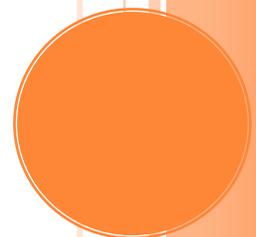


COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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DUMFRIES CARES-DCJS GRANT

Finalizing the Ezra Nehemiah Solomon (ENS) issue: ENS has been notified to return materials to the Town, as well as canceled checks and bank statements, so that we can close out the Frontline Program and move forward with Dumfries Cares. They have until Friday, December 9, 2011 to return all materials, and the program should be closed by the end of the month.

The continuation for the DCJS funds has been submitted for Dumfries Cares, however; it is mandatory for Frontline to be closed prior to being approved for the continuation. If the continuation is approved, it will create two new positions for the Town, and funds will support educational programming in the Community Center.

Citizens are beginning to show interest in our educational programs. Currently, we have had four ESL students and registrations are beginning to come in for the Middle School Monday Program, as well as the After School Tutoring Program.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The November Senior Luncheon was a success! There was a Thanksgiving theme, and we were joined by a Nutritionist from the Virginia Cooperative Extension, who gave an informational presentation regarding healthy diets and provided information on nutrients found in foods.

The December Luncheon will include staff, and serve as the Holiday Luncheon. Information will be posted this week.

37TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE

We are looking forward to the “37th Annual Holiday Parade” this Saturday at 1:00pm! The Kids Literature Corner will be held from 10:00am-12:00pm, the Dignitary Reception will be held from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. For years, the Town has had Mrs. Cramer as a Mrs. Claus. Unfortunately, she passed away last Christmas. It is an honor to have her daughter serve as this year’s Mrs. Claus!

PARENTING CLASS

The Town of Dumfries has partnered with the Virginia Cooperative Extension to offer a 6-week Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEM) class for parents of school-age children (ages 6-12). Classes will be held Wednesday evenings, February 8-March 14, 2012 from 7:00-9:00pm. This class will cost \$40 per individual/couple. The class will be advertised through the Cooperative Extension, as well as through the town.

LEARNING CENTER

All materials have been set up for the Learning Center, through efforts of all involved in this process, it is truly beginning to resemble an area conducive to learning. Computers will be connected in the Learning Center later this month!

GRANTS

October 2011-Walmart Foundation awarded us \$5000.00.

November 2011-Unfortunatly, we were not selected for the Safe Routes to School grant. However, now that we have communication with Dumfries Elementary, we plan to reapply when next grant cycle, and hopefully partner with Dumfries Elementary to make the application stronger and to reach more youth.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William County-ESL classes
- Virginia Cooperative Extension-PWC-Parenting classes, 4-H resource, nutrition resource
- Mahogany Books-Kids Literature Corner (www.mahoganybooks.com)
- Big Sis & Company- (www.bigsisandcompany.net) This company is focused on domestic violence prevention. They will be hosting a few domestic violence prevention programs in the community center-still in the early planning stages.
- Sonia Hoehn-ESL Instructor, but has also donated children's books.
- Emoni's-donates samples for seniors. She also is willing to offer special coupons for students in our educational programs, who earn good marks on their report cards.