



President's Message: Summer 2023

Description

July was a pleasant month and a beautiful time in North Avondale. Everything is in bloom and our neighbors are outside walking, socializing and sometimes gardening. Let's all take the time to smile or say hello to a neighbor. You may make someone's day brighter. This friendliness is what makes North Avondale so special.

Please welcome Bridget McComas as the new Beautification Chair for North Avondale Neighborhood Association. Bridget will take over for Jolene Struebbe and Judy Evans who have worked hard to maintain and revitalize the gardens of North Avondale. Please take a moment to thank them for their service.

NANA is looking for a few good people to join our team under Social Activities. Dawn Johnson (NANA 2nd VP) has volunteered to lead this effort. Every organization needs a social activities team and NANA is no different. We are looking for members to help organize, plan and work the social events we have all come to love and appreciate. Previous activities that have brought us together like the Kid's Fourth of July Parade, Festival of Leaves, Easter Egg Hunt and other holiday celebrations. If you are interested and would like to participate, please contact nana@northavondalecincinnati.com.

The new NANA / NABA combined website, northavondalecincinnati.com, was launched in March 2023. If you, or someone you can recommend, have a basic level of writing news stories, press releases, or editing and can dedicate some time to help out, we sure could use you. Other areas where we need communication support include:

- Community engagement and outreach to schools, civic organizations, parks and recreation, and churches to connect and gather news items
- Social media coordinator to share monthly stories on NANA's Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter) pages
- Photography, especially from events, gardens, and committee meetings
- Experienced feature writers who would like to profile neighbors and share stories about North Avondale history

If you are interested, please contact nana@northavondalecincinnati.com. There are opportunities to learn more about website and email management and work with a skilled team. There is room for multiple volunteers to contribute and a modest monthly stipend for the community engagement part-time person.

August will continue to be hot, so remember to water your new trees including the new trees planted by Urban Forestry. This is also a reminder to keep your bushes and low-hanging tree branches away from the sidewalks. We have many walkers in our neighborhood and overgrown bushes can become a safety hazard. If you notice overgrown bushes, trees, weeds or trash, you can notify 311Cincy in any of the following ways:

- 311Cincy mobile app
- <http://www.311cincy.com>
- Call 311 or 513-765-1212

Thank you all for helping North Avondale reach its potential by volunteering for a small task. Feel free to contact me through the NANA website or join us for our monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. There is no general meeting in August. The next NANA general meeting is Tuesday, September 12th at the North Avondale School Cafeteria.

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