



DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Cydney Neville, Director of Community Services

DATE: January 28, 2014

RE: Monthly Department of Community Services Update

Dumfries Cares

The Elementary Emerging Leaders Program is currently accepting applications for its Thursday after school program.

There are openings in the Middle School Monday Program. The program provides homework help, life skills training, and the All-Stars Prevention Program. Staff has been working diligently with Principal Anderson at Graham Park Middle School, who has allowed them to distribute flyers for Dumfries Cares Programming at the school.

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! A new STEP Parenting cohort will begin registrations mid February, with a focus on parents with elementary aged youth.

Annual Black History Month Celebration

The Town's Black History Month Celebration will be held on Saturday, February 8th, from noon to 2pm, at Little Union Baptist Church. The theme for this year's event is "Celebrating our Unsung Heroes." We will also celebrate the "50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement."

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. The space will be available for rent beginning March 1st.

Newsletter

The next edition of the *Charter* is in the productions stage.

Grants

- Dumfries Cares/DCJS

ON-GOING ITEMS:

Senior Luncheon

The January Luncheon was very well attended! Seniors enjoyed lunch, Bingo, and a presentation from Mr. Pete Singh regarding the new development coming to the Town of Dumfries!

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.