

**Fairmount Providers Meeting  
Thursday, November 19, 2015**

**\*\*Special thanks to the Millvale Rec center for hosting and St. Leo's for providing food.  
We are grateful for the continuing good work they both do in our community.**

**Prayers and sympathy to the family Rev. Tom Eisentrout and his congregation,  
Immanuel United Church of Christ on Queen City Avenue.  
Tom died suddenly this week.  
His commitment and strong involvement in the community will be missed.**

***Important Meeting Tonight***

There will be a community meeting tonight at 6:30 pm at Tryed Stone church to discuss the "Preschool Promise" and rolling out plans for universal pre-school. The interfaith collaborative AMOS is sponsoring the event.

**...New Faces...**

- Vicki Norman, director of Talbert House for Women [Vicki.Norman@talberthouse.org](mailto:Vicki.Norman@talberthouse.org)

**...Our Youth, Our Families, and Communities Are Blessed...**

**...At Thanksgiving...**

- Community at Roll Hill families who signed up will receive the turkey and fixings for Thanksgiving dinner Saturday, Nov. 21 or received catered dinners on Thanksgiving day. Union Savings bank is providing the meals.
- Molly Luken, Community Learning Center coordinator at Taylor Academy said that Union Savings bank is providing 50 families with turkeys and Thanksgiving fixing and bringing hot meals to another 125 families on Thanksgiving day. The fire department is also proving food for another 125 children. Many of the families have already been adopted for Christmas.
- Westminster Ministry, which meets at the center will provide a Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 3 pm. The dinner is free and all are welcome.

**...At Christmas...**

- Santa Maria Community Services will sponsor "Holiday on the Hill," Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 am to 1 pm at its site 3301 Warsaw Avenue. The event includes pictures with Santa, song, and more holiday treats. \*\*See attached flyers
- St. Leo will collaborate with President Drive Church of Christ for the annual toy and clothing sale Sunday, Dec 6, from 1 to 3 pm. The event, which offers clothing and a wide array of Christmas gifts at low prices, will be held in St Leo church basement
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Villages at Roll Hill said Christmas programs for the children are scheduled at the center Dec. 15-17. Coats will be available for distribution Dec. 16-18.
- Tony Fairhead of Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) says low income families are still struggling with the reduction in food stamps in 2013. The recession isn't over for them. He says that CFS has wanted to tie improved academics to accessibility to food, the food safety net CFS tries to provide, but there is no way to prove that connection since there are many other factors at play. However, he did note that pre-term births have decreased in the years that CFS has been providing food and this equals an immense saving to the community in the cost of care of premature babies. CFS will provide two food sacks, totaling 19,000 calories for the winter break.
- The Millvale Rec Center will be offering a holiday enrichment camp, Dec. 21 to 24 and 28 to 31 from 8 am to 4 pm. The cost will be \$25 a week per child with a 10% discount for families with more than one child. And the Soaring Hawks foundation has donated \$500 to help defray the cost to families. The program includes breakfast and dinner most days, visits to the library, at least one field trip per week, holiday art projects, and organized gym and game room activities. Each child needs to bring a daily lunch and gym shoes. Contact 352-4351 to register by Dec. 4.
- The Toys for Tots program will start soon at the Millvale Rec. Center
- Villages at Roll Hill Community center will be closed Nov. 26 too Dec. 6 and Dec. 21 to Jan 3.

### **...And All Through the Year...**

#### **...By Helping Us Financially...**

- There will be a **Job Training Fair Saturday Dec. 5 from 1 to 3 pm at the Millvale Rec Center**. Participants will have a chance to get connected to professional development workshops, jobs skills training, and possible job opportunities
- Free tax service will again be available at the Millvale rec center. Tentative dates are Saturdays, Feb. 13, March 5, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9.
- The first CAA heating program at the Villages at Roll Hill Community center site provided assistance to 42 families. The next date is Tuesday, Dec. 8. The program is open to anyone in Hamilton County. If you bring your photo ID, proof of address, social security cards for all members of the family, statement of income for the last 90 days, and current Duke bill to Lisa at the center the previous day, she will copy it and make sure you'll be seen the next day.
- Julie McGregor of Santa Maria says they are expanding their services and are looking for someone who is bi-lingual in English and Spanish
- Casey Betz of St. Leo's says they are moving ahead on the pantry move. No opening date at the new location is set yet.
- Vicki Norman said construction is under way on an addition that will add 16 beds and give Talbert House for women a capacity of 105. The women are in various stages of treatment and are always looking for opportunities to improve their skills.

#### **...By Programs for Youth...**

- Donna Bellomo community health worker for Healthy Moms and Babies says she continues to reach out to moms in her assigned area to help engage in education and the social services offered
- Lisa Garofalo of 4 C said there will be a meeting of network child care providers Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 5 pm at Taylor Academy to talk about parent-child literacy. She also brought up the unique needs of African families in the community and sought possible ways to reach out to them.
- Taylor Academy's partnership with UC is bearing fruit. There are 64 education students from UC who spend time in the classroom and tutoring students. The tutoring program is working so well that only three students who need tutors don't have them. Taylor's afterschool program for grades K to 4 from 2:15 to 6 pm has attracted 75 students. Goal is 125. The program includes tutoring, enrichment, and a meal. The school also has initiated incentives for students to be on time, have steady attendance, and participate in class work.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Community at Roll Hill reported on two successful ongoing youth programs. 35 boys from ages 7 to 12 are involved in the St. Xavier Big Brothers program. Their next outing is a trip to the Newport Aquarium. 23 girls ages 7 to 16 are involved in the Girls Life Skills group which meets twice a month. Today they will be making holiday cards for seniors of the McHenry House. They will deliver the cards during their meeting on Dec. 17. They will have dinner at 3 pm that day, deliver the cards at 4p.m. and leave for the "Nutcracker" at 4:45p.m.
- Jim Boyle, director of the Millvale rec center says winter programs—basketball, girls on the run, and floor hockey—are under way. The center is now open 10 am to 9 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. Youth receive a snack at 2:15 pm and a hot meal at the end of the day.

#### **...By Ways to Keep Us Safe...**

- Officer Adrian Gibson shared the district 3 newsletter that includes tips to avoid being a victim during the holiday shopping season. Locking items in the trunk and not having them visible is one way to avoid smash and grab thefts. District 3 also has a new captain replacing Captain Dan Gerard who retired. Officer Gibson was congratulated by Kevin Corey and Vicki Norman of Talbert House for his quick response to a concern they raised.

#### **...By Feeding Our Spirits...**

- St. Leo's has been named one of five pilgrimage sites in the Cincinnati Archdiocese for the Holy Year of Mercy beginning Dec. 8. More information to come.
- St. Leo's will be having its annual Evening Prayer and International Pot Luck supper on Epiphany, Sunday, Jan. 3 beginning with prayer at 4 pm. All are welcome

*As is our Custom  
There will be no Providers' Meeting in December*

**\*\*If you have things to share in December, email me [alannoleo@aol.com](mailto:alannoleo@aol.com)**

**Christmas Peace and Blessings to ALL!!**

**January Fairmount Providers' Meeting  
Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 11:30 am to 1 pm  
Millvale Rec Center  
Molly Luken providing lunch**