



**A Community Linked in Unity**

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## Season's Greetings

As we get to the close of the end of another year, it is a time of celebration, reflection and resolutions. In this time of the hustle and bustle of buying gifts, trimming the tree and traveling, let us not forget the reason for the season. "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). Let us not remove the CHRIST out of Christmas.

Let us reflect on how good God has been to us this year and count all of our many blessings. I'm sure that if we could wrap each blessing in a box and place it under the Christmas tree, we would soon not be able to see the tree.

Each year we make resolutions to lose weight, spend more time with family and others. In addition let us resolve to be better to each other than ever before. Let us resolve to be more active in the community.

The Rockville Community Outreach Inc. is wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a very blessed and prosperous New Year!

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## Congratulations JHS Aggies

Way to go Marquez Jackson and Marcus Bush and the entire JHS Aggies football team as they claimed the 4A State Championship Title. All of your hard work has paid off.

## Tax-exempt application

Our board President has been hard at work completing Form 1023 – IRS Tax Exempt application. The form and all supporting documents were mailed on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Let us all be in prayer that Rockville Community Outreach Inc. is approved for non-profit status.

## Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in all of our fundraisers this year. We were very busy. We held a yard sale in May; Sunday Dinner Plate sale in June; Fish Plate sale and carwash in October. If you have other fundraising ideas please contact a member of the Fundraising Committee: Lula B. Worthy, Roger Williams or James Wheeler.

## New Meeting Day/Time

So that we no longer conflict with weekend activities, we are moving our meeting date and time beginning in January 2012. Our monthly meeting date will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We hope that this new day and time will allow greater participation.

## Roads and 4-Wheelers

A special thank you goes out to our District 4 County Commissioner Tyrone Moye for listening to and acting on our concerns regarding the conditions and maintenance to our roads. Over the last year we've seen tremendous improvement to our roads.

However, recently we've seen serious erosion and spinout which is caused by speeding 4-wheelers. The County cannot continue to incur additional costs to repair road problems that are caused by residents. If the 4-wheeler riders continue to cause this erosion and spinout we run the risk of the county only maintaining the road from the highway to the church.

## Academic Excellence Program

The Rockville Community Outreach, Inc. Executive Board and members are pleased to announce the first semester honorees: Sheldon Peoples, Jimilya Martin, Hayle Jackson, Mia Williams, Keagan Pritchett, Kayla Brown, Demarcus Jackson, Garian Council, Latia Brown, Sabrina Stevens, Marquez Jackson and Mychella Armstead.

The requirements for the reward are as follows and all three must be met to be eligible:

1. Be on the (A), (A-B), or (B) honor roll
2. Good conduct in the class room
3. Good conduct on the school bus

You must show proof by providing a copy of the report card after each 6-9 week reporting period. Copies should be given to one of the following committee members: Terri Jackson, Vickie Brown or Ruthie Burrell. In addition, if your child is excelling in extracurricular activities, let us know so we can recognize them for those accomplishments as well.

Each student will receive a certificate of achievement and a reward (either individual or group) after each

reporting period and we will reward them at the end of the school year as well. In the planning stages are ideas for the end of the year celebration. More details to follow as the end of school approaches.

## Special Appointment

Lisa Burrell has been appointed to the Clarke County Parks and Recreation Board. She was appointed by Commissioner Tyrone Moye and State Representative Thomas Jackson. This is exciting news because Rockville Community Outreach will be presenting a proposal to the Parks and Recreation Board for funds to assist us in building a picnic pavilion on the site of the Old School House.

## Business Spotlight

A new feature added to the newsletter is spotlighting a business owner who is a member of the community (past and present).

Renee Burrell has entered the health and wellness industry as an independent representative with Herbalife. For more information about the product or becoming a representative, please call Renee at her toll free number 877-601-0542.

If you would like your business spotlighted in the next newsletter please contact Lisa Burrell.

## Who to Contact

If you have any issues or concerns that the Rockville Community Outreach Board can assist you with, please contact Lisa Burrell, Board President, at 246-0180 or via email at [RockvilleCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:RockvilleCommunity@gmail.com) or stop her on the street.

Board Members are: Lisa Burrell, Lula B. Worthy, Avice Williams, Kevin Jackson, Johnny Burrell, Eric Jackson, JoAnn Jackson, Osie (Shorty) Jackson and James Wheeler.