



## e-Council Connection

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### Greetings!

**SAVE THE DATE: June 16, 2010**

ACC 8th Annual Golf Outing & Scholarship Dinner  
Shenandoah Country Club , West Bloomfield MI

*Scholarship applications will be available at [www.myacc.org](http://www.myacc.org) on Monday, April 5th.*

 **ACC In The News**



ACC is excited to announce that its Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Bing was featured in the March 19 issue of the Detroit Free Press.

[Bing, ACC push Census participation](#)

ACC would like to recognize and thank the Mayor, the City of Detroit and the U.S. Census Bureau for their valued partnership and efforts in making this event a success.

### ***ACC partners to promote awareness of underage drinking***

On March 16, ACC's SEMCA Substance Abuse Prevention Program partnered with Global Education Excellence and Students Against Alcohol Drugs and Violence (SAADV) to host a City of Hamtramck Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking at Bridge Academy. This event was part of a national campaign to increase understanding and awareness of underage drinking and its consequences, and to encourage individuals, families, and communities to address the problem.

Underage drinking continues to be a leading health problem in the United States. Alcohol use threatens the safe and healthy development of more young people than any other substance—even more than tobacco and illicit drugs!

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, and Mayor Majewski of Hamtramck spoke on the consequences both at home and with the law when consuming alcohol and other drugs. In addition to community leaders, students provided testimony on the effects and concerns associated with underage



drinking.

"Thank you for taking the time off to come and attend this meeting. I hope in the end you leave knowing that we are really serious and that hopefully we can get something done about this issue...And never underestimate power of the youth."



Sumaia Rahman, a SAADV member and student at Frontier Academy, wrote a poem to express her feelings about underage drinking:

**If Only They Knew**

*By: Sumaia Rahman*

Two best friends at a new school  
 Wanted to fit in and be cool  
 Not knowing they would end up being like fools  
 A twenty year old senior knew  
 He could make them do whatever he wanted them to  
 Just follow my lead and you'll succeed  
 Cause in high school popularity is all you need  
 So the two boys agreed  
 They skipped their classes everyday  
 Thinking they were headed the right way  
 One day the twenty year old senior tells them to drink  
 Hennessey, Miller, Bud Lite, don't think  
 Just drink, drink, drink  
 The two boys hesitated on what to do  
 Should they say yes or no, they didn't have a clue  
 Come on drink up, if you want to be cool  
 That made up the boy's mind  
 First they took a sip, then a gulp  
 Then sloshed the whole bottle down



Yum, this is good they said acting like clowns  
 One can, two can, three can, four  
 Not knowing how much more  
 Five can, six can, seven can, eight  
 Its past midnight, really late  
 Now all three are really drunk  
 In a buzz, acting like punks  
 "C'mon get in this car," slurred the senior  
 One sat in the passenger seat & the other in the rear  
 Cruising around randomly  
 Eyes blurred and red, hands shaking real bad  
 None of them were thinking straight  
 Body and mind contaminated with alcohol  
 All of them underage, a 16, 17, and 20 year old  
 Screaming, laughing, not in this world  
 Suddenly the driver loses his hold  
 The car swerves left, then right  
 Then straight into a tree  
 The passenger dies on the spot  
 While the senior goes to jail to rot  
 And the third victim, lives to tell the tale  
 But it would have been better for him to die  
 For he's paralyzed for life  
 Not able to do anything for himself  
 It was the biggest mistake he made  
 All to look cool for a fool  
 His price was paid  
 His lesson learned

Never drink underage

## **ACC chosen as site for Census Road Tour**



The 2010 Census *Portrait of America* Road Tour consists of 13 vehicles visiting communities across the nation from January to April 2010. ACC's Youth Recreation and Leadership Center has been chosen to serve as one of the stops on the tour. Please join us on Wednesday, April 7th to learn about the 2010 Census and the positive

impact their participation can have on their local community and the nation.

### **Census "Portrait of America" Road Tour**

*Educate ~ Inspire ~ Encourage*

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
11:00am - 2:00pm**

### **ACC Youth Recreation and Leadership Center**

*62 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit*

**Don't miss the food, fun and giveaways!**

[Learn More](#)

## **ACC youth named Mr. Basketball**

Recently named to the 2010 McDonald's All-American Team, ACC youth program participant Keith Appling was named Mr. Basketball on Monday, March 22. The award is given to the state's best senior.

Appling is a 6-2 guard from Detroit's Pershing High School. He has helped lead his school to a second consecutive Public School League championship and will be attending Michigan State University in the fall where he will join the Spartan Men's Basketball Team.

Detroit Free Press: [Mr. Basketball: Pershing's Keith Appling](#)



*Picture: Detroit Pershing's Keith Appling drives against Romulus' Cody Barnes during a Class A semifinal March 27, 2009, at the Breslin Center. Pershing won, 74-73. (KIRTHMON F. DOZIER / DFP)*

## ***Man Up for Health - Community Health Fair at ACC***

### **MAN UP FOR HEALTH: HEALTHY MEN MOVE COMMUNITIES FORWARD**

April is minority health awareness month, come and be empowered to move your health and wellbeing up in your life priorities. Strong men make healthy strong communities.

ACC, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, Detroit Community Health Connection, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Office of Minority Health, and Check Up or Check Out: an African American Health Initiative, invite you to attend this important health event.

**"Man Up For Health" Community Health Fair**  
**Thursday, April 1, 2010**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**  
**ACC Youth Recreation & Leadership Center**  
**62 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit 48203**

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Blessmen, Director of the Department of Health and Wellness Promotion, Detroit  
Mr. Eddie Connor, author, educator, evangelist, and TV host

Services include: free food, health screenings, gift card give-a-ways, and interactive dialogue with health care professionals discussing the issues that plaque minority male health, round table discussion, prizes, health information and More!

## ***Bing Solicits Census Ambassadors***

MAYOR BING SOLICITS DETROIT RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR CENSUS AMBASSADORS

With the 2010 Census effort beginning this month, Mayor Dave Bing today is calling on Detroit residents and community organizations to assist in raising awareness of the Census by serving as Detroit Counts ambassadors.

These volunteers will focus on encouraging residents to fill out and mail back their Census forms during neighborhood walks on Saturday, March 20, March 27 and April 10.

"We need to come together to make sure 'Detroit Counts,' said Mayor Dave Bing. "The Census brings critical funding to our city and ensures that Detroiters' voices are heard in Lansing and Washington. Serving as an ambassador gives Detroiters an opportunity to truly help in this effort."

The City of Detroit hopes to recruit at least 1000 volunteers, who will be deployed from their nearest Neighborhood City Hall location. The ambassadors will place doorknockers on the doors if residents are not home. Residents who have completed and mailed back their forms will get lawn signs.

Because of the nature of the Census, volunteers will not be allowed to handle Census forms or discuss personal information with residents. Volunteers will arrive at their Neighborhood City Hall at 9 a.m. and receive instructions and materials. Ambassadors will begin canvassing around 10 a.m.

The neighborhood walks will conclude with a number of community events on Saturday, April 10. To volunteer call, (313) 628-0737, 313-224-7157 or 313-628-0902

**Walk locations have been identified by clusters and are listed below:**

March 27th: Walk area East/Northeast Neighborhood City Hall Areas

April 10th: Walk areas West/ Northwest Neighborhood City Hall Areas

**Important Public Health Workshop**



**Quit Tobacco Workshop**

May 1 is just around the corner, all Michigan bars and restaurants will be smoke free. Don't be left outside - get help to quit now!

Topics covered: Basics of quitting tobacco, Understanding addiction, Developing a quit plan, Relapse prevention, Nicotine replacement therapies and medications, Resource available in the community, and more!

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ARMY STRONG.

**Tuesday, April 6th**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Karmanos Cancer Center**  
**4100 John R, Detroit**  
**Wertz Classroom-1st Floor**

**FREE & Open to the public!**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Contact: Andrea Layman,  
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*Workshops now held on 1st  
Tuesday of each month*

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