

# Avondale Community News

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## *St. Michael's and All Angels Transforms into Gabriel's Place*



The stone gothic building at 3618 Reading Road has a long history in the Avondale Community. Originally built during the Civil War as a non-denominational protestant church, it was acquired in the 1940's by the Episcopal Diocese to be the worship space for two merged inner city congregations, creating St. Michael's and All Angels Church . In 2009 the Diocese discontinued worship in the building. However, they wanted to make sure the facility did not become an eyesore in the community. They decided to use the building as community space. This summer a new phase of service and community partnership will begin called Gabriel' Place.

The mission of Gabriel's Place is "To provide a safe, beautiful and spiritually nourishing place for the Avondale neighborhood to gather in mutual respect to learn and interact, and to promote peace in the community."

Possible programming will consist of a community garden run by Avondale youth, a soup kitchen, a parish nurse, clothing cupboard, a benefit bank, legal counseling, a farmers market, and a community kitchen/banquet hall.

Gabriel's Place will be open to the community seven days a week. The upper floor of the Parish House will house the offices of the Program Coordinator and the Kitchen Manager. The main floor consists of a commercial kitchen which will be fully operational with a variety of programs offered to the community. Meeting space will be available to various agencies to meet with residents to address health, employment and legal issues.

Next door, in the restored worship space, activities to engage all residents as well as a gathering place for the community to share stories and coffee and discuss building a stronger neighborhood. The sanctuary will be reserved for various ecumenical worship services. The services and activities will be provided by a variety of partners, coordinated by a staff who will report to the overseeing organization.

The partners involved in the project are: The Episcopal Diocese, Chase Bank, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), University of Cincinnati Design workshop architects, Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency, Avondale Community Council and Children's Hospital. For more information on using the community kitchen, renting the banquet hall or becoming a vendor at the farmers market please contact Carla Butler 513-307-2275.



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## City has Discontinued Yard Waste Curb Side Disposal



The City of Cincinnati suspended curbside collection of yard waste from homes and businesses earlier this year. Garbage collection will continue on regularly scheduled days. This service remains unaffected. *Due to budget reductions, separated yard waste will no longer be collected.* Citizens are encouraged to engage in alternate, environmentally-friendly uses for their yard waste, such as composting and mulching whenever practical. Basic information about composting and a downloadable brochure for beginners are available from Hamilton County's Backyard Composting page: [www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org)

Several yard waste drop-off sites are in operation across Hamilton County. Residents are strongly encouraged to utilize these free sites for disposal of yard waste. The closest site for the Avondale community is:

West Fork Solid Waste Facility

3320 Mill Creek Road, South Cumminsville

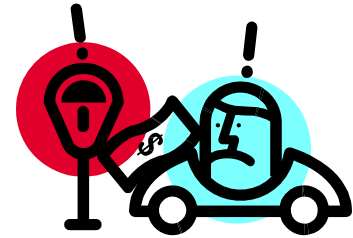
For Cincinnati residents only. Accessible off Spring Grove and off Beekman Street. Open year round Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (excluding holidays)

## City Amnesty Program

### Owe Parking Fines?

Pay overdue parking fines and avoid the penalties.

Here are three ways to pay parking violations incurred *before June 30, 2010*. This includes *parking fines only* and does *not* include speeding violations or other moving violations.



- In Person - Visit Patricia Clancy Clerk of Courts, 1000 Sycamore St. Room 112, Cincinnati, OH 45202 to pay parking fines Monday through Friday, 8am to 8pm. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, personal and certified checks, money orders, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover (there is a fee for credit cards).
- Online- <http://www.courtclerk.org/parkingticket.asp> to pay overdue parking fines online.
- Call 513-946-6000 to pay overdue parking fines by phone.

## MAY 1 – JUNE 30, 2011

### What Is Second Chance Amnesty, Phase 3?

Citizens and businesses have the chance to pay back outstanding fines and fees without penalty or interest until June 30, 2011. This chance to "catch up" with past due invoices from June 30, 2010 and before.

These include:

- Emergency Medical Services
- Office of Administrative Hearings Code Violations
- False Alarm Fees
- General Department Billings

For more information about the City amnesty program call 513-352-3223

# Avondale Youth Council

By Joseph Malek and DeNesha Bell

In February, the Avondale Youth Council (AYC) celebrated Black History month by doing great things and exploring new opportunities that came its way. Michael Gaynor, Secretary of the AYC, attended computer class for website design and software design. He attended nine classes at Cincinnati State with the Black Data Processes Association (BDPA). This was a great opportunity for him because Michael is interested in working in the field of computers. It also enhances AYC capacity because as Secretary of the AYC, Michael is often asked to input information into our database, keep track of attendance via computer, and hook the computer up to the projector for our personal development sessions.

In our weekly Professional and Self Skill Development sessions, AYC members have been having great discussions. In one session, we evaluated the new show on TLC "Police Women of Cincinnati." Many responded that they felt the show was biased in its depiction of the inner city as it only shows the bad parts of Cincinnati. Some members felt the show failed to show the viewers crime in majority white neighborhoods. Yes, the discussions have been getting deep. Many members of the AYC reported knowing people on the show, seeing their neighbors, and actually seeing past members of the AYC. We have been confronted with looking at the issues inside of our neighborhood and challenged to break the cycle.

During February, we also had the opportunity to visit the Freedom Center and hear from CNN reporter and nationally renowned speaker Roland Martin. Martin spoke freely about how Black America had to stand for change and take advantage of the sacrifice of our ancestors. He too challenged the AYC to step up our game as African American teen agers!

In March, members enjoyed themselves at the Classical Roots Symphonic Orchestra at Music Hall. This was a world class event conducted by Michael Morgan. Soprano singer Angela Brown (who Mr. Ozie went to graduate school with) and Rodrick Dixon, tenor, performed in selections of the event. There was also the Classical Roots Community Mass Choir consisting of many churches. The event amazed some of the members of the AYC as they watched the talent of each performer. For those of us that

already play an instrument the event has encouraged us to continue playing and shown us that the sky is the limit.

March was also the first quarter Birthday and Movie Night for AYC members. We had a great time at the Pride Center. Mr. Fulton cooked and we enjoyed a movie to celebrate the birthday of members in the first quarter. Each member received an AYC card signed by the officers. This was a very exciting family oriented event.

Finally, The AYC has continued with more service events, one being the Super Can event March 26<sup>th</sup>. We continue to pick up litter throughout the community and encourage residents to do the same. We had the honor of continuing to host the City's Annual Neighborhood Summit at Xavier University's Cintas Center. We served at registration, manned the cameras, and many booths throughout the event, which was centered on the City's comprehensive plan. That same day, other members of the AYC represented at the National Youth Symposium at the Hyatt hotel. The event's purpose was to show organizations' and groups' service projects. People who attended the event voted on the following categories: Elementary/Middle School Local Impact, Elementary/Middle School International/ National Impact, High School Local Impact, High School International/National Impact, College Local Impact, and College International/National Impact. The Avondale Youth Council won in the category, High School Local Impact for a \$300 mini grant. Our slogan was "Service is what we Do!". 2011 has started with a bang. We look forward to growing more in the second quarter! Thanks for reading! God bless!

## *Wesley Education Center Seeking Board Members*

Wesley Education Center for Children and Families is looking for dedicated individuals to join the Board of Trustees. The Center opened in 1920 (making it the oldest running child care center in Cincinnati) by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in response to needs voiced by young working mothers. Its first location was at the Friendship home at 641 West Fourth Street. The Center moved several times, always remaining in the downtown area, due to the need for more space. In 1928, 159 students were enrolled in Kindergarten and 83 in the day nursery. In the late 1950's the Center moved to Hale Ave in the old Pogue mansion. Ground breaking for the current location was in June of 1959 with the dedication June 1960. The Center expanded two times to meet the demand for quality child care in the community. At any given time the waiting list contained over 150 children.

Wesley currently has 82 students enrolled ranging in age from 6 weeks to pre-kindergarten and will obtain their 2<sup>nd</sup> Star in the "Step up to Quality" program before the summer ends. Though transformed into a modern center through 90 years of change, Wesley Education Center, remains true to its initial legacy of addressing the needs of working families in a complex world. This center, "based on Christian values and devoted to strengthening the community by providing the highest quality child care, education and enrichment services," continues to do just that, and has earned a reputation throughout Cincinnati as a safe haven of reliable, quality, and caring Early Childhood Education and support services to their families.

Our goal is to make sure every child is prepared for school. The first three years of a child's life, when the human brain develops more rapidly than at any other subsequent period, are a time of enormous social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. For children to grow into successful adults, they need to have a supportive and healthy early foundation.

If you are interested in a tour of the school or would like to join a working board that is dedicated to quality early childhood education, please contact Cassie Young at 513-861-9865.



## *Leaving a Legacy for the Next Generation*

By Sandra M. Jones

We hear this all the time, leaving a legacy for the next generation. What does it mean and how can we begin to set up legacies for our next generation? Many of our elders started out just working to provide for their immediate families. Many mothers stayed at home while the fathers worked in the community. History shows that the liberation movement started and women began to contribute financially to the needs of their family.

Families did all they could to survive. In fact, many were creating a legacy without ever realizing it. The stronger the family units were, the more support, love and resources were passed down to the next generations. Many of us learned what not to do very quickly. The struggle of black people is not a secret. Very few of our elders were educated in a traditional setting, so they turned to the one support that keeps us strong in the game of life. That is the highest power of them all. I realize that many people do not believe nor support the power of the Almighty but when you talk to many of the elders they will tell you that if it had not been for the spirit of the Almighty they don't know where they would be.

Leaving a legacy should be high at the top of our priority list. Get with your family and extended family and design the legacy you want to leave. Do not wait until time is no longer on your side and think about how Mom made her delicious cake or pie. Ask the questions now. Continue to enforce standards for our young people. Start investing in their education today. Show an interest in their reports, volunteer at their schools. Help with college expenses, ten or twenty dollars can go a long way when you don't have anything. We can start leaving a legacy any time we want. We just need to start. So far we have fallen short.

We can change the conditions of our families by uplifting the people around us. Our communities are in dire need of help. My family understands that we must do all we can to show each other how much we love each other and appreciate our differences. Our legacy will be caring for the old and the young. I was the first in my family to graduate from college. We now have four nieces in college and two more on their way. By investing in their education we can help them begin to think about the legacy they will leave. We are providing housing for those in need and we understand we must create several businesses to sustain our financial challenges so we can be a blessing to others. We are most importantly praising the Almighty for all He has does for us everyday.

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## The Avondale Community Council needs you!

- The ACC is recognized by the City of Cincinnati as the official voice of the Avondale community
  - The ACC works on improving public safety, education, recreation, beautification, public policy, land use, social issues, property improvements, business developments, community events and other issues affecting the Avondale community
  - The ACC works diligently to make Avondale a better place to live work, play and worship
- All residents and business owners in Avondale are encouraged to become members of the ACC and have an impact on issues that directly affect our community. Membership entitles you to voting rights, a newsletter and the rental of the Community Pride Center at a discount! Fill out the form below and return it to: Avondale Community Council 3520 Burnet Avenue (45229)

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## Cincinnati Recreation Commission

### Hirsch Community Center

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**MEMBERSHIPS: Juniors and Seniors \$10** Includes All CRC Centers & Pools, *except Dunham Pool*

**Adults (Ages 18-49) \$25** Includes All CRC Centers & Pools, *except Dunham Pool*

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### Youth

- The Youth Basketball team 8-10 years old are the CRC district champions. The Center and parents hosted a sports awards banquet for the team. The team was well supported by the parents!



- The Hirsch Recreation Center is now accepting Summer Camp applications, dates June 6th—August 5th 2011. Ages 7-12, three big field trips and several smaller free field trips and daily swim. Hours of the camp 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, cost \$720 with \$10.00 membership required.

- Theater Camp Packets are available at the center for teen's ages 13-17 years old, camp dates June 6th—August 5th, 2011, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. materials cost \$275



### Seniors

- New senior programs began April 25th, Bingo, Bid Whist and Ceramics, free with membership.



- A new scrapbooking class is beginning May 2nd. If you are an adult or senior and are interested in scrapbooking contact Charles Johnson at 751-3393

### Dates To Remember

ACC	AYC	CPOP
Board meeting May 3 6:00 p.m.	Avondale Youth Council May 3 & 17 4:30 p.m. Pride Center	2nd Thursday 10:00 a.m. Pride Center
General Body May 17 6:30 p.m.	◆ <b>District 4</b> Community Meeting	
Pride Center 3520 Burnet Ave. 281-5999	May 26 6:30 District 4	

### Nutrition & Wellness Tips

To keep energy levels up and avoid weight gain – steer clear of foods with lots of simple carbohydrates (sugars) like candy bars or soda. Look for foods that contain complex carbohydrates like whole-grain breads and cereal and combine them with protein-rich snacks such as peanut butter or low-fat yogurt or cheese.

Choosing healthy snacks means shopping smart. Be cautious of the health claims on food packages. Whatever claims a manufacturer writes on the front of the package, you can judge whether a food is healthy for you by reading the ingredients and the nutrition information on the food label.

Moderation is the key to smart snacking. People who eat regular meals and healthy snacks are less likely to overeat and gain weight than people who skip meals and then scarf down a large order of french fries.

Evenings can be a tempting time to indulge in sugary, fatty snacks. If you're really feeling hungry, don't ignore it. Pick the right snacks – light popcorn, baked chips and salsa, fruit, cereal and low-fat milk, or yogurt.

Be physically active. Aim to get 60 minutes of exercise most days.

Active children may increase their chance of becoming healthy adults. Children who enjoy exercise may develop a lifelong, healthy habit of being physically active. If they stay active as adults, they will enjoy better health and may live longer than their less active peers. Physical activity can decrease the risk of obesity, cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, and heart disease among adults.

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