

Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2017

Special thanks to Jim and the Millvale Rec Center for hosting and Molly Luken of Taylor Academy for providing lunch—and to both for their commitment to our children.

...New Faces...

Michelle Daniels, manager of health care at the Hopple Street Health Center, 352-3194, michelle.daniels@cincinnati-oh.gov

...Important Upcoming Dates

- There will be a Job Fair, sponsored by Cincinnati Works with over 15 local employers, Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 10 am to noon at the United Way, 2400 Reading Road
- The **Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority** will conduct its annual Hiring Event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2017 at its offices, 1635 Western Avenue. More than 20 employers and organizations will have booths at the event. For more information call 513-977-5853.
- Communities United for Action (CUFA) is sponsoring a **public meeting with Hamilton County commissioners** Monday, November 13, at 6 pm at 1814 Dreman Avenue, South Cumminsville. (Parking off Llewellyn). This is an opportunity to tell the commissioners what your community needs.
- Jean Johnson, a community engagement specialist at WIN says there will be a home weatherization workshop Monday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 7 pm at their offices 1814 Dreman Avenue.

... Working Together Brings a Harvest of Opportunities...

...In Helping Our Children Succeed...

- Mabel Forsythe of **Amicus Children Learning Centers** is now enrolling school-aged children (ages 5 to 12 years old) for its after-school program at its five locations—Willing Spirit Baptist Church, Orion School, Winton Hills Academy, Durrrell at Christ Temple Church and St. Leo place in the former St. Leo school. The program which is holistic offers enrichment as well as educational programming. Programs are open from 8 am to 8 pm and can be paid for with vouchers. The programs also support and empower parents. Ken Fleming also of Amicus said that many parents are not aware that they are eligible for vouchers. He is available to come and educate people about whether they are eligible to qualify for vouchers.
- Felicia Selvie from the **Children's Home** is continuing to seek participants for SPARK a free in-home kindergarten readiness program. Trained home visitors conduct lessons based on Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards with pre-school aged children and their parents. The program provides books, school supplies, and also utilizes UC speech, CPS, and the library for more information contact Felicia at 272-2800
- Kyle Reiser resource coordinator at **Roll Hill Academy** is building on partnerships with Cincinnati Christian University, Xavier, and UC, and other classroom partners. He said he is also working on programs for parents including one on math and literacy Thursday, Oct. 26, from 4 to 5:30 pm and there will be a wide range of resources for parents available at conferences Thursday, Nov. 2, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm There will be breakfast with the principal on the first Friday of each month at 8 am beginning Friday, Nov. 3. The school is always in need of hygiene kits, socks and personal care items
- **Cristo Rey High School** will have eight shadow days in the next three months. There will be an open house Thursday, Oct 26, from 4 to 8 pm at the school 1133 Clifton Hills Avenue and corporate work study program information Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30pm at Paycor in Norwood, a corporate partner. Advance registration is required for the high school placement test prep class which will be Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 am to noon and the placement test Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 am. Call Yasmeen Kahn or Ed Thornton for more information 861-0600.
- Lisa Hyde-Warren community relations coordinator of the **Villages at Roll Hill** said that there are 38 little brothers involved in the St. X Big Brothers program. There was a meet and greet for big and little brothers and their parents Sunday, Oct. 15. Big and little brothers meet twice a month; their first scheduled outing is to a farm. The Girls' Life Skills program which is on the first and third Thursdays of the month will focus on peer pressure and bullying. 68 parents and children went to a magic show. The girls will go the Cincinnati Ballet Nov. 8 for ballet classes and to Sugar and Spice restaurant for an all you can eat pancake meal before going to an XU women's basketball game Nov. 16.
- Jim Boyle of the **Millvale Rec Center** says he is interviewing for a new staff member and working on developing an after school program which is set to begin after Christmas. NFL flag football and boxing are under way and

the teen council is doing well. He also said that City Gate Church has committed time and resources to the center

- Molly Luken of **Taylor Academy** said things are really busy at the school. There are 120 children enrolled in the after-school program which includes tutoring, fine arts, scouts and sports. Bearcat Buddies, students from UC are there every day to help tutoring different classes.

...In Staying Healthy...

- Michelle Daniels is the new manager of health care at the **Hopple Street Health Center** which provides pediatric care in partnership with Children's hospital, adult primary care, and obstetrics and gynecology. It also has a dental clinic and Children's Home will be providing mental health services for children.
- **Childhood Food Solutions (CFS)** will be bagging food at 9:30 am at the Villages at Roll Hill for 2 schools. Help is always appreciated. CFS noted that the recent Interact for Health Survey found that 51 % of adults below the poverty level are out of food by the 13th of the month. The organization is preparing 3500 to 4000 sacks of food for the schools they service for both Thanksgiving and Christmas
- There will be a workshop on solutions for pain management Thursday, Nov. 2, at noon at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Presenter will be Dr. Dan Buchanan. The first 30 people will receive a complimentary meal. Bed, Bath, and Beyond is providing door prizes.
- The new walking club at the Villages at Roll Hill meets each Wednesday at 9:30 am at the community center.
- WIN offers Harvest Day each Friday from 4 to 6 pm selling local affordable and delicious produce. Persons who shop with EBT will receive \$1 to spend on produce for each \$1 spent
- **St. Leo's Food pantry** will be open Saturday, Oct. 28, from noon to 2 pm for those who are unable to come during regular weekday hours.

... In Having Fun...

- There will be a Halloween party at Taylor Academy Saturday, Oct. 28 with various locations around the school where students can go trick or treating.
- Working in Neighborhood (WIN) will have a Halloween Trunk or Treat Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 pm. There will be prizes for best costumes and candy for everyone. WIN also will have a harvest day party Friday, Nov. 3, from 4 to 6 pm. It will include door prizes, smoothie shots, cooking demos, and produce for sale. Both events will be at WIN offices 1814 Dreman Avenue
- The annual Career Costume party at the Villages at Roll Hill will be Oct. 25, from 3 to 5 pm. ***Lisa is grateful to everyone who brought candy for the party.***

...In Improving Ourselves and Our Communities...

- Casey Betz of St. Leo's says the annual Toy and Clothing Sale will be Sunday, Dec, 3, from 1 to 3 pm. It gives parents the dignity of buying things for their children.
- Ken Wilson of Cincinnati Works talked about "Advance You" a new program that assists individuals with an established work history who ready to begin or move up in their careers. One-on-one coaching and workshops help workers achieve goals of earning more money, get promoted, find a new job, start saving, go back to school and earn certifications. All Cincinnati Works programs are FREE.
- NiKita Anderson public ally and employment specialist at WIN says she is hoping to get the computer lab utilized more, especially to update resumes and to apply for jobs. She says the local action team is meeting to develop plans for the future.
- Emma Shirey of Xavier's Community Building Institute who has been working on the neighborhood plan for North and South Fairmount and English Woods, says they are working to identify pockets of housing to keep intact rather than demolishing them. She says more people are attending community council meetings and this is bringing about more involvement.
- There are 2 full-time jobs available at the Villages at Roll Hill—an assistant manager and a senior maintenance worker who can do plumbing and electric work. Info wallick.com

...In Saving Money...

- The Community Action Agency's HEAP winter heating program will be at Villages at Roll Hill, at 9 am on Tuesdays Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Jan. 23, Feb. 13, and March 6. In order to be served faster people are encouraged to bring the required documents: photo ID, social security cards for all people living at that address, proof of income for the previous 90 days, and current Duke bill to the community center the day before at 3 pm so their information can be copied and they will be assured a spot in line.

November Fairmount Provider's Meeting, Thursday, Nov. 15, 11:30 am to 1 pm at St. Leo Church