

Avondale Community News

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Avondale Celebrates Opening of Gabriel's Place

On Friday, September 30, the Avondale community will officially welcome the newest community gathering space—Gabriel's Place. Located on the grounds of the former St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, the non-profit organization will serve as a "safe, beautiful and spiritually nourishing place for community members to gather in mutual respect, learn and interact, develop community based enterprise, and promote peace in the community."

Bishop Thomas Breidenthal of the Diocese of Southern Ohio will give remarks at the dedication, along with other partners: Avondale Community Council, Center for Closing the Health Gap, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency, JP Morgan Chase Bank Foundation, Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC), and the University of Cincinnati Niehoff Urban Studio Community Design Center.

"We have joined with the leadership of Avondale, local agencies and many people of faith to get Gabriel's Place up and running," said Bishop Breidenthal. "The future is rich with possibilities, and we are only just beginning our journey together. But Gabriel's Place is already a witness to what can happen when community and cooperation come first."

Earlier this summer, Gabriel's Place was

named as the Most Outstanding Collaborative Effort in 2011 by the Community Development Corporation Association of Greater Cincinnati.

Community members are invited to attend the dedication and participate in tours of the facility, located next to the Hirsch Recreation Center at 3618 Reading Road. The community garden, kitchen incubator, meeting rooms and marketplace are designed to respond to residents needs for support of cottage industry businesses, sustainable food sources and access to safe community space for educational, social and spiritual activities. For more information on Gabriel's Place, please e-mail gabrielsplace.cincy@gmail.com to arrange a meeting with Program Manager Carla Butler, or visit us online at www.gabriels-place.org





Candidates Forum

The African American Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee in collaboration with the Buzz (WDBZ) will hold their second joint Candidate's forum. You are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions of our potential government leaders.

Lincoln Ware will serve as the moderator and the forum will be broadcast live on the BUZZ, there will be questions submitted by members of the AACC Government Affairs Committee and also written questions from the audience.

The forum is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on September 15, 2011 at the Avondale Pride Center, 3520 Burnet Avenue.

Mural Dedication

Have you noticed the colorful changes made recently to the exterior of the Avondale Town Center? There is a new mural thanks to a collaboration between ArtWorks and the Avondale Youth Council.

ArtWorks is a non-profit organization that connects artists of all ages with opportunities in the arts through inspiring apprenticeships, community partnerships and public art. The ArtWorks Summer Program hires teens aged 14 - 19 to work with professional artists to make innovative public art to enrich the Greater Cincinnati community.

The Avondale mural was designed by artist Cedric Cox and painted over the summer by a team of student artists and a lead teacher. The mural will be dedicated on September 14, 2011 at 4:30. The public is invited to attend!



College Prep Workshops

The Avondale Community Council and the Avondale Youth Council are happy to announce *DevonshireSmith Diversity & Education Solutions* will be presenting a series of FREE workshops for all interested college-bound high school students and their parents. The workshops are designed to provide information that will ease the college admission process.



DevonshireSmith Diversity & Education Solutions is a progressive non-profit organization that aims to empower urban communities, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations reach their full potential by providing comprehensive diversity and education solutions focused on youth development, social justice education, and institutional transformation.

The FREE workshops are scheduled as follows:
September 27—*The Truth About College: Back to School Edition*

October 11—*How to Be Successful in a Predominately White Institution*

November 22—*ACT Strategy: Approach is Everything*

January 10—*Financial Aid/FAFSA: How Am I Going to Pay for College*

All workshops will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Avondale Community Pride Center located at 3250 Burnet Avenue.

McDonald's Gets a Facelift

McDonald's located at 413 Martin Luther King Dr. is looking forward to complete its construction toward the end of September. The newly remodeled building will have a fresh and modern look. Modern exterior design changes include a welcoming, and inviting entry into the restaurant, a clearly identifiable double-lane drive-thru upscale and contemporary interior décor consists of comfortable lighting levels and fixtures that create pleasant dining experiences and modern seating and furniture, including booths, chairs, high seated community tables and lounge style seating areas.

Avondale Summer Events

Photos by Ozie Davis, III



AYC with Community Council President, Patricia Milton in BFR Parade



AYC in Black Family Reunion Parade



Rockdale Academy AfterSchool League Team with Principal Ms. Reid



ACC at Phoenix Academy Parent Orientation Night



AYC in Class at Pride Center Studying Stedman Grahams *Nine Steps to Success*



National Night Out AYC with Chief Craig, Asst Chief Cureton and Captain Isaac

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY (CEA)

Announcing a New Training for Avondale Community Leadership

Building on Our Strengths, Our Challenges & Our Opportunities

The purpose of the **Community Engagement Academy (CEA)** is to train residents to become community leaders and engage other residents in addressing issues important to the community. The difference between communities which thrive and those that don't is the collective involvement of the residents. You will learn the steps to work together to make positive change in our neighborhood!

Learn how to recruit, engage, and mobilize community members on your block, at your church or organization to get organized.

Learn how to develop action plans to make change.

Learn the importance of collaborative leadership ... working with others.

Learn basic skills to train other residents in ways to improve your neighborhood.

Participants will plan and complete a community project with a \$3,000 grant.

Saturdays! September 10 & 24 October 8 & 22 November 5 & 19

Classes 10am – 2pm Lunch Provided Free Garage Parking

Classes Held At **Center For Closing The Health Gap**

3120 Burnet Avenue, Suite 201

Cincinnati, OH 45229

513-585-9872 513-585-9874 (fax)

**Limited Scholarships will be awarded on a first come basis.
Applications will be taken until the class is filled**

**Funded by JP Morgan Chase Foundation
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Dates To Remember

Avondale Community Council

- Board Meeting—September 6, 2011 6:00 p.m.
- General Body Meeting—September 20, 2011 6:30 p.m.

All meetings held at Avondale Pride Center
3520 Burnet Avenue

Avondale Youth Council

- September 6 and 20, 2011 4:30 p.m.

CPOP (Community Problem Oriented Policing)

- September 8, 2011 10:00 a.m. (Pride Center)

District 4 Community Meeting

- October 27, 2011 6:30
held at District 4 4150 Reading Road

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Important City Phone Numbers

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Crimestoppers	352-3040
Liter Control	564-1750
Poison Information	558-5111
Senior Program	352-4026
Street Cleaning	591-6000
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