

Staff Report

CITYWIDE PRIDE VOLUNTEER PROG.

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Year End Report for 2009

ADOPT A STREET OR PARK PROGRAM

Volunteer Program Managers: Bob and Teresa Knuckey

The following Streets and Parks have been adopted by Sultan citizens and students:

1. First Street
2. Osprey Park
3. 3rd Street
4. Gohr Road
5. Sultan Basin Road
6. 10th Street
7. Dyer Road
8. Eagle Ridge
9. Main Street
10. US 2
11. 8th Street
12. 138th Street
13. Fir Avenue
14. Date Avenue
15. 4th and Main
16. Reese Park
17. Skateboard Park
18. 4th Street
19. Alder Avenue and 5th Street



There are 329 volunteers on the Adopt A Street Program, who volunteered **985 hours** in 2009.

YELLOW BAG LITTER PICKUP PROGRAM

Description: The City of Sultan provides special yellow garbage bags to all citizens in Sultan who wish to volunteer picking up litter within the City limits of Sultan. The citizens then put the yellow bags out with their own garbage, but the City does not charge them for the yellow bags.

1,000 (33 Gallon) Yellow Bags were given to volunteers in 2009 for voluntary litter pickup throughout 2009. The volunteers ranged from families, walkers, joggers, students and conscientious individuals.

COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH

Description: It was November 2007 when Mayor Carolyn Eslick gathered together 75 community members in the Middle School Commons and we had our first Block Watch meeting in Sultan.

Since that time the Block Watch Program has grown to over 120 community Block Watchers and 8 Block Watch Captains.

The spirit of the Neighborhood Block Watch Program is "Neighbor watching out for their neighbor and working WITH law enforcement." Block Watch people are the eyes and ears for the police when they aren't there.

Sultan Community Block Watch meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at 319 Main Street, Sultan.

There are 123 Community Block Watch Members

There are 117 Email addresses on the Block Watch List Serve

2009 Monthly Meeting Agendas Included Reports from the Police Chief as well as the Block Watch members. Every meeting there was an educational component:

- Presentation – Registered Sex Offenders Unit Snohomish County Deputy
- Tour: Sno Pac Dispatch Center, Everett
- Presentation – Commander Pat Slack Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force
- Presentation – Dan Keenan – Identity Theft Prevention
- Presentation – Jan Dahlman – Domestic Violence Coalition
- Presentation – Ron Carr – Snohomish County Parole Officer/Gang Assessment Coordinator
- Presentation - Ryan Mattfeld, DRC Trainer and Outreach Coordinator for the Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish and Island Counties

In 2009 Chief Brand saw the benefit of Community Block Watch Volunteers networking with:

- Recovery of a stolen car
- Information leading to the arrest of 2 subjects with warrants
- 2 car prowls arrests
- Information on drug dealings
- Overall increased community awareness

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

The Service Alternatives, Inc. Program through the State of Washington provided 2 volunteers for a 6 month period for a total of **1,040 hours** donated to the City of Sultan. The two volunteers assisted Community Development Director Bob Martin in setting up the Centralized Land Use/Address File System.

Other office assistance included telephone calls reminding people of meetings and computer data input.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Approximately **162 hours** were donated to Sultan and Gold Bar removing graffiti in 2009.

CLEANUP DAY – 2009

Description: The City of Sultan sponsors an Annual Cleanup Day for the citizens of Sultan to bring unwanted items and dispose of them at no charge. Recycling opportunities are offered to the citizen of Sultan and surrounding Snohomish County residents.

There were 17 volunteers on this day, donating approximately **181 hours** preparing for the event and on site the day of the event.

2nd ANNUAL CLEANUP CONTEST - 2009

This contest collected 47 bags of street litter. There were 14 volunteers, 2 adults and 12 students that volunteered **96 hours** (including planning and preparation time).

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - 2009

This dinner honors volunteers in the community and was completely **STAFFED with volunteers**. Thank you Mayor and Council for your help at the dinner.



PROJECT MAIN STREET – 2009

30 volunteers worked from 9AM to noon painting crosswalks, washing windows on Main Street and collecting garbage in Downtown Sultan. Total hours: **90 hours**.

SULTAN COMMUNITY SAFETY RODEO - 2009

This event took place in Osprey Park on September 19, 2009 and the volunteer participants were:

1. Washington State Patrol
2. Search and Rescue
3. Child Safety Network
4. Dept. of Emergency Mgmt. Command Vehicle
5. Sultan Fire Smoke Trailer
6. Child Restraint Coalition
7. 911 Simulator
8. Bicycle Safety Rodeo
9. Sultan Boys and Girls Club
10. Graffiti Removal Demonstration by community volunteer, Rocky Walker
11. Volunteer organizers



Unfortunately, the amount of hours and number of participants volunteering at the event was not documented and is unknown.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL – 2009

Description: The City of Sultan, Sultan School District, Sultan Fire Department and Sultan Police Department conduct an annual Emergency Evacuation Drill for the students and teachers at Sultan High, Middle and Elementary Schools. The purpose of the drill is two-fold, in case there is a breach in the Culmback Dam or derailment of a train carrying hazardous materials.

There were 7 volunteers on this day, working traffic and crowd control. Total hours: **28 hours.**

3RD ANNUAL SERV FEST - 2009

Cross Water Church had approximately 300 members working communitywide cleanup for 8 hours on Sunday, August 16, 2009.

COURT ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE

The City had 4 Court Ordered Community Service workers in 2009 who did general cleanup and weeding outside the building, vacuuming, mopping, and general cleanup upstairs at City Hall. Approximate hours: **64 hours.**

2009 - SUMMARY

Volunteer hours are very difficult to capture because volunteers for the most part are modest and private about what they give to their community. It is my best estimation that approximately **150 – 250 hours** are donated by volunteers each month to their community.