

Avondale Community News

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Avondale Community Council Has New Home

The Avondale Community Council has relocated temporarily to 3626 Reading Road, on the campus of Gabriel's Place. All Council meetings will continue as scheduled and will be held at the new location. The former Pride Center, located at Burnet and Forest has been torn down to make way for a future mixed use development.

The Community Council will eventually make our permanent home at 3635 Reading Road the former Golden Age Nursing Home.

Commons at Alaska Good Neighbor Meetings

National Church Residences invites Avondale residents to attend monthly meetings to discuss the Commons at Alaska facility. Everyone is welcome and all questions are welcome. The goal of the monthly meetings is to formalize a Good Neighbor Agreement. This involves working collaboratively with area neighbors and businesses concerning Commons at Alaska and the programs offered, and formalize a mutual commitment—a "Good Neighbor Agreement" to adhere to the highest property, safety, and conduct standards. National Church Residences is excited about meeting many more of the Avondale residents, and ultimately becoming the best neighbor possible.

The meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of every month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Living God, 434 Forest Avenue. The first meeting is scheduled for February 25th. If you would like more information please contact National Church Residences at 1-800-388-2151.

Khyren You Are the Change!

Submitted by the ACDC

May 2012, 4-year old Khyren Landrum was shot in the hip while walking home with his mother and sister from a Blair Avenue park. With his wide eyes and big smile, Khyren's face would become the beginning of a parade of peace initiatives in Avondale. This incident with Khyren would be the beginning of the Avondale Crime Reduction Initiative. Khyren is doing much better now. He is now 6 years old and walks to South Avondale Elementary proudly every day. After school Khyren visits the US Bank Boys and Girls club, and this spring he will be suiting up once again for Coach DeAngelo and the Avondale Indians. His mother, Aiesha Landrum, says Khyren is a wonderful student. He is now fully healed after finishing his physical therapy at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. He has finally gotten over his fears and returned to Blair Park where he plays with his friends.



Khyren as many other children in Avondale are the future of this neighborhood. We must continue to work as a community to maintain a safe, nurturing environment for our children to grow, learn and flourish.

Neighborhood Meetings

Avondale's Avenue District Block Club

Monthly meetings every 4th Tuesday 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

The Cincinnati Herald Building

1st floor Community Room 3440 Burnet Ave (45229)

(park in garage in rear, enter at back door)

Avondale Community Council

Board 1st Tuesday of the month 6:00 p.m.

General Body 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:30 p.m.

Gabriel's Place 3618-3626 Reading Road



Citizen's Police Academy

The Cincinnati Police Department's Citizens Police Academy officially began in October 1994. The concept of a Citizens Police Academy started in England in 1977. The first such course in the United States was at the Orlando, Florida Police Department in 1985. The program is designed to provide better understanding between citizens and the police through education.

Another Citizens Police Academy is scheduled for March 20-May 8, eight consecutive Thursday nights at the Police Academy from 6-9pm. Topics include: Organizational Overview, Professional Standards, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Terrorism Early Warning Group, Laws of Arrest, Criminal Investigation Process, Mental Response Team, Gangs, Domestic Violence, Drug Awareness, Traffic Contacts, Use of Force and Personal Safety. Participants will also have an opportunity to experience the role of a police officer through the use of a firearms simulator. For a registration form and/or more information, contact Monica Ervin at 513-357-3562. You may also email her with your request at monica.ervin@cincinnati-oh.gov



Tire Amnesty Day

- The City will host a tire amnesty day for Cincinnati **residents** only (not businesses).
- Only 10 tires will be accepted at a time.
- The only information required is the address the tires came from

Saturday March 22, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dunham Recreation Center Playground Parking Lot
4356 Dunham Lane (45238)

For more information (513) 352-4380

VITA Tax Sites

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is up and running for the 2014 tax season. The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$52,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.

Locations in or close to Avondale include:

Greater Cincinnati Urban League -3548 Reading Road

Call Edna Avelino 487-5256, Wednesdays 4:00-7:00 p.m. by appointment, March 5, 12, April 2, 9 .

North Avondale Recreation Center-617 Clinton Springs

No appointments , Saturdays 9:00-1:00 March 1, 15, 29, & April 12

Community Action Agency-1740 Langdon Farm Road

Jan 27-April 15

No appointment Monday-Friday 8:30-3:00

By appointment 569-1840 x 1031

Tues and Thursday 4:00-6:00 & Sat 9:00-1:00

Hirsch Recreation Center

3630 Reading Road

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Toastmasters Club –1st & 3rd Monday
Actively seeking new members, if public speaking is part of your job, this club is for you.
- ◆ Karate- \$30.00 for the first month (includes uniform), \$20.00 each month thereafter; the class is family style-all ages are welcome.
- ◆ Miss CRC Beauty Pageant– open to girls age 6-16years , contestants will be judged on talent, modeling and charisma. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

All classes and clubs require center membership
For more information call 751-3393



Gabriel's Place
3618 Reading Road

You are invited to gather in Avondale over a free dinner every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Prepared in-house using fresh ingredients, the weekly meal is thoughtfully created by Chef Kristen. Everyone is welcome to the table to share in the joy of a collective meal. We will use food as an equalizer, bringing a diverse group to friendship. Help us spread the word, come and eat, bring a friend!

Volunteer: To achieve a sense of honor, quality and efficiency we will depend on a group of skillful, reliable and kind volunteers. All volunteers will be trained as interactive listeners, cooks, and clean up. If you are interested, please visit our page on Volunteer Match and consider attending our monthly orientation.

We will always be in need of volunteers, but it is equally important to sit at the table and have a meal in community. We believe it is not just the food that improves peoples' lives, it is also the conversation surrounding it.

Health screenings and healthy food free to all!

Cheers,
Gabriel's Place

Public Library of Cincinnati
Avondale Branch
March Events

Hours: M,T 12-8 W, Th 12-6 F, Sa 10-6

Preschool Story time: Thursdays at 11:00

Programs for school-aged kids:

Read to a Librarian: Mondays at 3:30

Book Break: Wednesdays at 3:30

Homework Help: Monday-Thursday 3:00-6:00

Adult Programs:

Wednesdays 12:30-2:30 - Computer Classes by appointment only

Tuesday, March 18th @ 1:00 – Adult Book Club (discuss any book you are reading or have recently read; show-and-tell format)

Thursdays at 2:00 – GED study hour (informal study group for the GED)

Teen Programs:

Thursdays at 4:00 - Teen Time (various programs for teens)

**Purchase Your 2014
Avondale Community Council Membership**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Apt _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone () _____ email _____

Type of Membership : ___ Business/Church \$100 ___ Family \$8 ___ Individual \$5 ___ Group \$25

Lifetime: ___ Individual \$75 ___ Family \$125

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Important City Phone Numbers

Better Business Bureau	421-3015
Crimestoppers	352-3040
Liter Control	564-1750
Poison Information	558-5111
Senior Program	352-4026
Street Cleaning	591-6000
Weed Property	564-1750
Abandoned Vehicles	564-2277
Building Decay	352-3275
Snow Removal	591-6000
Waste Collection	591-6000
Discrimination, rental/leasing	721-4663

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