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NEXT MEETING

*Zoom Meeting,
Thursday April 15 2021,
6:00pm*

Dues

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MARCH FOR BABIES: A MOTHER OF A MOVEMENT™



The Mauldin Civitan Club virtual Guest Speaker on March 18, 2021 was Ms. Maegan Thompson, Donor Development Specialist, March of Dimes SC.

March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization fighting for the health of all moms and babies. March for Babies: A Mother of a Movement™, a virtual awareness and fundraising to address the ongoing maternal and health crisis by engaging the public to raise critical funds in support of life-saving research, programs and educational initiatives. As the country enters the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, March for Babies is now much more than a walk to primarily end preventable preterm birth, but a rally cry to inspire and unite communities everywhere to achieve health equity for moms and babies alike.

The March of Dimes 2020 Report Card found that for the fifth year in a row, the U.S. preterm birth rate increased to 10.2 percent of births, earning the nation a "C-" grade. The statistics are worse for moms and babies of color—with the Report Card showing significant racial disparities that cut across

maternal and infant health. Women of color are up to 50 percent more likely to give birth preterm and their children face up to a 130 percent higher infant death rate. Additionally, Black and American Indian/Alaskan Native women are up to three times more likely to die from pregnancy related complications compared to White women.

March for Babies will bring communities together virtually for a variety of team building activities and fundraising challenges. Together, participants will unite to honor motherhood, babies and families in addition to supporting the March of Dimes mission.

Ms. Thompson at the end of her presentation challenged the Mauldin Civitan Club to surpass their goal from 2020.

Suzi Knebusch, President-Elect, thanked Ms. Thompson of behalf of the Mauldin Civitan Club for her presentation and advised that the Mauldin Civitan Club had already challenged to do better in 2021 than 2020.



The march is virtual this year but the help for the babies is face to face. Mauldin Civitan Club will participate at Greenville SC on 04/30/2021 for March for Babies virtual celebration.



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March 6-13, 2021 Barbara Angle and Suzi Knebusch represented Mauldin Civitan Club in the RMH SUPER HEROES IN SCRUBS VIRTUAL 5K to honor the Superheroes in the Greenville Health System for all of the lives they saved fighting Covid-19. They walked 6.2 miles during the week and some of that walking was done at our Mauldin Cultural Center while checking out the sculptures on display along the sidewalk. Suzi and Barbara raised \$125 plus the entry fee for Ronald McDonald House of the Carolinas! YAAAY!



Community News

[Hughes Investments, Inc.](#) and the City of Mauldin hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony at 11:00AM on Thursday April 8, 2021 to commemorate the commencement of construction at [BridgeWay Station](#), an immersive master planned, mixed-use development in Mauldin, South Carolina. The Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, United States Senator Lindsey Graham, Congressman William Timmons, Greenville County Council Chairman Willis Meadows, and Mauldin Mayor Terry Merritt were among those in attendance.

BridgeWay Station will be a multi-phase, mixed-use development. In addition to the 500,000+ square feet of surrounding condominiums and office space previously developed by Hughes Investments, the first phase of development will include:

- 68,939 square feet of retail
- 210,824 square feet of residential
- Approximately 73,000 square feet of office
- Approximately 81,000 square feet of institutional development
- 24,691 square feet of plaza and pavilion public space; and,
- 5+ acres of parks connected to the Swamp Rabbit Trail

Future phases of development on the approximately 80-acre site may exceed 2,500,000 square feet. With a focus on parks, plazas, towers, fully utilized rooftops, outdoor dining, and outdoor entertainment space, BridgeWay will meaningfully cultivate the most successful, safe, and highly desired components of large-scale, mixed-use developments to create a pedestrian-oriented, vibrant community.

BridgeWay Station will be the first New Town Center development in the Upstate. Beyond a diverse tenant mix, and through public/private partnerships, the development will offer unique placemaking architectural elements, fueled by local developer insight combined with international inspiration. The development will create thousands of new jobs, including over 1,000 new jobs in its first phase, and will serve as a catalyst for economic empowerment, boast new entrepreneurs, and create a highly desirable civic destination.

The significance of these actions can only be measured in the impact to a community where the market has long been underserved and underdeveloped. With nothing else like it, Hughes Investments, Inc. and the City of Mauldin hope that BridgeWay will enrich the lives of its residents as well as visitors from all corners of the city, state, region, and beyond.

During the Groundbreaking Ceremony, Mayor of Mauldin, Terry Merritt, unveiled the architectural design of the new pedestrian bridge that will span I-385 and connect the Swamp Rabbit Trail to BridgeWay Station. The construction of a .25-mile section of trail that will connect existing walking paths along E. Butler Road to the pedestrian bridge is nearing completion. The City is exploring additional trail routes to extend the trail to Simpsonville, Fountain Inn, and beyond.

Phase one is expected to be completed in Q4 2022.

BridgeWay Station and the City of Mauldin's pedestrian bridge are located at 1000 BridgeWay Boulevard (formerly Centerpointe Boulevard), Simpsonville, SC 29681.

Happy Birthday!

<i>Rosia Gardner</i>	<i>April 1</i>
<i>Curtis Pressley</i>	<i>April 11</i>
<i>Joyce Chavis</i>	<i>April 12</i>
<i>Bernice Rhodes Dessauere</i>	<i>April 16</i>
<i>Allen Chavis</i>	<i>April 26</i>

President's Message



Hello everyone, well, spring is here, I hope you have adjusted to the time change. I must admit, I like the long daytime hours. I hope all of you have had your Covid Vaccinations by now. I can't wait until we can have an in person meeting again. We are hoping to have a cook out in June. Our focus this month is to exceed the amount we gave last year to March of Dimes. We contributed \$1,400 last year. I hope everyone will give something. Our Team Board is now showing \$1,301. I know we can do it. A special shout out goes to our Team Chair Suzi, and everyone who has contributed thus far.

Due to the COVID-19 Crisis, Greenville March of Dimes has changed its annual March for Babies event into a virtual Walk starting April 30, 2021 and lasting until May 15, 2021.

By fundraising for March for Babies, you help support moms and babies during COVID-19 and beyond.

Your support helps:

- Research for COVID-19 treatments ensuring they are inclusive and safe for pregnant and lactating women.
- Fundraising and advocacy efforts needed to help those families impacted by COVID-19.
- Resources and training for doctors and nurses in the ICU and NICU who are fighting tirelessly for moms and babies every day.
- Development of educational materials for moms-to-be and families about what they should know to protect themselves.

The Greenville MOD March for Babies would like to know who plans to go to the Car Parade on April 30 at First Baptist Church, Greenville. Please give Suzi a call if you have not already done so. They will have Food and Prizes and it would help to get a count.

We will have a Speaker at our Zoom Meeting on April 15th, Mr. Tommy Rice from Upstate Fatherhood. Please make every effort to join us on Thursday.

I hope to talk with you soon. We will start working on our 2021-2022 Mauldin Leadership team in May. To keep this club engaged we need you to consider a more active role.

Sincerely,

Jimmy DuRante