

INSIDE AVONDALE™

The Week That Was...

ACDC Brings Reds & Procter Gamble to Avondale

The Reds Community Fund and P&G North America Marketing along with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden have announced plans to renovate two baseball fields and to add a third diamond at the Hirsch Recreation Center. In addition, they will be constructing a second greenhouse and undertake major building and landscaping improvements next door at Gabriel's Place. Mark Curnutte of the Enquirer has closely documented changes and challenges in Avondale in its Saving Avondale series, which debuted in March 2012. Leaders of the Reds Community Fund helped make the final decision to award Avondale the Reds/P&G Community Makeover. The hope is that the upgraded Hirsch baseball fields, which will feature home-run fences and scoreboards – in addition to a new T-ball diamond – will increase participation in youth baseball in Avondale. The Avondale project will begin immediately and will culminate August 8th when more than 300 volunteers from P&G North America Marketing will swarm Avondale for a day of construction, weeding, painting, cleaning, and revitalization. Additional support will be provided by members of the Great American Ball Park grounds crew. Other project sponsors are Green B.E.A.N., a produce home-delivery service based locally in Arlington Heights, the Uptown Consortium and Local Initiatives Support Corporation Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky.



Health Foundation Health Promotion Forum Visits Avondale

County Commissioner Todd Portune, City Council members Pam Thomas, Charlie Winburn, and Wendell Young, along with Renee Mahaffey Harris of the Center for Closing the Health Gap, Lourdes Ribera from LULAC, and Victoria Straughn of the National Action Network, headlined a community comment event focusing on the need to focus on health inequities in the urban community. The Health Foundation's new direction will focus on Healthy Eating, Active Living, Mental and Emotional well being, and Healthy choices about substance abuse.

ACDC Proposes repurposing St. Andrew's Church

ACDC is partnering with the Church of the Resurrection (COR) on the proposed repurposing of the historic St. Andrew's Church at 3405 Reading Road. St. Andrew's Church situated at the corner of Blair and Reading Road closed in 2010. The church, which is located in the heart of Avondale, its architectural appeal and historic significance, makes it an ideal site for the proposed "Avondale Renaissance Center." The new Center will give Avondale a venue to create positive cultural, educational, and workforce development experiences that will enhance the quality of life for everyone living and working in Avondale by providing a broad range of programs in arts, enrichment and life-long learning, creating workforce/social enterprises opportunities, special events, office and artist studio space. To help move the project forward, ACDC and COR collaborated in preparation and submission of the 2013 Duke Energy Urban Revitalization Initiative (URI) grant application. The URI grants are designed to help spur job growth and retention and economic development in urban core communities served by Duke Energy thus impacting local community vitality. If our project is selected by the Duke Energy Foundation to receive the grant it will be used by ACDC and COR to assist with planning and design of the Avondale Renaissance Center.

Know Your Neighbor Street Team Captain Training

This month, the Avondale Comprehensive Development Corporation (ACDC) hosted its 3rd Know Your Neighbor Street Captain Meeting at the Avondale Pride Center. Captains from Northern, Wilson, Forest, Reading Road, Burton, Glenwood, Rockdale, Union Street & Forest Park Drive met to discuss a strategy to form street teams, form and increase membership for new block clubs. The Street Captains will be hosting block parties this summer for "Know Your Neighbor Day." The next one will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 on Wilson Avenue and Union Street.

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AYC GRADUATES

Congratulations to all of the Avondale Youth Council Graduates of 2013!

DENESHA BELL

DeNesha Bell, President of the AYC, graduated from Western Hills University High School. She was a member of the Key Club, President of the Student Ambassador's, and Captain of both the varsity Softball and Volleyball teams. She will be attending University of Cincinnati, majoring in either Social Work or Psychology.



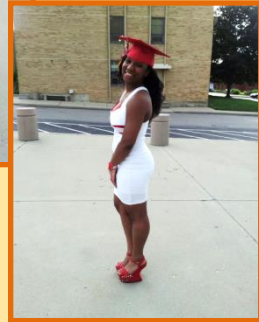
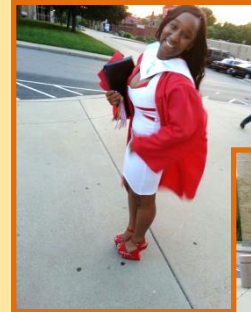
MICHAEL GAYNOR, JR.

Michael Gaynor, Secretary of the AYC since 2010, graduated from Aldersgate Christian Academy. He was Senior Class President and a member of the Student Council. In addition to his role at school and with the AYC, Michael volunteered his time at the Cincinnati Black Theater Company. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash campus, majoring in Computer Engineering and Science.



KENDRA COACH

Kendra Coach, Assistant Treasurer and Crew leader of the AYC's Candy Store, graduated from Hughes STEM High School as Salutatorian. She will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the Fall as a full-time student, majoring in Nursing to become an Anesthetist.



ADAEZIA FLOWERS

Adaezia Flowers, Crew leader of the AYC's History Crew and Sergeant of Arms, graduated from Withrow University. She has been accepted into the National Society of High School Honors. She will be attending University of Cincinnati, majoring in Criminal Justice.



BRA'LON (STORMER) BOYD

Bra'Lon (Stormer) Boyd, Crew leader of the AYC's A Team and Lawn Crew, graduated from Withrow University. He will be attending Cincinnati State Technical & Community College this Fall, majoring in Auto Mechanics. He plans to later work for the Caterpillars Auto Mechanics in Ohio.

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