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Avondale History Lecture Series: Radical Change in Avondale



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12PM - 1PM**

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This talk will explore the many reasons that Avondale changed from a majority White neighborhood to a majority Black one between 1940 and 1970. Factors included an intensely racially segregated housing market in Cincinnati that severely limited Black housing choices; the desire of African American families to move to better housing and less crowded neighborhoods; the long-time existence of a small African American community in Avondale; the racist fears of Avondale Whites about having Black neighbors and their ability to move to new post-war suburbs that barred Blacks; urban renewal and interstate highway construction that displaced thousands of Black families from the old West End, home to the majority of the city's Black population; the belief among many city officials that Avondale and neighboring Evanston and Walnut Hills were appropriate places for displaced Black families; and the efforts of some real estate agents and landlords to take advantage of the desperate need for housing among Cincinnati's Black population. It will also explore the efforts of community leaders and activists to fight racial housing discrimination, protect Avondale as a good place to live for a diverse population, and to open up all of Greater Cincinnati to everyone regardless of race.



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