



The EVANSTONIAN

Evanston Community Council serving "The Educating Community"

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From the President Anzora Adkins

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Anzora Adkins, president of Evanston Community Council and Tony Hayes, Executive Director, Southwest Ohio Educational Opportunity Center

Hello to our residents, investors, sponsors and well wishers,
The ultimate goal of the Evanston Community Council Executive Board is to continue working diligently on revitalizing our community. We have established the following resolutions for 2011:

- Continue implementing successful programs for the benefit of our residents
- Increase our council membership and encourage residents and investors to become active with the Council by working with various established committees
- Establish a fundraising and grant writing committee
- Assist our youth by volunteering in our schools to enhance academic progress
- Continue to work diligently on beautification (please help us keep our streets and parking lots litter free and continue to maintain beautiful landscaped front and back yards)
- Implement more Block Clubs, join citizens on patrol

We hope that you will join us in making the community a safe and beautiful place to reside, work and have fun. In addition, I would like to welcome to Mr. Greg Pierson our new Recreation Center director and special thanks to the following individuals:

- Dr. Gregory Stewart, for assisting with our marketing and communications efforts
- Ms. Vickie McMullin for recruiting job coaches to serve the Evanston Employment Resource Connection (EERC)
- Mr. Pickett Slater Harrington for all of his special assistance from the Community Building Institute at Xavier University.
- Job coaches and services coaches.

A special "Hats Off!" to our Evanston Community Council Executive Board and all of the residents, investors, sponsors and well wishers who have helped to contribute to the well being of our community.

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Art and Culture



The Flavor of Art Studio, 3564 Montgomery Road.

This studio offers a broad range of classes in the visual arts for students 12 through 18 years old and underserved adults & senior citizen. Professional artists and experienced teachers conduct the classes beginning June 25. Information on summer classes is available from Ms. Anzora Adkins at 731 ARTS (731-2787). The idea for the studio originated with Leadership Cincinnati Class XXX (Lt. Col. Michael Cureton, Mrs. Susan Wheatley, Ms. Connie Hudson, Mr. William Hopple and it became a reality in 2007 with sponsorship of the Evanston community Council in partnership with the Cincinnati Police Department and Xavier University. Generous financial support from Carl H. Lindner, Jr., Skyler Foundation and Huntington Bank makes it possible for the studio to offer free classes to residents of Evanston and surrounding neighborhoods. The Evanston Community Council worked with Cincinnati Development Corporation for the total renovation of the building for the neighborhood art studio. Partners in the project hope that it will help teens to discover the life-changing power of making art. The program in its' new building site will enhance the revitalization of our business district.

Evanston Business Association Report

The Evanston Business Association met on February 15, 2011 at the Neyer Properties headquarters at Keystone Parke and the following items were discussed:

- A representative of Neyer Properties reported that the current Keystone Parke building on Dana is almost full and that a prospective major tenant has shown interest which would require construction of another building on the site.
- Those present discussed and voted on the proposed uses of the 2011 Neighborhood Business District Support Fund's grant provided through the city's Dept. of Economic Development. The approved uses of the grant are for the continued upkeep and real estate taxes of the northern business district's parking lot in the 3500 block of Montgomery Road. At the Point area of the southern business district, additional flowers and upkeep of the clock landscaping area was approved.
- Evanston is again very fortunate to have the Cincinnati Park Board employees plant and maintain the large street planters in the northern business district. Thank You, Parks!
- The King Studios project is progressing. More to follow in future months.
- The Dana Avenue streetscape is underway from I-71 to Victory Parkway! The project was originally identified by the Evanston Business Association in the 1998 Urban Renewal Plan. The project will enhance the visual image of the east-west corridor, improve the traffic flow, complement the major developments from Keystone Parke to Xavier University and stimulate further economic development in the Evanston area.

Contact Drew Asimus, 513.731.0088, Fax 513.731.0280 to support the Business Association

Great American Cleanup Saturday, April 16, 2011

Get active...get involved in the largest annual spring litter cleanup – The Great American Cleanup. The Evanston Community is sponsoring a spring litter cleanup on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and **we need your help!**



Those interested in volunteering this year can contact Irene Bolden, Beautification Committee Chairperson, at (513) 751-0335 to register and we'll provide trash bags, work gloves and litter tongs. After the clean-up, join us for a special thank-you lunch!

Volunteers should arrive at the Evanston Recreation Center, 3204 Woodburn Avenue, at 8:45 a.m. to check-in and pick up their supplies. We need your help to make this cleanup a success. Help keep Evanston clean, green, and beautiful.

Volunteers Needed at Hoffman Parham School

If you have a passion for young people and want to assist in helping students achieve academically, then we want you!!!!

Contact Monna Beckford, Resource Coordinator, at (513) 363-2733 to find out how you can get involved in the school.



An easy way to shop for good food and serve a good cause at the same time is through the Hoffman Parham School "Market Day" program. With over 150 foods to choose from, Market Day offers a wide variety of products including low fat, low calorie and all natural options. There are family meals, high quality meats, individually packaged kid's lunch and snack items, breakfast foods, delicious desserts, vegetables, side dishes, appetizers and much more! The food is simply delicious and reasonably priced. Plus, 10% of your Market Day purchase is provided back to the school. To find out how to order products from Market Day, contact Monna Beckford, Resource Coordinator, at (513) 363-2733 or via email beckfom@cps-k12.org.

Education & Youth

The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation (CSF) continues to be the premier scholarship foundation in Greater Cincinnati, administering college scholarships on behalf of local business, corporations, individuals and other area foundations. High school seniors must complete the online scholarship and submit required documents by April 30, 2011. To apply go to <http://www.cincinnati-scholarship-foundation.org/index.htm> . For any questions contact Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation, 602 Main St., Suite 1000, Cincinnati, OH 45202, 513.345.6701, Email: scholarship@fuse.net, Fax: 513.345.6705.

The Evanston Community Council Education Committee is once again contacting Evanston High School seniors who have a grade point average of 2.5 or above to reply for our Annual Scholarship funds. The students must have been accepted by a college in order to receive funds. If you know a High School senior living in Evanston who has a 2.5 or better grade point average, please contact: Yvonne Jones at 513.253.5863. April 21 is the deadline for submission of required credentials.

Thank you to Dan Neyer, Keystone Parke

for sponsoring the 2011 scholarships.



Scholarship

The purpose for establishing the Evanston Community Council Scholarship is to promote and foster educational opportunities for high schools who have a desire to continue their higher education at an accredited area college or university. The goal is to provide scholarships worth \$500 each to deserving students for the 2011-12 academic year.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

In order to be considered for the. Scholarship, student must:

1. Be a resident of Evanston neighborhood
2. Have applied and been accepted at an area college or university
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in high school/college (or 3.5 on a 5.0 scale) or earned GED in 2010 or 2011.

Application Requirements

1. Complete the Evanston Scholarship application and submit by deadline of April 21, 2011
2. Submit an official high school/GED transcript
3. Personal statement. Please include an essay no more than two pages, double space, addressing your heritage background, academic achievements, and personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and potential for future success and contribution to the community
4. One letter of recommendation from high school teacher, community leader or college professor

Mail to: Yvonne Jones, Evanston Scholarship, Evanston Community Council, 3204 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

Evanston Scholarship Application Form

The 2011 scholarships are sponsored by Dan Neyer, Keystone Parke

I. Personal information

Please type or print neatly

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

High School Name: _____

Year of Graduation or GED: _____

Full Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

II. High School Seniors

Applied to a college/university? Yes No

Admitted to a college/university? Yes No

Note: Items IV and V, need to be completed on a separate sheet.

IV. Personal Statement

Please include an essay no more than two pages, double space, addressing your academic achievements, and personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and potential for future success and contribution to the community.

V. Special Circumstances

Indicate any special circumstances, additional information's which you feel will assist the selection committee in determining your eligibility.

Note: Scholarship recipients are required to volunteer 20 hours per year of community service in any of the Evanston Community Council projects.

I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. .

Signature of the applicant: _____

Date: _____

Evanston Memorial Day Parade and Evanston Employment Resource Connection

Join us for the Evanston Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2011. The Evanston Community Council will sponsor a community Memorial Day Parade from 10 am-12 pm beginning at the Academy of World Languages at 2030 Fairfax Avenue and making a 2-mile loop through the community. The 2010 Parade was a great success and featured local celebrities Bootsy Collins and Phillip Paul. The Evanston community enjoyed community floats and the Detroit National Band and Urban Centric performed in the parade. WCPO and fox19 featured news coverage of the 2010 parade



Over 7,000 people reside in the Evanston neighborhood. All are invited to this free event. Proceeds from the 2011 Evanston Memorial Day Parade will be used to support the year-round services offered at the Evanston Employment Resource Connection (EERC). The EERC is making a difference in the lives of Evanston community members who are suffering from short and long-term unemployment. The Evanston Employment Resource Center empowers individuals to improve employment opportunities by connecting them to community wide employment, education and training resources. The EERC offers employment-related informational programs, resume development services and provides access to computers with high speed internet access, printers, fax and copy machine to support an individual's search for employment. The EERC is located at 3301 Montgomery Road in the historic Five Points Flat Iron Building in the heart of Evanston. The Center phone number is 513.281.2775.

Housing Committee

By Linda Webber, Chairperson, (513) 478-HOME

2010 Accomplishments:

- Thanks to the efforts of the Evanston Community Council, The City of Cincinnati and The Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati 119 home owners received a \$5,000 grant loan for exterior home improvements
- Over 30 homeowners exterior houses were painted (thanks to Paint-the-Town)
- Over 30 homeowners yards were cleaned (thanks to PWC)

Looking Forward to 2011:

Woodburn Pointe (The Tim Higgins Building on Woodburn Avenue) is being renovated exclusively for seniors -- ages 55 and older. The project contains 24 units. There are one and two bedroom units available with rents ranging from \$525-\$625. Income restrictions apply. Project amenities include: carpet and/or bamboo flooring, ceramic tile flooring in kitchens and bathrooms, washer/dryer hookups and elevator! For more information contact Brickstone Properties at 513.421.6999.

Habitat for Humanity is building three (3) single family homes on Kinney Avenue.

Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati offers counseling for all stages of home ownership. When families are at risk for foreclosure, they can help restructure the loan, refinance, negotiate with the lender, offer rescue funds to make the loan current, set up a budget to help make future payments, etc. The earlier homeowners seek assistance, the more options will be available. Contact: The Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati, 2820 Vernon Pl., Cincinnati, Oh 45219, 513.961.2800, <http://www.hometoday.cc/>



Strengthening communities
through comprehensive home ownership strategies

People Working Cooperatively is a unique, non-profit organization serving low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners. PWC strengthens communities by providing professional, critical home repairs, weatherization, modification, and maintenance services to help residents stay safely in their homes. PWC is supported by a robust group of more than 100 licensed, professionally trained staff members and administrative personnel. Its dedicated corps of 5,000-plus volunteers makes it one of the largest volunteer corps in the region. Evanston community residents are invited to join PWC's cause by participating in a number of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. This growing list of events includes Repair Affair, held each May to complete home repairs and modifications not otherwise funded by agency dollars, and Prepare Affair, held each November to help clients prepare for the approaching winter. Contact: **People Working Cooperatively** at 4612 Paddock Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45229, 513.351.7921, <http://www.pwchomerepairs.org>

Parks and Recreation

The **Evanston Recreation Center** benefited from a \$3.2 million renovation completed in 2010 to add a swimming pool and other renovations to the Center. Membership for ages 18-49 is \$25 and \$10 for everyone else. The Evanston Recreation Center is located at the corner of Montgomery and Woodburn Roads. The center offers after school drop-in activities for youth and teens and hosts an active senior program. Contact: 3204 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45207, 513.861.9417, Evanston@cincinnati-oh.gov

Beginning in 2005 an exciting community effort was organized to restore **Owls' Nest Park**. Recently, a group of residents from the neighborhoods surrounding the park, Evanston (Mrs. Rae Vuic), East Walnut Hills and the O'Bryonville business district, have formed the Owl's Nest Park Advisory Council. The mission of the council is to improve the beauty, accessibility, recreational/educational activities and community-building opportunities of Owl's Nest Park. One of the greatest assets of the park is its location on the border of two different neighborhoods, Evanston and East Walnut Hills and at the edge of the O'Bryonville business district. It is also nearby to the neighborhoods of Hyde Park and Walnut Hills. In addition, the park is across the street from Cincinnati's Academy of World Languages and close to seven other public and private schools. St. Margaret's Hall is directly adjacent to the park and other residential care facilities are located within a short distance. The south edge of the park is along busy Madison Road, a revived arterial connecting Uptown to the many East Side neighborhoods. The north edge of the park is along residential Fairfax Avenue, a key east-west connector through Evanston.

Evanston Park



Evanston park story

Charlie Pond, building development director at Neyer Properties, and Marvin Lewis, Cincinnati Bengals coach, helped improve and beautify Evanston Park Oct 19, 2010 as part of the Bengals/United Way Hometown Huddle day of NFL community service. Bengals, their wives, and local businesspeople, including Neyer Properties employees, participated in the Bengals/United Way annual Hometown Huddle, an NFL-wide day of community service.

We want you for the Evanston Block Watch!

The Evanston Community and Cincinnati Police District 2 desire that the residents of Evanston live in a crime-free neighborhood. A great way to enhance public safety is by establishing partnerships with your neighbors to help fight crime and restore a higher quality of life on your street and in your neighborhood. Block Watch is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood better by working together and with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. It is an opportunity to volunteer and work towards the safety and security of our homes and of our neighborhood. Block watch empowers citizens and communities to become pro-active, vigilant custodians of their neighborhood.



John Lewis

Congratulations again to Citizen's on Patrol's John Lewis, Civilian Coordinator and also Evanston Council Treasurer who won the 2010 Ohio Crime Prevention Association Volunteer of the Year Award presented in Columbus, Ohio. For more information on Block Watch or Citizen's on Patrol please contact the Evanston Community Council Office at 513-281-2775.

Some of the obvious benefits of Block Watch are community pride and unity, crime reduction, and improved quality of life in the community. Block Watch program also offer many other benefits, such as greater sense of security and personal control.

Senior Weekly Activities

Join our senior activities by the Evanston Recreation Center

Every Monday

- 9:00 a.m.- Walking Club
- 10:00 a.m.-Senior Exercise
- 10:00a.m.-Senior Computer Class
- 10:30a.m.-Line Dancing
- 11:00a.m.-Board & Card Game Day/Pokeno

Every Tuesday

- 10:00a.m.- Senior Computer Class
- 11:00a.m.- Bingo
- 1:00p.m.-Dominoes

Every Wednesday

- 9:00a.m.-Walking Club
- 10:00a.m.-Senior Exercise
- 10:00a.m.-Senior Computer Class

Every Thursday

- 10:30a.m-Line Dancing

Every Friday

- 9:00a.m.-Walking Club
- 10:00a.m.-Senior Exercise

Evanston Calendar: Mark your calendar and join us

Note: Evanston Community Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Evanston Recreation Center, 3204 Woodburn Avenue.

April 16 (Saturday) Great American Cleanup

April 16 (Saturday) King Studio event

April 21 (Thurs) Evanston Community Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 30 Declutter Your Home Class, 6:30pm, Evanston Recreation Center

May 14 (Saturday) Collaborate with People Working Cooperatively for "Repair Affair", held each May to complete home repairs and modifications not otherwise funded by agency dollars

May 19 (Thurs) Evanston Community Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

May 30 (Monday) Evanston Memorial Day Parade, 10am beginning at Academy of World Languages.

June 16 (Thurs) Evanston Community Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

July – No Community Council mtg

August 2 (Tuesday)–National Night Out, Owls' Nest Park, 6pm-9pm

Aug 13 (Saturday) Back to School Jam, we plan to give away book bags and supplies to students in the Evanston area from grades K-12. Contact Yvonne Jones at 513.253.5863 for more information.

Aug 18 (Thurs) Evanston Community Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 15 (Thurs) Evanston Community Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 20 (Thurs) Evanston Community Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 17 (Thurs) Evanston Community Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November - Annual Fall Recognition Dinner (photo from 2010 event)



Evanston Community Council 2011 Membership Form

PRINT – Name _____

Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

LEVELS (please check one):

- \$5 for an Individual
- \$10 for a Family
- \$25 for Business or Church
- \$100 for Individual Life membership

COMMITTEES (Check any committees you are interested in joining and the committee chair will contact you):

Art and Culture – Organize the annual Evanston parade on Memorial Day. New committee chair and members need to support activities at the Flavor of Art Studio and Art room in the Evanston.

Athletics – Support our Evanston youth teams.

Beautification – Lead Evanston residents in spring and fall beautification projects.

Business – To promote the Evanston business district.

Education & Youth – Youth Council, Back to School Jam, Coordinate the annual Evanston college scholarship program. Maintain the books in the Reading Room at the Evanston Recreation Center.

Employment Center – Volunteer to assist Evanston residents in finding employment. Hours between 9am-5pm.

Housing – Promote owner occupied housing in our community.

Marketing – Compose and distribute newsletter four times a year. Recognize the efforts of the other committees.

Membership – Work with Treasurer and Secretary to coordinate promotion of membership.

Safety – Start a Block Club on your street. Become trained to be a member of Citizens on Patrol.

Seniors – Coordinate activities for Evanston seniors in conjunction with Evanston Recreation Center.

Total Amount Submitted \$ _____, Check/money order payable to: Evanston Community Council

Mail payment to: Evanston Community Council, 3204 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45207. Call 281.2775 with any questions.

King Studios

www.kingstudio.org



"Evanston the Educating Community"

Where one can acquire an education from PreK-PhD

**Evanston Academy (formerly Parham-Hoffman),
Principal, Mrs. Stacie Simmons)**

Academy of World Languages (AWL) Principal, Ms. Jackie Rowedder

Alliance Academy (Charter School), Principal, Mr. Cannon

Walnut Hills High School (College Prep), Principal, Mr. Jeff Brokamp

Xavier University, President Michael Graham

Hats off! To all of our Day Care Centers

Evanston is proud of our achieving schools. We have high expectations for our students. Thanks to staff and volunteers that encourage our students to do their very best in performing academically and socially.

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Evanston in Action



Anzora Adkins, president of Evanston Community Council, at left, and Sara Peller, CEO, Cincinnati Region of American Red Cross, are shown at the 2010 Open House for the new Red Cross Headquarters/Disaster Operations Center.

Executive Board

Anzora Adkins, President,
Peterson Mingo, Vice President
Audrey Dumas, Secretary
Angela Ragan, Financial Secretary
John Lewis, Treasurer

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Irene Bolden, Beautification
Linda Webber, Housing
Yvonne Jones, Education/Youth
John Lewis, Safety
Drew Asimus, Business
Peterson Mingo, Athletics
Annie Whitmire, Seniors
Pickett Slater Harrington, Community Building Institute
Dan Neyer, Keystone Parke, Education Sponsor
Rae Vuic, Owl's Nest Park
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Gregory Stewart, Employment Resource & Marketing,
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Join us: Evanston Community Council Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the Evanston Recreation Center, 3204 Woodburn Ave. 513.281.2775, fax 513.281.0071