

Fairmount Providers' Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Special thanks to Jim and the Millvale Rec center for hosting and to Molly Luken for the delicious chili and for sharing photos of Gabrielle, the Amazing

Thanks and God Speed to Sidney Jasper for the great work she has done as an Americorps volunteer with Working in Neighborhoods.

...New Faces...

- Alexandra Gonzales, Santa Maria, Alexandra.gonzales@santamaria-cincy.org
- Neighborhood Officer Alyssa Twehues, Alyssa.twehues@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Neighborhood Officer Aubrey Pitts, Aubrey.pitts@cincinnati-oh.gov

...Working Together...

...To Empower and Provide Opportunities for Youth...

- Emma Shirey of Xavier's Community Building Institute spoke about "Young, not Silent" a free day of entertainment, music, and food along with workshops on issues that matter to young people. Over 400 young people grades 7 to 12 are expected to take part in the event to learn how to be a leader, be aware, be the change, and be their best selves. It will be held Saturday, November 12, from 11 am to 7:30 pm at the Tangeman University Center at the University of Cincinnati. Registration and details are available at www.youngnotsilent.org
- The Annual Career Costume party will be held Wednesday, Oct.26 from 3 to 5 pm at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center .Children do research on careers they wish to have as adults and dress as they would if they were working in that career.. Providers brought candy to share at the party
- Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) will present a "Safe Halloween" Trick or Treat event Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 8 pm at Working in Neighborhood parking lot 1814 Dreman Avenue. It will be held inside in the community room if the weather is bad.
- Jim Boyle reported that 75 to 150 youth come to the Millvale Rec center after school. They receive a snack and then participate in activities and receive a hot meal. Flag football is over and the Millvale team was runner up in the play offs. Jim is collaborating with Lemarke Walsh of Dream Building in the Adverse Children Experience Program (ACE) that helps children work through trauma they have experienced. In order to provide family activities and engage parents Jim has started a First Friday Movie night. The first movie shown was "Cars."
- The Girls' Life Skills group at the Villages at Roll Hill is focusing on peer pressure and what's "worth the wait." at its twice monthly meetings. La Soupe caters dinner. 46 boys between ages of 8 to 12 are participating in the St. Xavier Big Brother program which pairs little and big brothers for twice monthly activities throughout the school year.
- Open House for De Paul Cristo Rey high school will be tonight, Oct. 20 and Thursday, Nov. 10, from 6 to 8 pm at the school. DePaul Cristo Rey is a school for low income students who want a college prep program and are willing to work at Cincinnati companies to earn part of their own education costs. 100% of its first two graduating classes were accepted into college. Cristo Rey will offer shadow days for 8th graders who would like to get a taste of this unique kind of education. Call 861-0600 to set up an appointment
- Molly Luken has returned from maternity leave and reports that things at Taylor Academy are going well. Nadaya is the new after-school coordinator.
- 78 children and 14 adults from the Villages at Roll Hill attended the Shriners' magic show and will be eligible to attend Breakfast with Santa in December.

...To Save Money and Further Improve Our Neighborhoods...

- The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency's winter heating program will be available at the Villages at Roll Hill Community center on Tuesdays November 15, December 13, January 10 and 31, February 21, and March 14 beginning at 9 am. One does not have to live in Roll Hill to take advantage of the program. Bring a photo ID, social security cards for all members of the family, proof of income for the last 90 days, and a current utility bill. Bring them to the community center the day before so that copies can be made in advance so that more people can be seen and receive help.

- New neighborhood police officers Alyssa Twehues and Aubrey Pitts shared information about how to share concerns with police and build good police-community relationships
- Jim Boyle of the Millvale Rec Center spoke with the police about the possibility of their dropping by and interacting with youth at the center to develop relationships in a non-threatening setting. Jim is willing to set up something up and get the youth engaged.
- More and more people are taking advantage of St. Leo's choice food pantry. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Casey Betz at 921-1044 ext. 30 for more information.
- Emma Shirey of Xavier's Community Building Institute also talked about the effort to decrease blight in communities.

...To Stay Healthy...

- Alexandra Gonzales of Santa Maris said the recent 18th annual Price Hill health fair was very successful and many people had preventive testing done.
- The First Ladies' Health Fair Sunday, Oct. 9 at St. Leo's was a successful event and provided free flu shots and health screenings. The event was a collaborative effort of St. Leo and Willing Spirit Baptist church and the First Ladies Health Initiative.

...To Welcome New Neighbors...

- The International Welcome Center sponsored by Santa Maria Community Services is offering free English classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 at Roberts Academy, 1702 Grand Avenue. Basic, intermediate, and advanced classes are offered. Session I runs from Oct. 4 until Dec. 15; Session II, from January 3 to Feb. 23; Session III, March 7 to May 18. There is limited free childcare for children ages 3 to 10. To register call 557-2700, ext. 200
- St. Leo's provides free English classes Thursdays, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to noon. Different learning levels are available. No advance registration is needed.

**November Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Millvale Rec Center**