



Greater Hyannis Civic Association

Accomplishments of the Voices of the Village As of August, 2012

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Creating an environment where people can be part of the solution

Creating partnerships with our town officials, businesses, educators and social service agencies

Marketing

- Business and Resident partnership
- Creating a website for the Civic Association so we can keep our efforts in the forefront
- Helping the Civic Association to grow our membership and therefore our influence
- Adopting a Garden at the corner of South and School St

Supporting Our Youth

- Sponsorships for underprivileged children to many summer programs – memberships donated and /or paid via funds raised by the task force
- Summer Reading – a annual program that successfully had the books donated to both the library and the HYCC and coordinating a group of volunteers to work with the kids on their reading
- Book collection for an early literacy program
- Each year getting mentors for 13 kindergarten children at Hyannis West with a commitment to stay with them thru the 3rd grade
- Homework Help Sessions at the HYCC during the school
- Creating a registry of agencies that can help youth and preparing it to put on the GHCA website

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- Prize Winning Float in the town's 2011 4th of July Parade highlighting Hyannis's Veteran's Beach and how well it fits the theme of the parade - Family, Fun and Freedom
- Creating a relationship with the Duffy Health Center and Noah so that they can jointly problem solve
- Creating a model and piloting it on how to create a neighborhood that helps each other including a neighborhood watch – Compass Circle, neighborhoods South of South from Ocean to Sea)
- Using a train the trainer model, help other neighborhoods begin their support program
- Facilitate meetings of Neighborhood leaders to share ideas

Police, Drug and Crime

- Supporting the police efforts with the Street Crime Watch
- Advocating for police support in the schools – Adopt a School Program implemented
- Helping the police create a community friendly website

Landlords, Tenants and Rental Regulations

- Citizen's Resource Line (508-862-4925) - Recommending to the town manager and following through on the implementation of a central number and a staff person dedicated to answering the questions related to town regulations and also the non emergency police calls. This position located within the Regulatory Division follows up to make sure the caller has a satisfactory answer. Oversight provided by the Town Manager
- Creating a Frequently Asked Questions and Answers reference sheet for the above person
- Defining what constitutes a problem property and then applying the criteria to some properties in order to give a list of 5 to the town for help and also drafting these into regulations that that can be enforced
- Reviewing and making recommendations on changes to town existing regulations regarding housing and landlords specifically to Chapters 59 and 170