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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbors,

Finally, April is here with warmer weather. We are looking forward to see the neighborhood spring back to life outdoors again. Our flower pots have been planted along Reading Road, and it looks great.

The beautification committee is organizing NANAs main spring clean-up day on **April 25**, so we hope to see as many of you as possible out in our parks and public areas. Please see details for this event in this newsletter.

As we are coming closer to our Annual meeting on May 17th, we have also formed the NANA nominating committee (see listing under *Committee Reports*). This committee will make recommendation on behalf of our membership on the board 2015-2016 board positions. The committee chair is Marvin Masterson, so suggestions for nominations can be made via him.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our next general meeting on April 14th, and in the meantime, please visit our website <u>northavondalecincinnati.com</u> for general info, committee updates, and to pay your NANA dues online.

Hanne Loken Larsen



Come To Our NANA General Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- New trash process: Jerry Wilkerson, Neighborhood Operations Superintendent
- North Avondale History Video Project: Satolli Glassmeyer, President, History in Your Own Backyard (See Around Cincinnati for more information)

NANA COMMITTEE UPDATES

2015-2016 NANA NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee comprised of Marvin Masterson (Chair), Gerald Atkins, Ursula Hassel, Richard McKensie, Kevin Moore, Charlene Morse, Sylvia Nelson, Maura Wolf, Tom Wright and Julie Zimmerman is gathering names for the 2015/2016 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. If you are interested or have anyone to suggest, come to the NANA General Meeting or call the NANA answering machine at 401.4546 or email <u>mmaster0612@gmail.com</u> or nanacincinnati@gmail.com.

BEAUTIFICATION:

Green Up/Clean Up Day at Martin Luther King Park, Seasongood Park and the Marion Triangle. On Saturday April 25th from 9am to noon.

• We will be working on Seasongood Park and Martin Luther King Park and the Marion triangle. We will be cleaning fence lines of leaves, spreading playground mulch, at MLK the same plus the mulberry beds will be cleaned out, the wild brush along the backside of MLK needs to be cleaned up too. Some of the Avondale Youth Council may be able to help.

• Also, I have a dumpster to be delivered on Asmann Avenue so that the hillside can be cleaned up, trash removal, shrubs, tires, etc. Some can go along Reading Road and pick up along the way to the dumpster. Some may want to venture along the golf course on Reading Road. I have clearance to use the parking lot at the old Armory on Reading Road. We may have a group of volunteers from the business that now occupies the armory.

• The Sickle Cell parking lot that is at Dana Ave and Reading Road will be a trash pick-up site.

We ask that everyone sign in at Seasongood Park, wear proper shoes and clothing, grab a quick bite, work until 11:30, clean up and have pizza at noon. Please please try to bring a volunteer or two with you on our neighborhood clean-up day. I have contacted XU and some parochial schools and private schools too for our clean-up day. I am in need of some coordinators for this day. Please contact me directly at 608.2987, Emily Harten.

Together we make a difference.

Emily Harten

Thank you to: Janet and Bob Banks, Edie Gaudio, Beth Ewing, 3 students from Xavier University, Emily Harten, Maura Wolf and J. Miles Wolf. who helped with the

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neighborhood clean-up on **XU Community Action Day** on March 28th from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Partnering Opportunity: Sponsor a Flower Pot Program

Help bring the Park Board's extraordinary talents and beautiful work to North Avondale to create spectacular

planters with 3 amazing plantings a year, watering and pruning! Please consider a charitable donation for this great opportunity!! Group donations accepted too for sponsorship.



To donate go to the NANA Website, About, Donate and check *Other* and write in Flower Pots.

HISTORY

Did you know that the Belvedere condominium was built circa 1925... given 2 years of construction, AFTER a lawsuit challenging the City of Cincinnati' zoning approval that established Ohio law that cities could set zoning laws. The case was Pritz v Messer. Messer and Warm built it on land that had been the home of 2 stately mansions.

LAW & SAFETY

Mel Nizny, MD.



Friends and neighbors paid their respect to the fallen hero Daryl Gordon as the procession passed through our neighborhood on Reading Road. Part of the procession was former District 4 Commander, Capt. Michael Neville, now Commander of the Central Business District, who waved to familiar residents.

Pictures were captured by Michelle Baxter

EDUCATION/RENTAL HOUSING:

The Rental Housing/Education committee in an effort to inform the community on important social issues, has provided the following information.

Understanding Transgender Issues

It is disturbing and hard to understand the recent news of transgender young people feeling suicidal. This is one of those topics about which most people don't want to talk or think about. Instead words are used based on fear and misinformation, causing wounds in the people that are struggling with these issues. One never knows when their words might be repeated and be part of the distress that a child experiences, contributing to suicidal thoughts. No

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

My husband Jason and I welcomed our little girl in early March, Annabelle Rich. We can't wait to introduce her to the neighbors once it's front porch sitting weather!

Sarah Rich (4925 Rose Hill)

➢If you missed the amazing story of our daughter being saved at rec center, here are two links for the stories that ran in the Enquirer on the front page of the Good News section, and then WCPO picked up the story:

http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2015/03/10/ karate-kid-life-saved/24688611/

http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/hamiltoncounty/cincinnati/north-avondale/anna-schlosser-10-yearold-karate-kid-suffered-cardiac-arrest-but-instructors-saved -her-from-dying

It is a great story of our community! Jason and Joey both attended to North Avondale as kids. Also, Engine 9 and Medic 9 responded with ALS32.

Eileen Pineau

My company at 790 Red Bud is Tangram Construction. We do residential and commercial construction, remodeling and design. To contact: Phone # 569.0088, Email: campion3@msn.com. My son Joey and I are the principals in the business.

Bill Bley (Red Bud)

➢I would just like to thank my nice neighbors for the lovely way they tend their yards. It makes the neighborhood a great place to walk and run.

Marian Miller (Red Bud)

& Ben Blaney will be performing with the **Southern Gateway Chorus** in their 59th annual **Spring Show** on **April 25** (7:30) and **April 26** (2:00) at McAuley High School in College Hill. Tickets (\$15-\$25) are available thru <u>cincyticket.com</u>, or contact Ben at 861.1220. <u>southerngateway.org.</u>

Ben Blaney



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caring person wants that to happen. There is help in understanding these confusing issues and teaching children to respect others who are different:

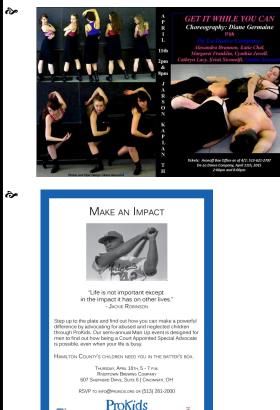
Website for HTWG, the Heartland Trans Wellness Group, which is Cincinnati based. Clicking on Resources, then Educational Materials there is ample information, including terms and pronouns. <u>www.transwellness.org</u>

Enquirer - Sunday, February 22nd, front page, A section - An article on Raising Zay

Children's Hospital - An 18 month old clinic serves more than 130 young people. At first it was opened one day a month, it is now expanded to 6 days a month.

Pauline Daly 751.8334 pdaly@fuse.net

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS



The 3rd annual Fuel the Rockets Food Truck Competition is coming Saturday APRIL 25th from 4:00-7:00pm in the NAM parking lot. (615/617 Clinton Springs). This year the following trucks are confirmed to participate:

- Mobile Cold Stone
- Bistro de Mohr
- Waffo
- Street pops
- Lyric: Food that Rocks
- U-Lucky Dawg
- We will also have a bounce house, face painting and music by DJ Nate Harris.
 All You Can Eat PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BOOK

FAIR (books from Joseph-Beth)



- •Veterans, as in years past, will be recognized at the pancake breakfast.
- •To volunteer, sign up sheet on SignUpGenius. The link is:
- <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/10C0A4BAEAD2EA31-volunteer

Clinton Hills Swim Club is gearing up for another

wonderful Summer season! Nestled in the hills of North Avondale, the city's gem has so many amenities for the whole family where each day is like a vacation destination. Come to our



Summer Kick-off Party on May 22nd, Thursday Adult Nights, Family Movie Nights, Our Fourth of July's Fun & Games, and Our Amazing Race *Clinton Hills style*. For more information, please go to <u>www.clintonhills.com</u>.

➢ Join us for our 2015 Spring House Tour featuring six historic residences on Rose Hill Avenue in North Avondale including a condo in the Belvedere on Saturday, May 9th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Here are the addresses for the homes on the tour:

3900 Rose Hill Ave., Belvedere condo ●3924 Rose Hill



day of the tour. <u>http://cincinnatipreservation.org/events/</u> spring-house-tour-2014/

We **need volunteers,** so if interested, call 721.4506, ext. 2 or email <u>rebecca@cincinnatipreservation.org</u>. They will need to give their name, address, email address, and phone number.

Mary Piper, CPS President (Avondale Ave.) Did you know that Ruth's Parkside Cafe in Northside is minutes away from North Avondale? Ruth's offers a full menu and bar, including everything from a terrific steak to red beans and rice and plenty of vegetarian options. Located in the former American Can Building, they have free parking. Enter from Blue Rock, at the split with Spring Grove. (just stay to right after you pass Spring Grove Cemetery and you won't miss it) GPS 1550 Blue Rock. Phone 542.7884(RUTH). Or, visit their website: <u>http://</u> www.ruthscafe.com/

Co-owner David used to work for The New School and they donate their food to opening nights at the Shakespeare Theatre.





NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI 363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs www.namrockets.org NAM Calendar for April

- Monday, April 6 Classes Resume
- Friday, April 10 Mother/Son Dance 5:30 to 7:30 pm NAM Gym
- Saturday, April 11 at 1:10- CPS Day at the Ballpark
- Saturday, April 25 4:00-7:00pm Food Truck Event *(see Fun With Your Neighbors)*
- Thursday, April 30 4th quarter Parent-Teacher Conference Night 4 to 7 pm
- Saturday, May 2, 8am to 1pm (pancake) 3pm (book sale) PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BOOK SALE *(see Fun With Your Neighbors)*

NAM Father-Daughter Dance!

On Saturday, March 14, the NAM Father's Group hosted their annual Father/Daughter dance in the NAM gym. Two former NAM students, Pilar Verhaak and Erica Cash, used their creative talent to decorate the gym. Streamers, balloons, table settings and drinks/treats transformed the gym into a beautiful venue of maroon and gold, the theme for this year's dance.

"I would estimate over 200 people attended the dance," said Germaine Hill, Co-Chair of NAM Father's Group. "This is an outstanding annual event hosted for our school that really builds our community. Many Dads and students assisted in the preparation so we could make the gym a special place for the dance."

Students from kindergarten to grade 6 participated in the event. "The girls looked beautiful in their dresses and the dads were dressed to the nines," said Principal Lewis. "This is an awesome activity we do for our students, but more importantly it's an opportunity for the dads to spend a couple of hours with their daughter. In today's world sometimes we need to just stop and spend more quality time with our children. I am more than pleased with today's attendance and participation."





The NAM gym was rocking thanks to the talents of D.J.,

"Nate The Great." He played the music that Music Teacher Mr. Barnfireld, requested throughout the week from each age level of NAM students and even added a few oldies for the dads. He submitted the list of songs to Mr. Harris who played the music.

A goal of the Montessori School is to bring students, parents,

and teaching staff together by building a strong school community. "We had so many parents make this event happen," said NAM Father's Group Co-Chair Kevin Mullins. "From setup to clean up we had parent volunteers, current and former NAM students, and the NAM custodian staff participate. Without their help we could not have had the dance."

"We even had a place where the dad and daughter could have their picture taken thanks to Ms. Stephanie Cooper," said Mr. Mullins. "For years, she has done an excellent job of coordinating the pictures". "This will be a great keepsake looking back when these young ladies enter High School. This is why I take the time to make this happen. To see the look on the girl's and dad's face when taking the photograph is priceless," said Ms. Cooper.

"The NAM Father's Group organizes many events throughout the calendar year. The Father/Daughter dance has been a success from the start and we look forward to hosting the dance again next year. This event is one of my favorites," said Mr. Hill.

Roger R. Lewis, Principal



SOUTH AVONDALE •363.5500 •636 Prospect Place •savondale.cps-k12.org

There are 2 CPS neighborhood elementary schools in Avondale/North Avondale, each taking 20 students, ages 3 and 4. Research has shown that two years of preschool results in each child being two years ahead academically, all the way to college, compared to starting school in Kindergarten. South Avondale school is planning events to inform parents of these advantages and encourage them to enroll their child in preschool. The first event is planned for **April 23rd** and we are intending to build on that with a few more events during the year.

NANA members can help this effort by donating the following items which would be given to parents to begin developing their child's skills - scissors, crayons, glue sticks, flashcards, pencils, stickers, paper, puzzles, coloring books (large pictures) and gallon size plastic bags. These items can be brought to the NANA general meeting or dropped off at 3885 Dakota Ave.

Pauline Daly, 751.8334



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM) 281 7000 • 2 Burton Wanda Lana

281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane www.newschoolmontessori.com

New School 6th Graders Design Homes for Dr. Seuss and Picasso

Have you ever wondered about the shape of Picasso's house or wanted to see the interior decorating and gardens of Dr Seuss' home? Well then, stay tuned...because TNSM art teacher Robin Hartmann's sixth graders are taking part in an architectural project called DESIGN LAB: Learn and Build. They have broken into "Team Picasso" and "Team Seuss" and will dream up home and garden designs those men might have enjoyed living in.

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Students are receiving instruction from DESIGN LAB volunteers on drawing architectural plans, learning about scale and other important design skills. The sixth graders will be designing their homes to fit within an actual Cincinnati location, taking existing structures, lot size and feel of the neighborhood in mind. The public will have a chance to study and vote on students' models and drawings displayed at the downtown library during the week of **April 25-May 2**.

TNSM Open House and Empty Bowls Project

New School students have created clay bowls that will be sold to raise funds for a local non-profit that fights hunger.

Come join us on **Sunday, April 26 from 2:00-4:00** for a free bowl of soup, and get to know our school community.

PARKS & RECREATION

Hirsch Recreation Center • 3630 Reading •751.3393
Hirsch is collaborating on an Easter Egg Hunt ages 6-11 years old, April 4, 2015 from 12:00 - 3:00pm at Hirsch gym. Free to Avondale youth 6-11 years.

Karen S. Williams, B.S., M.Ed. Service Area Coordinator

➢North Avondale Recreation Center ● 617 Clinton Springs ● 961.1584

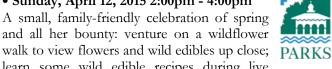
• Summer Adventure Camp

This summer long camp is for 14-12 year olds who want to experience all the great outdoors has to offer. There will be hiking, biking, kayaking and much more. This is an 11 week camp held on **Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, June 2nd-Thursday August 13, 2015**. For more information and registration go to our website http://www.cincyrec.org, click on Summer Camps then click on Specialty Camps. You can also call North Avondale Recreation Center at 961.1584.

Randy Wagner

Wildflowers and Wild Edibles Cincinnati Parks' Avon Woods Nature Preserve 4235 Paddock Rd Cincinnati, OH 45229

• Sunday, April 12, 2015 2:00pm - 4:00pm



learn some wild edible recipes during live cooking demonstrations with tasty samples; try a sip of sassafras tea; create a seed bomb to make any Monarch butterfly happy! Call 861.3435 or email

rachel.rice@cincinnati-oh.govby April 9 for more information or to make reservations.

Rachael Rice

Adventure Playground Ribbon Cutting - Smale Riverfront Park - Saturday, May 9th

• Smale Riverfront Park, 120 E Mehring Way, 45202 Join in the fun as we cut the ribbon on the new Heekin PNC Adventure Playground in Smale Riverfront Park. This unique playground, next to the Roebling Suspension Bridge, will contain a rock climbing canyon, log climbers, twin racing slides, a rope bridge, a cooling mist feature and much, much more. Be one of the first to experience this great new feature - in our great new park! Ann Baumgardner, Marketing and Communications Director

AROUND CINCINNATI

Morth Avondale History Video Project

We are building a huge database of videos on historic buildings, including homes, churches, commercial buildings, cemeteries, etc., throughout a 15 county area in the tri-state. We would like to include North Avondale in the database.

Here is a link to an informational video on the project: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMuSwOyl8Gk

Here's a link to a series of videos we recently did for Miami Township

http://www.historyinyourownbackyard.com/oh/ hamilton/miami-township/

Once complete, the videos will be placed on: Our website (www.HistoryInYourOwnBackyard.com)

On our Facebook Page as well as other Facebook Pages in the area

On YouTube

After the entire project is complete, all of the videos filmed in Ohio will be submitted to the State Library in Columbus to be archived for future generations.

The pros for this project for North Avondale are:

1.Your community council or historical society will be advertised at the end of each video which will give you greater exposure not only in the Cincinnati area but across the region as the videos will be placed on YouTube for everyone to see.

2. The videos are designed to promote the historic sites and the communities where they are located. The project will most likely feature over 1,000 videos of historic structures in the tri-state when complete.

3 When the entire project is complete, we will be submitting the videos to the State Library in Columbus to be archived for future generations to use these videos for research. 100+ years from now students, local governments, historians, etc., will be able to view these videos and have a better understanding of your neighborhood in 2015.

I will attend the April NANA General Meeting to do a short presentation on the project and answer any questions you might happen to have. To view our 4 page brochure on the overall project, contact me at 812.623.5727, or come to the meeting.

Satolli Glassmeyer, President, History in Your Own Backyard



NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, April 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Recreation 617 Clinton Springs Ave
- Saturday, April 25, Green Up/Clean Up Day, 9:00-noon, Meet at Seasongood Park
- Thursday, May 7, Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- Sunday, May 17, NANA Annual Meeting, TBA

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline591.6000S916000.com5916000.comN.A. Neighborhood Officer Lori Hamann569 8654lori.hamann@cincinnati-oh.govlori.hamann@cincinnati-oh.govNeighborhood Liaison Sgt. DeMeco Anderson569.8655demeco.anderson@cincinnati-oh.govS69.8600Police District 4569.8600Nonemergency Police765.1212To just make a crime report (no police visit)352.2960

To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit: Crimereports.com Truancy Hotline 363.0003 Track property code violations: __http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/ Neighborhood Yahoo Site: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ NorthAvondaleOnlineCommunity/ Request A Recycling Cart 591.6000 Report Air Odors 24/7. 946.7777 Where to Recycle Different Things http://earth911.com/

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YOUR NEIGHBORS

YWCA NAMES EIGHT WOMEN AS 2015 CAREER WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT 36TH Annual Luncheon: May 13, 2015 Keynote Speaker: Academy Award-Winning Actress Geena Davis

Liza D. Smitherman, CEO/Owner, Brewster Pumping LLC, and Vice President of Professional

Development, Jostin Construction Inc.

As a Cincinnati Public Schools teacher and counselor for nine years, Liza D. Smitherman learned the importance of "everyone counts," a philosophy that has contributed her to success as the first woman and minority owner of a concrete pumping firm in the region. Her success in professional development at family -owned Jostin Construction, in fact, inspired her in 2005 to found Brewster Pumping LLC, a small-business

enterprise that now services some of Cincinnati's largest construction firms. In addition to handling the budgeting, contracting, financial planning and business operations at Brewster, she also focuses on hiring practices that give every applicant - regardless of past - a chance to work. She partners with the Urban League, Cincinnati Action Agency, Easter Seals Tristate, Homeless Coalition and several ex-offender programs to recruit employees, and her efforts have improved employee retention by 40%. Hailed as a "trailblazer and spokesperson for women and minorities, and an advocate for all small businesses," she successfully spearheaded a collaborative workforce diversity plan for major Cincinnati construction projects. Smitherman also mentors students at the Cincinnati Arts & Technology Center and the Woodward Career Tech construction management program, and she has accompanied young Cincinnatians on a bicycle ride to Niagara Falls, serving as a role model and source of encouragement on the 500-mile trek.

EXAMPLES OF LEADERSHIP: • Manages \$11 million company • Doubled company growth 2012-2015 during economy's rebound • Boosted Jostin's diversity profile from 43%-58%

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS • Volunteer Chaperone for the 500-mile Cincinnati-to-Niagara Falls bicycle trip. • Employer Chair, Construction Career Pathway Partnership team for Partners for a Competitive Workforce. • Board Member, Cincinnati Children's Hospital; City Gospel Mission; Easter Seals Tristate; National Skills Coalition

Editor's note: Liza, her husband Albert and their children lived on Avondale Avenue for years and Liza served as a NANA Board Member.

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NANA MEETING TUESDAY مه April 14TH 7:00 pm محTHANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2015 NANA DUES





