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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Cydney Neville, Community Services Director  
DATE: May 1, 2012  
RE: Community Services Update

### Priorities:

- May
  - Multicultural Festival
  - Bike to Work/School
  - Self Defense Workshop with PD
  - DCJS Grant
  - Summer Youth Employment Program-Selection
  - Kickball
- June
  - Senior Luncheon Cookout
  - Begin planning Fall Festival
  - Heart Health Event
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### Summer Youth Employment Program

The Summer Youth Employment Program is still in its final stage of planning. A Selection Committee has been put together, they will begin meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will develop and implement the selection process.

### Senior Luncheon

The March Senior Luncheon was a success! Seniors enjoyed meeting and interacting with all of the Council Candidates. They also enjoyed the "Ice Cream Social" towards the end.

The May meeting will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Bike to Work/School Day

The Town of Dumfries will recognize "Bike to School Day" on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Students on bikes will be welcomed to stop by the Community Center from 3:00-4:30 pm to grab a healthy snack to take home.

The Town of Dumfries will recognize "Bike to Work Day" on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Adults on bikes will be welcome to visit the Community Center for lunch, from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm.

## Parenting Class

The office of Virginia Cooperative Extension has been impressed with the turnout for our current Parenting Class. In fact, they have decided to continue their partnership with the Town of Dumfries, to offer the STEP class for parents of teens beginning April 18-May 30, 2012! Classes will be offered from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. The cost will remain \$40 per individual/couple. Please contact the Cooperative Extension at 703.792.6288 to register for this class!

## English as a Second Language

The ESOL class has been consistently growing, since we partnered with the Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William County. Mrs. Sonia Hoehn has been doing an exceptional job as our volunteer teacher for this class, and is a pleasure to work with.

## Kickball League

The Town is hosting its first Adult Coed Kickball League! However, turnout is moving rather slowly. This is new for the community, depending on the interest level received at the Multicultural Festival, the League may be moved to the fall.

## Heart Health Event

This event is in the very early planning stages. It will be a Heart Healthy Symposium, co-sponsored by "Big Sis & Company." More details to follow.

## Multicultural Festival

The Multicultural Festival is sure to be a fun event! The Event Committee has been working extremely hard to effectively plan this event. There will be over 40 vendors with food, arts & crafts, and service products. Many of our Town's non-profits have taken advantage of the opportunity to vend for FREE, so plenty of information about Dumfries will be shared! There will be many Community Performers throughout the day, so everyone will remain entertained.

## Grants

DCJS-JAGB Grant-The *Frontline* Program has officially been closed out, as of March 16, 2012. The application for continuation will be reviewed at the DCJS Board Meeting on May 10, 2012. At that time, we will know the outcome of the application; if approved, we will be able to move forward with *Dumfries Cares!*

## 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](http://www.mahoganybooks.com))
- Big Sis & Company- ([www.bigsisandcompany.net](http://www.bigsisandcompany.net)) This company is focused on domestic violence prevention. Their CEO was a guest speaker at the Town's Black History Month Celebration! They will be hosting a few domestic violence prevention programs in the community center. March-Today's Empowered Woman Conference.
- 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.
- Weems Botts/Historic Dumfries-Mrs. Baron has given presentations at some of our Senior Luncheon's and was also a guest speaker at the Town's Black History Month Celebration.