

**March Fairmount Providers' Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 15 11:30 am to 1 pm**  
**LEAP Academy**

**\*\*Many thanks to LEAP Academy for hosting and sharing information about the opportunities available at the school.**

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

...Amanda Lulay, Santa Maria Community Services, amanda.lulay@santamaria-cincy.org

**...Serving Our Children and Families...**

**...Through Education and Support...**

- The Cincinnati Police Department is offering a Summer Cadet Program that gives students 16 to 18 an opportunity to work part-time during the summer for the police department. The program, designed for persons interested in choosing police work as a career through education, physical fitness, planned observation with police mentors and hands-on job specific training. Applications are accepted online at [www.goveornmentjobs.com/Applications/Index/cincinnati](http://www.goveornmentjobs.com/Applications/Index/cincinnati). The Police also offer the year-round police explorer program for persons ages 11-20 desiring an experience in the criminal justice field. They will learn defensive tactics, explore the criminal justice system, be exposed to real life situations with the police tactics training system and earn college credits. Contact youth services at 513-681-0052. The police department is also offering the Children in Trauma Intervention Camp for children ages 10-13. The camp offers leadership, discipline, family values and physical fitness. Open interviews are Monday through Thursday 3 to 6 pm at the Youth Services Unit 1201 Stock Street, 513-681-0052. Applications available online Cincinnati-oh.gov search out: CITI CAMP.
- Mabel Forsythe of Amicus Children Learning Center says they have received their certificate from the city today, are open for business, and should be running full steam in about 3 weeks. The program is primarily focused on education and parent involvement. It is holistic and multicultural. She says her goal is to bring the world to the families they serve. The center is open year round 7 am to 7 pm. There will be a summer program at the 4 sites Amicus has—St. Leo, Willing Spirit, Winton Hills, and Orion Academy and there are plans to bring children from all sites together to get new skills and expand their perspective. She is looking for someone to donate a bus or sell one at a low price so they can bring the children together. Vouchers are accepted
- Eneida Uehlin of LEAP Academy said the school is working with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to put garbage cans outside to minimize litter as well as to work on recycling. They are working with Civic Garden Center to develop a garden behind the school. There will be a Spring Festival May 17 with music, Hispanic history and customs.
- Lisa Garafolo said the pancakes and pj's literacy night at Taylor Academy was a big success. She said the after school coordinator is a published author and read some of her work at the dinner that followed. She also said that Taylor is working on its kindergarten enrollment. Some teachers plan to go door to door to explain the program
- Felicia Selvie of the Children's Home said that SPARK in home kindergarten readiness program is one of the top five finalists for the Scripps' literacy grant. If the program gets the grant, it could be expanded to other neighborhoods.
- The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is holding two community focus groups on Wednesday, March 21 from 6 to 8 pm. One will be held at the Westwood Town Hall; the other, at the Corryville center
- The final free tax preparation day at the Millvale Rec Center will be Saturday, March 24, from 9 am to 1pm. Services are offered on a first come first served basis.
- CAA PIPP / HEAP completed their last Winter sub-site visit here March 6. We had 24 families served.
- The Villages at Roll Hill residents completed their BB&T Financial Awareness class February 27, everyone received a certificate. Center Closed: March 19 – 23. A New Program: Wave Pool starts March 26, 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please see the newsletters for other dates.

**...Community Center Activities...**

- Girls Life Skills and St. Xavier Big Brother's programs at Villages at Roll Hill are going great.
- Spring Break activities for youth will be March 27 & 29 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with lunch served!

- There will be an Easter Egg hunt for children ages 3-12 at WIN offices 1814 Dreman Avenue from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be fun and games for all and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Spaces are limited and registration is required. Call 513-541-4109.

#### ....Through Healthy Lifestyles....

- Tomorrow March 16, will be the 7th "Spring Into Being Healthy" fair at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Power walk at 10:00 a.m. down President Drive. Fair 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. With lots of door prizes and 23 partners.
- Amanda Lulau wellness coordinator at Santa Maria Community Services talked about the annual family health fair Sunday, April 8, noon to 3 pm at the Price Hill Rec Center, 953 Hawthorne Avenue. There will be free health screenings for blood pressure, BMI, depression, cholesterol, glucose, A1C, hearing, vision, STI, pregnancy, and more. Translators will be available for those who need them. There will also be, a kids' health zone and refreshments. To schedule a mammogram or for more information call: 513-557-7249.
- The Ohio State Food Expanded Programs ends today at the Villages at Roll Hill with a certificate as well and a shopping trip April 5.
- Healthy Moms & Babes luncheon at the Villages at Roll Hill will be Wednesday, March 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Jim Boyle of the Millvale Rec center says that the Center now has a food pantry that is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month from 10 am to 1 pm
- Casey Betz, development director at St. Leo's said the Food Pantry has received a grant from the Free Store for toiletries, diapers, and personal care items—things that cannot be bought with food stamps. She also said it's not too soon to begin thinking about the annual Memorial Day Hunger Walk which is the main source of income for the pantry
- All the plots in the South Cumminsville community gardens are claimed. There will be a free film on gardening "Can You Dig This?" Saturday, April 7. All are welcome
- WIN continues to offer Harvest Day each Friday from 4 to 6 pm according Jean Johnson. It offers garden fresh produce that is in season for wholesale prices. Persons using EBT cards can double their value when they buy produce.
- Childhood Food Solutions will be giving out 6000 food sacks for spring break. They plan to serve 4000 children with the neediest getting 2 sacks. There will be a fund raiser for CFS Wednesday, March 28, from 5 to 8 pm at Rhinegeist Brewery in Over the Rhine
- Santa Maria will hold a fund raising event, The Sharing Table, raising awareness for childhood poverty in our region Friday, April 1`3 at 6 pm at the Sanctuary, Lower Price Hill, 2110 Saint Michael Street. Celebrate community and togetherness. Sip on a variety of beers, wines and soups, enjoy live music, and purchase hand-crafted bowls designed by local artists. Register at [www.santamaria-cincy.org/the-sharing-table](http://www.santamaria-cincy.org/the-sharing-table)

#### ....Through Keeping Our Communities Safe....

- Officer Melissa Emody says overall crime is down in all categories. She said that citizens can report overtime parkers (cars are only allowed to stay in one spot on the street for 24 hours.) by calling district 3's non-emergency number 263-8300 or using the city's customer service app.
- Emma Shirey of the Community Building Institute at Xavier University said she is working with community residents in Fairmount on safety and housing issues
- Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) is expanding to the Fairmount area and Greer Aeschbury is meeting with community leaders to see how they can work together.
- WIN will also offer a jobs program for returning citizens. Registration is required. Call 513-541-4109 for more information.

**April Fairmount Providers' Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 19, 11:30 am to 1 pm**  
**Millvale Rec Center**