

November Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2019

****Special thanks to Jim Boyle and the Millvale Rec Center for hosting and providing lunch and for Jim's many years of commitment to the youth and families of our community.**

Jim's presence and leadership will be missed.

...New Faces...

- Scott Dean, Cincinnati Health Department, william.dean@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Malika Smoot, Cincinnati Health Department, malika.smoot@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Destiny Simone, Santa Maria, destiny.simone@santamaria-cincy.org
- Deborah Roberts, Santa Maria, Deborah.roberts@santamaria-cincy.org
- Natasha Mitchell, Santa Maria, Natasha.mitchel@santamaria-cincy.org

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

...To Come Together in Gratitude...

- Willing Spirit Baptist church 2012 Westwood Northern Blvd. will be offering a free Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 3 pm Thursday, November 28. All are welcome
- Cincinnati Urban Ministry Outreach, a faith community that meets at the Millvale Rec. Center will provide a free community Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, November 24 from noon to 2 pm at the rec center.

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

- There will be a pot luck dinner celebration for members of neighborhoods working together in the Beekman Corridor Coalition Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 pm at Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) offices 1814 Dreman Avenue. The coalition has been working on issues of dumping, housing, and investment and have met with city council committee, secured the \$1 lot program from the land bank, are working to get cameras in place to decrease dumping, and reaching out to boost commercial and business investments. Greer Aeschbury, who had been working with the team, will begin a new job as an organizer for the ACLU's bail reform project. WIN will be hiring someone to replace her.
- Rigel Behrens of WIN talked about problems with youth trespassing on businesses and accessing them through unprotected access to the Mill Creek. After meeting with businesses and city council persons as well as the Metropolitan Sewer district, there is a meeting scheduled with the law and public safety committee to eliminate that access point Tuesday, December 9, at 9 am at City Hall. Rigel encouraged providers to attend the meeting to offer support.
- Neighborhood officer Adrian Gibson suggested that if you have a concern about a specific problem in your community download the "Fix it Cincy" app on your smartphone. This will allow you to report and track progress on your concern.
- Officer Adrian Gibson shared latest crime stats and tips for driving safely during the winter. As the holidays approach car thefts often go up. He suggested locking bags in the trunk of your car.

...To Improve Health...

- Nick Young of WIN whose job focus is access to food is working with the Free Store Foodbank to have a free produce pop up at WIN Wednesday, January 22 beginning at 12:30 pm He is also working with the Hopple Street Health Center on an event to promote green clean living on Earth Day, April 22. More information to come.
- Scott Dean of the Health Department spoke of efforts to improve access to exercise, including safe walking routes, playgrounds, bike transportation and transportation options. Malika Smoot, also of the Health Department, is the healthy eating coordinator and is working with child-care providers on ways to eat local produce and with doctors about writing prescriptions to promote fresh food. Jacqueline Pressley, a community health worker who is working with local institutions to determine

if changes have been made to promote and increase access to exercise since a similar survey was completed 4 years ago.

...To Provide Opportunities for our Youth...

- Eneida Uehlin of LEAP Academy says the after-school art and girl scouts programs are going well and the new food pantry, which serves students and their families, is now open every Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 am and 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The school hopes to increase its enrollment by 90 students as the year progresses.
- South Cumminsville community council will hold its Santa Workshop, Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 3 pm. The program allows children to shop and buy their presents. Registration is needed and will begin next week. Call 541-4109 to register
- Maurice White of CAA says that the pre-school program for 3 to 5 year olds at the Millvale rec center has received a Five Star rating and is still taking applications. Transportation is provided. Vouchers, Preschool Promise funds and private pay are accepted.
- Kat McCormick one of the directors at the Millvale Rec Center said the after-school and drop-in programs are doing well. The Center is now open from 9 to 3 on Saturdays and one must have a membership to get in. She says they have received funding to bring back some of the youth who were on staff and applications for summer jobs will begin in February.
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...To Support People with Job Skills and Work Opportunities...

- Elizabeth Kraft of Jobs and Family Services will be managing the case managers when the program to help remove barriers to employment and stability for persons ages 18 to 24 receiving government assistance moves to the Millvale Rec center in the next few months.

...To Save Money...

- In addition to its many educational, housing, and support programs, Santa Maria Community Services offers ways to help people manage their money. Destiny Simone, Deborah Roberts and Natasha Mitchell shared about their work providing economic, financial, and income support as well offering economic coaching helping individuals stabilize employment and develop and keep a budget
- 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.

Christmas Blessings to All!!

As Is Our Custom, there will be NO Meeting in December

**Next Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2020 11:30 am to 1 pm
Willing Spirit Baptist Church, 2012 Westwood Northern Blvd**