Ward 2 Connecting Communities Festival – 3 Day Event

For the first time Union Miles Development Corporation held a three-day festival for the community at John Adams High School. The rain held off just long enough for the community to enjoy the musical entertainment of Hubbs Grove and Forecast for the Jazz Fest on Friday, Angela Winbush who headlined the R&B Fest on Saturday, and Von James and Woman of Wisdom, who performed for the Gospel Fest on Sunday.

MyCom Youth Exposure Trip to Wilberforce, Central State

Early Friday morning, 20 youth from the Union Miles neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio and surrounding cities joined Union Miles Development Corporation on a MyCom Youth Exposure Tour. This tour traveled to two Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Ohio, Wilberforce University and Central State University. The goal of the trip was to take students out of the comfort zone of their community and expose them to the environment of higher education on a college campus. Students were able to talk to active students on campus about what to expect when entering into college, and how to prepare for life away from home.

Wilberforce Women’s Head Basketball Coach Isha Gray and members of the team accompanied the girls while touring Wilberforce University, while the boys were able to talk to a few members of the Men’s Basketball team during a break in their training.

On the tour of Central State University, the students were able to sit down and have a conversation with Coach Price, Men’s Head Basketball Coach. Overall the first Youth Safety Net – Youth Exposure Tour was a success and students have been asking when the next trip will take place. This trip was a success due to the support we received from STANCE Cleveland and MYCOM.
It’s a Love Thing: Peace Walk Stops in Cleveland

On August 27th, Councilman Zack Reed and other residents joined Reverend Al Taylor in support of his Peace Walk. The vision of “It’s a Love Thing” is to walk 780 miles from New York City to Chicago to listen, reach out to, and pray with people in need of comfort and liberation letting them know they matter. To cap off a great community event, attendees were able to watch fireworks while Grammy Award winning singer Angie Stone serenaded the audience.

Family Unity in the Park Festival

The 12th Anniversary of Family Unity in the Park was in July at the historic Luke Easter Park in Cleveland, OH.

This free event saw over 2,000 residents from all over Ohio enjoy musical entertainment, food from local vendors, and fun for all ages. It was a joy to see residents dance and fellowship amongst each other all day into the night.

In case you haven’t noticed, Union Miles Development Corporation has broken ground on the Killingsworth Place at Miles Pointe Crossing. In partnership with the Cleveland Housing Network, Partnership EDEN Corporation, Frontline Services and Housing First, the construction of the 51,000 square foot apartment complex that will include over 66 units of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless has begun.

The New Killingsworth Place at Miles Pointe Crossing

At the intersection of E. 131st and Miles the new structure will bring a bright spot to the community as well as a safe space for our residents in transition. This project will strengthen our community by providing support and lodging to those that need it most.

The Union Miles Messenger
Residents of the Elizabeth/Prince Street Coalition are fed up regarding the dumping that has been taking place at the corner of East 93rd and Prince.

The building has been vacant for a few years now and the premises has been used as a site for illegal dumping. Residents stated that it happens after hours. Union Miles Development Corporation and Ward 2 City Councilman Zack Reed wanted answers in regards to this problem.

These issues have been going on for some time and we want a resolve for the residents; they deserve to have a safe atmosphere. UMDC has cleaned a lot of dumping within the Ward 2 area; however, it can be a large expense and ultimately it’s not the CDC’s responsibility. The trash was removed due to the residents and Councilman Reed’s persistence in making a safe and clean environment for the Ward 2 residents.

Residents are Tired of Illegal Dumping

Cavs and NBA Renovate John Adams High School

While we all are still riding the wave that the Cavaliers triumphantly brought to the City of Cleveland, their efforts to help our community might have been overshadowed.

During their championship run, the NBA Cares program, NBA Players Association, Cleveland Cavaliers, and the City of Cleveland teamed up to renovate a space inside John Adams High School. Cavalier’s players JR Smith, Matthew Delladova, mascot Moon Dawg and others were all on hand.

Residents who were present were able to get a glimpse of the Larry O’Brian Championship Trophy that now calls Cleveland, Ohio its home. ALL IN 2016!

Young Author

Lanai R Barrett is a 10 year old who recently became a young author. She held her book release party at the Cleveland Heights Library on July 16th. In addition, she held a book signing at Half Priced Bookstore in Mentor, Ohio.

She will continue to sell her book at various bookstores throughout Northeast Ohio. In addition, her book can be purchased online at Amazon or Barnes & Noble websites.

Baby Carter

Baby Carter was born July 10, 2016 at 24 weeks. He was only 1 pound, 8 ounces. Carter has since been fighting a great fight.

At birth he was diagnosed with a heart murmur, chronic lung disease, and also cerebral hemorrhaging.

Carter is now 2 months old and is weighing in at 4 pounds, 1.6 ounces, and although he still hasn’t been released to come home, he is doing wonderfully. His mommy calls him The King and his dad calls him Simba, which is Swahili for Lion, the King of the jungle.

His mother, father and two brothers wanted to send him a message: “We love you and can’t wait until you come home and complete our family.”

Baby Carter

Rebel’s House...!!!
Celebrity Basketball with the Police at John Adams High

The City Of Cleveland Community Relations Board, Fourth District Police, John Adams Outreach Staff and Cleveland Cavaliers hosted a Photo Op Event at John Adams High School to promote and encourage relations with our youth and our Cleveland Police. Invited attendees were able to have fun with other youth from the community and the dedicated officers who protect their community. Cavs legend Campy Russell was on hand as the Face of the Cavs support and promotion team to offer his words of wisdom and encouragement. Events like this are the first step to building better relations between the police and our community.

Generous Contribution from Petitti’s Garden Center of Oakwood

Petitti’s Garden Center of Oakwood made a generous donation of flats of flowers to Union Miles Development Corporation Lease Purchasers. The donation supported the 2016 Lease Purchase Yard Beautification Program. Also, this is a great example of businesses giving back to communities in the inner city of Cleveland.

Lease Purchasers who participated in the 2016 Yard Beautification Project competed to receive a one-time (one month) non-monetary rent reduction (1st Prize $100, 2nd Prize $75 and 3rd Prize $50).

The James Family’s Little Addition

On July 22, 2016, our Union Miles family grew once again, as baby girl Clevelynn Amneliz James made her grand entrance into the world at 6 lbs 9 oz and 19 1/4 inches long. Proud parents, Christopher James and Maleka Embry, say that their family couldn’t be happier at this time. Clevelynn has been such a joy to all those around her, especially to her doggie brother and sister, Diggs and Daisy. Although exhausted and a bit overwhelmed with their new addition, the happy parents say Clevelynn will gladly navigate this world with the support of her village. Both Christopher and Maleka are extremely blessed with their beautiful creation and excited about their journey of parenthood.