

Letters to the Editor

Honoring Eleanor

Honor Eleanor Roosevelt but do it someplace else. I have never seen any substantiation that the former First Lady ever climbed a platform attached to a tree on Crescent Road.

Former Public Works Director Albert S. "Buddy" Attick told me that the tree she viewed Greenbelt construction from was in the vicinity of Eastway and Gardenway where the original model homes were being built. Buddy worked for the Greenbelt construction as a security guard. I have not seen documentation of her visiting there either, but it would make more sense than on Crescent Road where the only construction to be viewed was that of Greenbelt Lake, off in the distance. A better viewpoint for that would have been the farmhouse near the Attick Park playground, the central point for superintending construction and gathering lake-construction workers for transportation.

We do have documentation that Franklin Roosevelt visited the Greenbelt site twice: once before construction began and again when construction was nearing completion. On that second trip, he toured the model homes and drove on to the lake dam to watch the initial stocking of the lake with fish.

We also have documentation that Eleanor visited the Greenbelt elementary school/community center at least on two occasions: once, a surprise visit where she observed children in classes and the other when she was invited to and attended a War Bond Rally/Dance.

Go with the documentation and place a marker at what is now the Community Center. Please don't continue to honor a dead tree; it was probably killed by building the monument to Eleanor.

Jim Giese

(For more on the Eleanor tree, see page 12)

Cookies at the Bridge

Many thanks to all who participated and supported our Cookies at the Bridge efforts for this past school year, especially the Greenbelt City Council and Greenbelt Community Church. We had the wonderful addition of RUAK, led by Robert Goldberg-Strassler. Again, no incidents were reported this year. We just happily handed out cookies to somewhat weary

high schoolers at the end of their day.

We always need more volunteers for the coming school year. Monday through Friday from 3:15 until around 4 p.m. at the Spellman Overpass. Contact me at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 301-474-9410.

Ellen Noll

Thanks for Session On Addiction

Thank you to the city and Greenbelt CARES for hosting last Thursday's community discussion and information sharing about addiction recovery and treatment. I was impressed with all of the county and state resources available to people who want help. Programs are offered that not only get to the bottom of people's addictions, but also teach basic life skills and emotional skills for folks to better self-regulate and care for themselves.

Regulating emotions is important so that self-medicating does not occur. Treating the whole body as one and teaching psycho education and life skills building is a goal of most programs. Maryland residents can call 211 to find information and referrals for Maryland programs and services 24 hours a day.

I am reminded that people cope differently. Some take walks, connect with others, meditate, exercise, live their life's purpose, while others might use food or drugs or alcohol or over-spending or over sexing, which are unhealthy ways to cope.

Regardless of how people cope, at the end of the day we are still people. We are not our illness or our disorder or a label of any sort. We are human. We may struggle. We may face challenges. Life can be difficult. We each bring something unique to the world. Help me reduce the stigma regarding addiction. No guilt, no shame. Let's work to improve our mental and physical health together. Help and resources are available to those who want it.

Li'l Dan Celdran

Peaceful Resolutions

Earlier this month, as part of Greenbelt's Peace Month activities, the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) provided two hours of drop-in training on basic conflict resolution techniques, transparent com-

munication and consent-based decision-making. Called "Making Peace with Difficult People (including you and me!)," the goal of the session was to help diverse and divergent voices meet in a spirit of peace and goodwill.

Participants role-played handling seven kinds of conflicts: communication, different needs, personality, scarce resources, values, conflicts based on biases or past experiences, and one person wrongs another. They also practiced active listening, reflective listening, and both/and thinking. Thank you to all who participated in the lively exercises and discussion!

CDCG will provide more such interactive training on Saturday, September 21, at a day-long, drop-in workshop titled: Greenbelt's Bountiful Community Organizations: Growing Skills & Nurturing Talent. The training will be at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. No registration required but feel free to contact Aileen with any questions at: aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

John Buck

Thanks

I am a longtime resident of Greenbelt and I came into contact with the Greenbelt Animal Shelter about three years ago. I live in the Franklin Park Apartments and since my moving there, have seen many feral, stray and abandoned cats there.

Three years ago, I rescued a pair of gray young tabbies some neighborhood kids were chasing.



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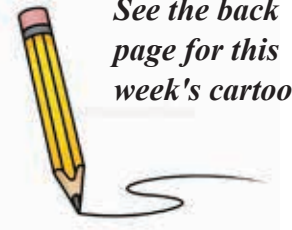
Echo in the Canyon

This documentary is a tribute to Laurel Canyon, a rural-feeling neighborhood in Los Angeles that became a mecca for creativity and collaboration for a new generation of musicians in the mid-to-late 1960s. It was the music scene that gave birth to The Byrds, The Beach Boys, Buffalo Springfield and The Mamas and the Papas, and many others, music that shaped the second half of the 20th century. People in Laurel Canyon would drop by all the time, remembers Michelle Phillips of The Mamas and the Papas in the documentary, "and pretty soon you were writing a hit." Featuring Jakob Dylan, the film uncovers never-before-heard personal details behind the bands and their songs and how that music continues to inspire today. Echo in the Canyon contains candid conversations and performances with Brian Wilson, Ringo Starr, Michelle Phillips, Eric Clapton, Stephen Stills, David Crosby, Graham Nash, Roger McGuinn and Jackson Browne as well as with contemporary musicians they influenced such as Tom Petty (in his last film interview), Beck, Fiona Apple, Cat Power, Regina Spektor and Norah Jones.

Rated PG-13, 82 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers

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week's cartoon



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