

## Highlights of the Lower Price Hill NEP

The City of Cincinnati's 21<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) took place from March through May in Lower Price Hill. Below is a list of accomplishments made in Lower Price Hill during the 90-day NEP blitz.

- A 55% reduction in crime from this same time last year.
- Blight was reduced 14.5% percent in just 90 days.
- Over 300 volunteers worked 960 hours at 5 separate events, painting barricades on 14 buildings, cleaning up vacant properties, painting fire hydrants, removing graffiti, cleaning a significant dump site on Wilder Avenue, as well as mulching and planting 2 beds on State Avenue.
- Thanks to Community Matters and a host of partners, Lower Price Hill now has a brand new laundramat, the Washing Well.
- There is a beautiful new nature playscape on Storrs Street thanks to the partnership between the Community Learning Center Institute and the Cincinnati Early Learning Center.
- A hazardous porch was removed at 654 Neave Street and significant improvement resulted at the junk yard at the end of Church Street, with a vehicle count reduced from 50 + to less than 15.
- The first ever partnership was formed between People Working Cooperatively, Habitat for Humanity and the Community Action Agency to help homeowners with building repairs.
- The Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Oylar Community Learning Center and Operation DRIVEN partnered resulting in 52 students completing an 8 week holistic personal development and health and wellness program. Outcomes included reduction in students total body mass index, increase in knowledge of healthy foods, increases school attendance and improvements in behavior and grades.
- Brand new street signs as well as a brand new street name. The community selected Aaron Raines Lane to remember Aaron Raines. This newly named street is located under the West Eighth Street Viaduct.
- PNC Foundation assisted the NEP directly and also assisted 5 agencies through grants and sponsorships, including Toolbank, and their Grow Up Great partnership with Oylar Community Learning Center Institute.
- The Recreation Commission installed a walkway in Hatmaker playground as requested by the Lower Price Hill community.