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demonstrations and products.

This festival began in 2006 to commemorate Auburn Gresham residents and business owners who have participated in the rebirth of this historic community. It started off using four city-owned lots and the Chicago Park District's Renaissance Park to promote Auburn Gresham as a great place to do business, live, work and play.

Today, the 79th Street Festival occupies a portion of Auburn Gresham's principal retail corridor in addition to the busiest bus route in the city of Chicago - 79th Street between Racine and Loomis Avenue.

A modest attempt by Mother Nature could not prevent festival-goers from attending the 5th Annual Auburn Gresham 79th Street Renaissance Festival. With an impressive list of over 100 vendors and entertainers, this festival provided many highlights to include popular American cuisines as soul food, delectables as fruit platters, magical and musical acts, tributes to those fallen heroes of 9-1-1, educational and sports offerings, and environmentally friendly

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In partnership with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC/Chicago) and the City of Chicago, the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development (GADC) received federal stimulus dollars through the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) to support a comprehensive broadband adoption campaign in its community, referred to as Smart Communities.

As part of this campaign, GADC led three summer jobs programs as part of a digital platform for Auburn Gresham. The Digital Youth Summer Jobs (DYSJ) program employed 12 youth for eight weeks. Youth were provided an opportunity to obtain digital life skills, work readiness training and career knowledge through classroom instruction.

The summer resource-mapping project provided stipends for 10 youth in partnership with the University of Chicago's Urban Health Initiative. Here the youth used Sprint HTC smart phones to asset map Auburn Gresham and a portion of Englewood communities while simultaneously uploading their finding into www.southsidehealth.org.

The Art Options summer digital media and graphics design apprenticeship with GADC's arts education partner Urban Gateways, provided 12 youth the opportunity to learn and demonstrate their art competency by constructing community-based arts projects that inspire change and reflection of their community.



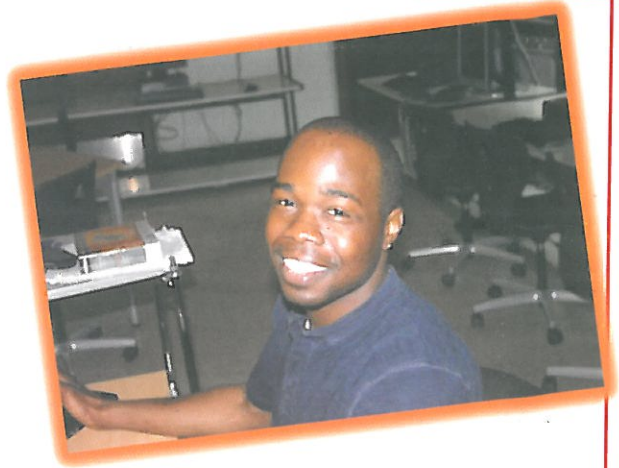
City of Chicago Human Infrastructure's Department Takes Notice of Auburn Gresham's Smart Initiative

With the goal of assisting the Southwest Smart Communities (Auburn Gresham, Chicago Lawn, and Englewood) and their service delivery models, the City of Chicago Human Infrastructure Department provided a series of workshops marketed towards single mothers and people with criminal records. The City partnered with IBM's Global Social Segment to deliver these trainings and asked questions like, "What opportunities exist for the City to better partner with Smart Communities and how can technology improve the delivery of human infrastructure services?"



Jimmy Prude

A native Chicagoan, Jimmy Prude attended Howard University where he earned his BBA in Business/Computer Information Systems. Jimmy brings a wealth of experience as Auburn Gresham's Smart Communities Technical Organizer. He has worked with prominent companies as Microsoft and taught at Perspectives Charter Schools-High School of Technology. As the technical organizer, Jimmy responsibilities include supporting the development of new leadership and digital literacy in the community.



Roslyn Charles

Roslyn Charles joins the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC) as a LISC/Chicago AmeriCorps member. She brings over twenty years of administration and sales experience with strength in customer service. Roslyn will serve as the School Yard Project coordinator engaging Auburn Gresham community schools, students, and parents with pertinent resources.

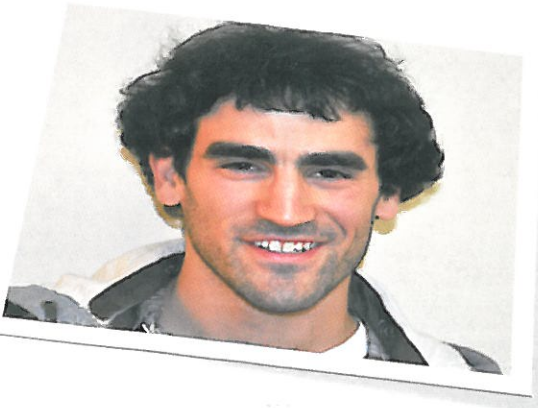
Pavlyn Jankov

Pavlyn Jankov dedicates his time to Auburn Gresham's Elev8 initiative. He hails from the Queens borough of New York City, passed through the public school system there and has ridden many a subway. He came to Chicago to earn a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago and has been captured by the variety of neighborhoods as well as the rich history of community organizing in the Chicago region. He is interested in being involved in improving the quality of life in urban environments.



Ben Levine

Ben Levine comes to Auburn Gresham originally from New York City and is a recent graduate of the University of Rochester. Ben is working at Perspectives Charter Calumet Middle School. As an Avodah, a Jewish Service Corps member, his responsibilities include leading a group of middle school students in the creation of a Peace and Leadership Council. This council will teach students leadership skills and help them create and implement policy changes in their school, with the aim of getting young people more involved in local politics.





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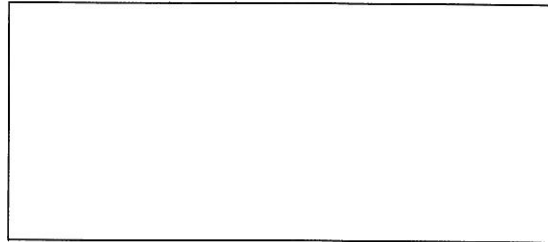
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On behalf of the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC), LISC/Chicago (in partnership with the City of Chicago) and Broadband-USA, it gives us great pleasure to introduce Auburn Gresham's new community web-portal. This web-portal is a tremendous leap into our continued model of change in Auburn Gresham and represents our community's growth embracing technology. The web-portal is part of the City of Chicago's Smart Communities initiative aimed to move five pilot communities (Auburn Gresham, Chicago Lawn, Englewood, Humboldt Park and Pilsen) towards digital excellence. In a time when information could not be more valuable, residents and business owners of Auburn Gresham now have access to digital resources to leverage their VOICES.

www.auburngreshamportal.org

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