

September Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2019

****Special thanks to President Drive Church of Christ for hosting and providing lunch and for nearly 40 years of presence and commitment to our communities**

Sad News ...

Jim Boyle director of the Millvale Rec Center for the past 8 years will be moving to a similar position at the Sayler Park Rec Center after the first of the year. He has been a strong force for good in our community and a great partner in many projects. His love for and commitment to our youth and families is evident in his programming and leadership. We'll miss you, Jim.

Better News ...

We'll have a chance to meet with and thank Jim at our next Providers' meeting which will be at the Millvale Rec Center

...New Faces...

- Rachel Smith, Santa Maria, 859-409-7390, rachel.smith@santamaria-cincy.org
- Calvin Williams, Hamilton County Jobs and Family, willic21@JFS.hamilton-co.org
- Rodney Christian, 3rd Presbyterian, busy3358bless@gmail.com
- Nequi Cargile, Millvale Head Start, 513 591-6944

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

...To Support Children and Families...

- It's a busy time at the Millvale Rec Center. The center's dance team will perform Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the center from 6 to 8 pm and there will be a special program for Halloween, Oct.31. The Community Action Agency's pre-school Head Start program is under way and is accepting new students. Vouchers are accepted for that program and for the Center's after school program. Jobs and Family Services is still planning to move to the center after the first of the year. This will provide a home base for case managers to connect persons ages 18 to 24 who are receiving assistance to get help in removing blocks to getting steady employment and becoming self-sufficient.
- The "Meet and Greet" for St. Xavier big brothers and their Roll Hill little brothers and their families was October 5 at St. Xavier high school. The first field trip is Sunday, Oct. 20 to Parky's Farm. There are still openings for little brothers ages 8 to 12. Call Lisa for more information.
- Girls Life Skills group for girls 7 to 17 meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Juniors and seniors from St. Ursula academy are meeting with the girls and mentoring them. Theme for the year is "worth the wait." To improve writing skills girls are writing in their diaries at the beginning and endings of each meeting.
- The 21st annual career costume party at the Villages at Roll Hill will be Thursday, Oct. 24, from 3 to 5:30 pm. Instead of dressings as superheroes and ghosts children research careers and the education needed to achieve them and then dress as they would in that career and explain it to the group. There are prizes for the best in various age groups. ***Lisa says a big THANK YOU to all who brought candy for the event***
- Villages at Roll Hill community center served 3,230 meals this summer through Whole Again Ministries and reported an increased number of youth coming for meals. Pastor Chandler of Whole Again Ministries is looking for additional sites to serve. See Lisa for more information.
- Nequi Cargile, director of the Community Action Agency's (CAA) Head Start Program at the Millvale Rec Center says they are now enrolling children 3 to 5 years of age It is a full day 9 month program that focuses on the whole. They offer both onsite and in-home educational services and provide transportation for those living in some areas of the community. Call 513 591 6944 or 513 591 6953 for more information or email cincinnatiheadstart.org
- Eneida Uehlin of LEAP Academy says enrollment now is up to 325. She says there are now after school art and music activities on Tuesdays and drums and dancing on Thursdays. The school is now 100% free and

reduced lunch. LeSoupe provides 100 pounds of produce for distribution to the school on Fridays and a food pantry through the Free Store Food Bank will be opening there soon.

- WIN will have its Halloween party, Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 pm at its offices 1814 Dreman Avenue.
- There will be a new day care coming to the Villages at Roll Hill after the first of the year operated by a former resident of the community
- 100 families have signed up for frozen and 83 for catered Thanksgiving meals provided by Union Savings bank at Villages at Roll Hill and McHenry House.

..To Enhance Parenting Skills...

- Clarence Williams is the new fatherhood coordinator for Jobs and Family Services. His job is to try to improve the culture in systems to include the importance of fathers in their children's lives. He also heads the Fatherhood Collaborative of Hamilton County which aims to create and sustain community consciousness, conversation and action on the needs and aspirations of fathers and their contributions to healthy children and families. Meetings are open to fathers, father figures, and others who are working for the well-being of dads, Call Calvin at 513 946 1123 or email at willic21@jfs.hamilton-co.org
- Cradle Cincinnati had a Sisterhood Luncheon at the Villages at Roll Hill on Wednesday, Oct. 16, and there will be another one Wednesday, Nov. 13

...To Utilize the Power and Presence of Faith Communities...

- Pastor Everett Brewer of President Drive Church of Christ said that funds left from the Day of Hope are being used to buy coats, to help with Thanksgiving and other holiday programs. He also spoke of United Worship, a group of churches that have been coming together at various churches to worship together and be present in the surrounding communities
- Some members from President Drive Church of Christ are sponsoring City Gospel Mission's Princess ballet classes at Roll Hill Academy
- Rodney Christian, president of the East Westwood Community Council and an elder at 3rd Presbyterian Church spoke about the church's community center which meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 3 to 8:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturday and serves about 50 children each day. He has retired from his job and is now working there full time. He says God has blessed the ministry through donations that have helped them get nearby homes so they can build an official basketball court and have a community garden
- Paula Taul of Willing Spirit Baptist said the church's goal is to come together with other faith communities and be present in the neighborhoods

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

- Nikita Anderson of Cohear, a group that helps facilitate community conversations says there will be a dinner meeting Thursday, October 24, at 6 pm at the Northside Library to help Food Forest a free home delivery grocery service to expand from Walnut Hills to the West Side. Goal is to help people on EBT who live in grocery deserts get access to healthy food. Child care will be provided for the meeting and reservations are needed. Call Nikita 513 259 0440 if you plan to come.
- Rigel Behrens of Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) said some people in the neighborhood have been getting notification that they are in a TIP (Tax Increment District) which is a way to finance investment in the community. There will be a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 6 pm at WIN office to discuss the pros and cons of the idea. The Beekman Alliance investment group will be meeting that night and taking part in the meeting.
- WIN has been working with councilman Smitherman to schedule a meeting with the Metropolitan Sewer district to set up a community meeting about ways to increase safety around the Mill Creek
- The Hopple Street health center is talking with WIN about possibly collaborating on a "green and clean" event on Earth Day as a way to get more involved in the community.
- Rachel Smith is an Americorps volunteer who is the new housing coordinator for Santa Maria Neighborhood Services.

- Neighborhood Officer Adrian Gibson said that overall crime is down but there are still some area drug hot spots. He reinforced that if you see something, say something—call the police. He said police are still working to see that cars from a closed garage that are parked on the streets and in other areas of the community will have to either leave or be towed away. He also shared a pamphlet about how to avoid being scammed
- Villages at Roll Hill community center will be closed the last weeks of October, November, and December.

...To Help People Get Better Jobs and Save Money....

- Ken Wilson of Cincinnati Works is helping people who need a 2nd chance get employment through the Beacon of Hope Business Alliance, a group of local companies who are willing to hire individuals returning from prison, addiction or other significant life challenges. To best prepare people for long-term success, the Alliance requires people to first connect with Cincinnati Works. Call 513 744 9675.
- CAA has a Head Start program for dads that provides support with job readiness, mental health, relationship strategies, childhood development, effective co-parenting, fathers' rights and more. Contact T. Cummings 513 569 1940 ext. 1458 or rcummings@cincy-caa.org
- Fresh Start a program to help ex-offenders find employment is offered through CAA and will be offering upcoming courses. CAA also has information about a training program for CDL training. Call Leonard Sayles 513 924-2031 or LSayles@cincy-caa.org for more information about both programs.
- The 3rd year of the six-week Pathway to Financial Health classes is wrapping up today at the Villages at Roll Hill. Union Savings Bank will be offering the classes in the future.
- Lisa Hyde Warren, coordinator at the Villages at Roll Hill community center is helping people access PRC funds, private funds from Hamilton County Department of Human Services, which can offer up to \$3000 to help people in an emergency and Project Lift Funds that are filtered through the Greater Cincinnati Foundation that aims to help 3000 people in the city get out of poverty. Contact Lisa at Villages at Roll Hill for more information.
- St. Leo's annual toy and infant clothing sale will be Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 3 pm in centennial hall. All are welcome.

**November Fairmount Providers Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Millvale Rec Center**

Join us in thanking center director Jim Boyle and wishing him God Speed.