



Willapa Community Network Newsletter

Your Connection to Our Community

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Our Vision

Our vision is a thriving, connected, community achieved through enhanced leveraging of resources and services in north Pacific County.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support an inclusive community network that encourages communication and collaboration among service providers, business, and volunteers, to enhance quality of life in north Pacific County.

Next Meeting:

WCN meets on the first Wednesday of each month—all are invited to attend.

11:00 am—1:00 pm
Willapa Harbor Hospital
Cedar Conference Room



PO Box 821
Raymond, WA 98577

Alliance for a Better Community is a group of concerned citizens, organizations, and officials working together for the common goal of improving the quality of life for our North Pacific County families and youth

An announcement was made at the last WCN meeting on February 4, 2015 that Alliance for a Better Community is in the strategy stages of a huge endeavor. While attempting to re-purpose current buildings into an Activity or Community Center, the results have not turned out.

We are looking for written support from our fellow agencies and organizations in letter form that speaks of a need for our citizens to have a place to gather, learn, recreate, and promote social well being at little or no cost to the users.

Written support is the first stages of our strategy. Once there is evidence of strong community support any applications for grants to fund this type of facility will be stronger. There is a huge need for practice fields for soccer and other sports and trying to schedule practices between events takes parents chasing their kids all over the place and late into the night, sometimes, having to practice in another county.

Imagine a new facility that would be an Activity Center/Practice Field combination, on a hill, out of the flood zone. This facility could be designed to be very versatile and even include some conference rooms to double as a social hall. It could have an indoor pool, indoor basketball court that also could double as volleyball court, etc.

Out of the flood zone, funding could be applied for use as an emergency storm shelter as well. Many avenues of funding can be pursued by our ABC non-profit 501C3 status to reduce costs to our county and citizens. ABC has already obtained a movie about a small county that initiated the "If You Build It" program that funded students in the schools, mentored by contractors, to build a new Farmer's Market. This taught them life skills and they received school credit as well. Pride in their creation kept at-risk kids in school and the sense of ownership to them reduced vandalizing of the property. The whole community benefited.

If this idea is a positive one for you and the organizations you belong to, please send a letter that reflects your excitement for the idea to the address above. Your support is most appreciated.

Many Thanks

ABC Board



MONEY SMART WEEK®

April 21, 2015 | WASHINGTON

Grays Harbor College presents: A public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

Tuesday, April 21 1 PM to 6 PM

Riverview Education Center, 600 Washington Ave., Raymond, WA

Topics include: *Funding Your Education, Marketing, Balancing Your Budget, Identity Theft and Retirement Planning*

Contact Kent Smaciarz with questions:

Ph. #: 360 875 9466 ex. 1

E-mail: kent.smaciarz@ghc.edu

Willapa Community Network has released the application for the 2015 Gates Mini-Grants!

Sometimes a little extra funding can make all the difference! Willapa Community Network works to encourage networking among local agencies, coalitions, and other volunteers that will result in increased leveraging of resources, increased partnerships and collaboration, and a reduction in duplication of services. Willapa Community Network is releasing mini-grants for community organizations that have programs or activities that work to promote healthy kids, families, and communities through **Reducing Intergenerational Poverty**. Some examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Community Capacity Building
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Literacy
- Food Insecurity
- Family Enrichment
- Early Childhood Development
- Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
- Youth Substance Abuse Prevention
- Mental Health Promotion
- School Dropout Prevention
- Housing and Homelessness
- Parent Education
 - Community Connections
- Entrepreneurship and Youth Innovation
 - Youth Violence Prevention
 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Applications are due March 17, 2015. This is a great way to fund a small project for our community that your organization has been thinking about! Look over the application and feel free to share with anyone you know who might be interested! Applications can be found at local community meetings, on community organizations' FaceBook pages and websites, as well as email distribution lists OR:

To get an application, please contact: Becky Fischer, PCYA Program Coordinator
Raymond: (360) 942-2303 Long Beach: (360) 642-3787 Email: fischerb@willapabh.org

Grays Harbor College, Continuing Education Department is offering a variety of opportunities this Spring quarter at the Riverview Education Center

NEW! EDventure Hikes

Lighthouse to Lighthouse Hike

Saturday, May 16th, join us for a hike from North Head Lighthouse to Cape Disappointment Lighthouse. Local ecologist, Kathleen Sayce, will be guiding on this surprisingly strenuous 4 mile hike, with more than 1000 ft of elevation gain. She will provide educational facts regarding coastal forests, trees, and other natural history of the headlands. Participants are encouraged to wear stout shoes or boots and bring walking sticks, clothing suitable for the weather of the day. A sack lunch, bottle of water, and snack will be provided. Pick up locations include: Aberdeen at 7 am, Raymond at 8 am, and Ilwaco at 9 am. Cost \$77.89



Discovery Trail Hike

Saturday, June 13th, our voyage sets foot at the Seaview Beach Approach south on the Discovery Trail learning about the different fauna and flora that surrounds us; at O'Donnell Rock we will leave the trail for the beach, to walk to Fishing Rocks, continuing the discussion on beaches and seasonal changes to the dunes. Kathleen Sayce, local ecologist, will be leading this 5 mile hike. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended as well as clothing suitable for the weather of the day. A sack lunch, bottle of water, and snack will be provided. Pick up locations include: Aberdeen at 7 am, Raymond at 8 am, and Ilwaco at 9 am. Cost \$72.83

Knead to Know: Sourdough

Get ready to explore, using sourdough, a yeasty starter for leavening in your kitchen. It is not all pancakes and bread. Participants are encouraged to bring an appetite as we will be cooking, baking, and taking yummy sourdough items and recipes home. This course is being offered for \$23.75 at the Riverview Education Center on April 30th from 6 pm-8pm. Register online at www.ghc.edu/ce or Kent Smaciarz at 360.875.9466 Ext. 1.

EDventure

Oysterville - Bringing the Past into the Present

On April 25th, visit the original Pacific County seat and learn more about midnight raiders who kidnapped county records in 1893.

Local author, Sydney Stevens, will be guiding the tour of Oysterville, the community located at the tip of the Long Beach Peninsula. Take this EDventure with our Community Education program and enjoy lunch at the original Oysterville church built in 1892, with other stops at Nahcotta, Ocean Park, and Seaview.

Cost of the trip is \$72.29, which includes lunch, snack, and transportation; leaving Aberdeen at 8:30 am, Raymond at 9:15 am, and Ilwaco at 10:30 am. Sign up today online at www.ghc.edu/ce or with Bethany Barnard at 360.533.9733.



Gardening & Landscaping using Native Plants Workshop

Choosing native plants allows developed landscapes to coexist with nature, rather than compete with it. Novice and professional gardeners are turning to native landscaping to manage storm water, reduce maintenance, and promote plant and wildlife conservation. Learn about the native plants that thrive in our area as well as easily identifying them. A combination of lecture, skills practice and discussion are all a part of this three hour workshop. Bev Arnoldy, WSU Master Gardner, will be instructing this workshop at both locations. The cost is \$24.50, which includes all workshop materials. Riverview Education Center: Saturday, April 18th 9 am-Noon; Columbia Education Center: Tuesday, April 21st 1 pm-4pm

Register online at www.ghc.edu/ce or Kent Smaciarz at 360.875.9466 Ext. 1.

For more information or to registration, please contact Bethany Barnard, Whiteside Continuing Education Center Manager, at 360.533.9733 or bethany.barnard@ghc.edu. Visit our website at www.ghc.edu/ce.

Award Winning Oregon Pianist in Concert



JOHN NILSEN

Willapa United Methodist Church
969 Willapa 1st Street, Raymond WA
Sunday March 1, 3:00 pm

"The musicianship is flawless." - **Keyboard Magazine**
"This show is highly recommended." - **Willamette Week**

Join us for John's concert performance,
followed by fellowship and light refreshments.
All are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Save the date:** South Bend DCFS, 3/19/15, 3:00-4:30 PM Long Beach DCFS, 3/20/15, 1:30-3:00 PM Division of Children and Family Services want to invite our community leaders to a community celebration to thank them for their support of Family Assessment Response's launch in Pacific County. An event will be held in both the Long Beach and South Bend offices. Our Area Administrator and staff from DCFS main office will be in attendance and available for any questions people might have about FAR. Light refreshments will be served. We would love to see you there!
- **Save the date:** SPRING Basic Mediation Training DATE TIME AND LOCATION: The Dispute Resolution Center Thursdays April 9th & 16th 4pm -8pm, Fridays April 10th & 17th 9am-5pm, Saturdays April 11th & 18th 9am-5pm. Sometimes life becomes so busy that normal differences can turn into conflict. If this conflict is not managed it can fester into dispute. When dispute is not resolved it can deteriorate into a battle. Conflict is a normal part of life. Learning how to manage differences is the mission of this course. This course is perfect for learning effective communication and negotiation skills. Anyone who wants to learn how to productively resolve conflict, or assist others in resolving conflict is welcome. Professionals and non-professionals alike will benefit from improved conflict management skills. Attorney, judges, public servants, homemakers, business and HR managers, counselors, teachers, social workers, administrators, law enforcement professionals, students, negotiators, and everyone else will find true benefit from conflict management and mediation skills. If you would like to attend this training, please contact Donna Hallock or Barbie Smith @ The Dispute Resolution Center GHPC (360) 532-8950 or donnah@drcghp.org or barbara@drcghp.org . Course Accreditation: CLE: 37.5 WSBA (4 ethics) CEU: 4 master's credits WWU.

south bend/raymond caregiver support group

for caregivers of those with memory loss



Family Caregiver Support Group Meetings:

- provide a place for caregivers to learn and gain support from other caregivers also caring for a person with memory loss
- present information about memory loss care management, available services, and current research and treatment options
- are led by volunteers receiving support and training from the Chapter
- are free and open to unpaid care partners, family members and friends of individuals with memory loss
- are available in your community

Starting in March
3rd Thursday of each month
1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Willapa Harbor Hospital
Evergreen Room
800 Alder St
South Bend, WA 98586

Contact group facilitator:
Helen Morning Star, 360.533.2277

"It is an excellent forum to discuss personal issues we face and to support one another."
-Support Group Attendee

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