

Neighborhood Newsletter

Rochester Weed & Seed

March / April 2008



The Mission is to build a healthy and safe community by implementing a “no tolerance” campaign toward violent crime, drug use and domestic violence by promoting community-wide partnerships within the Rochester School District Boundaries.

Thurston County Responds to December Floods



Sheriff's Dive/ Rescue Lt Greg Elwin helps a victim to shore.

While residents of Lewis and Grays Harbor counties received the brunt of the record flooding in December, Thurston County families were hard hit in the Rochester/Grand Mound area. Trailer parks, individual homes, farms and businesses were swamped with water. When the water receded, residents faced the daunting task of returning to homes coated with mud, ruined flooring and insulation and threatened water systems.

Thurston County residents reported more than \$9 million dollars in uninsured structural damages and \$2.3 million in personal losses for a total of \$11.7 million.

County offices and departments reacted quickly to the disaster. The county's Emergency Management Division activated the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) on Pacific Avenue. A team of call receivers answered questions and concerns from the public. EOC staff also kept the general public informed through media releases to local newspapers, radio stations and television. Working with ROOF Community Services, the Red Cross, and other community groups, the EOC helped provide fresh drinking water, overnight shelters, firewood, and other services.

Meanwhile rescue teams from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office deployed in boats and helicopters, rescuing more than 60 stranded flood victims. Deputies also patrolled flooded areas and kept an eye on flooded roads. Development Service staff immediately began inspecting homes, while Public Health workers provided help and information about well water safety, flood clean-up and other issues. Free disposal of flood-related debris was made possible by

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Town Hall Meeting

All Residents

Welcome!!!

**Reduce Underage
Drinking**

Town Hall Meeting

Sponsored by

ROOF Community
Services

**Monday, April 7th,
Rochester Middle
School Commons
7pm**

Day care provided
Please call ROOF for
details

If you have any information you would like to add to the website or this newsletter please contact Aimee Danielson at 481-0296



Thurston County Sherriff Office

Thurston County Sherriff's Activity Report January 2008 Rochester Area

Felony Drug Arrests (# of Persons)	01
Methamphetamine:	00
Marijuana:	01
Other (List): (cocaine)	00
Other Felony Arrests	02
Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests	02
DV Investigation & Arrests	01

Community Activities

Auto Theft File / Gang File / Instructed @ in-service / Flood Emphasis (24 hours)

"Hot Spots"

Casino car (12 hours) / Nisqually Pines car (4) / Assist TNT (12 hours)

*28 warrants attempted with 25 warrants served
Total # of Hours in Rochester "Weed & Seed" 50



TEENS WANTED!!!

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that we will again be having a Law Enforcement Explorer Post at our agency. Our previous post was disbanded several years ago, but as part of Sheriff Kimball's vision, he has decided to restart this very valuable program. Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth. The governing entity for LE Explorers is called "Learning for Life". It is a subsidiary of Boy Scouts of America and they work out of the BSA office. Learning for Life provides program support and training opportunities for Explorers and the Post Advisors and administrators. If you are interested in additional information about the TCSO Explorer Post, please contact Lt Greg Elwin at (360) 786-5657.

Rochester Community Center

ROOF Community Services

Rochester Library

Thurston County Sheriff sub station

Rochester Weed & Seed

Grand Mound Rochester Park Association

Boys & Girls Club

Big Brothers Big sisters

Department of Corrections

4-H Club

& More!

Please call 273-9175 for details

All Residents Welcome

Residents needed for the Rochester Weed & Seed Steering Committee Meeting!! We need residents to help "Weed" out the crime and "Seed" the community with services. Light snacks provided. Please call Aimee at 273-9175 for more information.

February 27th @ 5:30 pm - Rochester Community Center

March 26th @ 10:00 am - Rochester Community Center

April 30th @ 5:30 pm - Rochester Community Center

May 28th @ 10:00am - Rochester Community Center

June 25th @ 5:30 Location to be announced

July 30th @ 10am - Rochester Community Center

Free Drawing For Your Opinion!

The Rochester Weed and Seed Initiative was established in 2002 and got up and running in 2003. This survey is part of an evaluation of the impact that the Weed and Seed Initiative has had on the Rochester Community.

Your opinion of the Weed and Seed Initiative and of community conditions over the past five years will be very helpful in wrapping up this project and planning for the future. This survey has seven questions, and most people will be able to complete it in less than five minutes.

In thanks for your participation in this brief survey, if you provide your email address, you will be en-

tered in a random drawing of all survey respondents for a gift basket.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the evaluator for the Weed and Seed Initiative, Sylvie McGee, at: goodcause@comcast.net or 705-1233.

THANK YOU!"

Survey Link

<http://tinyurl.com/3b9dr8>



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the Water & Waste Management Department.

One week after the flood, the county set up a community meeting in Rochester to listen to the concerns of flood victims and to answer questions about flood relief. This was followed by a second community meet-

ing the next week. The county also worked with Lewis County to set up a forum for the Hispanic communities of both Lewis and Thurston counties. This meeting, conducted almost entirely in Spanish, was held in Centralia and drew over 100 community members.

We thank all county workers and members of the public who worked long, hard hours to help those in need.

Coordinators Message

The Rochester Steering Committee now has evening meetings so we can accommodate the residents of Rochester. Residents are needed in order to continue the Weed & Seed mission. Our 5 year Rochester Weed & Seed grant will soon be coming to an end and the Committee will transition into a community driven coalition. Rochester will be a Weed & Seed graduated site after July 2008 needs community support. It's such a blessing to have such a wonderful job that allows me to see the changes all of our precious volunteers make. Thank you everybody for making Rochester such a wonderful place to live! The mission will continue with the help of local services, businesses and residents.

4-H Comes to Rochester in an Afterschool Program



The Afterschool Unlimited Program is a collaboration between WSU Thurston County Extension 4-H Youth Development (Thurston County 4-H) and

the Rochester Branch of the Thurston County Boys & Girls Club. The Boys & Girls Club is providing umbrella support to enable Thurston County 4-H to operate a year-long 4-H Club Program for middle school age youth (6th - 8th grade students) within the Boys & Girls Club structure.

The daily Afterschool Unlimited Program will include homework tutoring, hands-on 4-H project activities, teen leadership development, and recreation. To participate, middle-school youth simply join the Boys & Girls Club.

In addition to after-school activities, 4-H is offering:

*A monthly *4-H Community Club* for the whole community that meets on Saturday mornings

Family, Food, and Fun Nights in which middle-school students and their families come together for a family-style meal and an educational program

Family Night Out events which use the 4-H Challenge model to help middle-school students and their families build trust, practice communication skills, solve problems, and identify strengths while having fun and learning together.

4-H is much more than you ever imagined! For more information or to join 4-H call (360) 786-5445 x.7913 or e-mail TC4H@co.thurston.wa.us.

Weed & Seed Steering Committee Members

Big Brothers & Sisters of TC
Boys & Girls Club of TC
Community Residents
Community Businesses
Community Youth Services
Chehalis Tribe
Educational School District 113
Family Education & Support
Grand Mound Rochester Fire District
Rochester School District
Rochester Community Library
Grand Mound Rochester Park Association

ROOF Community Services
Thurston County Commissioners
Thurston County Emergency Management
Thurston County Juvenile Court
Thurston County Parks
Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Thurston County Public Health & Social Services
Thurston County Sheriff's Office
TOGETHER!
U.S. Attorney's Office
Washington State Department of Corrections

Please Visit our Weed & Seed website for community information

www.rochesterweedandseed.org

Thank You Thurston County for donating this website to the Community of Rochester Community!



Community Events At A Glance

Thursdays from March 6 – April 17, 5:30-8:00 @ ROOF Community Services

“Strengthening Families Parenting Classes”

Discussion and activity sessions for parents & kids ages 10-14 (childcare and dinner provided)

Contact: ROOF Community Services 273-6375

Miércoles 12 de marzo, 10:00 – 11:30 “Un Buen Tiempo con Dr. Suess” Huchas y consejos financieros en ROOF Community Services Contáctese con Anacelia Lopez: 878-2581

March 15—April 30th Free Paint for Flood Victims

If your home was affected by the December 2007 Floods you can receive up to 25 gallons of free paint. Please call ROOF at 273-6375 for details.

Friday, March 21, 10:30 – 12:00 “Good Times with Dr. Suess” Piggy banks and financial tips @ ROOF Community Services Please contact: Anacelia Lopez: 878-2581

Mon – Fri March 24th—28th Conference days Boys & Girls Club

Open to Kindergarten—seniors. Please call 273-9397 for details

Monday – Friday March 31st—April 4th - Spring Break camp at the Boys & Girls Club

Open to Kindergarten—seniors. Please call 273-9397 for details

\$30 per student with one field trip during the week

Monday April 7th – Town Hall Meeting, Rochester Middle School Commons @ 7pm

Sponsored by ROOF Community Services with a focus on underage drinking. All residents are encouraged to attend

Friday April 11th - Middle School Dance @ the Boys & Girls club

Dances provide drinks, snacks and a chaperone from TC Sheriff’s office. The cost is \$5 for non members to attend. There are also drinks and snacks sold at each dance. Please call 273-9397 for details

Saturday April 12th @ 5:00pm at Rochester High School Commons

Rochester Cooperative Preschool's annual Spring Fundraiser Dinner, raffle, & silent auction. All proceeds benefit this non-profit organization. Please contact Jaci Cochran @ 273-4150 for details

Miércoles 16 de abril, 10:00 – 11:30 “Limpieza en la Primavera” Bichos, donde botar sus cosas, y más en ROOF Community Services Contáctese con Anacelia Lopez: 878-2581

Wednesday April 16, 10:30 – 12:00 - Spring into Spring: @ ROOF Community Services

Everything from where to “dump your stuff” to seasonal allergies

Please contact: Anacelia Lopez: 878-2581



Friday April 25th – High School Dance at the Boys & Girls club

Dances provide drinks, snacks and a chaperone from TC Sheriff's office. The cost is \$5 for non members to attend. There are also drinks and snacks sold at each dance. Please call 273-9397 for details

Friday April 25, 10:30-12:00 - Making Nutrition Easy @ ROOF Community Services

Contact: Anacelia Lopez: 878-2581

Monthly Events

First Wednesday Monthly @ Noon, Red Barn Restaurant

Chamber of Commerce of meeting. Call 273-7354 for details

2nd Saturday Monthly @ 6:00 pm

Gate Community Club Potluck located at Gate City Schoolhouse 16925 Moon Road

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7pm

Grand Mound Rochester Citizens Group meeting. This is at Swede Hall. Open to all residents, please call (360) 273-7231 for more details

Mondays & Tuesdays 6-8 pm Lunes y Martes de 6:00 a 8:00

ESL classes (extension of Centralia Community College) @ ROOF Community Services
Clases de inglés auspiciado por Centralia College en ROOF Community Services 273-6375

Tuesdays (ages 16 through adult)

Thurston County Parks and Recreation is providing Yoga at The Rochester Community Center every week

Beginning January (K-5th Grade)*

Thurston County Parks & Recreation will be having after school enrichment programs for children K-5th grade. Activities include : Clay, Science, Recreational Sports, Gymnastics, Trash to Treasures Art, and more

Last Wednesday of the month - Rochester Community Center

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Saturdays (ages 3-12) *

Thurston County Parks and Recreation will be providing swim lessons at the Maple Lane pool

Saturdays (ages 4-7) *

Thurston County Parks and Recreation is providing Youth Indoor Basketball on Saturdays at Rochester Primary School

***For Thurston County Parks and Recreation information please call 786-5595 or visit www.thurston-parks.org for more information.**