



DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Cydney Neville, Director of Community Services

DATE: December 30, 2013

RE: Monthly Department of Community Services Update

Dumfries Cares

The Elementary Emerging Leaders Program has been expanded to Thursdays-currently there are two enrolled. The extra day will allow us to reach more youth. Parents have the option to enroll their children in either the Wednesday, or Thursday after school program.

All programming is FREE of charge and provides group mentoring, prevention, and after school help.

The STEP Parenting Program is up and running, on Monday evenings! The Parenting Program is offered over an 8-week period, and is FREE of charge, to include the charge for books!

There are plenty of openings in the Middle School Monday Program! This program is FREE of charge, and runs from 3pm-6pm. The program provides homework help, life skills training, and the All-Stars Prevention Program.

A Mentor Training was held on December 18th. This is the first part of Mentor Screening. A total of nine prospective mentors attended, and once they complete their paperwork, the prospective mentors will go through a background check, and matching process, and will continue to receive training through monthly mentor trainings.

On December 20th, Dumfries Cares held a Family Fun Night where the community learned about our program offerings, enjoyed a potluck dinner, and danced and played games outside with Inova's Mobile Game Unit! Thank you Councilwoman Reynolds for partying with us!

Requested numbers*:

Middle School Monday-3, all Town citizens

Emerging Leaders Wednesday Program-11, 8 Town citizens

Emerging Leaders Thursday Program-2, both Town citizens

STEP Program-3, 1 Town citizen

Family Fun Night-32 attended. There was a sign in sheet, complete addresses were not requested, but the majority of the participants live off of Main St.

*Although asked to point out the number of Dumfries citizens, please note the funding for this program includes surrounding areas, as well as the Town.

“39th Annual Christmas-Holiday Parade”

The Christmas-Holiday Parade was held on December 14th, 2013. Despite the anticipated rainy conditions, we had a good turnout, and the Town had a fantastic parade! Thank you to EVERYONE, who made the parade a success!

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas Tree Lighting was held on December 7th. The event was well attended! Participants enjoyed the Quantico Saxophone Quartet, the Dumfries Elementary School Chorus, our “Singing Cop,” decorating the tree, and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

Community Center Usage

Inquiries are beginning to roll in, for usage of the Community Center. If anyone is interested, please begin the process, by submitting an application. Please note we are only allowing applications from non-profits at this time.

Newsletter

The next edition of the *Charter*, will be printed by the first week of February.

Black History Month Celebration

The Director of Community Services is currently planning the Black History Month Celebration, to be held on February 8th, at Little Union Baptist Church!

Grants

- Dumfries Cares/DCJS
- Walmart Grant to support Dumfries Cares will be written in January/February.

ON-GOING ITEMS:

Senior Luncheon

Thank you to the Dumfries Triangle Rescue Squad, for hosting the December Senior Luncheon! Also, special thanks to the wonderful Dumfries Businesses, and Councilwoman Reynolds, for donating gifts for our Seniors! Each Senior left with two gifts each, and two lucky seniors walked away with laptops! Thank you Mr. Taber for coordinating the donations!

The January Luncheon will be held on January 17th, at 1pm, at the Community Center.

English as a Second Language

The Town’s FREE ESOL classes are offered on Tuesdays from 10am-noon, in the Community Center.

Community Partnerships

- Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William County-ESL classes (<https://sites.google.com/site/litvolpw/>)
- Sonia Hoehn-ESL Instructor.