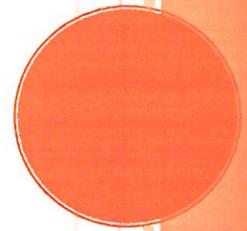


COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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Town of Dumfries, Director of Community Services



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PRIORITIES:

- Black History Month Celebration
- The DCJS Continuation/Dumfries Cares
- Recruitment of Volunteers
- Promotion and planning of Town Events for the remainder of the fiscal year.

DUMFRIES CARES-DCJS GRANT

Issues with the *Frontline* Program with ENS are closed out. There is hope that the continuation will be approved through DCJS, so that the Town can implement the *Dumfries Cares* Program. We should know the result of the continuation application in early February. Until the outcome of the continuation is known, youth related programs from *Dumfries Cares* are on hold.

Other Programming: The ESL classes continue to flourish!

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The January Senior Luncheon was a success! Seniors enjoyed the presentation from Mrs. JoAnn Barron of Weems Botts, they learned about genealogy from a presentation from “The Missing Connection,” and about future volunteer opportunities with the Newsletter Committee from Council Ladies Barr and Jurgensen.

The February meeting will be held on Friday, February 17, 2012!

ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

The Town’s Annual Black History Month Celebration will be held at Little Union Baptist Church, on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from noon-2pm. The theme of the event will be “Embracing the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Building for the Future!”

Guest Speakers will include: Mrs. Joan Barron, Mr. Curtis Porter, and Ms. Liletta Thompson! (Each will speak on a portion of the theme for 10 minutes max.) Performances for this year’s event will include: The Little Union Men’s Choir, Dumfries Elementary School Chorus, Ari’s House of Dance, and Rippon Middle School Step Team! Ms. Tiera Cobey, “2010 Miss Black Virginia USA,” and reigning “Miss Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.-Eastern Region” will be our Special Guest and will lead the audience in reciting a pledge at the conclusion of the program.

Educational materials (for 100 youth) have been purchased for youth in attendance (books for K-3, books for 3-6 and "slide guides" for Middle School aged youth on up)! Pencils, bookmarks, and wristbands will be given to youth in attendance as well.

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.

Ms. Anita Waddell from ENS has been selected by the Virginia Cooperative Extension as the facilitator for this class. As of February 1, 2012, fifteen parents have registered for the Parenting Class.

GRANTS

Awaiting the outcome of the DCJS JAGB Application for Continuation, see above.

Tentative Dates for Events

Below are tentatively scheduled dates for events:

2/11- Black History Month Celebration

4/21- Quantico Creek Clean-Up (Spring Community Service Project)

4/21- Easter Egg Activity for Youth

5/5- Multicultural Festival

9/8- Fall Festival

12/8- Annual Holiday Parade

Other Community Service Events:

3/24- Women's Empowerment Program (Partnership with Big Sis & Company)

4/25-NAACP Dumfries Candidates Event

May-Self Defense Class with Town of Dumfries Police (TBD)

June-Gang Prevention Presentation from PWC GRIT (TBD)

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.
- Weems Botts/Historic Dumfries



TOWN OF DUMFRIES ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

"Embracing the Past, Celebrating the Present, Building the Future"

Join us for an afternoon of history, music, song and dance as we celebrate Black History Month! There will be a reception following this event, with light refreshments and entertainment; we look forward to having you join us in celebration of Black History Month!

When: Saturday, February 11, 2012

12:00pm-2:00pm

Where: Little Union Baptist Church

17150 Mine Road

Dumfries, VA 22026

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