

Fairmount Providers' Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018

*****Special thanks to Jim Boyle and the Millvale Rec Center for hosting and for their continued commitment to children and families in our community.**

...New Faces...

- Libby Hunter, Word Play Cincinnati, libby@wordplaycincy.org
- Jared O'Roark, Word Play Cincinnati, jared@wordplaycincy.org
- Melissa Niekamp, Cradle Cincinnati Connection, melissaniekamp@cchmc.org
- Dani Isaacsohn, Bridgeable, dani@bridgeable.org
- Churee Brown, Cincinnati Union Bethel pre-school, cbrown@cubcincy.org

...A great Opportunity This Weekend...

South Cumminsville Good Healthy Food Fair, Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 pm 1814 Dreman Avenue (WIN parking lot)--Meet new Cincinnati City Council Members, Tamaya Dennard and Jeff Pastor, try free food samples--bring your best "healthy dish" to share, enjoy live family-friendly hip hop and spoken word performances, try your hand at craft projects, watch cooking demonstrations, have a chance to win great prizes and get free flowers and vegetable plants to take home with you!

...Asking God's Continued Blessings on Our Neighborhoods...

There will be two opportunities to pray for our communities and our city on the **National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3**. Our annual morning **prayer caravan** through our neighborhood will begin at 10:00 -- The Villages at Roll Hill & Childhood Food Solutions, 10:20 -- St. Leo prayer wall and Food Pantry, 10:40 -- Talbert house for Women, 11:10 -- District 3 Police Station, 11:30 -- Taylor Academy & Millvale Rec Center, 11:50 -- Hopple Street Health Center noon -- President Drive Church -- Roll High School. There will be a **Pizza Lunch at President Drive Church of Christ**. There will also be an **evening prayer walk beginning at 7 pm with prayer and singing at Third Presbyterian Church 3358 McHenry** and continuing on McHenry ending at President Drive Church of Christ with ice cream sundaes. Rev. Everett Brewer of President Drive Church is chairing the events.

...Working Together to Improve the Lives of All the Community....

...Our Children...

- Sydney Battle of the Hamilton County Ohio Equity Institute (OEI) shared that there will be a free safe sleep training Thursday, May 3, from 11 am to 1 pm at 3728 Llewellyn (off the WIN parking lot). Expectant parents, caretakers, and extended family are welcome to learn about safe sleep and receive resources. OEI strives to make infant mortality a community driven effort. Zip code 45225 is an area where non-Hispanic black infants are dying at higher rates than their non-Hispanic white counterparts
- Once the after school program ends May 24, the Millvale Recreation Center will be offering a new drop-in program, Club CRC, a fun, structured, drop-in summer program where daily activities are planned and lunches are provided. The program, which is open to youth ages 7 to 15 will run Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm from June 4 to August 10. Cost is \$10 for the entire summer program. Call Jim at 513-352-4351 for more information.
- Libby Hunter of WordPlay said it is a program in Northside that provides reading, writing, and story-telling opportunities for children from kindergarten up. The program is looking for new partnerships. Contact Libby for more information libby@wordplay.org
- Felicia Selvie of the Children's Home spoke about the SPARK program that provides in-home kindergarten readiness programs. She says the University of Cincinnati speech program and the UC library also are supporting her efforts in getting children ready for school.
- Jim Boyle of the Millvale Rec center says they have an average of 65 to 100 students there each day for the snack, homework help, games, and hot meal programs. He said the center has kick ball, dodge ball, and nerf ball leagues and Friday night teen basketball league. The Girls on the Run program is working with the Dunham rec center. The center also offers programs for seniors on Mondays, and adult aerobics. The garden at the center needs people who want to help.
- Lisa Hyde-Warren of the Villages at Roll Hill said plans for the summer program, including 12 field trips are being finalized; Girls' Life Skills and St. X Big brothers programs are close to wrapping up for the year. There will be a special mothers' day event May 18.

- Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) will be packing 1600 bags at the center at Villages at Roll Hill Wednesday, April 25, beginning at 9:30 am. May bagging will be May 25.
- Eneida Uehlin of LEAP Academy said enrollment for next year when the school will add 4th grade is going well. Currently 218 children are enrolled. LEAP will have a Festival Thursday, May 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. All are invited.
- Churee Brown of Cincinnati Union Bethel's preschool program for children 3 to 5 shared that the program is currently full.
- Rev, Everett Brewer of President Drive Church of Christ said the church will once again offer its summer Friday night family games program, beginning June 1.

...Employment Opportunities...

- There will be a free workshop Thursday, April 26, from noon to 1:30 pm at the Millvale Rec Center for returning citizens to learn about resources available to them including training and job development programs and employers hiring felons. The Hamilton County Office of Reentry, Phoenix Program and Power Inspires Progress are partnering for this event. Space is limited. Must register for lunch. Call Nikita at 513-541-4109 ext. 102.
- Ken Wilson said that Cincinnati Works has announced two upcoming job fairs. The Spring Fair will be 8 am to noon Thursday, May 24, at the CityLink location, 800 Bank Street. The fall job fair will be Thursday, September 13 from 1 to 3 pm at the same location. Job fairs are open to the public. First hour of the fair is for clients of Cincinnati Works. At least 22 employers will be present

...Our Neighborhoods...

- Greer Aeschbury of Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) said she is now also working in English Woods, and North and South Fairmount in addition to South Cumminsville
- Tired of Eyesore properties in your neighborhood? Join us to meet with the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation to find out what they do and how they can help your community Saturday, April 28, from 10 am to noon at the Communities United for Action (CUFA) offices, 1814 Dreman Ave. For more information or a ride call 853-3947
- Officer Adrian Gibson says crime is down throughout the city. He also shared about a one-stop drop for difficult to recycle items like cell phones, small electronics, batteries, and light bulbs Sunday, April 22, at Washington Park in Over the Rhine. For more information go to www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org

***Lace Up Your Walking Shoes
And Support St. Leo's Food Pantry
Memorial Day, May 28***

This is the primary fund raising event for the pantry.

JOIN OUR TEAM:

<http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-join>

DONATE TO OUR TEAM:

<http://freestorefoodbank.org/hungerwalk-saintleo-donate>

St. Leo's Youth Group would like to join the Hunger Walk, but some of our students can't afford the registration fee. **Please consider a \$20 sponsorship** to allow one of our Youth Group members to participate in the Hunger Walk. If you are willing to sponsor a student, please send a \$20 check made out to St. Leo the Great Church with the note: Youth Group Hunger Walk Sponsorship Mail to: St. Leo the Great Church, 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225

**May Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Villages at Roll Hill Community Center**