

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Special thanks to DePaul Cristo Rey High School for hosting and providing lunch and for their commitment to providing quality Catholic college prep education for families who couldn't afford it.

Great News!!

North Fairmount School Is Reopening

Ms. Pamela J. Adams, president of the North Fairmount Community Council, shared that Cincinnati Public Schools is going to reopen the North Fairmount School, 2001 Baltimore Avenue as a Spanish language school beginning in the fall of 2017. The school will open with pre-K through 3rd grade classes this year and add a grade each year until it is a pre-K through grade 6 school. It will have a school-based health center, as well as a welcome center and space for community councils and activities.

...New Faces...

- Alexandra Conzales, Santa Maria Community services, Alexandra.gonzales@santamaria-cincy.org
- Shameka Pery, Moving Beyond Depression, shameka.perry@cchmc.org
- Ed Thornton, De Paul Cristo Rey, ed.thornton@dpcr.net
- Tikiera Thomspn, Roll Hill Academy, Thompti@cps-K12.org
- **New email address:** Lisa Hyde-Miller, Villages at Roll Hill, lhydemiller@wallick.com

...And More Great News...

...About Our Students..

- Yasmeen Kahn of DePaul Cristo Rey reported that for the 3rd year in a row 100% of the school's senior class has been accepted into college. The school, which offers a Catholic college prep program for low income families, and combines work in the community with classes, is still accepting applications. For more information or to set up a shadow day contact Yasmeen or Ed Thornton at 861-0600.
- Tikiera Thompson of Roll Hill Academy said the school is on phase 2 of Vision 20/20 and is planning to become a technology-based school with a focus on IT. The teaching model will be changed to a project based approach. The school is having a dance for families Thursday, Jan. 26 from 3:30 to 6 pm in conjunction with teacher conferences. Parents must first meet with teachers before going to the dance.
- Molly Luken of Ethel Taylor Academy said that school is in phase 2 of the Vision 20/20 and will also do project based teaching. She said each class was adopted for Christmas, 90 are involved in their after-school program, and tutoring with UC students has resumed after the break.
- 4 C for Children's Play and Learn program for parents and their children will be held at the Millvale Rec center the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10 to 11:30 am. The program is free and helps parents and caregivers of young children promote play and exploration. For more information contact 4C Parent Services: parents@4cforchildren.org, 758-1311
- Lisa Garofalo of 4 C for Children says she is excited about the Play and Learn program to begin at the Millvale Rec center. She partners with child care providers and schools to align their programs with kindergarten expectations. She works with child care providers to help improve the quality of their care and share resources.

...About Activities for Our Youth...

- Jim Boyle, director of the Millvale Rec Center said the center is open from 10 am to 9 pm Monday through Friday. There are programs and a hot meal for youth until 6 pm and the center is open for teens and adults in the evenings. There is also a sewing program for seniors at the center on Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm.
- The Cincinnati Rec Center and the police are collaboration in the Queen City Swish program a 10- week series of basketball games beginning Feb. 17 at various Rec centers that allow teens to meet and play with teens from other parts of the city. In addition to basketball games, there will be food and character-building teachings.
- Jim Boyle says he got funding to open the Millvale Rec center for sports workshops for 16 Saturdays, beginning Feb. 4

- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Villages at Roll Hill said that both the St. X Big Brothers' program and Girls Life Skills group are going well. Current focus is on peer pressure.
- Childhood Food Solutions provided 22 pound sacks to 700 students in 11 different schools for winter break. It has received a \$46,000 grant and a check for \$5226 from a talk at Indian Hills high school. This money should cover spring break sacks.
- Paula Taul of Willing Spirit Baptist Church and a member of the local faith alliance says the Day of Hope is scheduled for August 12 at Wayne field.

...About Improving Our Physical and Mental Health...

- Shameka Perry of Cincinnati Children's Hospital spoke of the "Moving Beyond Depression program through Every Child Succeeds. It serves moms struggling with depression in zip codes 45204, 45205, 45214, and 45225, offering 15 in home therapy sessions. Participants do not have to be first time mothers. Their youngest child must be 2 or younger. Home visitors help screen and refer mothers.
- Theresa Diersen of Healthy Moms and Babes says the organization won a grant for Medicaid that will allow them to hire more home visitors. It also received a grant to work with high-risk African American women. The new van manager is Linda May, RN who can also do exams on the van.
- Ashley Keith of Working in Neighborhoods says the Harvest Day Program which allows people to buy locally grown produce at affordable prices is going well. People can pick up and place orders for the following week Fridays from 4 to 6 pm at WIN, 1814 Dreman Avenue
- Alexandra Gonzales, Americorps worker at Santa Maria says Community coffee hours are held every Tuesday at the International Welcome Center at Roberts Academy. The meetings which provide information and fellowship are each Monday from 9:30 to 11 am (Spanish) and 11:30 am to 1 pm (English).
- Santa Maria is planning its annual Health Fair for Sunday, April 9 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Price Hill Rec Center.
- Collaboration between Santa Maria and Healthy Moms and Babes is working well. Next van date at Santa Maria is Monday, Feb. 9 from 9 am to 1 pm.
- Lisa is planning ahead for summer program and for the annual health fair March 16. The fair will begin with a power walk through the Villages at Roll Hill at 10 am.

...About Jobs and Saving Money...

- Ken Wilson outreach worker for Cincinnati Works said the organization is tweaking its programs to tailor them to individual needs. This involves some up-front coaching, teaching, and mentoring.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller said that many people are being served through the CAA winter heat program sub-site at the Villages at Roll Hill community center. Upcoming dates are Tuesdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 21, and March 14. The health department and other agencies are also there at the same time to offer services and information. Lisa encourages people to pre-register the day before from 2:30 to 4 pm at the center so all their needed paper work is in order and people can be seen more quickly. One does not have to live in the Villages at Roll Hill to take advantage of the program.
- There will be FREE tax service at the Millvale Rec Center Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, and April 8 from 9 am to 3 pm
- Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) is introducing its new Individual Development Account (IDA) which is a matched savings plan that allows individuals to save for higher education or home ownership. Participants must be at or below 200 % of the federal poverty guidelines (\$48,000 for a family of four) complete one-on-one financial coaching, 10 hours of financial education, and asset specific education. To request an application or to see if you are eligible call 541-4109 or email winfo@wincincy.org

...About Safety and Further Enhancing our Neighborhoods...

- Pamela J. Adams, president of the North Fairmount Community Council said that in addition to the youth job program, they will also be hiring adults to do some of the heavy work in keeping the neighborhood cleaned up. Each worker will also be asked to do community service helping area seniors keep their homes and yards cleaned up.
- Neighborhood Officer Adrian Gibson shared recent crime stats and says crime is decreasing. He said that car thefts rise in cold weather when people leave the keys in the car and keep the engine running. He urged securing the car, not leaving the keys inside while the engine is warming up and making sure to have

at least a ½ tank of gas, snacks, and a blanket in the car in case one gets stuck in cold weather. He also shared information about upcoming events in the community including the Price Hill Rec center's classic car and craft show in May.

- Sergeant Chapman spoke about the landlord Education training program which is being held monthly at the Christ Hospital main auditorium 2139 Auburn Avenue. The day-long program is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month and provides information about being an effective landlord. The Cincinnati Police community relations office is a sponsor of the classes. Call 352-1472 to register by phone or sign up on line cincinnati-oh.gov/landlord. She also encouraged participating in planning for the National Night Out, A meeting will be held Wednesday, January 25, at 7 pm at Price Hill Chili on Glenway avenue.
- Casey Betz shared that St. Leo's has free sewing classes on Friday mornings from 9 am to noon. Anyone is welcome. Rev. Everett Brewer knows someone who collects and donates sewing machines. Casey will see if more machines are needed.

February Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 16, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Villages at Roll Hill Community Center

March Providers' Meeting March 16 at President Drive Church of Christ