

South Dorchester Community Conversation Next Steps Ideas

Library

Dorchester County Public Library is looking for ways to deliver services. Re-instituting the Library “Bookmobile” could be a way to provide regular transportation for library material to South Dorchester.

- Sharon Lanasa, Youth Services Manager with Dorchester County Public Library to take the lead on this effort. Those who want to be involved can be in touch with her: 303 Gay Street - Cambridge MD 21613 slanasa@dorchesterlibrary.org - 410-228-7332
- Bookmobile was cut in last county budget

Health care and senior citizen support

Anyone 18 years old or older (especially seniors) with a chronic disease and is ineligible for hospice should look into a home-based “Wellness Program” in association with Dorchester Hospital. It provides free in-home health check ups by nurses and helps patients meet their health goals. Contact 410 228-7797

Look at support systems for aging population

Nancy Stewart from Coastal Hospice offered to provide a hospice basics and benefits presentation for the South Dorchester Community.

Bring more health care to South Dorchester

Erosion and Soil Conservation

Dorchester County Erosion Control meets monthly. The next meeting May 19th at 10am at Taylor Island Fire Company. Contact (410) 228-2920 for more information

Bianca Soto from the Dorchester Soil Conservation Service offered to provide information about services for farmers by newsletter, newspaper, e-mail, or magazines and to keep in contact with Dorchester community, especially South Dorchester.

Increased communication and information sharing

Hold a service providers meeting to discuss how to address the issues and needs brought up at the SDCC.

Set up a community council that meets on a regular basis.

Create outreach opportunities to implement in South Dorchester communities.

Continue the conversation!

Plan a way to get a communications tower.

Bev Mullikin offered to help to figure out ways to get information and communications out into the South Dorchester community.

Invite governmental agency reps to next meeting

Host meeting by groups like seniors, watermen, parents, etc. to address individual needs

Supporting education and young people

From Assistant Superintendent for Dorchester County Public Schools, Gary McCabe:
“DCPS would like to work on identify resources within the school system that can support the South Dorchester Community”

Look at issues related to population decline

Evaluate public school curriculum to ensure that it includes “common sense” “real life” education, ie: fiscal management, additional vo-tech subjects

Building bridges between generations

Identify an area which would build a bridge between generations

Identify an objective to work toward which would benefit any specific group but not cost money.

Transportation

Plan a way to provide vans for transport when current transportation options are not enough

Access to food for those in need

Establish a food bank in the lower portion of the county