

Sundre Interagency Meeting

September 19th 2006

Summary

Greenwood Neighbourhood Place, Marita Stermann

- Community A-Fair was a big success, over 45 organizations attended and handed out information. The participants all expressed that the opportunity to meet the community as well as other services and organizations was great and it was worthwhile to come out.
- Moving date set and the GNP office will be closed for take down as of September 25th. Reopening October 10th, 2006.
- The full report on the Needs Assessment is available on line at www.sundrepeople.com or call 638-1011.

Bearberry Wapitana Society, Ingrid Mayr

- Working on high speed internet access for the west country
- Informed about the open house meeting at the Town office that is inviting the public to attend a planning session for the Town of Sundre

Webmaster GNP, Ingrid Mayr

- Please send your events early to GNP or the webmaster gnplace@telusplanet.net or msiinc@telusplanet.net
- Please mention the webpage www.sundrepeople.com when you have advertisement going out in print. This is a great chance to promote the webpage who is supporting all community groups and events.

Dorene Dick, Sundre Grief Support

- The Grief Support program is offering a closed session to the community and is still taking registrations. This is a free service but a 6 week commitment is required. To register please contact GNP

Sundre Community Van, Verity Pickering

- The community van is for the public and can be used for trips within the community as well as out side the community (Red Deer, Olds, Calgary etc.) A board meeting is coming up next week and more information will be distributed to GNP and in the community. Please contact Karen McLeod to book the van at 638-3266.

United Church, Verity Pickering

- The church is looking for a new minister.

Parent Link, Deb Billings

- Great turnout for the new parenting programs that are held at the public library. A variety of programs are happening throughout the week. A dads group is happening on Wednesdays For more details and times on all events call Deb at GNP 638-1011.
- Volunteers are needed for some of the playtimes. Anyone interested please contact Deb.

Sundre Pony Club, Christine Jeuronde

- The club is operating from May to October teaching riding, jumping, feeding, tack and much more.
- In the summer kids go to camps and shows.
- You need to have your own horse.
- For more information phone Christine at 638-5135

New Beginnings Church, Paul Webb

- A new webpage www.nbcsundre.com
- The church members want to be more involved in the community and are looking for ways to help.
- “Joyride Alternatives” every Thursday night at 7:30 pm at the High School grounds to offer youth the use of remote control vehicles. For more information cal Paul at 638-2338

David Thompson Health Region, Stephanie Hecker

- Injury prevention, in particular working on “seniors falls” and “youth traffic”
- Car seats will not be taken in by the Health Units any longer. Parents are asked to dismantle them themselves. It is not recommended to pass them on. A brochure is in the works and will be distributed shortly.
- Car seat clinics are still happening in the community but need to be sponsored by another organization.
- Funding has been approved for DTHR to hand out vouchers for low income families to by a car seat. Details are presently being worked out and more information will be available shortly. For more information call Stephanie at 403 934-3454.

David Thompson Health Region: Patci Hopkins

- School Health Facilitator involved in the schools with public health. For more information call Patci at 556-8441.

Alberta Mental Health, Lisa Lough

- Mental Health Therapist, walk in clinics are still offered at the Olds at Mental Health Centre, every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday from 12 to 4 pm
- Presently short staffed. Lisa is in Sundre on Tuesdays and Fridays and is working with children. Adults are referred to Cindy Shyback. For more information call Lisa at 556-4204

Alberta Mental Health, Cindy Shyback

- A new pilot project is coming to Sundre called “Mental Health First Aid”, it is intended to train people to be able to recognize and identify a mental health situation and to appropriately deliver mental health first aid. Coming March/April 2007
- Cindy will move into a new position at the Sunder Hospital, offering walk in Mental Health Counseling. This position is part time for now and will be fulltime by March 2007. For more information call Cindy at 556-4204.

Volunteer Coordinator Hospital Olds and Sundre, Audrey Hobbs

- Volunteer training available for “caring clowns” that will go into the hospital. Anyone interested please call Audrey at(403) 507-8105
- Looking for volunteers to help at mealtimes.
- At the mental health week October 3/06 a play will come to Sundre called “Starry, starry Nights”. More information will come out soon.

Family School Wellness Program, Wendy Tredger

- A lot of new families have moved to Sundre this summer.
- Presently setting up parenting programs
- More information coming soon. Call Wendy at the River Valley School at 638-3939.

Family School Wellness Program, Karen Grudeski

- The youth programs offered this summer were attended by and average of 15 kids and very successful
- Some of Karen’s support programs have started already.
 - A Noon hour presentation on drugs, alcohol, addictions etc
 - Parent information nights

- The Cooks in the Kitchen will be offered again for teenagers to cook meals for themselves.
- Challenge Day is on October the 23rd. This is a great day for the youth and people in the community to address issues such as, bullying, fears, feelings etc. Karen is looking for sustainable funding for these events.
- A “Family Camp Workshop” is planned for the community at now charge to participants. The indent is to address communication issues and invite families with teenagers 13 years and up. For more information call Karen at the High School at 638-4545.

Sundre Petroleum Operators Group, Janet Marr

- A great response from people attending SPOG Neighbours Day. Over 3000 people attended the event. Great feedback about the partnership with GNP and the information available on community organizations.
- SPOG is interested to be more involved in the community and is interested to see this partnership grow. A meeting is scheduled for October the 25 at the SPOG office to evaluate this years event.
- If anyone is planning to send in funding request to oil and gas companies, now is the time to do it as budgets are being prepared in October.

For more information on SPOG’s Neighbours day check out their webpage at <http://www.spog.ab.ca/> or call Janet at 638-5117.

Ministerial Society, Bernie Pickers

- The ministerial society is representing all churches in the community and can be contacted by phoning Gerald Ingeveld at 638-2356. Any information in regards to the churches can be forwarded through this contact as well as contacting the individual ministry.

A short focus session on the results of the needs assessment followed with the question asked:

What is working in your organization in regards to communication and how do we communicate with others.

Answers

- School Newsletter
- Staff meetings
- School announcements
- Flyers – posters – brochures
- Information nights
- Email lists, websites
- Open houses offering Free Food
- Farmer's Markets
- Available resources at the Library
- Word of mouth
- Personal invitation
- Reminder phone calls
- Waiting rooms and gathering places
- Welcome wagon
- Greenwood Neighbourhood Place
- Mountain View Society for Life Long Learning brochure
- Bulletin boards and store windows

Void Opportunities

- Community TV channel
- Olds radio station usage
- Partnerships with business
- Community Service Directory
- After hours emergency contacts for groups and services
- Processing and sharing information
- How to manage incoming information?
- Community Calendar display
- Town of Sundre Webpage

These bullets are listed as possibilities and opportunities to improve communication with each other. More recommendations and information is coming soon. For more ideas please contact Greenwood Neighbourhood Place.