

White River Families First Coalition Meeting Highlights – August 28, 2017

Present: Jeri Gamblin, Harvey Perez, Todd Hobart, Thad Huff, Donn Lewis, April Young, Eddie Haberkorn, Jan Burley, Marvin Sundstrom, Sandy Burkett, Mayor Pat Johnson, Joy from Rainier School, Kristi Shaffer, Hugh Flint, Anne Trullinger, Rusty Wilder, Sue Z. Hart, Marcy Boulet, Jennifer Morrison, Lynn Reedy, and Julie Bevaart.

Welcome and Introductions: Marcy is filling in as meeting facilitator for Monica who is ill.

Let's Make a Deal for Families: Thad Huff has 600 3-ring binders available. Sue Hart has a 5th wheel that needs to be transported from Bonney Lake to Enumclaw.

Knowing Our Communities: "All Things Buckley" - Mayor Pat Johnson

The city has three branches of government – executive (mayor), legislative (council) and judicial (courts). Buckley has between 4500 and 4600 residents in the City limits, who live within four square miles. City budget is 26 million annually. Buckley is expected to grow in the coming months with developments around Perkins Prairie and Ryan Road. Once Buckley's population exceeds 5000 residents, it will lose its 'small city' status and eligibility for some funding sources. There are approximately 30 full, part-time and seasonal staff working for the City. This includes administration, police, and social programs which include the senior and youth centers. Buckley is proud of its 70 volunteer firefighters! A few concerning trends include increased homelessness, mental health needs, and drug crisis. Future needs include revenue sources, sewer, reservoir and water systems repair.

Announcements / Networking

- Harvey Perez and Lynn Reedy, Rainier School - Spoke about the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign drive, where the more than 900 employees donate to local causes. 51 people have been hired in the past two months. Lynn is also looking for resources that support employees, 829-3023
- Thad Huff, Open Life Church - Church meets at BLHS and SMS. Back to school event honoring teachers on Sunday September 10. Just gave funds to Liberty Ridge and SMS for school supplies for students.
- Bonney Lake Councilman Donn Lewis shared Beautify Bonney Lake is September 21. Costco is coming soon, and will provide 300-400 jobs.
- Marvin Sundstrom, Buckley City Councilman, spoke of concerns about the revenue generated from marijuana sales locally.
- Sue Z. Hart - Building Beyond the Walls is starting a new class at the Enumclaw Expo and needs community lunches provided for some upcoming construction class dates. Always looking for projects. Sue@suezhart.com
- Rusty Wilder with Pierce County Sherriff's office announced a pancake breakfast benefitting the Wrangler's Association on September 8 from 8-10 am.
- Julie Bevaart, City of Buckley, shared the Buckley Senior Center newsletter. Youth Center had a very successful kid's concert program and the music in the park series this summer

was well attended. New youth center hours will be 2:30 – 6:30 pm on school days, and 11-4 on school break days. 360-761-7814

- Kristi Shaffer shared WR Education Foundation is having an auction October 14 at 6pm at High Cedars Golf Course. Cost \$50pp. WReductionfoundation.org. Kristi also shared Relay for Life is combining with Enumclaw and will be held in Enumclaw next year, possibly July 13th. Kris39again@gmail.com.
- Joy at Rainier School announced they are looking to hire positive, caring people. Careers.wa.gov. High school diploma necessary. 360-829-3060.
- Jeri Gamblin reminded everyone that Justserve.org is a website for people and organizations to list projects and find local volunteer opportunities.
- Jennifer Morrison, ResCare, provides a resource through Workforce Central to help eliminate barriers for employment for teens and young adults. 253-289-1600.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 25th at 3:30 pm at the Buckley Fire Station.