



## **MONDAY MESSAGE April 2, 2007**

### ***Upcoming Meetings***

<b>Rockwood Steering Committee</b>	<b>4-17-07</b>	<b>RCO</b>	<b>4:00 to 5:30 p.m.</b>
Neighborhood Restoration Team	<b>4-20-07</b>	<b>Park Place Coffee</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Intervention Prevention = GGAPP	First Thursday Noon at Heidi's In Gresham Third Thursdays 4:00 at the RCO		
Crime Prevention Team	Last Friday of the month		

***Please note:*** Weed and Seed Steering committee meetings will be held at the Rockwood Community Offices (RCO) from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT** – Watch for Officers in Rockwood on bikes on Fridays! Recent spring break curfew operations in Gresham from 11p.m. to 2 a.m. got sixteen youth off the streets. More activities are planned and officers plan to be a part of *Dia De Los Niño's* at the Rockwood Library on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **TEAMS NEEDED FOR EARTH DAY IN ROCKWOOD !! Saturday April 21, 2007**

Please help us form community teams to clean the streets! Put together a team, bag garbage and litter for a fun and high impact street sweep and get a FREE hot dog! Prizes and fun! Start at 10:00 a.m. at YOUR favorite location and meet up at the Rockwood Community office to celebrate. Call Natalie Mitchell for information or to sign-up: 503-473-9227

**THE VITA TAX AIDE** has now provided services to 250 people. Please continue to let people know about our service and hours **and remember**, *this is a walk-in center and we do not make appointments over the phone.* **Plans for computer center underway!**

### **COMPASSION ROCKWOOD Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Portland Lutheran School Campus.**

Medical and dental professionals are needed to assist with screenings and referrals. Non-profit service agencies information booths encouraged! Ideas on outreach and efforts to include and engage citizens welcome! Contact information and volunteer forms downloadable at [www.compassionrockwood.com](http://www.compassionrockwood.com)

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 3/20/07**

- I. INTRODUCTIONS –Debbie Porter of Centennial HS, Gary Tribbett, Steven Young, Gloria Wiggins, Mary Lou Begart, Virginia Warren, Alyssa Walker Keller, Nathan Treske, Scott Etlinger, Rich Pierce, Brenda Butler. Kathy Mindon, Sara Broderick, Maura White, Cathy Sherick
  - Presentation by Scott Etlinger regarding signage for neighborhood crime watch program in Rockwood. Purchase was approved.
- II. APPROVAL OF February 2006 MINUTES completed
- III. Mini-Grant Presentations and Awards
  - Rockwood Health and Safety Fair – will present at April meeting.
  - Centennial High School – explanation of the ASPIRE program and the school to work programs at Centennial. Grant funding will get kids to college campus visiting programs and seeing first hand

college life. Links to college first with mentoring, family services, scholarship options. Hope to involve 1800 youth through 6-8 field trips.

- Human Solutions – Everybody Eats – will present at the April meeting.
- Youth Video – El Programa Hispano – Presented on video project plans for youth affected by gangs – will work with Cathy who is facilitating another project for a similar model. Camera to be purchased by Weed & Seed for use within all programs. Funding will support video production and duplications.
- Baile Folklorico – El Programa Hispano – presented on costumes program that will allow a variety of groups to access/use the costumes.

*Additional Project support is being provided out of general funds from Weed and Seed project allowing additional progress for Compassion Rockwood May 19<sup>th</sup> 10-2 p.m. with focus on dental treatment and work with MHCC Dental programs. Will provide printing and signage to the event, positive contribution of outreach possibilities for the event. Vance Park signage kiosk: will allow for community news and information to be posted in safe location. Will be working with Parks to design and install.*

#### IV. COLLABORATORS' REPORTS including the following and much more:

- Human Solutions Emergency Housing program will be funded through RWS emergency resources allocation. The agreement has been approved and funding will go forward. Human Solutions has also secured property at 181<sup>st</sup> and Couch it is envisioned that the multi-service center funding campaign will begin in the near future.
- Justice Center information – no final site has been selected but two in Rockwood are under consideration for purchase at this time.
- Urban Renewal – short discussion of building demolition presentation done by the city of Gresham on March 15.
- Multnomah Budget Meeting on March 10 was a prioritization hearing only.
- Upcoming happenings: PAL Spring Break Earth Day Sat April 21 – *Sweet Street Sweep, City Event*

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Law Enforcement Report – City of Gresham Budget discussion and need to advocate for funding via the budget hearings process if services in Rockwood are to continue. Bikes to be in Rockwood next two Fridays / EMGIT / 6 officers and neighborhood crimes unit are on budget roster.
- Neighborhood Restoration Committee to meet 3/23 on Back to school fair
- Prevention Intervention Treatment Committee is now GGAPP – new web site www.GGAPP.org
- Business Coalition – Bi Laws and next meeting, Hispanic community inclusion.
- VITA TAX-Aide / Computer Center planning –Sara

#### NOTES:

- 1) Community Court – Theft Talk – good rotation of judges to East county, work there includes the new justice center and the community court – how that might look in that facility and or within a building with a more complete social services function, suggestion of work with Human Solutions multi services center.
- 2) Virginia Warren provided information on new jobs, job fairs locally and reduction in services that will preclude participation the slated computer center.
- 3) Meeting of computer center partners slated for March 23 at noon. VITA Center stats provided to the group and planning for next steps.

#### ***The Rockwood Initiatives***

- *Earth Day April 21, Natalie is Contact*
- *Compassion Rockwood Weed & Seed – May 19<sup>th</sup> Gary Tribbett*
- *Summer Programs in the Parks*
- *National Night Out – Neighborhood Restoration / GGAPP*

- *Back to School Fair – Neighborhood Restoration*