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March 13, 2002

Ms. Sharon Klompus
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Dear Ms. Klompus:

RockNet (**Rockville Community Network**) is a community network committed to furthering the Rockville community by providing technological expertise, web services and marketing assistance to neighborhood and homeowners associations. RockNet is expanding its outreach efforts to those communities that are not utilizing their services. The Neighborhood Resources Program is partnering with RockNet to promote RockNet's outreach to those underserved communities and hopes that this informational letter will motivate several communities to take advantage of RockNet's services.

The following assortment of free services are available to all neighborhoods and homeowners associations:

❖ **Web page Hosting**

Neighborhood associations have access to free web page hosting services. To get you started volunteers from RockNet can work with you or members of your community to help design a community web page. In addition to the free hosting service interested communities receive software to assist with the maintenance of the web page.

❖ **Listserve Access**

Rockville communities will soon have access to a Listserve, which will provide instant connectivity within and between communities. Concerned residents in one neighborhood can reach out to homeowners associations across the city to identify solutions to problems or ways to capitalize on opportunities.

❖ **Digital Camera**

Homeowners association and neighborhoods all have access to RockNet's digital camera free of charge. Residents can utilize the camera to take quality digital pictures and then post those photos on their web site. The digital camera provides communities with a worthwhile

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avenue to capture unique activities (i.e.- Neighborhood Watch Parties or block parties) or the everyday life of a Rockville community. It is easy for representatives of community organizations to borrow the camera. Just contact **Jim Beller**, the RockNet Treasurer, at 301-762-3374, camera@rocknet.org. You will need to fill out our **Community Camera Form**. Jim will require a copy of the form and a photo copy of your driver's license. You can borrow the camera for a week.

❖ **Technological Expertise**

RockNet members are available to meet with community representatives to discuss technology plans and to answer technology related questions. The board members that comprise RockNet are volunteers from the community who are interested in sharing their interest and expertise to better the community.

Aside from the current offerings the group would like to know what other services are needed by Rockville communities. RockNet remains committed to filling technology voids that prevent communities from reaching out to their residents, potential residents, and other neighborhoods within the City. Ideas that are under consideration include an interactive community calendar that would provide every neighborhood resident with access to post information about upcoming events. Is a Community Calendar a worthwhile endeavor for RockNet to pursue?

Are there issues that you and your community would like to discuss? Is your community faced with technology barriers, which prevent residents from participating in RockNet?

You are invited to attend a RockNet meeting to get familiar with the organization or to discuss you technology needs. RockNet meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Also, you are encouraged to visit the RockNet web site at www.rocknet.org.

Bob Ekman, RockNet's President, would be happy to discuss any of the services at comments@rocknet or write to him at RockNet, City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 315-5772.

Sincerely,



Christopher Bartlett
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