

MINUTES

Woodridge Community Wellness Council

July 16, 2008

ATTENDEES

Julie Burke, WCWC Chair
Lt. Jay Caron, Lisle-Woodridge Fire District
Julia Cedillo, Village of Woodridge
Tim Cramer, Breaking Free, Inc.
Mary Ann Frank, Woodridge Junior Woman's Club
Michelle Lanzi, DuPage County Health Department
Bess Mocek, Rotary Club of Woodridge
Beth Van Opdorp, Woodridge Public Library
Greg O'Donnell, Metropolitan Family Services
Jessica Rodriguez, Positive Parenting DuPage
Teri Vasile, Woodridge Community Resource Center

INTRODUCTIONS

Julie Burke, Woodridge Community Wellness Council (WCWC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed the council members to the meeting. Members introduced themselves and stated their affiliation. Julie welcomed new attendees Mary Ann Frank, Bess Mocek and Jessica Rodriguez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woodridge Community Resource Center - Teri Vasile

There were several announcements regarding the Resource Center.

- The eight-week summer literacy program, "Catch the Summer Reading Craze," has 20 students. It is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woodridge.
- The summer camp program is ongoing with 60 children. They have gone on a number of field trips, including most recently, the museums along the lakefront.
- National Night Out will be held on August 5th and will be bigger and better than ever. This year is the 25th anniversary of National Night Out Against Crime. There will be games, contests, raffles, prizes, face painting as well as hands on tours of the DARE vehicle, fire trucks, ambulance, surveillance trailer and the Homeland Security trailer. Target Corporation and Carrabba's are the primary sponsors. Target will donate two bicycles and numerous gift cards and as well as send several volunteers to help out at the event. Carrabba's will provide and serve food for the crowd. It will also donate gift certificates in addition to a gift basket to be raffled off.
- Preparations are under way for the Back to School Bash at Jefferson Junior High School on August 25. Volunteers are needed to staff the event for the 700 seventh and eighth graders.

Metropolitan Family Services - Greg O'Donnell

The Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) MetroMentors program currently has four children in its program at the Community Resource Center and has three openings for children in grades 6-8.

The program is also looking for individuals who would like to become mentors and for advisory council members to help shape the program. The agency will soon begin its in-school mentoring program. For more information on mentoring and to participate in the program, contact Marsha Ndoko at 630.784.4836 or check online at www.metrofamily.org.

The three openings in the Parents as Teachers program have been filled.

Breaking Free, Inc. - Tim Cramer

The focus of Breaking Free Inc. is on drug and alcohol prevention and treatment. Summer camps are ending and planning for fall programs is underway. The program, "Guiding Good Choices", is a program available to junior high parents in Woodridge. Contact Shari Johnson at 630.897.1003 for more information.

Tim told the council that because of the budget crisis in the state, funding for social services are in jeopardy. The cuts cut a wide swath from funding for foster parents to senior programs. If the budget stands as is, the Breaking Free budget will be cut by 80 per cent for treatment programs and by 50 per cent for prevention programs.

More details of the proposed cuts can be found on the Illinois Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA) website www.iadda.org and on the Voices for Illinois Children website at www.voices4kids.org.

Tim urged Wellness Council members to contact their legislators and ask that the cuts be restored. Julie Burke said that she has a meeting scheduled with State Representative Patti Bellock and will invite her to attend our next meeting. Julie said that she would like Rep. Bellock to attend one of our meetings to see all the good things that are happening in Woodridge and to see what an active Council we have.

Woodridge Public Library - Beth Van Opdorp

- The summer programs end on July 26.
- The Library will host a new program called *Fresh Start* for high school freshmen. It will be held at the Library on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Motivational speaker, Jan Irwin, a consultant for the Archdiocese of Chicago/Office of Catholic Schools, the Board of Education Chicago Public Schools, the Diocese of Joliet and the Diocese of Gary, has planned this interactive program to reach for college and beyond as well as to outline life choices and enhance self-esteem. An adult family member is encouraged to attend. A \$10.00 cash deposit will reserve each student's place. The deposit will be refunded upon completion of the program. For additional information, call the Woodridge Library at (630) 964-7899.

Positive Parenting DuPage - Jessica Rodriguez

Positive Parenting DuPage (Positive) is a multi-faceted, county-wide collaboration comprised of dozens of organizations that work with families during the first three years of a child's life. Based in primary prevention methods, Positive is working to change the culture of parenting and child development in DuPage County, in order to lower the incidences of child abuse and neglect and increase effective parenting. By uniting organizations across the county with similar goals, Positive coordinates educational materials, strengthens linkages and access to support for all families. This comprehensive system includes components targeting all parents, not only those previously determined to be at risk. It offers educational materials.

Positive is coordinating a DuPage Voices Leadership Committee in partnership with Voices for Illinois Children. Its goal is to bring support for professionals and community members on policy and advocacy issues related to early childhood. It is open to all including social and healthcare professionals. It works with the Illinois General Assembly to address children's issues.

Positive in very active in communities within DuPage County and wants to increase its presence in Woodridge. It has already met with District 68.

For more information, contact Jessica at jrodriguez@positiveparentingdupage.org or visit www.positiveparentingdupage.org or call 1.877.411.7273.

DuPage County Health Department - Michelle Lanzi

On August 5 the health department will hold its annual back to school health fair in Wheaton. The Department uses a language line for clients who do not speak English. They also have Spanish-speaking staff to help with clients. These services are available for their clients. Check the health department website at www.dupagehealth.org or call 630.682.7400 for further information.

Woodridge Park District - Julie Rhodes

The Park District has a number of events scheduled for the rest of the summer.

- August 2 - All Village Garage Sale at Echo Point Park
- August 8-9 - Family Campout at Hawthorne Hill Woods
- August 13 – Free Movie Under the Moon – Charlotte’s Web

In addition the Park District is sponsoring a free summer concert series. The schedule is as follows.

- July 16 - Final Say (cover band), Mending Wall Park
- July 23 - The Flat Cats (swing/blues/jazz), Seven Bridges Park
- July 30 - The Wild Ones (rock-a-billy), Lake Harriet
- August 6 - Stellar Road (acoustic trio, jam band), Lake Harriet
- August 20 - The Big Sk7y String Band, Windy Point Park

The Park District Fall Activity Guide will be delivered to residents August 1-4.

Rotary Club of Woodridge - Bess Mocek

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 200+ countries and geographical areas.

The main objective of Rotary is service. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today’s most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*.

Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio. Locally the Rotary Club of Woodridge supports Serenity House in Naperville, the Catch the Summer Reading Craze program at the Woodridge Community Resource Center, and the Back to School Bash. It provided two \$2000 college scholarships to youth in Community Consolidated School District 99 for the fall. It also provides dictionaries to all third graders in Woodridge annually.

It is currently responding to a request from the Ray Graham Association (RGA) for replacement furniture for its two newly-acquired residences in Woodridge. The RGA serves developmentally disabled individuals. The Woodridge locations serve as group homes for RGA residents so that they may live in neighborhood settings.

The next fundraiser for the Rotary Club is the Mini-Triathlon on August 10; participants and volunteers are needed.

Lisle-Woodridge Fire District – Lt. Jay Caron

The police department/fire department charity softball game will be on August 4 prior to the DuPage Dragons game at Benedictine University in Lisle. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Jay and Joy Maguire Dooley, Lisle Township, delivered several hundred pairs of shoes to the Share Your Soles (SYS) distribution headquarters in Alsip. The organization collects new and gently used shoes for people around the world who have no shoes. Most recently the shoes have been sent to Honduras, Togo, West Africa, Iowa Disaster Relief, Mexico Relief, Rosebud Indian reservation, and inner-city Chicago. Monetary donations are needed to clean the shoes, packaging and postage. There are boxes packed and ready to go that are sitting at the distribution center because there is no money for postage. Jay said that high-end dress shoes that have been collected by SYS are sold on E-Bay.

Lisle Township will continue to collect new and gently used shoes at its offices at 4711 Indiana in Lisle. Julie Burke said that if anyone on the Wellness Council wanted to sponsor a collection of shoes, she would transport them to Lisle Township. Sports shoes that are worn out can be contributed too because they are ground up and used for materials for playgrounds.

Teri Vasile said that she would place a poster about the program at the Resource Center.

Woodridge Junior Woman's Club - Mary Ann Frank

The Junior Woman's Club is happy to rejoin the Wellness Council to maintain connections within DuPage County and regionally and to stay informed. The Club has a scholarship program that requires community service in order to be eligible. The club likes to promote a culture of leadership and the community service requirement for scholarships is a way of doing that.

Village of Woodridge/Woodridge Park District 50th/40th Anniversary Committee - Mary Ann Frank

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Village of Woodridge and the 40th anniversary of the Woodridge Park District. A committee has been formed to plan activities to celebrate these milestones. It is co-chaired by Mary Ann Frank and Mike Krucek. The committee decided not to create new events for the year-long celebration. Instead it will expand on existing events such as the Memorial Day parade, the Jubilee, 4th of July picnic, Cultural Fest, and the Town Meeting to name a few. The State of the Village Luncheon and Address has been moved up from April to January to launch the anniversary year.

A grant program is available for entities who wish to expand their customary events to celebrate the anniversaries. A total of \$15,000 is available. See the village website (www.vil.woodridge.il.us) for more information on the grant program.

Village of Woodridge - Julia Cedillo

- The special partial census is almost complete. There is no definite date for the Village to get the results. It is expected that the partial census will add around 1200 residents to our population count.
- The 6th Annual Cultural Fest will be held at the Town Centre Sept 5 and 6. It will feature local foods at affordable rates, dance groups, music entertainment, children's activities, and crafts for purchase from a non-profit organization.
- The annual Town Meeting will be held on October 2 at Bobak's Signature Events.
- The Diversity Committee has received an offer from Pieceful Heart Fabrics to make a 50th Anniversary Quilt for the Village with the proviso that the quilt be raffled off with the proceeds going to the Woodridge Community Pantry. The Committee has decided that the theme will be diversity and that the quilt squares will be made by the children in District 68 and St. Scholastica. Residents who quilt will be welcome to help sew the squares together. Pieceful Heart is donating everything except the cost of the long arm quilter. The quilt will travel to all

eight elementary and junior high schools Woodridge as well as the Library, Village Hall and the Park District Community Center.

General Announcements - Julie Burke

The Woodridge Community Pantry is offering a unique program called *A Job for Me*. This program is designed for high school students and adults who are seeking employment for the first time or are re-entering the job market. *A Job for Me* will help participants build self confidence, start a job search, prepare applications and resumes, prepare for interviews, dress for success and keep a job.

The program will be held at the Woodridge United Methodist Church, 2700 75th Street in Woodridge on Monday and Wednesday, July 21, 23, 28, and 30 from 11:30 - 1:15 p.m. Free lunch will be included. To register, contact the Woodridge Community Pantry at (630) 512-9921. There is no charge for this unique program and free babysitting is provided

See attachment for other announcements.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October, 2008 at the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Attachment: Announcements Handout

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Rockin' for the Troops

Tickets are now on sale for the Rockin' for the Troops concert featuring CSI: NY's Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band. This concert will take place on Saturday, July 19, at Cantigny Park in Wheaton Illinois. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Operation Support our Troops, Illinois. For additional information, visit www.osotil.org or call (800) 594-8499.

Woodridge Jaycees

"It's Raining Relief for Flood Victims"

On Saturday, July 27, from Noon until 4:00 p.m. at Orchard Hill Park (just south of Cypress Cove on Janes Avenue, Woodridge) the Woodridge Jaycees will hold a family BBQ and Blood Drive. All proceeds from food sales, entertainment sale and donations will be put towards funding for flood victims in the Midwest. Food will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pop and water. Activities include face painting, balloon animals for the kids, bean bag tournament, children's games and fun for the whole family. The Jaycees will also be participating in a raffle through www.charitysplits.com. Chances are for sale through 07/29/08. The winner will split the proceeds of purchases 50/50. Winners will be notified on 07/29/08. For additional information, call (630) 674-8768.

Chuck Ceja Golf Outing

The Woodridge Jaycees will hold its 2nd Annual Chuck Ceja Classic Golf Outing on Saturday, October 11 at Village Greens Golf Course. Those registering before July 26 will be entered into a drawing for a free individual registration. For more information and/or to register, please visit woodridgejaycees.org or call 630-660-0132.

Summer Movie and Concert in the Park Series

The Woodridge Park District is offering a series of free movies and concerts in the park. For additional information on bands, movies and locations, visit www.vil.woodridge.il.us to view the community events calendar.

Rotary Club's 9th Annual Mini-Triathlon

Sign up now for the Rotary Club's 9th Annual Mini-Triathlon (250 yard swim, 6.2 mile bike, 2.1 mile run). The event will be held on Sunday, August 10, at 7:00 a.m. at the Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park (8301 S. Janes Avenue). Net proceeds support Rotary International and local community projects. Volunteers to work the event are also needed. For more information, visit www.woodridgerotary.org.

Cultural Fest

The Woodridge Cultural Fest will be held on Friday September 5 and Saturday September 6.

Entertainment**Friday September 5**

- 5:00 to 7:00 - Bravo Band Chicago
- 8:00 to 10:00 - Whiskey Brothers Irish Band

Saturday September 6

- Noon to 12:30 - Magic Show
- 12:30 to 1:00 - Smahang Kapatid Filipino-American Dance Troop
- 1:00 to 1:30 - Weber Irish Dancers
- 3:00 to 4:00 - Real Women Belly Dance
- 4:00 to 4:30 - Downers Grove Steppers
- 5:00 to 7:00 - Midway Ramblers Cajun Band
- 8:00 to 10:00 - Willie Gomez Con Cache at Carnival Salsa Band

Children's Tent

The Children's Tent will be open from Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday September 6. Children's Tent activities will include face painting, story telling and arts and crafts.