

Will Super Sewer Bring Super Problems?

EDITOR:
I would like to register my opposition to the proposed regional waste water management system for southeastern Michigan. I prefer the latter plan, which would be possible if the sewer is defeated.

It is my opinion that Livonia can only benefit by the defeat of the planned sewer. I urge Livonia to use any and all power it has in the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to defeat the proposed regional wastewater management system for southeastern Michigan.

DONALD D. SIZEMORE
Livonia

Lincoln, Hughes Being Ignored

EDITOR:
The best known phrase that constitutes the basic understanding and meaning of representative government by the grass root citizenry, may be, "Government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Claims Board Errs In Goal

EDITOR:
Although the average salary for Livonia teachers is greater than that of over 500 other Michigan school districts, the superintendent and certain school board members are issuing public statements at PTA meetings emphasizing the handful of districts still paying more than Livonia.

The Livonia School District received record income this year and expects \$2 million more in new money next year. However, the board intends to pour the new money into teacher pay hikes rather than restoring the cuts taken out of the children's program the past two years. The board's goal should be to enrich the deteriorated program rather than making our teachers the highest paid in the state.

Can anyone imagine the president of General Motors, or Ford Motor Co., publicly stating that their union workers are underpaid, at the start of contract negotiations? And yet that is what our school board and superintendent are doing as they enter current negotiations.

Our teachers' union obviously has its representatives on both sides of the bargaining table while the kids are not being represented by either side.

CHARLES W. CHANDLER
Livonia

Also, at peak summer dry periods, the river may reach dangerously low levels because of the water being drawn out by Ann Arbor and other communities and sent directly to Lake Erie.

Finally, and most directly affecting Livonia, a project of this type inevitably spawns "strip development" of a type that is very difficult to control. Communities spring up that have no firm industrial tax base on which to support municipal government. This problem could directly affect the western reaches of Livonia, near where the sewer sewer is tentatively planned.

Do we want uncontrolled, spontaneous and irresponsible growth? Or do we want

READERS' FORUM

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Identity Is Not That Important

EDITOR:
There goes that word again.

In a recent interview with a city planning commission member, once again it was stated that central Livonia needs "identity." For what? To please whom? A thinker, or our city fathers? Certainly not the surrounding residents.

"Livonia is known as a 'bedroom community' and people move here trying to capture the wee bit of serenity we all seek. Peaceful, low-profile beautification is one thing. Disrupting quiet neighborhoods is another matter entirely."

Since the city planning members all seem to agree with each other, it is apparent the commission sadly lacks an ordinary concerned resident's point of view.

Is the mayor listening?

MRS. BEVERLY CHASSON
Livonia

Focuses Upon Canton Zoning

EDITOR:
I am replying to the article in the March 28 Observer, "Kaiser Sets Record Straight."

It's unfortunate that I was out of town, otherwise your reporter could have printed both sides of the story at that time.

I have never been my intention to "put (Canton) township in a bad light."

I only presented the facts and figures as they currently exist due to past planning.

Don't let me be misunderstood. I want to see the future as possible, complete zoning plan.

By using the type of figures as those in that article without giving total figures,

one could say that a community with as many multiple dwellings and then build three multiple dwellings has a 300 per cent increase in multiple dwellings. This of course would be true, but if the last part of the statement stood alone, it would be extremely misleading.

My figures were based on comparisons between Taylor, Dearborn Heights, Westland and Canton. In all of these cases, Canton has a higher percentage of multiple dwellings at 35 per cent. With lower percentages of multiples, both Westland and Taylor have more moratoriums for 1973.

In my report, I approved of the open space provided through past planning efforts. (This is an area in which many other communities are quite weak.) However, I questioned the 40 per cent for multiples in FUD's as being too great and an allowance in return for six per cent open space.

I think it is imperative for all civic minded citizens in Canton to keep these figures in mind. As of Jan. 1, 1973, Canton had 44.9 per cent single family homes, 35.4 per cent multiple family homes, and 19.7 per cent mobile homes. If the projections would have compared, it would have been well over 50 per cent multiple dwellings.

It's my position that we must protect the multiples already built and zoned. An overabundance of apartments causes vacancies; vacancies encourage vandalism and other social problems.

Canton Township has the potential to become one of the most well balanced and finest communities in the area. Much of our land is still undeveloped so percentages can change with proper planning. I urge all concerned citizens to be as active as possible on zoning matters to make this the type of community in which we will all be proud to live, work, and play.

ELLEN M. RULAND
Planning Commissioner
Canton Township

Disabled Vet Asks Letters

EDITOR:
I used to live in Livonia in 1949. I am a veteran of World War II. I fought in the Battle of the Bulge. I was wounded three times in action.

I had four operations before I had my left leg amputated in the Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. I had seven more operations after I had my leg amputated.

It would make a disabled veteran very happy if you would please have my letter published in the Livonia newspaper. It would make me very happy to receive get well cards or letters. My birthday was April 24. Since I am disabled, I have a lot of time to read and like to receive mail.

ALBERT YUROSKY
334 N. McDonald St.
McDonald, Pa. 15057

Opposes Split Of Contribution

EDITOR:
This is something I have thought about for some time. Noticing in a recent edition an article about Girl Scouts and their cookie sale, I thought I would mention to you my idea of several items that girls and boys try to sell from door to door, always for "worthy" causes.

I have tried, when called to the door to buy cookies, candy, etc., to say that I do not want what they are selling.

I am opposed to most of my dollar going to pay for the article and only a small amount going to the "cause."

I have said to them, "Look, I don't want cookies and candy, but I will give you \$1 or 50 cents for your organization. Keep it separate, because none of it is to go to pay for cookies. It is all clear profit."

Because the girl or boy doesn't understand, they won't take it. I feel leaders should "school" the troops that many people wish they could have their whole dollar go into the funds, without half of it going to sell cookies for a baking company. I am sure it could be changed.

I don't want to have my name published, for I live alone and prefer to keep quiet.

NAME WITHHELD
Farmington

Camp Fire Girls Over The Top

EDITOR:
The Detroit Area Council of Camp Fire Girls, Wa-No-Su District, wishes to thank all the residents of this area for the tremendous support given the

organization's fund raising candy sale.

The Wa-No-Su District is pleased to announce the 1973 candy sale was very successful. This was due in large to our hard working Camp Fire Girls and adult volunteers. But public responsiveness made the drive a soaring success.

We are also grateful to the newspaper, radio and television media which kept our campaign "in the news" during the critical weeks of selling.

Proceeds earned by the candy sale are used in three ways: (1) to improve the council's camping program, especially the resident camp, Wathana; (2) to help meet individual Camp Fire group needs; (3) to help support the council operations. All of us thank you very much.

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Theater Rates Out Of Balance

EDITOR:
I'm not rich, but I like to see a good movie sometimes. I went to the movie the other day and the theater that I went to had a special student rate of \$1.50 for people between 12 and 15 years old.

Well, anyway that was a real good deal, but it was the first time that I ever went to a show with rates like that.

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Area Deaths And Funerals

JOHN J. VEDICHICH - Funeral services for Mr. Vedichich, 51, of 3157 Bedford, Livonia, were held in the Shepherd Funeral Home, Mr. Vedichich died suddenly April 18 in Belleville. He came to Livonia 10 years ago from Michigan, Pa., and worked as a computer assistant for the Michigan College of Art, and the Wayne State College.

MRS. J. SCANDIA - Services for Mr. Scandia, 80, of 26333 N. Manor Drive, Farmington, were held in St. Gerald Catholic Church, Livonia, on April 20. He was a member of the Holy Family Church.

MRS. J. LUX - Services for Mrs. Lux, 80, of 18875 Bell Creek, Livonia, were held in the Holy Family Church, Livonia, on April 20. She was a member of the Holy Family Church.

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