

United Community for Youth Newsletter

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Quote to live by:

How beautiful is youth! How bright it gleams with its illusions, aspirations, dreams!

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I Have Assets: Girl Scouts



The asset of the month, *Caring Neighborhood*, highlights how important it is to youth to have a neighborhood filled with people who care about them. One way that adults can demonstrate that they care about kids is to serve as a volunteer for activities that focus on kids giving back to their neighborhood. When kids know that their neighborhood cares about them, they are more likely to care about their neighborhood and the people in it.

A great example of this reciprocal benefit is the local Girl Scouts. Each year more than 500 Sheboygan County adults volunteer more than 49,000 hours to help the 2,800 Sheboygan County Girl Scouts complete more than 461 community service projects. 90% of Girl Scouts participate in a service project each year ranging from cleaning up their neighborhood, to collecting food for local pantries, to visiting the elderly in nursing homes, to donating Teddy Bears to little kids who are experiencing a family crisis, to promoting voting in local elections. Kids who are involved in community service are more likely to get good grades in school, more likely to stay in school, and far less likely to participate in risky behaviors.

Activities and Events:

July 15, 2010: 4:30-6:30 - Celebrate the WI Clean Indoor Air Law - On Thursday, July 15th at Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan from 4:30 – 6:30pm come celebrate the new smoke free law. Stop by for snacks, pizza, free soda, door prizes and general fun. Discounts on bowling and other food specials! To RSVP call or email Jason Laurin at (920)652-0238 or at jason@newahec.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2010
Plymouth
Intergenerational Center (PIC) presents National Night Out - An evening of fun events, food, activities and information aimed at keeping our community safe and crime free. Concessions support the PIC.

Meetings:

Healthy Sheboygan County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Committee (HSC AODA) meetings are held at 7:45 am in Sheboygan at First United Lutheran Church on the 1st Wed. of each month. All are welcome to attend. Contact Phil Duket or Erik Wagner at (920) 892-6706 for more information.

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Closed on Fri.

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Weds. 9-5
Thurs. 1-6
Closed on Fri.

When adults demonstrate that they care about kids in their neighborhood by helping them give service, the benefits are gained immediately for the neighborhood and forever for the kids.

All girls 5-17 would benefit from community service experiences in the Girl Scouts. To get a girl involved in the Girl Scouts or to indicate that you would like to volunteer, contact Lisa Thiermann, Girl Scouts of Manitou Council (920) 565-4575, ex. 321 or at lisa@gsmanitou.org. The United Community for Youth Newsletter would like to thank Denise Schemenauer, CEO at Girl Scouts of Manitou Council, for her major contribution to this article. For more information on the I Have Assets program, contact Erik Wagner at (920)892-6706 or at erikfrc@excel.net.

State Legislature Passes Wisconsin Act 100 to Toughen OWI Laws



Wisconsin is ranked #1 in the number of drivers driving under the influence of alcohol. Wisconsin had been in the top five of this dubious ranking for many years and now the state legislatures have taken a step toward bumping "The Beer State" from the number one ranking with a new law, Wisconsin Act 100.

Wisconsin Act 100 went into effect on July 1. This law will substantially change current Wisconsin laws regarding operating while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. It will also directly and dramatically affect Wisconsin OWI offenders. Many drivers who would have previously been cited with non-criminal offenses will now be subject to criminal charges and penalties.

The key provisions of the new law include:

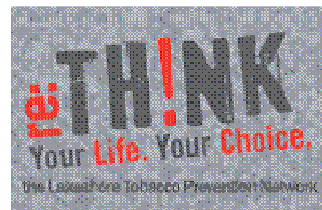
- criminal charges for a first OWI offense if there is a child under age 16 in the vehicle.
- A fourth OWI offense is now a Class H felony if committed within five years of a prior offense.
- An OWI causing injury will now be a Class H felony if offender has a prior OWI conviction.

- Vehicle sanctions including installation of an ignition interlock device (IID) to be installed on every vehicle owned by the OWI offender for a 1st offense with a BAC (blood alcohol content) of .15 or greater, for all repeat offenders, and for all chemical testing refusals.
- Offenders will pay a \$50 surcharge for the ignition interlock and will receive criminal charges for noncompliance with the IID and/ or ignition interlock removal/disconnection/tampering/circumvention. Offenders who do not comply with the ignition interlock will also be prohibited from getting any operator's license.
- Treating first-time OWI offenders with a BAC of .08 to .099 the same as all other first-time offenders.
- The court may not stay sentences for third or subsequent OWI offenses. Offenders will go directly to jail upon sentencing. OWI offenders granted work-release privileges will be required to show proof of ignition interlock installation within two weeks of sentencing or work-release will be denied.

It is our hope that the citizens of Sheboygan County fully understand the consequences of the new law and take proactive steps to protect themselves and others by not driving under the influence.

The UCY Newsletter would like to thank Linda Knebel, the Sheboygan County Interagency Program for the Intoxicated Driver Coordinator with the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department, for permission to use information from her article, *Community Conversation: Tougher OWI Laws Take Effect July 1* in the June 14 *Sheboygan Press*. Contact Linda Knebel at DHHS at (920)459-3892 or visit the article for more in depth information. For more information on the local AODA efforts, contact Phil Duket, Healthy Sheboygan County AODA Chair, at (920)892-6706 or at pduket@excel.net.

New Partnerships Created in Tobacco Prevention



Local tobacco prevention coalitions have united to form regional “multi-jurisdictional” coalitions or MJC’s. Sheboygan County will work with Door, Kewanee, Manitowoc, and Winnebago county and be called *re:TH!NK the Lakeshore Tobacco Prevention Network*. Their mission is to improve the health of

the residents by reducing tobacco use and exposure through prevention strategies which include community outreach and involvement to move policy forward collaboratively across the multi-jurisdictional area.

The MJC's are working with businesses and local Chambers of Commerce to provide window clings from the American Lung Association that state, "This establishment is smoke-free." Education and support has been provided to law enforcement agencies, as well as local groups, on implementing the smoke-free law, as well as education on the penalties if not complied with. In addition, there are celebration events going on throughout the state during the month of July.

The Sheboygan County Tobacco Prevention Council, formerly the Sheboygan County Tobacco Prevention Coalition, will celebrate the WI Clean Indoor Air Law on Thursday, July 15th at Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan from 4:30 – 6:30pm. To RSVP, call or email Jason Laurin at (920)652-0238 or at jason@newahec.org.

The *re:TH!NK the Lakeshore Tobacco Prevention Network* and local Sheboygan County Tobacco Prevention Council look forward to working with and supporting its partners to provide safer, healthier work places and dining venues to Sheboygan County residents. For more Sheboygan County information, contact Elizabeth Abler, RN, at the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health at (920)459-3038 or at ablereaa@co.sheboygan.wi.us. Or contact Jason Laurin, Multijurisdictional County Coordinator, (920)652-0238 or jason@newahec.org.



The United Community for Youth Newsletter is a collaborative effort that would not be possible without the help from supportive affiliations: The Family Resource Center, the Healthy Communities/ Healthy Youth Initiative, the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, the Healthy Sheboygan County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Committee, and the Tobacco Free Council of Sheboygan County. For specific information on any of these projects, contact those mentioned at the end of each article OR for general information or resources specific to you, call the Family Resource Center at (920) 892-6706 or email erikfrc@excel.net.