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Amani United Neighborhood Association Elects New Officers and Committee Chairs!

Residents gathered at the Moody Park Pavilion on October 23rd to hold an election for the Executive Council and Committee Chair positions for the Amani United neighborhood association. The residents were elected for two year terms starting in January of 2019 and going through December of 2020. Amani's new Officers and committee chairs are as follows:

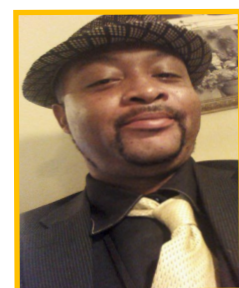
Jeramie RiceBey, *Amani United President:*

Jeramie RiceBey has been a resident in the Amani community for 45 years. Attending well beyond 40 community wide meetings per year, Mr. Ricebey is an involved member of the community who loves mentoring the youth and assisting the elders with maintaining an element of love and law in the community. Mr. RiceBey is dedicated to correcting his wrongs and giving back to the community.



Jarvis M. West, *Amani United Vice President*

Jarvis has been an Amani homeowner for the past four years and engages in the community by mentoring youth, sharing resources, attending community engagements, and voicing concerns around social determinants. In his role, Jarvis would like to assist in increasing homeownership, reduce the homeless population, and create more green jobs in Amani.



Orean Harper, *Amani United Secretary*

Orean Harper has lived in Amani most of her life. In the last two years Orean has attended over 20 community meetings, Aldermanic walks, and licensing hearings; and she has canvassed to provide lead education, and surveyed Amani homes. In her role, Orean would like to develop a giving closet that provides snacks, clothing, schools supplies, and hygiene products for Amani youth. She would also like to provide hygiene/safety kits for women involved in prostitution and the homeless. Lastly she will investigate providing a free weekend laundromat for Amani families in need.



Amani United Committee Chairs

Stay tuned for bios of Committee Chair people in the next Amani United newsletter!

Elizabeth Brown, Chairperson for the Friends of Moody Park

Michael Gill, Chairperson for the 1st Saturday meetings

Danielle McClenden-Williams, Chairperson for the Safety Team

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Supporting the Amani Revitalization Plan: *Housing and Economic Development*

By Alisha Klapps Balistreri



Dominican Center hired twelve Amani residents to conduct 3,728 Property Analysis Surveys in just four weeks. The data from the surveys will provide an up-to-date snapshot of housing conditions in Amani and will better tell the story of need within the Amani neighborhood. The survey data also supports the improvement of housing conditions and increase of economic development in Amani, which are priorities outlined in the 2017 Amani Revitalization Plan.

Dominican Center has also partnered with Amani United to support the creation of the Amani Housing and Economic Development Committee, which includes Amani home owners, renters, and partners. The committee's goals are to work towards affordable housing and to enhance economic opportunity and security of residents. Want to get involved? Contact Alex Edwards, Amani Housing Coordinator at the Dominican Center. He can be reached at alex@dominican-center.org or 414-444-9930.

The Ethel Nutis Gill Family Resource Center is located inside the COA Goldin Center and the goal is to provide support to families, bring Amani families together to build relationships that will strengthen their homes, and provide resources to support families. Through parent education, child development activities, resources, and emergency need-based services, families come together, have fun and gain the skills and tools needed to reach their greatest potential.

The COA Family Resource Center is open Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 9:30—11:30 AM. [Note: Closed December 24th -29, 2018.]

Check out these opportunities to get involved:

Daily Drop-In Programming:

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 1 - 5 PM
 - Tuesday & Thursday's from 10 AM - 2 PM
- Free playtime for parents/caregivers and their children.

Emergency Food Pantry:

For families living within 53206 zip code. Please bring I.D. & Proof Of Address

- Every Wednesday from 4 PM - 6 PM
- Every Saturday from 9:30 AM - 11:30 PM

Winter Family Camp - Friday, February 8 - Sunday, February 10, 2019

- Located 2 hours away (near Waupaca) at COA's Camp Helen Brachman
- Free transportation, free lodging, free activities, and free food

A great family weekend filled with games, winter activities, food, bonfires, and much more!

The weekends are free and families are provided all meals, housing, and lots of fun family activities for all members of their family. Families are able to either get themselves (adults and children) to camp on their own, or COA provides free bus transportation.

Amani families are provided multiple year-round opportunities to participate in free daily programming thanks to a generous grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. For more information Contact Program Coordinator, Brooks Griffin: bgriffin@coa-yfc.org or at 414-265-7689.



Teen Arts & Humanities Music Program

The COA Youth & Family Centers Youth Development Program provides a safe space with learning and fun for youth. A great example is COA's Teen Program's Music and Video Production Program, thanks to a grant from the MPS Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

This weekly program provides an artistic outlet and is designed to help build young people's confidence in their own voice by allowing them to freely and honestly express themselves. Students learn how to compose, record, produce, and perform music, and also work with professional videographers to take their vision and message to greater levels. COA teen Lamont says "I can really express myself in the studio, bring my feelings, and put them into my songs. Without the studio, who else is going to listen to my message, my pain?"

Along the way, they create close bonds with each other and learn how to use creative self-expression as a way to process their daily experiences and concerns. COA teen Jocelyn B. says "I get to be creative and speak my mind with no judgement. We get to be ourselves. I get to see the smiles I put on other people's faces, and the things I didn't think were possible become possible."

Other COA Teen Youth Programs include programming through Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Goldin Athletics (including basketball, soccer and more), STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math), Youth Leadership Council, cooking classes, Literacy classes, and more. Programming is every Monday through Friday from 3 - 8 PM



MOVING WITH KOMEN FITNESS CHALLENGE

About the challenge: Conversations with Komen is looking to get the community moving! 2019 will kick off our first Moving with Komen Fitness Challenge. The challenge includes 8 free fitness classes and anyone who participates will have a chance to take home one of the many prizes. Prizes include a one-year membership to Planet Fitness, a \$250 gift card to Dreambikes, and a \$100 gift card to Pick N' Save.

(Winners selected through a raffle at the end of the challenge)

One-year Planet Fitness Membership
\$250 Dreambikes Gift card
\$100 Gift card to Pick N Save

Participation Prizes

If you attend 4 classes you will earn a \$20 gift card, while supplies last*

How to win: *This is an attendance-based challenge. Prizes are to be awarded based on attendance using the following guidelines:*

Attend any class = 1 Raffle entry for three grand prizes
Attend 4 or more classes= instant \$20 Gift card*

All classes will take place **Saturday's 10 AM - 11 AM** in the gym **at the COA Goldin Center, 2320 W Burleigh St**

2/9: **CARDIO-** WERQ Cardio fitness
2/16: **STRETCH & BALANCE-** Yoga
2/23: **CARDIO-** WERQ Cardio fitness
3/2: **STRENGTH-** Planet Fitness Instructor
3/9: **CARDIO-** WERQ Cardio fitness
3/16: **STRETCH & BALANCE-** Yoga
3/23: **CARDIO-** WERQ Cardio fitness
3/30: **STRENGTH-** Planet Fitness Instructor

Amani Community Happenings

December

12/1 Amani First Saturday Meeting ,8:30AM, Dominican Center, 2470 W. Locust St.
12/3 Amani Safety – First Monday Meeting ,4:00PM, COA Goldin Center Library, 2320 W. Burleigh St
12/7 Community Fun Night - Milwaukee Repertory Theater, “Christmas Carol” performance
12/18 The Amani United Celebration - "Spotlight on Amani", Black Historical Society, 4:30 - 6 pm
12/21 COA Community Fun Night, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh St
12/24, 12/25, & 12/31 COA Goldin Center CLOSED

January

1/1 COA Goldin Center CLOSED
1/5 Amani– First Saturday Meeting 8:30AM Dominican Center 2470 W. Locust St
1/7 Amani Safety – First Monday Meeting ,4:00PM, COA Goldin Center Library, 2320 W. Burleigh St
1/22 Amani United neighborhood association, Fourth Tuesday, 4:30 PM, Moody Park Pavilion, 2200 W Auer Ave
1/22 - 1/27: Light & Unite Red Week
1/24 Amani Community Fun Night, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh St
Every Wednesday - COA Food Pantry, 4 - 6 PM, COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh St
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February

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Kids deserve the best.

Winter is here! It's that time of year where we spend times with family, and enjoy the holidays. It is also the time of year of safety weather concerns. When preparing for winter storms and cold weather-related health issues, remember to always dress for the weather, protect yourself, and STAY WARM! Here are some guidelines to assist yourself and your family during these cold months:

- Ø Stay updated with your area's winter advisory.
- Ø Prepare your home for winter weatherization (insulation, caulking and weather stripping).
- Ø Create an emergency supply kit for your car and for any incidentals.
- Ø When violent snow storms occur, stay off the roads as much as possible and limit your time outside.
- Ø Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by keeping a Carbon Monoxide Detector in your home.
- Ø Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow to reduce the risk of heart attacks and watch out for signs of frostbite as well as hypothermia.

To learn more about planning tips for the cold weather, visit [Ready.gov/winter-weather](https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather) or visit us online at [chw.org](https://www.chw.org).