

**Fairmount Providers' Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

**Special thanks to Lisa Hyde-Warren and the Villages at Roll Hill for hosting and providing lunch and for their ongoing commitment to children of our community. Thanks.**

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

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**...Continuing to Work Together...**

**...For Our Children...**

- Emma Shirey of the Xavier University Community Building Institute spoke about **LEAP (Language Enrichment and Academic Proficiency) Academy**, the new Spanish language school which will open in the former North Fairmount School on Baltimore Avenue next fall with pre-school through grade 3. Registration is now available through the magnet lottery which runs until March 3. For more information visit [cps-k12.org](http://cps-k12.org) or call 363-0123. Though this is a magnet school, we have been told that consideration will be given to west side parents. The school will be a community learning center and will have a health clinic open to the community and parents of pupils.
- Neighborhood Officer Gibson spoke about the Cincinnati Police Summer Cadet program for 16 to 18 year olds that provides resources and opportunities for persons interested in choosing police work as a career. The program includes education, physical fitness, planned observations with police, hands-on specific training, and community engagement opportunities. Applications are accepted online at [www.cincinnati-oh.gov](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov). Search "youth services." He also talked about the CITI (Children in Trauma Intervention Camp) sponsored by the police youth services unit. The camp offers leadership, discipline, family values, and physical fitness for 11 to 14 year olds. Applications are available online [Cincinnati-oh.gov](http://Cincinnati-oh.gov). Search Citi Camp.
- Officer Gibson and Jim Boyle of the Millvale Rec Center both talked about Queen City Swish, a basketball program sponsored by the Police Department and Cincinnati Recreation Commission to help youth learn to work with teens from different neighborhoods in the city. The teens go to various rec centers, have a meal, hear a speaker talk about character building and then play basketball together. The program for teens 14 to 17 will be on Fridays from 5 to 9 pm, starting March 17.
- Lisa Hyde-Warren says both the St. X Big Brothers' and Girls' Life Skills programs are doing well. The boys will go ice skating with their big brothers this weekend. After dinner prepared by Le Soupe, the Girls' Life Skills group will divide into two groups with the younger ones exploring black history and the older ones talking about what is and is not real love. Lisa will be taking the girls to Sugar and Spice restaurant Friday, February 24, for their unlimited pancake supper and then attend the Xavier women's basketball game.
- Plans for summer activities at the Villages at Roll Hill are almost complete. 14 field trips are confirmed. The Indian Hill lacrosse team will be back teaching lacrosse every Wednesday from 11 am to 12:30 pm.
- Help is needed at the Villages at Roll Hill community center to pack spring break sacks for Roll Hill and Taylor academies on Wednesday, Feb. 22 beginning at 9 am. The center will also provide spring break activities Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Tuesday will be unlimited reading, crafts, and games; Wednesday, outdoor sports; and Thursday, movie day.
- The Millvale Rec Center is currently hosting two basketball teams, has a flag corps team, and is open on Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm offering free sports camps. The Millvale Rec center will have a family movie night Friday, Feb. 24. The center will be starting an after-school and summer voucher program. More information to come.

- Tikiera Thompson of Roll Hill Academy said they had a great turnout for conferences. Since the school will become a technology-based school next year, she is working to develop a “Bridging the Digital Divide” summer program. She is also planning a career day for students April 21 and a career fair for parents at a later date.

#### ...For Our Health...

- The Annual “Spring into Being Healthy” Health Fair will be held Thursday, March 15, from 11 am to 1 pm at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. The fair will feature health screenings, including mammography van, educational booths, as well as food baskets, gifts, and chair massage. Nearly 40 health agencies will be available. The day will kick off with a brisk walk in the Villages at Roll Hill at 10:30 am.
- Lisa Andrews, a nutritionist, has received a grant to put 10 mini pantries in food dessert neighborhoods. The plan is to use old Enquirer street newspaper sales boxes, refurbish them, have artists decorate them and use them to make a supply of canned goods and staples available to neighbors who need them. The goal is that people take what they need, and community members restock it. There is a mini pantry in Pleasant Ridge that is working well.
- Alicia Tidwell of Healthcare Access Now says the organization provides services for the uninsured and the underinsured. She spoke of the Pathway for Pregnancy program that aims to start working with moms early in pregnancy and Chronic Disease program that works with the YMCA to help diabetics better manage their disease through education, nutrition, and exercise.
- Theresa Diersen of Healthy Moms and Babes says now that a nurse is on the van they can provide blood sugar, blood pressure, UTI and STD screenings as well as pregnancy testing. She is excited that they now have their first resident in the building that will provide housing for pregnant women and a place to live after the baby is born.
- Healthy Moms is collecting new and gently used shoes that can be repurposed or given to needy people in very poor areas of the world. The organization will receive \$2 for every pair of shoes collected. Healthy Moms will also benefit from a fish fry March 1 from 10 am to 1 pm Eat-in meals are free but take-outs will cost \$10. The event will be at Brooks Flooring off the Kyles Lane exit of 175.
- The St. Leo food pantry will be extending its service days to include the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from noon to 2 pm, beginning March 25. Catholic Charities will help in the distribution in food.
- Alex Gonzales of Santa Maria shared flyers about the Spring Health Fair Sunday, April 9, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Price Hill Rec Center. There will be free blood pressure, BMI, depression, glucose, STI, pregnancy, dental, vision, and hearing screenings. There will also be a kid’s health fair zone, refreshments, and prizes.
- Children with asthma ages 10 to 16 years old who live near the highway or interstate are needed for a study to look at whether an air purifier can reduce air pollution in the home and how it might help children with asthma. Contact Chris Wolfe at 803-1661, or [chcris.wolfe@cchmc.org](mailto:chcris.wolfe@cchmc.org)
- 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. Current produce is mainly root vegetables.

#### ...For the Good of All Our Neighbors...

- 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. 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 is FREE tax service at the Millvale Rec Center, Saturdays, Feb. 25, March 11 and 25, and April 8 from 9 am to 3 pm. Jim Boyle Center director encouraged people to be there by 9 am. He says the first 20 who come will be served.
- 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. Cincinnati Works is also working with employers to help employees know job expectations, succeed, and advance in their careers.

- Officer Adrian Gibson says that overall crime continues to be down.
- Construction is progressing and Catholic Charities hopes to soon begin offering mental health counseling and case management services in the community in the building at the corner of Carll and Baltimore avenues.
- Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) is continuing to urge involvement in 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](mailto:winfo@wincincy.org)
- The annual day-long Neighborhood Summit will be Saturday, March 11 at Xavier University. Theme of Equality. Youth at the Center, the annual gathering for youth 14 to 21 will be held March 27 at the Keystone Marriott. Theme of the day is "Ask Me Who I AM.

**\*\*Since many members of the Providers' group will be involved in the health fair March 16  
THERE WILL BE NO MARCH MEETING**

**April Fairmount Providers' Meeting  
Thursday, April 20, 11:30 am to 1 pm  
President Drive Church of Christ**

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