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Greenbriar Sewer Controversy Heats Up in County Hearing

by Al Skolnik

A re-run of the controversy that enveloped the proposed on-site temporary sewage treatment plant for the Greenbriar apartment complex last winter has emerged as the result of the recent county council public hearings on the Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan. The revision of this plan (CB 191), which is done annually, calls for an approved point of discharge for the temporary sewage plant at the Greenbriar site, as well as one for a temporary plant to serve the Largo sports arena.

The county's approval of a point of discharge is one of the prerequisites to the initiation of action by the State Department of Health and Menal Hygiene. The latter has the final decision on approval or disapproval of the plant and on details of plant design and construction.

Cite Landover Experience

Representatives of the Greenbriar developer, Alan Kay and associates, maintain that the proposed plant for Greenbriar would not constitute a hazard to public health and safety. They use as evidence the treatment plant at Landover Mall, which has been operating for a period of over seven months.

Kay's attorney George A. Brugger says that the effluent from the Landover plant has been tested and approved by State and county officials as being of such a quality as to pose no danger to public health and safety. "In fact," he states, "the quality of the effluent has been so good that the county executive and one of his aides recently actually drank samples of it."

Brugger then added that the plans for the Greenbriar plant have been revised so as to render it substantially identical to the process employed at Landover. To further make the case, Kay's consultants state that they would add certain processing features to insure virus kill of such magnitude as to render the effluent completely devoid of detectable viruses.

New Processes Added

In addition, Dr. John Cookson, one of the consultants hired by Kay, told the county council that another process will be added to remove the excess chlorine from the effluent before discharge from the plant. Cookson reiterated that the amount of the mineral salts in the effluent will be totally insignificant and that the amount of heavy metals of a toxic nature in the effluent will not be any more than that found in drinking water obtained from the tap.

The developer has indicated to the city of Greenbelt that his Greenbriar plant will now have a design capacity of 325,000 gallons per day, a halving of the original proposal as a result of the decision to delay development of the Glen Ora tract. The plant, he said, will contain all the safeguards of CR-2, a bill recently adopted by the county council which laid down guidelines for temporary package sewage treatment plants.

Critics Come Back

Critics of the package sewage treatment plants see such facilities as a means of circumventing the moratorium and as an immediate threat to public health and safety. They object to terming these plants as "advanced waste treatment plants" because they cannot remove nitrogen to the degree that permanent sewage plants can.

Mrs. Rhea Cohen, Greenbelt city council woman, states that Prince Georges County has no local controls over sewage plants as it does over septic tanks, and State standards are too low to protect public health and environmental quality.

What is most annoying to critics is the haste with which the hearings were called on CB-191. They see the Ten Year Plan being used as a means of determining land use

policy for new development. Mrs. Cohen feels that the existing neighborhoods that have failing septic tanks or defective sewers should be served before new development.

In any event, Mrs. Cohen argued before the county council for a separate hearing on the Greenbriar treatment plant because of changes in the design of the plant and because interested citizens and the city of Greenbelt were not given sufficient time to study the revised maps and plans.

GHI Position

Another opposition speaker before the county council was Royal D. Breashears, speaking on behalf of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. He urged the county council to reject any proposal for temporary sewage treatment plants in the Greenbelt area and to place all undeveloped land in Greenbelt in the System Area V category (sewage hookup not foreseeable during the next ten years). The proposal for a plant, he said, was "an affront to good planning... an unnecessary risk to the health of Prince Georges County citizens... an intrusion into the well-being of nearby existing residential areas... 'We support,' he said, 'the county's Physical Subcommittee's belief that "the only real solution to the problem of overloaded sewer treatment plants and the resulting pollution of streams lies in a reversal of the basic philosophy, or at least the past practice of the WSSC in building sewer lines with capacities in excess of the capacities of treatment plants which they feed, and permitting these lines to accommodate sewage in excess of treatment plant capacities."

The record of the hearings will be kept open for 12 days, until November 28, for additional statements.

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY CITY BODIES

A public hearing on proposed charter changes in city election procedures will be held on Monday evening, November 27, at the Municipal Building. The changes being presented at Monday's meeting represent the combination of city council thinking and recommendations of the City Election Advisory Committee, whose report was released last spring. The latter committee was originally appointed in 1969 and consisted of George Beauchamp, chairman, Eunice Coxon, Joseph Hanyok, Harold Siegel, and Richard Alpher (who replaced Theodore Reiss).

A major innovation proposed by the Advisory Committee is establishment of a Board of Election Supervisors that would supervise the registration of voters, conduct the election, and appoint election judges and clerks. At present these functions are performed by the city clerk and the council. The Board would consist of five persons appointed by council for six-year terms and would receive nominal compensation.

The Advisory Committee had recommended that the Board have broad powers to confiscate unfair campaign literature, levy fines, and declare forfeiture of candidacy, but the charter changes proposed do not grant the Board these powers. The changes do propose that any aggrieved person can appeal a decision of the Board to the city council, which can reverse the decision by a simple majority. The Advisory Committee had recom-

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 23, 10 a.m. - Baptist Church Thanksgiving Service.
10 a.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Service.
10:30 a.m. Union Thanksgiving Service, Greenbelt Community Church
Fri., Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room
Mon., Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Proposed Charter Change in City Election Procedures, Municipal Building.
Wed., Nov. 29, 8 p.m. SHL Civic Assoc., SHL Community House
Thurs., Nov. 30 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Surplus Beltsville Property Status

Mayor Richard Pilski released a letter last week from Congressman Lawrence J. Hogan relaying the status of reports that the Marriott Corporation was seeking to acquire 800 acres of surplus land at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

According to the General Services Administration, it has not been approached by the Marriott corporation regarding any interest it might have in purchasing any part of the Research Center.

Larry R. Roush, acting assistant GSA administrator, said that in the event that no public body is interested in acquiring the property, it would be made available for competitive-bid sale to the public. However, he thought it unlikely that the property would end up at public sale in view of the strong Federal and local interest in the Beltsville facility.

WANTED

Very Alive Glad Greenbelt folk to join in the Festival of Lights by baking cookies for the opening night Dec. 1 (Call M. Bryant, 474-9387), helping set up the Arts and Craft Sale at the Youth Center, Friday afternoon, (Call Ethel Dutky 384-5305) or running the electric train or films and slide show at the festival Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Dec. 2 and 3.

mended a unanimous vote.

Other Recommendations

Under the proposed charter changes, the franchise would be extended to citizens who had been domiciled in Greenbelt for at least 29 days preceding an election. The present requirement is six months. Ex-convicts would also be given the right to vote.

More stringent age and residence requirements especially in connection with bond referenda, had been recommended by the Advisory Committee but were rejected by the council in light of recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions. Similarly, the council rejected special age and residence requirements for city council candidates.

Other proposed changes include provisions for holding a special election if three or more council vacancies occur at the same time, breaking tie votes for council seats.

Greenbelt's New Festival of Lights

by Vicki Lathom

This year Greenbelt will have more than Santa for the holiday season. The city will host "A December Festival of Lights," three weeks of holiday activities for the whole family, beginning December 1. Events will include arts, crafts, music and drama events.

The theme "light" was chosen because December has traditionally been the month to celebrate the beginning of the return of the sun — when the days begin to get longer and daylight returns. The holiday season is also associated with many kinds of lights such as tree lights and candles.

Crafts Show and Sale

Launching the Festival will be an arts and crafts show, December 1 to 3. The show will offer the combined opportunity for individual local craftsmen to display and sell their wares and for Greenbelt residents to buy unique and inexpensive holiday gifts.

The springboard for the craft show will be a reception Friday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. at the youth center. Greenbelters are invited to come and meet their city council members.

Crafts on sale for the weekend will include pottery, macrame, weaving, fabric printing, banners, jewelry and ceramics. In addition, there will be mini-events throughout the weekend at the show. Among them are a slide show, "Here Comes the Sun," movies and an elaborate toy electric train set up in a wintry scene.

Individual craftsmen are invited to enter the show by calling Ethel Dutky at 384-5305 or Tony Minge, 474-6878. There will be a small entry fee; no commission will be taken.

A unique feature of the show will be a children's room where younger shoppers will also be able to purchase inexpensive gifts. Held downstairs in the youth center, the Children's Room will provide an opportunity for elementary age children to buy their own presents, unhindered by adults. If needed, Scout troop volunteers will be on hand to help children with their purchases or with such activities that will be available, as cookie decorating.

Another unique part of the craft sale is a Greens Show presented by the Goddard Garden Club. In addition to some fresh greens, on display and for sale, will be gifts and decorations made of natural materials such as drift wood, pods and cones. Beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday of the first weekend, members of the Club will demonstrate wreath and bow-making and how to create a Williamsburg-style apple center piece.

Children's Xmas Play

Drama will be the focus of the second weekend, beginning December 8. The St. Hugh's players will give two performances of a Christmas play. The first performance will be launched by a "happening." Elementary age children will meet in the Greenbelt shopping center which will be festively decorated with banners created by Scout troupes and 4-H groups. After decorating the center some more, the children, led by one of the play's costumed actors, will parade to the Center Elementary School playground where they will break open a giant pinata full of candy.

Also planned for that weekend is a craft "do-in" at the youth center sponsored by several area churches. With the help of local crafts people, families will be able to make holiday gifts and decorations such as fabric-printed napkins,

banners, and candles.

Caroling

Music is the theme of the final weekend beginning December 16 with a treelighting and followed by caroling through the city. Prepared music and leaders will be provided for participating singers.

Sunday evening highlights the annual Combined Choir Concert at the Greenbelt Community Church.

Puppet Show

Santa arrives in a fire engine December 22 to a gingerbread setting in the youth center. This year, waiting children will be entertained by an Xmas puppet show in addition to Santa and a couple of his comic helpers.

For additional information contact Mary Jo Huck, publicity chairperson, 345-3237, or the Greenbelt Recreation Department, 474-6878.

New Office Building At Springhill Lake

Ground will be broken soon for a four story office building to be built in a wooded area at the intersection of Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive in the Springhill Lake Apartment development. Approximately 16,000 square feet of the 42,000 square foot building will house the home offices of the Maryland State Savings and Loan Association, which will occupy approximately half of the 2.175 acre tract zoned Commercial Office (CO.) Community Realty Co., Inc. is the managing and leasing agent and Cohen, Haft and Associates the architects. Occupancy is expected in June 1973.

CITY NOTES

The general crew resurfaced the pavement between 51 and 53 court of Ridge Road.

The city's mechanic has been spending much time servicing and repairing Greenbelt's police cars.

Twelve tons of paper were collected on November 10. On Nov. 11, the foreman of the general crew helped the Jaycees install a drainage pipe purchased by the Jaycees for their building (near St. Hugh's Church).

The parks crew prepared tulip beds on Southway Road, and near the entrance to Boxwood Village, on Lastner and Crescent Rds.

The building crew installed a temporary enlargement of the Center School stage for the performance by the Air Force Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by the recreation department.

The refuse crew was on schedule. However, the College Park refuse crew had a holiday on election day and closed their landfill jointly shared with Greenbelt and thereby causing the city to store its refuse in the trucks until the following day. The new load-packer is expected to be in service shortly.

CHILDREN'S FILM

Part of the Greenbelt Library's holiday film program will be the movie "J. T." to be shown on Thursday, November 30, 4 p.m. for children ages 6-12, in the library's meeting room.

Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council of Greenbelt will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to consider a draft proposal to amend the City Charter as pertains to elections and calling for the establishment of a Board of Election Supervisors, based on recommendations made by the City Election Advisory Committee.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, on Monday, November 27, 1972 at 8 p.m.

Copies of the Charter amendment proposal may be obtained at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. thru 5 p.m.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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Support Tax Differential Bill

To the Editor:

As a result of a veto by County Executive Gullett and the lack of one supporting vote to override that veto in the County Council, a piece of legislation that would have been of great financial benefit to Greenbelt taxpayers failed to become law. Known as the Tax Differential Bill, this bill would have given Greenbelt residents a credit on their tax bills for county services not provided in Greenbelt. This bill recognized the fact that residents of Greenbelt and other municipalities are paying taxes to the county for services which the county provides to unincorporated areas - but NOT to the residents of the municipalities.

As an example, Greenbelt taxpayers are paying a tax rate of fifteen cents to the county to operate the County Public Works Department. That department provides no services to the city and refuses to do so. Some specific examples of this discrimination of service are as follows:

The county collects leaves in unincorporated areas - but NOT in Greenbelt.

The county pays for street lights in unincorporated areas - but NOT in Greenbelt.

The county plows snow in unincorporated areas - but NOT in Greenbelt.

The county puts up traffic signs and pays for traffic lights in unincorporated areas - but NOT in Greenbelt.

The county patches and resurfaces streets in unincorporated areas - but NOT in Greenbelt.

There are numerous other services provided by the county in unincorporated areas which are not provided in Greenbelt and other municipalities. Yet, Greenbelt taxpayers pay as much tax to the county as those who receive the services. **YOU ARE SUBSIDIZING THE RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS!**

The Tax Differential Bill would have given you a credit on your county tax bill for the services provided to the unincorporated areas which you do not receive. The amount of this credit is not known and will not be determined until a detailed analysis of county and city services is made. However, I believe that it could be quite substantial for Greenbelt residents.

In opposing the bill, the County Executive said he favored the idea, but called the bill an "administrative nightmare" and proposed creating a committee to study the matter. I believe that his proposal might be a way to talk the matter to death. Even if it isn't, it will delay the approval of a tax credit for some time. Once we get approval of the tax credit plan, I believe a reasonable effort will be made by all parties to work out any administrative problems created.

As I said before, only ONE vote was needed to have the plan accepted by the County Council. In vetoing this bill, the County Executive remained undecided until late afternoon of the last day on which he could act. I believe the lack of comments by municipal taxpayers helped to cause the bill not to become law.

There is another chance for Tax Differential to become law this year. County Councilmen Francis White, Francis Francois, and Royal Hart have introduced a new bill (CB-205) which is similar to the last bill except for the removal of some language which the County Executive did not like. This bill could become law if the residents of municipalities express their support.

Therefore, I URGE ALL GREENBELT RESIDENTS to express their SUPPORT of this proposal by

WRITING the County Council and the County Executive at the Court House, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870 or by APPEARING at the public hearing for CB-205 to be held on Tuesday, November 28, at 1:30 p.m.

Richard R. Pilski
Mayor

No Strong Fiscal Policy

To the Editor:

I asked some questions at Monday's budget hearing (November 13) about GHI's use of tax-exempt capitalization resulting from our "capital" improvements program. I regret the obtruseness of the questions, but they did draw response from the audience as well as from the chair; the responses were interesting, and deserve comment in a form durable enough to be challenged and discussed.

The most basic and interesting response was an indirect one coming from the floor. Apparently some of our past Board members have still not learned that GHI's fiscal policy is directly tied to its annual budget - like any corporation's.

The answers from the GHI staff were more long-winded but just as basic. Essentially, it looks like the corporation has no strong fiscal policy beyond self-destruct. Is this any way to run a co-op?

Using budget practices that are passed off as "returning benefits directly to the members" (including the use of reserves and practically all income from other sources), GHI benefits primarily those who live here only to sell out for a fat buck. The ones who will really pay are those of us unfortunate enough to want to live here after 1977 - eventually on OASI - when both the life expectancy of our homes and our capacity to build strong, tax-exempt reserves has run out.

When this happens, the only thing NOT to run out will be our (taxable) land values. But they will be worth more to some corporate purchaser than to our wish for an economical and active life in our responsive community.

Gordon Allen

The Police Blotter

More narcotic arrests have been made recently by Greenbelt police. Most of the narcotics were marijuana. The arrests have mainly come about through traffic stops and most of the people were not residents of Greenbelt. All Greenbelt officers have had brief training in how to spot narcotic suspects and Sgt. Krieb is taking a 10 week course on narcotics.

It is a policy of the Greenbelt police department to pick up children seen during school hours and to check to make sure they are not truant and have their parent's permission to be absent from school. Those who are truant are taken to school or to the police station and parents are notified to come for them.

Two juveniles, ages 14 and 15 were sighted by a police officer in a wooded area near Greenbelt Junior High School during school hours. They were charged with truancy and possession of marijuana and were referred to juvenile court.

A car was recently stopped and 2 juveniles, ages 16 and 17 were accosted. By use of the Morals Computer Terminal, it was ascertained in a matter of seconds that the car had been stolen in Philadelphia. The juveniles were charged and referred to juvenile court.

Vandalism was reported in the 14 court of Ridge Road when a parked car was found to have a broken window. Involved was a juvenile who had been testing an arm rocket sling shot and accidentally broke the windows. His parents are making restitution.

Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

The next membership meeting of the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 8 p.m. Following a short business meeting Mrs. Deborah Miller will discuss "The Status of Jewish Women - What It Is And What It Should Be." Refreshments will follow.

Recreation Review

Thanksgiving Recreation

Thursday, 23 Youth Center 9-12 noon and 7-10 p.m. Open Gym and Lounge. Ridge Road Center - closed.

Friday, 24, Youth Center: 9-10:30 a.m. Skating - 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades. 10:30-12 noon Skating - 4th, 5th & 6th grades. Noon - 1 p.m. Skating - Teen & Adult. 1-5 p.m. & 7-10 p.m. Open Gym and Lounge. Saturday, 25. No classes at Youth Center. 9-5 p.m. & 7-10 p.m. Open Gym and Lounge. KAVA Teen Dance at Springhill Lake Community Center from 8-11 p.m. All Greenbelt Teens invited, casual dress.

Sunday, 26. Youth Center 7-10 p.m. Open Gym and Lounge.

Kava Teen Dance

This Saturday, November 25, the Greenbelt Kava Teen Dance will be held at the Springhill Lake Community House featuring the highly popular "Devils Track" from 8 - 11 p.m. An added attraction, this week, is that two tickets for the Washington Chiefs vs University of Pennsylvania hockey game at the Washington Coliseum December 2 will be given away as door prizes. All Greenbelt teens are invited, the dress is casual and the price minimal.

Lutheran Youth Groups Present "Natural High"

The youth from Holy Cross Lutheran Church and from several other Lutheran Churches in the area will sponsor a performance of "Natural High" at the DuVal Senior High School, Glenn Dale, on Sunday, November 26 at 7 p.m. It is an hour of music, dialogue, drama and comedy that challenges the Christian position and suggests answers.

This musical takes a cool, calculated look at some of our "national institutions," the establishment, the generation gap, "good" kids who put down other kids, ecology, churches where projects are put ahead of people, and youth looking for a high.

Tickets will be available at the door for donations. Both adults and young people are urged to see this production.

Balt. Symphony Society

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present a series of three concerts: Sunday, November 26; Saturday, January 13; and Saturday, May 12. The concerts will be in the Queen Anne Auditorium at the Prince Georges Community College in Largo, with all concerts beginning at 8 p.m.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The public is invited to join in a special service of thanksgiving to be conducted at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. The message for the day will be delivered by the Rev. Edward H. Birner, pastor of the congregation. The senior choir, under the direction of Miss Ann Falkenheim, will sing the thanksgiving anthem.

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Halloween Costume Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the Halloween costume judging at the Youth Center, and thanks to all who participated. Pre-School - funniest, Regina Alfaro; scariest, John Dingeler; prettiest, Ann Trush; most original, Dodi Stewart. Grades 1 and 2 - funniest, Shelley Bray; scariest, Laura Charter; prettiest, Heather Beck; most original, Steven Stewart. Grades 3 and 4 - funniest, Joan Besdecek; scariest, Muriel Pechette and John Jordan; prettiest, Dianne Patrick; most original, Mike Orton. Grades 5 and 6 - funniest, Earl Bailey; scariest, Cheri Gonor; prettiest, Nancy Kennedy; most original, Elizabeth Statham.

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GOURMET'S DELIGHT: On Labor Day a new Chinese restaurant "Wah Inn" opened in the old shopping center of Beltsville. On several occasions we have visited the restaurant for lunch and each time were thrilled anew by the quality of the food served. The Shrimp Egg Foo Young, (\$1.75) served with tea, rice and dessert contained about twice as many shrimp as expected and was neither over, nor under cooked. The Shrimp with Bean Sprouts (\$1.95) though equally delicious, is much lighter so that lethargy is not so apt to set in. The bean sprouts were cooked to retain some of their crispness and thus resulted in a meal that bordered between a hot dinner and a refreshing salad. The Shrimp with Lobster Sauce is for the heavy diners. The shrimp were large and the sauce which is ladled onto white rice has a basic sea food flavor enhanced by a suggestion of spices. For those who like the Chinese atmosphere but need prompting to enjoy the Chinese food, hamburger, ham and chicken are available. One quarter of a chicken with french fries costs .85c.

The service is quick and efficient so that lunch can be squeezed into the one half hour period. Background Chinese music is heard from a tape recorder and is interspersed with soft Chinese voices of the employees efficiently preparing and serving truly exceptional lunches.

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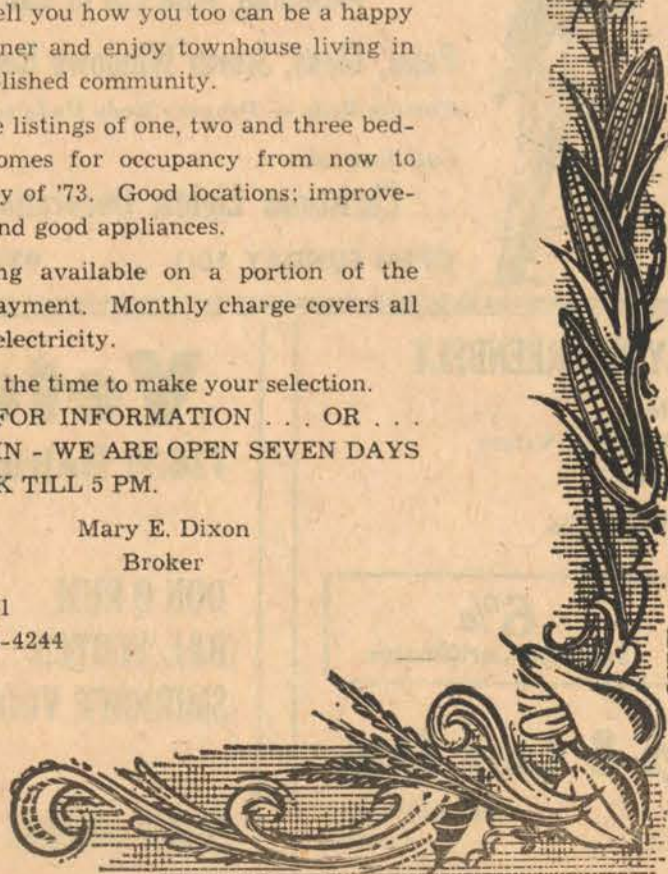
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Stearns Shifts Views On Greenbriar Plant

County Health Officer Perry O. Stearns told the News Review this week that his attitude toward the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant has been changing as the result of new developments. Stearns last February expressed opposition to the plant because of the danger of viruses in sewage effluent, especially in the case of a plant that will empty into a stream bed which is dry a good part of the year. Stearns now says that his objections in this regard can be overcome if the virus-inactivating processes recently proposed by the developer and the 14 stipulations, including piping, laid down by Stearns last winter are included in the construction requirements of the plant.

Also contributing to the change of attitude by Stearns was the experience of the Landover Mall package sewage treatment plant which was not in operation at the time Stearns voiced his disapproval in February. Stearns said that the Landover plant has been treating sewage adequately.

However, Stearns noted that the guideline provisions contained in the county-passed resolution C-R 2 do not contain all the conditions he specified, such as the recommendation of the city of Greenbelt that the effluent be enclosed in a pipe to a point in the stream where there is a continuous year-round flow.

The Greenbelt city council on Monday directed the city manager to transmit to the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the county council its concern regarding adherence to the city's resolution on the Greenbriar plant. This resolution requested that assurances be given that the plant would not present a health hazard and suggested certain stipulations that the plant should meet. Failure to do this would meet with the city's disapproval. Council also wanted more information concerning the amount of nitrogen removal that would be required.

Stearns said that if all these conditions were met, "my objections would be met and I would not have been treating sewage adequately, object to it on a health basis." Stearns' letter of disapproval last February also stated other reasons why the temporary plant might be opposed (use of green space, population density, surface runoff, etc.)

State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (SDHMH) officials state that they are not bound by the conditions set down by various local bodies though they will give consideration to such views. SDHMH has the final say and ultimate responsibility for each plant which is considered on its individual basis. SDHMH officials say they would not oppose the developer providing more stringent specifications in order to meet local objections.

Automobile Law Hearing

Delegate James J. Lombardi (Dem., Pr. Geo.), has announced that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 1972, at 8:00 p.m. at the Park and Planning Commission Auditorium located at 6600 Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale, to consider Consumer problems in the automotive industry.

Auto repair dealers and repairmen, the commercial community and consumers with automotive grievances are invited to testify.

TURKEY TROT SUNDAY

All joggers and runners will find a race suited to them Sunday, Nov. 26 when the Greenbelt JAYCEES sponsor a two mile and a 20 mile race to encourage physical fitness. The two mile starts at 12:30 p.m. at the tennis courts at Braden Field and goes around the lake and return. Joggers who have run 2 miles may run at their own pace and will find plenty of company as over 100 are expected.

The featured race is the annual 20 mile Turkey Trot which starts at 1 p.m. at Braden Field and makes two loops out into the Agricultural Farm. A number of out-of-town marathoners as well as Greenbelters are entered. Twenty four trophies are awarded in the 20 miler, including the first three Greenbelters and the first JAYCEE. The first Greenbelter and JAYCEE will receive a trophy in the two mile with all other finishers earning a trophy if they finish three more races in a series. Sign up and pay a small entry fee one hour before the race. Information from Larry Noel 474-9362.

WSSC Hearing

A proposal that would drastically alter the present structure of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and give chief control to Prince Georges and Montgomery counties will be aired at a public hearing on Monday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. at the State Highway Administration Building, 9300 Kenilworth Ave., Greenbelt.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Study Commission will hear public testimony on a reorganization plan recommended by its consultant, Booz-Allen and Hamilton Public Administration Services of Washington.

SHL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Sgt. Tom Van Valkenburg of the Greenbelt Police Dept. will talk about the Court Parent Association and show the film, "Child Molesters" at a meeting of the Springhill Lake Civic Association on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. in the SHL Community House.

At the meeting, the board of directors for 1973 will be elected.

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