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Revised Budget Proposal Scheduled For Review in April Work Sessions

by Diane Oberg

Assistant City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin presented council with a revised budget proposal for the 1991-92 fiscal year (FY92) at the March 25 regular council meeting. The budget incorporates decisions made at a March 13 council worksession.

Last year, the city attempted its first two-year budget, anticipating only minor review and revisions this year. However, since then the city has seen its revenues fall significantly below projections, requiring more substantial revisions than anticipated. McLaughlin's proposal produces a balanced budget based upon the two cent increase in the property tax rate that was agreed to by council last year and includes a four percent cost of living adjustment for city employees.

Several significant cuts were made on the expenditure side. One of the larger items is elimination of the planned narcotics unit for the police. Three officers were to be hired for this squad in the current fiscal year. Eliminating this unit saves \$123,000 in the FY92 budget.

One change since the worksession is that McLaughlin was able to find a way to hire three summer parks crewmembers, down from 20 summer workers in the original budget.

Council has scheduled three worksessions to review the budget. The police budget, and possibly the Greenbelt CARES budget, will be reviewed on Wednesday, April 10. The public works, miscellaneous and capital improvements budgets will be reviewed on Monday, April 15 and the remaining budgets on Thursday, April 25.

Recycling

David Helmecki, administrative assistant in the public works department, presented the councilmembers with their official county recycling bins. The county will begin curbside pickup of newspaper, glass, aluminum and some plastic bottles on April 16 and 18. This service will be offered to all single family and townhouse units throughout the city. No apartment units, whether rental or condominium, will be included, although Hunting Ridge's pilot program will continue.

Indoor Pool

Council was shown a video, which has also been presented on channel B-10, regarding the construction status of the indoor pool. The roof trusses have been installed and the pool area constructed up to deck level. City Director of Planning and Development Celia Wilson said that the contractor reports work to be on schedule for completion by October 31, two months later than the August 30 completion date mandated by the contract.

The contractor is now working on an accelerated schedule that Wilson was "hopeful" would permit the company to complete the pool by the contract date.

Committee Reports

Council accepted Advisory Planning Board (APB) Report 91-3 regarding Capitol Cadillac's proposal that it be permitted to reacquire an adjacent parcel of land purchased by the state for a new ramp to the Baltimore Washington Parkway. The company wants to acquire a second dealership showroom and lot adjacent to the Cadillac dealership. Although the new ramp is shown on county plans, it has not been funded. APB recommended against the proposal, suggesting that the property remain reserved for public use/open space until the ramp is removed from the county master plan.

The Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) recommended that the Northway fields not be expanded and that no lights be installed. The issue was considered at the request of one member of the board. The report states that "while there may be a need for additional ballfields and that these be lighted... the population at large is not well served by such improvements." In response to a question from Councilmember Joseph Isaacs, City Manager James K. Giese said that the issue was discussed at a single meeting and that there had been no staff presentation on the issue.

Two additional CRAB reports

were accepted for consideration at the next meeting. One endorses Giese's petition to name the proposed community center for Rexford Guy Tugwell, the Resettlement Administrator who was instrumental in creation of the city. The other report discusses several proposals for memorializing former Councilmember Charles F. Schwan, Jr. (See separate story.)

Legislation

Council introduced an ordinance to reduce restrictions on parking in cul-de-sacs lacking interior landscaping islands. Final approval was given, under suspension of the rules, to a new shift schedule and overtime procedures for police officers. The changes are designed to reduce the stress resulting from changing shift schedules.

Other Actions

Council deferred action on a request for departure from parking and loading standards for the commercial buildings in Roosevelt Center until after an April 2 worksession with owner George Christacos and completion of satisfactory legal agreements regarding improvements to the existing buildings. The owner wants to expand the center without being required to provide additional parking. Wilson recommended approval if the owner agrees to covenants ensuring the renovation and upkeep of the existing buildings. Christacos agreed to request a two-week delay in the county hearing.

A GREENBELT PROFILE

The Late Charles F. Schwan, Jr. Community Leader, Public Servant

By Sandra Barnes

Throughout the 54 years of Greenbelt's history, there have been many men and women whose wisdom, energy and commitment have shaped the city. Rexford Tugwell, head of the Resettlement Administration under Franklin Delano Roosevelt, had the vision to convince the President to build garden cities such as Greenbelt. Roy Braden, the first town administrator, was a government bureaucrat who understood how to manage a pioneer community. Greenbelt's early mayor, Allen Morrison, and other first families, fashioned the Greenbelt spirit of community involvement. During the decades of the 1960s and 1970s, Charles F. Schwan, Jr. exemplified the Greenbelt community activist.

Charlie divided his energies

between Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the city government. He served as GHI's board president and later on city council. He was involved in nearly every important decision made during those frenzied years of development battles, zoning wars, school board fights, and freedom of the press challenges.

The city and GHI are now considering an appropriate memorial to Charlie, who died on April 5, 1985. The following is an excerpt from the obituary I wrote about Charlie, whom many respected as a selfless public servant and whom I was honored to know as a friend.

For more than two decades, from 1958 until 1981, Charlie Schwan was a leader in the political and civic affairs of Greenbelt. He served for ten years, 1971-1981, on the Greenbelt City Council; and eight years on the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), six years as its president. In 1982 the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee named Schwan Green-

Community Center Design To Be Presented April 1

by Mary Lou Williamson

The formal entrance into the proposed community center in the Center School building could offer visitors and residents an open lobby with displays of historical interest and information on current activities. Senior citizens and the youngest children could share the ground floor during the day; others could use the same space in the evening.

Architects Keys Condon Florance will present their revised outline for use of space in the city's community center on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The public is invited to view the draft plans and participate in the discussion.

Programmed for the old first floor are all senior activities — lounge, game and classrooms — and adult day care and a warming kitchen and dining room. The gym would remain a gym and could double as a theater for a time. (See drawing on page 5.)

Upstairs, in the original building, could be workspace for the Greenbelt Museum, studios for artists, a conference room and children's art classrooms.

The newer wing could house a nursery school and child care program, using rooms that exit to the playground. Across the hall and on the second floor could be specialized rooms for the performing arts: scene shop, costume room, rehearsal room, dance studio with wood floors and mirrors. Also on the second floor, with access to the theater, could be a cable TV studio. Across the hall would be office space and a large conference room for Greenbelt CARES.

Plans for the basement include space for the News Review, a multimedia room to include desk-top publishing equipment, a ceramics studio, darkroom and photography classroom.

Preview Held

User groups met informally with the Community Center Task Force and the architects to get a preview of the plans. Architect Nancy Epstein, of KCF, described the revised plans. "The changes," she said, "have made a better fit of the build-

ing." The only use that requires an addition is a "black box" theater for the performing arts, although budget limitations may require a delay in its construction. The only program reduction, said Epstein, is in nursery school-child day care, where two competing organizations have planned nearly identical (and the Task Force thought overlapping) programs. Studio space for artists was reduced, she said, and made more functional.

Handicapped access to the building would be provided at the east door (facing the center) and at doors on both sides of the building where the new wing joins the old building. Elevators are planned at both locations in order to provide access to all five levels of the building.

Child care requires easy drop-off for parents bringing the child to the program and a safe walk from the classroom to the playground. The walk could be separated from the parking area by landscaping.

Greenbelt CARES rooms had been moved from a location near the gym, which might be noisy. The large conference room next door, which CARES would use on Wednesday evenings, could be used by the band on another night.

Cable TV will have access to the upper theater so programs can be cablecast or taped for later use.

Mary Linstrom, Greenbelt Museum, expressed interest in a visitors center that could offer historical displays. Community Center Task Force Chair Bill Stratton said his committee's concept of the main entrance included both a lobby where people could view displays and obtain information about current activities and also a separate room that might focus on his-

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Park Group Meets

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library lower level meeting room. The public is invited.

WHAT GOES ON

Sat., April 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Recycling Festival Kick Off - City/County Recycling Collection Program - Center School
Mon., April 8, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wed., April 10, 8 p.m. Council Worksession on Budget for Police, Greenbelt CARES, Municipal Building
8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board, Police Station
Thurs., April 11, 7:30 p.m. Community Center Design, Open Workshop, Municipal Building

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Schwan, Community Leader

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Schwan went on to chair the GHI committee on elderly housing and participated in a sometimes spirited battle, fought through the News Review's "Letters to the Editor" column. The GHI membership turned down the request to build senior citizen housing.

The following year, 1963, Schwan agreed to run for the GHI Board of Directors. A major campaign issue concerned returning the corporation's reserves to the members. Schwan and four other candidates, known as the Common Sense ticket, swept into office with the largest turnout, 960 votes, in GHI's history. Less than a year later Schwan was unanimously elected to the presidency of GHI when its former president resigned and moved out of Greenbelt.

In 1965 Schwan chaired the meeting which organized Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt. As a member of its steering committee and as GHI board president he was instrumental in conducting a massive signature and fund-raising campaign. The aim was to influence county officials to change the proposed county Master Plan for Greenbelt from high density development to a lower density. Schwan told committee members, "We are seeking to organize a citizen's movement, a community effort... to develop this city according to our plan... We want to make it crystal clear that we mean business. This is not a Saturday night pep rally."

News Review Libel Suit
In 1966 the Greenbelt News Review was sued for \$2 million by a local developer, Charles Bresler. Schwan and his fellow Greenbelters Al Herling sprang to the defense of the paper establishing the Freedom of the Press Committee. The paper lost two decisions, in the lower court and in the Maryland Court of Appeals. The case was then carried to the Supreme Court, where a unanimous decision vindicated the News Review and its staunch supporters. Bresler's attorney called Schwan his "principal opponent" on the high school and zoning issues.

During Schwan's tenure on the GHI board, GHI joined the city and a citizens' group in battling the Prince Georges County Board of Education to move the site selected for the construction of the new high

school from Northway extended (the old city landfill and now ballfield) to a more accessible location. . . . Legal maneuvering and pressure by the Save Our Community Committee ensued. Finally the school board relented, purchasing property and building Eleanor Roosevelt High School at its present location on Greenbelt Road. . . .

The cooperative's Long Range Planning Committee was formed by Schwan in 1969 as he saw the need to prepare a blueprint for GHI's physical rehabilitation.

In 1971 Schwan chaired the city's unsuccessful move to construct an indoor swimming pool. The voters turned the issue down in a closely fought referendum. Also in 1971 Schwan was elected to the Greenbelt City Council. While on council he re-established his interest in elderly housing and worked to bring Green Ridge House into reality. Little did he think he would become a resident of Green Ridge House himself. He lived there from 1982 to 1984.

Schwan was an ardent supporter of Greenbelt CARES, testifying at public hearings at the state level. He was instrumental in establishing CARES as a city department. He lobbied strongly for the Greenbelt Metro terminal and endorsed the pedestrian overpass over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at the Gardenway site. Ill health forced him to retire from the city council when his term ended in 1981.

Outstanding Citizen

Chosen as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1982, he was applauded for his insight and leadership abilities, his forthright stand on issues, his capacity to be objective, and constructive. As one person commented, "The particularly notable thing about Mr. Schwan's lengthy service to our community has been his capacity to face

David Granahan

Former Greenbelt City Council Member David M. Granahan, 81, of University Park, died of cancer March 28 at Washington Adventist Hospital. A member of council from 1947 to 1949, Mr. Granahan also served on the University Park town council.

Mr. Granahan retired as assistant director in the Agriculture Department's Office of Communications in 1976. He received the Department's Superior Service award upon retirement.

He is survived by his wife Leta, University Park, sons David, California; Peter, Bowie; and James, West River; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Granahan home on Sunday, April 7 after 2 p.m. Contributions may be made to one's favorite charity.

issues in an objective, constructive spirit. He did not seek easy or popular solutions; rather, he sought by study and reflection to solve difficult situations through intelligence and integrity."

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said: "When faced with a politically controversial decision, he could be counted on to take a stand and stick to it even to his political detriment, so long as he was sure it was best for the people of Greenbelt. Whether or not his positions on issues were always correct, it was always clear that he was giving of himself unselfishly and not for any personal gain or recognition, but only to serve his community."

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수요예배 (수요일) - 오후 8:00
금요일예배 (금요일) - 오후 8:30
구역예배 (회요일) - 오후 7:30
유년주일학교 (주일) - 오후 2:00
성인성경공부 (주일) - 오후 1:00
학생신학교 (목요일) - 오전 10:00
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Mary Ann Murray

Mary Ann Murray, 67, of Green Ridge House died March 22 at Fairfax Hospital. A native of Philadelphia, she moved with her husband, the late Edwin J. Murray, and children to Greenbelt in 1952. The family was transferred to New York City three years later but returned in 1971.

Mary Ann was an active member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church. She was a recent graduate of EPS program at Trinity College and was currently attending classes at the DeSales School of Theology.

She is survived by a son Dennis of Boston, MA, daughter, Marilyn Low of Greenbelt and three grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 25 at St. Hugh's Church. Interment was at Gate of Heaven cemetery.

Bernard Krug

Bernard Krug, 73, of Washington, died March 27 at George Washington University Hospital.

Mr. Krug was editor of the News Review in 1953. An information specialist at the Rural Electrification Administration from 1939 until his retirement in 1973, he was editor of the Ag Reporter. He worked as a freelance reporter and was also one of the editors of the National Press Club's weekly newsletter and a club photographer. He was a volunteer editor of the Jewish Community Center of Washington's publication.

His marriage to Vera Krasner Krug ended in divorce. He is survived by sons Marc, Alexandria and Stephen, Springfield.

At the Library

Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. - Babysitting workshop for ages 12 - 16.

Thursday, April 11, 11 a.m. - Drop-in storytime, ages 3 - 5.

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 torical exhibits and information. Corridors could house changing displays also. An administrative office for the building would be adjacent to the lobby.

Problems to Solve

Many problems remain. There is much asbestos in the building, some of which will need to be removed. Some, however, may be encapsulated.

Historic preservation laws mandate that on the first floor we "touch as little as possible and restore as much as possible," Epstein explained. The restrictions for the second floor are less severe. J Davis, Advisory Planning Board (APB), expressed her pleasure in the plans to save the beautiful oak woodwork. She requested that the site plan be referred to APB at the appropriate time.

Epstein told the group that there is "no doubt that additional parking will be needed." An indepth study of uses of the building and traffic generation is needed. The draft plan shows increased parking (by 50 percent) on the library side and an idea to include a drive along the west side of the parking lot that would extend to the Youth Center. This could allow for replacing the current drive next to the pool with a pedestrian walkway. The playground area would be smaller and fenced, while the basketball court would remain and could be used occasionally for overflow parking for some special event. The parking area on the east side needs to be re-designed, said Epstein, both to include more spaces and for esthetics.

Senior Citizen Housing

"On your site plan," said Jim Cassels, "additional land is taken up for parking." He proposed a three-level parking garage on the library side — one for the library, one for the community center and one for a senior citizen cooperative apartment building that could be built on top. The present Center School kitchen and dining room could be used for the apartment residents for meals and be shared with the community center needs.

Stratton told Cassels that nei-

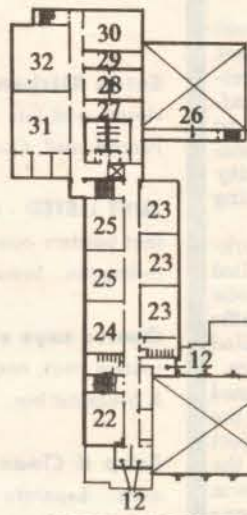
Textiles and Sewing Tools on Exhibit

"Women Collecting Women: Tracing Patterns Through Hearth, Hand, and Home," an exhibition of coverlets, quilts, samplers, sewing implements, historical documents and selected text will be on display at the Parents Association Gallery in the Adele H. Stamp Union at the University of Maryland from March 1-April 17. This exhibit has been created and sponsored in cooperation with the Department of Textiles and Consumer Economics.

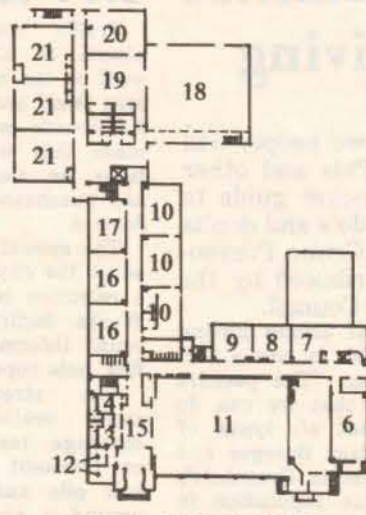
The textiles and sewing tools in this exhibit are drawn from the choice collection of Catherine Hawthorne, whose involvement

ther the Task Force nor the architects had been directed by council to look at plans for senior housing. Assistant City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the city's liaison to the Task Force, suggested that Cassels take his request to the city council.

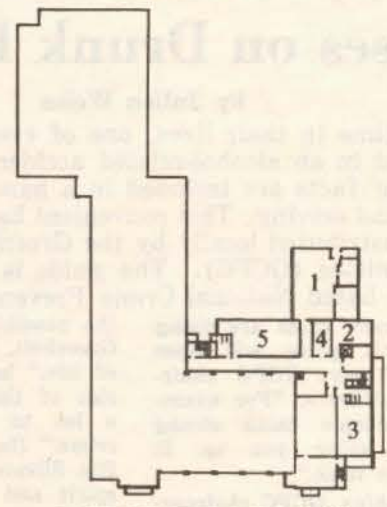
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UPPER FLOOR PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

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| 2. DARKROOM | 13. VISITORS CENTER | 23. ARTIST STUDIO SPACE |
| 3. PHOTOGRAPHY AND GENERAL PURPOSE CLASSROOM | 14. GREENBELT MUSEUM DISPLAY AREA | 24. CONFERENCE ROOM |
| 4. MULTI-MEDIA ROOM | 15. LOBBY/RECEPTION | 25. CHILDREN'S ART CLASSROOM |
| 5. GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW | 16. SENIORS AND GENERAL PURPOSE CLASSROOM | 26. THEATER TECH BOOTH |
| 6. DINING ROOM/CLASSROOM | 17. ADULT ART CLASSROOM | 27. PROPERTY STORAGE |
| 7. WARMING KITCHEN/DINING | 18. THEATER | 28. CABLE TV STUDIO |
| 8. SENIORS LOUNGE | 19. REHEARSAL ROOM | 29. COSTUME STORAGE |
| 9. SENIORS GAME ROOM | 20. SCENE SHOP | 30. DANCE |
| 10. ADULT DAY CARE | 21. CHILD DAY CARE/ SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM | 31. LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM |
| 11. GYMNASIUM AND STAGE | | 32. GREENBELT CARES |

March 20, 1991

Keyes Condon Florence Architects

Greenbriar News

Annual Homeowners meetings were held in March at Greenbriar. Elections of Board of Directors were held and the results are: Phase I - President, Larry Noda; Vice President, J Davis; Secretary, Sally Hanna; Treasurer, Ann Perkins; and Director, Gilbert Meade. Phase II - President, Kathleen McTiernan; 1st Vice President, Chad Bruce; 2nd Vice President, Micki Bal-

derson; Secretary, Glenda Griffin; and Treasurer, Liz Tucker. Phase III - President, Cliff Evans; 1st Vice President, Mary Catloth; 2nd Vice President, Sandy Bowers; Secretary, Margery Walters; and Treasurer, Angeline Butler. Greenbriar Community Association - President, Bill Ayers; Vice President, Mike Vaccaro; Secretary, Gary Thomas; Treasurer, Dorothy Pyles; and Director, Beverly Franks.

ROBERTS AND LIPPERT ARE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The third annual McCarl Family Dental Office Poster Contest scheduled to coincide with National Children's Dental Health Month was held in an effort to raise our children's awareness of their dental health. The children were asked to show at least three things which improve dental health: a healthy diet, cleaning their teeth well and regular check-ups.

The number of entries was outstanding, with some very creative efforts. Richard Castaldi presented the two grand prize winners Katy Roberts, Grade 6, and Brigitte Lippert, Grade 3, both of Center School with a fifty dollar savings bond in an awards ceremony at the office on Ridge Road. The other children that participated received awards and prizes for their efforts. Cami Baer coordinated the contest, and local artist Barbara Simon and her mother Dorothy McGee judged the posters. Refreshments, creative posters and an upbeat group of people made the event a tremendous success.

Special thanks to all of the Children who participated, the judges, Richard Castaldi and especially the Drs. McCarl, for without them and their continued dedication to the Greenbelt community the contest would not have been possible.

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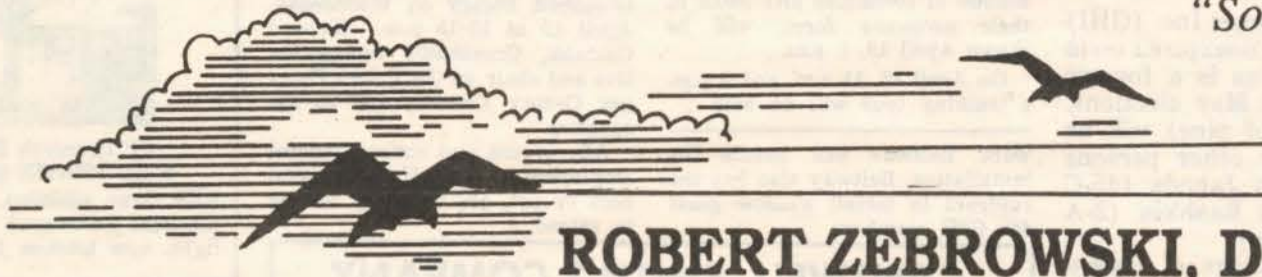
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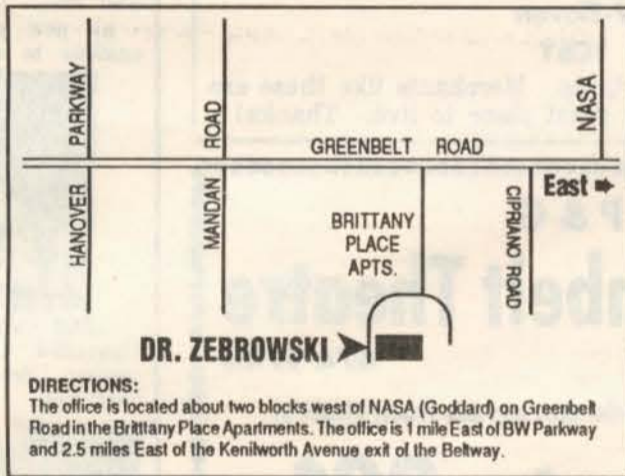
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New Patients

GHI Board Fills Vacancy, Revises Shed Regulations

by Leslie Robinson

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) chose Alan Freas (2-A Southway) to fill the unexpired term of Ken Mileski, who resigned recently. Freas is a former board member. He will hold office until the May elections, when his and four other board seats (out of nine) will be on the ballot. The board considered four other persons who volunteered to fill the vacancy—Keith Jahoda (45-C Ridge), Jim Maher (9-A Hillside), Robert Rashkin (2-A Research) and Leonard Wallace (65-A Ridge).

Financial Statement

For the year 1990, preliminary unaudited data show that GHI took in slightly over \$5 million from its members and paid out slightly less than \$5 million, leaving a small surplus of \$21 thousand, according to Paul Sinner, Director of Finance.

Monthly payments by members accounted for by far the largest share of receipts. Major expenses were payroll and fringe benefits (32 percent), taxes (24 percent), and interest on debts (20 percent). The other important expenses were for trash collection, materials, insurance, and contract work.

Summing up the year's financial picture, Ron Colton, GHI General Manager, said it was a year when GHI basically broke even after creating a number of improvements of lasting value for its members. Colton mentioned a few — replacement of deteriorating storm sewer and sewer pipes with long lasting PVC pipes, repaving a number of parking lots, replacing flat roofs on the porches of frame homes with sloping, shingled roofs, covering wood trim with vinyl and aluminum so that no painting is required, repairing masonry on brick and on block homes, and putting a new roof on the GHI administration building.

Storage Sheds

In the last few months the Board had considered opposing any new metal sheds, but in the end, new metal sheds were approved by the Board under Section IX of the Members Handbook. New metal sheds must be screened with pressure treated lattice or with plantings that will reach the eaves when mature. Wooden sheds, on the other hand, are treated more leniently, with the requirement that plantings need only reach 12 inches in height at maturity.

Before the vote, board member Betty Deitch passed around a number of color photos of

sheds in all stages of neglect. She remarked that she didn't have to step out of her car to take them. She wondered aloud about what the sheds looked like in the rear of the homes.

In the discussion on sheds, Colton pointed out that GHI management has cited numerous GHI homeowners for rusty or otherwise unsightly sheds. Many of the cited homeowners just don't seem to care, he said.

GHI Landfill

The landfill behind the GHI headquarters building has been brought to the attention of Prince Georges County agencies. As a result there will be no more landfill in a few months. GHI will grade the landfill to the original slope of the land, then seed and reforest the area. Jay Freedman, Director of Technical Services, pointed out that GHI is doing everything it can to follow county directions because the County could make it very costly for GHI, if county specifications are not followed.

Block Home Siding

Colton reported on the program to install insulation and vinyl siding on block homes. He said 35 people residing in block homes have replied to GHI's letter on the subject. A meeting is scheduled with these people soon, but the exact date was not available at this time.

Storm Doors

Storm doors stocked by local building supply firms do not fit outside doors in GHI houses. The problem is that Old Town Greenbelt was built before the Federal Government completed the Depression era project of standardizing entry door sizes, according to Colton's memorandum to the Board.

The Board unanimously approved the Manager's suggested motion to enter into a contract with Beltway Window Systems for custom-made storm doors. It is planned that GHI will offer the doors on a fee-for-service basis. GHI will do the paper-

This Week at Goddard

A model rocker launch will be held April 7 and 21, 1 p.m. on the Goddard Visitor Center grounds. "Weather Watchers," a video containing unusual footage of formation of tornadoes and shots of their awesome force, will be shown April 13, 1 p.m.

On April 13, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. a walking tour will be held.

work. Beltway will handle the installation. Beltway also has the contract to install window glass for GHI members.

Castaldi to Speak At NARFE Meeting

The Greenbelt-College Park Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet at the Greenbelt library on Wednesday, April 10 at 12:15 p.m. Richard Castaldi, Greenbelt's representative and chair on the Prince Georges County Council, will be the speaker.

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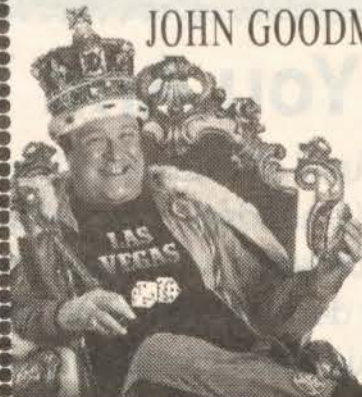
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IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON CRESCENT IS CITY PRIORITY

by Diane Oberg

Ways to improve pedestrian safety on Crescent Road and a new proposal for senior housing were the main topics of discussion at the March 25 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council.

Crescent Road Traffic
Following a recent pedestrian fatality on Crescent Road, council directed the city staff to study all recent pedestrian accidents. In addition, a petition with 108 signatures was presented to council at its March 11 regular meeting, requesting a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Gardenway, Centerway and Crescent.

At the March 25 meeting, City Manager James K. Giese summarized the results of his analysis of the eight pedestrian accidents since 1980. Three pedestrians were killed and one critically injured in these accidents. Two additional pedestrians received incapacitating injuries.

Giese first pointed out that Crescent Road is second to Greenbelt Road in frequency of pedestrian accidents. Six of the eight Crescent Rd. accidents occurred at night and six of eight involved pedestrians crossing away from an intersection. Only one accident occurred at a marked crosswalk. Giese said that the one common factor in the eight accidents is that the pedestrian either failed to see or misjudged the speed or location of the vehicle. In six of the eight the driver did not see the pedestrian until it was too late to avoid the accident.

Giese did not see anything in the accident reports to indicate a physical problem with Crescent Road. However, he conceded that some road improvements might have encouraged pedestrians to change their behavior and hence avoid some accidents. One problem with Crescent Road is that many pedestrians jaywalk, and many avoid the underpasses, especially at night. Giese noted that accidents appear to be increasing on Crescent Road and called for both pedestrians and motorists to exercise caution.

Installing a four-way stop at the Gardenway-Crescent-Centerway intersection without relocating the bus stop would reduce, rather than improve safety, according to Giese. With a bus at the corner, Crescent Road motorists could not see the stop sign while motorists on Gardenway cannot see down Crescent. The city has recommended several alternate sites to Metro, which has rejected them all. The staff is attempting to obtain more information from Metro about why the alternatives were rejected.

Mayor pro tem Thomas X. White said that Giese's summary of accidents implied that the accidents are primarily caused by the behavior of the pedestrians. He rejected that conclusion, saying that the number of accidents indicated that Crescent may have some safety problems. He requested an assessment of the road from a safety standpoint. He said that the design of the road invites pedestrians to cross away from intersections, but that the city provides no road markings to "give the pedestrians an even break." White said that Crescent's curvature was another unsafe feature.

Councilmember Joseph Isaacs asked for pedestrian crossing signs to alert drivers to areas where jaywalking is common.

Councilmember Edward Putens argued that the only sign that will increase pedestrian safety is "No Thru Traffic."

Another problem, cited by Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram, is the increased volume and speeds of Crescent Road traffic, which make it difficult for cars to turn onto Crescent from the various sidestreets and courts. She noted that drivers have poor visibility for many of these turns and that Crescent is not very well lit.

Leonie Penney complained that speeding and illegal use of the shoulder on Crescent makes pedestrian crossing of Crescent even more dangerous. She argued strongly for additional stop signs to reduce traffic speed. Giese said that traffic studies indicate that stop signs only reduce speeds for a very small area around the sign. She said that the yellow flasher near Northway provides a false sense of security, as motorists do not stop when it is flashing.

Irene Hensel also charged that most motorists do not honor crosswalks. She requested a large sign stating that Maryland law requires drivers to honor the crosswalk. Police Chief James Craze said that pedestrians have the expectation of safe crossing when in a crosswalk but that they are expected to exercise reasonable prudence.

Cpl. Mark Polk, Prince Georges County Police told the News Review that pedestrians always have the right of way in a crosswalk. However, he said, the pedestrian has the duty not to suddenly leave the curb and walk in front of an on-coming vehicle.

Greenbelt CARES

Wendy Wexler started two groups at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Meetings were held on Wednesday afternoons for seven weeks.

CARES Director Carol Leven that participated in a MAYSB (Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus) sponsored meeting with Richard Freedman, coordinator of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. Discussion centered on the past, present, and future of relationships of the Youth Service Bureaus with the Department of Juvenile Services, now headed by Dr. Nancy Grasmick.

An average of 25 families a week participated in regular, scheduled counseling during February. Fifty-nine individuals were involved, 44% of them children and youth under 18 years of age. Weekly tutoring sessions in reading, math and English were provided to 47.

In the end, council took no action while staff pursued the relocation of the bus stop with Metro.

Elderly Housing

James Cassels, chairman of the Housing Committee of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc., asked for a meeting with council to discuss its newest proposal for a senior housing cooperative apartment building. The committee's latest proposal calls for constructing approximately 100 apartments in six stories atop three levels of structured parking on the library parking lot, adjacent to Center School. The building would be roughly 90 feet tall.

Under the proposal, the lower two levels of parking would be available for community use in exchange for the city's agreement to lease the land to the co-op for one dollar per year.

The requested meeting was not scheduled. However, the council indicated that the proposal might be discussed at the next community center meeting.

Plans Public Flea Market

Just in time for Spring cleaning! A public flea market is being held on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Registration is open to all individuals and groups who wish to enter a table. There are 65 places open and a small registration fee is required. For registration and other information, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 474-6878.

The Spring Speakers Toastmasters Meet

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- Fresh Grade A Split Chicken Breast lb. **\$1.39**
- Lean Meaty Smoked Picnics lb. **89c**
- Fresh Boneless Pork Butts lb. **\$1.69**
- Fresh Grade A Mixed Fryer Parts LB. **49c**
- Fresh Store Made 100% Beef Patties **\$1.99**
- Co-op Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Steak LB. **\$2.29**
- Fresh Bone In Pork Butt Steak LB. **\$1.79**
- Fresh Thick Cut Pork Chops LB. **\$2.29**
- Fresh Backfin Crab Meat LB. **\$9.99**
- Super Tru Hot Dogs LB. **99c**
- Super Tru Sliced Bacon LB. **\$1.49**

Deli Dept.

- Round Hill Turk. Ham LB. **\$2.49**
- Longacre Chick Breast LB. **\$3.99**
- Esskay Old Fash. Loaf LB. **\$2.79**
- New Yorker Longhorn Cheese LB. **\$2.49**
- Orval Kent Shrimp Salad LB. **\$3.99**

Health & Beauty

- Suave Skin Lotion 10 oz. **99c**
- Mylanta Liquid 12 oz. **\$2.89**
- Super Tru Cotton Swabs 180's **79c**

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- San Giorgio SPAGHETTI & ELBOW MACARONI 1 lb. **2/99c**
- Red & White Tomato Sauce 8 oz. **5/99c**
- Scotties Facial Tissue 175's **79c**
- Kelloggs Corn Flakes 24 oz. **\$2.19**
- Duet Peach Halves 30 oz. **89c**
- Poland Springs Natural Spark. Waters 28 oz. **2/99c**
- Mazola Corn Oil QT. **\$1.79**
- Heinz Kosh. Spears 24 oz. **\$1.29**

Dairy Dept.

- Whitney Yogurts 6 oz. **2/89c**
- Sunny Delight Citrus Punch 1/2 gal. **99c**
- Red & White Amer. Singles 12 oz. **\$1.29**
- Sealtest Cottage Cheese 16 oz. **99c**
- Breakstone Sour Cream pint **99c**

- Ouf Value Bath Tissue 4 roll pk. **69c**
- Star Kist Chunk Light Tuna 6 1/2 oz. **59c**
- White House regular Apple Juice 1/2 gal. **\$1.49**
- Arm & Hammer Liq. LAUNDRY DETERGENT 1/2 gal. **\$1.69**
- SWANSON BROTHERS Beef-Chicken-Clear 14 oz. min. **2/99c**
- Sunsweet Bite Size Prunes 24 oz. **\$1.89**
- Our Value Ketchup QT. **69c**
- Keebler Club Crackers 1 lb. **\$1.19**
- Our Value Tomatoes 16 oz. **2/89c**
- Vlasic Spanish Olives 5% oz. **99c**
- Libby Sauerkraut 27 oz. **39c**
- Nabisco Original Oreo Cookies 1 lb. **\$2.49**
- Thrive Cat Food 3 1/2 lb. **\$2.49**

- Kounty Kist CORN & Sweet Peas 15 oz. **2/79c**
- Hunts Spagh. Sauce 27 oz. min. **89c**
- Welchs Grape Jelly or Jam 2 lb. **\$1.29**
- Fine-Med.-Broad-Home PENN. DUTCH NOODLES 1 lb. **89c**
- Leisureway White Plates 100-9 in. **99c**
- White House Apple Sauce 46 oz. min. **\$1.39**
- Red & White CHICKEN NOODLE & TOMATO SOUP 10 1/2 oz. **2/89c**
- Canada Dry Ginger Ale 2 liter **99c**
- Hires Root Beer Orange Crush **99c**

Frozen Dept.

- Morton Dinners 9 oz. min. **89c**
- Hanover Yellow Corn-Peas-Cut Gr. Beans-Mix. Veggies. 1 lb. **79c**
- Dole FRIED CHICKEN Orig.-South.-Spicy 28 oz. **\$2.69**
- Dole Pineapple Juice Blends 12 oz. **\$1.19**
- Rich's Coffee Rich 16 oz. **2/99c**

Farm Fresh Produce

- DOLE Premium Bananas lb. **29c**
- Granny Smith Apples lb. **59**
- Large Florida Oranges **6/99**
- Russet Potatoes 5 lb. **99c**
- Pascal Celery Ea. **49c**
- Western Cantaloupe ea. **99c**
- Large Anjou PEARS lb. **69c**
- Plum lb. TOMATOES **79c**
- Western Avocadoes ea. **99c**
- DOLE ea. PINEAPPLE **\$1.79**
- Fresh Kale or Collards lb. **49c**
- White Spanish Onions lb. **39c**

Beer/Wine Dept.

- Olympia Beer **\$4.99** 12 pk-12 oz. cans
- Iron City Beer **\$2.29** 6 pk-12 oz. cans
- Lite Beer **\$3.69** 6 pk-12 oz. N.R.s'
- Carlo Rossi Wines 8 liter **\$6.99**

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