

Thursday, January 17, 2019

****Many thanks to the St. Leo for hosting and to De Paul Cristo Rey for providing lunch and to both for their ongoing commitment to our youth, families, and communities**

...New Faces...

- Lauren Brinkman, Cincinnati Health Department, lauren.brinkman@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Tom Sandford, Cincinnati Health Department intern, Thomas.sandford@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Crystal Brown, Cradle Cincinnati, crystal.brown@cchmc.org
- Nikita Anderson, Cohear, nikita@wecohear.com
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Let's Support One of Our Own....

Rev. Everett Brewer, pastor of President Drive Church of Christ and Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) board member said that CFS is in 2nd place to receive a \$5000 grant. Winner is determined by the number of votes an organization receives. Voting closes tonight at midnight, you can vote more than once: https://goxavier.com/sb_output.aspx?form=1109

...Collaborating Together...

...To Save Money...

- **CAA winter heating program will be at Villages at Roll Hill community center Tuesday, Jan. 22 beginning at 9 am.** There will be pre-sign up that morning at 8 am due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday. You don't have to live in the Villages at Roll Hill to take advantage of the program
- BB&T bank in partnership with HCAN will be offering their 2nd year, "Pathway to Financial Health" program, a free 6 week financial literacy service focused on helping participants learn how to better manage their money Dates are Thursdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7 and 14 from 11am to 12:30 pm at Villages at Roll Hill. Community center. Everyone is welcome.
- Millvale Rec Center will again be offering **free tax preparation** at the center from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays Feb.2 and 16, March 2, 16, and 30, and April 30. Come early. About 20 people will be seen each session.

...To Aid Our Children and Families...

- Melissa Stoklin of JFS says she has hired case managers and possible site locations will soon be able to bid on becoming the place where neighborhood services will be offered. She says she has found a lot of support for the program that provides comprehensive case management for persons ages 18 to 24 who are receiving aid and need to take classes or volunteer as part of receiving that help. She says there will be a program on breaking barriers to employment at the Northside Library on March 5
- There will be a men's luncheon, "Learning to Love Fatherhood" Wednesday Feb. 13 from 11 am to 1 pm .at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. There will be four speakers, lunch and personal care items for participants. The event is open to any man 18 or over.
- Programs for youth at Villages at Roll Hill are in full swing with St. Xavier Big brother field trip Jan. 26 and Girls' Life Skills meeting this evening with speakers, dinner and personal care items for participants. Lisa is already working on the summer calendar and field trips.
- Lisa Hyde-Warren reports that 2019 is off to a great start at the Villages at Roll Hill community center with Ohio Job Readiness training and residents volunteering!!
- Basketball is under way for youth 10 and under and youth 11 and 12. There will be teen basketball on Friday evenings starting in mid-February. The center also has an afterschool voucher program and Club CRC, a low cost program for youth.
- Crystal Brown of Cradle Cincinnati's community team said that the mindfulness workshop at St. Leo's was very successful. There will be a quiet session next week at the Millvale Rec center. She reports that community health workers have begun making home visits.
- Yazmeen Kahn of De Paul Cristo Rey high school says the school is undergoing a big construction project that should be completed in 2020. The school, which combines work experience and academics is still accepting applications for the freshman class and has upcoming shadow days. Contact her at 861-0600 for more information.
- Felicia Selvie of the Children's home is working with the in-home kindergarten readiness program. The program is taking applications for children who will go to kindergarten in 2020.

...To Stay Healthy...

WIN will have a Healthy Aging workshop Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 11 am at its offices 1814 Dreman Avenue. Theme is "Change 4 Life"—Eat well, move more, and live longer. There will be nutritional tasty food demonstrations and discussions and a talk by Jenan Rabi of the Ohio State University extension. Contact Myra Boggs at 541-4109, ext. 125 to register by February 15. .

- Lauren Brinkman of the Cincinnati Health Department is working on the healthy eating initiative and is writing grants for the creating healthy communities program. North Fairmount and English Woods are among the focus areas of the program. In addition to the produce perks programs at Taylor and Roberts academies, she is hoping to start work on healthy beverages. She says Cincinnati's vote to raise the smoking age to 21 was a big step forward. Tom Sandford, intern at the Cincinnati Health Department says he is working on the smoking cessation program.
- Cooking for the Family is a cooking series to build knowledge and confidence in the kitchen. Participants will learn 8 basic cooking skills and techniques using healthy ingredients. Classes will begin Tuesday, April 16 at 5 pm and Saturday April 20 at 10:30 am. Each session will run 2 ½ hours. Cost will be \$5 per participant for the 5 session program and those who attend 4 of the 5 sessions will receive a cooking kit that includes a chef's knife, cast iron skillet, cutting board, and a knife sharpener. Classes will be held at the First Baptist Church of Cumminsville. Class size is limited. To register contact Shamariah Brown 541-4109 ext. 116
- Villages at Roll Hill will host its 8th annual Spring into Being Healthy fair is March 20, More information to come.
- Millvale Rec Center continues to have a food pantry on the first and 4th Fridays of the month from 10 am to 2 pm
- Childhood Food Solutions not only supplied food sacks to schools in North and South Fairmount, Cumminsville, and Price Hill, but also to city health clinics. It received a new van from the Wyler car group. Graham Wyler who attends Indian Hill high school has been active in getting support for Childhood Food Solutions and getting students from his school to teach lacrosse to youth at the Villages at Roll Hill.

...To Further Enhance the Quality of Life in Our Neighborhoods...

- Greer Aeschbury of Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) said that some 50 residents in the 5 neighborhoods of the Beekman Corridor met December 6 and voted to focus their attention on housing, dumping and trash, and investment. The various groups will be meeting soon to identify goals.
- Neighborhood Officer Adrian Gibson spoke about the increased number of pedestrians who recently have been hit by cars. He encouraged drivers to be aware and cautious around pedestrians and shared information about the laws governing pedestrian safety. He also encouraged either taking possessions out of the car or storing them in the trunk to decrease thefts from cars. Overall crime is down. Price Hill will be getting shot spotter equipment that identifies when and where shots are fired. This equipment will eventually be coming into our area. He explained that police are dispatched to the most urgent call. If someone is calling about suspicious activity, for example, and doesn't get a rapid response it may be because police got called to a more urgent problem. He said police will respond. Call back if you feel you are not being responded to. If you see something, say something, he said, giving neighborhood dumping as an example.
- Nikita Anderson of Cohear, a group that helps facilitate conversations between providers of service and consumers on such issues as housing, energy providers, and women's health said she is hoping to engage neighborhood residents in these kinds of listening sessions.
- Cincinnati Urban Ministry has church at the Millvale Rec Center on Sundays from 11 am to 2 pm

...Our Prayers and Sympathy...

- *On the death of Jerry Bowen, manager of the Villages at Roll, who has been a strong supporter programs for our youth and for Childhood Food Solutions*
- *On the death of Pastor George Southerland of the First Baptist Church of Cumminsville, who was a leader in the local pastors' group and an organizer of the annual Day of Hope.*

**February Fairmount Providers Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 21, 11:30 am to 1 pm
St. Leo Pantry community space
President Drive Church of Christ providing lunch**