

Meadowview Matters

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In cooperation with People, Inc. of Virginia

Head Start stays, playground coming

Irene Williams wanted her property to be used to provide recreation for people in Meadowview. Meadowview First purchased the property at 29159 Hillman Highway on March 1, 2010.

No firm plans were in place, so when the board of Meadowview First learned that the local Head Start program in Meadowview needed a new school building, and might look to locate elsewhere, we informed People, Inc. which administers the Head Start program that we had a property which might fit their needs.

Clinic growth continues

Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems continues to increase services available through the Meadowview Health Clinic. Current hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The number of patient visits has increased substantially from an average of 286 per month in 2008 to a total of 950 in March of this year. Totals have been consistently higher since addition of medical staff and the increase in hours.

In recent months patients have been asked to complete surveys and of those completed, 100 percent expressed satisfaction with the courtesy of the staff and cleanliness of the facility.

SWCHS director, Howard Chapman, said the organization plans to offer dental care beginning in September.

The old T. K. McKee Hospital in Saltville is being renovated to serve as a regional dental care facility complete with the ability to craft dentures and dental appliances on sight, reducing their costs. As with other medical services, the dental care will be billed on a sliding scale based on the patient's ability to pay. Regular trans-

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An agreement was reached in which Meadowview First transferred the deed to the entire property to People Inc. which promised to construct a large playground on a section of the property and make it available to everyone in the community at all hours. People, Inc. plans to construct a modular building on one side of the property to serve as Head Start class rooms. A second playground for young toddlers is to be constructed behind that facility. It will be available to the entire community except during Head Start hours of operation.

Meadowview First has had contributors express an interest in developing playground and recreational facilities, so it may be possible that we will still secure funding to construct the playground. In this scenario, People, Inc. has agreed to donate the amount which would have been spent on the playground to Meadowview First for use in future projects.

Board of directors grows

At the May meeting the Meadowview First Board of Directors voted to change the organization's by-laws to allow for 13 members instead of the original 11. Following this change the board elected Michael Hayter, who has served as Webmaster for the group's website, to a two year term and David Jackson to a one year term. Each May a portion of the board members are elected to two-year terms. All of those whose term was coming to an end were re-elected and all officers retained their positions.

In an effort to broaden participation and generate fresh ideas, several members of Meadowview First have been meeting with other members of the community in sessions designed to bring out new directions in which to focus the efforts of this organization.

One such idea is the formation of a local walking trail close within the Meadowview community. Preliminary work on that project is just getting underway.

Clinic *Continued from front*
portation will be available from the Meadowview Clinic, as well as other sites, to and from the Saltville facility.

As of April, Chapman said all sites have implemented a 340-B Prescription Drug program in which participating SUN Rx pharmacies are able to fill prescriptions at a 50% discounted rate. He said that Glade Spring Pharmacy is the closest location where these discounts are currently available.

SVCHS hosted a focus group meeting of the Wounded Warrior program at Meadowview Community Center in April. The organization works to improve access to medical care for returning veterans.

Finally, after a long and frustrating series of having work performed and then re-done, a lower level storage area has been converted into a restroom near the waiting area and not within the actual clinic working area. The room is accessible to people with disabilities, and now has a nice new tile floor.

Tutoring offered by E&H students

Inside the Meadowview Clinic a room was set aside as a children's waiting room. As it was little utilized for the intended purpose, students from Emory & Henry College have put the room to use as a space in which they can offer tutoring free to youngsters. To find out more information about the tutoring available, contact the Appalachian Center for Community Service at Emory & Henry College.

The annual Gospel Singing at the Fire Hall is 5:30, Saturday, August 21. Admission is by donation to the Meadowview Volunteer Fire Department.

The Depot is moving! The Depot is moving!

You've probably read before that Meadowview First has been planning on moving the old railroad depot so that we can also own the land on which it sits and thus allow for long term plans for its use.

On April 27, 2010 the board of directors decided to award a contract to Inland Construction for \$59,800 to perform foundation work and to coordinate work with Taff & Frye Company, Inc., the firm that will do the actual moving of the building. That price covers the work of both companies.

After months of discussing options the work can finally proceed. It was decided to move the building only the minimum amount required by Norfolk & Southern Railroad. The company has been generous in agreeing to convey a portion of its property to Meadowview First once the move is completed. A fence must also be erected between the building and the tracks for safety purposes, a requirement which we wholeheartedly agree is needed.

It was also decided to have some minor grading done so that the building could be lowered to a level at which it would not tower high over the parking area as it is moved closer, but seem relatively about the same level as before.

Washington County has conveyed a small strip of land between the parking lot and the building to Meadowview First, so that there are now no legal obstacles in the way of proceeding with the work, which is underway.

Coming Soon ...
Meadowview Apple Butter Festival,
Saturday, October 16
on the Square

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