

Beautification Project continues Saturday at Elliott, Miller heights

by **Jefferson Greene**
Project Coordinator

The Warm Springs Beautification Project for Elliott Heights and Miller Heights is set for this Saturday, Oct. 24.

The project gives the entire community an opportunity to participate in a project we can call our own.

Again, the results will be incredible and noticeable, and everyone will have an opportunity to benefit from their contributions.

The objective of this project is to clean and weed out all of the debris in and around the sidewalks in the Miller Heights and Elliott Heights neighborhoods.

The project's vision is that soon all pedestrians will be able to commute in a safer environment by using the sidewalks in-



Courtesy of Jefferson Greene

Example of sidewalk that will be cared for.

stead of the streets currently due to debris.

The project will take place Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

with an early meeting in the parking lot of the Community Center in Warm Springs.

It will be just in time for the

Halloween evening when kids and pedestrians can walk safely on the newly groomed sidewalks.

The community has really come together on this one and is still working on getting more people involved:

We've received gifts from the Oregon Lottery, SOLV, and the Warm Springs Parole and Probation Department.

The Warm Springs Housing Authority has once again stepped up for the third time with their workforce and generous proceeds.

First Nation Media has donated all the marketing materials.

Natural Resources has expressed interest in donating their heavy-duty flatbed truck and trailer.

Tribal Council, Parole and Probation, and SOLV together

have donated trash bags. Yvette and Michael Leecy have donated cash.

We thank you all for staying tuned into the Warm Springs Beautification Project as this may definitely be an inspirational project for the books.

Please be open to talking with colleagues and neighbors about the amount of impact in others

lives we may be able to positively make.

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Raising awareness of domestic violence

by **Mark Matthews**
Warm Springs VOCS

Domestic violence—also called intimate partner violence or family violence—is a serious and dangerous problem on the reservation and throughout the United States with negative impact on victims, families, employers, and communities.

Close-knit tribal communities can make it more difficult for victims of domestic violence to seek and get help.

Rural tribal areas are facing other challenges that can overlap with or aggravate domestic violence situations, such as the recession, unemployment, higher poverty, lower rates of health insurance coverage, and less access to health care and human services providers.

Embarrassment and guilt can also inhibit victims of domestic violence in seeking help. All of these factors make the problems facing domestic violence survivors more difficult to address.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so the Victims of Crime Services Department (VOCS) and its partners have planned several activities in October.

Purple is the color for Domestic Violence Awareness.

Volunteers and staff are making and distributing purple ribbons and other materials to raise awareness.

In Madras the Saving Grace community-based victims assistance program (formerly known as COBRA) has a purple lights campaign that you will see if you drive on Fourth or Fifth streets or go to Sahalee Park at night.

Another activity in October is the evening women's support group that meets at VOCS on Monday evenings.

Please call a VOCS staff member at 553-2293 during business hours if you or a friend would like to participate in the evening women's support group meetings.

Also in October tribal community members will see at various offices and locations the traveling red Silent Witness silhouettes that will spend a week at various public locations.

VOCS provides 24/7 emergency services and assistance to domestic violence and other person crime victims who are in crisis immediately after their victimization.

Person crime victims include those victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and assault and battery.

It does not include property

crimes such as malicious mischief, vandalism, theft, or house fires (unless the police or fire departments suspect the crime of Arson).

Additionally, VOCS does not provide criminal defense services.

The responding VOCS victim Advocate will make a quick needs assessment, and determine what is needed for the victim's immediate safety.

Safety plans are made depending upon the victim's unique circumstances.

Frequent emergency VOCS services can include emergency shelter, food and supplies, transportation, or a restraining order.

The victim Advocate usually provides information, referrals, and or emotional support to the person crime victim in crisis. Sometimes the victim is met at a hospital emergency room or at the Warm Springs Police Department.

VOCS offers its victim services to all person crime victims regardless of race, gender, or tribal membership since a majority of funds for the VOCS department come from federal grants that require non-discrimination.

Fire Safety Coloring Contest

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Kids, color in the drawing above, and bring it to Warm Springs Fire and Safety for a chance to win a prize. Drawings are due by the end of October. Remember to include your name and age. There are three judging categories, said Karla Tias-Bagley, assistant fire chief: 5 years and under; ages 5-8; and 8-12 years. Prizes for first- through third-place in each age category. Fire and Safety is sponsoring this contest in recognition of Fire Prevention Week, which is this week, and Fire Prevention Month, which is this month.

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