

# Avondale Community News

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## Landscaping in Avondale

During the summer the Avondale Redevelopment Corporation (ARC) conducted a survey of home owners in the district south of Burnet. The district boundaries are:

Erkenbrecher to the South  
Forest to the North  
Dury to the West  
Burnet to the East

This area has gained attention due to the heightened redevelopment activity occurring in the area. The Avondale Community Council (ACC) feels now is the time to take advantage of this momentum to achieve stabilized property values, increased investment and improved quality of life for district residents.

The ARC learned from the survey responses, improved landscaping is one of the priorities for the district. ARC has the opportunity to work with the Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati Park Services and Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) to improve the landscaping and take the first steps toward creating a neighborhood district. Landscape improvements such as new trees increase property values, lower cooling costs, improve health, reduce noise and bring beauty and character to neighborhoods.

LISC created a tree and shrub inventory in the district. This inventory will be used to determine which homeowners to contact about removing dead trees and planting new trees. The Zoo and the Park Services have chosen several trees that will grow in the Cincinnati climate. A few of the trees will bloom and several shrubs will turn color with the seasons. A couple of fruit trees will also be planted. Emphasis is on long term impact of high quality trees. A diverse tree population is more capable of resisting disease. Bushes will not be planted because they do not provide long term impact, are high maintenance and are currently a vehicle for weeds and poison ivy.

Based on the tree inventory, 80 residents have

been chosen to receive new trees. ARC has started contacting those residents to help them choose a tree and develop a landscaping plan. Trees will be planted on private property in the front yard, not too close to house, and not interfere with wires. Trees are available on a first come first serve basis. The more trees we are able to plant the more effective they will be for the district. Plantings will be beautiful, unique and be an asset to the identity of this district for future generations to enjoy. Planting will begin in the October.

There are "before & after" photos and illustrations at the Avondale Community Pride Center that show what the district could look like in 5-10 years with the trees planted. This makes it appealing to walk around the neighborhood; more residents out walking increases safety.



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### *Would You Like a Free Tree?* Cincinnati Park Board Fall ReLeaf Program 2009

To qualify:

1. Property must be in City of Cincinnati
2. Trees must be planted within 30 ft. of the right-of-way and visible from the street. Planting between the street and sidewalk and in backyards is not acceptable.
3. Plant the right tree in the right place. There are six different types of trees available. Consider the mature size of the tree. Be aware of any obstructions from wires, utilities or other structures.

Applications are available at the Pride Center and must be turned in by September 25, 2009.

For more information call Phil Hucke or Doug Fritsch at 861-9070 ext. 21

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# Community Partners Receive MetLife Award

The Avondale Community Pride Center was the site for the presentation of the MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Award in the category of Neighborhood Revitalization. The \$10,000 award was presented to community partners which included the Cincinnati Police Department, Community Police Partnering Center (CPOP), CeaseFire Cincinnati, Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV), City of Cincinnati—Department of Community Development & Planning, Avondale Community Council, Avondale Youth Council, University of Cincinnati and Uptown Consortium, Inc.

The community partnership was formed in April, 2006 for the purpose of reducing crime in Avondale. The objectives were and continue to be, analyzing crime statistics to determine the frequency of crimes by type, location and day of week, developing strategies to respond to specific crimes and hotspots and identifying and responding to other issues that contribute to crime.

This was the eighth year for the MetLife Award. Six hundred fifty applications were received from across the country but only eleven awards were granted. Locally the award money will be used to implement safety measures along the Burnet Avenue corridor.



Avondale Community Council President  
Patricia Milton



Community Partners



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## SO-ACT Time—Friend or Foe?



If I had a dollar for every time I have heard someone say “time is flying” I afford another vacation before summer ends. Time is very special and when I look into

the eyes of our elders I see strength and power. Sometime the wisdom is shared in the way they look at you. You can feel their pain and courage; it's the time that has allowed some to fight to the very end. Many of us have had an opportunity to be with our loved ones when they are called to glory. The look on their face is one of peace, especially when they finally decide it is time to go.

Time is something we all have in common; its something we share with our families, friends and the community. Time is something we cannot take lightly, we can rest assured, when it is our time to go, our goodbyes will touch the lives of those we leave behind.

I enjoy spending time with our elders. They have so many stories about everyday life. We are living in a time when new elders are breaking into senior hood. Many of under 60 will age much better than those 80 and up. Mainly because we are taking a proactive role in how well we age. We are exercising more, eating better and moving more.



We have watched many of our older adults suffer and for some of them time has not been kind for others time has been a friend. Isn't it funny when you hear young people complain about not having enough time to play or hang out with their friends. Encourage them to look into the eyes of someone whose time is running out. So when you think about time, live every moment as if it is the first day of your life.

### Real Estate & More!

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#### For Sale

3973 Ardmore, N. Avondale 4br, 1ba, \$139,000  
Move-in cond., \$2,000 pd cl costs, new roof

38 Parkwood Pl, Avondale 2br 1ba \$25,000  
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2916 Gilbert Ave, Walnut Hills Comm'l bldg \$225,000  
6270sf, 12+pkg, seller financing

789 N. Fred Shuttlesworth Cir. N. Avondale \$28,000  
Vacant lot 100x200 flat/buildable, resid/comm'l

2428 Kremer Ave, Westwood 5br, 2ba \$88,000  
split level, move in cond, fenced yard

1527 Elm St., Over-the-Rhine Comm'l bldg \$95,000  
Retail / Apts. Needs complete rehab; also FOR LEASE

680 S. Crescent N. Avondale, 5br, 2ba, \$25,000  
needs total rehab, aka S. Fred Shuttlesworth

3641-43, 3645-47 Reading Rd. Avondale, \$36,000  
Two 4-unit bldgs, needs complete rehab

914 Findlay Ave., West End, 2+br, 1ba, \$25,000,  
Brick, needs TLC & rehab work, near 1-75

1545 St. Leger Pl., Evanston, 5br, 2.5ba \$75,000  
Brick, spac. rms, need TLC, SHORT SALE, BEST OFFER!

#### **\*\*IMPORTANT NEWS\*\***

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# Avondale Youth Council Newsletter

*Joseph Malek, Assistant Editor*



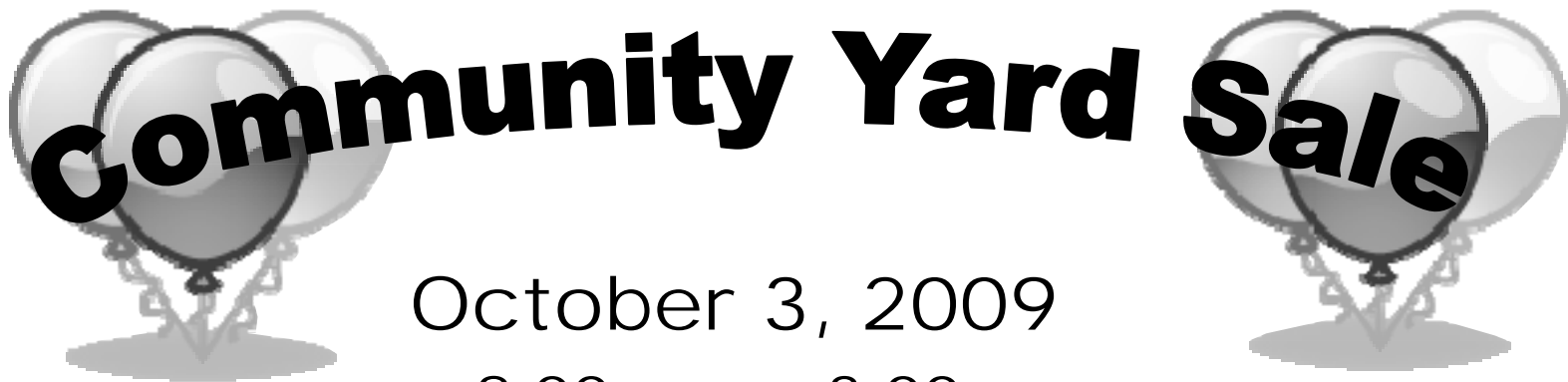
School is in. Vacation is over. Let's put away the games and focus on school! The past two months, the Youth Council has been taking classes in Career Exploration, Personal and Professional Self Skill Development and Rites of Passage. We have learned that to be successful you must work hard. We learned teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, communication, social and professional skills. In the Rites of Passage class we learned our history—to know who we are, to love ourselves and to respect others.

The Gardening classes have come to an end. Special thanks to the DoRight committee and volunteers who helped to teach. Produce continues to flow, collard greens, swiss chard, okra, tomatoes, radishes, zucchini and more.

August was a busy month in the community, the AYC worked at the Avondale Health Fair and Festival and the Peace Bowl setting up tents, selling food, picking up litter and helping out wherever needed. We also participated in the Black Family Reunion Parade and ran the Snack Shack at Sawyer Point.

Congratulations to the girls of the AYC who won First Place in the Fleet Feet Sports Lady Distance Classic.





# Community Yard Sale

October 3, 2009

8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Avondale Community Pride Center  
3520 Burnet Avenue

Bring your treasures and join us to make extra cash  
Setup will begin at 7:00 a.m.

- You must pre-register by September 30, 2009
  - Cost is \$5 per space (bring your own table)  
OR \$10 (we provide table)
- Call 281-4414 for more information



**Zion Baptist Church  
Invites the Community to**

## ***Get Involved in the Neighborhood Garden***

Where: Zion Baptist Church  
630 Glenwood Avenue



Join Zion Baptist in maintaining the community garden full of fresh fruits and vegetables that provides access to healthy foods in Avondale.

Get involved in weeding, watering and harvesting.

Call the Center for Closing the Health Gap for more information  
(513) 585-9872

# United States Census 2010

## What is the 2010 Census?

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is done every 10 years.
- The next census will be April 1, 2010.

## Why participate in the 2010 Census?

- Census data are used to determine the distribution of \$300 billion in federal funds to cities and states for community services such as clinics, schools, hospitals, child care, transportation, roads and other supportive services.
- Communities get their U.S. House of Representative members and U.S. Congressional reapportionment based on the population count.
- The Census form takes less than 10 minutes to complete. If you complete and return the census form, a census worker will not need to visit your home.

## Your information is Safe and Confidential

- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census. By law, no information can be shared with other agencies.
- Personal information on the census form is sealed for 72 years.

## The Census provides temporary jobs

Visit [www.census.gov/detroit](http://www.census.gov/detroit) for more information or call 1-866-861-2010. You must be 18 years of age to apply.



## Yard Waste Service

The City of Cincinnati has suspended curb side collection of yard waste as a separate service. Regular garbage collection will continue to occur on normally scheduled days.

Citizens are encouraged to engage in alternate environmentally friendly uses for their yard waste such as composting and mulching when ever practical. Yard waste that is commingled with regular garbage will be collected as part of the regular garbage collection but citizens are encouraged to opt for greener methods of disposal. Several yard waste drop-off sites are in operation across Hamilton County. Residents are strongly encouraged to freely utilize these sites to supplement their regular yard waste collection service.



## Yard Waste Drop Location in central Cincinnati:

Cincinnati Public Services  
3320 Millcreek Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45223

September—November 22, 2009  
Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saturday Hours are available at the following sites:

11:30—5:00

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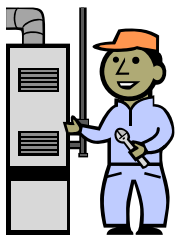
3295 Turpin Lane (off Rt. 32) Anderson Township

West

Kuliga Park-6717 Bridgetown Road, Green Township

North

Rumpke Landfill—Struble Road and Colerain Avenue,  
Colerain Township



## OHIO Energy Assistance Programs Applications 2008-2009

The Ohio Department of Development (ODD) offers several programs to help low-income Ohioans pay their utility bills and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Eligibility is income based and you must apply through the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CHCAA).

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program designed to help low-income Ohioans with their winter heating bills. Households may be eligible for assistance from HEAP or WCP (Winter Crisis Program). Applications are available from :

**HEAP toll-free at 1-800-282-0880**

**Hamilton Community Action Agency ( 569-1840)**

**Dates To Remember**  
**Avondale Council/Pride Center**  
**3520 Burnet Avenue**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45229 (513) 281-4414**

**ACC**  
 Avondale Community Council  
 Board meeting  
**September 1, 6:30 p.m.**

General Body  
**September 15, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Pride Center

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**AYC**  
 Avondale Youth Council  
**September 1 & 15, 4:30**  
 Pride Center

**District 4**  
 Community Meeting  
**September 24, 6:30**  
 District 4

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**Ceasefire**  
**Steering Committee**  
**September 10, 9:30 a.m.**  
 Church of the Living God  
 430 Forest Avenue

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**Every Child Succeeds**  
**Steering Committee**  
**September 17, 10:00**  
 Carmel Presbyterian

**Cincinnati Recreation Commission**

**Hirsch Recreation Center**  
**3630 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45229**  
**751-3393**

*Daily Schedule*

Tai Chi	9:00-11:00	Mon, Wed, Fri
Walking	9:00-1:00	Mon thru Fri
Weight Toning	10:00-11:30	Mon, Wed, Fri
Yoga	10:00-11:30	Tues, Thurs

After School Drop-In	2:30-5:00	Mon-Fri
After School Pick-Up	2:15-5:00	Mon-Fri
After School Day Camp	2:15-6:00	Mon-Fri

Theater	Tues, Thurs
Art	Mon, Wed
Movie	Fri



Teen Open Gym	6:30-8:00	Tues, Thurs
African History	6:00-8:00	Mon, Wed
CPD Grief Counseling	6:00-8:00	Tues



**All activities require membership**  
**Adult \$15 Senior/Teen/Youth \$5**

**Cincinnati Recreation Commission do right!**  
**North Avondale Recreation Center**

617 Clinton Springs Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45229  
 Phone: 513-961-1584

**HEALTHY ACTIVITIES**

Participants must have Center memberships

Adults \$15 Senior/Teen/Youth \$5



**Senior Line Dancing**

Mondays & Wednesdays 10-11:30 am  
 FREE with membership

**YOGA**

Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7 pm  
 FREE with membership



**Sauna**

FREE with membership



**Tai Chi**

Thursdays 6pm  
 FREE with membership



**Weight Room**

\$10 per quarter with membership



**Karate**

T & Th 5-7:30 pm  
 Monthly fee & membership

**Aerobic Workout Party**

T & Th 5:45-7:30 pm, Saturdays 12-2 pm  
 \$25 per month or \$5 per class, with membership

Recreation programs and facilities are open to all citizens regardless of race, sex, color, religion, nationality, or disability. CRC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to supporting the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please call if you require any special accommodations.

**AVONDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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**Important City Phone Numbers**

<b>Better Business Bureau</b>	<b>421-3015</b>
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	<b>352-3040</b>
<b>Liter Control</b>	<b>564-1750</b>
<b>Poison Information</b>	<b>558-5111</b>
<b>Senior Program</b>	<b>352-4026</b>
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