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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who came out for the November General Meeting with Mayor Cranley as our guest speaker. (see pictures on page 3) It was a great session where the Mayor talked about his key initiatives for the city, and also a good opportunity for

him to hear from our neighborhood. Along the same theme, please join us for interim Chief of Police Isaac's visit in December!

Again this year, North Avondale was shining during the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful annual awards ceremony. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Beautification Committee and all the NANA volunteers for winning 1st place for the Great American Cleanup Project Award. This is very impressive achievement considering that our main event took place on a Saturday in April with threat of strong rain all morning, which luckily just held off until we had distributed several "mountains" of mulch in Seasongood Park, gotten all the new trees planted, and a lot of garbage picked up on the side streets. Hoping for a sunnier event in 2016, we are looking forward to see what our volunteering neighbors can do when we put our forces together. And to everyone reading this, join in when there is a call for help! ... even a couple of hours makes a huge difference.

As a preview for the **January General Meeting**, we will have the Metropolitan Sewer District's Director Gerald Checco at our meeting. If you have any questions or particular topics you would like him to address, please send them to our email (nanacincinnati@gmail.com).

As the year comes to an end, I would like to extend a thank you for a great year to our City of Cincinnati partners, District 4 Police and Firefighters. We appreciate the partnership and all vou do!

On behalf of the NANA board and committee members, I wish you all the best for the Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Hanne Loken Larsen



Come To Our NANA General Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 7:00pm NA Montessori School Cafetorium **AGENDA**



- Interim Chief Eliot Isaac
- •Reading Rd. Cameras Barry Whitton Tuesday January 12, 7:00pm
- •MSD's Director, Gerald Checco

NANA COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION:

On November 12, 2015, North Avondale received recognition for the work of two neighborhood leader groups at the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Just Desserts Awards Reception. The North Avondale Neighborhood Association, led by the North Avondale Beautification Committee and the North Avondale Montessori School Recycling Program received awards from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful based on their projects for neighborhood clean up and sustainable recycling practices for neighborhood youth. In addition to being recognized in front of Cincinnati Civic Leaders, neighborhood residents who attended the event were inspired by the multitude of innovative practices occurring in neighborhoods through out Cincinnati.

Thank you to all those who came out to assist with these efforts. We truly are proving through our dedication to community that North Avondale is "Cincinnati's Best Address!"

Pictured: Emily Harten, Co-Chair, North Avondale Neighborhood Association Beautification Committee and Jenn Ballard, North Avondale Montessori School Recycling Program Project Leader.



Emily Harten & Bridget McComas Co-Chairs

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Luminary 2015 - Saturday, December 12, 6:00 to 9:00 Carriage Ride locations:

- •4100 Rose Hill (DeJong)
- •3941 Beechwood (Kaufman
- •984 Lenox Pl. (Crutcher)

Bonfire and or Hot Chocolate Locations:

- •4100 Rose Hill (DeJong)
- •3941 Beechwood (Kaufman)
- •3973 Red Bud (Pray)
- •984 Lenox Pl. (Crutcher)
- •Please do not park on the



streets where the luminary bags are set up.

≈CLIFTON MARKET

Despite the Mayor's veto of the city funding portion, WE ARE ONLY \$193,000 away from raising the \$5.6

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BLOCK WATCH

CPD Encouraging 'Safe Shopping' for the Holidays: 'Put Your Junk in Your Trunk' to Protect Personal Property

As tons of people are preparing for the busiest shopping day and shopping seasons of the year, so are busy shoplifters. The Cincinnati Police is doing its best to keep residents and visitors safe from crime during this holiday season reminding everyone to "Put Your Junk in Your Trunk!" Citizens should get in the habit of securing vehicles by leaving items at home or putting them away in trunks before reaching their destination.

There's safety in numbers, so shop with friends and look around when putting bags in the trunk. Be aware and if anyone feels uncomfortable have security or a manager walk you to your car.

Officers are asking citizens to follow the helpful tips below to have a safe and enjoyable shopping experience this holiday season throughout the City.

- § ALWAYS park as close as possible in well-lit areas at a meter, parking lot or garage.
- § ALWAYS enter and exit your vehicle with caution, especially at night.
- NEVER leave anything visible inside your vehicle. Secure personal property in your trunk or take it with you BEFORE you arrive at your destination.
- § ALWAYS roll up your car windows and lock your doors. If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lit place.
- § ALWAYS have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle to avoid searching for them with packages. Carry only charge cards you will need. Don't flash or carry large amounts of cash.
- § ALWAYS carry a small purse that can be worn close to the body with the purse flap against you. A shoulder strap worn across the shoulder and chest works well. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.
- § BE AWARE of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages by talking on the phone.
- §TEACH CHILDREN to approach a police officer, store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they become separated in a store or mall.
- § SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING Don't hesitate to notify the police or store security if you see suspicious activity.
- § ALWAYS call 911 for Police assistance.

Tiffaney Hardy Media Contact City of Cincinnati Police

HEALTH

The Cincinnati Health Department continues it **Infant Vitality Brown Bag Series**, exploring factors that influence maternal, reproductive and infant health outcomes. The next session - Chicken or The Egg Conundrum - will discuss the importance of social determinants of health in prevention and treatment efforts: **January 15, 2016** at the Cincinnati Health Department 3101 Burnet Ave 45229

Register at http://bit.ly/KNzldT The session and parking are free.

The Creating Healthy Communities Coalition (CHCC) is part of the Health Department's Health Promotion and Worksite Wellness Program. It addresses health disparities and seeks to improve personal health indicators for Cincinnati residents. CHCC was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Interact for Health to help Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) transition to a smoke-free policy over the next three years.

The Braxton Cann Health Center (Madisonville) will receive a makeover due to a \$941,466 federal grant (part of ACA funding that supports health centers). Braxton Cann is one of 7 federally qualified health centers (FQHC) within Cincinnati that provides primary health care services to anyone in need. More information on our health centers in future newsletters.

Kimya Moyo (Health Department Liaison)

LAW & SAFETY

Though some of you are already aware, the City has an upcoming hearing on December 16 and 17 in its civil case against six properties in Puretz portfolio of properties here in Cincinnati: 2525 Victory Parkway, 3652 Reading Road (in N A), 1990 Westwood Northern Boulevard, 2000 Westwood Northern Boulevard, 1006-1026 Burton Avenue (NA) and 705-711 Ridgeway Avenue. During that hearing, the City has moved the Court for the appointment of a receiver for the properties, to take control of management, collect the housing assistance payments from HUD and make repairs. The hearing is the culmination of literally thousands of hours of work by city personnel (police officers, inspectors, and attorneys) as well as Legal Aid. This case is also a distinctive moment in a broader context as well. The director of HUD multifamily for the Midwest region recently commented that in his 20 year history with their organization, this has only occurred about ten times.

I bring the hearing to your attention because, as community stakeholders, many of these properties have been a source of concern to you over the years. We expect the hearing to be vigorously contested by the owners. The support of the community may be critical in demonstrating to Judge Myers that this is an extraordinary case that demands an extraordinary response. If you can attend, it would be a powerful message, demonstrating the resolve of the community to see that these properties are fixed.

The City of Cincinnati's civil lawsuit against the owners of the Puretz portfolio properties (inclusive of 3652 Reading Road) will take place on December 16-17, 2015. It would be great if there is strong NANA representation at the hearing.

The hearing is scheduled for December 16 and 17 at 10 am in room 330 of the Hamilton County Courthouse. I hope to see many of you there.

Mark Manning, Asst. City Solicitor Law Department

We have other Chronic Nuisance properties in North Avondale but this property (3652) has been a systemic problem with violent crime and disorder for years. More importantly, as I have continually questioned, why it is that the City prefers to pursue chronic nuisance enforcement the hard way which as Mark Manning states above has cost the city "thousands of hours of

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work by city personnel" in pursuing a civil lawsuit against the chronic nuisance properties owner (Puretz). The easier way which would avoid costly litigation by focusing instead on the Housing Assistance Payment contract that Puretz signed with HUD which requires a minimal housing quality standard to be maintained at all times. Based on the evidence provided, clearly the condition of these properties did not meet these minimal standards. As HUD already has the authority to enforce the terms of its housing assistance payment contract with Puretz, court involvement would not be required using this approach. HUD may choose not to cooperate in this regard, but pressure could then be applied on HUD using our elected officials (e.g., Steve Chabot our congressional rep; the mayor) and the news media. This less aggressive administrative approach is ultimately less costly and more likely to result in a timely resolution than using the court. In summary, the city could have saved the thousands of hours of police, B&I, and law department time if they had just used the HAP contract violations approach first while using police and B&I reports as evidence to withhold government subsidies.

We still need a strong neighborhood representation of neighbors who are committed to making a difference. You only need to show up at the hearing so that the judge sees that North Avondale is committed to change for the better and the negligent landlords be held accountable for the neglect of their buildings and criminal activity in and around their buildings. To arrive at the hearing on time, consider the additional time you will need to go through security. Let us know if you will attend the hearing or for more information.

Michelle Baxter





November NANA General Meeting













FROM THE CITY

The Cincinnati Police Department is seeking qualified candidates to apply with the department.

In an effort to encourage candidates to register for the exam, teams of CPD Officers will be looking for potential prospects at their Open House Recruiting Event, "Are you Fit Enough to Be a Police Officer?" Challenge hosted at the Cincinnati Police Academy on Saturday, December 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. I believe this is great news to get out to your community and let them participate a portion of what it takes to become a police officer. It may even spark a career choice or change!

Marissa Staples The Voice of Your Customer 513.281.3228 - www.thevoiceofyourcustomer.com marissa@thevoiceofyourcustomer.com

FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- ♦ What is the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games go to http://www.cincygames.com/what-is-the-cincinnatineighborhood-games.html
- ♦What are the 20 events? http://www.cincygames.com/events.html
- ◆Thanks to Ken Brawner (Revel Ct) for volunteering to Chair this event for North Avondale.
- ◆To contact Ken and learn how you can be involved in these fun activities go to http:// www.cincygames.com/north-avondale.html or send an email to nanacincinnati@gmail.com



CINCINNATI NEIGHBORHOOD GAMES
WIN AS ONE

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

≈ESSEX STUDIOS FINAL ART WALK FOR 2015

December 4 and 5, 6 to 10pm http://essexstudios.com/

Al. Andrews's Art studio (number 227) will be open on the above date. You are invited.



Al Andrews (Ardmore)

≈Ben Blaney (Burton Woods Lane) will be singing with ¦

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the 70-man Southern Gateway Chorus at several events for the holidays. December 5, we are part of Saengerfest choral singing various churches in OTR. On **December** 9, we sing at the Carnegie Covington as part of Chicks Chucks cancer benefit. **December 12** we have our Holiday

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High School in College Hill. Further information at southerngateway.org, or call Ben at 264.7174

lickets available at **CincyTicket.com** (search **SOUTHERN**); or from any chorus member For senior groups of 10 or more, call Book Adams at 513-205-9998 for discount ticket prices

Ben Blaney (Burton Woods Ln.)



≈CDC Holiday Reception



•Join us at this year's Holiday Reception on December 9th at Mecklenburg Gardens from 4:30 - 7:30.

- Council Member Charlie Winburn, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee will be joining us as our guest speaker
- CDC association of Greater Cincinnati
- Parking: Available in the ADAS lot (Off of Donahue, behind Mecklenburg's)
- No need to buy tickets, but please be sure to RSVP at kirstie.laatsch@cdcassociation.org!

Environmental ALI's Annual Reception

Thursday, December 10, 2015

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at award-winning Summit Restaurant Cincinnati State Technical & Community College

Ticket price of \$35 includes delicious appetizers prepared by Midwest Culinary Institute. Purchase online or send check or money order to ALI, PO Box 23272, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

For more information: info@aliohio.org or 513.541.4607. Or Click Here for more information

&A Conversation On Intergenerational Housing

Did you know the vast majority of the 50-and-over population currently lives independently, within the community rather than in institutional care facilities?

How can we create intergenerational living, blending diverse families and seniors to build an environment that's welcoming to all ages? Ohio is already taking steps in this direction. The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority created Griot Village, a community designed to support families of all ages, shapes and sizes.

Join us **December 11th, 8:30am - 10:30am** at the Center for Innovation at Xavier University for a conversation on intergenerational housing as an approach to meeting the housing needs of youth and young adults, as well as seniors.

Donovan Duncan, Director of Asset Management at Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority will lead a conversation on meeting the housing needs of a growing intergenerational community.

Friday, December 11th, 2015

8:30am - 10:30am

Center for Innovation, Xavier University, 1601 Dana Ave.

Cost: \$10.00

(a light breakfast will be served)

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EditItem.aspx?PC=CBIE-121115&ItemCount=1

Thank you for paying your NANA Dues Today!



FROM **YOUR NEIGHBORS**

& Community Friends Quaker Meeting (3960 Winding Way) invites you to an event on solar energy on Saturday, December 12th, from 1:00-2:30. As you may have seen driving through the neighborhood, we recently installed 33 solar panels on the meetinghouse roof. The company that did the installation, Third Sun Solar, will be doing a presentation on the various benefits of solar energy (ecological, financial, etc.) and answering questions from anyone considering solar for their own home, business, or place of worship. The event will include a tour of our solar energy system. Snacks will be provided.

> John Sniegocki Resident Caretaker, Community Friends Meeting

➢ Personal plea for Study Group attendees.

In front of our eyes (literally) we are being privileged to interact in my studio with Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen in her teaching videos, with a chance to work on these principles together in a way that is allowing us to learn skills that make us ahead of our times. Her work is changing the way we live. It is no accident that I am doing this. You who come are pioneers. Help me make this work.

I am offering my studio and leadership for over 150 hours in this next year. I am offering my skills to help you process this work. I am volunteering that. You are the crucial part of the success of this program. Your participation will deepen your life work. Your work will

I am offering a profound education to all of you in the depth studies of Embodiment, led by perhaps the most enlightened movement genius in the world (Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen). I have purchased these videos and I am suggesting a Donation to each session of what will be a merge of science and embodiment, a radical mode of experiencing and interacting in our own selves and with others and in the world.

I have invested \$1100 this year to make this happen. PLEASE donate what you can afford each time. \$10 would be helpful. \$20 would be helpful. \$5 would be helpful. All is helpful.

When: Wednesday 9:30am to 11am and/or Sunday 5pm to 6:30 pm.

Where: My studio. Email me to be informed of date changes or when I am out of town.

> Fanchon Shur (Red Bud) Director, Growth in Motion, Inc. fanchonshur@growthinmotion.org www.growthinmotion.org

Panhandlers at the Intersection of Reading/Dana/ **Clinton Springs**

Hi All, I thought this insight from PO Lori Hamman regarding the panhandlers at the intersection of Reading/ Dana/Clinton Springs might be helpful to others. I emailed her because I'm starting to have people approach my car and bang on my windows asking for money.

Unfortunately, with the current panhandling aka improper solicitation law (Cincinnati Municipal Code 910-12), we cannot prevent them from standing on the sidewalk and holding a sign or even asking politely for money. We cannot legally force them to leave the area. When they see a police car nearby, they generally are not bold enough to go into traffic to ask for money or even accept it because police can cite for them taking money from people within a vehicle (910-12 (B) (3)). So we have to rely on people willing to be a possible witness for court in order to cite, unless the officer can observe the offense for himself. I wish we did have the personnel to dedicate to this specific area, but the beat officers are knowledgeable and equipped to address the situation appropriately when it is observed or they are called to the scene. Whenever you observe anyone doing this, call 765.1212 to report them and initiate a call for service.

If you would share with your neighbors, please don't give money out. Giving cash directly to them exacerbates the problem and more likely than not encourage more to "fly signs" at the location, and the money may be going to support an addiction. If you wish to contribute, give to a reputable charity or organization that helps or provides a service to them.

Sarah (Crannell) Rich (Rose Hill)

The Cincinnati Diamonds Girls Fast-Pitch Team, for girls 6 through 14 are now having indoor conditioning at the Reds Urban Youth academy every other Saturday from 4 to 6 pm. For information or to sign up call Co. Nina 513.307.7702.

Nina Woolfork (Glenwood)









Your Neighbors

&Linda Spear-Matthews (Eaton Lane), President and Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Energy was appointed to the City of Cincinnati Environmental Advisory Commission for a term of two years.

Millennium Energy is green technology and energy management company based in historic Walnut Hills at The Dillard Center, 791 East McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206.

For more information about Millennium Energy, please call (513) 591-1300.

□ & Ken Pray (Red Bud) was featured in an article about Kroger design. http://www2.wcpo.com/web/wcpo/ news/insider/kroger-co-kr-designer-cutting-edgeapproach-in-a-cookie-cutter-world for the article



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI 363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs www.namrockets.org

NAM Calendar for December & January:

12-16 - Winter Concert - 6 PM Gymnasium

12-18 - End of second quarter.

12-19 through 1 -3 - Winter Recess

1-4 - 2016 - Students return to school! 1-8 - report cards go home with students.

1-15 - No School (Professional Development)

1-18 - No School - MLK Day

1-22 - NAM Talent Shoe 5:30 PM - Cafeteria

2015 Grandparent's Day A Huge Success!

On a beautiful day in late November, NAM hosted their

annual Grandparent's Day. This year the grandparents came in record numbers! "We had over 400 guests attend our Grandparent's Day. This event just keeps growing and I am proud of how the members of our school community support



our school," said Principal Roger Lewis.

Grandparents were entertained by the NAM Orff group and



members of the NAM Choir. Under the direction of Mr. Wesley Barnfield. Music Director, the student sang two beautiful songs and received a standing ovation form the crowd. "My students really stepped up and performed on a high

level today. We have been working since the start of school and I have seen both groups make tremendous progress. I am proud of their effort and look forward to our annual Winter Concert," said Mr. Barnfield.

After being entertained by NAM students, grandparents the went to their grandchild's classroom and observed lessons.

Many of the grandparents participated in the lessons and enjoyed being back in school. "We came all the way from Atlanta to be here on Grandparent's Day. We come every other year and today really enjoyed the program," said Mr. Faison. In art class students



colored with their grandparent while other grandparents were active with the Montessori materials making this a day to remember.

"We put a lot of effort into organizing the event. I want to thank all the parents that help plan the event and for volunteering today. This was an amazing day and I am glad all of our grandparents had such a wonderful time," said PTO President Page Seck.

"We are so blessed to have so many people supporting our school. With the way this event keeps growing we are running out of space to park! This is a great problem to have and we look forward to hosting Grandparent's Day next year," said Principal Lewis.

Roger R. Lewis, Principal



WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Congratulations to Walnut Hills High School for being recognized at the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

Awards Ceremony! Walnut Hills was awarded for their impressive work in moving sustainability forward at WHHS! WHHS was recognized in 2 categories:

The Sustainable Community Award for the WHHS Bettering Environmental Sustainability program.

The Five Star Volunteer Award: given to individual volunteers who go above and beyond to create and sustain positive change in their communities. This award was presented to Rama Kasturi and Dave Doepke.







THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM)

281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane www.newschoolmontessori.com

TNSM Photography Club displays their work

Students in TNSM's After-school Photography Club were challenged to take a photograph in such a way that the viewer would be tempted to reach out and touch it and to feel the

texture described visually. TNSM parent and Photography Club leader, Tracy Clancy said, "I am so proud of what the students have done. Seeing their photographs gives us a little glimpse into how they see the world. They teach me something everyday."



To see all of the photo from the

exhibit, go to http://www.visualnounphotography.com/Galleries/Fall-2015-TNSM-photography/

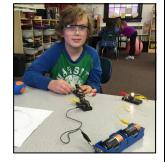
Nancy Buchman's science class learned about dynamic

electricity, and that electricity is the flow of electrons from one atom to another. Students built simple circuits that consisted of:

the load (a light),

a power source (battery) and a switch.

Their eyes "lit up" with excitement as their light bulbs glowed, giving the undeniable proof that they had achieved their goal. replete with



sensory detail, dripping with varied sentence structure and brimming with adventure and intrigue. Let the writing begin!

Ann Baumgardner, Marketing & Communications
Director

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

► You Have the Green Light: Share Your Transportation Needs to Shape Our Region's Future

Calling anyone and everyone! Whether you drive, ride, pedal or walk, your input is needed to guide the future of transportation improvements in our community and across the region.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, also known as OKI, recently launched a survey on November 30, to understand what short and long-term transportation needs and issues are most important to you. The online survey is short, taking only about 5 minutes to complete, and will be open through Friday, January 8.

Make your opinion count by participating in this survey! To take the survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XWTM397

Or you can find the survey on OKI's Facebook page found at https://www.facebook.com/okiregional. For more information about the 2040 plan, visit http://2040.oki.org/.

Your input will be used by OKI to create the region's 2040 Plan, which identifies the transportation projects and programs to be implemented over the next 25 years. Since transportation and economic development are closely connected, the 2040 Plan helps advance our region and improve quality of life for all of us who live, work and play here.

The goal of this survey is to gather as much community input as possible, so feel free to forward this email to your friends, family and networks. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Also for your information, we have partnered with Red Bike (the bike sharing program) that will award one survey participant a one-year complimentary membership to Red Bike (value \$80) for submitting their survey. The chance to enter is completely optional and all we are asking for is their email address. This request for their email address is not mandatory to complete the survey.

Questions? OKI is happy to share additional information. Please contact Florence Parker, OKI's public involvement specialist at (513) 619-7686 or fparker@oki.org.



Happy Holidays & Happy New Year

From The North Avondale Neighborhood Association

PARKS & RECREATION

North Avondale Recreation Center - 617 Clinton Springs Ave. 961.1584

Pick up a Fall Program at the Center

Look for the Winter Guide in the next newsletter

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 10:00am-9:00pm; Friday 11:00am - 9pm; Saturdays Open for Instructor lead programs only.

Memberships: Youth (5-17): \$2.00, Adult (18-49): \$25.00, Senior (50+): \$10.00, Weight Room: \$10.00/3 months \$35.00/year

• We are launching a new program called the Good Life. Open to adults through golden age, what ever that may be. Who want to go places, see things, taste good food, stay current on health trends, and most of all socialize with positive kind people. A three month calendar Jan-March that already has many exciting events on it will be available at N. Avondale center on Dec. 10th. If you'd like it emailed give us a call 961.1584 we'll get it set up. This is not a club, there are dues.

Blake Brown, Service Area Coordinator



- January 15, 2016 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Science is everywhere! Bring your family to Trailside Nature Center as we delve into the world of Science. Spend time outdoors exploring the stars in our telescope. The other parts of the program will be indoors, where participants will rotate through to do experiments on their own and assist as audience members for some group demo experiments. Reservations are required but no charge. Dress for the weather. Meet at the nature center. Cost is \$5 per family or \$2 per person. For more information or to pay for your spot call (513) 751-3679 or email michael.george@cincinnati-oh.gov Deadline to register is January 13.
- Cincinnati Parks' Trailside Nature Center * 3400 Brookline Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45220

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million required to fund the build out & start-up & creating a truly great new grocery store option for North Avondale residents.

Please ask our neighbors to become involved by purchasing a share for just \$200 (in \$25 increments if preferred) and becoming a member/owner of the store before the holidays!! Larger investments would also be appreciated!! As a member you will be part owner of a great new grocery store near the neighborhood with all that entails, including owner dividends, ability to vote for the Board, great food options that don't currently exist, employment opportunities for neighborhood kids and others...,

Here is the link: http://www.cliftonmarket.com/.Please join the almost 1200 of us and buy your share today before the holidays!!

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Hamilton County Republican Party's Leadership Council offers two scholarships of \$1,500 to promising high school students in Hamilton County. We hope that these scholarships can be helpful to talented students as they continue their academic careers.

For more information, check out our application by going http://hamiltoncountyrepublicanparty.org/youngprofessional-involvement/. The deadline is December 31st, 2015, we're looking forward to reviewing applications!

> Alex Triantafilou Chairman, Hamilton County Republican Party

≈YWCA Accepting Scholarship Applications

The YWCA of Greater Cincinnati is offering a scholarship opportunity for African American female high school seniors who have overcome significant obstacles. Ten local, female, African American female students will be selected to receive the YWCA Mamie Earl Sells Scholarship. A committee evaluates and updates the scholarship application, assists in its distribution and promotion, and selects ten finalists, which include two runners-up, and one winner. Evaluation criteria include academic record, personal challenges and hardships, ACT and/or SAT scores, letters of recommendation, class rank, honors and awards, involvement in extracurricular activities and community service, and employment history. Applicants are required to write two brief essays, one describing their greatest challenge and how it has affected them, and one explaining what Mamie Earl Sells' philosophy, "to lift as we climb," means to them. The application deadline is Thursday, January 21, 2016. Applications are available at www.ywcacincinnati.org/mes

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

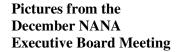
- Kristen Kreft at 798 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Irma Jean Mcclair at 886 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Kimbely T Gillispie at 206 Glenwood Ave
- Angela F Wilson at 757 Red Bud Ave
- Josette Riep at 3711 Washington Ave













Cincinnati's Best Address with: Beautiful Homes, Great Neighbors & Civic Passion

NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, December 8, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Montessori Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Avenue
- Thursday, January 7, NANA Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Road Tuesday, January 12, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Montessori Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Ave
- Tuesday, February 9, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Montessori Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Avenue

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