

Four Creeks

Unincorporated Area Council



2015 Community Safety Event Report

For 2015 Four Creeks UAC members decided to focus on Community safety events including National Night Out. This flexibility gave us options that we didn't have in the competition for resources during NNO events. We applied for a Community Service Area grant and were awarded a grant for \$1,000.00. with the grant in hand we searched for community partners that would be willing to help host a NNO event but found no takers as the summer season rapidly approached. In June we were able to connect with management at May Valley Mobile Manor who were thinking about putting on an event. In early July we decided to help organize a block watch party for the Ida Naila / Briarwood Block watch.

May Valley Mobile Manor is managed by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI). Their on site Manager Xing Mei Wei was working on putting on a community summer picnic with limited funds and was excited to work with Four Creeks to make it a combination picnic and Community safety event. This was to help boost block watch participation among residents. We met in July with Mobile Manor residents Carl and Dee to talk about community needs and how to help build their block watch back up. After a subsequent meeting with Mei's supervisor Ralph, we decided on how best to put on the event, with food, guests, and entertainment. We decided on who would provide what, and the time and date of the event. There were 75 color flyers printed for distribution and three posters made to put up around the park to invite residents. We contacted King County Sheriff's precinct 3 to have officers come by the event, Cedar Grove Compost to help with donations, arranged for a bouncy house for the event and shopped for food items including pizza from Domino's.



May Valley Mobile Manor BBQ Picnic with Representative from Concerto Health Care and their raffle items

On August 18th the event at May Valley Mobile Manor proceeded starting at 5pm. There was a large bouncy house set up for the children, food, drinks and snacks for all. Carl had a block watch table set up to give out information. We had block watch books and signup sheets there. Four Creeks along with King County CSA and Sheriff's Department also had a table set up with information for residents.



Kids enjoying the Bouncy House



Residents get information from Concerto Health Care Representative



Bouncy House set up and BBQ ready to go , just prior to event start



Officer Mary Syson arrives for visit with residents.



Marissa talks with a couple of the volunteers working at the event

Captain Greg Thomas attended and was able to talk with residents about issues concerning drugs, gangs and public safety. Just about every child was made a junior deputy which helped get residents to participate. I lost track of the number of NNO balloons that we gave out to the kids and blew up for them. Local Patrol Officer Mary Syson also stopped by and was able to give Mei some insight in dealing with Tagging that has occurred on site. Carl was able to sign up 6 new folks to their block watch and folks are now discussing using Facebook and or NextDoor websites as additional tools to reach residents. There were also representatives from Concerto Health Care on site that were able to give out information on services available to them. In all over 100 residents attended and were very appreciative of the work that went into putting on the event. Cedar Grove donated 10 bags of Compost which were raffled off. The Raffle of course was a big hit, kids and adults eager to participate. And to say that the bouncy house was a hit with the kids would be an understatement. After reviewing the event afterward with Mei, we feel that we had a great success in bringing that small community together and that it was very well received. The community there will consider applying for a grant next year to put on similar events or programs to benefit the residents there.

In July We put out the word to our Neighbors in the East Renton neighborhood of Briarwood that we were thinking of putting on a block watch event in August and would hold a planning meeting on July 30. Jan Sattler hosted the event along with Debi Eberle. About a dozen people attended and decided on what food should be provided, where and when the event would occur and who would provide what. We contacted Renton Fire department , Water District 90, and King County Sheriff Department to attend. Closer to event we ask King County Emergency Management to attend. 115 color flyers inviting residents were hand delivered to all the homes within our designated block watch area. Also we posted on the Ida Naila Block Watch facebook page.

On August 25th the event was held in the cul de sac of 182nd Pl SE from 5:30 to 8 pm. We ordered pizza from Dominos and provided veggie trays and snacks for everyone including some drinks and ice. Water District 90 was there with a water truck and gave out water bottles that they filled from their trailer. Thank you to Water District commissioners Byron Murgatroyd, and Sam Amira for attending and to Darcy Peterson, Deborah Gill and John Brittenham for making it happen. Fire District 25 / Renton Fire Department came with one of their trucks and had a great time with residents and kids alike. Thanks to Lt Gary Harsh officers Clinton and Jackson and others who so graciously gave their time. Michelle Chatterton, Program coordinator for King County Emergency Management had an information table. She was able to give us insights to available programs for residents and other information. Thanks go out to her for taking the time to attend. Four Creeks and the local block watch had tables to hand out information. As at the last event the Cedar Grove Compost Raffle was a big hit, with neighborhood flower beds getting a real boost. We had 63 folks sign in at the block watch table, which didn't count children and a few that skipped sign in. There was a great turn out of old and new residents which helped connect neighbors. Over all we have gotten great feedback from those that attended. As a result of this event we have been able to build on our facebook page, update email lists, start a Nextdoor website and welcome new folks to the neighborhood. We have 27 folks on the Nextdoor site now and 11 new members on the facebook page.



Residents enjoying Pizza and visiting with each other



WD-90 Commissioner Byron Murgatroyd shares a photo op with Pete & Debi Eberle



Michelle Chatterton and Marissa Alegria representing King County

Many hours of work went into organizing and putting on these community events by a small group of dedicated residents. I would like to thank all of them for their time and efforts. Attached is an accounting of volunteer hours. We documented 92 hours of volunteer time for the combined events, with plenty more undocumented hours. Also attached to this report are our budget reports for both events. We would like to report that we came in just under budget for these events and consider them both resounding successes. And we look forward to helping these communities in the future.

And Finally I need to thank Marissa Alegria for working with us to put on these events and for taking her personal time to attend both events. It is always a pleasure to work with her.

Pete Eberle, President FCUAC



Big Guys and Little Guys with their Fire trucks, Office Jackson, Lt. Harsh, and Officer Clinton pose with Jack and Carter



WD-90 Water and information Station



Lots of Neighbors out enjoying the evening



A perfect evening for a street party



Volunteers Jan and Judy man the block watch sign in table