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The VISION

2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Foreclosure Workshops

NHS - 449 West 79th Street *
Every Thursday * 6pm-8pm *
Call (312) 328-4185

Free Teen Entrepreneurship

Program The Beloved Community/ERC Resource Room *
1153 West 79th Street * Starts
Jan 20th (Tues & Weds) * 10
weeks * 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

15th Annual CNDA Awards

Hyatt Regency Chicago * 151
East Wacker Drive * Feb 9th *
Tickets \$50 in advance/\$55 at
door * Visit: www.lisc-cnda.org

Winter Blues Festival

Thurgood Marshall Library
7506 South Racine * Feb 14th
Valentine's Day * 10am - 1pm



John Legend Joins GADC and Power 92 Radio for Food Drive

[Top] GADC & PCS-Calumet Tech Students participate in Food Drive. [L] John Legend at ICE Theaters. Photos: Hubert Newkirk



The mission of the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC) is to foster and promote revitalization of the greater Auburn Gresham community, which includes Auburn-Gresham, Englewood, and West Chatham.

One of the most complex and serious problems in the United States is hunger.

The Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC), in conjunction with Power 92 Radio and Grammy Award-winning, multi-platinum

songwriter, John Legend, hosted a food drive at ICE Theaters located at 87th & Dan Ryan.

Chicagoland residents were encouraged to donate non-perishable food items to benefit Auburn Gresham constituents. Perspectives Charter Schools-Calumet Technical High School (PCS-Cal

Tech) students came through and donated more than 100 cans of food for this cause.

All proceeds and donations were to be distributed at St. Sabina Social Services.

Legend did sign autographs for those individuals who were kind enough to bring donations.

Thank you John Legend!

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“Litter Free Zone” Market Skyrockets in Auburn Gresham

Affordable Healthcare for Youth Comes to Auburn Gresham



GADC’s Litter Free Zone Coordinator, Hubert Newkirk properly disposes of a few blue bags of recyclable materials at the 17th Ward Aldermanic parking lot. Photo: Ernest Sanders

While the current economic market has taken its toll on Main Street, it has not hindered a few neighborhood blocks on the City of Chicago’s Southwest side and its home grown recycling efforts.

Under the leadership of the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC), a targeted area of homes, businesses, and schools within a 1 mile square radius are participating in a litter free and recycling pilot program that’s mimics the City of Chicago’s current environmental action plan.

Not scheduled to participate in a citywide recycling initiative until 2011, this program aims to collect recyclable materials from Auburn Gresham residents and businesses (door to door and curbside) as paper, plastic, glass, bottles, and properly dispose of them in a large recyclable dumpster located

at the 17th Ward Aldermanic parking lot.

This initiative also includes participation from Perspectives Charter Schools-Calumet Campus, Simeon Career Academy, and Oglesby Elementary School.

Many other eco-friendly stakeholders from the City of Chicago’s Office of the Mayor, Department of Environment, The Burnham Plan Centennial, and The Boeing Company, to The Comer Foundation, The Joyce Foundation, The Shedd Aquarium, The Field Museum, and The Aspen Institute have taken notice of the LFZI.

Recently The Shedd Aquarium visited the Auburn Gresham neighborhood to get a hands-on idea of how the litter free/recycling operation works. Impressed by the simple approach and alliance with community and school partners, the Shedd asked how they could integrate a similar program into some of their community related projects.

Auburn Gresham’s recycling efforts would be pointless



Coming Soon!

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without local support from other key stakeholders as Cleanslate. As part of their collaboration, Litter Free Zone Ambassadors, i.e. Perspectives-Calumet students, summer youth interns, and local community volunteers, along with LFZI Coordinator, Hubert Newkirk go door to door to pick up recycle materials from the front of the residents homes. Students from other participating schools collect recyclable materials within their school and dispose of them through Chicago Pub-

lic Schools environmental initiatives.

For additional information about this grassroots recycling program, please contact Hubert Newkirk at (773) 483-3696.



Beloved Community Introduces Local Talent

As a long time native of Auburn Gresham and the new Executive Director of the Beloved Community, Kelwin Harris knows first hand the abundant resources available to the residents and community stakeholders in the community.

“As a young man, I was blessed to receive a scholarship to one of the city's premier high school (Francis W. Parker High School) and used this opportunity to become a graduate of both Cornell and Harvard Universities in the field of Urban Planning.”

Harris has taken his educational endeavours and suc-

cess and worked as a former assistant to Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and served as chief liaison to Mayor Daley for the Chicago Housing Authority's Plan for Transformation.

Harris has also managed a host of other city departments and development projects as an urban planner charged with modernizing dilapidated courthouses and state universities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and as an environmental impact consultant in West Los Angeles.

As a graduate student, Harris also worked on the expansion of campus housing and athletic facilities for Harvard's

planning and real estate entity. Additionally, he founded an e-commerce company with a Harvard professor and investor.

To complement his hands-on experience, Harris has studied abroad in such places as Rome, Paris, Milan, Madrid, and Shanghai.

When asked about the importance of returning to his community, Harris said, “I am well-versed in the main ingredients that go into making communities successful. I am excited about the opportunity to make some of the dreams of the people I grew up with become a reality.”

To learn more about the Beloved Community, please visit their website at www.belovedcommunitychicago.org or call (773) 483-9858.



Kelwin Harris

“In the Paint Basketball” Teams Up with Mayor Daley & GADC for Sports Festival



In the Paint Basketball senior leadership and coaches pose for a photo at McCormick Place. Photo: Ernest Sanders

In The Paint Basketball (ITP) participated in the City of Chicago's - 2008 Holiday Sport's Festival at McCormick Place, December 27-29, 2008. This holiday sports festival hosted more than 50 sports with approximately 100,000 youth in attendance. The Mayor's Office of Spe-

cial Events (MOSE) requested ITP coordinate and facilitate the sports activities for all 12 basketball courts at this festival.

MOSE had been aware of ITP's work in various communities, including Auburn Gresham and its Annual 79th Street Renaissance Festival.

During this basketball

clinic, youth completed fundamental stretches and exercises, while coaches demonstrated proper athletic techniques for youth. Those participants ranged in ages between 5-18.

Such fundamentals included the basics of organized basketball and conditioning; bonding and acceptance of other youth, gender and ethnic diversity, and the importance of physical health and well-being. Youth also had an opportunity to win award scholarships to a 10-week camp for their participation and received ITP paraphernalia and other notable give-a-ways.

Earlier this year, ITP partnered with GADC to further advance several of Auburn Gresham's Quality of Life initiatives related to youth, education, mentoring, healthy lifestyles, and arts & culture.

In order to accomplish this feat, ITP offers weekly camps not only focusing on the basics of basketball, but also promoting these same initiatives in a positive group environment.

ITP's programming is age-appropriate and caters to youth in the following age groups: 5-8 (Itty Bitty), 9-13 (Biddy Ball), and 14-18 (Dream Teen).

For more information about In the Paint Basketball, please contact Mike Robinson (President) at (312) 283-4011 or visit their website at www.itphoops.com.



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Deliver To:

Auburn Gresham Partners Offer FREE Tax Preparation for 5th Year



The Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation (GADC), the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center (ERC), and the Center for Economic Progress (CEP) will offer free tax preparation at the St. Sabina ERC. **Client intake begins at 7903 S. Racine (GADC) and tax preparation at 1153 W. 79th St. (ERC) on Monday & Thursday (5:30pm - 8:00pm) and Saturdays (10:00am - 1:00pm), between January 24 and April 13, 2009.**

Also this free service will be available on **Wednesday, April 15, 2008** for last minute filers.

Families earning under \$45,000 and individuals earning under \$20,000 are eligible for this service. Note: Please remember to bring the following documents to expedite your free tax experience:

- All W-2s and 1099s (if any)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers for each family member.
- Copy of 2008 tax return

Tax services are provided on a first come, first serve basis and bank representatives will be available to help open checking and savings accounts.

Free financial counseling and free financial aid counseling will be available for adults and high school students preparing to go to college.

For more information, please call the GADC offices at (773) 483-3696 or call the CEP at (312) 630-0273.

Happy New Year!

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