



Around the Neighborhood: July 2020

## Description



**Pamela Smitherman Remembrance**  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 4:00 PM  
North Avondale Rec Center

Please join us as we dedicate a beautiful art carved bench in the memory of Pamela Smitherman.

**Artist:** Karen Heyl  
**Sponsored By:** North Avondale Neighborhood Association in coordination with Cincinnati Recreation Department  
**Donated By:** Friends of Pamela

Refreshments will be served.

Please remember social distancing and masks are encouraged 😊

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**From the Cincinnati Preservation News and Updates: The Belvedere: Grand Luxury in North Avondale**

by Deb Del Valle



[The Belvedere](#) was one of the first luxury apartment buildings built in Cincinnati. This Second Renaissance Revival high rise was constructed in North Avondale in 1926. The building was marketed to affluent residents, and the accommodations included separate servants' quarters. The Belvedere was converted into condominiums in the 1980s.

The lobby features an elaborate plaster ceiling, incorporating beautiful oil paintings on canvas by Herman Wessel, a noted Cincinnati artist; inlaid marble floors, large solid brass mailboxes and walnut trim. Many of these details have been lovingly preserved. Amenities originally included a first-floor restaurant, now utilized as a workout space and community room. A rooftop garden is still enjoyed by residents and their guests to this day.

In 2016, CPA presented an award for the restoration of the Belvedere's lobby, which was executed by Kris Lemmon of [Deco Works Studio](#)



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