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## St. Paul's School sets green example

On Wednesday, St. Paul's Episcopal School in Lakeview celebrated the grand opening of its first official green building. The Green Top Cottage was graciously donated by parents Vanessa and Michael Burst and is designed to be durable and to use less energy and water. It is constructed with materials that are less toxic, renewable and locally produced.

The dedication ceremony included a ribbon-cutting, along with a greeting from Head of School Merry Sorrells, a blessing from The Rev. William Hood and student presenters.

The cottage features roof-top gardens. It's really wonderful to drive by and see the grasses, sod, palms and other native plant materials. One of the goals of the school is to eventually make the entire campus a green, sustainable one.

That is music to my ears as we can all learn from this program. Maybe St. Paul's could start offering classes on how to be green?

Global warming is very important topic to our area. Our coastline has rapidly declined and it is up to all of us to use less energy and resources. Hooray for St. Paul's for leading the way!

Since my last column, I've heard from many of you about the city's code enforcement court. Thanks to people from



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many neighborhoods across the city who wrote to me saying they want a court that enforces blight laws.

The good news is I spoke with City Council President Arnie Fielkow and he told me the entire council is in favor of this and is working on financing the court. He promised to keep me updated, and if I hear

anything new I will be sure to share the news. If you hear of any news, please share it with me.

Here's a great program coming to the city. The decorative painting apprenticeship program will create an on-site art school starting this month and running through May at City Park.

The decorative painting industry's top artisans will volunteer to teach classes to students — novice through advanced — in faux finishing and decorative painting techniques while executing design plans generated by professionals.

City Park is contributing nominally for materials and DPAP hopes to cover the bulk of the costs with student class fees and sponsorships.

DPAP will help revive the bumper car pavilion, casino building, ice cream parlor and other interior and exterior areas.

Techniques such as glazing,



In back, from left is Vanessa Burst and Head of School Merry Sorrells; in front, Jude and Sadie Burst.

leafing, marbling, mother of pearl, Venetian plaster, trompe l'oeil and air brushing will be taught. Classes run Monday through Thursday. Details are listed at [dpap.org](http://dpap.org).

The decorative painting apprenticeship program is headquartered in Kennett Square, Pa. DPAP is a not-for-profit endeavor. Everyone involved is donating professional services.

The next Harrison Avenue Marketplace will be Wednesday and the theme is "Heart's on Harrison" because the next day is Valentine's Day. Make sure to mark your calendars.

Anyone that lives or owns

property in Lakeview and is interested in becoming active in the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association and serving on a committee may send e-mail to incoming President Al Petrie at [al@alpetrie.com](mailto:al@alpetrie.com) and let him know of your interest.

Committee members are asked to attend and participate in meetings. Committees include social, membership, community planning and crimewatch.

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