



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbors,

I hope your holiday season is off to a great start. As we gear up for the Holidays let's continue to come together to help others within and nearby our community. The holiday spirit of the season is evident as you walk or drive around our beautiful streets. The holiday banners are up, the gardens are shaping up beautifully for spring and other projects are in

order too!

Generous giving is everywhere in our neighborhood this year and we also want to remind you to consider contributing to NANA by paying your NANA dues. Extra funds ensure our neighborhood the resources to grow and allow us to contribute to projects that help others too. As our funds expand, it allows us to take on more projects. Much of what we do for the neighborhood is done with volunteers only and we thank you!

We also hope that you will take part in our upcoming Luminary event on **Sunday, December 12th** (Rain date Dec 19th) **from 6 to 9pm**. This is a spectacular event that brings together the entire community to see beautiful lights and neighbors too.

May this Holiday Seasons bring your loved ones near, and bring Peace to the World.

Here is the links to donate via PayPal <https://northavondalecincinnati.com/donate/>.

*Heather Herr*

**NANA GENERAL MEETING**  
**December 14, 7:00pm**  
**IN PERSON! at the North Avondale Montessori**  
**Cafetorium**  
**617 Clinton Springs**  
**or**  
**VIA ZOOM:**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133>**  
**Passcode: 45217**

**Next Meeting: January 11, Tuesday, 7:00 pm**

**LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 2021 NANA DUES**  
**<https://northavondalecincinnati.com/membership/>**

### FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### LUMINARY 2021

**Sunday, December 12 from 6-9**

(Rain Date December 19th)

The wonderful tradition of Luminary is happening in North Avondale.

We have an all time record of streets participating in this year's Luminaria.

They are:

**South of Clinton Springs:**

- Spring House Lane

**South of E. Mitchel:**

- Dickson, Lowry, Parker Place and Wedgewood

- Burton Woods, Clinton Springs, Leyman and Red Bud

**North of E. Mitchel/Rose Hill Area:**

- Avondale, Avon Fields Ln, Avon Fields Pl., Beechwood, Betula, Red Bud Ave, Red Bud Pl. and Rose Hill

**East of Reading:**

- Avondale, Lenox, Redway and Winding Way.

Wander around your neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!

#### CANDY CANE LANE ON ROSE HILL

Candy Cane Lane at 4025 Rose Hill Avenue is up and running!

There is a Letters to Santa mailbox - and Santa will reply as long as kids leave a legible name and address!



**LIGHT UP ST BERNARD** will take place the evening of Saturday evening, December 18th.



*Happy Holidays*

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### BEAUTIFICATION

*Jolene Struebbe, Beautification Chair*



#### North Avondale Litter Report

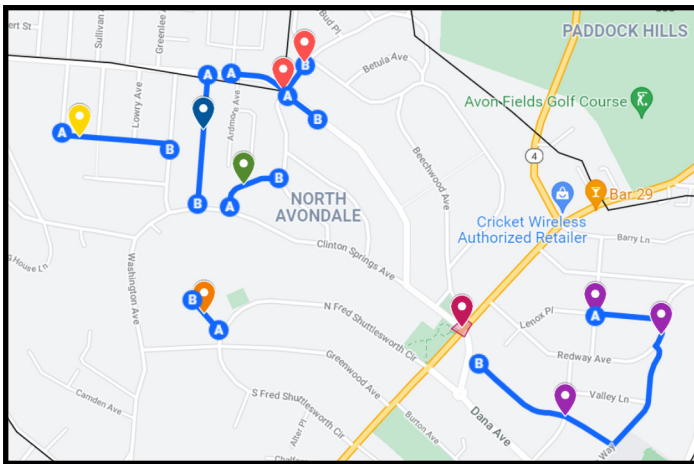
Hey neighbors!

As promised I wanted to share a photo from Xavier's Community Action Day this past October of all the wonderful students, faculty, and families that came out to help North Avondale. Thanks again!!



#### Adopt-a-Spot

I've also taken time this past month to create a map of all of the streets Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has record of Adopt-a-Spot volunteers in North Avondale. I had to guess at some of the walking routes, so this might not be 100% accurate.



Feel free to update the map with your actual route if you'd like! Here's a link <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1twu07MgFpkb2YfmHSbddME3tGhVuAxGV&usp=sharing> to the map. It should allow you to edit.

I also want to say a special thanks to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Beta Eta Chapter, The Schilling Family, "the Magic Three", "A Friend and Advocate", Vivian and James Anater, and our Wedgewood Neighbors! Thank you so much for your hard work! Remember to log your results with KCB here [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXXgorjNp8b3hFAhr-laV\\_1FMLD4-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXXgorjNp8b3hFAhr-laV_1FMLD4-)

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With the weather cooling down I know it can be harder to get outside, but let's do our best to not let the litter build up! You can Adopt a Spot here- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF9bChthOemGq8BjFxd2M2SRy0Yt5QQo28tO\\_BnlcCPftdI6g/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF9bChthOemGq8BjFxd2M2SRy0Yt5QQo28tO_BnlcCPftdI6g/) to view form.

Thanks again to everyone who has signed up!"

#### *Your neighborhood Litter Chair, Coral Weigel* **NANA Community Gardens**



As 2021 comes to a close I would like to thank our NANA gardeners and garden captains for their hard work in our community gardens this past year.

In no particular order:

- **Richard Jackson** for his work as captain of Victory Parkway/Dana Triangle park, the Dana Roundabout, and various gardens near the roundabout.
- **Sarah Koucky** as our Seasongood captain and her Wednesday helpers, **Ann Wong** and **Emily Harten**. Look for new Parks plantings in the center circle in the weeks to come.
- **Susan Kenford**, our new Marion Park captain – look for some additional plantings by the Park Board in the weeks to come.
- **Carolyn Gillman** as captain of the garden near the North Avondale sign, and to **Ann Wong** for helping me to plant the new lime green Heuchera there. Look for a surprise in the spring, thanks to Carolyn.
- Captains **Terri Byczkowski** and **Megan Rothe** for taking on the Washington Triangle and to their crew for the renovation of this garden, and to **Cecil Thomas** for his invaluable help in getting water to this area.
- **Beth Ewing** as captain for the garden at the entrance of the Rec Center in memory of Pamela Smitherman
- **Charlene Morse** as captain of the Kessler memorial on Clinton Springs at the street entrance of the North Recreation Center.
- **Mary Piper** captain of the Asmann garden and flower beds at the Dana Triangle.
- To all those who helped us during the year, including Xavier students on our October Garden workday.

Please extend a sincere thank you when you see your gardening neighbors who have helped to make our community more beautiful in every way.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*Judy Evans, NANA Community Gardens Chair*

### ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

My son-in-law, Dominic Gates, won. the Pulitzer prize in journalism in 2020.

*Judy Shapiro (Beechwood)*



## FROM THE CITY

The City of Cincinnati Department of City Planning and Engagement will hold a Virtual Public Staff Conference on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss and gather public comment on the following:



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUBJECT:** A proposal to modify Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by amending the provisions of Section 1405-03, "Specific Purposes of Multi-Family Subdistricts," "Development Regulations:" Section 1405-07, Section 1407-07, Section 1409-09, Section 1410-07, Section 1413-07 and Section 1415- 09, **to reduce or remove density limitations in certain zoning districts and thereby remove a barrier to the creation of housing within the city.**

The proposed updates to the proposed Ordinance based on community feedback received include:

- Allowing for double the existing density permitted in residential multi-family districts (RM-0.7, RM-1.2 and RM-2.0) instead of unlimited. All other regulations (height, setbacks, parking requirements, etc. still apply).
- The maximum number of new residential units permitted per lot in the RMX zoning district remains three (matches current Zoning Code).
- Limiting the height in RM-0.7 multi-family to 50 feet instead of unlimited (with increased setbacks).

**Additional information, purposes, and explanations regarding the proposed text amendments** can be viewed at the link below:

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-and-studies/active-ongoing/proposed-removal-of-density-restrictions/>

A notification that has been mailed out to all community councils and community development corporations regarding the **Virtual Public Staff Conference to be held virtually on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

If you wish to attend the meeting, please email a request to [james.weaver@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:james.weaver@cincinnati-oh.gov) for the meeting link to join and it will be sent directly to you the afternoon before the meeting.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

**James Weaver, AICP / Senior City Planner Department of City Planning and Engagement 513.352.4882**

We're starting to **develop our work plan for FY22.** Based on community feedback, we will be realigning the Pedestrian Safety program to focus more on actual traffic calming. I am asking each community council across the city to send me up to two street segments for consideration for traffic calming.

The tools we will be using to calm traffic are **bump outs** and/or speed cushions. A bump out (or curb extension) extends the sidewalk into the parking lane where 24-hour parking is present. The bump out visually and physically narrows the roadway, which can result in slower driving

speeds.



A **speed cushion** is similar to a speed hump, but has wheel cut outs to allow emergency vehicles to pass through unimpeded. Regular-sized cars and trucks however must reduce their speed to the speed limit in order to drive over the speed cushion comfortably. Speed cushions cannot be used on streets with steep grades.



The street segments you submit for consideration should be no more than ½ mile long, but you can send a specific address if that is easier than defining a street segment. It's also helpful to include a short sentence or two for each location explaining why traffic calming should be prioritized here. For example, is the location adjacent to a school or community center, or on a heavily traveled walking route to a popular destination? The more information you include, the better. Funding is limited, so this is a competitive program. Each request will be scored on several factors, including:

- History of pedestrian crashes
- History of cars leaving the roadway
- History of fatal or serious injury crashes
- Proximity to a neighborhood business district
- Proximity to a school, recreation center, park or other pedestrian generator
- # of and frequency of bus routes
- % of zero-car households

All requests received will be scored, and then ranked. Funding will be allocated to the most urgent/at-risk locations first, until all funding has been expended. Due to limited funding, it is unlikely that all locations will receive funding.

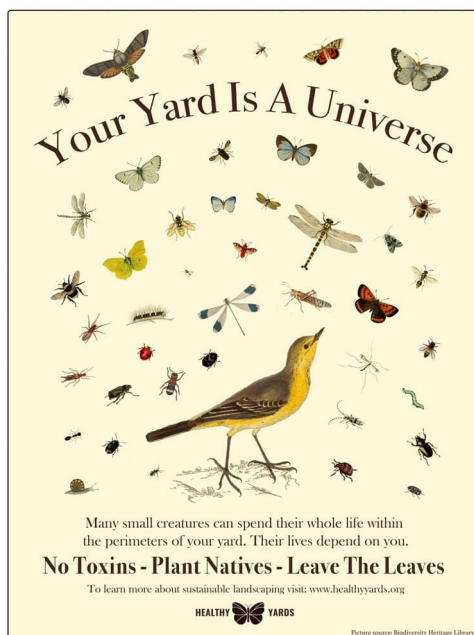
Please discuss this with your community council who will respond to me with the top 2 priority locations as soon as possible, but no later than Friday January 28, 2022. Requests received after January 28, 2022 will not be considered.

Please note: This Traffic Calming program is for streets with more than 5,000 cars a day. If you are interested in traffic calming on a lower volume street, please contact [streetcalming@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:streetcalming@cincinnati-oh.gov).

**Melissa McVay, MCP Senior City Planner  
Department of Transportation and Engineering  
513.352.5269**

**Editor's Note:** Please send your suggestions to [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com) as NANA will be the one to submit to the City.

## RECYCLING/ENVIRONMENT



### REMINDER CONCERNING RAKING LEAVES

Under the City Municipal Code, raking leaves into the street or right-of-way is prohibited and is PUNISHABLE BY LAW.

- Please compost yard waste at home whenever possible.
- Your yard waste is collected every other week on your recycling day.
- Make sure to put it in a separately marked container or the special paper bags.
- Also this is a good time trim hedges and plants that have grown out over the sidewalks making it difficult to walk safely and easily.

- Have your holiday lights lost their twinkle? Drop off broken or unwanted lights at any Great Parks visitor center between December 1, 2021–February 1, 2022.



Recycling holiday lights instead of throwing them in the trash keeps them out of landfills and gives them a new life. Thanks to a partnership with Cohen, Great Parks is able to provide six convenient drop-off locations where the lights will be collected and recycled for you. See here for sites: <https://www.greatparks.org/discovery/projects/holiday-lights-recycling>

### FUN IN THE CITY

- To learn about activities, products and lot of fun things in Cincinnati: <https://tourdecincinnati.com/>

- Mayweather Boxing + Fitness in Hyde Park is hosting 1st Annual "Box for Tots" Fitness Toy Drive Workout!

- Tuesday Dec 14th - 5:30pm (6pm Start of Class)
- At Fowlings Warehouse 2940 Highland Ave #230, 45212.
- Every person that donates will enjoy a Free Mayweather Boxing + Fitness Workout along with a Free Game of Fowling right after the workout. All donations will go to benefit Activities



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### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- 1451 Sutton Ave LLC at 3723 Alaska Ct.
- Mark & Katherine Charlton-Perkins at 3816 Dakota Ave.
- Engineeronstaff.Com LLC at 1023 Dana Ave.
- Blake M Yager & Jordan Thompson at 3960 Dickson Ave.
- Antwoine & Tracy McCants at 3980 Glencross Ave.
- Milton Stephanie @ 3 at 754 Greenwood Ave.
- Timothy Larson & Terri Martin at 3965 Lowry Ave.
- Lamar Styles at 17 Merzen Ct.
- Kerith Spicknall at 4019 Red Bud Ave.
- Real Equity Oh LLC at 3932 Vine Vista Pl.
- Conceptual Properties LLC at 36 Wuest St.

### FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

- North Avondale has now established a **WARD 13 Dem Club**. Please feel free to join to discuss issues and policies impacting our community. Feel free to contact Tyra Oldham at [info@tyraoldham.com](mailto:info@tyraoldham.com)

Dr. Tyra Oldham (E. Mitchell)



## PARKS, LIBRARIES & RECREATION



### Avon Woods Invasive Removal Day

**Location:** Avon Woods Nature Preserve, 4235 Paddock Rd, 45229

**Date:** Saturday, January 29, 2022

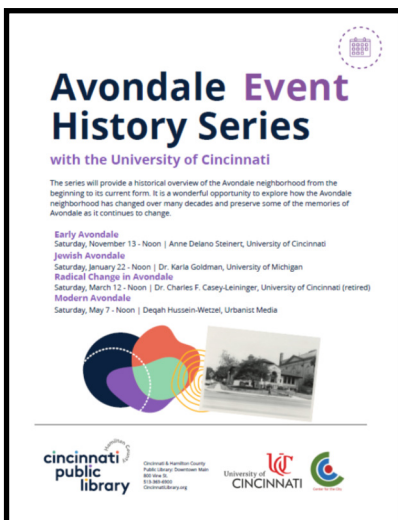
**Time:** 10am-noon

**Fee:** free

**Ages:** adult

Looking for an impactful way to help with environmental conservation? This event is a great start – join us for a short interpretative discussion about the forest where we identify native trees and discuss their role in a diverse ecosystem as well as the harmful impact of encroaching invasive species. We'll then work on cutting honeysuckle bushes to pave the way for habitat restoration. Bring work gloves and a pair of loppers if you have them. Register at Better impact: <http://bttr.im/4mfe6>

### Library Event



**North Avondale Recreation Center -**  
617 Clinton Springs - 961.1584

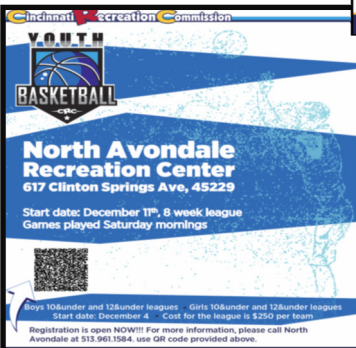
•Hours: open Monday thru Friday 10 am to 8 pm; Saturday 9am to 2pm

•We are closed December 24 and 31. And in January we are closed on the 17th.

•We are having a day camp during the break. See flyer.

•Weight Room is by reservations

- Masks must be worn
- Senior Knitting & Social Group Monday, 12:00 to 1:30 membership required
- Adult Fall Kickball at Oakley ballfields on Tuesdays



*Tim Johnson, Service Area Coordinator*

**Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road • 751.3393**

### Program Schedule

- Hours: 10am to 8pm Monday thru Friday
  - Dec. 20 - Dec 23 and Dec. 27- Dec.30th 10:00 am - 6:30 pm.
- We are closed: Dec 24, 25, 30 and Jan 1st and Jan. 17th.
- After School 2:30-6:00pm - Cost: \$62.50/child - accept vouchers for children
- Spinning classes: Mon. & Wed., 6:15 – 7:00 pm. It is necessary to sign up before class. To register call 751.3393 or go to the front desk.
- Yoga: Tuesday 6:00pm - call to reserve space.
- Senior Program: arts & crafts, journaling, walking club, essential oils
- Pick up a Gym Schedule and a Program Schedule at the Center.

*Taylor Singleton, Service Area Coordinator*

## NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS



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[www.namrockets.org](http://www.namrockets.org)

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### North Avondale Montessori Virtual Fundraiser at Joseph-Beth Book Fair. Nov 29 - Dec 12, 2021

- Anyone from anywhere in the US can shop at Joseph-Beth online ([josephbeth.com](http://josephbeth.com)) to help support NAM's Media Center.
- Please use the coupon code - NAMFBF21 for NAM's Media Center to receive 20% of the sale at the Coupon Discount option when you are checking out.
  - You will get a message "Your Book Fair code has been accepted".
  - Books will be shipped to the delivery address listed.
- SHOP for any items at Joseph-Beth in-store or call the store at 513.396.8960 for curbside pick up.
  - At the checkout counter or over the phone, please provide the cashier with the Coupon Code - NAMFBF21.
- Thanks for helping our students keep the NAM library updated with fiction and nonfiction books and continue to have my students foster the LOVE of reading.

**Mrs. Simpson, Media Specialist -**  
[simpsop@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:simpsop@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)



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**New School Montessori students in 4th-6th grade were thrilled to make and set off their own rockets on The New School Montessori's blacktop.** Their work began by studying the science that had come before, making this kind of event possible. Students looked all the way back to 400 BC when a Greek scientist propelled a pigeon along a wire using steam power to the Chinese igniting gunpowder for fireworks in 1232, to Newton's discovery of the 3 Laws of Motion in the 17th century, to Germans' ballistic missiles fueled with liquid oxygen and alcohol in 1942. All of these discoveries led us to where we are today with humans launched into space.

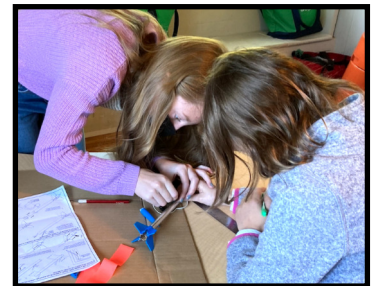
Much like a balloon flies across the room as the pent up gas inside it escapes and thrusts the balloon forward. Rockets use escaping gas to propel them forward as well. To keep the rocket heading in the expected direction, stability is vital. Students' rockets had to pass their stability test (swinging it in a circular motion and having the nose remain pointing forward) before they could move on to launch phase.

Students learned the names of each stage of flight, starting with the way up (launch, powered ascent, coasting flight) and ending with the way down (ejection charge, slow descent and recovery). Students counted out loud as the rocket reached its peak and used an altimeter, getting angle readings to determine the height their rocket achieved.

As you can imagine with "rocket science," there's a lot more that goes into it, and the students learned all about the thrust charge, the delay charge (white smoke) that lets you track its path, the ejection charge that sends out the parachute, the safety key, the ignition button...and all the rest. They waited for a beautiful clear day (just like NASA) and launched one rocket after another!

**Virtual Open House on January 30, 2022** - Go to: <https://newschoollmontessori.com/admissions/open-house/> to learn more about it and to sign up.

Video of launch: <https://youtu.be/1L4u8OcVL8Y>



**Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director**

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Beyond the Classroom - Project Connect. ABC acts as the fiscal sponsor for Project Connect, helping them in their mission to advocate for and provide aid to children in Cincinnati Public Schools experiencing homelessness. - <https://abccincy.org/services/>

If you can't make the class but wish to donate, please do so! Gift card donations are welcomed. Just give us a call to coordinate drop off.

Register online, at Eventbrite and let the donations begin!!

LINK to SIGN UP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-box-for-tots-toy-drive-workout-tickets-220771251757>

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