



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Paul Roback

Community Development- Presented to 17 members of the Hartford Business Improvement District (BID) on marketing their downtown businesses in a difficult economy. Participant's business experience ranged from a couple that is opening a business in July 2009 to a person with over 20 years of business experience. Participants evaluated the quality of the presentation a 4.3 on a 5-point scale. Several experienced business owners commented that the information presented was a good refresher and it reinforced what they were thinking.

Organizational Development- Paul completed draft strategic plans for the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy and the Healthy People Project of Washington County.

Demographic Information- Paul compiled and presented in-depth demographic information on Washington County for the UW-Extension office Civil Rights review to meet federal civil rights guidelines from US Department of Agriculture.



GROWTH MANAGEMENT
Kevin Struck

Town and Village Comprehensive Plan - With notice posting and public hearing deadlines looming, efforts continue on the Village of Jackson/Town of Jackson Comprehensive Plan. Kevin has been working to tie up loose ends and create a final draft document for the printer. In the meantime, he continues to make sure local officials are involved and understand the importance of the process. "Thanks so much for being there tonight. You did a great job," said Village Administrator John Walther following Kevin's appearance before the Village Board in mid-June.

Farmington Well Water Education - A total of 21 interested residents attended a well water educational session at the Farmington Town Hall on June 8. Kevin worked with UW-Extension Groundwater Education Specialist Kevin Masarik to organize the session and explain the results from the recent water testing program held in the Town. Several residents stayed afterward to ask questions about arsenic and bacteria, and to seek remedies for color, odor, and other problems.

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Program Highlights
JULY 2009



PROGRAM AREAS

4-H Youth Development

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WI Nutrition Education

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Pattie Carroll, Educator

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 14 Free Family Fun Night-Casa
- 18 12th Annual Garden Tours (includes our Community Garden behind the PAC!)
- 21-26 County Fair
- 28 Free Family Fun Night-Casa

AUGUST

- 6-16 WI State Fair
- 12 Fun & Learning Family Day-PAC
- 20 4-H Open House, Fair Park

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



AGRICULTURE / AGRI-BUSINESS

Alan Linnebur

Scissors Cut: Alan participates in an alfalfa hay quality testing project that is used to guide farmers in their decisions to maximize the amount of milk their cows produce per acre of hay they grow. This is accomplished by providing data that helps farmers balance the quantity of hay in the field with its quality to produce the most income.

Youth Livestock: Alan worked with the Sale Committee, Animal Science Association and Livestock Executive Committees as they prepare for the fair, which is approaching quickly. We are wrapping up this year's youth livestock educational events by making sure that everyone has met the criteria to participate at the fair and sale. Alan also facilitated the process of entering the State Fair for the Jr. Dairy Project participants.

Master Gardeners: Alan facilitated the review and adoption of bylaws by the newly formed Washington County Master Gardener Association. The group also chose seven individuals to serve on the group's Board of Directors, where Alan will serve as an ex-officio member facilitating this group as it develops.



FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

Marma Jean McIntee

Family Financial Education: With unemployment soaring in Washington County, many residents are facing a significant drop in income which can be one of the most stressful events a person can experience. Unemployment can mean sudden lifestyle changes for the entire family. In cooperation with Workforce Development, Marma taught a two hour workshop, **Dealing with a Drop in Income**, to 17 unemployed workers.

This workshop will be held again in July to help participants develop a new budget based on a lower income, track expenses, and identify the consequences of "not paying the bills." In addition they learned general rules on which debts to pay first, how to negotiate with creditors, strategies to spend less, and resources to help them get by until they are able to find a new job.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Kandi O'Neil

Day Camps are a Success: This year the summer day camps were near capacity at Glacier Hills Park. Over 350 youth participated in Wild Wacky Weekdays or Safety Day camp. About 50 youth and adult leaders assisted with each of the four day camps. Youth learned about birds and nature. Next year's theme will focus on Wetlands.

Summer Youth Outreach Programs: The Youth Outreach Programs are underway. The first week had 108 youth at the 4 parks in West Bend and Hartford. Youth were involved in learning about gardening. A part of their project was to make over 50 flower pots that will be distributed by the Aging & Disability & Resource Center to county residents they serve. This week the focus is on birds in the Slinger park and rabbits in West Bend and Hartford. There have been two programs held at Casa Guadalupe. The first one focused on gardening and the second on African culture. 49 youth participated in the programs at Casa. The summer program is coordinated by Jocelyn Ritger. She is working with a team of 4-H youth and adult leaders.



NUTRITION EDUCATION (WNEP)

Renee Vertin and Pattie Carroll

Dietary Quality: A new trend appears to be emerging... more men are engaged in food shopping and preparation for their families. WNEP responded to this need by offering a "Cooking" Class to the **Male Involvement Group of Head Start**. 13 adult caregivers (dads, grandfathers and significant others) and 15 children attended, which amounted to a *record* turnout at an educational event for Head Start in this school district. Although actual cooking was not feasible (due to constraints of physical space and equipment), each family unit participated in a hands-on activity to plan their very own one-dish meal to make together at home. Everyone sampled a recipe from the educational handouts, an easy crock pot entrée. The men also learned the basics of planning and preparing nutritious, low-cost meals, and safe ways to involve children in kitchen tasks. One male reported that he found the session "very helpful" and planned to "add more healthy foods to make a better meal."

