



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Neighbors,

What a year this month has been!

It has been a challenge adjusting to these extraordinary circumstances and doing our best to stay healthy and sane. In the midst of everything, I am constantly reminded what a great community North Avondale is! One look at social media will tell you what an amazing and supportive group of people we have living all around us. I have seen folks reading stories for kids, offering to pick up groceries, organizing scavenger hunts, patronizing local restaurants (to go only of course) and generally being positive and keeping spirits high. This is what makes North Avondale Cincinnati's best address.

One way that you can get involved in supporting our neighborhood is by joining the NANA board! The Nominating Committee is still looking for folks who would like to serve for the next term. If you or one of your neighbors is interested, please reach out to me or our wonderful committee chair, Patrice Watson (patricewatson10@gmail.com). Now is your chance to bring all of your great ideas for North Avondale to life!

We will be voting to ratify the slate of candidates at our Annual Meeting as usual. At the moment we are proceeding with planning the meeting for May 17th. We are monitoring the current health situation and we will adjust the meeting date if shelter in place orders are still in effect.

This month's NANA general body meeting will be hosted via Facebook Live in order to maintain our social distancing requirements. **On Tuesday April 14th at 7pm**, I will start up the live broadcast and work through our short business agenda. Anyone who is participating will be able to ask questions, make comments or cast a vote via the comments section of the broadcast. If you are not already following us on Facebook, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NorthAvondaleNeighborhoodAssociationCincinnati/>

Click the follow button and you will be added to our page. **We will be sending out an invite to the event to all of our page followers or you can simply visit our page during the live broadcast to join in.**

See you all there! Until then stay home and stay safe.

Ethan Perry

NANA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthAvondaleNeighborhoodAssociationCincinnati/>

Agenda Items are:

1. Nominating Committee Report
2. Tentative Planning for Neighborhood Yard Sale
3. Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting May April 17, 2020

THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR [2020 NANA DUES](#)

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2020-2021 NANA Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee comprised of: Chair Patrice Watson (Avon Fields Pl), Carolyn Gillman (Red Bud), John Jones (Marion), Ethan Perry (Wedgewood), Laura Pike (Warwick), Maura Wolf (Lenox Pl) is gathering names for the 2020/2021 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. If you have any suggestions or are interested in getting more involved with your neighborhood and having fun while you do it, this is your chance! Please direct any inquiries to patricewatson10@gmail.com. or call the NANA answering machine at 401.4546.

Serving on the NANA Board is a great way to give back to your community and help in making our community grow and thrive like we envision. You can make a difference!

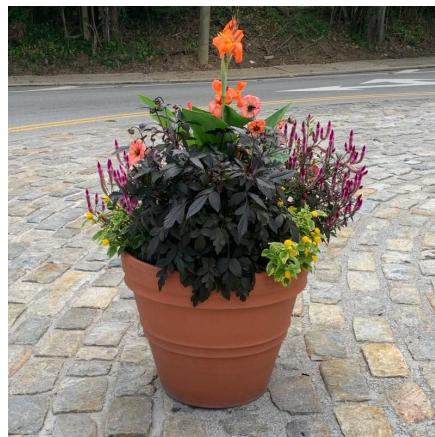
BEAUTIFICATION

Neighborhood Flower Pots

We are taking donations for 2020 to pay the Parks to maintain the flower pots along Reading Road. You can make a donation on line at: northavondalecincinnati.com/donate/ and check Other and put: flower pots or you can mail a donation to: NANA, 617 Clinton Springs Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229, ATTN: Beautification.

Please consider helping with a tax deductible donation so we can continue making our neighborhood beautiful! Thank you!

NANA Beautification Team



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

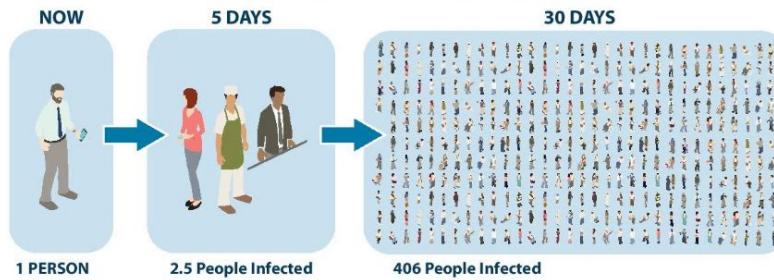


Colorado Black Health Collaborative

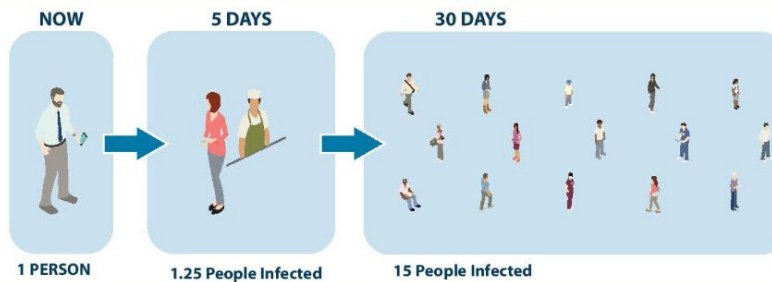
"Help me and let me help you."

THE POWER OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

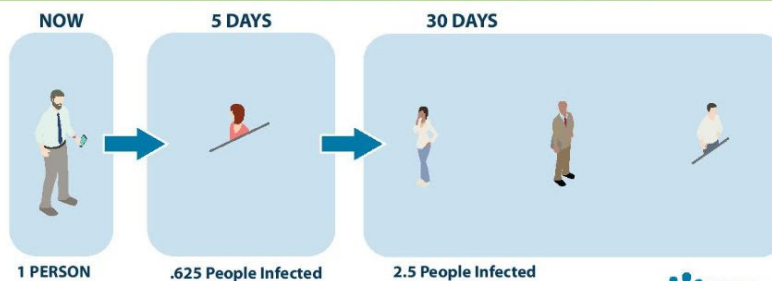
IF YOU MAKE NO CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR



IF YOU REDUCE YOUR INTERACTIONS 50%



IF YOU REDUCE YOUR INTERACTIONS 75%



Info source: Advocate Aurora Health

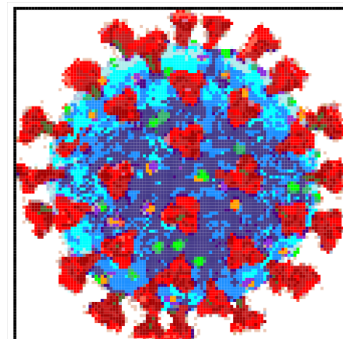


COVID-19 UPDATES The Cincinnati Health Department continues to ask people who think they have COVID-19 symptoms (fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing) to call their primary care doctor, or call the city's Hotline: (513) 357.7462. Please make the phone call first before going to any in-person office or clinic.

OTHER RESOURCES

- ncov2019.live for what is statistically going on around the world.
- womenofcincy.org is a great resource of information for help and assistance.

Kimya Moyo, Health Liaison



FROM THE GOVERNMENT

- Large trash pickup and yard waste pickup will not start until June 1.
- The 2020 Neighborhood Blitz Clean Up Program is suspended until further notice

MODIFIED PUBLIC HEARING

OKI Draft FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

OKI Modifies Their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Hearing Due to COVID-19

*Please be advised that the public hearing scheduled for April 6, 2020 has been cancelled. However, we are still seeking public feedback by visiting <https://tip.oki.org/draft/>. Also found here is the list of draft projects, presentation video and comment opportunity. OKI is encouraging and accepting comments and feedback until close of business on **April 8, 2020**.*

The Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan is monitored and implemented through the TIP process. Specifically outlined in the TIP are the Region's highway, bikeway/pedestrian and transit improvements that are federally and/or state financed. Before local jurisdictions can move forward with any proposed project implementation or construction, that project must first gain approval for use of federal or state dollars by the Region's policy board and become a part of the TIP.

The Final Draft FY2021 – 2024 TIP list includes road construction projects, bike/pedestrian projects, bus/transit and other transportation-related projects and services planned for FY 2021-FY2024 (four years: July 1, 2020– June 30, 2024).

The Final FY2021–2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is anticipated **to be adopted on April 9, 2020**.

Public feedback is encouraged and written comments will be accepted through EOB April 8, 2020.

If you would like to leave a voicemail for Regina Fields, Project Administrator, please call (513) 619.7664.

Should you have additional questions, please email rfields@oki.org, or leave a voicemail at (513) 619.7664.



● Ohio's official primary Election Day has passed, but voters who didn't get a chance to go to the polls March 17 because of the COVID-19 outbreak still can cast a ballot. The General Assembly has set **April 28th as the final day of the 2020 Primary Election**. Voting by Mail has been extended through April 28, 2020. **First you must submit an absentee vote-by mail application to receive a ballot in the mail.**

Ballots may be mailed to the Board of Elections or dropped off using our secure 24-hr drive-up dropbox located at the **Board Office, 4700 Smith Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45212**

- Ballots that are mailed **must be postmarked by April 27th** and received by the Board by May 8th and will be added to the Official Count.
- **Ballots that are dropped off must be at the Board of Elections by 7:30pm on April 28, 2020.**

Voting In-Person:

- Voting in-person is limited to voters with a qualifying disability or voters who cannot receive mail.
- In-Person voting will take place at the Board of Elections office on April 28th from 6:30am-7:30pm.
- Voters with qualifying disabilities may also choose to vote by mail.



Here's the link to the Hamilton County Board of Elections:

<https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/updates/>

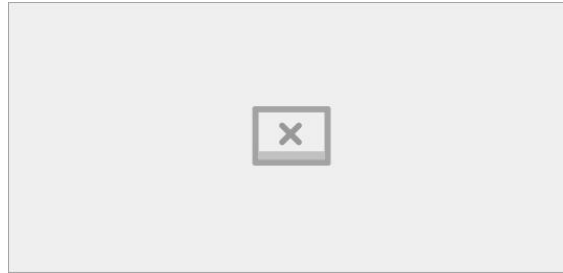
To get an application for an Absentee Ballot:

<https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/20MailAppMarPriFORM.pdf>

Here is the link for the Ohio State website

<https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/>

But I think the best is to view the YouTube below:



● **KEEP CALM. STAY HOME. TAKE THE CENSUS.**

The Census opened amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. By now, you should have received up to two separate mailings containing your household's unique Census ID code.

Have you completed your Census yet? You may be wondering how COVID-19 is affecting the U.S. Census Bureau operations. You can find a statement on updates [here](#) (check here especially if you have **college students**) Some dates of specific initiatives have changed, but these updates do not change the fact that the Census is open and can now be filled out online, by phone, or by mail.



Fill out the Census online here: <https://my2020census.gov/> or by phone (1.844.330.2020). Mail-in questionnaires can also be requested.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

● **Five Star** in a new restaurant that just got up and running in St Bernard (across from Dairy Queen) when this all happened. The owner is so nice, and the food is delicious. Don't wait or they may have to close permanently. ☹

Main Dishes

Kofta Platter - \$11.95

Ground beef pieces seasoned with our special spice blend

Arayes Pita Platter - \$10.95

Warm pita filled with minced beef seasoned with onions, garlic, tomatoes, cinnamon, chopped parsley and Lebanese spices

Beef Shawarma Platter - \$11.95

Sliced beef cooked authentic-style with our special spice blend

Chicken Shawarma Platter - \$11.95

Sliced chicken cooked authentic-style with our special spice blend

Chicken Tawook Platter - \$11.95

Marinated chicken cubes, seasoned with our special spice blend and charcoal roasted

All entrees served with your choice of rice or fries

Family Tray - \$49.99

Tawook, kofta, shawarma, hummus, falafel, veggies and rice

Open Buffet (every Wednesday) - \$14.99



Soups

Crushed Lentil

\$3.95

Lemon, carrots, garlic and our special spice blend

Chef's Soup of the Day

\$3.95

Ask your server for today's selection

Sides

Fries

\$2.99

Served hot & crispy with Ranch dip and ketchup

Salad

\$2.99

House-made, perfectly prepared and fluffy

Desserts

Knafeh

\$5.95

Shredded phyllo dough filled with a cheese blend for a salty-sweet pastry, garnished with ground pistachio (served with blossom syrup)

Baklava

\$4.95

Cheesecake

\$4.95

Chocolate Cake

\$4.95

Drinks

• HOT

Hot Tea

(mint or sage) \$1.99

Nescafe 3 in 1 \$3.49

Turkish Coffee \$1.99

Pot of Tea \$7.99

• COLD

Ayran Yogurt \$2.49

Soft drink \$2.49

Juice (orange, apple)

Lemonade \$2.99



Sunday - Saturday
11:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m



[Click Here To View The Entire Menu](#)

●Lesley Chapman (Red Bud & NANA Recording Secretary) is spearheading a fundraiser for the Cincinnati Zoo, as they are sorely in need of fundraising due to millions in lost revenue.

She has contacted Thane and Kathleen Maynard (Rose Hill), and Thane was super grateful that the neighborhood was wanting to get involved in helping the zoo right now. Here is what he wrote back:



Now, there is also the T-shirt that our friends at Cincy shirts have put together, which can be found on the zoo website or at www.cincyshirts.com. Proceeds go to the zoo emergency fund.

Our suggestion is that we could get a bunch of people from North Avondale to all buy the zoo fundraiser shirt and wear them on the same day. Then I could slowly drive down the street videoing everybody and we could post it online as here's a way that the good folks of North Avondale got together to support the zoo in a socially distancing responsible way!

Buy your shirt now and we will be in touch about when the video will happen. We don't have a date yet. I understand the t shirts are taking a bit more time to get out so we want to encourage people to purchase ASAP.

When we will get a feel for when the t shirts are out, then contact Thane for a good date and time for his video and let everyone know.

YOU CAN BUY YOUR SHIRT
HERE: <https://cincyshirts.com/collections/cincinnati-zoo/products/our-zoo-is-a-keeper?variant=31520282312761>

There are also a number of other vehicles through which people can support the Cincinnati Zoo Emergency Fund.

It is very easy to donate on the zoos

website, www.cincinnatiatizoo.org.

It is also easy to donate on Facebook, or YouTube. **Every afternoon at 3:00 p.m. we do a new Facebook live home safari with one of our keepers and their animals.** And many people have given small donations that way.



ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

- **Mary Huckaby, a long-time North Avondale resident will be 100-years-old on April 11th.** See last [Month's Newsletter](#) for pictures and more fascinating information on this special woman and North Avondale.



● YWCA NAMES EIGHT WOMEN AS 2020 CAREER WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Eight Cincinnati-area women have been selected as 2020 YWCA Greater Cincinnati Career Women of Achievement, outstanding role models for their leadership, vision, community service and renowned professional success.

North Avondale, Valley Lane resident **Jeanne Rehling-Golliher, President and CEO, Cincinnati Development Fund** was one of the recipients.

She has been called an “unlikely banker” and the “fairy godmother of economic development.” Jeanne Golliher has attracted hundreds of millions of dollars to support transformational projects in Cincinnati’s most struggling neighborhoods. Even before the revitalization of Over the Rhine was on the community’s radar, Jeanne initiated a partnership with Downtown Cincinnati Inc., the Cincinnati Business Committee, the Federal Home Loan Bank and area banks to launch the Urban Living Loan Fund, which stimulated new housing development downtown, and in OTR. Within three years, 164 housing units and 17 commercial units had been financed in once dormant neighborhoods.



A former banker and real estate lender, Jeanne assumed leadership of CDF in 1998 with unwavering advocacy for affordable housing that would create vibrant, diverse neighborhoods. Since she assumed the helm of CDF the staff has grown from three to 14 employees with assets multiplying from \$200,000 to more than \$59 million. Her team oversees nine loan funds and a service portfolio of loans in excess of \$239 million.

Says nominator Kay Geiger, “Jeanne’s career success is the result of her passion for people and places. She cares about dignity and quality of life for everyone in Greater Cincinnati and has devoted her career to revitalizing local communities to benefit all residents.”

Achievements

- Named one of Cincinnati’s Most Powerful Business Leaders by *Cincinnati Magazine*, 2019
- Received a Key to the City from Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley in recognition of the CDF’s 30th Anniversary and Significant Contributions to the Neighborhood Revitalization, 2018
- Received the Building Our Beloved Community Award from Over-the-Rhine Community Housing for support of affordable housing, 2018
- Received the Globe Award from The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company for leadership, commitment and support of the Otto M. Budig Theatre, 2018
- Received the Ed Hubert OTR Made Award from the Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce for

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

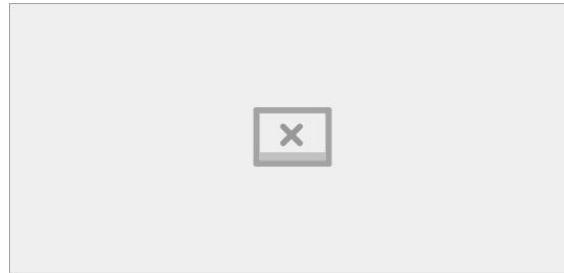
- Hope you are all well during this difficult time!

Below is a YouTube link of Petra and Andy making music at home. I hope it offers some cheer in your day. Also, [Click Here](#) to read one of two articles by Howard Reich of the **Chicago Tribune** about the plight of jazz musicians in which Petra and Andy are mentioned.

Take care of yourselves!

Rosalie van Nuis (Burton Woods Lane)

YouTube Petra and Andy: Live From Home



● Live music from James Hart

Dear friends,

In this time of pandemic, I thought I'd try to entertain you a bit as best I can. Don't feel obligated to listen and only comment if you really want to. Also, let me know if you want me to play a piano performance of one of your favorite pieces, classical, jazz, pop, or whatever. If I can, I will. If I can't, I'll make something up anyway. OK, also some ballet pieces if you really want them. Oh, and movie or TV themes. Or children's songs, jewish music, whatever!

Click on the Button at the end of the article to hear:

- "A Child is Born For Phillip"
- "Alone Together", Music by Arthur Schwartz and lyric by Howard Dietz.
- An improvisation from my pianistic imagination.
- "As Long As He Needs Me"
- "Sonata in F minor, K.239" of Domenico Scarlatti.
- "We Will Meet Again", Solo Fantasy

Sometimes a sad song is just what we need in times of grief - now with the virus pandemic for example. Here's a beautiful song from one of my biggest influences in my jazz piano playing, Bill Evans. I hope this makes you feel less sad. If my piano rendition here makes you laugh, so much the better!

Here's the lyric:
We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when

But I know we'll meet again
...some sunny day
We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away
So will you please say hello
To the folks that I know
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go

I was singing this song

- "Send in The Clowns"

Best to All and stay safe and healthy and Enjoy the music,
Jim

[Click Here to Hear The Music](#)

James Hart (Valley Lane) jameshartcole@gmail.com

●From Beth Ewing (Winding Way)

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION

**STONE CARVED BENCH IN
HONOR OF
PAMELA SMITHERMAN**



The bench will be made by acclaimed artist, Karen Heyl, with a plan to install it near NAM and the North Avondale Recreation Center. It will be funded 100% through donations. Donate by paying online via the NANA website using the button below. Check "Other" and designate "Pamela's Bench".

[Donate For The Pamela Smitherman Memorial Bench](#)

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Paige Fulton at 3668 Alter Pl.
- Elizabeth & Bert Phillips at 14 Burton Woods Ln.
- Great American Oh Investments LLC at 740 Chalfonte Pl.
- Xu Xin & Hong Yang at 747 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Elizabeth K Pawley at 242 Glenwood Ave.
- Sarah Elaine & Matthew Gordon Cornell at 925 Lenox Pl.
- Dinushki S De Livera & Hunter J Pasek at 961 Marion Ave.
- Lindsay Nicole Burton at 121 Mary Ln.
- Chris & Lindsay Anne Wagel at 4014 Red Bud Ave.
- Brian Cashwell & Andrea Cefalo 3885 Spring House.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



The yearly blooming of the Bradford Pear trees on Mitchell.



The the neighborhood Front Porch Pours on Burton Woods Lane on Friday evening.



We are so lucky to have such a beautiful neighborhood to walk in and have such wonderful neighbors.



RECREATION AND LIBRARIES

●North Avondale Recreation Center - 617 Clinton Springs Ave. 513.961.1584

- North Avondale Recreation Center is only open when giving out 2 free snacks per child from 2:30- 3:30 and 3:30 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, as well as REC2GO bags.



Brittany Barrett, Community Center Director

●Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road ● 751.3393

- Hirsch Recreation Center is only open when giving out 2 free snacks per child from 2:30- 3:30 and 3:30 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, as well as REC2GO bags.

HUNGER ALLIANCE READY-TO-EAT MEALS



Children's Hunger Alliance ready-to-eat meals available for pickup

WHERE

All CRC recreation centers

Note: Not available at Leblond, OTR, and Oakley

WHEN

Days: **Monday-Friday**

Times: **2:30PM-4:30PM**

WHO

For anyone **18 and under**



cincyrec.org

513.352.4000

info.crc@cincinnati-oh.gov



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●Avon Woods Preserve

Hello Avon Woods Preserve Neighbors,

I wanted to make you aware of the **driveway closure to the nature center**. The golf course management has had issues with citizens attempting to use the now closed course, so there will be a barricade blocking it from vehicles. **The preserve's trails are still open to the public and probably easier to access from the back entrance steps off Avon Fields Drive.**



Rachel Rice | Nature Next Door Outreach Avon Woods Nature Center, Cincinnati Parks

●All Library locations closed to the public.

Services · After School Meals

While the Library is closed to the public curbside meals will be available for youth **ages 18 and under**, at select locations. **Children must be present to receive a meal.** The meal service locations and serving times are subject to change.



Meals are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at these locations.

- 1-1:30 p.m. – Avondale, Covedale
- 1:45-2:15 p.m. – St. Bernard, Westwood
- 2:30-3 p.m. – Bond Hill
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. – Groesbeck
- 3:15-3:45 p.m. – Pleasant Ridge
- 3:30-4 p.m. – College Hill
- 4-4:30 p.m. – Deer Park
- 4:15-4:45 p.m. – Elmwood Place
- 5-5:30 p.m. – Reading

According to Feeding America, nearly 40,000 children in Hamilton County live in a food insecure household. That means one in five children are unsure of where their next meal is coming from. Children facing hunger are more likely to struggle with school and exhibit behavioral problems.

This service is made possible through federal funding, as part of the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program.

NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS



North Avondale Montessori • 615 Clinton Springs •
363.3900 • www.namrockets.org [NAM Brochure](#)
[NAM Preschool Brochure](#)

NAM Parents,

Student Learning Packets may be found at <https://www.cps-k12.org/news/whats-new/remote-learning-plan-brings-education-students-homes> for families to copy. Please visit the CPS website for updated school information!

Until further notice NAM will be closed per directive from Governor, Mike Dewine.

Thank you and stay safe!

Roger Lewis, NAM Principal



THE NEW
SCHOOL
MONTESSORI

The New School Montessori (TNSM)

• 3 Burton Woods Lane • 281.7999 • www.newschoolmontessori.com

New School Montessori pre-primary students created their own version of the Mona Lisa and learned about her famous painter, Leonardo da Vinci. Pre-primary art teacher, Ryonen Ignatius, introduced the children to the painter, explaining his interest in helping young children to become artists and his diligence in keeping his notebook at the ready for sketching and jotting down ideas. The students loved da Vinci's backwards writing style that could only easily be read using a mirror. Whether da Vinci wrote backwards to protect his ideas from being copied or to keep his hand from sliding across wet ink (as a left hander), his work continues to intrigue and inspire all.



Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, April 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm,**
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthAvondaleNeighborhoodAssociationCincinnati/>
- Tuesday, April 28, Ohio Democrat Primary, **VOTE!**
- Sunday, May 17, NANA ANNUAL MEETING

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[Join Block Watch Group - Email Carolyn](#)
[Gillman](#)

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