

# Avondale Community News

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## Avondale Celebrates the Life of Rev. Clarence Wallace

### Rev. Clarence Wallace was Giant in Avondale

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Rev. Clarence Wallace, who was pastor of Carmel Presbyterian Church in Avondale for 34 years and one of the community's most active civic leaders, died Sunday, Dec. 16, at his home in Mt. Airy after battling prostate cancer for the past two years. He was 63.

"Rev. Wallace was a gentle giant," said Patricia Milton, president of the Avondale Community Council.

"He was always at community meetings to represent the faith-based community in Avondale and worked with the Community Council for years. We called on him often.

"He believed that people are the most

important component of the community," Milton continued, "and he invested his ministry in the people of the community. He was dedicated to the community although he did not live in it. And he got things done. Those of us who knew him know he is in a good place now, looking down and smiling for us to continue on," Milton said.

"I've known Rev. Wallace since I was 14 years old," said Sen. Eric H. Kearney (D-Cincinnati). "He was a great man – a dedicated pastor and family man, and a fantastic community leader." Kearney talked about Rev. Wallace's involvement in bringing the vision for the Avondale Towne Center into a reality, and many of the church's programs for youth, such as the popular summer enrichment camp.

"Rev. Wallace often brought community leaders together to address difficult problems such as racial tension in the city, violence in the community, food deserts in Avondale, and other issues. He pushed for action plans, and encouraged involvement."

One of the Carmel Presbyterian's biggest efforts has been working since 2006 with the Every Child Succeeds program, an initiative developed through founding partners Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, United Way of Greater Cincinnati and Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency/ Head Start.

"I don't think we would be where we are today without the support of the church," said Anita Brentley, Med, MPH, clinical quality assurance coordinator for Every Child Succeeds and project team leader for the Avondale Every Child Succeeds home visitation partnership. In addition to providing office space for the program, Carmel houses a pantry of baby and toddler supplies to help families in crisis, Brentley said. "He was a visionary, teacher and a good friend," she added. "His passing is a huge loss for the community and the city, and he will truly be missed."

Judith B. Van Ginkel, PhD, President of Every Child Succeeds, said Rev. Wallace was germane to that organization's work with families in Avondale. "Every Child Succeeds went to Rev. Wallace when it started six years, and he has always been there with his leadership and support," she said. "He did a wonderful job of engaging other churches, and we have 70 organizations that are involved." The model Rev. Wallace helped develop at Carmel is being used in other communities, she said.

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"The longevity and continued presence of the pastor is key for communities in transition," said the Rev. Jerry Cannon, pastor of C.N. Jenkins Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and formerly a church specialist serving the African American Congregational Support office. "Dr. Wallace has become a reliable presence to the city of Cincinnati."

Rev. Wallace once said in an interview that through the years the church could easily have left Avondale and moved to the suburbs, "but it chose to stay."

Rev. Wallace said, "Carmel Presbyterian wants people to know you are loved here. We want you to be a part of us, and then together the community can be transformed."

He said in a Presbyterian Mission Agency interview, "Our ultimate aim is to let people know that the church of Jesus Christ is alive and well, and that Jesus is not just preaching on Sunday," he said. "Jesus embraces, loves, cares, and supports."

Ozie Davis III, MS, JD, Executive Director of the recently formed Avondale Comprehensive Development Corporation, said Rev. Wallace was a hero and mentor to him. "I'm devastated with the loss of Rev. Wallace. The fact that he stayed at Carmel Presbyterian for more than 30 years was a signal of his commitment to the neighborhood and his church family."

Former Carmel Elder Emily Spicer, who has been a member of the church for about 60 years, said of Rev. Wallace, "He was an endearing man who was always there for you." She added, "He was a good preacher and teacher, who really knew the Bible and the history of the church."

Rev. Wallace was not only her boss but her best friend, said Sharon Evans, office manager at Carmel for 24 years. He was involved in about anything that went on civic wise in Avondale and sat on a number of organizations' boards, she said. "However, in all the things he did in the community, he never sought the limelight," she said.

Rev. Wallace was born in Charlotte, N.C. He earned a masters degree in divinity from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta. He was called to pastor Carmel in 1987 at the age of 29. He had been working as an ordained minister as an alcohol and

substance abuse counselor in Charleston, S.C., prior to coming to Cincinnati.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Wallace; daughters Angela Sroufe of Tampa, Fla., and Allison Wallace of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren and a great grandchild.

## ***\$29.5M HUD Choice Grant To Renovate Avondale Housing***

The Community Builders Inc. (TCBI) received a 29.5 million dollar, five year grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to renovate five distressed affordable housing projects on Reading Road. The five apartment complexes to be renovated are:

- Crescent Court-3179 Reading Road
- Alameda Apartments -3580-86 Reading
- Maple Apartments-631 Maple Avenue
- Poinciana- 3522 Reading Road
- Somerset Manor-802-14 Blair Avenue

Community Builders, Inc. is also hoping to expand the Avondale Town Center to bring in additional retailers and return a grocery store to Avondale. In addition to rehabbing the five existing buildings, the developer plans to build new housing near the intersections of Burnet and Forest Avenues.

## ***COR Music Project Comes to Avondale***

The Avondale Comprehensive Development Corporation (ACDC) and Cincinnati Outreach Project (COR Music Project) have partnered to create a youth orchestra in Avondale. COR Music Project is a nonprofit organization designed to provide classical music training to urban youth. Avondale's COR Music Project will be launching in Avondale in this month at South Avondale and Rockdale Academy schools. The ACDC will be helping to facilitate their relationship with Avondale residents, schools, and partners.



### ***Musical Instrument Drive***

In preparation of the project, a musical instrument drive has begun. If you have any new, old, used or fixable instruments and would like to donate them to Avondale youth for this program, they can be dropped off at the Avondale Community Pride Center— 3520 Burnet Ave (corner of Forest / Burnet). If you have questions please contact the ACDC at 861-2232 or by email at: [admin@a-cdc.org](mailto:admin@a-cdc.org).

## *New Streetscape at Reading Road and Burnet*

Avondale has been AWARDED \$400,000.00 in Cincinnati Neighborhood Business District Unified (CNBDU) funding to install/complete our Streetscape at the intersection of Reading Rd, Rockdale and Forest Avenue. The design will include new benches, decorative sidewalks, new pavement and a bus shelter.

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### *Calling All Men!*

- *Do you have issues with child support?*
- *Relationship issues?*
- *Trouble finding employment?*
- *Are you ready for a change?*

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## *Hirsch Recreation Has New Programs and Hours*

New hours at the Hirsch Recreation Center went into effect on December 1, 2012. The operation hours are 10:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m. with specialized teen programming Monday-Thursday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and adult programming 6:00 p.m.-9:00p.m.

New programs include body movement, children and senior choirs, chair volleyball, adult play writing and poetry. All programs are free with membership. Call 751-3393 for more information.

## *Baseball Opportunities*

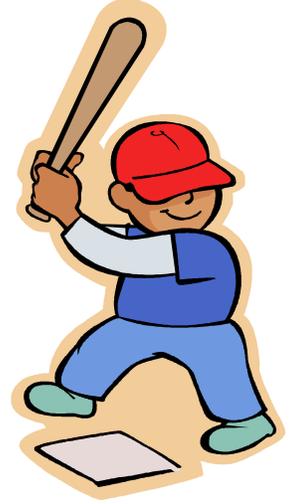


**"Coach D"**

If your child is interested in playing baseball for a great organization then consider the Avondale Angels.

The Avondale Angels would love to have any interested child from the ages of 4-15. Contact

DeAngelo (Coach D) Boynton (513) 605-0161 or Coach John (513) 498-2871. Sign up is also available Stags Barber & Beauty Shop located at 3503 Burnet.



### **Dates To Remember**

#### **Avondale Community Council**

- Board Meeting—1st Tuesday of every month 6:00
- General Body Meeting—3rd Tuesday of the month 6:30

**Next meeting February 19, 2012**

**All meetings held at Avondale Pride Center  
3520 Burnet Avenue**

#### **Avondale Youth Council**

- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 p.m.

#### **Avondale Business Association/Avondale Workforce Initiative Workshops**

- 4th Monday of the month 5:30 p.m.



## News from Gabriel's Place

### Our Weekly Farmers' Market

THURSDAYS FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

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## It's the Law: Switch to Electronic Federal Benefit Payments Today

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service

If you still receive a paper check for your Social Security or other federal benefit payments, you are required by law to switch to an electronic payment option by March 1, 2013.

It's fast, free and easy to sign up for direct deposit or the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card by calling the U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center at (800) 333-1795 Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Wait times are usually minimal. Call now to avoid delays near the deadline.



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- Spacing out
- Difficulty sleeping
- Nightmares of flashbacks
- Trouble being in crowds

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**SHORT SALE**
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- \$75K** 9853 Beech, Springfield Twp  
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