

President's Message: July 2024

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Greetings North Avondale Neighbors,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as your new North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA) President. My journey with North Avondale began in 1994 when my family moved here. Our deep roots in this community span generations, with my grandmother having lived next door and my aunt across the street. Today, my sister resides in my grandmother's old house, and I am proud to call my aunt's former house my home. We affectionately refer to our cluster of homes as the Dickson Compound.

North Avondale has always held a special place in my heart, and I am honored to serve as your dedicated resident and NANA President. My academic background includes degrees in Marketing, Cross-Cultural Communications, and Spanish, complemented by a certification in Transpersonal Therapy. Professionally, I am a partner at a home restoration and design firm and have been an entrepreneur for 13 years. My entrepreneurial journey began in California in 2011 when I founded an eco-fashion and design label. This venture allowed me to travel nationwide, curating events and advocating for environmental conservation through the arts.

I am also deeply passionate about our community's future. As a co-chair for the Coalition for a Better Cincinnati, I have been actively working against the Connected Communities legislation to ensure our neighborhood's unique character and values are preserved.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the NANA ObLITTERators Clean-Up Event on Sunday, June 9. Special thanks to Bridget McComas for organizing this fantastic event and making it a success. Looking ahead, I am excited to announce the <u>North Avondale Brady Block Party on July 19th at the</u> <u>North Avondale Recreation Center starting at 6 p.m.</u> This event is free and open to all! Enjoy music, art activations, activities for all ages, and a cookout with a variety of food options, including a popcorn and cotton candy machine. The evening will conclude with an outdoor concert by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. I encourage everyone to come out, enjoy the festivities, and show your support for our vibrant community.

For those interested in getting more involved with our association, please join our monthly NANA meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the North Avondale Recreation Center.

I look forward to serving as your president and working together to continue making North Avondale the best neighborhood in the city!

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