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being part of the community we go into. We've initiated a traffic impact analysis, to see whether we'll make traffic worse. We actually will improve traffic. We've taken special concern about drainage. Although this property is completely covered with pavement, we'll put additional detention underground.

Mayor Pro Tem Mandy Nathan said "I have one question about traffic impact analysis. Have you incorporated results into plan?"

Rose responded that he had and he also said he was not at liberty to disclose total capital costs when asked by Councilman Jim Avioli.

"I was personally disappointed in the public hearing regarding the proposed HEB planned development," says Councilman Pat McLaughlan. "Apparently HEB management felt they could simply come before Bellaire citizens and Council with only a very minimal sharing of information. More detailed information was included in material distributed to Council, but that is not routinely available to our citizens."

"A public hearing is held for the benefit of the citizens; this hearing failed to provide my expected level of detail to our citizens," McLaughlan says.

Councilman Gus Pappas asked about elevation on Cedar, and Rose says he was not ready for question, "There will be a pharmacy drive through and parking upstairs for handicapped, with two levels of parking total. The parking meets the city's criteria."

There are 372 parking spaces listed in the application, almost three times larger than what is now available at the current store. "They are only required to have 350," says McDonald.

McLaughlan asked about the relationship of small businesses in the center and their future. "They continue to ask me, they apparently have heard nothing from investor group," he says. "You guys need to work with that group and have them communicate. They are frankly worried about the future of their economic life. We are failing to adequately support their needs."

Rice Discount Liquor, Q Nails, Jimmy Johns, Bouquelle Cleaners, Thai Cottage, all have significant investments in their spaces.

"The whole center has been master leased to HEB," says Charlie Clifton, Senior Property Manager with Brixmor, the management company. "Once we master leased it, it is theirs to do with as they wish. We don't have anything to do with the day to day operations anymore."

"You probably need to talk to our marketing lady in New York, and I just don't have her number," says Beverly Farley, Senior Property Manager for the Cedar Bellaire Center for Brixmor. Farley could not say how many tenants she had or if they had flood damage.

Mayor Phil Nauert explains, "After this public hearing is closed, we are not allowed to answer questions from the public, we can receive written questions as late as June 11." Final deliberations for the new planned development will take place

June 15 at the regular Bellaire council meeting.

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cases a diverse mix of short stories, essays, poetry, and artwork, ranging from heartfelt to humorous to thought-provoking, reflecting a wide array of inspirations from its young artists.

14-year old Ruth Beau brun contributed an eloquently honest quartet of poems chronicling her feelings through her parents' divorce, while Ellis Haverkamp, 12, took his inspiration from a video game. Emma Fiesinger, 13, admitted she put her piece off until the last minute, unable to decide what to write about. But showing the reserves of a true writer, Emma turned her quandary into art with an essay entitled "The Ramblings of an Undecided Individual."

Michael Hoffpauir, 11, wrote a story called "The Serum" for *The LiterART*. "It's about an army of people invading a Chinese research base to make a serum and then they test it on the person who got it from them, and then they figure out it's too powerful and they have to destroy it," says Michael.

13-year old L. Burgher said the inspiration for "A Better Tomorrow" was "mostly from me and my own life, 'cause I've always considered myself somewhat of a social

outcast and the characters in my story did change the world in the way I wish I could for people like me."

Cindy Dinneen, Johnston's librarian, credits Ches Smith as "the mover and shaker" behind the *LiterART* project. Last fall, after publishing his own novel, *Under the Sun*, Smith realized he could take what he'd learned and create an opportunity for the students.

"I just thought it was a pretty simple process and there's no reason the students couldn't do the same thing," Smith says. "I approached Mr. Sanders and he liked the idea and we just decided to do this."

"It was his idea from the very beginning," said 7th grade English teacher Mark Dostert. "And as on-board as all of us were with that idea, there's no way it would have happened without the countless hours that he put in with graphic design and with the formatting, with figuring out the creative space publishing rules. It's a really involved process. Mr. Smith just did an incredible job, the beautiful book that we have is 99% his creative graphic design expertise."

Smith says Johnston plans to produce a new publication next year, as well as begin the project earlier. "We only had half a year, next year we're hoping to start at the beginning and do more," said Smith.

*The LiterART Greyhound 2015*, on sale at Amazon for \$9.99, is a refreshing and entertaining read, with distinct voices that combine shades of innocence with impressive insights. Laura Phelps, 14, shared her poem "Lone Tree," written after her grandfather passed away; while 12-year-old Louise Cohen's description of her drawing's inspiration- "I draw shapes. I draw things inside of things"- was poetic in itself.

"I don't notice how the sun shines on the rivers and lakes, or even a puddle, making them look like they're made out of white diamonds, shining ever so beautifully with the rays of the sun." (Chevez)

"This is just the beginning," Dostert told the students prior to autographing their work. "The world needs your creativity. We need your creativity and that's why something like this is so incredible, so important."

Language Arts Chairman Chandel Hancock called the publication "an amazing first, for not only you guys, but Johnston as a school."

In the end it was the authors and artists themselves who said it best, all between the pages of their book, showing a glimpse of what they have to offer by committing to their work and their words.



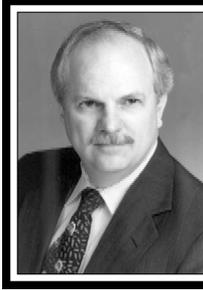
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