

**February Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020**

****Many thanks to Lisa Hyde-Miller and the Villages at Roll Hill for hosting and for their continuous commitment to our families and children.**

Congratulations to our own Lisa Hyde-Miller who is being honored today with a resolution by Cincinnati City Council. As part of Black History Month Councilwoman Tamaya Dennard is recognizing Lisa's extensive work in the community with a council resolution.

...New Faces...

- Scott Dean, Cincinnati Health Department, William.dean@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Jada Grayson, Cincinnati Health Department, jada.grayson@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Marcellis McGray, JFS marcellis.mcgray2@jfs.ohio.gov
- **New Email** Elizabeth Kraft JFS Elizabeth.kraft@jfs.ohio.gov

...It's Always Better When We Work Together...

...To Improve Our Health...

- SuCasa invites the community to a Health Day at St. Leo's Thursday, March 5; from noon to 3pm. UC Mammography mobile unit will provide mammograms for insured women ages 40 and over. Call Miriam at 513-672-3731 to get registered. Women Helping Women and Housing Opportunities Made Equal will also be there. The Healthcare Connection will be available to assist individuals and families to sign up for the insurance that is right for them. There will also be free produce and P & G cleaning products.
- Villages at Roll Hill is working on its annual spring into Health Fair Wednesday, March 18, from 11 am to 1 pm. More than 14 agencies will be there to provide screenings, including mammograms as well as health education and resources. Big Lots has provided 300 pairs of shoes to be given away at the event. There will also be door prizes including a Kings' Island pass and a variety of jewelry and watches. The day will begin with a power walk down President Drive.
- Working in Neighborhoods will have a FREE Produce Pop-Up at its offices, 1814 Dreman Avenue on Fridays, Feb. 26, and March 27 from 2 to 5 pm.
- Tony Fairhead, director of Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) spoke of his concern about the impact of cuts in food stamps. His research found that in the same time that food stamps decreased, there was also a decrease in 4th grade reading scores. CFS is working with Cincinnati Public schools to get permission slips to have spring break food boxes delivered to students' homes.
- Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) needs help packing Wednesday, Feb. 26, beginning at 9:30 am. Packing for March bags will be March 11, starting at 9 am
- The food pantry at the Millvale Rec Center is open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 11 am to 1:30 pm
- Melissa Smoot and Scott Dean of the Cincinnati Health Department spoke about the Live, Work, and Play Cincinnati Coalition which focuses on many ways to improve health and safety in the city. Melissa is the healthy eating coordinator and works on such issues as food access and nutrition. Other issues being addressed include healthy families, safe routes to school, and behavioral health. Scott also talked about an Ohio Transportation survey asking how people get to places, the results of which will be used to plan transportation priorities in the state.
- Jacqueline Pressley, also of the Health Department is working on giving out "tool kits" to assess ways to make work places more breast feeding friendly.

...To Do the Best for Our Children and Families...

- The Cincinnati Police summer cadet program is accepting applications until March 15. Applicants between 16 and 18 will have an opportunity to work part time with the police. The program will provide resources and opportunities for those interested in police work through education, physical fitness, planned observation with police mentors, and hands on job specific training. Apply online www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/aboutpolice/employment-internships-cadetprogram/cadet-program
- Jim Boyle will be leaving the Millvale Rec center March 9 to begin work at the Saylor Park rec center. No replacement has been named yet but Jim assures that the center in Millvale has a very capable staff in place. Jim reported that the after school voucher program has now earned a two star rating. The Center also has a drop-in program from 2 to 5 pm each day. Cost is \$10 per quarter and \$2 for an annual membership.
- Elizabeth Kraft of Jobs and Family Services' (JFS) comprehensive case management program in zip code 45225 to decrease barriers to employment and self-sufficiency for those 18 to 24 receiving TANIF funds says the program is moving ahead and is closer to opening its offices at the Millvale Rec center. She introduced Marcellis McGray who is a new case manager in the program.
- Felicia Selvie of the SPARK in-home kindergarten readiness program is currently registering 3 year olds and children who will begin kindergarten in 2021. The program offers in-home teaching and materials and supports family as the "forever teachers" of their children. Contact Felicia 272-2800 or fsellvie@tchcincy.org
- Girls' Life Skills program at Villages at Roll Hill will have dinner by La Soup followed by a talk by retired police officer Alicia Smith. St. X Big and Little Brothers will design their own event Feb. 23. Most other events are done in groups.
- There will be a Queens Villages luncheon at the Villages at Roll Hill at 11:30 am followed by Fatherhood roundtable
- Eryk Mc Daniel of Willing Spirit Baptist church and the Cincinnati Music and Arts program talked about the program that currently has about 35 to 40 young people from all over the city involved in making music. The group practices at the Carl Lindner Y in the West End and performs at community events. To learn more contact Eryk at cincinnati-musicandarts@gmail.com

...To Gain Employment and Save Money...

- Ken Wilson of Cincinnati Works which offers free lifetime coaching services to help individuals find and keep good jobs, says the group will have its Spring Job Fair from noon to 4 pm Thursday, March 12 at the Cintas Center at Xavier University. The event will be open to Cincinnati Works members only from noon to 1 pm and then from 1 to 4 to all job seekers. More than 60 local employers are scheduled to be there and there will opportunities to interview and be hired on the spot. Register online at www.cincinnatiworks.org/events.
- The Community Action Agency will be at the Villages at roll Hill community center, 3691 President Drive March 10 at 9am to accept applications for its HEAP, winter crisis energy help program. **This is the last time the CAA will be there until June. There is no utility help available through CAA in April and May.** Applicants need to fill out the services application, bring photo ID's, proof of income for last 90 days, birth certificates and social security cards for all in the family and a current Duke bill. Bring all paperwork to Lisa at the center on the day before at 3 pm and she will copy the information to have ready the next day. You do not have to live in the Villages at Roll Hill to take advantage of this program.
- FREE TAX PREPARATION will be available on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 1 pm Feb. 22, March 7 and 21, and April 4 at the Millvale Rec Center. Get there early, Persons are served on a first come, first serve basis. About 25 people are seen each scheduled date. Bring photo ID, birth dates and social security cards. All W-2 and 1099 forms, copy of last year's tax return and any other tax documents
- Pat Duffy who is working with the 2020 census says **it is really important to get census workers in North and South Fairmount. Jobs pay \$23.50 an hour** for training and hours worked He stressed the importance of having EVERYONE who lives in the county counted. He reported that in the last

census 20 % of the residents in Hamilton County were not counted resulting in \$34 billion dollars lost for services in the county... The Census is hoping to get neighbors to work in their home communities. The census is done on line and follow up home visits will be only for those who have not completed the on-line form. Pat is looking for opportunities to talk with local groups about the importance of the census. Contact him at Patrick.t.duffy.jr@2020census.gov or call him 513 431-8860 if you want him to speak at an event.

- Everett Brewer who has spent 40 years as pastor of President Drive Church of Christ reported said that the Faith Alliance group for police District 3 is working on its Easter Egg hunt and beginning plans for its annual Day of Hope back to school event in August. He also spoke about the group of churches who have been coming together and meeting and praying in our communities as a sign that “church is not just in a building, but in the streets.” The annual National Day of prayer caravan throughout the community is scheduled for the first Thursday in May and begins at 10 am. In the evening, people march from 3rd Presbyterian Church on McHenry Avenue to President Drive, praying, singing, and picking up trash then ending with ice cream sundaes. He also stressed the importance of having healthy spiritual lives.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Villages at Roll Hill said the top reason people have been evicted from the Villages is poor housekeeping. As a result there will be a 3 hour housekeeping training March 3.
- Officer Adrian Gibson reports that overall crime is down. There have been some car break-ins and he advises to lock valuables in the trunk. Though there is progress there are still some issues with dumping. He said the easiest way to report problems like needed repairs is to download the *fix it cincy app* on your phone. This will allow you to track the progress on your request
- Villages at Roll Hill celebrated Black History month Feb. 19 with a luncheon featuring food from residents’ homelands. There was food from Ghana, Kenya, Puerto Rico and Cambodia, and a secret macaroni and cheese from Birmingham Alabama

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President Drive Church of Christ