



# Community IN ACTION

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Jerralynn Ness  
Executive Director

The 2007 Legislative session has been moving at an unusually rapid pace, with lots of attention being paid to issues effecting low-income families. The most exciting news is the approval of state expansion funds for Head Start. This is especially meaningful for the hundreds of local families who are trying desperately to get their pre-school children into Head Start. And because we have been anticipating the potential for expansion, staff have plans in place to allow us to serve the first wave of 162 additional kids this summer...bravo!

Most of you know by now that our fiscal, IT and facilities staff have moved to Forest Grove in order to free up space at Hillsboro main for our growing programs. If you haven't had a chance yet to visit their new office, do stop by. It is a very open and welcoming space and staff worked hard to pull this move together. And following the relocation, John and our IT staff oversaw a very major upgrade of our computer systems.

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They all worked very long hours over the weekend to minimize the disruption.

This week we will be holding our final board meeting until September. Leslea Smith will be stepping down as Chair and passing the gavel to Kevin Aguirre, who will serve as our chair for the next two years. Look for their comments on the front page of our summer newsletter. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring and competent board.

Here comes summer...enjoy!

## COMINGS & GOINGS

Welcome to:  
April Barratt, Teacher III and  
Shauan Hanson, Health  
Coordinator

Welcome back to:  
Erica Early, Teacher II

Sadly we say goodbye to:  
Jan Ostby & Jancie Amburgey

## NEWS OF NOTE



**HOORAY!!** The Pre-K program received news last week that the Oregon legislature passed a bill providing for the expansion of the part day, part year (Pre-K) program. This expansion is designed to serve 80% of eligible children.

What does that mean for Community Action? The recruiting activity for Head Start Pre-K will speed up; new bus routes will be established; nine classrooms will open in Sept. Because we are making the morning classes and afternoon classes double up in the classroom we can do this first phase by September 2007.

We will be hiring between 35 & 40 new staff for Head Start (and another 10 or so for F& CR).

It will be BUSY summer!



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

Building Meeting	June 19
Board Meeting	June 21
Safety Meeting	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>

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## BIRTHDAYS



Gail Boyle	3
Renee Bruce	3
Rachael Agnesse	5
Kayla Meyer	5
Claudia Hernandez	6
Mary Davila	10
Elaine Burrell	13
Norma Stewart	16
Sharon Bolmeier	21
Hali Kekua	21
Maria Infante	22
Jennifer Kenoyer	24
Sandra Dunlap	27
Scott Schlegel	28

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce Horne	14 years
Bobbie Ludwick	7 years
Larry Hauth	6 years
Katherine Galian	5 years
Lindy Ersan	2 years
Karla Castillo	1 year

## HR - Ask Winnie



I had hoped that by this issue I would have some definite information regarding our health and dental renewal October 1, 2007.

July is American Beer Month, Baked Beans Month, and National Blueberry Month. Who knew?

July 2 - Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act (1964)  
July 4 - U.S. Independence Day



July 14 - Bastille Day (France)  
July 20 - First human sets foot on the Moon (1969)  
July 28 - Accountants' Day (Yes, really!)

### Lowfat Strawberries and Cream

*Servings: 4*

- 10 reduced fat vanilla wafers, crushed
- 1/2 cup lowfat cream cheese
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons skim milk
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 3 cups fresh strawberries, sliced

Crush wafers in a zip lock bag by using a rolling pin or use a blender or food processor. In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, milk orange juice and liqueur and beat until smooth. To serve, divide strawberries into large dessert dishes. Top with about 1/4 cup cream mixture and sprinkle each with vanilla wafer crumbs.

### TIPS FOR KEEPING PETS COOL IN SUMMER HEAT

1. Be sure to provide enough water. At least two bowls is recommended, and put ice in the water if the pet will accept it. (Some cats find this distasteful.)
2. If you have a fan or other form of cooling available, keep it on.
3. Keeping pets indoors is a good idea on hot days.
4. Do not take your pets in the car on hot days. Even with the windows cracked, cars get dangerously hot.
5. Don't walk your dog during the hottest part of the day; paws can burn on hot pavement.

## WHAT'S DEVELOPING?

It is not uncommon for staff to refer a potential donor to Resource Development. We enjoy assisting people to identify the most satisfying way for them to help our organization achieve its mission. Thank you to staff who have done this! If you know someone with time, services, or wealth, who might enjoy becoming one of our community partners, please feel free to speak with Scott Schlegel or Mary Jones, or direct individuals to us.

If you are a new employee and would like a Community Action green insulated lunch pack with shoulder strap, please speak with Scott at x254. There is no charge, but supplies are limited. These are large enough to hold a dozen 12 oz. beverage cans.



## CHECKS & BALANCES

### Fiscal –

THE END OF FISCAL YEAR IS JUNE 30th! There are still outstanding Purchase Orders (PO's). Please go through your outstanding PO's. If you didn't use your PO I need the original and a note stating that you didn't use it.

I need all receipts turned in by June 30th in order to close out the fiscal year.

Don't put crossing fiscal year receipts, etc. on the same Reimbursement Request sheets. (Anything starting July 1st should go on a new request, including travel/mileage.) You have until July 25th to turn in your receipts. Anything over 90 days old will not be reimbursed. Help us to help you. Any questions, call Ann @ 503-693-3243.

## LOOKIN' FER WORK ... ... IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

Job Openings may be viewed on the computer at Common/Agency Info/HR Resources/Job Postings

\*NOTE: Please check this address weekly for current information and details. We have many jobs in development that will be posted before the next publication and we will take applications as each job is posted.

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES



### Energy and Emergency Rent Assistance:

#### ENERGY ASSISTANCE OPENS NEW OFFICE IN BEAVERTON

The Energy and Emergency Rent Assistance Program has moved their King City office to Beaverton. The old King City site is now closed and the Beaverton site is up and running. The new address is: 12820 SW 1st (and Main), Beaverton, 97005. The phone number is the same: (503) 615-0772. We ask that people seeking assistance call to be scheduled for an appointment, if possible, rather than drop-in. Staff located in Beaverton are: Jenine Macon, Wendy Polanco, and Claudia Umanzor. We are providing the same services in energy assistance and rent assistance as before and this move will help save occupancy costs and bring us closer to more of the people we serve.

During the first week of June Katherine Galian, Margaret Springer, and Joy C. White attend the National Low Income Energy Conference (NLIEC) in Nashville, TN. The three days were packed with workshops and presentations related to Energy Assistance and Weatherization Programs. The workshops that were attended ranged from effective program design, building resources for families, weatherization best practices, to research on eliminating poverty. The attendees came back with a renewed confirmation of the excellent work that Community Action does and the gratifying realization that each of us has a unique opportunity to positively impact those we serve.

### Weatherization:

#### Water

In a conventional washer, 40 gallons of water are used per full load of clothing.

18 to 25 gallons of water are used per full load of clothing in a washer certified by Energy Star, a U.S. EPA and U.S. Department of Energy program.

#### Water

16,000 gallons annual of water is used for clothes washing by a typical American household.

7,000 gallons of water is saved annually by using an Energy Star washing machine compared to a conventional washer.

A typical U.S. household washes 400 loads of laundry in one year. 35 billions loads of laundry are washed every year in the United States.

Washers and dryers consume 81,000 in gigawatt hours of electricity annually in the United States.

When using high-efficiency washing machines, 33-50 percentage reductions in energy use is saved compared to a conventional washer.

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