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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbors,

NANA held its 55th annual meeting on Sunday May 17th. A new board was elected, so please join me in thanking the outgoing board members for their great service, Carolyn Gillman (3rd Vice President) and Nicole Patitucci (Recording Secretary), as well as Beth Ewing (Beautification Chair). They are leaving large shoes to fill, but I am confident the new board will be strong and active, and as a team we will keep moving North Avondale forward. In addition to myself, the board will consist of Michael Caporale (1st Vice President), Marvin Masterson (2nd Vice President), Dana Will (3rd Vice President), Carolyn Feldhaus (Corresponding Secretary), Tiffany Tribble (Recording Secretary), and Tom Wright (Treasurer). Please join me in thanking the nominating committee for their great service and the new board members for taking on this responsibility for the coming year.

Thank you also to our great guest speakers at the meeting. Margo Warminski, Preservation Director for the Cincinnati Preservation Association, gave us wonderful insight into the history of North Avondale and what is means to be a designated historical district. Satolli Glassmeyer, President of History in your own backyard, showcased very interesting videos they produce about historical locations and neighborhoods. And finally, thank you to the New School Montessori for hosting our general meeting in their beautiful auditorium, and to Valerie Williams with Five Star Foodies for excellent catering of the event. *(see pictures on page 6)*

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our next general meeting on June 9th as we will be taking a break in July and not having a General Meeting until August 11, and in the meantime, please visit our website northavondalecincinnati.com for general info, committee updates, and to pay your NANA dues online.

Finally, I hope that the school year is wrapping up well, and that everyone is enjoying being outside with the warmer temperatures and the pools open again! Have a great summer!

Hanne Loken Larsen

Come To Our NANA General Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM NA Recreation Center

AGENDA

• In Depth Crime Report - By Captain Herold, District 4

Thank you for paying you 2015 NANA dues!

FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Avondale Choice Neighborhood (ACN) Developments Walking Tour

In response to Ursula Hassel's request subsequent to Cinnamon Pelly's (Community Builders) presentation at NANA's January 2015 General Meeting, a walking tour of the **Avondale Choice Neighborhood (ACN) developments** will take place on **June 13, 2015 at 9 am**. We will meet at Gabriel's Place, 3618 Reading Road and the tour will last for 1 hour. Our tour guides will be Lou Mitsch and Bill Whitten. **All Welcome!**

Marvin Masterson

≈4th Annual July 4 Bike/Trike/Wagon

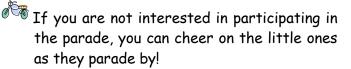


Please decorate your ride patriotic fashion.

Meet for the event at 3937 Rose Hill (green tile house).

🏷 The Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

The Parade's route will be on the sidewalk of Beechwood Ave - Rose Hill Ave loop.



For more information or to volunteer, contact email Hanne Loken Larsen or call the NANA Voice Mail 401.5356



NANA COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION:

Dear Neighbors and Friends, I am so very thankful for the turnout we had this year for our annual Green Up Day and Great American Clean Up. I am also very thankful to our Cincinnati Park employees that were with us to assist us with safety tips, spreading mulch, pruning, planting trees and edging - is there something I missed? I also thank Hamilton County Juvenile Court Work Detail for assisting on Asmann Avenue and Burton Avenue doing litter pick up. The North Avondale Montessori School for giving/printing our neighborhood clean-up day twice in their newsletter. We as a neighborhood had access to other resources: The Tool Bank being one and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful the other. Both were free. The Tool Bank was free rental due to a generous donation from PNC Bank. So, thank you PNC Bank for your generosity. Mike Caporale, thank you for the litter grabbers and the gloves. What a perfect find it was that they were free and very handy to have. Mary Piper and Jim Corwin - you two went down a 90 degree slanted ravine at Victory Parkway and the Dana Triangle and retrieved 13 tires and a mountain of trash! Hats off to the both of you.

Sally and Steve Poehner thank you for opening the restrooms in the Belvedere, informing the Belvedere residents of our neighborhood event and for the volunteers. Sarah Harten Kouchy, thank you for setting up the dozens of bagels from and thank you to Brueggers Bagels for your generous and kind donation. This year I made arrangements with both the Urban League/Sickle Cell Anemia of Southwest Ohio and the Zion Temple for access to park in their parking lots thank you. Charlene Morse and Bridget McComas, thank you for getting this information out to other groups of volunteers. We had responses and they still made it in the rain. Thank you to Fatimah Southall from Councilman Wendall Young's office for showing your support for our community. Thank you to my cheerful father in law R. Dave Harten and the gaggle of family (Allison, Chris, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Lauren, Maura, Miles, Olivia & Sarah) for helping me and always showing support. Thank you Jan Banks, Cindy Crown, Edie Gaudio, Ursula Hassel, Mary Winn, Ann Wong, and Maura Wolf for every moment that you have given in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live. You never say no when it's time for clean-up - no matter where it is. I often wonder how many pounds of litter we have picked up.

I was so happy to see families participate in the yearly clean up. Families keep neighborhoods together with civic events such as this one. So thank you to the parents for their precious time and setting a good example for their families. We had a great turnout from North Avondale and all the way south into Kentucky and north to maybe Middletown.

My point is, what a range of volunteers. I was so giddy at one point in the morning, I had to pinch myself. Next year we are going to have more volunteers. I already put in a request for a sunny temperate morning. Thank you everyone for helping on April 25th with the clean-up and to those I have not yet mentioned but equally appreciate: Robert Banks I Nina Caporale I Fred Fegan I Dave Flashpohler I Travis Gysegem I Kaufman Family I Hanne Loken Larsen I Bridget & Phillip McComas D Liza & Mariana McNair D Marvin Masterson D Shybria Pleasant with 6 youth from juvenile court D Brett Price D Karen Pryor D Mr. & Mrs. Reid D Reynolds Family D Ross Family D Cynthia Scanio D Thompson Family D Dave Wachs D Jordan Wilson and others who didn't sing in! See you in the neighborhood *(view pictures on page 6)*

Emily Harten

Editors note: From someone who has done this event, a huge thank you to Emily who did just an outstanding job!

Partnering Opportunity: Sponsor a Flower Pot Program

A huge thank you to the following neighbors who have already donated to the beautiful, Cincinnati Parks maintained, flower pots on Reading Road: Tony & Marla Barone • Lynn Marmer & Eugene Beaupre • Chris Bolling & Stephen Peterson • Deb & Jim Corwin • Brett & Ann Marie DeCurtins • Beth & Brooks Ewing • Cindy & Dave Flaspohler • Full Spectrum • Kim & Jeff



Geoppinger • Allison & Chris Harten • Carol & Dave Harten • Emily & John Harten • Jennifer Harten • Caroline Feldhaus & Stephen Harten • Frank Newbauer & Teresa Harten • Patty & John Hassel • Sue Kenford • Sarah & Walter Koucky • Mike Turner & Hanne Loken Larsen • Jeffrey & Jolie Lubow • Fred & Hope Felton-Miller • Jon & Regine Moulton • Marian & Robert Pitcairn • Ken & Mary Pray • Ted & Tricia Renneker • Earl Ross • Moe & Jack Rouse • Judith Shapiro • Jolene Struebbe • Urban Blooms • Carol Allen & Michael Volkerding • Richard & Vanessa Wayne • Dana & Mary Winn • Maura & J. Miles Wolf • Vanessa & Dave Wong • Erik & Julie Zimmerman

We are still in need of monetary donations to support our half of the costs to maintain these. The City graciously donates the other half. **To donate go to the NANA Website,** About, Donate and check *Other* and write in Flower Pots. or send a check to NANA, with flower pots noted in the memo. Thank you again for supporting the beautification of our neighborhood! *Beth Ewing*

<u>HEALTH</u>

Health Department News:

The Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) Primary Care Centers received the highest level of recognition for patient care by the National Commission for Quality Assurance noting that CHD's Patient-centered Medical Home model is a proactive approach to primary care that transforms the organization and delivery of health care services.

An Infant Vitality Community Forum will be held **Thursday**, **June 11, 2015 from 9 to noon at the Kingsgate Marriot** (151 Goodman St). The event is free and open to the public. Breakfast will be served at 8:30am Register at http:// chdinsidetheevidence.eventbrite.com

The speakers include Dr. Odell Owens, Dr. Karen Bankston and Councilman Wendell Young. The Presenters are Dr. Noble Maseru, Benita Spraggins and Jennifer Mooney. The Moderator will be Ms Michelle Hopkins facilitating comments from panelists representing the Past, the Present and the Future: Past: Jennifer Malot, Charles Dillard and Marian Spencer Present: Dr. Corinn Taylor, Dr. Elizabeth Kelly, Lauren Bostic and Dr. Farrah Jacquez Future: Dr. Denise Saker, Anita Bently and Larry Williams.

Kimya Moyo (Health Dept. Liaison)

EDUCATION/RENTAL HOUSING:

The focus of our committee is to look at education and rental housing, our neighborhood, and the total community and how each affects the other.

Who are our neighbors? What is the Mayor's Hand Up Initiative? Facts on poverty:

- One in 4 Cincinnatians fall below the poverty line.
- The city's poverty rate is almost 2 times the national average, with 71,000 people living in poverty.
- Cincinnati's child poverty rate is 53%, the 2nd worst in the nation.

The goal of the Mayor's Hand-Up Initiative is to reduce Cincinnati's poverty rate by 5% over the next 4 years.

There are areas in North Avondale that have a high poverty rate mixed with single family and multi-family homes. Many buildings and/or tenants are subsidized by the government. During the recent recession owners of buildings who were not financially secure often walked away from their landlord responsibilities. Basic maintenance in these buildings was not done.

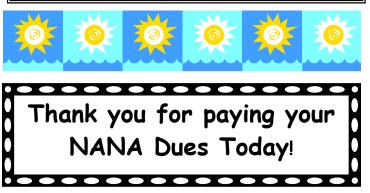
The Avondale Community Council worked with the city to bring in a developer with experience in what needed to be done. They received a grant to rehabilitate five apartment buildings and to work with the tenants as well as develop other areas in Avondale. Much of the construction seen along Reading Road is the result.

On June 13, 2015 at 9:00am, a walking tour of the Avondale Choice Neighborhood (ACN) developments will take place. If you would like to join in the walk, meet at Gabriel's Place, 3618 Reading Road. The tour will last for 1 hour.

Building on our original goal, the purpose of the committee will be informational - making the connection between rental housing, education, poverty, and other social and medical problems that communities/ n e i g h b o r h o o d s e x p e r i e n c e. These problems are everywhere but more recognized where there are less resources.

We need to learn to talk about them if we want to make a change.

Pauline Daly 751.8334 pdaly@fuse.net



FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

I am rappelling down the side of the YMCA building on June 13th to raise money for low income senior housing. This is a fundraiser for Episcopal Retirement Homes (ERH).

Here is a link to the details for the event: <u>http://</u> www.episcopalretirement.com/over-the-edge-4-elders

We are still looking for people to rappel and/or donate. Please email me if you want to help, annelame@gmail.com.

Anne Lame Megerle, (Rose Hill) &June 20, 2015 is Global Water Dances Day!

- Communities of dancers, musicians & artists in over 50 countries on 6 continents will be presenting dances by bodies of water. In Cincinnati, we present over 50 dancers, singers, and world instrumentalists in a glorious dance performance at the edge of the Ohio River.
- It's a FREE, fabulous family event with a significant message: We must be aware of the critical need for safe, clean, accessible, sustainable water for all beings on the planet! Choreography by Fanchon Shur; Original Music by Shari Lauter.
- Global Water Dances-Cincinnati did not receive any funding as we did in 2013, so we have set up a funding campaign on GoFundMe.com to cover the \$2000 hard costs to produce our 2015 dance: permits, sound system (for land and for the kayakers watching from the River!), printing, etc.
- Please visit our page and donate what you can. Even donating \$1 will help! gofundme.com/v9sv4gh9
- Would you help us further? Please share this request with others who love water, the Ohio River, dance, music...<u>www.facebook.com/globalwaterdances-cincinnati.</u>

Fanchon Shur (Red Bud)

Had some people come to the door selling cleaning services & very pushy about coming into the house. Used the Kirby vacuum name. Just sounded fishy, & thought others should know.

A Neighbor

✤Years ago, after the City reconfigured Clinton Springs and Washington, two empty areas were created. Marian Miller got working on beautifying the north side. Unfortunately, after it was getting quite pretty it was destroyed by the building of the new condos on the hill above it. Some of the plants where moved over to the southern side but when we were about to give up and turn it into grass, Beth Ewing stepped up and said she would take it on, and on she did. Thank you Beth for proving me wrong that it couldn't be done and thank you for making me smile every time I see the beautiful flowers.



FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio invites girls in grades K-12 to visit Camp Butterworth on Saturday, June 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to learn more about summer camp. Activities include a fun camp activity and tour of camp facilities. People interested in attending the open house can contact Tori Houck at 513.683.2892.

Contemporary Dance Theater presents its final production of the season: Area Choreographers Festival

CDT is proud to present the work of six choreographers with close ties to the Cincinnati area:

- Tekonika Ondine by Selene B. Carter
- •#conntected (@Jeri's New Dance) 2009 by Jeri Deckard Gatch
- Honeymoons by Steven P. Evans
- Fallout by Diane Germaine
- •an(tag)onize by Vivian Kim
- Three by Kent de Spain

The performances will take place June 12 and 13 at 8:30 pm at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. 621-ARTS [2787]

Take a Masterclass with Cincinnati choreographers on Saturday. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to take a masterclass with choreographer Selene B. Carter at Contemporary Dance Theater's studios in College Hill Town Hall, 1805 Larch Avenue in Cincinnati, 45224 on Saturday, June 13 from 10:30am-12:00pm. \$15 in advance, or \$19-20 at-the-door. For more information on the masterclass call 591.1222.

Hang out with us at Newport on the Levee for our Third Annual Margarita Madness on June 17 presented by Milagro and with additional sponsorship by Bud Light Lime Ritas \$40 General Admission receives entrance into the event, open food, 10 drink tickets plus two Bud Light drink tickets to sample! NEW** VIP Tickets - \$125 This is a 21+ event. Rain or shine. A portion of the proceeds goes to support The Cincinnati Opera and their Pride Night Celebration.

Buy tickets http://citybeat.xorbia.com/margmadness

➢Global Water Dances-Cincinnati happens at 11 am on June 20 at the Serpentine Wall. We are so glad that we get to do this another time - to make this a tradition in our city. This year, we're adding some wonderful choreographic features, including a men's ensemble. We would love for you to be there to help us honor and raise awareness of the need for clean, safe, accessible and sustainable water for everyone!

Fanchon Shur (Red Bud)

Talbert House will host its annual Fatherhood Community Celebration on Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day) at Sawyer Point from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free event for families to enjoy food and drinks, games, music, sports, and fun with Dad. For more information, visit www.talberthouse.org.

The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC) is pleased to announce that our **Annual Luncheon, Silent Auction & Awards Ceremony** will be held on **Friday**, June 26, 2015 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. There will be a light reception and silent auction from 11am -12pm followed by Lunch. Individual tickets and corporate sponsors are available. To learn more about us visit <u>www.chrc.us</u>. To register visit <u>https://</u>

<u>events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?</u> <u>oeidk=a07easgzq922e3de005&oseq=&c=&ch=</u> or call the office at 513.352.3237.

As part of the Mayor's new Private Lot Abatement Program we are coordinating hundreds of volunteers to clean up our city's vacant, overgrown, and littered properties. A portion of that new program includes our Help-A-Lot initiative. The idea of the Help-A-Lot initiative is to provide schools, churches, and other non-profits with a practical way to fund raise while helping to clean up our city. As a brief overview of the program: Local organizations can sign up to help us abate these private lots using tools and equipment that we can provide. The work includes mowing grass, trimming brush, and the removal of debris from the property. Once the work is done, we take care of the disposal of the garbage and green waste from the site. After the first cleanup the properties will be put on a list for monitoring and any subsequent needs will be addressed by Public Services. Right now we are looking at offering around \$100 per lot for initial abatement.

Coordination of work sites will occur through June, and work can begin after July 1st. To learn more contact Megan Beck at kcbvolunteer @gmail.com.

Megan Beck, Administrative Assistant Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB)

≈Ted Talk in Cincinnati on July 9, 2015

Tickets for the event titled, "Accelerate," are available online at <u>TedxCincinnati.com</u>. The event will take place from 4:00 - 9:30 pm (registration is from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm) at the Cincinnati Masonic Center, 317 East 5th street Cincinnati, OH 45202. Speakers and performers will begin promptly at 4:00pm, and are excited to engage and expand the minds of guests through discussion and exploration of: Technology, Education, Health Innovations, Wellness, Arts, Humanities, Social Entrepreneurship, Social Change, Social Justice and soul-moving performances. High school students interested in participating as a Student Ambassador, should contact: TEDxCincinnatiYouth@gmail.com



Construction Update: Mitchell Ave. between Clinton Springs & Redbud:

In discussions with the construction manager,

• -300-LF of sewer/storm was separated to lighten the load on the system

- -Started May 7th and was intended to be 2 weeks long
- -During, issues arose with base material on sidewalls of the trench and had to be stabilized. Construction should be complete by June 4th



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

NAM Calendar for Summer

- June 2 Summer School beings. 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- June 26 Last day for Summer School.

• August Wednesday, August 19 - Students Report to NAM! Spring Concert Rocks!

NAM hosted their annual Spring Concert on May 20th. Students form the following artistic areas performed: Piano, Suzuki Strings and Violin, Vocal Music and Orff, and Band. Over 250 guests were in attendance and our NAM students did not disappoint!

Mr. Barnfield, Choir and Orff Director, had his group perform three songs and play the drums. The NAM Choir was simply fantastic! Singing acappella, students dazzled the crowd with their version of the Star Spangle Banner.

"We will be performing during the All-Star game so we have been rehearsing, said Mr. Barnfield. We have from NAM 31 of the 72 members of the CPS Honor's Choir so we are excited about the opportunity!" The choir received a thunderous for their performance from the crowd for their beautiful songs.

Students in Suzuki Strings and Suzuki Violin combined to perform multiple numbers under the direction of Heidi and Laurie. "My students have really improved since the beginning of the year. I am very pleased with their progress," said Heidi.

Laurie, Suzuki Violin teacher, is instructing a first grade student who is also showing a lot of talent. "For our students to perform in front of this large of a crowd is amazing," said Principal Lewis. "All of our teachers have done an excellent instructing our students. Our parents and students have made a commitment to have their child(dren) participate in these programs and I could not be any prouder of our students. The

piano solos and Suzuki Violin solo performance was very impressive."

Savagian, Mr. Band Teacher, had students playing upbeat music during the concert. You could feel the energy and for an elementary band and their performance outstanding. "The was size of the band has increased from the previous year. we are always wanting to have more student participate. This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn how to play a musical instrument," said Band Director, Jeff Savagian.



"Overall this was the best

concert I have seen in my five years at NAM. Our teachers have really stepped up their game and the hard work of the

teachers and students shows this evening. All groups did a remarkable job! This concert was so good we should charge an admission next year!" said Principal Lewis.

Roger R. Lewis, Principal



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM) 281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane www.newschoolmontessori.com

Students learned about the importance of prosthetics for amputees.

Civics teacher Johnnye White covers many interesting topics with her elementary students and invites a variety of speakers

throughout the year to expand students' empathy and understanding of issues facing members in our community.

Prosthetist Mark Bondurant and his client Michael Ruehl (an electrician) shared exciting information about how prosthetics work and how they can



renew a person's independence. Our students asked a lot of good questions, and Mark and Michael welcomed their thoughtfulness and curiosity.

Students created their own cardboard arcade games.

TNSM teacher Robin Hartmann

shared the Caine's Arcade video with students and encouraged them to let their imaginations run wild as they created their own cardboard arcade. During our annual Arty Gras celebration this spring, elementary students shared their cardboard arcade



games with each other. Their projects oozed hard work and creativity.

Ann Baumgardner, Marketing and Communications Director

Meeting the Needs of Intergenerational Communities

• Location: Cintas Center, Xavier University

• Date/Time: June 8, 2015 | 11:30am - 1:00pm (luncheon)

• Presenters: Corita Brown with the Intergenerational Center at Temple University, Simón Sotelo, Vice President -Development Advisor Community Development Banking with PNC Bank

Cost: \$20 To register: https://commerce.cashnet.com/ cashnetc/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx

Xavier University Montessori Lab School 2015 Summer Camp Monday - Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm Ages 3 to 6 & 6 to 12 \$125 a week Three Sessions: June 22-26 Art Around the World; June 29 - July 3 Celebrating Americal; July 6 to 10 Biology, Gardening, Cooking.

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Solar Energy For Your Home

Are you ready to change to Solar Energy? The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance is offering a FREE Solar Assessment of your needs and cost to convert from fossil fuel to environmentally friendly renewable energy to provide electricity to your home. Also if neighbors/streets join together the cost of installing solar panels can be dramatically reduced.

For more information contact greatercea.org/solar or 513.621.4232. Also contact Larry Falkin, Cincinnati Dept. of Environmental Sustainability, at larry.falkin@cincinnatioh.gov or 513.352.5325.

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National Park Service Now Accepting Applications for 2016 Projects

Supporting Community-Led Conservation and Recreation Projects. The National Park Service helps close-to-home communities create recreation opportunities and conserve natural resources. Our Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is accepting applications through August 1, 2015 for help with a wide range of community-led projects. National Park Service staff can help local leaders: http://www.nps.gov/orgs/ rtca/apply.htm

•Develop close-to-home parks and greenways • Manage community-led visioning, planning, and design • Facilitate public involvement • Build sustainable partnerships • Engage youth through outdoor recreation skill-building and conservation stewardship • Plan for trails, landscape conservation, water trails, river restoration, green transportation, and tourism.

Northside Farmers Market Kicks Off the Summer With Fun and Freshness at Jacob Hoffner Park (4101 Hamilton Ave.) on Wednesdays 4-7pm, This The market accepts credit, debit, and EBT Cards, and matches up to \$10.00 when SNAP customers use their EBT card at the market. For more information about NFM's events and products, to sign up for a class, or to download the markets shopping list of products available each month, visit www.northsidefm.org, or call 513.614.3671.







Margo Warminski

GREEN UP DAY & GREAT **AMERICAN CLEAN UP**









PARKS & RECREATION

Hirsch Recreation Center - 3630 Reading Rd. 751.3393

- •Hirsch pool opening June 1st.
- •Hirsch Summer Drop-In Camp 6/1/15 8/21/15, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. 1:00 PM Free Lunch (M-F), 4:00 PM Free Hot Supper 4:00 PM, free with center membership. Pool membership not included.
- •Hirsch Theater Experience Camp 6/8/15 8/7/15, Teens 13 - 15 years of age, membership required, \$275.00 materials fee. Anni-The Knockoff - camp theater production this year. Performances late July and early August.

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

North Avondale Recreation Center - 617 Clinton Springs Ave. 961.1584

•Summer Hours are Monday thru Thursday 10:00 to 7:00pm, Friday 10:00 to 6:00pm

•Adult **Yoga** starts June 18, 6:30 to 7:30 Class is weekly every Thursday. Fee yet to be determined.

Blake Brown, Service Area Coordinator Avon Fields Golf Course



Avon Woods Nature Preserve

Many North Avondale residents have been able **≜₿**∉ to walk the trails at Avon Woods Nature Preserve at some time. It is home to almost 14.5 acres of m rolling hills, dense forest, stream-cut valleys and PARKS even a small meadow. But many people may not be aware of an environmental issue that affects our woodland ecosystem - it is invasive plant species. Many of these non -native plants migrated to this country years ago and have begun to take over the forest floor and understory. Now, with the Ash trees lost to the dreaded Emerald Ash Borer (an invasive animal species), holes in our canopy fill in with sunlight, exacerbating the growth of some of these plants. The three worst offenders at Avon Woods include Honeysuckle and Winter Creeper and English Ivy vines. Difficult to remove, these plants left unchecked have carpeted the land, crowding out native wildflowers like Trillium, and even choking out some tall trees.

But like the wildflowers that persist each year, hope, also springs eternal. We are working closely with the Cincinnati Wildflower Society and Dr. Denis Conover, Botany professor at UC, for solutions. With their help and expertise, ways to mitigate the spread of these plants have been introduced. A volunteer day is scheduled in December to encourage people to join in and help us with the fight. If you are interested in more ways you can help with our habitat restoration efforts, please call the nature center.

Rachel Rice, 861.3435

Cincinnati Parks - Summer Opportunities 2015 Cincinnati Parks

Week Long Summer Nature Day Camps

Monday - Friday, weekly through August 3 at various locations It's still not too late to get your child into one of our award winning camps this summer. All Cincinnati Parks' summer camps give children direct, hands-on experiences with nature, in natural habitats. Some camps emphasize outdoor games, exploration and discovery in the woods, meadows and streams. Others combine time in nature with a special interest like outdoor skills, art & theater, magic or astronomy to name a few. Whichever camp is right for your child, s/he will make lifetime memories of time spent outdoors! Visit our website: www.cincinnatiparks.com to register online. For more information, call 321.6208 ext. 11.

• Fossils at French

Sun., June 7, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - French Park

Come one, come all to French Park for fossils! Learn about these prehistoric ocean dwelling animals during a short presentation then head with us to the creek for finding your own. Searching for common creek critters will add to the fun! Wear waterproof boots or sturdy shoes that may get muddy. Appropriate for families of all ages! Meet at the first parking lot off of Section Road. **FREE** but reservations are required. For more information and reservations, call 321.6070 by June 5.



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NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, June 9, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Recreation 617 Clinton Springs Ave
- Thursday, July 2, Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- Saturday July 4, The 4th Annual Bike/Trike/Wagon Parade Meet at 3937 Rose Hill (green tile house)
- NO JULY NANA GENERAL MEETING

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000			
	<u>5916000.com</u>			
N.A. Neighborhood Officer Lori Hamann	569 8654			
lori.hamann@cincinnati-oh.gov				
Neighborhood Liaison Sgt. DeMeco Anderson	569.8655			
demeco.anderson@cincinnati-oh.gov				
Police District 4	569.8600			
Nonemergency Police	765.1212			
To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960			

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Justin and Carly Stone on Avondale
- Emily E Muntel on Clinton Springs Ave
- Cinque Reed on Glencross
- Roberts Quentin on Lenox Pl
- Tiana L Christman on Wess Park

Cincinnati natives Stuart and Paige Toraason have just relocated their family including 8 year old son Goodwin and 5 year old daughter EvaLouise back to Cincinnati after 8 years in Virginia. After an arduous 8 month city-wide search the Toraason's chose to make the North Avondale neighborhood their permanent home and have just purchased a house at 3951 Dickson Avenue between Clinton Springs and Mitchel Avenue. The beautiful 1920's four square has just been renovated from top to toe by their friend Rick Pescovitz and stands as a model for future renovations that Rick would like to do in the neighborhood. Paige and Stuart both grew up in different Cincinnati neighborhoods but Stuart went to elementary school at The New School on Burton Woods Lane and had many friends in the area growing up. Their realtor Michael Teggart, also a North Avondale native and New School graduate helped them find the home and was able to provide a lot of insights about the neighborhood. EvaLouise and Goodwin attend Mercy Montessori School in East Walnut Hills and their parents plan to send them to Walnut Hills for high school where Stuart is an alumni. The Toraason's have also recently joined Clinton Hills Swim Club and plan to participate on the swim team (go Dolphins!). Please join us in welcoming them to the neighborhood and feel free to stop by the house to see the renovations. "We like North Avondale because it is very convenient and has a wonderful housing stock. The City of Cincinnati has one of the best public high schools in the country and we have family very near by in Clifton and Northside so being near the city center makes sense for us. We have great friends just around the corner and look forward to spending a lot of time at the pool this summer. We are very excited to be joining the North Avondale community!" said Stuart.

Neighbor Dave Grant (Clinton Springs)

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