COMMUNITY INTEREST SURVEY

August 30 – September 10, 2021

HIGH PRAIRIE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELCOME

At a meeting in May, a group of community members brainstormed ideas for activities, community benefit projects, and fundraisers. Now we want to know which ones sound good to you.

For filling out and submitting this short survey by September 10, we'll enter you in a drawing for Dinner for Two ($75 gift card).

If you wish to be entered into the drawing, please provide your phone number. (We'll need that so we can contact the winner.)

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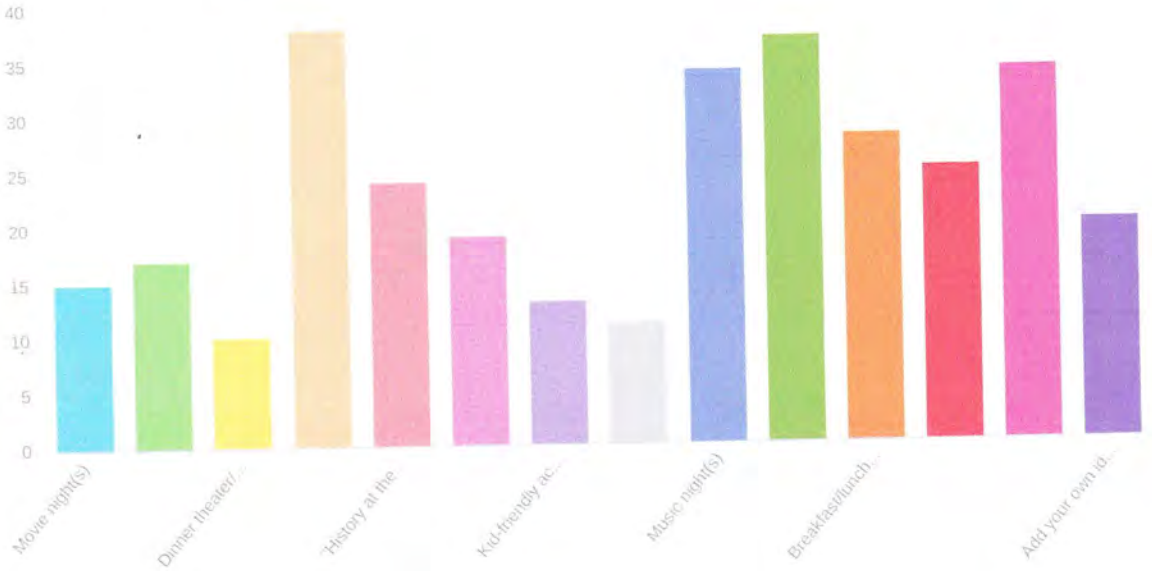
ACTIVITIES

Here's a list of ideas for fun and interesting activities. Some may become repeating or regular events, depending on interest and how well they go. -- Mark all that appeal to you or that you think would be valuable. -- Be sure to add any ideas you think we've missed in the "Add your own ideas" space at the bottom.



28% (15)
Movie night(s)

31% (17)
Drive-in movie night

19% (10)
Dinner theater/play(s)

70% (38)
Presentation on the history of our area

44% (24)
"History at the Cemetery" event (at the cemetery!)

35% (19)
Bingo night(s)

24% (13)
Kid-friendly activities (such as Kids Kraft Day)

20% (11)
Family popcorn-and-movie event(s)

63% (34)
Music night(s)

69% (37)
Speakers/presentations on interesting topics

52% (28)
Breakfast/lunch event(s) at the community center

46% (25)
Christmas/holiday dinner

63% (34)
Firefighter appreciation event

37% (20)
Add your own ideas:

325
Responses

Adult craft nights- Bob Ross nights?

Paintball, small fair, petting zoo

It would be great if there was an opportunity to use the space for classes (yoga/arts/cooking, etc) . I understand that the community center can be rented, but my impression is that the cost and requirements are a barrier. I would love to see the facility utilized regularly with those using it taking responsibility for cleaning for the next user.

Paint nights would be fun.

Classes or information on the geology, flora and fauna of the area and what we can do as owners to restore and preserve our area.

Comedy nights – invite good improv or standup comedians; small social gatherings

October fest, garage sale

Harvest dinner, holiday bazaar, history of the cemetery should include the Indians buried there.

Chili cook off or mother-daughter tea

We need a High Prairie Park

Card game nights

should be an arts appreciation day with show and tell == possibly some of the arts for sale to benefit the HPFD

xmas cookie swap or other Food swap - https://theartofsimple.net/foodswap/

Have a breakfast, lunch or dinner event with a speaker. Wine tasting with local wineries featured. Plant sale in the spring

Oktoberfest

Outdoor Movie Night

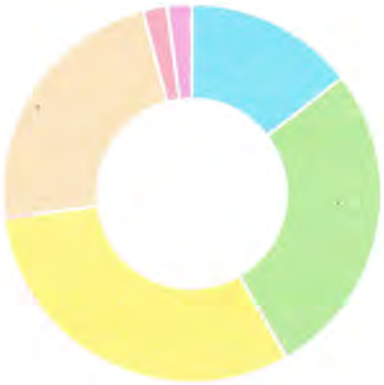
Auction-it could be a silent auction or live auction with donated items(artwork, antiques, services, trips...) as a fundraiser for the Firehall and Center.

Octoberfest (again)

Nice job!!!!!

Exercise Classes. Yoga, Strong Women, or other Instructor led classes.

How likely are you to help out with or attend the activities you've selected above?



15% (7)
I'll definitely help out with and/or attend the activities I've selected above.

27% (13)
I'm highly likely to help out with and/or attend the activities I've selected above.

31% (15)
I'll help out with and/or attend some of the activities I've selected above.

23% (11)
I might attend some of the activities I've selected above

2% (1)
They sound interesting and/or valuable, but I'm not likely to help out or attend.

2% (1)
Other (Please Specify)

5.51
Standard Deviation

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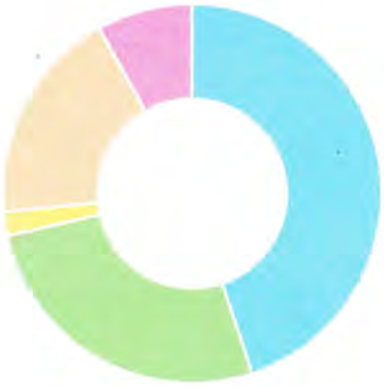
Responses

Very likely if the event date/time is announced EARLY and held at a time after 1200Hrs.

Would a small entrance charge ($5 to $10) make a difference in whether you come to events and activities?



45% (22)
An entrance charge wouldn't make any difference.

27% (13)
I'd be willing to pay an entrance charge as long as it was small.

2% (1)
If I had to pay an entrance charge I'd be a lot less likely to come.

18% (9)
It would depend on the activity.

0% (0)

8% (4)
Other (Please Specify)

7.65
Standard Deviation

49
Responses

I'm just awful poor. I already struggle to find ways to interact with neighbors because of my disability, charges would really limit my desire and ability to take part. Although I'd save up for dinner theater. That's always a hoot.

I'd pay as long as the amount matched the activity, plus something for the community center.

Entrance fees or donations are fine as long as they aren't too much for a family of 5. Maybe a smaller fee for kids.

I'd rather the event be open to all to build community - and use a suggested donation as an entrance fee

Write in what kinds of things interest you for speakers, presentations, classes, etc.

Local history, native cultures, local plants/animals

History, regional Water Rights and property law, low water gardening, water conservation, xeriscape gardening. Fire preparedness, birds of the HP. Knitting, yoga, art. Food.

Survival, life skills

Canning/food preservation/edible & medicinal native plants

Gardening in our area, history of the people living here and of the natives, geology, cooking etc

Local wildlife, fire prevention, local vegetation/wildflowers, area history...

Emergency prep info and/or hands-on workshops (fire/winter/earthquake); preparing for climate change; preparing property to resist fires (e.g. Firewise); photo presentations about nature/birds/places to travel/etc.; updates on county (Dave Sauter, Senior Services, Emergency Management, other county services);

Gardening, predator deterrent, country living skills classes, etc

Music. History of the area. History, knowledge, and culture of the 1st peoples of the area. Local biology/ecology. Geology of the area.

I would like the change to meet my neighbors and talk. I think an event with food or something that has kids activities would be best for my family.

our limited water supply, why not to build additional structures on properties for the purpose of rentals.

Native American history and storytelling. Other local history. Seed swaps or starter swaps. Workshops on gardening, composting, canning and preserving, wilderness skills, embroidery, textile arts, other arts, climate change preparedness, other emergency preparedness, kids crafts. Love the drive-in movie idea!! Love family-friendly and kids' events.

Local area history, acrylic paint pour

Geological and natural history, pre-European settler history, status of the water table, habitat restoration.

History of area, nature talks about birds, animals, weather. Food preservation, canning, freezing, etc. What do in case of fire.

Hiking options

History and geology of our area, conservation and opportunities to slow global warming, help wildlife, and puppy playgroup and training.

Kite Festival ? High Prairie garage sales

Some type of fitnessclass3s

POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS & UPDATED PLANING FOR H.P.=== ROAD IMPROVEMENTS === SERIOUS WATER STUDIES

Local conservation efforts, permaculture/regenerative agriculture topics like how to increase soil's ability to hold water

I can help ken burns geology of area auvsi chapter on drones and fire fighting, Columbia George Stem group and Hood River C College career night,

History, flora and fauna, cooking classes, gardening classes, exercise (something besides yoga), square dancing, astronomy, master gardener sessions, fire protection, wise use of water, sustainable building practices, start a community chorus and or orchestra, flower arranging, wreath making, hunter safety

Area geology and history. Summer vegetable gardening. A book club.

Maybe an art class

Local ecology and wildlife, History of High Prairie

Area wildlife (environmental issues), geology history, information on government or non-profit services

Geology, cultural history, homesteading and permaculture farming.

Fire protection actions we can take, high prairie issues

High Prairie related topics

Music, history, stargazing

Pest Control (How to handle Gophers, Moles, and Voles). Weather Presentations (Best Gauges for Wind, Rainfall, and Temperature Tools — Historical Weather patterns). Survival skills (When the Power goes out, when severe winds take down power and communications lines, and when window breakage occurs — When large snowfalls accumulate).

Are there activities you've enjoyed in the past that haven't been mentioned? Write them in here.

I enjoyed meeting my new neighbors at October fest.

Drive ins

Potlucks!

We went to the kids craft day in early summer. We were out of town for the fire fighter event this year.

Artisan fair

No

Activities that I don't enjoy: gun raffles

See above.

No. I am only here from mid April to mid October.

game night

Community outdoor activities; such as white water trips, hikes, biking.

No

Really appreciated the Ecology discussions about well

Auction, garage sale,

Auto Shows were fun. Quilt shows were interesting. Art shows were good, too.

Ladies Tea

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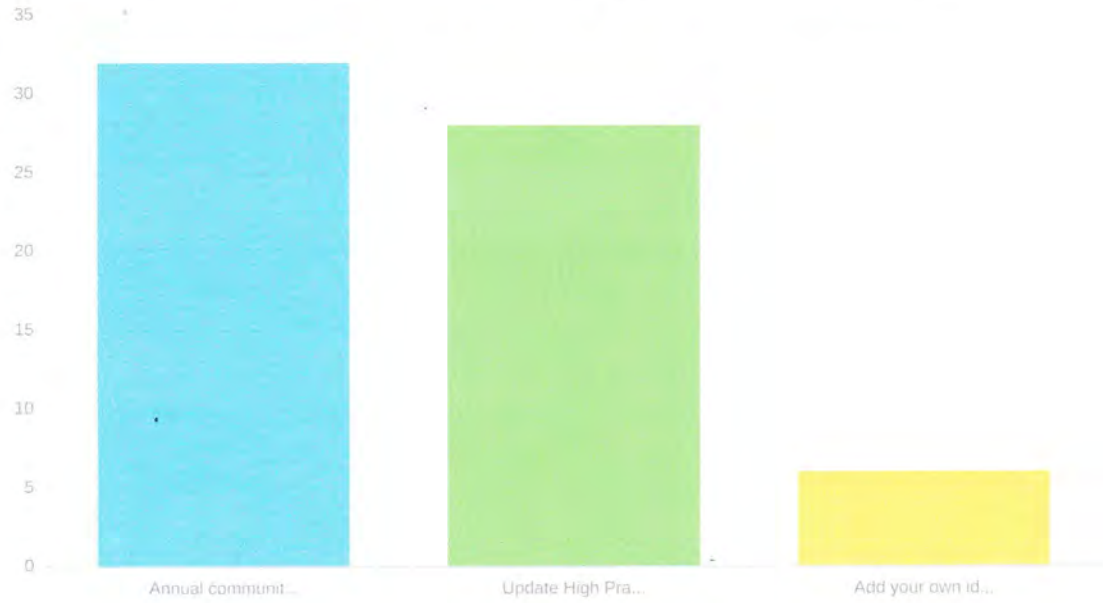
COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROJECTS

Here are a couple of HPCC-sponsored community benefit projects we've done in the past that still seem like good ideas. -- Mark any that you'd be interested in or that seem worthwhile. -- Add other community benefit project ideas in the "Add your own ideas" space.



74% (32)
Annual community clean-up with "Dumpster Days" (dumpsters brought to High Prairie for a few days) (not for tires or yard waste)

65% (28)
Update High Prairie phone directory (the directory is made available only to participants)

14% (6)
Add your own ideas:

66
Responses

None

How about a Little Free Library at the community center?

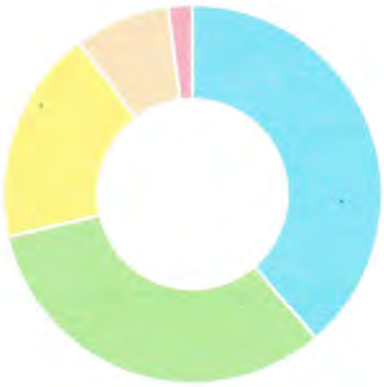
It would be great if we could recycle hard to recycle items at dumpster days too (and regular stuff).

Food drive, toy drive, winter coat / hat / glove drive, organized visits or meal donations to isolated seniors or other vulnerable folks.

Community Exercise Gathering (i.e. meet at firehouse - some walk, some bike, some run a course)

Road way clean up. Collect trash along major roads.

How likely are you to make use of dumpsters brought to High Prairie?



39% (19)
Sounds great! I definitely would bring things to throw into the dumpsters.

33% (16)
It's a good idea. I probably would bring things to throw into the dumpsters.

18% (9)
Good idea, but I probably wouldn't have things to bring to the dumpsters.

8% (4)
Not interested at all.

2% (1)
Other (Please Specify)

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Standard Deviation

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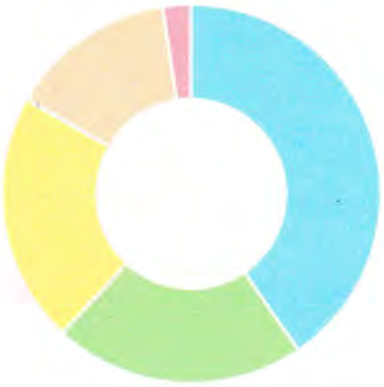
Responses

Maybe find a way to connect people with stuff to haul with people who can haul for a cleanup day - dump fees are cheap

Would a small charge affect your interest in making use of the dumpsters?



40% (17)
No, having the use of the dumpsters would definitely be worth it to me.

21% (9)
No, I support the HPCC in making things like this happen.

21% (9)
It would depend on the size of the charge and how much I have to throw into the dumpsters.

14% (6)
I wouldn't be interested if there is a charge.

2% (1)
Other (Please Specify)

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Standard Deviation

42
Responses

We go to the dump

In the past there's been a need for attendants to screen for items the dumpster company won't accept, so the company will bring dumpsters again the next year. Would you be willing to take a shift as a screener?

9% (4)
It's a valuable service -- I'll definitely take a shift.

13% (6)
I'd be very likely take a shift.

40% (18)
I might be willing to help out in some way.

38% (17)
I'm not interested.

0% (0)
Other (Please Specify)

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Standard Deviation

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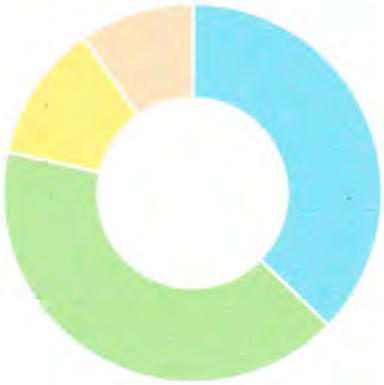
Responses

Are you now listed or would you like to be listed in the High Prairie phone directory?



37% (19)
I am listed, but should check to see if my entry needs to be updated.

41% (21)
I'd like to be listed and it would be great to have neighbors' numbers, too.

12% (6)
I'm not interested in being listed.

10% (5)
Other (Please Specify)

7.29
Standard Deviation

51
Responses

Not listed, didn't know there was a phone directory

Dunno if I'm listed, but I guess I wouldn't mind.

I'm listed

I'm only here part time.

I do not know whether I am listed.

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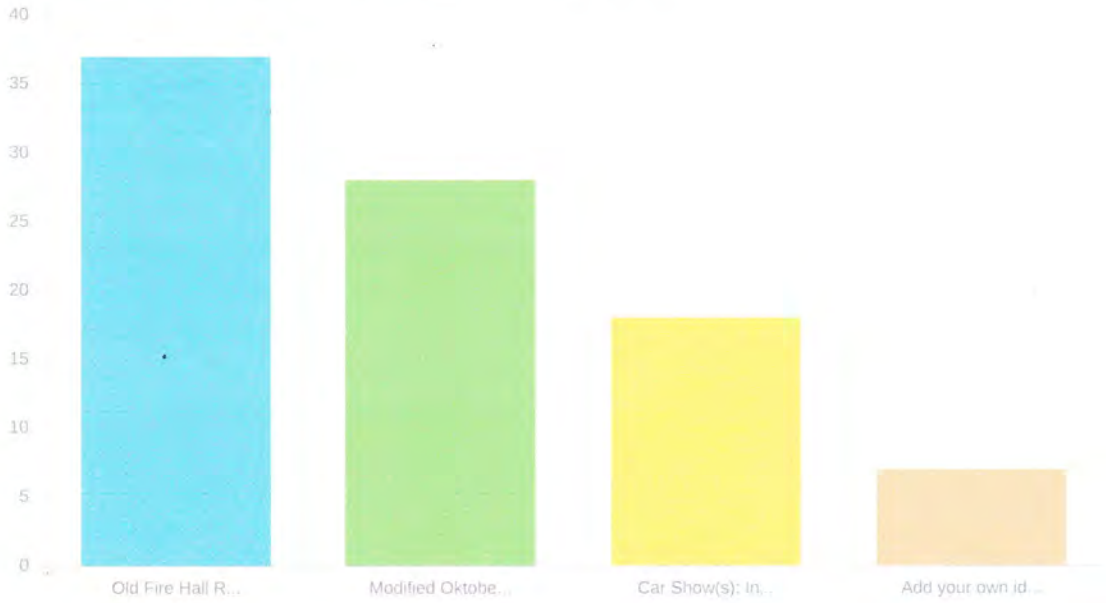
FUNDRAISERS

Small fundraising efforts can be incorporated into any of the above activities and projects; but in order to help support the Fire District, keep the Community Center running, and have money for HPCC activities, we need to have a fundraising event (or events) that brings in a significant amount of money. -- Mark any of these that appeal to you. -- Please add any fundraiser ideas you may have in the "Add your own ideas" box at the bottom.



84% (37)
Old Fire Hall Rummage Sale: Collect good quality donations in the old fire hall on Centerville Hwy; then hold a rummage sale once or twice a year.

64% (28)
Modified Oktoberfest: Put on a simplified version of our 2019 Oktoberfest.

41% (18)
Car Show(s): Invite car clubs to hold car show(s) at the community center.

16% (7)
Add your own ideas:

90
Responses

I really like the yard sale, but I feel like people were running out of quality stuff and there was starting to be too much junk. Not sure how to avoid this?

Explore grants for operating a community center; explore some kind of online fundraising; create and sell High Prairie calendars using HP photographers' work; sell other High Prairie merchandise

There could be a silent auction for any high end items. Also, this could be incorporated with a bake sale.

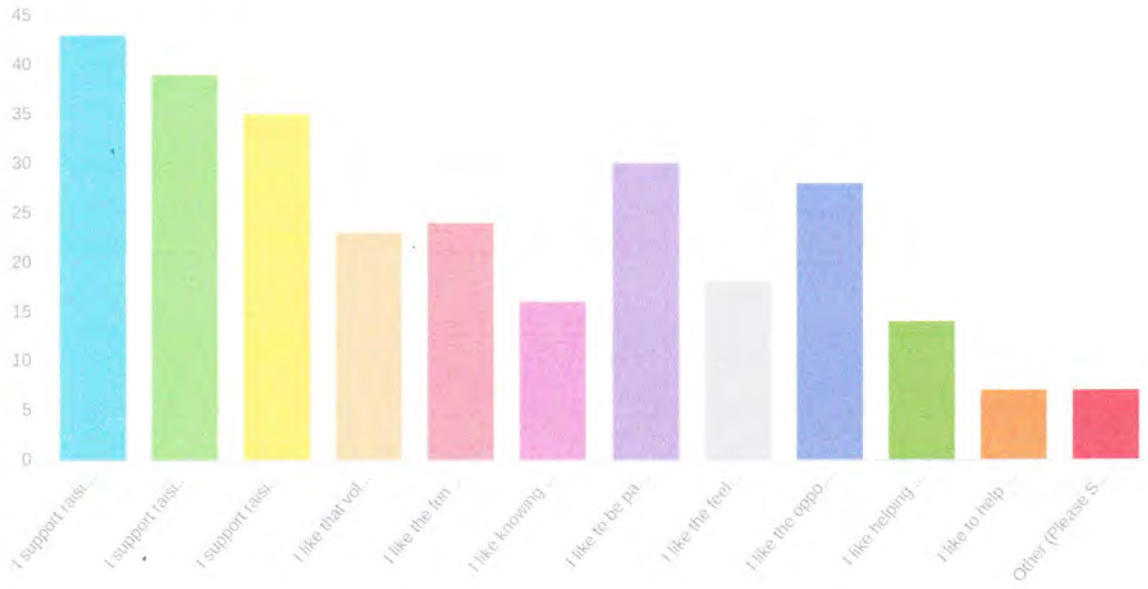
Bake sale. Plant sale. Hmmmm. I really like the rummage sale, and that could be combined with a sale of baked goods, plants, and handmade items. Maybe an online auction of services and lessons/consultations that other community members could offer?

Auction of historic antiques or item with a High Prairie history

I think the rummage sale idea should be abandoned. Way too much work and too much junk. There is a lot of money in High Prairie (along with poverty), what about a sustainers circle? E.g., just give $100 a year.

Silent Auction as I mentioned earlier

Mark all that apply to you:



86% (43)
I support raising money for the HP Fire District

78% (39)
I support raising money to keep the community center operating.

70% (35)
I support raising money so HPCC can sponsor or present community programs, activities and events.

46% (23)
I like that volunteering lets me connect with friends and get to know new people.

48% (24)
I like the fun and satisfaction of being part of putting on an event.

32% (16)
I like knowing I'm making a difference.

60% (30)
I like to be part of things that pull the community together.

36% (18)
I like the feeling of acting together with a purpose.

56% (28)
I like the opportunity to act locally in ways that benefit the whole community.

28% (14)
I like helping but prefer to work in the background.

14% (7)
I like to help but work best if I have a project I can work on by myself.

14% (7)
Other (Please Specify)

284
Responses

I've got crippling anxiety and as much as I want to take part, you might only ever meet me if you stop by my house. But text, first. Srsly, though, I do my best. Keep it up. I will, too.

I am a graphic designer, can make flyers or online ads if you need something for an event.

I work out of town a lot of the time, so my volunteer hours are limited, but would love to help out when I can

Ask if insitu employees will register HPCC in the Boeing volunteer match program. And do other local companies want to provide volunteers. Involve the Lyle Point reservation members. Some of whom are living in trailers.

I wish there was a way to get people to mingle more at the events. people always sit with others they know, we are fairly extroverted but it has been hard to break in.

Wondering if the Fire District Levy might warrant a temporary increase to make up for lost resources during COVID