

Fairmount Providers' Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016

Special thanks to Jim and the Millvale Rec center for hosting and providing lunch and for their commitment to families in our communities.

...New Faces...

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...The Spirit of Giving and Collaboration Unites Us ...

...at Thanksgiving...

- Residents at the Villages at Roll Hill are grateful to Unions Savings bank which will be delivering 120 frozen turkeys and Thanksgiving fixings Saturday, Nov. 19. Bank officers and staff will be delivering catered meals to another 100 families on Thanksgiving Day. Vineyard church is supplying meals to another 25 families.
- Rev. Everett Brewer of President Drive Church of Christ says generous donors are enabling him to give out 24 Thanksgiving boxes Nov. 20 He praised the collaboration of area churches and spoke of the success of outdoor prayer services at the corner of Baltimore and McHenry sponsored by his church and 3rd Presbyterian. Knox Presbyterian provided food for the more than 100 participants. President Drive parishioners have been invited for Thanksgiving dinner by LaMarke Ward, pastor of Cincinnati Urban Ministry which meets at the Millvale Rec. Center. Pastor Brewer also said the local pastors' group which sponsored the Day of Hope is looking to do an educational day in the spring
- Paula Taul of Willing Spirit Baptist Church said Stella Barnes is providing Thanksgiving dinners at the Boys and Girls Club and Evanston Rec. Center
- Cincinnati Urban Ministries led by Pastor LaMarke Ward will provide a free Thanksgiving meal Sunday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 pm at the Millvale Rec center where the church meets.
- Childhood Food Solutions will distribute 2500 to 2600 sacks for Thanksgiving.

...at Christmas...

- The South Cumminsville Community Youth Program will have its 21st annual holiday program for children ages 5 to 12 Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 4 pm at the old St./ Pius church. Children must be pre-registered to participate. Registration is Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1 and 2 from 4 to 6 pm. Children 4 and under can sign up for infant gift bags.
- St. Leo Toy and Clothing Sale will be Sunday, Dec.4, from 12:30 to 3 pm in the church basement. Good gifts at very low prices to offer people the dignity of buying for their families.
- Tony Fairhead says he is grateful for a foundation that gave CFS \$5000 and then sent another \$5000 without being asked. This will allow them to serve 4000 to 5000 children at 6 schools in Price Hill for Christmas in addition to Taylor and Roll Hill academies. Because the winter break is so long and sacks so heavy they will be given out on two days.
- Students chosen by school resource officers will "Shop with a Cop" Dec. 10 and "Get groceries with a copy, Dec. 19., according to neighborhood officer Adrian Gibson.

...in Caring for Our Health...

- The Harvest Day fresh produce delivery program will have an informational program Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 6 pm at Working in Neighborhoods, 1814 Dreman Avenue, South Cumminsville. The program will provide an opportunity to purchase fresh produce at wholesale prices. It involves weekly delivery of personalized orders of fresh produce. Persons using EBT cards are eligible for Produce Perks which matches up to \$10 on their EBT cards
- Outdoor fitness equipment has arrived and is ready to be installed in the North Fairmount water park on Carll Street. Pamela J. Adams, president of the North Fairmount Community Council plans to apply for further grants to get more equipment
- Tony Fairhead of Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) has welcomed Rev. Everett Brewer to its board. Tony also said that he talked with Dr. O'Dell Owens, director of Interact for Health at last week's Hunger Dialogue who wants to meet with CFS for further talks, especially about the food insecurity and pregnancy.

...in Investing in Our Youth...

- Ken Wilson of Cincinnati Works said the agency's job fair in collaboration with CMHA in October was successful. There was a pre fair session on how to be successful in a job fair. Cincinnati Works is revamping its advancement programs to help people move ahead in companies where they are employed and are making more contacts to help people get more professional jobs. He says the agency is combining its Navigation program for ages 14 to 16 and its Next Step programs that work with foster care agencies to help youth be ready and become employed. This change will create a more seamless program.
- Emma Shirey said last week's Youth Summit which drew about 250 young people was a positive experience, showing the leadership, strengths, and goals of the attendees who represented many of the city neighborhoods.
- Lisa Hyde-Warren of the Villages at Roll Hill says 30 boys are participating in the St. Xavier Big Brother program. Their next outing will be to the Newport Aquarium. A similar number of girls are participating in the Girls' Life Skills program. Their latest project is making cards for the seniors at McHenry house.
- Beats 'N' Eats is coming to the Villages at Roll Hill Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11 am to 1 pm. Hot food will be served. Kids and teens eat free.
- Jim Boyle of the Rec center said about 90% of the youth at the center come Ethel Taylor School. They receive a snack, take part in activities, including homework club, have a hot meal at 5 and leave at 6. Evening programming is for teens and adults. Current programs at the center include boxing, basketball two evenings a week, aerobics, weights, and computers, as well as many other offerings.

in Building Up our Neighborhoods...

- Theme of the Neighborhood Summit scheduled for March 10 and 11 at the Cintas Center is "Equity" Workshop proposals are being sought for the Summit. Short abstracts and contact information is due by Wednesday, Nov. 23. There was encouragement for the FACT3D pastors' group and Childhood Food Solutions to apply to offer workshops
- "Engaged Cincinnati" is offering a \$10,000 grant for creative projects that will engage the entire Cincinnati community. Grant application info to come
- Officer Adrian Gibson reported that crime is down especially in English Woods. Officer Gibson also shared a pamphlet geared to youth on how to say no to alcohol and other drugs. The pamphlet also includes resources to aid in drug prevention and to help users get into recovery
- Ashley Keith, community development coordinator and AmeriCorps VISTA for Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) shared the South Cumminsville Community newsletter which reported progress on improving the quality of life by advancing goals for housing, economic development beautification, and "green" infrastructure projects and mitigating environmental and health issues.

..in Saving Money...

- The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency's winter heating program will be available at the Villages at Roll Hill Community center on Tuesdays 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. 38 families were helped on the first CAC date.
- The Millvale Rec center will again offer free tax preparation. Dates to come

As Is Our Custom there will be NO December Meeting

****If you want to share anything with the group before our January meeting email alannoleo@aol.com**

**January Fairmount Providers' Meetings
Thursday, January 19, 11:30 am to 1 pm
De Paul Cristo Rey High School**

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BLESSINGS

