

White River Families First Coalition

Meeting Highlights – January 23, 2017

Present: Sue Z. Hart, Eddie Haberkorn, Marvin Sundstrom, Rusty Wilder, Chloe Lopez, Cindy Orcutt, Sandy Burkett, Jennie Nicolls, Hugh Flint, Leah Haugen, Pat Valentine, Trip Hart, Julie Bevaart, Jeri Gamblin, Jan Burley, Donn Lewis, Harvey Perez, Marcy Boulet, and Kimberly Caldwell.

Today's Meeting Facilitator is Sue Z. Hart as Monica Gaub is on a vacation.

Let's Make a Deal for Families: Julie Bevaart has an electric range, glass table, TV stand, end tables and book cases for anyone in need - contact her at Julie@wrco.org.
Jennie Nicolls has a household full of items available - contact her at 360-829-5512.

Knowing Our Communities: Scott Gray, Enumclaw Expo Center

Enumclaw Expo Center, an event center, is about to celebrate its 125th anniversary. A 72 acre multi-use property with several different types of buildings, it can be rented for events. The top events hosted at the Expo Center are King County Fair, Scottish Highland Games, Olympic Kennel dog shows, Wine and Chocolate Festival (coming Feb. 3 & 4), and Hometown Throw Down. Combined, these events bring over 150,000 people to the area. On April 1st there will be an open house to reintroduce the grounds to the public. July 13-16, 2017 is King County Fair. This is a family fun event, the local 4-H and FFA will be participating. The Expo center has had huge impact in our community, bringing in over 6.6 million dollars to community and surrounding cities. The expo center is also an animal rescue and a disaster headquarters for animals. Folks can get involved by volunteering to help at an event, have a booth for your organization or nonprofit & monetary donations. Planning to hire a maintenance person 30 hrs/wk for grounds maintenance, fence painting, etc. Scott's # is 360-226-3493. Website: kingcofair.com

Announcements/Networking

Trip Hart, LINCKK - Power of kindness month for SoHapp. Power of meditation class offered on Feb 4th.

Harvey Perez, Rainer School - Successful blood drive and tree lighting. April 22nd will be fashion show, looking for volunteers to judge. More information to come

Marcy Boulet, Health Dept. – Recommends everyone get a flu shot as it is a bad flu year. Vaping and smoking laws are now the same in Pierce County. If you want more information or signs for businesses, email mboulet@tpchd.org

Eddie Haberkorn, Bonney Lake Lions – Annual Lion's Death by Chocolate fundraiser will be April 8th at Bonney Lake High School. Buy tickets online.

Chloe Lopez, Buckley Senior & Youth Centers - 17 homebound seniors received presents over the holiday season and got to see Santa. Thank you to Pat Valentine for helping feed 200 seniors at Dec. event. Youth Center Spring Fling Fundraiser is April 22nd at the Eagles Hall.

Jeri Gamblin, Just Serve - Contact Amy Molen to give her volunteer information for your organization mflowers@hotmail.com. Community Day of Service is Sept 9th.

Jennie Nicolls, WRSD Social Worker - Truancy Board meets 2nd Mondays. Needs more volunteers.

Contact jnicolls@whiteriver.webnet, or 360-829-5512.

Buckley Bicycle Co-Op is on the 2nd Saturdays for winter from 9:30 – 12 noon at the Wickersham School Campus. Youth can learn how to repair bikes. -Volunteers needed

Kimberly Caldwell, Prairie Ridge Comm. Coalition – Received Spark Grant from Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to do some park upgrades and have a community celebration for new playhouse. Glory Cancro, a local artist, is working with community youth to paint the playhouse.

Jan Burley, Community Presbyterian Church - Backpack program still going strong.

Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls – Restaurant Takeover event at Jersey Mikes in Bonney Lake Feb. 28th from 4-8:30. Potential mission trip to Jamaica is in the works.

Nest Meeting is Monday, February 27th. Guest presenter is Buckley Senior Center.