

“ROCKY ROCKETTES” and RAMS TEAM UP FOR RMC CAMPUS PROJECT

RMC INVITES PUBLIC TO CELEBRATE BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN

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RMC NEWS SERVICE -- The campus of Rocky Mountain College is a treasure we like to share with the community. One of the College's goals is to connect with our neighbors. That may include hosting public events, like the annual Festival of Cultures, or the summer camps for basketball and football, or simply allowing the campus to be used by those who are taking their dogs for early morning walks.

The College has appreciated community help with keeping the campus beautiful for all to enjoy. Under the RMC Campus Beautification program, Rocky has been able to plant new trees, dig new wells, improve signage, and continue to upgrade buildings and grounds.

This year, that effort is getting an extra boost from a new campus affiliate group, the “Rocky Rockettes,” and from the Billings Central Catholic High School Girls Soccer Team. This year's Montana Class A Champs, the Rams selected RMC's program as their civic project.

The “Rockettes” are a group of women who sought volunteer opportunities, and “we have plenty of those,” said Shari VanDelinder, RMC director of development.

Shari soon had the “Rockettes” helping with the beautification program, by organizing the neighborhood door hangers used to solicit donations from the neighborhoods near RMC.

“We do not have work study students this time of year, so their help was really huge,” she said.

The Billings Central Girls Soccer Team always undertakes a civic project and Shari invited them to help with the beautification program. The members of the state championship Rams will help distribute the door hangers the “Rockettes” prepared.

One of the newest parts of the campus improvement is a “tiny tots” soccer field, located on the western end of campus, east of the Fortin Education Center, and south of Rimrock Road. The field needs fencing to make it safe for the littlest soccer players, as well as soccer goals, benches and other improvements.

“The Central girls really liked the idea of helping with that soccer field for the little guys,” Shari said.

Among other campus projects will be reseeded lawns torn up during construction of the Morledge-Kimball Hall, and paving new parking lots for faculty, staff and guests near Prescott and Morledge-Kimball halls.

“We also hope to finish our campus sign project,” Shari said. “We receive so many compliments for the new signs we’ve put in, we’re anxious to finish those so people will be able to easily find their way around campus.”

To thank the community for its support of the campus beautification program, Rocky will hold “Lemonade on the Lawn,” a public event to celebrate with the community, July 11, from 2 - 4 p.m. The event will include music, refreshments, and an inflatable family maze from Fun for All Inflatables. There will also be campus tours.

“We want to share the success of making the campus even more beautiful with the public and have a fun time at the peak of summer,” Shari said.

For more information on how to help with the campus beautification program, contact Shari VanDelinder, RMC development director, at vandelis@rocky.edu, or call 657-1173.

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