

# 79th Street Renaissance



79th Street Renaissance Fair has been held by Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation, also



known as GADC, for the last four years. This is one of the biggest festivals in Chicago. As stated by Earnest Sanders, this fair isn't based on medieval times it symbolizes the rebirth of Auburn Gresham. The Renaissance fair is looking forward to another great and successful

event. The festival every year brings out more and more people in Greater Auburn Gresham community. The Goal of this festival is to highlight all the great qualities of the community. They want to lengthen the festival to multiple days. This festival is also a way to promote the local businesses and culture that are thriving. The Renaissance fair will be family friendly and **FUN, FUN, FUN!** The fair accommodates all ages starting with toddlers up to senior citizens. This will be a time to remember all of the sponsors and vendors, who will be

out to make sure you have a good. There is also great food, music and over one hundred gifts booths to choose from.. Children can also get in on the fun with face painting, petting zoo's, clowns and much more.

By, Jasmine James



## 10th Annual Englewood Jazz Festival By Jasmine James

The 10th Annual Englewood Jazz Festival is right around the corner. Come join Earnest Dawkins, founder and musician, on Saturday, September 19th in the historical land mark known as Hamilton Park. We're celebrating 10 years of successful community

events. The founder Earnest Dawkins grew up in the Englewood area, so he views this as a homecoming. If you enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz and electric mix come out and enjoy all the festivities offered. Do you have financial problems? Don't worry

admission is free! There will be great jazz artists. Some might even be from your neighborhood. There will be people coming from all walks of life. Support your community and help make it better. Spend time with those who matter most, family and friends. Lets make this Festival bigger and better than the years before.



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## Racine block health fair took over 79th street By, Rachel

Bradley

Healthy living is a big epidemic in the African American and Latino Community. Auburn Gresham recently hosted an annual health fair to promote health in underserved communities. The health community was out in full force. There was a booth for each age and gender. The fair showed a wide range from the Avon breast cancer booth, to sex education and diet tricks. The Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition was among the many non-profit organizations there to inform the vast public. This organization was pushing a project in Englewood called “closing the gap” to help inform mothers on how to prevent SIDS and premature births. It is also a campaign to help save minority babies. Another great organization at the fair was the Chicago Health Core. The core is a program where

people take a year to dedicate their lives to promote education and health access. They are primarily in low income areas. They do a vast amount of programs like teaching high school students about sex, showing kindergarteners how to plant and garden, and helping seniors with their



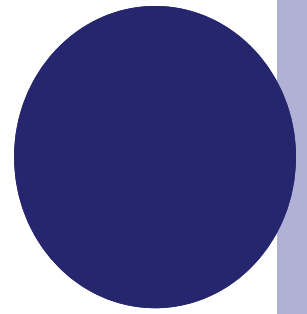
diabetes and disabilities. The fair seemed to be a big success with teens and adults out going to just about every booth and were encouraged by the information obtained. As I walked down the fair, just as everyone else. I was in awe at how much I don't know about my own health. I hope that it is just as inspiring next year.



## Viva! Chicago, Long Live Music By Rachel Bradley

The Viva! Chicago Latin music festival is one of the largest Latin gatherings in Chicago. This event is loud, vibrant, and culturally enriching. The festival starts August 29th and runs until August 30th. The festival will showcase national and local musicians that are bound to draw a crowd. With food, music, games, and of course dancing you will never want to leave. The event is located in Grant Park

and for all the people tightening your belt the admission is free. For those who love the music but can't quite understand Spanish, there will be interpreters at all of the performances. There will be music to fit every style you like from salsa, reggaeton, mariachi and Spanish pop y más.



## Auburn Gresham's “Perfect Peace” By Rachel Bradley



*“Taste and see how good it is... where prayer is the first ingredient.”*



Perfect Peace Café is one if not the only non-commercial bakery in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. Co-founders Julie Welborn and Denise Nicholes started this business as a way to bring the community together with good food, music, a pleasant atmosphere, and Wi-Fi. This café sits on a busy street surrounded by fast food places with little to no seating so they pride themselves on being a healthy and (no pun intended) peaceful haven for people to eat and socialize.

They have a wide range of delicious treats, from made-to-order sandwiches and Panini's, soups and salads, freshly made smoothies ( I love their strawberry kiwi smoothie, yum), and lots of assorted sweets (my favorite is the chocolate chip cheesecake). The inside of the café is bright and very busy, but it also gives you a feeling like your in your grandma's kitchen with your family. The people seem so light-hearted and will start a

conversation with you even if you had never met. The service is superb and always with a smile. The café is a hang out spot for all ages with smooth music playing for the adults and free internet for the gaming teens. Perfect Peace surely lives up to its name and then some. The café is located 1255 W 79th Street, open Mon.- Fri. from 7am-7pm, and Sat.- Sun. (only open on the first Sunday of the month) from 9am to 4pm.



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# What Can the Metropolitan Family Service Do for YOU ?

By Rachel Bradley

The Metropolitan Family Services has been around for 150 years, servicing and voicing the concerns of families in many communities. This program services families in every thing from counseling, mental health, legal aid, and violence prevention. They have annual events such as Day with Dad. This year the event brought about 300 fathers and their families together and raised around \$62,000 net to help support a program for young parent development. The dads had a chance to throw around a ball with their elated kids at U.S Cellular Field.

The group got to watch a game after playing around, and a 6 year old boy had his dreams come true by being able

to throw the first pitch of the game. The Midway Center services Chicago Lawn, Englewood, West Englewood, West Lawn, Gage Park and Clearing. In 2007, Laurie Sedio took on the posi-

tion as executive director of the Midway Center. The program is located at 3843 W. 63st Chicago IL, 60629/ 773-884-3310



# Friday Night Lights Takes on a New Meaning in Auburn Gresham

By Rachel Bradley

Friday Night Lights has such a ring to it; when most people hear this phrase, they mostly think of the movie about a football team, but in this case it's real life talent that you'll be seeing. The event will be held on August 14 from 6 -8pm at the Ark of St. Sabina. It is officially called the Stop the Violence Talent Show. The attendants will be between the ages of 6-24 years; so this

one's for the youth. Don't worry, hard working parents, this one is on us (meaning free admission). This will be a fun event to share with friends and family to show off your hidden talents. Anyone can perform you just have to audition on August 6 & 13, but remember to keep it clean. Routines must be between 3-5 minutes long , and if you are performing with a group you can not have more than 10 people partici-

pate. So if you can dance, rap, sing , play an instrument , or if you are funny, come on out and be apart of the Friday night fun. Call Jocelyn Jones for more information at 773-483-4333.



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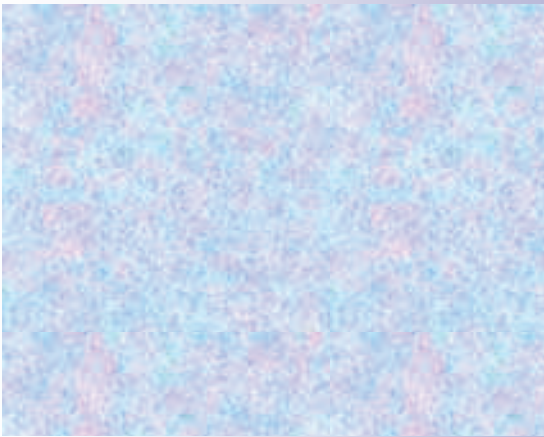


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*Rachel Bradley (pictured left) is a graduate of William J. Bogan Computer Tech. High School and will be attending Northern Illinois University. Jasmine James (pictured right) is also a graduate of William J. Bogan Computer Tech. and will be attending Harold Washington College. They were both peer mentors for three years. Jasmine participated in track, and Rachel was apart of the YMCA Black and Hispanic Achievers. Rachel wishes to become a public relations agent and Jasmine wants to be a social worker. "We had a blast working on this project together." -Rachel Bradley*

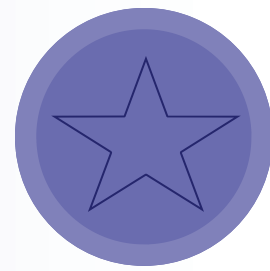
# July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Hot Sauce Betty (Open Mic.) 539 S. Pulaski <b>every Friday</b> 7:30pm price \$5	4 Beach Booty Beat 1600 N Lake shore Drive 10am-5pm (Every Saturday)
5 Ritual Open Mic Poetry (Negro League Cafe) 4301 S. Praire <b>every Sunday</b> 10pm cost \$5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Arts & Craft Country Faire Designe Pointe shopping center Rt59& Brookdale, Naperville IL
12 Arts & Craft Country Faire Designe Pointe shopping center	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Englewood Farmers Market 63rd St. and Union Ave 8 am-1 pm 7/23-10/29/09	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Auburn Gresham Reverse mortgage 9-10:30am seminar	31 Fiesta del sol 1400 W. Cermak 5pm-10pm Sax Preacher 2411 W. 55th St. (Gage	

# AUGUST 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1) 8th Annual Unity Picnic & Back to School feast 11am-3pm 6420 w 63rd St. / Rauner Family YMCA Family health fair 2700 s west-	2) Fiesta del Sol 11am-11pm 1400 w Cermak 312-666-2663	3	4
5	6	7) Lollapalooza 2009 500 S Columbus (times vary) 888-512-7469	8) 8th Annual Bud Billiken Parade 10am-5pm King Drive & 39th Street 773-536-3710	9	10	11
12	13	14	15) Windy City Rib Fest 12pm-10pm fee\$ 7.00 1501 W Randolph St. 773-868-3010	16) Windy City Rib Fest 12pm-10pm	17) Back to school immunization & healthy eating information 11pm-4pm St. Stephen's Church 6458	18
19	20	21	22) St. Sabina's Sun Rise Boat Cruise 4:30am-9am Fee\$ 20.00 Navy Pier 600 E Grand 773-483-4300	23	24	25
26	27	28	29) ¡Viva! Chicago Latin Music Festival 10:30am-9:30pm 300 S Columbus Dr. 312-744-3315	30) ¡Viva! Chicago Latin Music Festival 10:30pm-9:30pm	31	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Continued of Englewood Farmers Market 7/23-10/29 63rd St. & Union Ave 8am-1pm	1	2	3	4 African Festival of the Arts 5100 S. Cottage Grove Ave. 10am-10pm cost \$10-\$15, \$5 for kids and seniors	5 African Festival of the Arts 5100 S. Cottage Grove Ave. 10am-10pm cost \$10-\$15, \$5 for kids and seniors
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 5th Annual Black Farmers Market, The Chicago Children's Museum, Navy Pier call Diane Gibson for more information at 312.464.7701	25 2009 Walk to cure Psoriasis Lakeshore Drive at Wellington Ave (Lincoln Park) Registration 8am The walk 9am	26
27	28	29	30	31 Green City Market (Lincoln Park) 1750 N Clark		

