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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear neighbors,

It is my hope that you and your families had an amazing Thanksgiving Holiday! At November's NANA General Meeting, I was very pleased to be able to present Councilman

Chris Smitherman with a plaque for his tremendous and unwavering support of NANA. (see page 7 for pictures. During his remarks, Councilman Smitherman announced the City of Cincinnati's Capital Acceleration Program (CAP). CAP is an initiative designed to accelerate the repair of our streets. The Councilman provided the list of streets below that are being considered for this program. If you feel additional streets should be considered for this program, please contact Councilman Smitherman's Office at 513.352.3464 or christopher.smitherman@cincinnati-oh.gov.

I also would like to thank NANA Third Vice President, Tiffani Tribble, for agreeing to serve as Co-Chair of NANA's Strategic Development Committee and with Maura Wolf. This Committee is working several projects so Tiffani is most definitely a welcome addition to the team. Additionally, I would like to thank Charlene Morse for working with me to declutter and reorganize NANA's Office at the North Avondale Recreation Center. Working together, we were able to complete the task within a few hours.

Our final General Meeting for 2016 will take place on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016.** This will be a joint meeting with NABA. We hope that you will join us for a hot chocolate social. Our **Guest Speaker will be Harry Black, Cincinnati City Manager.** You do not want to miss this meeting.

Finally, as I reflect on 2016, I have so much for which to be grateful. I would like to thank the NANA Board of Trustees and members for your tireless commitment and dedication to our great neighborhood. I wish you and your families a safe, memorable and enjoyable holiday season!

Marvin Masterson

N. Avondale Streets in Fair or Poor Condition for Possible Rehab in 2019 & 2022

Street	From	То	
Beatrice Dr.	Burton Ave. South Terminus		
Burton Ave.	Reading Rd.	East Terminus	
Eaton Ln.	S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle	South Terminus	
Edgehill Pl.	Fred Shuttlesworth Circle	West Terminus	
Ledgewood Dr.	Victory Parkway	Asmann Ave.	*
Lenox Pl.	Redway Ave.	Winding Way	
Mary Ln.	Wess Park Dr.	East Terminus	
Wess Park Dr.	Mitchell Ave.	Clinton Springs Ave.	

 Ledgewood Dr. is included in the 2017 Rehab Program as part of the Evanston Rehab project.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Come To Our NANA General Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 7:00pm NA Cafetorium



AGENDA



- Harry Black, Cincinnati City Manager
- Entowne Update, Margaret Ellis, Milhaus Area Manager
- City Monthly Reports (Police, Fire & Recreation Center)
- NANA Committee Reports

Next Meeting: January 10, 7:00pm



FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Join us for Environmental ALI's 20th Anniversary



Building Peoples' Capacity to Create Healthier, Sustainable Environments. Add Your Support Today! Celebration Reception Friday, December 9th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm_for our 20th Anniversary Celebration at

the Summit Restaurant, high atop the Cincinnati State Campus. There will be food provided by the Midwest Culinary Institute, art, and music.

Icy Williams CEO ATMOS360 From Air System Solutions is the featured speaker



≈Southern Gateway Chorus

The Southern Gateway Chorus is performing their annual Holiday Show on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 at the

McAuley HS Performing Arts Center in College Hill. The year's show - Joy to the World



Christmas carols. Southern Gateway is an 80 man (and boys) a cappella chorus in its 61st year. More information can be found at <u>southerngateway.org</u>.

Ben Blaney (Burton Woods Lane)



AROUND TOWN

Friends December Book Sale



800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio **45202** 513. 369.6920

Browse a wide variety of used books and media selections, in great gift-giving condition. Explore exclusive Audubon Note Cards, Stained Glass Cincinnati Library ornaments, Charley Harper merchandise, Rookwood, boxed holiday cards and more. Find memorable, yet affordable gifts for your friends and families, on the Mezz and in the Shop. Custom holiday gift wrapping with a small donation to the Friends of the Library.

Library Friends' Shop Holiday Hours: November 28th thru December 23rd

Mondays - Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm, Sundays 1:00 to 5:00pm

LIKE & SHARE us to be "in the know" and spread the word about the Library Friend's Shop's 12 Days of Christmas Savings event on Facebook For more information contact the Friends at 513.369.6035.

Visit us on the web: http://friends.cincinnatilibrary.org.



UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

I had a conversation with the Cleanup Cincy Organization, a University of Cincinnati group. They have been a tremendous help to our community in Seasongood Square Park and Martin Luther King Park, as well as for Avondale and Paddock Hills. I will attend their January meeting so that I can hopefully arrange to have more cleanup efforts done monthly and or one big cleanup effort in the spring and one in the fall. Our involvement with this group gives us access to a large number of students who lucky for us, like us and want to come back. I'll be sure to keep you informed

I hope you noticed this summer how beautiful the Victory Parkway and Dana Avenue Triangle was. Thank you to Richard Jackson who continues to grace our community with his love of gardening. His time and his commitment creates the beauty we reap as a community. When I met Richard, I toured his garden and loved his choice of plants, the placement of the plants and the flow of color and texture. Seeing his garden inspired me to take on my own yard.

Mary Piper also needs to be recognized for all of her work on Asmann Avenue and the beds she maintains on Victory Parkway and Dana Avenue. Mary has a love of native flowers. The native Asters burst blue in the fall and the native wildflowers burst yellow during the summer. Many native white flowers are along the Asmann Avenue flower bed. The beauty of flowers is everlasting.

Everyone, I also want you to stop and take notice of the cleanup at the Marion Avenue Triangle on the bend at Clinton Springs along the walkway.

It's hard to think of spring already but NANA and NABA need donations for our flower pots that flank Reading Road. This program is through the Cincinnati Parks. We pay for 3 or 4 plantings per year and they maintain and plant all of the pots. Our cost has been \$250.00/pot in recent years. I thank everyone who has supported the efforts in our neighborhood to keep our neighborhood Cincinnati's Best Address, but we need new people to donate so that the responsibility doesn't always fall on shoulders of the same people year after year.

Thank you so much for what all of you do to help our neighborhood and support beautification.

Emily Harten, Chair

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Volunteers Wanted!!

• North Avondale Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee was established to work in concert with the City of Cincinnati's Planning Department. The last Master Plan was completed in 1975. Many thanks to Ian Smith for volunteering to be the Chair of our Planning Committee. Help us create a new and improved North Avondale Plan by joining us and sharing your great ideas for this community. Interested parties can email Ian at nanacincinnati@gmail.com

3864 Reading—Rubel House

• Interested partners in restoring 3864 Reading, the Rubel House (designed by renowned architect Samuel Hannaford), please contact Tiffani N. Tribble, co-chair at tribbltn@gmail.com.

Tiffani N. Tribble and Maura Wolf, Co-Chairs

FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

For more information: http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?

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≈Zion Baptist Church Event

The Pastor, The Officers, and Members of Zion Baptist Church Cordially Invite You to an Interfaith Vesper:

"Sharing Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream of One Nation"

Sunday, January 15, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Damon Lynch Jr. Pastor of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church

Guest Performers: The Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra Nouveau Chamber Players



Zion Baptist Church 630 Glenwood Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45229 (513) 751-8608 James H. Cantrell, M Div., Pastor

Please join us as we keep Dr. King's Dream of One Nation Alive!

A Reception Follows the Vesper

North Avondale Business Association (NABA)

The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 13th 2016 6:30pm** at the North Avondale Rec Center. At **7:00pm** we will join the NANA Meeting with guest speaker **City Manager, Harry Black** The nominating committee is accepting 2017 Trustee recommendations.

NABA helps our businesses connect, collaborate, compete, and succeed. If you haven't yet done so, please consider joining NABA. All businesses, including cottage businesses operating out of homes, and owners of rental properties are eligible.

Contact me at mileswolf@gmail.com if you're looking for a location on one of the busiest routes in the City, right here in NA. Wouldn't it be nice to walk to your new business location!

J. Miles Wolf, NABA President

ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

Longtime North Avondale resident **Dan Pinger (formerly of Red Bud Avenue**, now a resident of Ripley, Ohio) has just published his first book, at the age of 86.

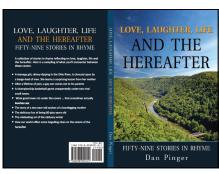
Dan Pinger has played many roles in his long and eventful life. He raises horses. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a notably indifferent law school student. As a newspaper reporter he covered the wild and woolly days when the Mob ran Newport, Kentucky. Dan



also spent some time in academia, working as an administrator at the University of Cincinnati. But it wasn't until he turned 50 that he discovered his true calling, when he founded the Dan Pinger Public Relations agency. Dan Pinger and the hundreds of "Pingerites" who worked with him offered communications counsel to clients across Cincinnati, Ohio and the nation for more than 25 years. He always said those were the most emotionally rewarding years of his career. And of course, Dan has been a son, husband, father, grandfather and lover, living through all the joy and heartbreak those roles bring. Now, in his 80s, Dan has begun scribbling some poems that deal with love, personal and business tribulations, and an 86-year-old man's consideration of what comes next. Love, Laughter, Life and the Hereafter: Fifty-Nine Stories in Rhyme is his first compilation of poetry.

Delving into themes that range from relationships and regrets to world peace and pets, this revealing and candid collection of 59 stories in rhyme will enlighten and inspire. Some of these stories are true. Some of them are nearly true. Some are works of imagination, but grounded so much in

the real world that they seem like they must be true. All of them are fiercely and unflinchingly honest, from the observant and thought ful perspective of an 86-year-old.



The book is on Amazon at https://www.amazon.com/s?field-keywords=love+laughter+life+and+the+hereafter

Ellen DePodesta

Transport Vanessa Sorensen (Marion Ave.) just launched her new

website, NessyPress.com. Nessy Press offers fine art linocut relief prints. The prints are made by carving and inking a linoleum plate and then hand-burnishing paper to make a print. If you are interested in finding out more



about the process, the artist, or purchasing prints visit NessyPress.com.

≈2016 Preservation Awards Honor Craftsmanship, Rehabilitation and Sustainability

Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) presented 15 awards for local preservation excellence at its 52nd annual meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at Pinecroft, the historic mansion of Powel Crosley, Jr. Two awards were in our neighborhood!

Belvedere Lobby Restoration: The exquisite painted finishes of the Belvedere Condominium lobby in North Avondale, including 12 oval-framed paintings by Cincinnati painter Herman Wessels, have been restored to their original splendor by Kris Lemmon of Deco Works.



Marion Hall: Built in late 1890s for auto dealer Frank Enger, this grand Beaux Arts Classical-style palazzo in North Avondale was later used by Xavier University as an honors dorm for male students. A top-to-bottom restoration by Ryan Messer and James Musuraca has restored the house and grounds to their original glory.





Happy Holidays & Happy New Year

From The North Avondale Neighborhood Association

IN MEMORIAM

Rick Steiner, who grew up and kept his office on Rose

Hill, did make it in New York, but he knew he could make it anywhere. As a Broadway producer, he made millions in the city, but stayed here in Cincinnati. Frank Sinatra be damned.



In addition to Mr. Steiner's

work on Broadway, he was a limited partner and sat on the ownership bench of the Cincinnati Reds. He also sat on the boards of the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati and the Cincinnati School for Creative and Performing Arts. He died Thursday, November 3. It was five days before his 70th birthday.

Mr. Steiner was born in **North Avondale** and graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1964. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin and received his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1970.

He then went from Boston, where he worked with then-unknown Chevy Chase, to New York. After a stint in marketing, he traveled the country selling custom T-shirts at fairs and then came back to Cincinnati to work as a stockbroker.

According to a 2008 Enquirer profile on Mr. Steiner, the son of a Kenner Toys founder could have taken a job at the company, but wanted to find his own way. Eventually, he made his way back to New York as a producer of "Big River." After a bold move lobbying the Tony Awards with a \$500,000 ad in the New York Times, his show got noticed and went on to win seven Tonys in 1985.

In the past 30 years, Mr. Steiner co-produced 11 Broadway musicals. Four won the Tony for Best Musical. After "Big River" came "The Producers" in 2001, "Hairspray" in 2003 and "Jersey Boys" in 2006. He coproduced the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Topdog/Underdog" in 2001. His other notable productions include "Into The Woods" and "The Secret Garden," and his certified flops, his family said, were "The Times They are A-Changin'" and "A Catered Affair."

Survivors include Jan Steiner, the mother of his sons Ace and Duke Steiner, and Jan's daughter Jaclyn; a brother, Corky Steiner; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of one's choice.

To read the New York Times obituary: http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/05/theater/richard-steiner-producer-of-broadway-hits-dies-at-69.html?_r=0

Sylvia H. Cann, (Clinton Springs) daughter of Alva Harper, MD and Virginia Harper, loving mother to five children & grandmother to six, a sister and friends to so many, has passed away on Thursday November 10, 2016 at the age of 85. She will be missed.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

The MSD would like to inform you of its annual public hearing before the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to consider the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati's (MSD) recommended 2017 Operating Budget, 2017 - 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and a revised rate adjustment for sewerage service charges and surcharges. The BOCC is holding a public hearing at 138 East Court Street, Room 603, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

MSD's operating and capital improvement program budgets are developed and recommended by MSD to the BOCC each year along with any rate adjustment recommendations that support the budget proposal. The budgets and associated rate recommendations reflect the resources required to ensure full compliance with all regulatory requirements as well as to protect public health throughout Hamilton County.

Documents pertaining to the public hearing will be available at http://msdgc.org/about_msd/ hearings and notices/index.html. Comments from the public are invited at the hearing or may be addressed in writing to the Clerk of the Board.









NEW NEIGHBORS

- Bryan Lee Goodpaster at 3971 Beechwood Ave
- Brian & Lindsay Mitchell at 762 Betula Ave
- Daniel & Esther McCarthy at 53 Burton Woods Ln
- Tiffany M Topper at 526 Clinton Springs Lane
- Hilton Capital Group Llc at 744 S Fred Shuttlesworth Cr
- U S Bank National Association at 726 Gholson Ave
- Renovation Properties #1 Llc at 846 Glenwood Ave
- Derrick Mceachin at 3896 Reading Rd
- Your Cinci Home Llc at 3948 Vine Vista Pl

We are new to the neighborhood and just purchased 762 Betula Ave. My wife, Lindsay, and our puppy, Poppy, are excited to be part of this hidden gem of a neighborhood.

Brian Mitchell (Betula)

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December

9 - Picture Retakes

10 - Lottery Sign up ends

14 - Winter Concert - 6 PM - NAM-Gym

16 - End of second quarter

17 through Jan. 2 - Winter Recess

January 3, 2017 - Classes Resume!

Xavier University Future Career Day

Xavier Future Career Day! NAM students in grades 4, 5, and 6 participated in the Xavier University Future Career Day event. Many CPS schools took part in the program offered by XU. The objective of the program was to bring students on campus and discuss possible careers students may have an interest in exploring. The day ended with student attending a Lady Musketeer basketball game. Paulette Simpson, Nam Media Specialist, coordinated the activity. "Our students really had a blast! Being on campus, asking questions to student athletes, and going to the game was an unique experience. This activity follows along with the Advisory program we offer our students. Maleah, a 6th grade student at NAM enjoyed the day at XU. "Being on campus is so much fun! We got to experience college life and going to the game was a lot of fun! It got me thinking about my future and I want to attend a college or university when I graduate from High School! My friends had a great time too!" "This was a great experience for our students. To go on campus has such a positive effect on students and I commend Xavier University for hosting this opportunity. We emphasize academics at NAM but also realize experiences in the arts and other field trips are important too. We offer a well balanced program that impacts the whole child," said Principal Lewis.

To see more of this event: https://xuathletics.exposure.co/xavier-womens-basketball-hosts-field-trip-day

2016 Grandparent's Day!

Over the past 20 years, on the last day of school prior to Thanksgiving vacation, NAM hosts their annual Grandparent's Day (GPD). This year over 350 grandparents attended the event. "Our grandparents came out in record numbers. We are always excited to host GPD and fortunately today the weather cooperated. I always worry about rain, snow or freezing temperatures," said Principal Lewis.

The program featured NAM students performing on the drums (ORFF) and the NAM choir, "The Soaring Rockets," under the direction of Mr. Wesley Barnfield. "Our students did an amazing job performing this morning. Both groups have been working very hard at their craft and it paid off today," said Mr. Barnfield, Music Director.

Grandparents attended the event from all communities of Cincinnati as well as Louisville, Lexington, and Indianapolis. "We love coming to NAM and seeing our grandchild working in the classroom. We are able to interact with our grandchild and assist with the lesson," said Mr. Haggerty.

"One of the themes around GPD is to feature our students. This year Daven, a sixth grader, was our emcee. For him to come on stage and speak to a crowd of this size was

impressive. Also I loved the solos performed by Dianna and Julia," said PTO President, Page Seck. Student work was also displayed in the annual Art Exhibition host by Ms. Stephanie Cooper, Art Teacher.

"I have come to GPD for 16 straight years. I always enjoy



being with my grandchild and going to the classroom. This was an outstanding program and I look forward to next year," said Ms. Easely.

All of our students did a remarkable job performing

this morning. The student in Orff sounded great and our choir was outstanding. Devan was fantastic as our emcee and Elizabeth did an awesome job reading our annual poem to our grandparents. The



feedback our program has been very positive and we look forward to the 2017," said Principal Lewis.

To host such a large crowd is a huge undertaking. "I want to thank all of our parents that the volunteered their time this morning. This event would not be possible without the



many parents donating their time and energy. This is truly a Montessori activity that bring our community together," said Ms. Seck.

"Our team will reflect upon today's program and any improvements we can implement will be incorporated for next year's event. We always receive feedback and suggestions to enhance our program. I am



proud of our community for coming together to make this a special day for our grandparents. This is a truly a team effort

and I am thankful to our community," said Principal Lewis.

Grandparent's Day will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Make your calendars!



Roger R. Lewis, Principal (Continued from page 7)

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THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM)

281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane www.newschoolmontessori.com

New School Montessori elementary students walked around our campus during our walk-a-thon as a fundraiser for the school. At the end, our preschoolers each took one lap around the campus with a throng of supporters

cheering them on. The children had a wonderful time circling our campus while parents, teachers and other students encouraged them. We are so grateful to our generous sponsors for supporting our students' efforts and to DJ Geoffrey Gulley for rocking some tunes while we walked.



We invite you and your family to visit our open house on Sunday, January 22 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. You'll enjoy seeing our wooded playgrounds, beautiful gardens and charming Victorian interior. TNSM embraces diversity - valuing differences in race, culture, family, and thought. Since 1970, our experienced teachers have been interweaving Montessori principles and problem-solving concepts which nurture and stimulate, allowing the children to discover their innate love of learning. You are always welcome to call 513.281.7999 to learn more or to schedule a visit.

Ann Baumgardner, Marketing & Communications Director



This Fall at The North Avondale Recreation Center:

Monday: Walking Club 9:30-10:30am

Men's Fitness 9:30-10:15am Move & Stretch: 10:30-11:00am

TRX: 6:00-6:45pm

Curvy Cardio: 6:15-7:00pm

<u>Tuesday:</u> Spinning 6:00-6:45pm

Wednesday: Walking Club 9:30-10:30am

Men's Fitness 9:30-10:15am Move & Stretch: 10:30-11:00am

TRX: 6:00-6:45pm

Curvy Cardio: 6:15-7:00pm

Thursday: Spinning: 10:15-11:00am

Line Dance 10:00am-12:00pm Step Aerobics 6:05-6:50pm Spinning: 6:00-6:45pm

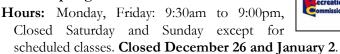
Friday: Free Friday Fitness Night: 6:30-9:00pm - Adults Only

Saturday: Curvy Cardio 10:00-10:45am

TRX: 10:30-11:15am

PARKS & RECREATION

North Avondale Recreation Center ● 617 Clinton Springs Ave. ● 961.1584





- Zumba Kids: Saturdays @ 9:30am!
- Barre 3 Class: Mondays & Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
- Holiday Mini Camp: December 19-23 & December 27-30 from 7:00am-6:00pm. \$20 per child per day. Children must be ages 5-12.
- Join us on the first Friday of each month for **Free Friday Fitness Night!** 6:30-9:00pm -Adults Only!
- PK Fitness Coming January 10, 2017! FREE 8 Week prenatal fitness and nutrition program! Call to sign up!

Jaime Stryker, D.T., D.

First Friday is so much fun! Below are pictures from the Free December session. Classes were: Zumba or Barre from 6:45-7:15; Curvy Cardio or TRX from 7:30-8:00; Yoga 8:15 - 8:45. Healthy choice vendors were also in attendance.

Next month on January 6, you can choose from TRX, Barre,

Spinning, Curvy Cardio and special guest Denise Byers of Bootcamp Cincinnati. I will be there again!!

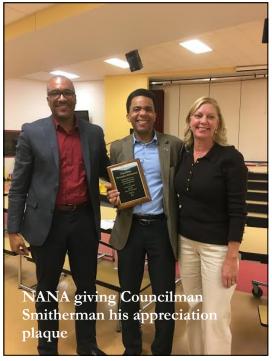
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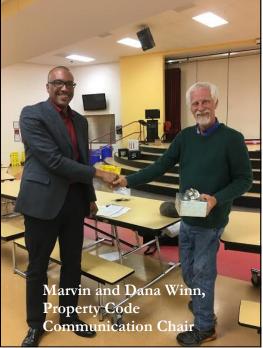














Pictures from President's article, page 1.









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NANA CALENDAR

- Monday, December 13, NABA Meeting, 6:30pm. North Avondale Recreation Center
- Tuesday, December 13, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Thursday, January 5 & February 2, NANA Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Road
- Tuesday, January 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Tuesday, February 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.

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