

Valley Community Watch

February 2010 – Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 22nd, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hazel Avenue School gym

Meeting called to order at 7:34. In attendance: Juan Pintado, Karen De Jong, Jonathan Ridley, Lisa Pintado, Bruni Nelson, Jennifer Strozyk, Eric Gwaro

Spring Garden Contest

The VCW is sponsoring a spring garden contest. Prizes will be awarded for the most beautiful gardens in the neighborhood. More details coming soon.

Save the Date – Annual VCW Neighborhood BBQ

Monday, July 19th. More details to come.

Block Captains

We would like to revive the block captain program this spring. More details coming soon.

Valley Clean-Up Day

April 17th is Valley Clean-Up Day. People will meet at the Valley Substation at 8:30 am. We'll spend the morning planting flowers, picking up garbage, and cleaning up our neighborhood. A flyer will go home with the Hazel Avenue students. Older kids are welcome as well. We also need adults to help chaperone. There will be a party in the afternoon (place TBD) to thank the volunteers for their help.

Neighborhood Softball Game

We're looking for a date for a neighborhood softball game. We'd like our local police officers to participate as well. More details coming soon.

Mural for Substation Wall

The township is working with an artist, Dan Fenelon, to paint a mural on the side of the Valley Substation. The artist did the mural in the entrance to the Montclair Art museum. A sample of his work is available on the VCW web site (www.valleycommunitywatch.com). The VCW sponsored a meeting with the artist at the substation on Monday, February 8th so neighborhood residents could ask questions and offer suggestions. The current plan is to begin the mural at the end of March or the beginning of April and it should take about a month to complete.

West Orange Human Relations Commission

The WO Human Relations Commission is sponsoring conversations on race and is encouraging members of the community to participate. Cynthia Hadley-Bailey is the President of the commission. For more information, go to <http://www.westorange.org>, click Township Departments, and then select Mayor's Office > Committees and Commissions > Human Relations Commission.

Meeting closed at 7:55 p.m.