

Community Happenings

All events take place at the COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh Street, unless otherwise noted *in italics*

September

September 17: Friends of Moody Park Meeting, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

September 22: Amani United Meeting, 4:30 PM

September 30: Goldin Fall Fest, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Free family event that includes dinner, arts and crafts, raffles and prizes.

October

October 9: No MPS Student Attendance-Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 15: Friends of Moody Park Meeting, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

October 27: Amani United Meeting (Community Group Elections will take place), 4:30 PM

October 30: Community Fun Night, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Free and Open to the Public. Dinner, Resources, Games, Raffles and More! Children must be accompanied by an Adult.

November

November 17: Amani United Meeting, 4:30 PM

November 23-27: No MPS student attendance

November 26: COA Goldin Center Closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

Gill Family Resource Center (GFRC) located at COA Goldin

Family Drop-In: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:30 PM-1:30 PM, Fun Movement: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

Family Drop-In: Thursday, Friday: 10:00 AM-12:30 PM, Fun Movement: 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Parent Education: Wednesday: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE:
AMANI report out to the community/ Holiday Party
December 16
4:00 PM-7:00 PM



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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Moody Park Opens!

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Frederick Olmsted introduced the first largescale urban park to this county in the 19th century. Urban green spaces provide relief from city life by connecting citizens directly with nature and one another. The new Moody Park offers this and more. Opening on August 20, 2015, the park provides residents with healthy recreational activities, such as walking paths, basketball courts and the HELIOS machine - an outdoor "gym" that up to four people can use for a full body cardio and strengthening workout.

Although the day began with threats of rain, it ended with rays of sunshine. Over 500 people attended the grand opening celebration. The event was filled with activities provided by a number of partners and others including: Artists Working in Education, Chess Academics, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Bucks, Molina Healthcare, PeppNation and the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center.

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Burke Early Education Center is Now Open: Enroll Your Child Today!

COA's new high-quality, state-licensed early education center opened its doors in August and is currently busy serving children six weeks to school age. Spaces are still available in all classrooms—don't miss the opportunity to enroll.

THE CENTER OFFERS:

- A clean, new, state-of-the-art facility
- Safe, nurturing classrooms and play spaces
- Experienced and highly trained staff
- Early Head Start for children birth to three
- A free meal program (breakfast, lunch and snacks every day)
- Convenient program hours (6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.)
- A focus on early learning that prepares children for school
- Financial assistance, as well as accepting W2

To enroll your child or visit the center, please call Center Director Ashley Harrell at (414) 447-9039. **Spaces will fill quickly!**



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Someone You Should Know: Dr. Lester Carter

By Arlene Patterson
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Dr. Lester L. Carter has been in the Amani Community as an apothecary pharmacist, running Carter's Drug Store for over 47 years. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska on August 10, 1931. Everyone in his family worked at a packing plant, but he desired to go to college.

When he got out of high school, after studying and working hard, he joined the United States Navy. In the Navy he was assigned to the Medical Department and received orders to go to Korea, where he served on a ship called the USS Tortuga.

Dr. Carter went on to attend Creighton University School of Pharmacy where he received his pharmacy degree. When he graduated and moved to Milwaukee, he was the only African American pharmacist in the city.

Recently, Dr. Carter was nominated and selected by the board of regents of the Medical College of Wisconsin to receive an Honorary Doctoral Degree of Medicine in 2015.

Today, he has a talk radio show about medical issues where he gives advice to anyone who calls to ask questions about health. He is also writing a book about pharmacy and hopefully it will be used in the new School of Pharmacy which is coming to the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2017. He is hopeful that African American enrollment will continue to soar with the new generation. Dr. Carter tells young people, "You can be anything you want to be as long as you are willing to work hard with your God-given talents".

Dr. Carter has been an influential figure in our community for a long time and he is certainly *someone you should know*.



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Residents, dignitaries and elected officials gathered together on the splash pad to commemorate the park's opening. The ceremony began when County Supervisor Supreme Moore-Omokunde offered a libation. Students from MPS-Auer Avenue School related the history of Calvin C. Moody and the pool, which was the first entry into a memory book compiled for the event. Moody's grandson Jeffrey Crockett (San Diego) and nephew Richard G. Carter (New York) attended the celebration. Carter said about his uncle Cal, "He was a stand up and all right guy." He further reminisced about the barbecues at the Moody family house at 5th and Brown. Shortly after the ceremony, the splash pad was turned on for guests to enjoy. Parks director John Dargle and Executive Directors Sister Patricia Rodgers (Dominican Center) and Tom Schneider (COA Youth & Family Centers) joined in the fun! Following the ceremony, AhVantSoul, with Jon Pierre & Katt Webb, provided music in the park for the remainder of the evening.

We extend a special thanks to all the organizations that provided activities and others for support of the event, including: Amani United, Friends of Moody Park, COA Youth & Family Centers, Dominican Center for Women, Northwestern Mutual, Building Neighborhood Capacity Program, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, Milwaukee Police Department, Safe & Sound, General Contractor JP Cullen, Hunger Task Force, Pepsi Cola and Wisconsin Black Historical Society.



Important Information Regarding Moody Park Safety

(<http://county.milwaukee.gov/FAQParks15504.htm>)

- Animals are not allowed in parks, picnic areas or tot lots.
- Drinking of alcohol is prohibited without a permit.
- All parks close at 10:00 P.M.
- Personal vehicles are not allowed in the park. The speed limit in and around most parks and parkways is 25 mph.

If you need to report an emergency in the park:

Please call 911 immediately.

If you need to report a non-emergency in the park:

Please call the Milwaukee County Sheriff, 414-278-4788 or Milwaukee Police Department District 5 non-emergency number, 414-933-4444.

If you would like to join the Moody Park Safety Task Force please contact Adrian Spencer at Safe & Sound at 414-788-1017 ,or at adrian@safesound.org.