving the awards were James Keiffine, Keny Hall, Victor Kirk, Karl Skaggs, Jim Sterling, Tim Keiffine, Gene Diest, Chris Fleshman, Tim Houchens, William Smith, Richard Mills, R. L. England, David Johnson, Bill McClay, Michael Rall, Russell Maffay, Michael Rousseau, Norman Lockerman, Buck Powell, Bill Rowland, Jr., Bill Phelan, John Squires, Tom Justin, Fred Murray, and Ronald Walter.

During the presentations a videotape was shown of Council at their January 27 meeting complimenting the employees for their outstanding work.

purchasing program (which members can join for a one dollar fee) which has added some suppliers to its list; and Whalen mentioned that over 14,000 work orders were dealt with in 1986. In particular there have been several sewer pipes to repair because of invasion by tree roots during last summer's drought. Replying to a question by Hutchins, Whalen said that the fee-for-service program is "caught up" except for some plumbing jobs; Colton noted that a plumbing apprentice has been hired.

The staff also released, for the board's information, a survey of unit turnovers during 1986. The number of units sold was 143, of which two-thirds were frame and the rest brick or masonry. The average income of new members was between \$20,000 and \$40,000, with 65% being under the age of 40 and 11% over 60, this last group having risen slightly over previous years. Most sellers of GHI homes have been in residence between three and five years, but 16% have lived in GHI over 16 years.

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on May 20 at Center School, which staff has determined will be available on that date.

Our Neighbors

by Martha Kaufman 474-9359
Condolences to Mayor Weidenfeld on the death by heart attack of his father, Saul Weidenfeld, in Lakewood, N.J.

Were you at the Gray Panthers meeting at the Library last Saturday. If not, you missed a very interesting session. Guest Carol Douglas gave an informative talk on health issues for older Americans. The 50th Anniversary slide show of Greenbelt then and now was followed by coffee and cookies. Glad to see Janet Parker, former Greenbelter, in the audience. All in all, an afternoon well spent.

Among the December graduates of Marymount University in Arlington, Va., was Heather Bagster Collins, Tamarisk Court, who received the degree of BSN in Nursing.

Happy 80th birthday to Peg Loftus, 7 Court Ridge Road, who celebrated Sunday, February 1, at a surprise party hosted by Marie White at her Lakeside home.

We would like to offer congratulations to "Jim" Wooddell of Oak Hill, W.Va., formerly of Greenbelt, on being selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1986. Jim is an Administrator of a Nursing Home in West Virginia. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wooddell, and sister Rita live in Greenbelt.

Pvt. Steven N. Feeney, son of Andy J. and Margaret A. Feeney of Northway, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. He is a 1986 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt, H.S.

Audubon Society to Meet

The next monthly meeting of the Prince Georges Audubon Society will be held on Tuesday, February 10, at the Greenbelt Library. Paul Nistico, of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society, will speak on "Birding With a Camera." The program is open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. For further information call Maureen Blades at 262-5148.

At the Library

Wednesday, February 11—Happy Ears. A Read-Aloud Program. Ages 7-9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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