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A GREENBRIAR RE-RUN

QUALITY OF RECEIVING STREAM, NITROGEN REMOVAL DISCUSSED

by Elaine Skolnik

With the name of the game the same and the players for the most part unchanged, the hearing on the Greenbriar temporary sewage treatment plant before the Maryland Water Resources Administration (WRA) at Greenbelt council chambers on Wednesday, November 21, contained no surprises. For six hours, some 16 people read testimony mostly against, but some for, the issuance of a discharge permit for the on-site plant that would service the 1,193-unit apartment development on the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Perhaps because it had all been said before, the confrontations appeared to be more restrained than those on previous occasions and also of a more technical nature. The broad areas of disagreement concerned such matters as:

(1) Is the receiving stream - an unnamed tributary of Beaverdam Creek - a safe recipient for the effluent of the treatment plant, considering its flow and condition?;

(2) Do the claimed capabilities of the plant provide sufficient removal of viruses and nitrogen and adherence to other standards so as not to constitute a health or ecological hazard?; and

(3) What are the prospects that the plant will operate without failures and what would be the consequences if the plant does fail?

Condition of Stream

The main premise of the developer, Greenbriar Associates, is that the effluent from the plant will be superior to the receiving stream. Dr. John Thomas Cookson, consultant to the developer, reported that chemical and bacteriological analysis of the receiving stream revealed that the sewage plant will improve the stream quality at low stream flows and have an insignificant effect at high stream flows.

Opponents however, took issue. Rhea Cohen, on behalf of the Prince Georges Environment Coalition, said that its examination of the stream showed very little current in the stream. She expressed fears that in case of mechanical failure the flow would not be sufficient to appreciably dilute the effluent.

The Coalition was especially critical of WRA for not taking into account in its studies the effect of the effluent on bankside vegetation and wildlife. Nor, it said, was any note taken of the erosion, gully, and sedimentation that would be created by an "increased flow in the shallow bed of the presently sluggish stream."

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., in a statement delivered by Tom White, added its voice to those who felt the need for more study. It asked WRA to make a full and complete study of the receiving stream in terms of its base flow, adequacy of present stream flow to handle the increased flow, assimilative capacity to receive the daily load of nutrients that will be discharged, and effects on plants and wildlife downstream.

Cookson, in reply, denied that the increased flow will have any significant effect on erosion or pattern of the stream's channel. He referred to studies made by Ben Dyer Associates of two-year storm flows. He said that such flows, rather than use of minimum flows, determine stream characteristics and are the proper basis for analysis.

Dr. Robert Mueller of the Citizens for a Better Environment hotly disputed Cookson's claim that the effluent would upgrade the quality of the stream. He described the stream as "pristine" and felt that the effluent with its treated human wastes would adversely affect the stream.

Virus Removal

Cookson asserted that the treatment plant is designed for explicit virus removal and produced a letter from Dr. Gerald Berg, Chief of Virology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreeing that the plant will produce an essentially virus-free effluent.

These statements came in for attack. Dr. Oscar Lieu, a New York scientist, said that at present there are no adequate methods to detect and enumerate the viruses in wastewater or water and there are no scientific data to document that the proposed virus standard can be attained by the Greenbriar plant. Dr. Sidney Shiffon of the Montgomery County Environmental Coalition contended that not all viruses can be inactivated or destroyed, and that there are unknown viruses.

Cookson countered that the high degree of treatment would produce an effluent that meets the requirements of water used for recreational activities such as swimming and fishing and for drinking water.

In the end, the question seemed to center on what was considered "virus-free." Both sides agreed. See GREENBRIAR p. 8

Prince George Co. Versus Greenbriar

Prince Georges County will seek a court ruling permanently enjoining all further work on the Greenbriar apartment project until construction of the on-site sewage treatment plant has received all the necessary governmental approvals, or until there is a hook-up with a public sewage system. This is the essence of a bill of complaint filed on November 20 by the county's Office of Law. The defendant, Greenbriar Associates, has until December 11 to file a reply, with a court hearing set for December 26.

The county maintains that the site plan accompanying the approved special exception (1971) for the Greenbriar apartments did not show the on-site sewage treatment plant. The later inclusion of the plant according to the county, reduced the amount of green space to less than the 70 percent required by the code. This presumed violation of the special exception provides the basis for seeking court approval of county withdrawal of the building permit originally granted the developer on March 22, 1973.

The developer believes that no modification was required to the site plan because the plant was to be a temporary facility. The developer further maintains that even if this were required, the proper site modifications were made when (1) the District Council approved the treatment plant and added it to the 10-year Water and Sewer Plan, and (2) the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission recommended approval of the building permit after the developer eliminated an apartment building to meet the required green space.

Twin Pines Gains Insured Status

On behalf of the board of directors and management, president William Latham announced last week that Twin Pines has now been accepted into full membership by the Maryland Savings-Share Insurance Corporation (MSSIC).

Now, all savings and certificate accounts of Twin Pines are insured up to \$30,000 for each account as defined by MSSIC regulations.

MSSIC is a quasi-public corporation created by the Maryland legislature in 1962 for the principal purpose of insuring the accounts of state-chartered savings and loan associations.

President Latham voiced the sentiments of the Board in noting that this is a historic event in that for the first time loans made for home purchases by Twin Pines on co-op owned homes are recognized by a major institution of the financial community as a legitimate investment. This is a significant breakthrough for the principle of co-op ownership, as one of the major problems of co-op's, historically, has been the lack of adequate long-term credit through normal channels.

Latham said, "Now, Twin Pines, for the first time, becomes a member in good standing of the financial community. This permits us to better serve the investment needs of Greenbelt, neighboring communities and the general public in our service area. Most particularly, Twin Pines retains its independent status and is able to continue to provide financing for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. home purchases.

"We hope the Greenbelt community will join with us in celebrating this important event. We are looking forward to significant growth so as to be better able to continue to serve the interests of our members and community," Latham said.

Latham added, "This is a big win for Twin Pines, for GHI, and for Greenbelt. We hope at a later date to give proper recognition to all of the individuals who were responsible for this event."

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MONTHLY CHARGES UP

Doubling of Fuel Oil Costs Forces GHI Increase of 16%

by Al Skolnik

A Greenbelt Homes, Inc. special membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 8 p.m. in the Center School auditorium to consider a 1974 budget that calls for an average increase in total monthly charges to members of 15.78 percent. The increase is roughly the same for both the frame and the brick homes.

In terms of operating charges, which exclude the amortization payments (principal and interest on mortgage), the increase would be more - 19.05% (21 percent for the brick homes, and 18 percent for the frame homes). The budget has to be figured in terms of operating charges in order to determine whether a membership meeting is needed to confirm it. According to the GHI by-laws, any increase in operating charges of 10 percent or more requires approval of the general membership.

Heating Costs Responsible

The major factor that hiked the increase in operating charges over previously published estimates was the extraordinary increases in fuel oil costs. Of the 19.05 percent increase in the budget amounting to \$375,600, 16.5% or \$325,200 is attributable to skyrocketing fuel oil prices which in November 1973 were already 2½ times what they had been in January 1973. The 1974

budget anticipates that fuel oil costs will total \$647,200, twice the \$322,000 contained in the 1973 budget. The total budget to be raised from monthly charges comes to \$2,762,450.

At the GHI board of directors meeting on November 19, several board members expressed fears that even the \$647,200 estimate for 1974 might not be enough. They noted that this estimate was based on two uncertain assumptions: (1) that GHI would consume the same amount of oil as last year - which was a mild winter; and (2) that the cost of oil would average out for 1974 at the current price quoted today - 23.0c for #4 oil and 32.2c for #2 oil.

Others, however, thought that GHI might consume less oil this year because of conservation measures or because the government would not allocate all the oil required by GHI. The board also felt that the prices being quoted by GHI's supplier, Takoma Fuel Company, were unduly high. A survey by director Robert Nelson of oil prices quoted by sixteen other suppliers in the area indicated that Takoma's were the highest. However, the information GHI has is that none of these will take on any new customers of GHI's size.

GHI Manager Roy Breashears explained that when Takoma submitted the low bid in May 1972, it had domestic oil supplies it could tap. In May 1973, when the annual bids were asked for, no supplier would submit a bid. Takoma then agreed to furnish oil on a continuing basis (without a contract) but to do so it had to use foreign oil, the price of which is higher than that of domestic oil. Breashears said that Takoma agreed to pass along to GHI any reduction in prices it receives. Breashears said that if government regulations were changed to require oil companies to average out their foreign and domestic prices, GHI could be quoted a lower price.

Relief for Low-Income?

In recommending to the membership a 19.05% increase in operating charges, the board was concerned over the effect of such an increase on low-income families. It therefore directed Breashears to prepare a plan for allowing members in such straits to defer the 1974 increase by borrowing from GHI funds (at interest) the amount of the increase per month, the loan to be repaid from the equity built up in the member's home when the home is sold.

Budget Discussion

The recommended \$2,762,449 budget for 1974 was adopted by an 8 to 1 vote with director O'Donnell opposed. O'Donnell felt that the members would not approve the requested 19-percent increase and suggested instead that the board approve a 9.9% increase now and then call another membership meeting in March to adopt the 1974 budget when the picture becomes clearer as to what fuel oil costs would be. He thought that a capital improvement program that might reduce oil costs below what was projected at this time could be adopted in a few weeks.

The rest of the board was very skeptical of this procedure, since there was insufficient evidence that the savings envisioned by the capital improvement program could be realized in time to substantially effect 1974 costs.

Charles Schwan from the floor asked O'Donnell: "What makes you think that if the members won't approve a 19 percent increase in December, they will approve an increase in March that may be even higher than 19 percent to make up for the lost income in the first three months of the year?"

(See GHI page 7)

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council,

MONDAY,

December 3, 1972

8 p.m.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 19, 1973
- Minutes of Public Hearing of November 26, 1973
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports
- PRAB Report 7/73 - Trampoline Program

III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase from Norman & Staiger Company, Inc., of an International Cub Wheel Tractor and Standard Equipment, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,250 - Second Reading
- 10 Resolution to Establish an Advisory Committee on Cable Television - Second Reading
- 11 Appointments to Citizens Advisory Committees of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 12 State Legislation
- 13 Termination of PRAB Appointment

V MISCELLANEOUS

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS!

Remember

The Special Membership Meeting for consideration of the 1974 Budget is next Wednesday, December 5 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Center School Auditorium. Urgent that all members attend.

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Our Reporter's Aghast At Council's Fast Pace

by Bob McGee

So there I'm sitting — aghast — because the regular Greenbelt city council meeting is all over . . . and it's not even 9 p.m. on Monday, November 19. Would you believe? 21 agenda items they zipped through, and I don't have a single note except vote counts. No shouting, no arguing, no political maneuvering . . . and me with a story to write. Sheeesss! Why more happened in the three minutes it took to get to the parking lot than during the whole meeting.

Mayor Dick Pilski stopped me to suggest a banner headline to the story: "Mayor Contributes to Energy Crisis; Cuts Hot Air Off Early." Then, in the parking lot, this reporter thought he had the makings of a real scoop when he detected, of all people, councilmen Thomas X. White and Charles Schwan driving off together. He stopped the car and asked White if he could write about this unusual teaming up of political opposites. White shouted in reply, "go ahead, the News Review won't print it if it's about me anyway." So, here we are. You'll forgive me if I just give you a summary of the items passed.

TV Cable

Council passed a resolution to amend the charter to provide authority to grant franchises for community antenna and cable TV, and also introduced for first reading a resolution to establish an advisory committee on cable television. Mayor Pilski abstained due to a possible conflict of interest. Council also unanimously passed an ordinance to make a three-way stop at the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Lakecrest Drive, and to reiterate its position to the Park and Planning Commission that it favors retention of the name Cipriano Rd. for at least the original segment of the road running between Greenbelt and Good Luck Roads. There were a number of salutory comments regarding "Pop Cipriano" as a pioneer and outstanding resident of this area who was greatly instrumental in the development of area roads.

Kudos were also lavished on two hard-working citizen volunteers. Mayor Pilski announced the resignation of John Bogumill from the Advisory Planning Board and characterized him as having been one of the hardest working, most dedicated volunteers on that body. Councilman Schwan stated that council would be hardpressed to find anyone having the zeal, dedication, and general stature to fill Bogumill's shoes. Council unanimously voted to send him a letter of thanks and commendation for his years of service to the city. Similarly, James Cassels, in being reappointed to the Employee Relations Board, was the recipient of many fine words regarding his years of devoted, unstinting service to the city.

Energy Crises

The energy crisis was also a matter of serious business before the council, with a resolution being passed to urge all Greenbelt citizens to conserve energy and to direct the city manager to institute energy saving measures for the city. James Giese reported a number of measures already taken by the city, and other steps that will be taken soon, such as installing storm windows on city buildings and curtailment of park lights during certain hours when not needed for safety.

Council also made some technical adjustments in the city machinery by changing the method of appointment of members to the Community Relations Advisory Board to conform to the other advisory

bodies, by authorizing a transfer of funds for miscellaneous items, and by authorizing the negotiated purchase of certain goods and services exceeding the aggregate limit of \$1,000 for such purchases—mostly gasoline and fuel oil. Council also awarded a special holiday to city employees for December 24, with compensatory time to be given for those few who shall be required to be on duty that day.

Well, that's it! I got home so early that night I caught my wife. . . watching television.

Party for Hucks

A farewell open house for Mary Jo and Gabe Huck will be held at the home of Pat and Charlie Brown, 17-E Ridge, this Friday (Nov. 30) starting at 8:30 p.m. Friends and neighbors of the Hucks are invited.

All Day Conference Saturday On Alternatives in Education

An all day conference — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — for everyone interested in improving the education of children will be held Sat., Dec. 1, at Largo Senior H.S. Those interested may register at the door. There is no fee.

The conference, which provides an opportunity to examine various learning and teaching approaches, is sponsored by the Prince Georges Association for Humanizing Education. Call 577-5634 for information.

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Vacancy on City Advisory Board

The City Council is announcing a vacancy on the city's ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, for which it is seeking resumes from interested citizens willing to serve on this board. — — — The City Council will also accept resumes from citizens interested in serving on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Community Relations Advisory Board for consideration in the filing of possible future vacancies.

Resumes should be submitted to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road - Tel: 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Festival of Lights--1973

Greenbelt Recreation Department will again host the December "Festival of Lights," three weeks of holiday activities for the whole family beginning Nov. 30. Events include 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.

The festival will begin Nov. 30 with a Christmas Crafts Show and Sale at the Youth Center. From 7-10 p.m. handmade items such as pottery, candles, jewelry, crocheted items, ornaments, leathercraft and toys will be on display. A Greens Show by the Goddard Garden Club will include wreaths, dried flowers, fresh greenery and demonstrations. The Crafts and Greens shows will also be open Dec. 1 and 2, 1-5 p.m.

A unique feature of the show will be a children's room where young shoppers can find low priced items and supervised craft activities. The room will be open from 1 - 5 p.m., Dec. 1 and 2 only. There will be a train room to delight the young at heart.

A puppet show for the children will take place Sat., Dec. 8 in the Youth Center at 3:30 p.m. Family members may learn how to make gifts and decorations for Christmas at the Crafts Do-In Dec. 9, 1-4 p.m.

Activities for the third week invite Greenbelters to participate in toy exchanges, join in singing carols with donuts and coffee following, and listen to a combined choir concert at Greenbelt Community Church.

Dec. 21 is the big day when Santa arrives in Greenbelt. He will be visiting from 2-5 p.m. Also planned for that weekend is a one act play "A Christmas Star".

Scholarship Deadline

All those who intend to compete for the 1974 Senatorial Scholarship Awards must file the necessary applications before December 1, 1973.

These requirements include the completion of the Parents' Confidential Statement and the General State of Maryland Scholarship application. Both forms are to be sent to the testing center located in New Jersey and are a must for those who wish to apply for the Senatorial Scholarship. Both forms are attainable from the high school counselors.

One additional application, to be mailed directly to Senator Conroy, who represents the First District of Prince Georges County, has a deadline of March, 1974.

Boys/Girls Club Parents

Boys and Girls Club member parents will meet Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center multipurpose room. The business meeting will include election of officers. Nominations may be made from the floor. Interested parents are urged to attend.

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What's at Stake for GHI

To the Editor:

The 1974 GHI Budget adopted by the Board proposes an average increase of 19.05 per cent in operating charges (15.78% increase in monthly charges.) The major factor forcing the budget upward was a projected increase of \$325,148 in the cost of fuel oil. The fuel oil projections for 1974 are based on the amount of oil used in 1973 and the November, 1973 price. If the 1974 heating seasons (January 1 - Spring, and Fall through December 31,) are colder than 1973 seasons and/or the price of oil continues to rise, we could incur a serious deficit even with the large increase provided for in the 1974 budget.

Beginning with the first hint of an oil shortage in the early spring, the Board and management have been working to effect fuel savings through improving the operating efficiency of the plants. These programs must continue and we must continue planning for some major renovation of our homes and heating systems.

Briefly, the status of our planning efforts may be summarized as follows:

1. The Board engaged TAA to make a preliminary survey and general recommendations.
2. Their report was received, presented to the membership, and referred to a special planning subcommittee.
3. During the spring of 1972, the Planning Committee recommended that we undertake a pilot project in 1973. Due to a lack of detailed information, many unresolved questions concerning financing, and what appeared to be an unrealistic time schedule, the Board rejected the proposed pilot project for 1973 and requested the committee to continue its work to develop more comprehensive proposals.
4. The Planning Subcommittee requested the Board to retain Mr. Meyer to perform an analysis of our present systems and to make recommendations. His report has been received. However, to date, the Board has not received a formal report from the TAA Subcommittee.
5. Following the annual meeting in May, 1973, the Board re-organized its committee structure and appointed a Planning Committee comprised of four Board and seven other members and charged it with developing recommendations for a major renovation program. This committee has yet to make a comprehensive report to the board.
6. In addition to developing sound plans for improving our homes and related mechanical systems, we must find suitable means of financing major programs. Unless some new legislation makes government assisted loans available to cooperatives like GHI, the prospects for favorable long term financing are bleak at this time.

Returning to the 1974 budget, if improved maintenance, new controls, or other fuel savings programs result in a reduced fuel cost in 1974 the savings in fuel cost can be applied to the cost of the new controls or other programs.

In addition to the cost of fuel oil, the Budget operating charges reflect an additional increase of 2.56 per cent to provide for some needed additions to the staff, a conservative cost of living increase for employees, and some miscellaneous adjustments.

I believe that this budget projects the smallest increase in operating cost possible without seriously jeopardizing the corporation through decreased maintenance and serious depletion of reserves. All GHI members are urged to attend the Special Membership Meeting, 8 p.m., December 5, 1973, Greenbelt Center School, and approve the required increase in operating charges.

James W. Smith
President, GHI

For Using Reserves

To the Editor:

It was only yesterday, it seems, when the GHI Board wanted to charge a 20% increase to the members, and the members responded loud and clear, "NO!" The date this year is Dec. 5.

This time it is 19% and the response again from the members should be loud and clear. Don't panic! Come out and vote! There is no reason for this outrageous increase! With the exception of the increase in fuel oil prices, all is about the same.

Let me paraphrase Mr. Schwan's statement in 1969 "Why do we collect reserves, if not to use them!" According to the manager's financial statement, we have \$317,000 in reserves and about \$86,000 in new working capital. The members must demand this money . . . be used now to cushion the inflationary price of oil for all members. We also have a large oil inventory. Our taxes are already paid until June 30, 1974 and will be less from July 1 on.

Mr. Hugh O'Donnell's suggestion to postpone the Dec. 5 meeting until March, seconded by Mr. Comptoni is very sound and should be demanded by the membership on Dec. 5. The Board majority voted it down.

This housing corporation popularly known as a "cooperative" needs completely new management and the ousting of the remaining members of the original Board in control since 1964.

Mr. Campbell, the manager, who resigned in 1962, warned the members of political slates and machines as having no place in a cooperative and that the undermining of the reserves - "the umbrella shielding all members" would fold. There is not much time left to undo the severe damage already done, but with the membership's help, it can be done.

Martha Hutzler

How to Vote

To the Editor:

Isn't the negotiating of contracts favorable to the members and corporation one of the skills a good manager should have?

Did you know that the present fuel oil supplier to GHI has the highest price tag in the area according to a survey by board member Nelson?

Mr. Breashear's explanation is still not clear to me nor his explanation or non-answer on the present oil inventory!

Mr. Byerly, however, made a motion, including the manager with the employees for the 5% cost of living raise. An attempt to separate the matter in voting failed.

Vote "No" on the 19% increase! Vote "Yes" on the O'Donnell plan to defer the budget until March. There is everything to be gained, even a closer study of the oil invoices, receipts, etc.

Eunice E. Coxon



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Letters to the Editor

Against Using Reserves

To the Editor:

The foreseeable situation has developed. Our new maintenance superintendent finds a major part of our heating plants have inoperative controls, sending our heating costs up the flue. Literally. This is a hefty item in our budget, and critical in the face of today's fuel prices and shortages.

At least one Board member wants to hold up detailed budget adoption until repair cost effectiveness can be checked out. So far, the majority of your Board rejects his idea: it prefers a "business as usual" approach.

"Business as usual" does not meet this Corporation's needs. It hasn't for years. It has robbed us of our back-up funds and set us up for accelerated operating increases. How? Cutting into reserves for token "reducing monthly charges" year after year leaves us nothing to pay for the heating system repairs we need now, except from operating charges or borrowing. We save pennies, throw away bucks. Paring maintenance to the bone year after year, now we have sharp rises in the upkeep costs for frame structures and heating. Save pennies, and so forth.

("We make a quicker sale profit this way - and live in "cheap" housing to boot.") No housing is cheap, but good, well-kept housing is economical. Greenbelt housing has been good . . .

"Business as usual" has impoverished us in the past and it will continue to bleed us: Corporation and members alike, both ends against the middle. It will not change anything, least of all itself.

If we GHI members can understand this, then can we convince our Board members that we do? Our homes, the "Greenbelt Projects", are worth too much to be washed down the drain by a bunch of penny-ante jokers.

Gordon Allen

"Little or No Choice"

On December 5, Greenbelt Homes Inc. members will test their capacity to face stark reality and their mental toughness to make hard decisions. This test arises because the GHI board has recommended an increase in members' operating payments of 19.05%. (Average monthly charges would rise 15.78%.) The by-laws require that members approve any increase in operating payments of 10% or more.

Almost surely decision-making will be complicated by charges of past sins of omission or commission. Hopefully, these will be judged for what they are - irrelevancies in the present situation regardless of their merits or lack of them. Members may be told that GHI should shop around for a better fuel oil deal. From whom in the face of universal shortage, nationwide allocation and the refusal of suppliers to take on new customers? Members may be beguiled by the possibility of conserving sufficient fuel to offset rising costs. Every effort must be made to conserve fuel, but who is to say that fuel oil costs will not increase by an amount greater than the savings that can be achieved by conservation? Moreover, relatively large expenditures for new equipment must be made if significant fuel savings are to be realized.

Borrowing may be suggested as a means to reduce the size of the proposed increase in monthly charges. This possibility, too, must be investigated, but should not borrowing be reserved for equipment purchases? Other suggestions may be offered, e.g., not providing for cost of living wage increases. In addition to its being inequitable, taking such action would do little to close the gap between anticipated expenditures and revenues.

The decision that must be made can be pleasing to no one. It will be particularly difficult for those who are living on low, fixed incomes, but the harsh fact is that GHI members have little or no choice. If we are to have heat this winter, reduce our consumption of fuel, maintain our homes and protect our investment, we must support the proposed increase.

Charles F. Schwan

Hard Look at Heating Costs

To the Editor:

It was interesting to read that GHI's general manager claims that the heating system hasn't deteriorated very badly during the last decade since we are still using the same volume of oil per year as we did a decade ago.

However, the number of gallons per unit averages out at approximately six times the number of gallons required to heat a free standing home of the same size.

So, what our general manager is really saying is that for the last ten years we have been using six times the amount of oil others find sufficient to heat their homes. However, when you deduct for line losses, the figure comes out more closely to five and a half times!

So - when you get right down to the nitty-gritty of the situation, we have paid very dearly for not maintaining or revamping our heating system! . . .

Some months ago, when I was active on the Sub-Committee to Investigate the TAA Report, I made a study of costs for various types of heating installations. And, I found out at that time it was possible to convert to individual heating units for each residence and purchase a year's supply of oil for less cost than was allocated for heating on the 1973 Budget.

An updating of those figures to reflect current heating oil prices shows that we can convert our heating system by this method and buy a year's supply of oil at today's prices and save over \$300,000 on our 1974 heating budget. Not only that, we can save an additional \$480,000 less the increased price for oil on the 1975 Heating Budget.

Therefore, at the coming special membership meeting, we should discuss our heating costs and put an end to the waste we have been tolerating for over a decade.

We should look hard and long at the \$8,000 increase in salary for the general manager and his staff! In view of the poorly prepared recommendations of how we should spend our money in 1974 - I personally don't think the increase is warranted. The excuse that it isn't fair to raise the other salaries (cost-of-living increase) and not raise the general manager's salary is very weak! Let him earn a raise in salary by increasing the efficiency of our operation as reflected by monthly charges to members!

Ben A. Hogensen

Asks Action on Vandals

To the Editor:

At a public meeting of PRAB recently, I found that a number of people have suffered, as I have, from being the victims of vandalism committed by local children. (Five acts of vandalism have been committed against my property so far this year, and this continues a pattern of several years' duration.) The surprise, though, was learning that in most cases the victims know, as I do, who the young people are!

Even though these people are caught in the act, I was told, they are likely to be released on probation (and re-released). I know from my own experience that a reasonable approach to the parents does not work.

I therefore suggest that the only remedy likely of early success is cooperative civil action against the parents of the children involved. I invite other home owners in my area who may have the same problem to join me in cooperative surveillance and, when we have judicable proof, to jointly sue the appropriate parents. If we hit the parents in the pocketbook, we may get some action. Victims in other areas of the city may wish to do likewise. I have been told that people who have tried this solution have found it extremely effective.

I applaud the many helpful suggestions which were offered at the meeting (and I offered a few myself) but I believe that we shall have to approach this particular donkey with both a carrot and a stick.

John P. Bogumill

Energy Backfire

To the Editor:

Now that our long-range planners with unerring foresight, who held to their mistakes with the tenacity of a bulldog, have led us up a blind alley with the busing of our kids so they could swap seats with those across the county, it gives me but sad reflections that I mentioned that the cost had just begun. Besides wasting millions of gallons of gas a month (some of these yellow-jackets get less than 4 mi. per gal), we are not going to be able to heat or cool these sprawling citadels of education BECAUSE WE AIN'T GOT NO ENERGY! Well, I'm getting a little short in that department myself, but not so much so that I can't still gripe.

Remember the days when oil wells were brought in and the gas that precedes the oil was burnt off for weeks on end? Now we are buying it across the ocean and dragging it back in huge bags. The latest is that we can produce artificial gas from burning coke. (Coal not Colas, kids.) What was wrong when we were doing that before and spent millions converting to natural gas?

How about overdrive in cars that cut pollution by reducing the number of revolutions per mile by 1/2 and gave you the bonus of much greater economy of gas and oil and less engine wear. Now we have become much more sophisticated by recycling the exhaust fumes and using 1/2 more gas, thereby forcing the engine to labor harder by equipping the cars with anti-pollution devices. This is no technological problem, we just make the engines bigger. By George, you're not getting ahead of us. No Siree! I feel as maybe you do, the oil industry is just blackmailing this country until the Alaskan pipe-line goes through. But be not deceived - gasoline prices will continue to climb. Who do you think is going to pay for the line? You can bet that any giant increase in gas tax will eventually be funneled into that project. I wish Congress would forget that old saw that you can fool all of the people some of the time. It just ain't so! T.V. I think, saw to that.

One thing I will state without fear of contradiction, and that is, Old Shoe Banger Kruschev was dead wrong about burying us. WE'RE DOING IT TO OURSELVES!

Anybody want to buy a pot-bellied stove?

Charles D. Kendall, Sr.

Recreation Review

YC Schedule for weekend.

The Youth Center schedule has been adjusted to accommodate the launching of the Second Annual Festival of Lights events to be held this weekend. Changes are as follows: all Open Gym and Lounge activities postponed from 1 p.m. Fri. Nov. 30, until 7 p.m. Sun. Dec. 2. Activities scheduled at the Springhill Lake Center will be held at their regular hours.

ROLLER SKATING

Roller Skating will continue as regularly scheduled starting Mon. Dec. 3. From 4-5:30 p.m. Mon. 3 and 4 graders. Wed. 5 and 6 graders; Fri 1 and 2 graders. Family roller skating will resume Sun. Dec. 9, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Boys' and Girls' Club Uniform Turn-in

If you have not yet returned your soccer or football uniform, you may bring them to the Youth Center on Mon. or Tues. evenings from 7-10 p.m. To avoid being billed for the uniforms, please have them returned by Thurs. Dec. 6.

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Edward Castaldi Family; Living in and Loving Greenbelt

by Ted Pritzker

In 1937 a young man, then living in New York, took a Federal Civil Service examination for the position of pressman. Much was at stake. He had married his wife the year before, and was anxious to provide well for her and the children that both of them expected and hoped for. It was the time when our country was beginning to stagger out of the Great Depression. Times were improving slowly, but good steady jobs were still hard to come by.

A few months later, in November of 1937, Edward Castaldi accepted a job as pressman at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and remained there for nearly thirty years. How many billions or trillions of dollars of Uncle Sam's paper money he has had a part in printing over those decades is anybody's guess, but I suspect that if you knew it you couldn't believe it.

Marie and Edward Castaldi lived in the District of Columbia for about a year, and it was there that their first child, Al Edward, was born. Hearing then about Greenbelt, they applied for housing here and in November, 1939, became members of the new community. For the next three and one-half years they lived in an apartment at 20-D Crescent Road. It was there that their only daughter, Lillian, was born. According to the rule then in effect, couples whose families had expanded to include children of opposite sexes were required to move into larger quarters, and the Castaldi family took a three bedroom house at 11-V Ridge and have lived there ever since. Two years later son Richard was born and another two years later the final blessed event brought son Arthur.

The Castaldis are fortunate in that three of their four children live in Greenbelt or nearby. Al, who played trumpet in the Greenbelt and Redskin bands in bygone days and was an ertswille lifeguard and later manager of the Greenbelt pool, now resides in California. He is a career officer in the Air Force. Lillian is now employed as a senior planner for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County. In her growing up years she was prominent in dancing, tumbling, and related entertainments. She formed a group of majorettes known as the Prancers who marched in numerous parades and performed at the "Drop-In" which was the forerunner of today's Youth Center. Richard is an Assistant Supervisor of the Zoning Information section for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and a member of the Board of Directors of MNCPPC Federal Credit Union. This year he became the first Greenbelt born member of the City Council. Arthur is Marketing Administration Manager for Northrop Page Communications Engineers, Inc.

Marie worked for a few years for the War Production Board before and during World War II but retired from this employment to devote her full time and energy to look after the needs of her growing family. But when the new corporation which we now call GHI was formed in 1952, she responded to an invitation by Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer to join its then forming staff. She began working for GHI in February of 1953, and has been there ever since. In addition she found time to serve as Prefect of the St. Hugh's Sodality Group and President of the Woman's Club for two years.

1953 was a memorable year for the Castaldis. They not only became home owners for the first time, but were actively involved in the group which formulated the plans which brought GHI into being. One condition which GHI had to meet for the government to consent to sell the property to it was then a majority of the owner-members must be veterans. Ed captained a group of residents who enlisted a sufficient number of veterans to meet this qualification.

To a certain degree the history of the Castaldi family mirrors the history of Greenbelt itself. When they came here the town was populated entirely by young people with small children. Like Ed and Marie, many of these are still around and at least some of the small children here today can visit grandma and grandpa without having to leave town. Marie and Ed now have seven grandchildren. There are no children living at 11-V Ridge now, but there is Tim. Tim is a friendly short haired Toy terrier who was acquired by the Castaldis a couple of years ago. On a bright summer's day when you amble down to the Center to do your shopping or visiting, there is a fair chance you will encounter Ed and Tim on one of their daily walks. And it is hard to tell which is the friendlier, the dog or the master. Like as not Ed will be found discussing horse racing with someone. He became interested in racing when he first moved to Maryland and has been a steady customer of the local tracks ever since. After his retirement in 1966 Ed branched out into what the rest of us racing buffs regard as a most romantic activity. He is a partner in an enterprise which carries out the function of breeding and raising thoroughbreds and entering them in racing competition.

The broodmare, Sassy Coleen, is the foundation of the enterprise. As of now she has produced three foals, and for each of these was served by the stallion Festive Dancer, who was sired by Native Dancer. Hence the second sire, or grandsire of Ed's horses is none other than the world famous Native Dancer, and anyone who is acquainted with thoroughbred horses will tell you that is no small thing.

This year the first of Sassy Coleen's foals, named Dancer's Leprechaun, became a 3 year-old and was entered in the races at Charles-town. It ran in eight races for Ed and his colleagues, winning one and placing second four times before being claimed. Next year Sassy Dancer, now a yearling, will be put in training for racing.

Marie related fondly that she grew to feel toward Dancer's Leprechaun almost like it was her own child. When it won its race, it was like when Richard won his event in a swimming meet. Marie is looking forward to retiring from her position at GHI next year. But she and Ed have no thought of leaving Greenbelt. "There is no place like Greenbelt," they say. "We love it."

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Holiday happenings for children at the library include a Christmas tree trim Tuesday, Dec. 4, and Wednesday, Dec. 5, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room for children of all ages. Dec. 11 is the day for gift wrap and printing in the meeting room 3 to 4:40 p.m., ages 6-12. Gift making with tissue paper for ages 6-12 will take place Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. in the meeting room. Stories and films for preschoolers will be held Dec. 18, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the children's program room, ages 3-5. Also in the children's program room on Dec. 19 there will be stories, songs and games for ages 6-12 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Winter Swim Program

There will be two registrations for winter swimming. The first registration will cover the period Nov. 1973 through Jan. 1974. The second registration will cover the period Feb. through May 1974. Swimming will be at the new 8-lane pool probably one of the most modern in area, at Bowie State College, Bowie.

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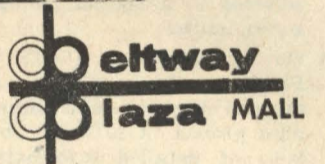
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Plenty of Suggestions Made at PRAB Meeting

by Roberta McNamara

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting Nov. 15 was sparsely attended (10 citizens) considering that invitational letters were sent to each Greenbelt organization to come and discuss city recreational needs. Joe Wilkinson chaired the meeting with all the members of PRAB present.

CARES Statement

Dr. Leo Walder of Greenbelt CARES read a statement suggesting that the Recreation Dept. take the lead on securing more recreational facilities such as the Jr. High Gym, the National Park and SHL facilities. Hours of the youth center should be extended so that youth 11-14 could be involved in activities from 7-9 p.m. to provide evening outlets other than watching TV or just hanging around. He suggested a program using skilled craftsmen producing meaningful things which should lead to respectful relationships and meaningful interchanges between youth and adults.

The statement also suggested that Camp Pine Tree run year round after school and on Saturday, perhaps using teenagers as counselors. Also a preschool program which could be extended into an after school care program should be offered at each playground in town, staffed by teenagers. This could be supported by nominal fees. The statement noted that vandalism in the suburbs seems to occur because of the lack of positive ways to occupy time.

Teen Programs

Fred Ford presented a list of programs to be considered to raise interest with a weekend basketball league, organized ping-pong, youth weight lifting, a teen club set up by teens but supervised by adults, a mechanics class, a bike safety course, driver education, programs using Goldenagers or other groups with teens. He also suggested stricter enforcement of smoking rules, etc. He stated that the city has two serious problems—runaways and drug users. The main reason, he said, for this was idle time and lack of interest in present programs. He also noted that council had accepted a suggestion from Elizabeth Maffay to form a youth council but has yet to act.

Little League

William Ball, representing Little League, discussed the need for more practice fields. He stated that McDonald Field needed refurbishing, including a fence to make the dugout safe.

Herbert Nigg (of PRAB) and Bill McCarthy discussed the lack of fencing at SHL Elementary Ballfield which serves as the playing field for teams in that section of town. There is a fear that if a child is injured because of the lack of fencing, the teams will not be insurable.

Wilkinson, speaking not as the chairman, recognized the gripe as valid and stated that council will say that getting cooperation from the school board is next to impossible, but in his experience it is just not so. When he wanted to obtain use of a field behind North End, a call to Upper Marlboro secured the field. He also stated that PRAB sent a letter to Jim Giese months ago requesting a meeting between council, school officials and PRAB to discuss broader use of school facilities but no action has been taken yet.

John Bogumill, speaking as president of Center School PTA and a coach of a basketball team for the Boys and Girls Club, noted that gym space is badly needed. Thus, the recreation dept. should secure more space in schools by assuring principals that in addition to having coaching personnel a responsible adult would be available to watch for vandalism.

Forgotten—Middleagers

Helen Peterson felt that the recreation program should have more programs for the forgotten group—middle-agers. The city, she suggested, should invite PG Community College to use town facilities

and should sponsor groups such as the National Quilting Organization, and the county historical society, etc. Also civic groups such as the Woman's Club should be allowed to use the Youth Center without charge.

Tennis Assoc.

A member of the Tennis Assoc. deplored the lack of tennis courts and suggested that the department not expand tennis lessons until more courts are built and lighted. He was annoyed that lessons were given on Saturday to people whom he felt could take them at other times of the week.

Playgrounds

Susan Lange emphasized that the city had neglected to maintain a number of playgrounds which GHI ceded to the city years ago. She recommended smaller chips as a ground cover, trash facilities, benches, and replacement of broken and useless equipment plus the lighting of the popular ball court at the playground at Ridge and Plateau. The city could consider lighting it with coin metered light. She also suggested that playing Bingo for prizes at the youth center could be very popular, since kids swarmed to the Bingo tables at the Labor Day Festival.

General Concern

Jule Churchill representing the Woman's Club asked why the recreation dept. hours seemed to exclude youth who get home late because of busing such as the 4 p.m. starting time for the Halloween party? Mrs. Churchill asked: "Why is

it necessary for Greenbelters to go out of the community in order to take courses such as knitting or crocheting? What are the advantages and disadvantages of joining the county recreational program? Don't the fees for the activities such as Boys and Girls Club prevent a number of youth from joining? Is teen attendance low because of lack of supervision? Why do the rooms for Goldenagers stand idle much of the time?" Henry Irving, Acting Director of the Youth Center and a member of PRAB together with Wilkinson and Ford responded to the Woman's Club's concerns, assuring Mrs. Churchill that the recreation dept. has classes starting at 4:10 and 4:30 to accommodate bused children. Part of the problem existed because the principals themselves were not sure of individual school hours when the fall schedule was set. The lack of programs such as crocheting is due to disinterest. Irving and Ford responded that no child is turned away from the Boys and Girls Club for lack of funds; also the group has a set fee for larger families and the recreation dept. gives scholarships for its programs. As for teen attendance, it is higher than any county group.

Youth Invited

It was suggested from the floor that the next meeting be held on a Friday at an earlier hour with a special invitation to the youth to come and speak. Because of prior scheduling, the third meeting, in January, will be set up that way. PRAB member Harry Fields suggested that PRAB could go to the schools to ask the teens what programs they would prefer.

Tom Greer stated that attempting to attract problem and non-interested youth could severely limit the scope and the accomplishments of PRAB. The audience reaction was that one must try nevertheless.

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It's a boy for Pearl and Dee Rodgers, 8-F Plateau. Perrin Deloyce, born Nov. 13, weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 in. long

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Melba Marion, secretary at Center School. Mrs. Marion is a patient in Prince Georges Hospital.

Condolences to Mrs. Barbara Jackson, Lakeside Drive, on the recent loss of her mother.

Drawing on the successful three-year partnership between the Prince Georges County government and the 450th Civil Affairs Army Reserve unit, Greenbelter Hal Silvers, 11 Pinecrest Ct., director of the county's Office of Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness, will address a workshop at the Army's Civil Affairs School in Ft. Bragg, N.C., on Dec. 13. Taking part in the first seminar on productive projects between local government and civil affairs reserve units, Silvers will describe the innovative program that began in 1970 when the 450th Civil Affairs Unit stationed at Riverdale agreed to compile a County Resources Manual for the Office of Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness. Silvers has served as the director of Prince Georges Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness effort since 1955 and is now serving his third year as National Public Information and Public Affairs Officer for the U.S. Civil Defense Council.

Thinking of Outdoors

by Gary Hibbs

Outdoor manners are a big part of nature's homeland, wildlife, and beauty. The beauty of the outdoors reflects everyone's outdoor manners.

Beauty plays a very big part in our outdoors. Everyone has always seen the beautiful trees that are lined along mountains and highways, trees that people see so often that they don't notice them. Your manners in the outdoors keep them like this.

Trees are the biggest homeland of most of our natural animals. Wildlife is something everyone would miss if there wasn't much of it.

The other manner you should follow in the outdoors is when you go hunting. Make sure you know what you're shooting at when you go hunting. Our national bird, the eagle is almost extinct because of this mistake.

Let's try to make sure our fires are dead out before leaving the area, so we will have an abundant amount of trees. When you go hunting, know what you're doing so we'll be able to enjoy eagles or any other specie that is a rare one. Just remember, OUTDOOR MANNERS.

Court Refuses County Appeals

The U. S. Supreme Court on Nov. 5 refused to consider appeals of a court-ordered school desegregation plan that went into effect in Prince Georges county last January. Both the school board and Citizens for Community Schools (CCS) had asked the high court to hear the appeal of the case based on their contentions that U. S. District Court Judge Frank A. Kaufman erred when he ordered the county to desegregate its schools in June 1972, without first hearing any oral argument.

As is the custom, the Supreme Court gave no reasons for refusal to hear either appeal. The Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had upheld Judge Kaufman's desegregation order last January.

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Several of the members of the board challenged O'Donnell's implication that adoption of the budget now would preclude implementation of a cost-savings capital improvement program. Breashears pointed out that the corporation is in the midst of consultations with experts to determine the costs and feasibility of a capital improvement program involving renovation and repairs of the heating plants.

It was also pointed out that financing of the capital improvements program is not dependent on the budget, since such a program could be financed from either working capital funds, reserves, or borrowings from banks which would not be reflected in the budget until 1975.

Other Budget Items

In addition to rising fuel oil prices, the board received word at its Nov. 19 meeting of a 10+ percent increase in PEPCO electric rates. As a result, electricity costs for the corporation are now estimated to cost \$10,000 more in 1974 than in 1973.

The board made two other changes in the original budget submitted by Breashears. It estimated a savings of about \$10,000 in contract work by employing a certified welder to fill one of the two vacancies in the heating department. And it knocked out one of the two new positions recommended by the manager for the structural maintenance department for a savings of about \$11,000.

Aside then from fuel oil costs, the 1974 budget calls for the following major increases: (1) employee 5% cost-of-living increase (\$28,400); (2) Roof work - brick and frame (\$32,000); (3) new positions (\$30,400); and (4) resurfacing parking courts (\$7,000). These increases are offset to some extent by a reduction in taxes of \$43,400 and miscellaneous items (\$4,000).

On the income side, the board voted to increase the fee to members for service not covered by the contract from \$9 to \$10 an hour, to make similar increases for services rendered GDC, and to raise garage rents \$1 a month to cover heavy maintenance work expected such as reroofings of the garages.

EARLY MAILING

The local Post Office suggests posting holiday mail two weeks early this year. For more detailed information check with the Post Office.

Golden Age Club

During the month of November members of the Golden Age Club took part in several outings. On November 8 the club had an entire day on the Eastern Shore. Leaving early in the morning on chartered buses, the club first toured the new maritime museum and other attractions in St. Michaels, then went on to Oxford, for a luncheon at the Robert Morris Inn.

On November 23, the club hosted a Thanksgiving dinner, with cooking under the professional direction of Mrs. Eileen Noack.

A pre-Christmas shopping trip to Landover Mall took place on November 27.

Everyone aged 55 or over is invited to visit on Wednesdays at noon in the club rooms at the Youth Center. Sandwiches, doughnuts, and coffee may be purchased. After the business meetings bingo games are held.

Greenbelt Shell First In Men's Touch Football

Greenbelt Shell placed first, with 6 wins and 2 losses, in the Monday Night League of the Men's Touch Football of Prince Georges County. The standings were announced on Nov. 7 by the Maryland Dept of Parks and Recreation.

The Police Blotter

A breaking and entering on Lakeside Dr. was averted because a neighbor noticed a youth attempting to pry a window in a nearby house. She called the police who chased three youths into the lake park. A fourth member of the gang was at the lake parking lot with a red station wagon, where the other members were expected to meet him. The gang consisted of 3 male juveniles (one was a local youth) and one female.

Two more houses were broken into and entered on Ridge Rd. Investigation led to charging a local male juvenile.

A male juvenile was apprehended when he stole a car from Ridge Rd. He was a boarder at the victim's house. Upon further investigation, the police discovered he had stolen the car previously and had abandoned it.

The police were called to apprehend a junior high youth at the school. During a fight, the youth drew a knife intending to frighten his opponent.

There were three breaking and enterings in Springhill Lake. In all three cases, access was gained through the sliding glass door. In one case, a television was stolen, in the second, radios, a camera and a television. In the third one, the thief took all the furniture. In all three cases, the neighbors saw nothing unusual going on.

A gun collection was stolen from a house on Ridge Rd. So far no one has been apprehended.

A fight was stopped at the Pizza Inn when the police arrived. There were no arrests.

Officer Smith stopped a suspicious person in the Beltway Plaza and radioed the station. The computer found that he was wanted for a number of traffic warrants. At that point, the suspect attempted to run away but was halted by Officer Smith's flying tackle. In addition to being charged with the traffic warrants, he was charged with resisting arrest.

Sgt. Faulconer and PFC Smith took a two day training in defensive tactics sponsored by the FBI at the Greenbelt Armory.

The police had an easy Halloween this year with only a few reports of car antennas being cut off and complaints of egg throwing.

Greenbelt to Be Studied By Maryland Municipal League

Greenbelt is one of eight cities that have been selected for study by a special committee of the Maryland Municipal League. The study group, known as the MML Functions of Government Committee, was formed early this year to investigate what the role of municipalities should be in the State's intergovernmental system and, additionally, to thoroughly examine Maryland municipalities as they presently exist.

The committee, chaired by R. Scott Fosler, is comprised of elected municipal officials, non-elected municipal officials, and citizen members. The areas of principal concern are public safety, highways, sanitation and waste removal, recreation, and planning and zoning.

The committee's report, which is expected in early 1974, is expected to present a credible, objective plan of how municipalities should exist, what powers they should have, and what functions they should perform.

A similar study is also being prepared on the State level (the Sherbow Commission), which will be presented to the governor and state legislature as a background for possible changes in the Maryland governmental structure.

Other cities included in the study are Salisbury, Cumberland, Rockville, Mount Airy, Port Deposit, Chevy Chase Section 4, and Fruitland.

Boys and Girls Club

Boys and Girls Basketball Sign-up for Boys 8 thru 17 and Girls 11 thru 17 at the Ridge Road Center and Springhill Lake Community House Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring a parent and copy of your birth certificate.

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GREENBRIAR from page 1 that the plant could remove 99.99% of viruses, but the opponents maintained that that was not good enough. They acknowledged that drinking water also contains the same risk of virus infection.

Nitrogen Removal

The Greenbelt city council, in a statement delivered by Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld, was critical of the State for not requiring nitrogen removal from the effluent. Fears were expressed by many speakers that the discharge of nitrates and nitrites into the stream could result in algae bloom and eutrophication.

Cookson denied that there was any danger of eutrophication of the stream. Algae, which deprive water of oxygen, Cookson said, will not grow without the presence of both phosphorus and nitrogen. The plant, he said, will be keeping the level of phosphorus below that required for increased algae growth.

But opponents argued that sufficient phosphorus would remain to combine with nitrogen compounds to promote fast growth of vegetation, and insisted that both nutrients be removed. They criticized EPA and the State for their inadequate standards. Ms. Cohen and White maintained that at least 85% of the nitrogen should be removed — a standard that is required for upgrading the treatment plant at the Agricultural Research Center.

Other Standards

The city council protested that some of the proposed state standards for the plant are much less than the claimed capabilities for the plant as set forth by Dr. Cookson. These involved pH, BOD5, suspended solids, etc.

In general, opponents felt that the standards for the plant were not adequate. Dr. Cookson reiterated that the effluent quality from the plant will not only meet State and EPA requirements but it will normally meet the Public Health 1962 drinking water standards.

How Fail-Safe?

Cookson asserted that the Greenbriar plant will be more advanced and have more fail-safe features than any wastewater treatment plant operating east of the Mississippi River. He listed all the fail-safe conditions required by the county council and the State. The plant design, he added, includes dual units as well as stand-by units to maintain high efficient quality when mechanical failures result. Additional safety factors will be a stand-by power supply as well as a connection to the municipal sewer.

Ms. Cohen, however, maintained that "wastewater treatment plants are notoriously unreliable." She charged that the plant is under-designed and that the 325,000 gallon per day capacity of the plant would not be sufficient to take care of the Greenbriar apartment needs. This, she said, could lead to overloading and to failures.

Richard Schifter, attorney for Greenbriar, disputed this allegation. He noted that the Western Branch treatment plant's expansion is expected to be completed in 1975 before all of the Greenbriar apartment buildings will be ready for occupancy. Schifter also said that the flow will be metered and the health department could deny further occupancy of apartments once the 325,000 gallon capacity is reached.

Non-technical Arguments

Although the intent of the hearing was to gather evidence on desirable water quality standards for effluent discharged from temporary plants, most of the witnesses could not refrain from discussing other aspects of the Greenbriar project.

The Prince Georges Civic Federation felt that package treatment plants for new developments add to the backlog of sewer demand and set back the effort to catch up with present need. The Federation saw the policy of permitting "wealthy developers to use package plants for apartment complexes, industrial warehouses, shopping centers, and sports arenas" as an arbitrary means of circumventing the sewer moratorium, at the expense of individual lot owners.

GHI questioned the granting of a discharge permit while there

was still a question as to whether NASA would approve an easement for piping the effluent to a discharge point on the receiving stream. GHI also questioned the approval of a permit for a sewage plant that does not conform to the county's zoning ordinances.

Both the Greenbelt city council and the Prince Georges Environment Coalition ended up their testimony with recommendations denying the discharge permit, saying that in view of the uncertain health and ecological risks of the plant, the necessity for constructing the plant prior to the availability of a public sewer system anticipated in early 1975 is not clear. The city suggested as an alternative that the temporary plant be located at the Western Branch wastewater plant site.

Joan Conway, from the audience, expressed concern that the problem of clean waterways was not being looked at from the broadest perspectives. She felt that the citizens, businessmen, and state officials of Maryland should cooperate in an effort to upgrade all waterways and set an example to the rest of the nation.

WRA announced that the record will be kept open until December 3, and that copies of the transcript may be purchased.

Cub Scout Pack 746

The Pack's Oct. meeting was a Halloween Party held at St. Hugh's. Costumes, refreshments, trick or treating and a spooky ghost story highlighted the evening's fun. Several Webelos scouts received awards earned over the summer. They were Scott Anderson and Lyle Rice: Athlete Badge; Lynn England: Athlete, Outdoors, Forester and Aquanaut Badges.

The next Pack meeting will be held Nov. 30.

CITY NOTES

Work on the shopping center is continuing to be done by the general crew. This week they have scraped and repainted the flagpole in preparation for reinstalling it in front of the post office.

Parks and playgrounds, as well as public rights of way in Springhill Lake, were cleaned by the parks crew this week.

Recently the city crew took a load of glass amounting to 7,260 lbs. to Baltimore for recycling.

82 lbs. of aluminum were recycled, too. This is the third load to be recycled; loads have increased by approximately 20 lbs. per month. (Only all aluminum cans are acceptable for recycling. These cans are lighter than other cans, have a rounded one-piece bottom and no side seams.)

The city is getting ready to hand out a report on the questionnaires that were filled out at the time of the city election.

The parks crew finished planting tulip bulbs on Southway. About 3,000 bulbs were planted.

The parks crew also collected leaves. These leaves are taken to the old city landfill for composting. Twigs and branches that are chipped are used in city playgrounds.

Because the football season ended, the parks crew removed goal posts and benches from Braden Field.

Last week's paper collection was only 9 tons, 800 lbs. This was a one day collection because there was no collection on Thanksgiving day. The week before (Nov. 12-18) 19 tons were collected.

The general crew and the special details crews again worked on the electrical conduits at the center mall. They also spent time picking up old appliances (washing machines, stoves, etc.) from around town.

Resolution Number 269

A RESOLUTION TO URGE ALL CITIZENS TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO INSTITUTE ENERGY CONSERVING MEASURES FOR THE CITY

WHEREAS, The President of the United States and the Governor of Maryland have declared that an emergency situation exists due to a shortage of fuels and energy; and

Whereas, the best information available at this time indicates that unless all citizens take measures to conserve energy, the shortage of energy will result in serious hardships to many citizens;

WHEREAS, the citizens of this country have been wasteful in the use of energy in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to substitute one form of energy for another because this country faces shortages of fuel oil, gasoline, natural gas and electricity; and

WHEREAS, The President and the Governor have ordered certain restrictions on the use of energy and have urged citizens to undertake voluntarily other energy conserving measures; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland that all citizens of Greenbelt make every effort to conserve their use of energy and consumption of fuel oil, gasoline, natural gas and electricity, and to comply with all orders and requests of The President and the Governor which relate to the conservation of energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to institute all energy conservation measures for the city that are possible or necessary in order to assure the maximum reduction in the consumption of energy by the city while maintaining all essential services of the city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager have prepared for public dissemination suggestions and ideas on how to conserve energy.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its Regular Meeting, Nov, 19, 1973.

Richard R. Pilski
Mayor

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