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Park Public School teacher Rob Burnett prepared to launch the first of many entries in the seventh annual Park School Egg Drop Competition, last Wednesday (Mar. 30) The competition requires students to engineer a container

that will withstand the fall from the top of the school gymnasium to the pavement below, without breaking the raw egg inside.

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New advisory committee

Hospital seeking volunteers

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Georgetown Hospital is looking for people to be on a new community advisory committee.

"This is new for us, and we have no idea what the response is going to be. We're hoping to get a broad mix of people on the committee," Rick Johnson, chair of the community relations committee which is overseeing the formation of this new committee said.

"With the direction of health care today, it's going to require hospitals to go out into communities more than in the past. Hospitals have been purely institutions, but now we're spreading our wings and getting involved in the overall community," he said.

The new committee will have 12 to 20 members, half women and half

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men. Letters are being sent to community service organizations and an ad is going in the newspapers to reach the general public. Anyone interested is being asked to sent a note to Georgetown Hospital, containing their name, address, phone number and a little information about why they would like to be part of the committee. The cut off is April 30, and the first meeting will be in May, before the summer.

The members of the advisory committee will be selected by the community relations committee, which is made up of hospital board members as well as community representatives. They will try to get a mix of different age groups and interests, as well as people from service organizations and industry. The first couple of meetings will likely be information sessions to tell members what the hospital's plans

are. But the committee is a way the hospital board can get feedback from the community about their plans. It would meet about four times a year, and half the first group of members would stay on for one year, while the rest would sit on the committee for two years. The aim is to have new people on the committee each year, with a two year term.

"What we're looking for is a natural process that people leaving could recommend people to replace them," Johnson said. Some people from this committee might later become part of the board of directors for the hospital.

"My gut feeling is that we'll get a good response," Johnson said. "Once people see that there is not a lot of obligation time-wise, that we're just looking for feedback, they might jump on."

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