

Yellow Ribbon City Action Plan for Spring Lake Park

City: Spring Lake Park, MN

Purpose: to Ensure Military Families in the Spring Lake Park and surrounding cities have the support they need pre-deployment, during deployment and during reintegration. Ensuring the soldier and their families are given every opportunity to thrive and grow in Our Community.

Apprentice City Contacts: Mayor Bob Nelson and Commander Don LaCroix

Date of Apprentice city training; initial – 13 April 2010,

Date of Sustainability meetings: May 14 Kraus-Hartig VFW 7 PM
June 16 Spring Lake Park City hall 7 PM
July 14 Kraus-Hartig VFW 7 PM
August 11th Spring Lake Park City Hall 7 PM
September 8th Kraus-Hartig VFW 7 PM final preparatory meeting prior to proclamation
September 22nd Receive City proclamation from Governor Pawlenty
October 13th Spring Lake Park city Hall 7 PM
November 10th Kraus-Hartig VFW 7PM
December 8th Spring Lake Park City Hall 7 PM
January 12th 2011 Kraus-Hartig VFW 7 PM

Mission Statement: In Establishing Fort Spring Lake Park, We are continuing Minnesota's proud history of supporting our Military Men, Women, and their families. Fort Spring Lake Park will consist of a group of diverse citizen's and community leaders dedicated to providing community education, family support and recognizing military service members and their families.

Focus Area's:

1. Active duty care/support
2. Family member care/support
3. Veteran care/support
4. Community support
5. youth care/support

Sustainability plan: Spring Lake Park City action plan will:

- A. Permanently add as an item to city council agenda**
- B. 1- A member of the city counsel or the mayor will be appointed leadership upon resignation of the current Yellow Ribbon chair**
2- A member or the commander of the Kraus-Hartig VFW officers will be appointed upon resignation of the current Yellow Ribbon Chair
- C. Monthly meetings will rotate every other month, the second Wednesday of the month via the Co-Chairs at either City hall or the Kraus-Hartig VFW Post.**
- D. Kraus-Hartig VFW will make Beyond the Yellow ribbon a line item during the monthly meeting and incorporate the Chair into the standing motions of the Post.**
- E. Ensure that the Yellow ribbon Action Plan activities will become an integrated mention and Part of the Spring Lake Park communities existing programs and organizations and whenever possible ensure long term sustainability of the action plan.**

Actions plans follow:

City Leadership – Chair persons Mayor Cindy Hansen, Council Person Barbra Carlson –contributions from other City council and leadership volunteers.

Idea (What you intend to do)	Owner (Who will be in charge)	Time (When you plan to accomplish)	Area (What focus are doe this affect)
a) City of Spring Lake Park will add a BYR Spot to the council agenda monthly for announcements, recruiting Volunteers, education of citizens And members about Fort SLP	Chairpersons Volunteer leadership	Currently working June 2010	Veteran Cares Family care Community Support Youth Care
b) The City will create a Network of volunteers available to families and will make names available to committee chair persons	Chairperson Volunteer Leadership	continuing to build	Family Care Youth Care Community Support Youth Care
c) City Leadership will attend all BYR meetings and keep good of knowledge of what is happening in the city for BYR	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	Currently working	Veteran Care Youth Care Community Support Family Care
d) City will make space available if it is available for BYR meetings at City Hall	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	currently working	Veteran Care Youth Care Community Support Family Care
e) City website will be linked to BYR and reader board Will announce events	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	being updated	Veteran Care Youth Care Community Support Family Care

Public Safety and Service groups Chairman Randy Brown, Spring Lake Park Police

Idea (What you intend to do)	Owner (Who will be in charge)	Time (When you plan to accomplish)	Area (What focus are do this affect)
a) Conduct training for law enforcement officers To increase awareness of Veterans challenges	Chairpersons Spring Lake Park officer Brown	immediate and on going	Veteran Cares Family care
b) Offer yellow ribbon checks for families with Veterans	Spring Lake Park Police	immediate and on going	Family Care Youth Care
c) Offer household safety, security, and Fire inspections	Spring Lake Park Police SBM Fire Department	immediate and on going	Veteran Care/family care Community Support
d) Offer household CO2/ and Fire detectors free of charge	Spring Lake Park Police SBM Fire Department	immediate and ongoing	Veteran care Family care
e) Offer free fire extinguisher training	SBM Fire Department	immediate and on going	Family care Veteran care
f) Offer Child Safety seat inspections free	SBM Fire Department	immediate and ongoing	Family care Community Support
g) First Aid and CPR classes	SBM fire Department	immediate and on going	Family Care Veteran Care Community Support

Medical and Mental Health Services – Chairperson Joseph Wotruba PhD, L.P., Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health and Well-Being- Domestic Abuse Program and Volunteer Leadership comprised of the contributions from other Community Based Medical Health and Mental Health Organizations.

Idea (What you intend to do)	Owner (Who will be in charge)	Time (When you plan to accomplish)	Area (What focus are doe this affect)
a) Provide training for Medical and Mental Health agencies on how to best to utilize their resources in addressing the needs of military members and their families	Chairperson State Senator, County Comm. Mayor, City Council Member	July 1, 2010 by January 30, 2011	Community Support Veteran Care Family Care Youth Care
b) Create Veteran Support Network with local Hospitals, Mental Health Organizations willing to interview and hire vets	Chairperson Volunteer Leadership	July 1, 2010 by January 30, 2011	Veteran care Family care Community Support
c) Compile a professional services provider list of Medical Dental, Mental Health professionals offering discounted and or pro-bono rates for families with deployed Military Members & Veterans	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	July 1, 2010 by January 30, 2011	Veteran Care Youth Care Family Care Community Support
d) Compile a professional services provider list of Medical, Dental, Mental Health professionals which will respond in an effort to provide a coordinated care plan for crisis management once veterans have returned from deployment and for members of veterans' families while deployed.	Chairperson Volunteer Leadership	July 1, 2010 by January 30, 2011	Veteran Care Family Care Youth Care Community Support

Business & Employers Chair – Keller Williams Realty, John Weis

Idea (What you intend to do)	Owner (Who will be in charge)	Time (When you plan to accomplish)	Area (What focus are do this affect)
a) Create a veteran job support network with local employers willing to interview and hire Veterans.	Chairpersons Volunteer leadership	Currently working June 2010	Veteran Cares Family care Community Support
b) Develop service providers list of companies that will work at discounted rates and or donate time to include home maintenance, car repair, general labor carpentry, electrical plumbing and computer help	Chairperson Volunteer Leadership	working on list	Family Care Youth Care Community Support Youth Care
c) Compile a professional service list of legal and financial professional offering discounted rates for families with deployed military members and veterans	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	working on list	Veteran Care Community Support Family Care

K-12 Teachers and Administration – Chairperson Peter A. Yelle, Youth Service Manager District 16 Community Services.

Idea (What you intend to do)	Owner (Who will be in charge)	Time (When you plan to accomplish)	Area (What focus are do this affect)
a) Create resolution stating School district 16 will support BYR network	Chairpersons	pending adoption July 2010	Community support
b) Student organizations will be connected with Volunteer opportunities serving military families Youth Care	Chairperson Volunteer Leadership	July 1, 2010 by Oct 30, 2010	Family Care Youth Care Community Support
c) Develop Support Groups at Spring Lake Park Middle and High Schools	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	July 1, 2010 by Nov 2010	Youth Care Community Support Family Care
d) Conduct Staff and faculty training on challenges of children with deployed family members	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	July 1 st 2010 by Nov 2010	Youth Care Community support Family Care

Veterans Services – Chairperson Don LaCroix – Commander Kraus-Hartig VFW and contributions from other Veterans Based Organizations.

Idea (What you intend to do)	Owner (Who will be in charge)	Time (When you plan to accomplish)	Area (What focus are doe this affect)
a) Provide direction to veterans to receive , Veterans benefits for health and Well fare from the Veterans administration and other Veterans organizations such as The DAV, American Legion, and The Order of the Purple Heart	Chairperson Volunteer leadership	Currently working since 1946	Veteran Cares
b) Create a Support Network of volunteers available to assist with household chores and times needed by families of deployed soldiers in Spring Lake Park and sounding area's,	Chairperson Volunteer Leadership	working with other chairs to complete	Family Care Youth Care Community Support
c) Work with community services chairperson to provide list of discounted and or pro-bono rates services for families with deployed Military Members & Veterans	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	working on	Veteran Care Youth Care Community Support Family Care
d) Keep adopted units informed of BYR	Volunteer leadership	Completed and active	Veterans Care

Faith Based Services – Chairperson Nancy Downey – St Timothy’s Catholic Church.

Idea (What you intend to do)	Owner (Who will be in charge)	Time (When you plan to accomplish)	Area (What focus are doe this affect)
a) Provide direction to veterans to receive help or first calls for help with faith issues	Chairperson Volunteer leadership		Family Care Veteran Cares
b) Create a Support Network of volunteers available to assist faith based issue needed by families of deployed soldiers in Spring Lake Park and sounding area’s,	Chairperson Volunteer Leadership	July 1, 2010 by January 30, 2011	Family Care Youth Care Community Support
c) Work with community services chair person to provide list of discounted and or pro-bono rates services for families with deployed Military Members & Veterans	Chairperson. Volunteer Leadership	July 1, 2010 by January 30, 2011	Veteran Care Youth Care Community Support Family Care

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Fort Spring Lake Park actions completed already:

1st Veteran Service action item completed for the Yellow Ribbon Program;

June 4th 2010

Post contacted by 13th Sysops Family Member looking for help moving.

Wife of deployed soldier contacted the Post, She needed to move to a new Town home with no help except her elderly Uncle. The Post Took action, got a list of volunteers to together and at 9 AM on June 4th we moved her and her family out of their Town home at 280 27th Ave, Mpls, MN and into her new Town Home.

Volunteers, Bob Hagstrom, Jim Sawyer, Don LaCroix, Garrett LaCroix, And Steve Meth. Moving completed between 9 Am and 1 PM total of 20 hours volunteer hours. 4 vehicles used for at 11.7 miles each for 46.8 miles driven

13th Sysops Family Support group notified of move through SSG Kevin Frassel

June 21

The following 2 web sites for Spring Lake Park have been updated to show our Beyond the Yellow Ribbon status
And connect the web to BYR and Fort Spring lake Park events:

<http://www.vfw-6587.org/> Kraus-Hartig Website, <http://www.ci.spring-lake-park.mn.us/> City of Spring Lake Park Website

June 28th

Planning and calendaring meeting Held at Kraus-Hartig VFW, The All Post Picnic which will have all 5 adopted units
Invited will be planned and raffle established to promote funding for the BYR Fort Spring Lake Park Program.

August 1st

Kraus-Hartig will be holding their Annual Post Picnic. This picnic is a beyond the yellow ribbon event and all troops and families are invited to attend from 1 PM to 4 PM, with games for the kids and adults with donated gift give away hourly. No charge, free food and fun.

September 11th 2010

Kraus-Hartig VFW hosting the 407th Civil affairs Units family Support group meeting.

The post will provide food and space for the group to meet and plan welcome home and deployment events.

September 22nd City receives proclamation that they are a Beyond the Yellow ribbon city

October 2010 multiple visits to Arden Hills reserve center to inform and update adopted units of Toys for the Troops
Comedy show.

November 6th Toys for the troop benefit/comedy show raised over \$500.00 in toys and gifts for three adopted units

December 11th Beyond the yellow ribbon pre-deployment briefing held for the 704th Civil affairs unit bound for Afghanistan

December 12th 4 Families assisted in the City of Spring Lake Park by volunteers from BYR with Snow removal

December 18th 2010 Proclaimed 173rd Airborne Day for the welcome home of adopted unit members from Afghanistan.

January 1 New Mayor Cindy Hansen made Mayor chairperson, Bob Nelson signed on as Media Chair and contact. Joe Franzen replaced by John Weis as Company chair.