

Politically Speaking

Many of you have been asking me about the status of the Bellevue Mall Redevelopment and the Bellevue Library. Well, I have some news that I think everyone will find both interesting and exciting. Councilman Tygard and I spent about an hour with representatives from the Mayor's office last Tuesday afternoon before the council meeting. As you may remember, I had suggested a couple of years ago that I thought one of the best locations for a new Bellevue Library was the mall campus. After talking with Mayor Dean about this idea in conjunction with the mall's redevelopment, he too felt this would be a good fit.

Donna Nicely, director of Nashville's library system, over the past several months, spent a lot of time researching similar projects all over the country to see whether or not this location would be a good fit for Bellevue's new regional library. It appears that it is. To that end, the library board voted unanimously last week to give Mrs. Nicely the authority to complete negotiations with Four Square Properties, the mall's owner, to located the library at the mall. Preliminarily, it looks like the library will be located on the first floor of the Dillard's building. The building's façade will be totally redone, adding a lot of glass to allow in natural light. The library will have its own entrance and dedicated parking, which are two keys to success in this type of situation. This was the biggest hurdle left remaining that was putting on hold the mall's redevelopment. With this decision, the Tax Increment Financing that I proposed, will be used to fund a new Bellevue regional library. This is a great example of Public/Private partnerships that work, not only benefiting the developer, but benefiting our community and its families. The Mayor, Four Square Properties and I are truly excited about this project. The Mayor is simply hammering out the details of the financial agreement between Metro and Four Square, making sure to get the best deal for the city.

In other news, it is with great sadness that I announce that long time and well-known Bellevue resident, Jacky Allen, passed away on Monday. He was a good friend to me and to many others in this community. He will be greatly missed. Please see Paula's column about Jacky Allen. I don't have any news

Council Comments

by Eric Crafton
Councilman, 22nd District



about the arrangement at this point.

Finally, in happier news, I wanted to congratulate my daughter Ashley's friend, Sai Clayton for practicing her violin lessons for 500 consecutive days! She is nine years old and has been studying the violin for, you guessed it, 500 days. She recently had a recital, where she performed over 15 songs by memory. Her goal is to become a part of the Nashville Symphony. I think she has a good chance,

don't you?

As always, you can reach me at 862-6780, 352-7808 after 7pm or 300-7808 daily. My email address is eric.crafton@nashville.gov.



The Harpeth River Watershed Association accepted a \$6500 community enhancement grant from the State of Tennessee to construct a canoe access ramp for the Harpeth River State Park that manages the public access at Highway 100 where it crosses the Harpeth River. The check was presented by Rep. Gary Moore on Monday, March 24.

Westview Calendar

Country Ham Breakfast at WNCPC

West Nashville Cumberland Presbyterian will hold a Country Breakfast Saturday, April 5 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be all you can eat County Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Potatoes, Biscuits, Jellies! Good Fellowship, lots of smiles! \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under. Net proceeds to benefit Tennessee Tornado Relief. All additional donations accepted and appreciated.

Genealogy Classes at Columbia State

"Beginning Genealogy" Classes--At Columbia State Community College on Saturdays, March 29, April 5, April 12, 2008 from 10:30 am-----12:30pm with instructor Virginia G Watson, genealogist and President of Middle TN Genealogical Society
Contact: Ron Beck at rbeck1@columbiastate.edu or at 931-540-1121 for details.

Free Workshop on Family History

Interested in Family History? Join us for a great day!
Mark Your Calendar---- April 19, 2008 Time: 9:00am----2:00pm
Free Workshop--Sponsored by

Franklin Family History Center, Middle TN Genealogical Society, And Williamson County Public Library

Place: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Located at 1100 Gray Fox Lane, Franklin, TN adjacent to Battle Ground Academy

Deadline: April 9, 2008 contact

tlallman@comcast.net

Ulster Project Needs Host Families

The Nashville Ulster Project is seeking to recruit teenage boys and girls (rising 9th and 10th graders) and a male counselor (preferably 21 year or older) for

this summer's Ulster Project. Eight teens from Northern Ireland are scheduled to arrive in Nashville on July 1 and are in need of host families for them - the host family must have a teenager of the same gender as the N. Irish guest. The teens

participate in learning and fun activities throughout the month of July and create lifelong friendships. For more information, please call Joceline Lemaire at 615/226-6275 or 615/513-8283 mobile.

Video Review By Sharon Satterfield

Minus Man

Vann is one of the nicest and most mellow young men you'd ever meet. When he rents a room from a middle age couple, they practically consider him their own son. The whole community seems to adore him, including a woman co-worker at the local post office where he's doing an excellent job delivering the mail. But, the fact is...he has them all fooled. Not in a million years would any of them suspect he's a psychotic serial killer.

Owen Wilson gives an ideal performance as Vann in this exciting thriller. An actor who has proven himself in the realm of diversity has starred in an impressive number of successful comedies including Starsky & Hutch, The Royal Tannenbaums, Meet the Fockers, Meet the Parents,

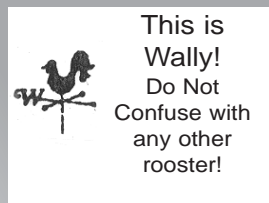
Zoolander, and the Wedding Crashers. He has also triumphed as a dramatic actor in such movies as Behind Enemy Lines and the spine-tingling film, The Minus Man. In addition to his talent on screen, Owen is a film writer and producer.

To be thoroughly entertained by this edge of your seat thriller, which also stars Dwight Yoakam and Janeane Garofalo, rent The Minus Man from your neighborhood video store.



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Play the "Where's Wally" contest and win 2 movie passes to Bellevue's Regal 12 Cinema. "Wally" is hidden somewhere in an ad in the paper (or maybe not). When you find him, send his position to the Westview office on the attached coupon. If you feel certain he is not in, send in the coupon saying "no Wally." A drawing is held each Monday morning at 11:00 a.m. If you win, come by the Westview office and pick up your passes. You can fax or mail your entry to:

WALLY THE ROOSTER	Last week's winner:
P.O. Box 210183	Linda Clark
Nashville, TN 37221	Location:
or fax to 662-0946	Sir Loyd's

I found Wally, now enter me in the contest!

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Wally's location _____