



# news for Community Leaders

## Calendar of Events

**March 30, 2010**

**6:30 to 8 pm**

**Town Hall Meeting:**

Underage Drinking  
Most Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church  
Eureka, MO

**April 8, 2010**

**May 13, 2010**

Drug-Free Coalition  
meeting, Crestview Mid-  
dle School 3:30-5 pm

**April 17, 2010**

Medication Take-Backs  
please see inset

**April 19, 2010**

**May 17, 2010**

Coalition Executive Com-  
mittee Meeting,  
Crestview Middle School  
3-4:30 pm.

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## Community Leaders Play Prominent Roles in Medication Take-Back Events

The Rockwood Drug-Free Coalition has been fortunate to collaborate with community leaders in deploying a new and important community service: Medication Take-Backs. The largest Take-Back event to date was held on February 20, 2010. Across five locations, 348 people returned over 120,000 units of medication.

An emerging issue in our communities is the increase in abuse of prescription medications. Unused medications are difficult to dispose of. It is environmentally unsound to flush them down the toilet or throw them in the trash. Pharmacies cannot take medicines back.

Medication Take-Backs are a solution to the accumulation of unused medicines.

Take-Back events are coordinated with local law enforcement personnel. Chief Mike Wiegand- Eureka P.D., Chief Steve Schicker- Ballwin P.D., Chief Tom Felgate- Ellisville P.D. and Capts. Ken

Williams and Jeff Bader, St. Louis County P.D., all provided leadership and resources to bring this service to the community.

Councilman Jim Meyer of Clarkson Valley and Officer Dan Armbruster provided the coordination necessary to assure all personnel were trained and equipped to properly receive and handle medications.

*Thank You* to the community leaders and volunteers who make this service a success. Through continued collaboration, we make our communities safer for our children and families.

### Next Take-Back Event

**Saturday, April 17, 2010**

**9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

#### Locations:

Ballwin Police Department  
Clarkson-Valley City Hall  
Ellisville Police Department  
Eureka Police Department  
Fenton City Hall

## Community Leaders Can Participate in Town Hall Meeting

The Rockwood Drug-Free Coalition is collaborating with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Task Force, the Rockwood School District and the Eureka Police Department to provide an informative Town Hall Meeting about the trends and dangers of underage drinking. As Prom season approaches, this is timely priority.

Rockwood communities have long faced the challenge of reducing rates of underage drinking and the resulting damage to individuals and families. In a November 2008

student survey, 38% of the Rockwood 11th grade class reported having consumed alcohol in the past 30 days or having gotten drunk in the past two weeks.

The Rockwood Drug-Free Coalition has enacted a number of projects to reduce these high rates of underage drinking. The Coalition has

coordinated the implementation of alcohol retailer compliance checks and the development of Social Hosting laws. Through its web site, tip sheets, community events and community messaging, the Coalition works to keep parents, youth and community leaders informed in support of their roles in reducing underage drinking and substance abuse.

This Town Hall meeting is an opportunity for parents, youth and community leaders to gain information and share ideas about keeping Rockwood youth safe during prom season and beyond.

### Lost Innocence-Lost Potential

**A Town Hall Meeting**

**March 30, 2010**

**6:30 to 8:00 PM**

Most Sacred Heart Church  
S.E. Corner 109 and I-44  
Eureka, MO

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