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Council Grants Capitol Cadillac Lease Responds to Safety & Drug Concerns

by Mary Lou Williamson

At the regular city council meeting on May 16, council approved Capitol Cadillac's efforts to lease adjacent land for parking. They also listened to residents ask for aid in improving the safety of pedestrians.

By a vote of 3 to 2 Council approved the use of a 4.1 acre parcel on the Golden Triangle by Capitol Cadillac for additional parking. The parcel would be leased from the owner, the State Highway Administration, until its expected use for a ramp from Greenbelt Road to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The interchange is not planned until 1994. The Advisory Planning Board (APB) recommended calling for the site to be considered first for a park and ride by SHA and, failing that, the lease be conditional: 1) any improvements be subject to site plan review by the city, 2) no advertising signs, 3) no buildings, and 4) the additional parking not be credited as meeting parking requirements for their own lot.

Council member Antoinette M. Bram argued against the action, saying she did not "see why we should create long-term lot storage." Mayor Gil Weidenfeld noted council's past concern about crowded parking on Walker and Capitol Drives. City Manager James K. Giese's recommendation of "no curb cuts on Greenbelt Road or Capitol Drive" was also included. Councilmembers Thomas X. White and Bram voted no.

Centerway Improvements

Council scheduled a June 1 worksession to discuss the next steps in the planned renovation of Centerway and its adjacent landscaping. The plans by design landscape architects Coffin and Coffin have been reviewed by both the APB and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and by the city staff, which is now asking council for some direction before proceeding. The city's development specialist, Celia Wilson, had identified in the agenda comments for council five issues for consideration: 1) whether to limit reconstruction to the portion between the East and West Parking lots, 2) whether to include median strips at the entrances to Crescent Road, 3) whether the original sycamore trees should be retained or replaced, and if so by what, 4) how far into the mall the street landscape plan should extend, and 5) what paving materials to use.

Safety

The need to improve pedestrian safety brought two groups of residents to council to ask for aid. A letter from Katie Pugliese asked the city to install speed bumps and stop signs to slow traffic, which now speeds through Farm Gate. The hill

from the research center and two curves limit a driver's vision of the roadway between the homes on either side of Research Road.

Liane Holder, a homeowner, asked the city to "use radar on a regular basis" and suggested changing the signs that list the hours the gate is closed. Going toward the research gate the sign is too high, has too long a message to read, and is too quiet in color to be a warning. At the gate a second sign is too small, a faded yellow, and badly rusted. She favors a stop sign at the gate for those coming up the hill into Greenbelt.

In response the city manager spoke against speed bumps, which the city does not support; they are considered a traffic hazard and an obstruction to snow removal. Calling the problem unique with a gate that closes off the road much of the time, he saw no problem with using a stop sign—though he said he couldn't promise that drivers would stop during weekdays when the gate is open and there is no apparent reason for a stop sign. The warning signs, he said, were put up by the research center, not the city. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld summed up for council by directing staff to look into signs and the use of radar.

The residents of Greenbrook asked council to intercede for them in a request to their developer, Porten and Sullivan, to provide a safety fence along a heavily travelled sidewalk. Speaking for the residents as vice president of the homeowners association, Gary Kohn explained the problem to council. Along a portion of sidewalk adjacent to several back yards the bank drops off sharply, perhaps 30 feet, for a distance along the sidewalk of maybe a 100 or more feet. With only 12 to 18 inches between the sidewalk and the edge of the embankment, Kohn told council, he has seen children on bikes spill down the hill and senior citizens who stepped off the sidewalk lose their balance and fall.

The homeowners want an attractive but strong wooden fence erected to provide safety in an aesthetically acceptable manner. The developer has rejected, thus far, their requests, even when approached by the city staff. Porten and Sullivan's response has been to erect "no trespassing" signs and to claim that their terracing of the slope and split-rail fence at the top of the steepest slope meets county requirements.

The homeowners, who in the future will be responsible for safety and law suits in the event of a mishap, feel it is the developer's responsibility to pay for the fence.

While the city staff agrees with the need for a fence, Giese commented that the city would view a chainlink fence using iron posts as "best for safety," pointing out that in time wood

will rot.

"Mr. Giese, chainlink fences are ugly," retorted Bram in support of the desire for an "ornamental" wood fence. Council, by a vote of 4 to 0 agreed to send a message to Porten and Sullivan that the city feels a hazardous situation is present and asks that an ornamental wooden fence be erected by Porten and Sullivan before a serious injury occurs. On advice of the city solicitor, council member Ed Putens, who is a resident of Greenbrook, abstained.

School Safety Zones

Mayor Weidenfeld requested council to look into creating drug-free school safety zones—a program underway in the state of New Jersey. Weidenfeld and other members of council learned of the program at the county's April 30 all-day worksession on drugs, where a presentation by New Jersey officials was well received. Under the program, local law enforcement agencies and the state attorney would work together to remove all drug-trafficking, possession or use from local schools, both public and private.

The focus would be on outsiders coming onto the school grounds, Weidenfeld said, and the use of stiffer penalties for any drug related offense within the safety zone. The zone would include the school property and extend 1000 feet beyond and would be clearly marked by warning signs or posters.

Weidenfeld told council that the plan's concept is currently being studied by COG for possible use in the entire metropolitan area. He asked council to forward the concept to the city's Crime Prevention Committee for its comments. Councilmember Joe Isaacs asked that the chief of police, school board member and county councilman also receive the information, as their agencies would be involved in such a program.

Expressing his opposition, councilmember Tom White questioned the message that says drug trafficking is not so serious at 1001 feet from school property. Drugs are illegal throughout society, he said. "The whole world should be drug free." A significant group using drugs today, he said, are those young adults with disposable income. Weidenfeld responded that in the case of New Jersey, the effort to establish some beachheads came from the realization that they could not make the entire state drug-free.

"We've got to pull out all the stops," stated Isaacs. "This is another get-tough measure." Council approved pursuing the program by a vote of 4 to 1, with White voting no.

Strategic Planning

Council scheduled a public hearing on strategic planning for Monday, June 27. Members of council, together with selected

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Task Force Foresees Major City Role in Cultural Arts

by Diane Oberg

At a May 12 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council met with members of the Arts Policy Task Force to discuss their proposed city arts policy. The task force, chaired by Thomas Renahan, was established by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

The proposal calls for council to establish an Arts Committee which would become the main advisory body on the arts. Unlike other city boards, this committee would send its reports through PRAB, rather than directly to council.

When Bram and Isaacs objected to making the committee subservient to PRAB, PRAB Chairman Keith Chernikoff said that the hierarchy was designed only to ensure that PRAB was kept informed and that actions recommended are in fact taken. He assured council that the committee would function autonomously. Isaacs countered, however, that the mere fact of reporting through PRAB robbed the group of its independence. He suggested that the committee report directly to council, which could refer their recommendations to PRAB for comments.

Bram favored having the committee report directly to the city manager. She said that by appointing a member of PRAB to the committee, as recommended by the task force, the ef-

forts of the two groups could be coordinated. In addition, she suggested that a "Friends of..." type of organization should be formed to operate as an autonomous fundraising group.

Organization

The proposal suggests that all city-run arts programs be handled by the Recreation Department. To ensure that the arts be given proper priority, a recreation department employee should be given overall responsibility for the arts program.

Goals

The first goal identified was for the city to "establish a variety of high-quality arts opportunities... and encourage participation... in these opportunities" by encouraging arts education, and the "formation, development and growth of arts-oriented groups."

When council member Thomas X. White questioned whether private groups really needed stimulus to develop, task force member Barbara Simon said what was intended was that the city should help to integrate

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CCC ALUMNI GIVE ROOSEVELT PORTRAIT FOR TUGWELL ROOM

by Dan Kulpinski

There is a new face in the Greenbelt library and, no, it does not belong to a new staff member. The face belongs to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, whose picture was presented to the library June 4 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Alumni of Maryland Free State Chapter 113. The framed photograph now hangs in the Tugwell Room of the library.

Chapter president Ed Trumbule presented the picture to Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and librarian Elizabeth Allen shortly after 2 p.m. Saturday on the library lawn. The mayor also received a yellow and green CCC cap, and after thanking the Corps for the picture, he noted that both he and the CCC are 55 years old, and that he was born one week before FDR was elected. The mayor concluded that there was "some destiny for me to be here and receive this."

The Tugwell Room contains a reference collection on the City of Greenbelt, planned communities, and cooperatives. The room is named for Rexford Guy Tugwell, Resettlement Administration Chief for Roosevelt, and part of the New Deal's "Brain Trust." It was Tugwell who pioneered planned communities such as Greenbelt.

After the presentation, librarian Elizabeth Allen said she "can't imagine anything more appropriate for the Tugwell Room than a picture of FDR. We have (a picture of) Tugwell, but without FDR there would be no Tugwell."

Trumbule felt the room was missing something when he visited it one year ago with his son, who was researching a book about growing up in Greenbelt. "I went there and didn't see FDR's picture. There was a picture of Tugwell and Eleanor, but not FDR," explained Trumbule.

Feeling that there should be one, he contacted the Hyde Park

Memorial Library, near the Roosevelt estate, which sent him two framed photographs of Roosevelt for the price of one. The second picture will go either in the meeting hall used by the CCC Alumni, or in the log lodge on the grounds of the Beltsville Research Center. The lodge was built by the CCC.

A Greenbelt resident from 1938-53, Trumbule said that four CCC camps with 200 men each were stationed in Beltsville in the early '30's. The camps drained water from the land and built the lodge out of native wood. The corps used the lodge as a recreation building.

Trumbule, whose chapter is the only one in the state, said that the CCC really did not do much in the City of Greenbelt, but that Greenbelt "has a special meaning to me personally, because Roosevelt established it."

WHAT GOES ON

Monday, June 13, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Wednesday, June 15, 8 p.m., Public Meeting, Development of Schrom Hills Park, Hunting Ridge Community Center.

8 p.m. APB Meeting, Conference Room, Municipal Bldg.

Thurs., June 16, 7:30 p.m. Crime Prevention Committee, Conference Room, Municipal Building

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MORE PARCEL 1 TOURS

The Save the Green Belt Committee will hold guided tours of Parcel 1 on Saturday, June 18 and Sunday June 19. Interested people should meet on Northway extended (the road leading to the Northway fields), near the fields at 11 a.m.

SENIORS' SOFTBALL

by Jerry Conway

On June 3, 1988 the highly spirited Greenbelt Senior Citizens softball team won two seven inning games against the Dundalk Seniors, the Maryland State Champions of 1985, 1986 and 1987 by the scores of 9-2 and 11-10. The following citizens played these games. Burt Kerr, Jerry Conway, Tony Pisano, Mike Burchick, Bill Grennon, Jim McGann, Al Geiger, Tom McArdle, Larry Noel, Manny Silvern, Ken Knorr, Ed Marr, Tony Durantine, George Cantwell, Harvey Geller, Hugh McAvoy, and Ken Keeney.

Al Geiger scored the only homerun of the game with a line drive to left field during the first game. Jerry Conway hit three triples, two doubles, and two singles. All of our players hit during these games; batting and fielding practice pays dividends!

On Wednesday, June 1, the Greenbelt Senior Citizen Co-ed slow pitch team defeated Holiday Park of Montgomery County at Layhill Park in the first game of a series of eight by a smashing score of 15-2 in four and one half innings. Gertrude Law and Ruth Wigley each scored a hit, and the rest of our team scored homeruns, triples, doubles, and singles.

It has been suggested that the team should enter the national playoff games. All we need is some financial support from Greenbelt's business associations to support this goal. Entry fees, transportation, room and board are all expenses our team would need help to fund.

The Greenbelt American Legion provided the liquid refreshments, and the Greenbelt Recreation Department provided the eating snacks and the new balls for the anniversary softball game. The City of Greenbelt will provide the uniforms, emergency equipment, balls, bats and other supplies this year.

Our team is always open to new players who want to keep a grip on the game they love to play. Come on down to Braden Field every Monday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and join us in our effort for senior citizen softball slow pitch victory in local, state, and national levels. Good sportsmanship and a friendly sense of humor prevail.

Japanese Coop Members To Visit City June 13

On Monday, June 13 a group of 240 representatives of the Japanese Consumer Cooperative Union will come to Greenbelt to visit two area cooperative ventures - Scan and the Greenbelt Cooperative Supermarket. One group will also visit the library where it will be greeted by area cooperative leaders including Wally Campbell and Esther Webb.

The delegation has come to America to participate in the U. N. Third Disarmament Conference held in New York. They will be meeting with cooperative leaders as well as individuals involved in the peace movement across the country.

Members of the Greenbelt community who would like to meet the Japanese visitors are invited to stop by the Greenbelt Coop from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

STATE OFFERS CLASSES IN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

June 12-18 is Motorcycle Safety Week in Maryland. The Maryland Motorcycle Safety Program offers courses for beginning and experienced riders throughout the state. For information call 1-800-638-1722.

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staff and advisory board members, had drawn up proposed goals and objectives for a series of issues confronting the city in the coming years, issuing a report last June. The report was circulated to the city's advisory boards for their review, and those comments have now come back.

At Monday's meeting, council discussed what steps to take next. White expressed concern for opening the process at this point to the public, before the goals are adopted. PRAB chairman Keith Chernikoff added his concerns that the issues had not been fully explored by the advisory boards, which were waiting for approval by council of general goals.

Putens explored setting up several meetings, beginning with one for the public on goals, then the coordinating committee on developing strategies to implement the goals, and back to the public again on strategies. Bram, concerned that council hadn't looked at the strategic planning material in over a year, asked for a rebriefing by staff. Weidenfeld held out for one public hearing on goals to be followed by a council worksession, which could include a briefing by staff. Giese recommended that council adopt goals and objectives first and then staff could prepare talking papers for developing strategies. "Strategies should be revised from time to time," he noted, "but goals and objectives should stay the same."

Reappointments to PRAB

Three members of PRAB were reappointed to three-year terms — Lola Skolnik, Thomas Renahan, and Marc Siegel. Ernest Varda did not seek reappointment and the Reverend Kenneth C. Buker resigned after serving a great many years.

Responding to a request by the county, council agreed to send a letter of support for legislation in Congress — HR 4060 and SB 2123 — to continue the federal surplus food distribution program. Greenbelt has been a distribution point for five years, obtaining honey and rice (currently suspended from

"Star Watch" Is Saturday At Goddard Visitor Center

Events at the Goddard Visitors' Center during June include the monthly Star Watch on Saturday, June 11 from 9 to 11 p.m. People can bring their own binoculars or use the center's. Expect to see the moon, Venus, Saturn and the constellations Virgo and Libra. Rain date is July 9.

The NASA film series continues with two films on Saturday, June 11, "Flying Machines," and Sunday, June 12, "4 Rms.-Earth View," at 1 p.m.

There will be a model rocket launch at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 12. People should bring their own models or can come as spectators.

the program) and dry milk, cheese, butter, flour and cornmeal (amounts are currently reduced) through the county. No explanation of the cutback has been received, according to county officials, who also say there are indications the food stuffs do exist to continue the program.

Consent Agenda

Council agreed with APB and staff in denying the request of Crestar Bank for additional signage beyond the 100 sq. ft. facade sign to appear on the Commerce Center building. A change would require a departure from county design standards.

Meetings

Council set a number of work-sessions and other special meetings for the coming month—

Public Hearings: June 27, Strategic Planning, Goals and Objectives; June 28, Master Plan.

Worksessions: June 15, Schrom Hills Park; June 16, Lions Club Quest Program on Drug Abuse and council procedures; June 30, Master Plan.

Special Council Meeting: June 30 (in case of need).

'It's Academic' Team Goes to the Nationals

Eleanor Roosevelt High School has qualified to compete in the "Texaco Star National Academic Championship" to be held this week June 12-18 at the University of New Orleans.

The school won the right to match wits with some of the nation's "best and brightest" high school students by competing with 35 schools and winning the Johns Hopkins University Academic Bowl in April. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School team is coached by Gerald Greenbaum. Members of the team who will compete are: Alex Silverstein, Bryan Lee, Marc Singer, Jennifer Dikes, and Chris King.

"The Texaco Star National Academic Championship" will be sponsored by Texaco in a joint effort with the University of New Orleans, Questions Unlimited of Columbus, Ohio, and cable television's Discovery Channel, which will telecast the regional finals, semifinals, and the national championship beginning Sunday, June 19, and everyday that week at 6:30 p.m. EDT. Questions Unlimited will coordinate the matches.

The competition uses a fast-paced quiz show format where four-person teams challenge each other and the clock in responding to questions asked by the moderator. This will be the sixth year of the championships. More than 55 teams of the brightest and quickest students from across the U.S. will compete.

The Discovery Channel is locally seen as A33.

GHI NOTES

The summer schedule for the regular board meetings is June 23, July 14 and August 11. These meetings will all be held in the Board Room beginning at 8 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 14, at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.



OFFICIAL NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING

Development of Schrom Hills Park
Wednesday, June 15, 1988 - 8:00 p.m.
IN THE

Community Center of Hunting Ridge Condominiums
6914 HANOVER PARKWAY

THE GREENBELT COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FROM RESIDENTS OF THE CITY SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHROM HILLS PARK, LOCATED ON HANOVER PARKWAY ACROSS FROM GREENWAY VILLAGE AND HUNTING RIDGE CONDOMINIUMS. PRESENT WILL BE THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND PARK PLANNERS FROM THE FIRM OF GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC., RETAINED BY THE CITY TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE PARK.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PARK ARE URGED TO ATTEND AND MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT CELIA WILSON AT 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk



Notice of Adoption of Budgets for The General Fund, Replacement Fund, and Unemployment Compensation Fund For Fiscal Year 1988/89

At a Special Meeting, held on Monday, June 6, 1988, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the Budgets for the General Fund, Replacement Fund, and Unemployment Compensation Fund for Fiscal Year 1988/89, thereby approving the following expenditures:

General Fund	\$8,051,100
Replacement Fund	\$ 424,949
Unemployment Compensation Fund	\$ 44,500

A summary of the adopted budgets is on file at the City Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, and at the Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George's Memorial Library, 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Copies of the budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours, and a copy of Ordinance Number 1020 adopting the Fiscal Year 1988/89 Budget is posted in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. For further information, please call 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC

City Clerk

Letters to the Editor

I'm Willing . . .

Three years ago when the issue of a bond to finance the building of a new police station, an indoor pool, and the purchase of additional greenspace arose, there was agreement throughout the community that all were worthy causes and warranted support. Greenbelt's rapid growth and increased responsibilities required that we build a new police station. It awakened Greenbelt to the encroachment on our community and the need to protect ourselves with additional greenspace. It also made us aware, as in the past, of our continued need to commit resources to supporting the education and well being of our citizens.

The city's taxpayers were willing to pay the price for the privilege of living in a community like Greenbelt. Since then some things have changed. Inflation has caused some citizens to become divisive in their attempts to better the community. Where once most cooperated, many now strike out at one another, each fearing that funds for his personally preferred program will be cut. We hear "defer the swimming pool until the parkland is assured," "the pool is an expensive luxury," "postpone the pool, we can't afford it." I, at one time, voiced similar opinions. I thought we could wait, until I read about the "drug-bust" in Springhill Lake. The State Police identified those arrested as "three of the five major heroin suppliers in Maryland." The big three right here in our community. I coupled this information with the statement by the Greenbelt Chief of Police in his report to the City Council that 80 percent of all crime committed in Greenbelt is drug related. With this I was angry and frightened. Angry that drug dealers had the audacity to run an operation out of Greenbelt, frightened that my family and I were no longer safe from the crime associated with drugs. At the same time, I was hopeful.

As we know, one of the major factors contributing to drug use is idleness. Busy, active persons pursuing sports, academics, or community interests rarely are plagued by drug use. Those who "hang out" have a harder time avoiding drugs. The importance of youth activities is obvious. Parkland is indeed important. It brings comfort to many, including myself. But can parkland divert drugs from reaching our children?

The swimming pool will be expensive but it can provide activity for youth during the winter when the main entertainment in the community is hanging out at Candyland. Building the pool will force us to dig deeper into our pockets. I'm not eager to do this, but I'm willing for the benefit of my young son and daughter and their friends and for the well-being of the co-operative community that means so much to me.

Mac Wirick

One Question . . .

I have but one question to ask of the City Council of Greenbelt on the issue of the Master Plan: where's your leadership? The critical need for long-range planning was an election issue in 1985, and was adopted as a major activity by the mayor in

early 1986 under the title of "strategic planning." To date, the "strategic planning" process has been notable for its lack of both apparent activity and results. Yet the mayor thought the concept to be sufficiently important to make it a central theme in his 1987 campaign.

Due to the inaction of city council, the citizens of Greenbelt have lost more than two years in which a consensus could have been built as to where the city should be going in the future. Instead, groups will be mobilized at the last minute to oppose what they do not want rather than pushing for a unified concept of what they want in the master plan. An inevitable and indeed predictable, consequence of this reactive approach will be that a number of negative features of the proposed master plan will be implemented.

It is imperative that the city council aggressively work toward building a consensus of what Greenbelt should look like in the future. Hopefully it will not be an image of the Rockville Pike. To do otherwise will assure that, for future Greenbelters, the tragedy of Greenbelt will not be so much what it is, but rather what it could have been.

Steven Andrew Curtis

Why Is the Pool an Issue?

What are the reasons the indoor pool is still an issue? The Parcels 1 and 2 project is not in jeopardy, yet individuals interrupted the Council's May 26 operations budget work session, at which capital improvements were not scheduled to be discussed. During those presentations the indoor pool came under attack. The whole thing seemed to me to be inappropriate and counterproductive.

Could it be that the few "anti pool" folks have assumed control of the "parkland" group and are using others for their own devices? There's something spiteful about slamming others' established priorities when your own are moving along well. This isn't an either/or situation. Bear in mind that many "pool" people are also interested in "green space," so why needlessly alienate them? These "anti" folks have got to be reminded that they are part of a community with many needs and interests.

It seems to me that those interested in Parcels 1 and 2 need to redouble their efforts to support the Council in obtaining state monies for that parkland. Although we have federal lands within Greenbelt's boundaries, the main things (to my knowledge) that the state has heaped upon the city are the indignities of 1-495/95, the B/W Parkway, and the proposed Kenilworth Extension. State support for a Greenbelt Community Project like this is possible, fitting, and long overdue.

Let's be constructive and use community support to bombard our state legislators, the governor, and the head of the Department of Natural Resources with visits, phone calls, letters, and petitions supporting our Council's efforts to work through the county to obtain these state funds.

As for the indoor pool — it is also a community project supported by many. In answer to Pugliese's letter of June 2, the other planned indoor pools are

no more convenient to use than those that already exist. No one has come up with any real negatives for the pool — cost is not one, considering Greenbelt's interests, needs, and resources.

What the indoor pool will do is provide "expansion" to make up for the redesign of the outdoor pool and offer swimming during cool periods (like last weekend) or inclement weather (rain). Many people also prefer to swim without the searing sun overhead. Needed meeting rooms and an exercise room are a plus.

The indoor pool will help pull together Greenbelters from throughout the city, where we have at least eight outdoor pools, and help to revive the Center by providing a year-round infusion of people instead of just during the summer months.

Why is the pool still an issue?

Douglas W. S. Sutherland

Woodland Being Ruined

We have gone to a number of meetings and worked to try to save the woodland of Parcels 1 and 2 from "development"

Now that woods is threatened in another way.

Motorbikes are tearing up the trails and gouging out the streambeds, opening them to erosion.

A thoughtless and very, very few are ruining it for all of us.

Bill Rich

THANKS

On behalf of the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt North End Center Arts Coalition. I want to thank all who made Saturday's Crafts Fair a happy, successful event. The Blacksmiths' Meet, which continued on Sunday drew the largest ever number of smiths from neighboring states. The craftspeople always comment on the friendliness of the Greenbelt crowd and the interest that is shown in their handiwork.

Thanks also to the Stoney Run String Band (appearing for a fifth year), singer Carolyn Boone, and the band Transfer—Clint Hardnett and his two fellow musicians reflected the high quality of musical talent available at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the University of Maryland.

Appreciation also to the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the City Public Works Department for the many ways in which they helped make the event possible.

Fair Coordinator
Eileen Peterson



Wednesday, June 15, 1988

8:00 p.m.

Conference Room
Municipal Building

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review of Site Plan for Smith-Ewing Lot 2, Commerce Center II
4. Further review of Langley Park, College Park, Greenbelt Master Plan

NOTE: This is a tentative agenda—subject to change.

Artists in the News

Allen Linder, 22 Parkway, has received a Maryland State Arts Council Grant of \$1,625. The Visual Art Works-in-Progress award is to assist his work as a sculptor in stone and marble. Inspired by primitive mythology, Linder combines images of people with animal and bird forms. He is on the Art department faculty at Prince Georges Community College.

Boxwood Civic Association

To Hear of Road Projects

The Boxwood Civic Association will meet on Monday June 20 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library Meeting Room. City and county officials have been invited to discuss several road projects outlined in the Preliminary Master Plan. For information call David Moran at 345-1429.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of
City Council
Monday, June 13, 1988
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

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10. An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Borrow Money and Incur Indebtedness in the Principal Amount of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000) Through the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the City Pursuant to the Authority of Ordinance No. 1017 of the City and Section 12 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Replacement Volume, 1987 Supplement), the Net Proceeds of the Sale Thereof to be Used and Applied for the Public Purpose of Temporarily Financing a Portion of the Cost of Certain Public Improvements Described in Said Ordinance No. 1017; Prescribing the Form and Tenor of the Note and the Terms and Conditions for the Issuance and Sale Thereof at Private Sale to Sovran Bank/Maryland; Providing for the Prompt Payment of the Maturing Principal of and Interest on the Note; and Generally Relating to the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of the Note
 - Second Reading
11. An Ordinance to Appropriate in the Capital Improvement Fund II, Funds in the Amount of \$50,000 for Authorized Expenditures and to Authorize the City Manager and City Treasurer to Temporarily Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund II Until Such Time as the Fund Receives Proceeds from the Sale of Bonds or Sufficient Other Revenues
 - Second Reading
12. Resolution to Amend the Uniform Compensation Plan for All Classified Employees
 - Second Reading
13. A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Establish and Implement an Employee Incentive Program for the Collection of Newspapers for Recycling Purposes
 - Second Reading
14. An Ordinance to Repeal Section 19-4 in Accordance with State Law and to Amend Section 19-24 and Section 19-25 of Chapter 19, "Taxation", of the Greenbelt City Code to Provide that Delinquent Personal Property Taxes Shall Be Deemed Delinquent Thirty (30) Days After Billing
 - First Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

15. Authorization to Write Off Uncollectible Property Taxes
16. Improvements to Centerway (APB Report 88-14 and PRAB Report 7-88)
17. Garage - Police Facility
18. Concept Plan - Maryland Trade Center IV
19. Vacation of Right-of-Way Golden Triangle Drive
20. Grant Application for North End Center Renovation (PRAB Report 4-88)
21. Approval of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) Budget for Fiscal Year 1989
22. Approval of Green Ridge House Budget for Fiscal Year 1989
23. Bid Award - Tractor
24. Revision of Classification Plan
25. Sale of Prime Cable
26. Apartment License Tax

V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sixth Annual Crafts Fair Brings Folks to the Center

by Dan Kulpinski

Artisans from places such as Columbia, Annapolis, and even as far away as Charlottesville, Virginia, came to help celebrate Greenbelt's 51st birthday by participating in the Sixth Annual Greenbelt Crafts Fair, Saturday, June 4. Part of the Greenbelt Day Weekend activities, the fair offered a wide range of handcrafted items displayed in Roosevelt Center Mall.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt North End Center Artists Coalition, the fair attracted 22 artists and crafters, as well as live entertainment. The Stoney Run String Band played its fifth crafts fair, and the jazz/rock group Transfer also performed.

Greenbelter Eileen Peterson, who has coordinated the fair for each of its six years, said she does it because she thinks "the center of Greenbelt should be used for this kind of event."

"It's a fundraiser, but primarily a get-together for the people," continued Peterson.

Tables were set up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and the artists were available to explain and demonstrate their wares. For sale were handwoven baskets, handmade stained glass, pillows, pierced earrings made from 1940's buttons, corn husk dolls, Victorian lace, pottery, sculptured wood, and greeting cards to list a few. All items were handcrafted, and although most items were ready for sale, some of the crafters demonstrated how they made their wares.

By far the loudest display was that of the blacksmiths, whose clanking and pounding could be heard all day long above the din of the crowd. Greenbelter Dan Boone set up his blacksmith's forge in the square,

treated onlookers to demonstrate children run the blower on his forge. More smiths showed off their talent in front of the Sovran Bank, where at least five or six forges were arranged.

The blacksmiths came from the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac, an "active group with both professionals and amateurs," according to blacksmith Dan Houston of Arlington. The guild shares techniques and tools, and Houston pointed out that blacksmiths do much more than shoe horses. Hooks, tools, and nails are a few of the things smiths can make.

Proceeds from the fair will go to the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt North End Center Artists Coalition. Nancy DePlatchett, coalition member and Arts Coordinator for the new creative and performing arts center in the county, said the hope of the coalition is "to start an arts group in Greenbelt. We've had two meetings, and more and more people have come." DePlatchett also said she would like to foster arts education for children.

The proposed arts center would have senior citizen day care and child care facilities, as well as art studios. The empty North End Elementary School building "would be perfect" for the center, DePlatchett said.

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Garden Plots Available

The Greenbelt Garden Club still has a few remaining garden plots for those interested in gardening this summer. There is a fee for each 50x50 foot plot. Interested persons should call Mac Wirick 441-3520 or Bob Davis, 262-7419.

Classes at Roosevelt High

Prince Georges Community College will offer the following credit courses at Eleanor Roosevelt High School during Summer Session I. Summer Session I classes at Roosevelt are scheduled from June 1 through July 1.

Continuous registration is also available at the Largo Campus, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Telephone registration is available for currently enrolled students by calling 322-0998.

For further information, call 322-0783.

Hearing Set for June 14 On Public Facilities Test

The Planning Staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission will hold a briefing on the proposed revised Adequate Public Facilities Legislation and Guidelines on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Parks and Recreation of the Administration Building at 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale.

If adopted, the legislation will become part of the Subdivision Regulations. The briefing is open to business owners, land owners, municipal officials, community groups, and the general public. For further information call 952-4314.

Center School's "Salute" To Air on Channel B-10

"A Salute to the Peanuts Gang" performed by the students at Greenbelt Center School will air on the Greenbelt Municipal Access Channel B-10 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 14, 15 and 16 at 3 and 7 p.m. The one hour and eight-minute edited version features most of the entire program with the Peanuts Gang and a variety show.

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Emory and Margaret Harman, Lastner Lane, announce the approaching marriage of their son, Clay to Maria Serrato of Silver Spring.

Clay attended Parkdale Senior High and Prince Georges Community College. He has just finished training at the Washington Area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse as an addictions counselor.

The wedding will be held June 18 at the Greenbelt Community Church. The couple will reside in Greenbelt.

Summer Science Courses Offered at Owens Center

Science enrichment activities at the Howard B. Owens Science Center will include over forty mini-courses which begin Monday, June 27. Choices include robotics, electronics, computers, astronomy, reptiles, and arthropods. Most science summer fun programs are two hours a day for five days. There is a fee.

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Task Force on the Arts

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arts groups into the community and to nurture their growth. Bram felt that private groups should be responsible for programming. However, Simon said that arts classes and other types of programming can best be provided by the city.

Facilities

The second goal identified was "... the establishment and maintenance of high quality facilities to house arts programming," including a "first class performing arts facility" and a visual arts center at the North End Center.

The report, completed before cancellation of the lease on the Utopia Theater, called upon the city either to renovate that theater or provide an alternate facility. The task force recommended that steps be taken to increase attendance at Utopia events and to schedule additional revenue-producing events there.

For the North End Center, the task force recommended inclusion of space for "arts classes ... for all ages and levels of ability, studios for rent ... a pottery studio and a photography studio ... and gallery space ...". The members called for development of a "community, multipurpose building," including senior daycare, a senior recreation center, and perhaps child care and other recreation programs.

Artist Benjamin Abramowitz, who identified himself as "one of the pigs that makes the pork," said that Greenbelt artists' greatest need is for a location known to the community as "the place to go" for arts activities. He said that this would encourage people to participate in the arts but cautioned against over-commercialization of the facility.

Isaacs asked whether the Arts Center could also be housed in the North End facility. Renahan said that the task force had not concentrated on what goes where, focusing instead on more general needs.

Doug Love said that two small stages in the school may be sufficient "for now." Bram suggested that, given the limited attendance at Arts Center events, a small facility which could be converted into a filled "jewel box" might be preferable to a big empty theater.

Chernikoff and Renahan stressed that a realistic assessment of the "real requirements" of various programs and arts groups is essential. Simon agreed, citing recommendations by operators of functioning arts centers that intensify surveys of what the community wants and would use should be undertaken before the city attempts to establish an arts facility.

City as Cultural Center

The third goal identified by the task force was establishment of "Greenbelt as a cultural center." The report said that by providing arts opportunities, Greenbelt could "establish a reputation that will make Greenbelt an attractive place to come."

White was ambivalent. He said that while he liked sharing Greenbelt "to a limit," he feared that it could be shared to a point where it could be ruined. He said there is a feeling among some residents of "Greenbelt for Greenbelters."

Weidenfeld agreed, saying that the city should not put up beacons to a wide area.

Isaacs, recalling a surge in

lake park attendance after a Washington newspaper described Greenbelt's "21-mile lake," was also concerned about attracting too many nonresident artists.

Renahan said that the task force had not pursued the implications of creating a perception outside the city that "here is an aesthetically oriented community." Jonathan Goldstein suggested that the Youth Center policies of charging different rates and granting limited access to non-residents could provide a model of how to handle this problem.

Isaacs urged acceptance of the task force's suggestion for an arts in public places policy, suggesting that the community room in the new police facility "be lined with art." He also asked council to encourage private developers to incorporate art into their projects.

Funding

The fourth goal of the arts policy is for the city to "help ensure adequate and increasing funding for arts organizations and programs." This would involve official encouragement of citizens and businesses to support the arts, assisting groups in obtaining county, state, federal and foundation funding and financial support from the city. However, this city support is intended to supplement the groups' own fundraising efforts and should be "based on the potential for advancing" the city's arts policy, "not merely on an organization's need for funds."

Renahan said that although private groups should be primarily responsible for their own support, individuals and organizations will not make donations to those groups if the city does not also provide support. However, when questioned by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, he agreed that the committee did not intend to impose a large financial burden upon the city.

While supporting the arts, Renahan said that the city must consider the economics of the arts. He found the frequent argument that the arts must always be subsidized "a little disturbing" and warned that this can become an open-ended justification of any and all deficits.

NCSL Soccer

by Manuel Pereira

The wind was the most influential player in the game that the Greenbelt National Capital League (NCSL) 1976 team lost on its home turf against the Virginia Blackwatch by the unusual score of 3-6. Gusty winds blew during the game making it impossible to play skillful soccer and favoring the team physically stronger and with stronger kickers, the Virginia Blackwatch. In fact, the Virginians, a very aggressive and physical team, took advantage of the fact of having the wind helping them in the first half by scoring 4 goals after Greenbelter Etim Edim, assisted by Daryl Harrington, scored a beautiful goal and tied 1-1. Then Etim scored again assisted by Miguel Pereira. In the second half Greenbelt, then helped by the wind, dominated but scored only one goal by Miguel with a spectacular left shot from a far distance. When the Greens were trying hard to recover and missed some chances to score again,

fication of any and all deficits.

Goals and Planning

The last goal identified by the task force was that the city should "advance policy goals through effective planning and cost-effective use of scarce resources." This would be accomplished by incorporating the arts policy into the city's strategic planning process, establishing a separate budget for the arts, requiring an annual plan for the arts and establishing an evaluation procedure.

Chernikoff said that currently spending on the arts is scattered throughout the budget, making an analysis of expenditures impossible. Renahan said that he expected the arts budget to be part of the recreation budget. However, Isaacs was concerned that this might give the Recreation Department too much control over the arts policy.

At its May 16 regular meeting, council referred the proposed policy back to the task force for clarification or changes they might want to make. The task force was directed to forward its report directly to the city staff, which will prepare its comments for council.

the Blackwatch scored its sixth goal on the first time it got back to the Greenbelt goal that half.

A week later the team traveled to Columbia to play the local Classic, one of the top teams in the division. With a minute to go and the score tied 2-2 Columbia scored on what seemed to be an illegal call by the referee and Greenbelt lodged an official protest of the game. The outcome of the NCSL hearing on this protest will be reported in a

future article. It was basically a balanced game and the goals were scored by Etim, assisted by Kevin Raymond, and by Corey Lee, assisted by Etim. Noteworthy were the performances of captain Dylan Powell, Jamie Despres, and Peter Timer who saved two goals on the goal line.

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Islands, Median Strip, Sycamores Engage Council in Centerway Debate

by Virginia Beauchamp

In the second of two items on the agenda at a work session on June 1, the Greenbelt City Council dealt with five questions raised by City Manager James Giese and Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson concerning the first phase of the redevelopment of the Roosevelt Center. This segment of the project will deal exclusively with improvements to Centerway.

The landscape architectural firm of Coffin & Coffin, which previously prepared an overall design plan for the Center area, has been retained by the city to oversee the Centerway improvements. However, the two members of the husband-and-wife team were not able to be present at the work session, since they had not yet returned from a trip to Europe.

The five questions discussed at the meeting were: 1) At what point at either end of Centerway should the redevelopment occur—at the two driveways into the parking lots, or at the intersections with Crescent Rd.? 2) Should the parking-lot entrances include median strips? 3) Should the existing sycamore trees along Centerway be repaced or retained? 4) How far into the center mall area should the replacement of sidewalks be extended? And finally, should a more expensive granite curbing be used instead of concrete, and should paver blocks be used on the street surface on the pedestrian walkway into the mall?

Both the Advisory Planning Board and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board had previously dealt with all these questions and their reports were available to the city council.

Extent of Project

Both advisory boards had recommended that the Centerway project be carried out from Crescent to Crescent, including rebuilding of the driveways into the two parking lots. The city has available \$200,000 in a

Community Development Block Grant. Giese has budgeted \$341,000 from the city's capital projects fund, which includes the Block Grant.

In a staff report, Giese suggested that funding of the entire project, from Crescent to Crescent, seemed feasible. Council concurred. Councilmember Antoinette ("Toni") Bram seemed to speak for the consensus of her council colleagues when she said, "We ought to do as much of the first stage as possible." The planned first phase would replace completely the sidewalks along Centerway.

Driveways

The design of the new driveway entrances into the parking lot raised difficult questions. The Coffins suggest moving the west driveway slightly closer to the Municipal Building in order to align it with Southway. They then recommend a green median to separate the ingress and egress lanes and to line up with the median strip on Southway.

Such a change would create two problems, Giese said—neither insurmountable. The first problem would be that the flag poles beside the Municipal Building would need to be moved. The Coffins had suggested putting them into the median. Others had recommended that they be relocated to the vicinity of the memorial stone on the grassy slope between Centerway and Crescent. Giese felt that the flag poles properly belonged to the Municipal Building, however, and that they could be moved further back near the parking lot itself.

Creation of the median in the west driveway would also make it impossible for exiting cars to make a left turn into Centerway. Giese commented that he felt this change would have a minimal impact on present traffic patterns in the center area. Councilmembers joked a bit about needing to turn into Centerway after a late council meeting to pick up a jug of milk at High's, but cutting out the left turn did not seem a big issue.

Of more concern was including a median strip in the driveway for the east parking lot. The right-of-way there is only 40 feet wide and the city believes it would be unlikely that the property owner of the realty office building would grant an easement if the curb line would encroach on the adjacent area, which has been used for parking. A sidewalk is planned along the wall of the theater on the west side of the driveway.

Giese recommended that a median strip be eliminated alongside the buildings but that at the point that the driveway enters the parking lot, a median island be constructed to channel traffic to the right and create a more attractive entrance.

Responding to this possibility, Bram suggested that the median island in the west driveway also begin further back, so that the two entrances would be visibly balanced. In this way, the left turn into Centerway would also be possible. Council decided to defer this question for further discussion with the landscape architects.

Trees

The one question which stirred controversy among members of council and with APB Board Chairman Donald Volk was whether or not to retain the present sycamore trees along Centerway. Since several trees are damaged and would need in any case to be replaced, the Coffins recommend starting anew so that all trees would be approximately the same size. Work on replacing the sidewalks is also likely to damage further the trees that remain.

According to the Coffins, the sycamore is not a good street tree, since its roots are shallow and tend to heave up the sidewalks. Although popular at the time Greenbelt was built, they are no longer in favor in such locations. The city staff, including city horticulturist Bill Phelan, recommend small shade trees such as the red oak or the little leaf linden.

According to a city staff re-

port, "Staff does not feel we should make the same mistake as was made in the 1930s." P-RAB recommends replacing the trees, but APB wants to preserve the sycamores. Arguing this position, Volk said APB felt they were "signature trees" and that their absence "would be felt a good deal." Giese, on the other hand, said that if the trees were saved, the city would be constantly replacing adjacent sidewalks.

Since council was split on the issue, the question was unresolved and left for further consultation with the landscape architects and the horticulturist.

Boundary within the Mall

The staff recommends carrying the sidewalk replacement project only to the edge of the present Bowmanite pavement in the Center Mall (the red colored squares of pavement). At such time as the mall itself is redesigned, the whole center section can be done then as a complete unit. Council agreed unanimously.

Paving Materials

Giese had several exhibits available of different kinds and colors of paving stones, both asphalt and granite. Granite curbing is also an option, although the cost would be higher—approximately \$26,400 more. The advantage would be that granite curbs are both more attractive and extremely durable. Concrete curbing requires frequent replacing. For this reason, and because of its greater aesthetic appeal, council felt that such curbing was a good investment.

They did not make a choice among the other materials, since other possibilities may also be available. Paving stones will be used across Centerway between the mall and the underpass in order to mark off distinctly the pedestrian walkway.

Giese said he hoped that the city staff will have a further report available on possible design alternatives by the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

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Gala Opening for Pool

A gala kickoff of the Greenbelt summer season was launched over Memorial Day weekend as the newly renovated Municipal Pool was rededicated by Mayor Weidenfeld and the city council. Preceding the dedication, a party was hosted by the city on Friday evening as residents and pool patrons gathered across the pool deck, grass areas, and the newly established "Greenbelt Beach" to dance and listen to the big band sound of Trux Balwin's Starlight Orchestra. Refreshments included punch flowing from an ornamental fountain. Everyone was also treated to a slice of decorated cake to commemorate the occasion.

On Saturday morning at 10 a.m., the official dedication was held as Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and council members Toni Bram, Ed Putens and Tom White cut the red, white, and blue dedication ribbon. (Councilman Joe Isaacs was out of town for a family reunion.) In a short speech Mayor Weidenfeld took note of the occasion as celebrating completion of the first project authorized by the \$6,000,000 bond issue. A highlight of the day was the official first-use of the waterslide, as City Manager Jim Giese did the historic honors with a spirited entry into the cool morning water. Afterwards, swimming was free for the day for all who visited Greenbelt's "Summer Resort At Home."

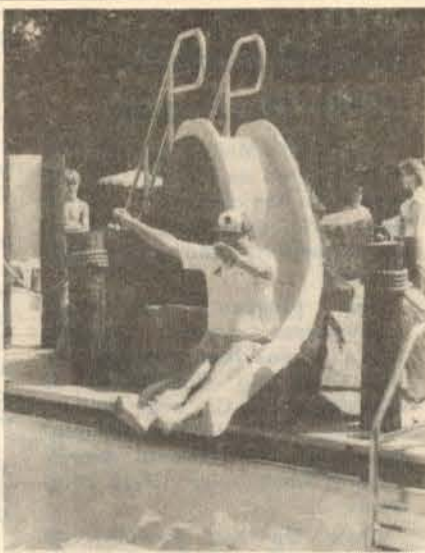
The Gray Panthers Will Hold a Picnic June 18

by Esther Webb

The Gray Panthers will meet for a summer picnic Saturday June 18 from 2-6 p.m. in the shaded group picnic area on the hill overlooking Greenbelt Lake. All persons of all ages are invited.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and cold drinks will be provided. Bring a friend and a salad, dessert or potato chips. There will be group games, activities, and other entertainment.

Group transportation to the lake is being organized. For rides call 474-7841 or 441-1323. Also the Greenbelt Connection is available for a small fee for seniors. Handicapped parking is available. This will be the last meeting until fall.



City Manager James K. Giese christens the new pool.

—photos by Nick Pergola

Return Soccer Uniforms

Now that the spring season is over for the Boys and Girls Club soccer program, it's time to turn in uniforms. Many players have already turned in their uniforms at the annual soccer picnic last Saturday at Greenbelt Park where a great time was had by all.

The 10 and under team, coached by Marie Hite, received first place trophies, the kids challenged the parents to one last game of the season — the kids won, 8-3.

Final uniform turn in will be Monday, June 13 at the Youth Center 6:30-7 p.m.

Summer Quest Encourages Kids to Read in Summer

Encouraging youngsters to read during the summer is the aim of Summer Quest, a program offered by libraries throughout the metropolitan Washington region. The theme for the 1988 Summer Quest program is "Dive into Books" and area libraries are offering many special activities such as story hours, reading clubs, and live performances designed to encourage young readers to continue reading even after their school books are closed.

At the Greenbelt library the program is on Thursdays at 2 p.m., June 23-August 4, for ages 6 to 12.



Jaycees to Meet June 21

The Greenbelt Jaycees invite the community to its June monthly meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 8 p.m. sharp, at their clubhouse, off Crescent Road; adjacent to St. Hugh's School.

Marilyn Young, the past executive vice president of the Maryland Jaycees, will be the meetings guest speaker. Her topic will be: What the Jaycees can mean to you and to the community." Also, the Greenbelt Jaycees Plan-of-Action for the 1988-89 year will be presented.

Membership in the Greenbelt Jaycees is open to any young adult, aged 21-39 who wishes to develop as an individual and a community leader by actively participating in community service projects and by availing him or her self to the many individual development seminars offered through the Jaycee organization. The Chapter holds its monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, 8 p.m., at its Clubhouse adjacent to St. Hugh's School. The Community is always invited.

Greenbelters rediscover their "Resort at Home" as the Municipal Pool reopens following a long winter of renovation. The original pool opened almost 50 years ago — Memorial Day 1939.



A friendly wager—Mayor Gil Weidenfeld receives a handshake and a nickel from Ray Haber, who lost a winter bet that the Greenbelt Pool would not be ready for the Grand Opening this past Memorial Day weekend.

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GHI Membership Amends Bylaws Eunice Coxon, Ken Grimes Honored

by Mavis Fletcher

At the annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on May 18, member Eunice Coxon was honored as Committee Member of the Year and staff member Kenneth Grimes was named Employee of the Year.

Coxon is an active member of the Finance Committee and over the years has served on many other committees in GHI. President Margaret Hogensen presented her with a plaque honoring her for her service.

Hogensen praised Grimes, who is head of the Structures and Grounds Section of the Maintenance Department, for his knowledge and skills and for his efforts in developing the "finest group of laborers and apprentices" in GHI. He received a plaque, a letter and a check.

Bylaws Amended

The membership approved two amendments to the corporation bylaws after some discussion. One amendment allows GHI to recover certain indirect costs connected with foreclosing on a unit; the other amendment changes the period allowed for members to submit agenda items by petition.

According to Corporation Counsel Marjorie Corwin, who was present at the meeting, certain costs of foreclosing on a unit cannot now be recovered because there is no vehicle in the bylaws which would allow GHI to recover in court. Staff time in dealing with the foreclosure, for example, is one of the costs which is now unrecoverable. In some cases a considerable expenditure of staff time may be involved.

After surviving a motion to table the change until next year's meeting, the motion to amend was easily passed by the two-thirds vote required.

The second bylaws amendment provided that a member petition to add an item to the agenda would have to be presented (with the required number of member signatures) to the secretary 35 days before the meeting. Previously, the requirement had been 25 days before the meeting. Member Lucille Jacoby raised some objection to the amendment because, she said, she didn't like to see the time shortened for a member to get signatures for a petition while the board could still make agenda changes at a later time. Other members pointed out, however, that the board has to give final approval to the agenda after all items have been submitted. In the end, the amendment passed overwhelmingly.

Officers' Statements

In the president's report, Hogensen pointed with pride to the stature of GHI in the national and international co-op movement. She said she had not fully appreciated its position until last Spring's Conference on New Towns which brought representatives from all over the world to talk about planned communities and Greenbelt's place in that movement.

Hogensen noted that GHI representatives serve on the boards of a number of national co-op organizations: she is on the board of the National Cooperative Bank and the National Co-

operative Business Association; Treasurer Ray McCawley serves on the board of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives; Comptroller Donald McGinn is on the Executive Committee of the Eastern Cooperative Housing Organization.

Hogensen mentioned the new reserves program as one of the year's achievements. This program should, she said, make current maintenance of the homes possible and avoid the necessity of "rehab" projects in the future.

In his Treasurer's report, McCawley said the corporation is "on the right track." He too pointed to the reserves program as a large step in insuring future maintenance of the homes. He noted that the 1988 budget entailed a five percent increase in expenditures, largely, he said, to get and keep good employees.

Audit Committee Chair Diana Liebscher reported that at least one member of the committee had attended every meeting and executive session of the board during the year. She affirmed that proper procedures had been followed.

Liebscher discussed the results of a petition, signed by five percent of the members, which urged improvements in grounds maintenance and supervision of contract work. She said that the initiative had resulted in an additional staff position for grounds work.

Manager Ron Colton singled out the new automated maintenance program as an important improvement in GHI's functioning this year. He said that previously 95 percent of the main-

tenance department's time was spent in reacting to members' calls for service; now 50 percent of the effort is directed toward preventive maintenance and planned replacements.

Colton also pointed to capital improvement programs which are underway: additional parking spaces, swales and drainage, plumbing risers, ventilation, stabilization of structural movement in some of the homes and work on curbs and gutters.

Elections

There were no contested offices in the elections. Four incumbents — McCawley, Andrea Haslinger, Nancy Hutchins and Mac Wirick — ran for reelection to the four vacant positions on the board.

Julian Weiss, Leta Mach and Peter Liebscher ran for the three positions on the Audit Committee. All three of these candidates were newcomers to the committee.

Candidates for the board of directors and the audit committee were elected at the election held on the next day after the membership meeting.

Candidates for the Nominations and Elections Committee were elected by acclamation during the meeting. Those elected were John M. Taylor, Susan A. Walker, Keith Chernikoff, Helen F. White, and Deborah E. Sisson.

Doorprizes

In an effort to assure a quorum at the meeting, the board had authorized the distribution of three doorprizes. U.S. Savings Bonds were given away to the lucky winners. One hundred dollar bonds were won by mem-

Greenbelt Middle Part Of Pilot Civic Program

Greenbelt Middle School has been selected as among the 100 schools in the country to pilot a new civic awareness program for elementary and junior high schools.

The program, the Civic Achievement Award Program (CAAP), has been developed by the Close Up Foundation of Washington, D.C., with the assistance of the Library of Congress and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Close Up has provided all schools with sets of the Student Resource Book, a workbook and maps especially developed for the project, test materials and awards for students, classrooms and schools. John LaPolla will coordinate the project at Greenbelt Middle School.

The Close Up Foundation is a nonpartisan education foundation designed to encourage citizen involvement in government.

Members Barbara Buckley and Betty Allen; a \$200 bond was won by member Martha Scheel.

The doorprizes were apparently successful in getting members to attend the meeting. Voting cards were issued to 135 members, far above the 75 needed for a quorum.

Program Offered by PGCC

The Children's Developmental Clinic located at Prince Georges Community College is now accepting registrations for a four-week Summer Session to begin June 20.

The Clinic provides a special service to children, birth to twenty-one years of age, who are experiencing developmental difficulties, two days per week. The sessions involve an individualized motor development program and if needed, language or developmental reading programs.

For information call Dr. Paul H. Hahn or Kathy Hinkal at 322-0519 on weekdays, except Wed. from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

University of Maryland Chorus Holds Auditions

Paul Traver, director of the University of Maryland Chorus, has scheduled auditions for the Chorus' 88-89 season. Performances include: Handel's oratorio *Samson*; Wagner's *Flying Dutchman* at Carnegie Hall in New York; and the first performance of Herman Berlinski's "The Trumpets of Freedom" at the Kennedy Center. Audition dates are June 10, 11 & 12. For information or an audition time call the Maryland Chorus at 454-4183.

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A 20-year-old woman was the victim of an armed robbery about 2 a.m., June 3 as she was parking her car near her residence in the 6100 block of Springhill Drive. A car with three men in it pulled up beside her car. One of the men, carrying a shotgun, got out and threatened her with the weapon. He took her purse and escaped in the waiting auto. He was described as black, age 25, 5'9", 190 lbs. The other men, who remained in the car were black, age 25, medium build.

Officer Leslie Hodge, after stopping a driver for a traffic violation about 4:40 p.m., May 31 on Cherrywood Lane at Greenbelt Road found that the driver was operating on a revoked license. The officer placed him under arrest, then found PCP-laced cigarettes and a hypodermic syringe in the car. The suspect, a 29-year-old Beltsville man, was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (PCP) and possession of drug paraphernalia (hypodermic syringe). He was held on \$1500 bond.

About 8 p.m., May 30 Officer Michael Lanier stopped a man he saw urinating in public in the 7600 block of Greenbelt Road. When the officer tried to pat the man down for weapons, he struck at the officer, assaulted him and Officer Jim Donovan, who came to his assistance. The 23-year-old suspect, of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, two counts of assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. Brought before a District Court commissioner, he was held on \$4000 bond pending trial. The officers were not injured.

A residence in the 8400 block of Canning Terrace was broken into over the weekend of May

28-29 through a ground floor window. Electronic equipment was stolen.

On May 30 a red 1986 Toyota 4 x 4, Md. vanity tags BH-4x4 was stolen from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

On May 31 a white Ford Econoline van, Md. 1196328M was stolen from the parking lot at Beltway Plaza and on June 2 a 1981 Datsun 280ZX, bronze color, Md. PWD184 was stolen from the 8400 block of Canning Terrace.

A wallet left unattended was stolen about 11:30 p.m., May 28 while its owner was playing basketball at Greenbelt Center School.

A 1986 Pontiac Trans Am, stolen May 29 from the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, was found the next day in Seat Pleasant. On May 30, Cpl. Thomas Miskell found a 1983 Olds Cutlass in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace which had been stolen May 6 in New Carrollton. There were no arrests in either case.

During the period May 27-June 1, vandalism to and thefts from autos were reported at the office building parking lot at 7010 Greenbelt Rd., in the 9100 blocks of Edmonston Rd., Edmonston Court and Springhill Lane, in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane (two incidents), the 8100 block of Mandan Terrace (four incidents), the 100 block of Westway, the 1 Court of Southway, the 6 Court of Crescent Rd., the 100 block of Whitebriar Court and the parking lots at Beltway Plaza and the Greenway Shopping Center.

At the Library

Thursday, June 16, Drop-In Storytime 10:30-11 a.m. ages 3-5.

Thursday, June 16 morning Book Discussion 10:15 a.m. Beryl Markham's *West with the Night*.

Greenbelt Resident Found Murdered

A Greenbelt man was found stabbed to death about 9:30 a.m., June 5 in his apartment at 7732 Hanover Parkway, according to Greenbelt police, who are investigating the murder.

The victim, Tiffany C. Blair, age 36, was dead of multiple stab wounds when he was found by a neighbor who had come over to visit and entered the apartment when there was no response at the door. The medical examiner estimated the time of death as shortly after midnight of the same day, says police spokesman David Buerger. Investigators found signs of a struggle in the kitchen of the apartment but no sign that anything had been taken. They located one of two cars owned by the victim, a 1985 Lincoln Continental, parked on Hanover Parkway. The second car, a cream-colored 1981 Chrysler Cordoba with Maryland tags RSF644, is missing, say police.

Investigators say they have no suspects and have not determined a motive for the crime but they are trying to locate for questioning a man who they have learned often used the victim's cars and was a frequent guest at the victim's apartment. He is identified as Frank Elmer Woody, Jr., black, 33 years, 6'3", 165 lbs., possibly wearing gray slacks and a polo shirt. Police emphasize that his arrest at this time is not contemplated and that they only want to question him.

Several Groups Join To Offer La Boheme

The Greenbelt-Lanham Chorale will join with the Maryland Boy Choir and the Beltsville Choral in the Prince Georges Opera Company's production of "La Boheme" at Prince Georges Community College on June 10 and 12.

Recreation Review

Club Wanderlust

Club Wanderlust for 12-16 year olds, offers four sessions this summer. Each will include four days of activities with one overnight camping outing. Staff and participants together will plan a fun-filled week of adventure.

Club members will depart from the Youth Center each morning at 10 and travel to a variety of local attractions, such as Ocean City, Kings Dominion, Cunningham Falls State Park, Washington, Baltimore, canoeing at Swains Lock. Contact Anne Herink 474-6878 for more information.

Discount Park Tickets

Discount theme park tickets are available from the Recreation Department Business Office, Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - noon.

This discount program benefits the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association and the Recreation Department. Payment should be by cash; no personal checks please!

Camp Pine Tree

Camp Pine Tree, the city's day camp program for elementary age children, provides a variety of experiences promoting skill development, social interaction,

State Asks for Input On Refund Distribution

A public hearing seeking proposals from government agencies, private and non-profit agencies and individuals is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15. The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission at 6600 Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale.

teamwork, exercise, new adventures and lots of fun!

Camp Pine Tree's headquarters is located in the Youth Center. Programs are conducted in the Youth Center and the surrounding ballfields, tennis courts and swimming pool. Five sessions are offered throughout the summer season.

Transportation is available for resident children only for an additional fee.

Camp hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Before and/or After Camp is available from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for an additional fee.

Contact the Recreation Department Business Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878, for further details.

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LYMPHADENOPATHY (Enlarged Lymph Nodes)

All of us humans except for a very few have lymph nodes all over our bodies. They are round, movable lumps, just under the skin, about the size of a large pea. They are strategically located within busy "intersections" such as the neck, the armpits, and the groins. They are sometimes called "glands" or "kernels." Their function is to capture foreign invaders — mainly germs. Normal lymph nodes are composed of cells whose main function is to swallow and kill bacteria. A few babies are born without lymph nodes. These unfortunate children must live in a plastic bubble all their lives.

Lymph nodes are largest during the period childhood, between about the ages of 3 years and 10 years. After that they regress in size. Many parents are concerned about these "lumps" and consult their doctors about them. Most of the time all that needs to be done is reassurance.

The most commonly observed lymph nodes are the ones in the neck (Somehow parents do not examine the ones in the armpits and the groins.) These become enlarged and tender if the child has a sore throat, a ear ache, or any infection around the head and neck. Similarly, infections of the arms and hands will lead to enlargement of the nodes in the armpits; infections of the legs and feet will cause lymph node enlargement in the groin. Treatment for bacterial infections (such as strep throat) is usually simple: antibiotics (such as penicillin). After the infection subsides, the nodes return to their normal size. Rarely, other germs may cause lymph node enlargement: Tuberculosis-related organisms called atypical mycobacteria (treatment is surgery and usually not indicated); cat-scratch disease, which is caused by a virus carried by kittens; infectious mononucleosis (also viral). There is no cure for viral diseases, but luckily they are self-limited and subside after a few weeks.

Malignancies (cancer) are very rare, but must be considered if lymph nodes become very large, and continue to grow. Their names are: Hodgkins disease, lymphoma, and lymphosarcoma. They are usually non-tender. Cancer originating in other organs will sometimes spread to nearby lymph nodes. They may appear in unusual areas such as above the collar bone.

Immunodeficiency diseases will often be accompanied by an absence of lymph nodes but sometimes just the opposite. The new disease, AIDS, has now become the most common of these disorders, and children with this condition have generalized lymph node enlargement. Luckily this condition is very rare.

Kawasaki's disease is a strange new condition of unknown cause and unknown cure. It resembles scarlet fever in many ways (sore throat, red rash, high fever, enlarged lymph nodes), but will not respond to antibiotics. Large doses of aspirin and intravenous gamma globulin is the currently popular treatment. The reason why this disease is so dangerous is because some of these children will develop coronary artery aneurysms and may die of a heart attack. They must be carefully followed with examinations and echocardiograms.

Thus if you find a small, round, movable lump under the skin of your child on the neck, armpit or groin, and it does not grow or hurt, and there are no other symptoms you may ask the doctor about it during your next visit, but it is not worth an extra trip.

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The special details crew put down tape on center line in the newly paved streets in Springhill Lake and painted the "no parking" curb yellow. They assisted the general crew in preparing an area in Windsor Green for the installation of a basketball court at the ball field off Mandan Road. They installed a bronze plaque at the mother and child statue in the Center. They also worked in the area of Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road where the contractor has begun excavating for the dual lane of these two roads.

The general crew worked in Windsor Green in the area where the basketball court will be installed. The crew worked on roadside landscaping on Lakeside.

Extra special trash crews were on duty due to the short week and extremely heavy amount of requests.

The horticulturist is still working on spring and early summer planting throughout the city.

Resurfacing was done in Springhill Lake — Edmonston Road from Springhill Drive to the end of city maintenance; Springhill Drive from Edmonston Road to in front of the Fountain Lodge; and from Springhill Lane to Cherrywood Lane. The work was funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and handled through Prince Georges County.

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There are quite a few babies to report this week. Herb and Vera Reed of 5 Court Plateau are celebrating the recent birth of their daughter Susannah who arrived at Holy Cross on May 23. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs. Susannah joins an older sister Elizabeth who is seven.

Nathan Samuel Humphrey, first born of Jon and Cathy Humphrey, greeted the world on May 14 at Holy Cross, weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz. The new family lives on Edmonston Road.

Also joining the ranks is Donald Patrick Frazier Jr. Born on May 22 at Holy Cross, he weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz. Proud parents are Kelly and Donald Frazier Sr. who, along with eight-year-old Nicholas, live at Edmonston Court.

David Micheal Churchwell Jr. was born on May 11 to Tracy and David Churchwell Sr. He weighed 7 lbs., 11½ oz. The family lives on Lakecrest Drive.

Patricia and David Fugitt are the new parents of David Andrew, born at Holy Cross on May 19, weighing 7 lbs., 15½ oz.

It's a boy for Neale and Kathleen Campbell of Lakeside Drive (University Square Apts.) James Neale Campbell was born June 1 at Holy Cross Hospital weighing 8 lbs., 11 oz. James also has a big sister, Cherrice Mayers, Landover Hills.

And finally, Jeanette Camille Esposito was born to Kathleen and Louis Esposito of Burkart Court. She appeared at Holy Cross Hospital on May 18, weighing 8 lbs., 9½ oz. Welcome all!

We have some winners to announce. Jean Wang of ERHS won first place in the Botany division at the 39th International Science and Engineering Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee recently. She received a \$500 cash award. Wang competed with 721 finalists from all over the world, including Japan, The People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom. Earlier in the year, Wang was one of the grand award winners of the Prince Georges Area Fortieth Annual Science Fair. Well done, Ms. Wang!

The Prince Georges County Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., has announced the winners

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of the Youth Art Contest. Kimberly Ann Farral of ERHS won second place in the Class II - High School division of the competition. She received a \$25 award. Congratulations!

Daniel F. Saltrick, former principal of Magnolia Elementary School, has been appointed by the Board of Education as Assistant Superintendent for School Administration Area VI, a position which oversees one-sixth of the schools in PG county. He will take office on July 1.

Get well wishes to Joan Conway who is a patient at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale.

And from the graduate file, we hear that Lara Ann Walker of Greenhill Road graduated from Prince Georges Community College on May 28 with an associate degree in general studies. Her proud parents are Sharon and Berry Miller. (Brother Greg is equally pleased.) She will be going on to the University of Maryland in the fall.

Navy Ensign Michael B. Schultz recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned to his present rank. During his four years of intensive academic and professional study, he majored in oceanography and received a Bachelor of Science degree. A 1984 graduate of ERHS, Michael is the son of David and Alice Schultz of Mandan Terrace.

Other news from the military includes word that Marine Cpl. Morris A. DeSimone recently participated in an exercise on the southern coast of Sardinia, Italy. A 1984 graduate of ERHS, he joined the Marine Corps in January 1985. His wife Jennifer is the daughter of Larry Smith of 13 Court Hillside.

Marine Lance Cpl. Alberta C. Koontz has been promoted to her present rank while serving with the 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Koontz who joined the Marine Corps in June 1987, is the daughter of David Koontz of 2

Court on Research Road.

Greenbelt's citizens, young and old, seem to be enjoying the 'new' swimming pool. The magic mushroom, which looks like a rain tree, has been a big attraction to youngsters, all except one 4½ year old. He just can't understand why anyone would want to take a shower outdoors!

Sorry that Shelley Shupp and Leah Brandt's names were not listed among the first grade cheerleaders in Center School's "Salute to the Peanuts Gang."

Speaking of students, Valerie M. Boushell recently graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a B.A. in Psychology.

Further, the Navy reports that Navy Airman Jeffery Morris has completed his training at the Recruit Training Center in Orlando, Florida. He is the son of Angela T. Evans of 42 Ridge Road. Winners at the May 13 meeting were Doris and Bob Johnson with Peg Wainscott and Ruth Shuetzle coming in second. Last week saw the Johnson team winning again while the Wainscott/Shuetzle team shared second place with Lars Bronstein and his partner Louise Kramer.

Congratulations to Helen McFarland, who received her B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Maryland on May 20. Employed in the Oncology Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Helen is the daughter of Henry and Kathleen McFarland of Fayette Place.

The University of Alabama College of Engineering has announced that William C. Keathley has been named a 150th Anniversary Distinguished Engineering Fellow. The award was presented during ceremonies in Tuscaloosa last month and was designed to give special recognition to prominent UA alumnae. Keathley is the Director of Flight Projects at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Pvt. 1st Class Daniel A. Terrell has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Son of William and Viola Terrell of Mandan Road, Terrell is a 1978 graduate of Largo Senior High and a 1984 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University at Blacksburg.



The city of Greenbelt received special acclaim at the annual St. George's Day banquet of the Prince Georges County Historical Society for its special effort during the 50th anniversary celebration to preserve the history of this area. Mary Lou Williamson, managing editor of the volume Greenbelt: History of a New Town; Mary Linstrom, chair of the Greenbelt Museum Committee; and Sandra Barnes, chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee, look on as Mayor Gil Weidenfeld receives a certificate on behalf of the city from Society member Fred DeMarr. A portrait of Prince George, consort of England's Queen Anne, for whom this county was named, is visible behind the podium.

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