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## Youth Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

Roanoke's young people are working to develop high-quality, meaningful and effective programs and activities that meet their needs. To do that, they ask for your assessment of current and future opportunities for Roanoke youth. Two public meetings are scheduled to gather feedback, information from which will be used to create a Youth Comprehensive Plan.

The public meetings are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27 and Monday, March 6 at the Roanoke Civic Center. Drop in for snacks from 5-6 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Marion Vaughn-Howard at 853-2249.

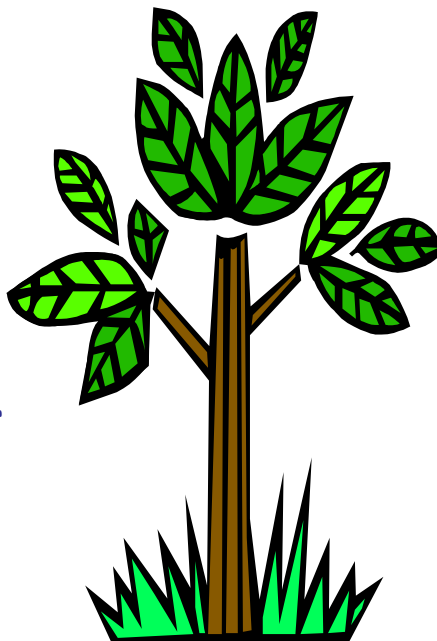
## Our Next Meeting...

### *Free WNF Tshirts to New Members!*

The next meeting of the WNF, Inc. will be Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the multi-purpose room of Wasena Elementary School. Our meetings only last one hour and this is an important hour to find out what is going on in our neighborhood and to voice your comments and concerns.

March is nomination month for officers and the Executive Board. If you are interested in becoming an officer or would like to nominate someone for a position, please come to the meeting.

*New members who attend will receive a free WNF T shirt, so come and bring a friend!*



## Watch Our Neighborhood Grow!

Be on the lookout this spring for new trees planted throughout the Wasena village center and along the Wasena Bridge entrance to our neighborhood. Please come to the March meeting to find out how you can participate in this beneficial neighborhood grant project.

For more information, call 819-7446.

## **Scrabble Tournament**

**Join other area adults who love to play Scrabble and help the literacy effort in the Roanoke Valley at the same time. This will be an evening of word-building fun and fast-paced competition -- you won't want to miss it! Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Literacy Volunteers of Roanoke Valley (LV RV), an accredited affiliate of ProLiteracy America, a group that helps adults improve their ability to read. In Roanoke, more than 25% of adults read below the level of functional literacy. LV RV has helped hundreds of area residents to improve their reading through volunteer tutoring. Everyone is welcome to play, have fun and support literacy. The competition begins at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in FitzPatrick Hall of the Jefferson Center. For more information, call the LV RV office at 265-9339.**

## **Second Annual City of Roanoke Talent Show**

**Join employees of the City of Roanoke for their second annual employee talent show on Friday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Civic Center Performing Arts Theater. Tickets are available for \$5 ea (student tickets are \$3) at the door on the night of the performance. For more information, contact Bob Clement at 853-1286.**

## RVTV Channel 3 "Inside Roanoke" Programs for February

RVTV Channel 3 "Inside Roanoke" February program brings you an update on the Huff Lane Road Improvements; some information from Roanoke Police about how to help keep vehicles safe; and a look at some new equipment with the Fire-EMS Department. Also featured are the home renovations underway on Day Avenue as part of the Miller's Hill project. All this and more on Inside Roanoke!

*To see this and more, make sure you tune in to RVTV Channel 3 Inside Roanoke, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. - Mondays and Wednesdays, and also at 3 p.m. on Sundays.*

### Hey Kids!

Think there's nothing to do? Check out [www.roanokeva.gov/PLAY](http://www.roanokeva.gov/PLAY)

### Neighborhood Notices

Our apologies to Betsy Imms, whose birthday (December 9th) was omitted from our last newsletter. We hope you had a great birthday, Betsy!

Congratulations to Mark Farrell on Main Street, who won our annual Christmas lights contest.

Our sympathies go out to Anne Beckett, whose mother passed away recently after a long illness.

## Just Let the Kids Play

Roanoke Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Roanoke County, Salem, Botetourt County, Montgomery County and Franklin County Parks and Recreation departments and Cave Spring National Little League presents former NBA player Bob Bigelow at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Northside Middle School auditorium. This event is free, and parents, coaches and recreation club volunteers are especially encouraged to attend.

Bigelow, who played for the Kansas City Kings, San Diego Clippers and Boston Celtics, now speaks nationwide on meeting the social, psychological and physical needs of kids, rather than meeting adults' needs to compete through their children. The co-author of "Just Let the Kids Play," he advocates grassroots reform that de-emphasizes the overpowering competitiveness of parents and coaches and return the joy of play to organized youth sports.

## Happy Birthday!!!



### March

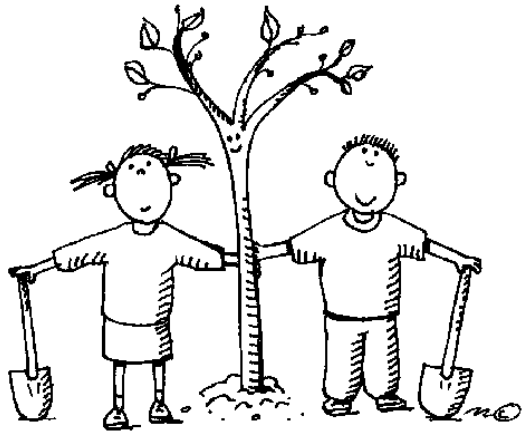
Janet Blue	7
Terri Beck	10
Jeff Jansen	11
Nancy Morgan	17
Mae Leon	20
David Leaman	21
Mary Linn	27

### April

Kemp Fant	1
Wayne Stanton	5
A.B. Manning	16
Kimberly Tresky	17
Joe Easter	19
Sandy Shiplett	19
Mack Cooper II	25
Sharon Hall	27
Gordon Irby	27

### May

Angela Rowland	1
Velma Carroll	6
Leigh Locklier	7
Kathleen Cook	11
Rob Marston	17
Gina DeAngelis	24



Did you know you can help your neighborhood just by shopping at Kroger? WNF, Inc. is enrolled in the Kroger Cares Program. All you have to do is buy a Kroger gift card and shop with it as you normally shop.

Recharge the card as you need and every time you shop, Kroger will contribute 5% of the purchase price to the WNF account.

*This program costs you nothing!* Please inquire at the next WNF meeting.

## Dates to Remember:

### MARCH

- 3/2 W N F, INC. meeting
- 3/13 Roanoke City Schools closed
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, Downtown
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
- 3/31 2 hour early dismissal, Roanoke City Schools

### APRIL

- 4/1 April Fool's Day, Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Easter Eggstravaganza in Wasena Park
- 4/2 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 4/6 W N F, INC. meeting
- 4/9 Palm Sunday
- 4/13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- 4/14 Good Friday
- 4/16 Easter
- 4/17 Spring Break through 4/21
- 4/26 Administrative Professional's Day
- 4/28 Arbor Day

### MAY

- 5/4 W N F, INC. meeting
- 5/6 Nurses' Day, Chili Cookoff and Strawberry Festival Downtown
- 5/9 National Teacher's Day
- 5/14 Mother's Day
- 5/26 2 hour early dismissal, Roanoke City

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