



## SW Jones District Neighborhood

On October 19<sup>th</sup> we had Kris Weden from Marathon County Social Services as our guest speaker. She spoke on Food Share, Children services, Women's assistance, and other services they provide to Marathon County residence. The following are some the programs available.

**Medicaid** (Medical Assistance) is to provide health care coverage to individuals and families that meet financial and non-financial eligibility criteria.

**FoodShare** (Food Stamp) helps low-income individuals/families to obtain a more nutritious diet.

**Kinship Care** is a cash assistance benefit provided to non-legally responsible caretaker relatives for the care of a child in their home. Each child is assessed to determine if there is a need for protection or services. A criminal background check of all adults having contact with the child is completed.

**Caretaker Supplement** (C-Supp) provides a cash supplement to households where all parents in the household are receiving SSI payments. The parent applies for Medicaid for the children, and if eligible the parent's SSI payment is increased based on the number of children they have residing with them.

I received information from the Battalion Chief, Paul Czarapata, indicating that on **December 3 (or 4<sup>th</sup>)** that the blue home on the corner of W. Thomas Street and S 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be burned to prepare for the widening of Thomas Street future road project. If you have any medical problems due to smoke, please take the appropriate health measures. Also, you may contact the fire department or me to help resolve any of these issues. The Fire Department is 715-261-7900.

I will be asking for volunteers to ring bells for the Salvation Army representing the SW Jones District neighborhood. I will have a list of locations, times, and dates that are available. Bell ringing would be for 4 hours. We could do a rotation of an hour with a few individuals at a time ringing.

**Our next meeting will be November 16, at 5:30pm at Our Saviors Church.**

Donation is needed for the food pantries again. Please bring in an item for our next meeting.

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