

Grangeville Horizons Action Teams

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STATUS REPORT

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Downtown Action Team—Tommiann Whitten and Mark Willig (co-leaders)

- Need/Issue: Enhance downtown vitality
Promote activities in the downtown
Foster sense of community
- Partners: Grangeville Garden Action Team, Farmer's Market group, other Horizons Action Team, Grangeville Chamber of Commerce, local merchants
- Goal(s):
- Hold a community yard sale.
 - Develop a themed event annually in September or October.
 - Build and install planter boxes in downtown.
- Actions:
1. Community Yard Sale will be held on June 7, 2008 to coordinate with opening of Farmer's Market.
 2. Goal is to have 20 people on the map and get maps out to 200 people so that people are downtown and out in the community.
 3. Steelhead Fun Run and mini-marathon will be held in September 2008 in conjunction with annual MusicFest.

Education Action Team—Harold Gott and Katie Eimers (co-leaders)

- Need/Issue: Encourage community support for education from K-12 and adult education
High drop out rates and why kids are not in school
Lack of available curriculum at the high school level including Votech courses.
- Partners: Other Horizons Action teams
- Goal(s):
- Support the Grangeville community in encouraging education and life-long learning
 - Bring the community together to support education.
 - Encourage residents to openly discuss and be educated on the need for financial support for the school
 - Survey the community to assess the issues regarding education funding.
 - Change the community's view around the support of education.
- Actions: Working with University of Idaho to develop a community education survey to gauge what is valuable and what people will support.

Business Development Team—Cody Edwards and Marina Bates (co-leaders)

- Need/Issue: Create innovation and entrepreneurship
Foster new business networks
Inject new skills and information in our community, especially our schools.
- Goal(s):
- Identify, explore, and take advantage of economic opportunities to make it possible for young people to have the option to raise their families here
 - Create a vibrant business community
 - Encourage and retain our service-oriented businesses downtown
- Partners: Grangeville Chamber, Ida/Lew EDC, Chamber Merchant's Committee, and local business people and individuals
- Actions:
1. Create and distribute a survey that identifies perceived community business needs.
 2. Develop a standardized look for Business Development Team publications.
 3. Provide at least one business training session in Grangeville.

Coordination System Team—Hanna Young and Paul Eimers (co-leaders)

- Need/Issue:
 - Determine what organizations, research, and resources are available to enhance cooperative community cultural, educational, and economic development efforts.
 - Enhance communication between Horizons Actions Teams and the community.
 - Develop a communication system and implement strategies to coordinate groups.
 - Assist community members and/or organizations with their needs.
- Partners: Horizons Action Teams, community organizations, Idaho Rural Partnership
- Goal(s):
 - Re-energize the Grangeville Gem Team.
 - Coordinate communications through a website.
 - Develop a community nonprofit. Attended training. Conference call with TACS.
 - Locate old plans and documents and compile useful information.
 - Develop a community strategic plan and/or project list.
- Actions:
 1. Launched website: grangevillehorizons.org
 2. Many members attended recent "Nonprofits That Work" training held in Grangeville.
 3. Met with attorney and consultant to discuss creation of one 501(c)(3).
 4. Discussing an organizational structure to incorporate all the Action Teams.

Leadership Development Team—Greg Bailey and Heidi Lindsley (co-leaders)

- Need/Issue: Create and make available a path and resources for people interested in developing leadership skills within our community.
- Partners: Other Horizons Action Teams; Grangeville Elementary /Middle and High Schools
- Goal(s):
 - Connect existing community leaders with future leaders.
 - Develop community mentoring/leadership training.
 - Hold resume/scholarship seminar for high school students.
 - Provide volunteer mentors in schools.
 - Develop a program similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters where any student has the opportunity to be connected to a community member who shares similar interests and makes money at those interests.
 - Offer brown-bag leadership training.
 - Assist other Action Teams with leadership needs.
- Actions: Leadership Development Team is viewing its role as providing a service and support to all other Action Teams.

Recreation/Cultural Center Action Team—Cathy Wassmuth and Terra Hill (co-leaders)

- Need/Issue: Leadership and coordination of community activities.
Rails-to-Trails project.
Community walk/bike pathways.
Community center for cultural and recreational activities.
- Partners: Chamber of Commerce, hospitals, city, county, Bennett Lumber, Cottonwood community and chamber, Action Teams, chairpersons of various sports organizations
- Goal(s):
 - Create an Activities Director for Parks and Recreation.
 - Coordinate existing activities and act as clearinghouse for community activities.
 - Establish a volunteer board.
 - Define the working area (White Bird, Mt. Idaho, Kooskia, Stites, Cottonwood, Grangeville?)
 - Research funding opportunities.
- Actions: Working on formation of a Park and Recreation Committee. Would eventually like a paid Recreation Director and/or Recreation District. Planning a community meeting gather community input.

Resource Guide—Desiree Akin, Mary Jahn, Andrea Solberg

Need/Issue: Publish (and frequently update) a listing of community information and services.

Partners: Grangeville Horizons Action Teams, Central District Health Department, Chamber

Goal(s):

- Update the 2003 Resource Guide.
- Publish the guide for new residents, service providers, and organizations.
- Post guide on Chamber (or other appropriate) website.

Actions: Obtained the electronic version of the 2003 guide. In the process of updating and adding new listings. Seeking partners to publish the guide.

Farmer's Market—Julie Worthington (grangevillefarmersmarket.org)

Need/Issue: Create a seasonal marketplace for local producers to sell their goods.

Partners: Grangeville City Council

Goal(s):

- Provide a location for a Farmer's Market.
- Create a structure for organizers and producers.
- Obtain funding to hire a coordinator.

Actions:

1. Farmer's Market organization formed and successfully launched a market in 2007.
2. Farmer's Market 2008 season begins June 7, 2008.
3. Grant funding received for implementation.

Grangeville Community Garden—Mark Willig (grangevillegarden.com)

Need/Issue: Provide a centralized location for growing produce that can be shared by the community.

Partners: Soroptimists Club, City of Grangeville

Goal(s): Encourage community participation, networking, and relationship-building.

Actions: Garden Committee obtained permission from City of Grangeville to develop a community garden and soccer field at Soroptimists Park.

Grangeville Welcome Committee—Andrea Solberg

Need/Issue: Find ways to invite newcomers to become involved in the community.
Officially welcome newcomers and provide information about goods and services.

Partners: Chamber of Commerce, City of Grangeville, local organizations and businesses

Goal(s):

- Connect newcomers and residents.
- Build a stronger, more connected community.

Actions:

1. Attended "Building Social Capital" workshop.
2. Researched other communities' welcome strategies.
3. Completed an assessment of current community welcome policies.
4. Developing a welcome policy based on the traditional "Welcome Wagon" model.

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