



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbors,

It looks like we might as well settle in with the winter weather this month, given the new round of snow which arrived this week. Even if the snow removal is a problem, there are some bright sides. I see we have a number of new resident snowmen in the neighborhood, and the kids are having fun sled-riding in Avon fields. I even observed a neighbor cross country skiing the other day. Better to enjoy the winter since we cannot escape it!

At our February general meeting, we reviewed the calendar and key events for NANA in 2015. There is a lot of great activity happening ... block-watch and safety, beautification, business district grants and development, property code, zoning, etc., and we had some new volunteers joining our committees. Thank you! As spring is approaching, we hope to get even more of you out to support beautification and other improvement initiatives in our neighborhood, small or large. I would also like to mention that there are a number of small things being worked behind the scenes on a daily basis ... we are trying to resolve with the city and DOTE on how to repair the deteriorating flower pot pillar on the corner of Mitchell and Red Bud, damaged this winter (see picture). NANA has also been following up on complaints around the late street snow removal, and also the missing flower pot on Reading road. Thanks to all of you working this, and in particular to Carolyn, Maura, Beth and Marvin for staying on top of these issues.

At the March general meeting next week, we will form the NANA nominating committee. This committee identifies and recommends candidates for the NANA open board positions for the election at our annual meeting in May. Please consider volunteering for being part of the nominating committee ... and obviously also consider becoming a candidate for the board.

In the meantime, please visit our website northavondalecincinnati.com for general info, committee updates, and to pay your NANA dues online. Stay safe and warm!

Hanne Loken Larsen



NANA COMMITTEE UPDATES

2015-2016 NANA NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee is forming and is gathering names for the Nominating Committee and the 2015/2016 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. If you are interested or have anyone to suggest, come to the NANA General Meeting or call the NANA answering machine at 401.4546 or email nanacincinnati@gmail.com.

BEAUTIFICATION:

NANA will be co-hosting a neighborhood clean-up with XU on XU Community Action Day, **March 28th from 9:30 to 11:30 am**. Email Beth Ewing at betha.ewing@gmail.com for more details. Volunteers are needed and welcome! This is a very great way to help NA within a short two hour period.

Partnering Opportunity: Sponsor a Flower Pot Program

Help bring the Park Board's extraordinary talents and beautiful work to North Avondale to create spectacular planters with 3 amazing plantings a year, watering and pruning! Please consider a charitable donation for this great opportunity!! Group donations accepted too for sponsorship.



To donate go to the NANA

Website, **About**, **Donate** and check *Other* and write in **Flower Pots**.

Green Up/Clean Up Day at Martin Luther King Park, Seasongood Park and the Marion Triangle. On Saturday April 25th from 9am to noon.

- Wear work shoes, pants and shirts and your own gloves, bring your tools if you so wish.
- This year I have requested a porta potty. I may have to get 2, one for each park.
- We will provide tools, garbage bags, disposable gloves, bottled water and some breakfast goodies then pizza at noon.
- If anyone would like to make some tasty food to share, bring it.
- If there are 2 people to go out and get some healthy breakfast goodies donated email me, emhartena@aol.com along with your contact information.
- We will have dumpster placed for the neighborhood clean

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Up day. I requested that the dumpster be placed on Asmann Avenue, (armory side) to clean up the hillside.

- Attire: long sleeves, long pants, work boots and gloves
- Please pass along the date and time to everyone. Thank you, all of you that have participated/volunteered in the past.
- Let's keep our parks beautiful and our neighborhood too. See you in the garden!

Emily Harten

LAW & SAFETY

At our committee meeting on **Tuesday, February 24th** the goals for 2015 were set. They are:

- 1) Partner with the Avondale Community Council to host a National Night Out event (Board approval required)
- 2) Re-establish Citizens on Patrol in North Avondale
- 3) Expand the Block Watch Program
- 4) Explore partnering with Uptown Consortium (Board approval required)
- 5) Chronic Nuisance Ordinance: abating problem buildings

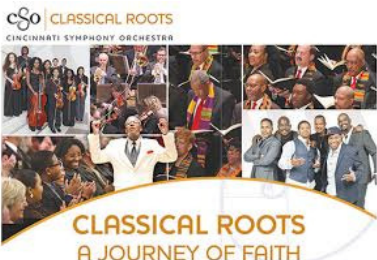
EDUCATION/RENTAL HOUSING:

Our understanding of Education & Rental Housing, influences our thinking about our neighbors and our neighborhood. All neighborhoods and cities have residents in need. Misinformation fuels our fears and worries, preventing us from recognizing them as our neighbors.

- What kind of a neighborhood do we want to live in?
- Are we only concerned about the owner occupied homes and families?
- Are we able to include as neighbors people in need who live in our neighborhood?
- Can we open our minds to the whole picture and contribute to solutions that help people in need who are in our neighborhood and city?

The Education/Rental Housing Committee meets monthly on the first Thursday at 1:30 PM at District 4. We are gathering facts on people in need as well as problems that impact all neighborhoods and are present in all families. Please join us if you are interested in looking at the problems and solutions.

Pauline Daly 751.8334 pdaly@fuse.net



CLASSICAL ROOTS
A JOURNEY OF FAITH



FRI MAR 20 7:30 pm | MUSIC HALL
CHARLES FLOYD conductor
TRIKE 5 vocalists

Join the CSO and the Classical Roots Community Mass Choir for one of the most highly anticipated concerts of the season! Trike 5, the most awarded vocal group in history, brings a riveting blend of gospel, jazz, R&B and pop to the stage. Conductor and composer Charles Floyd, known for his work in Hollywood and beyond, makes his Classical Roots debut.

Sure to sell out! Tickets start at \$25 Adults/\$10 Students
Fundraising opportunities available!
Call 513.744.3950 for details.

513.381.3300 • cincinnati-symphony.org/classicalroots



FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ PANCAKES IN THE WOODS

Sunday, March 15 from 9am - 1pm - California Woods. Delight in fluffy pancakes and sausage grilled by celebrity chefs. Demonstrations and hands-on activities occur throughout the program length. Suggested donation of \$7 per person; no reservations needed. Call 231.8678 for more information.



☞ The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati is having a 5K Run/Walk at Newport on the Levee in order to raise money for the services we provide the community such as camps, support groups, counseling and community education.



Support the work of the Epilepsy Foundation and take part in a great 5K that takes you over two bridges, along the Ohio River and through beautiful parks. The 15th annual Emerald Miles 5K will take place on **Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 9:00 am at Newport on the Levee. Cost is only \$30 for adults and \$15 per child.** Besides participation in an awesome race, you also receive a long sleeve t-shirt, food, drinks, awards and music after the race. To register, go to <http://emeraldmiles.kintera.org/2015> or call 513.721.2905

☞ Fresh, Friendly, Fun Farmers Market

The **Northside Farmers Market** is a year-round market which brings local products to Northside and its surrounding communities. **Every Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm** October 22 - May 6 at North Presbyterian Church, 4222 Hamilton Ave. We have a weekly newsletter with market info and recipes which folks can sign up for by emailing us at northsidefarmersmarket@gmail.com.



In addition to providing local foods to consumers year round, we offer a variety of programs that may be of interest:

- We accept EBT cards at the market so that SNAP customers can shop for local foods, and we also offer a matching program for those customers on food stamps. We match up to \$10.00 per customer per market visit.
- We accept credit and debit cards to make shopping more convenient.
- We offer children's cooking classes for \$3.00 per class at the market.
- We offer free kids crafts every week, and musicians play music for us, which makes the market fun and family friendly.
- The market offers recipe cards and nutritional resources for customer.

We offer a wide selection of products; produce meats, eggs, cheeses, baked goods, jams,

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FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ **Cincinnati Diamonds girls fastpitch** still accepting registration, and indoor practice, for ages 7 through 14, call Coach Nina 307.7702, Now!

• Cincinnati Diamonds are selling Buddy Cards \$10.00 each, call Co. Nina at 307.7702

Nina Woolfork (Greenwood)

☞ **Art of Living Cincinnati Chapter Announces "The Happiness Program"**

Within you lies vast, untapped possibilities waiting to be discovered. Through the Art of Living Course this potential is set free and you gain a greater vision of who you are. You find you have the power to create a joyous life that is on-purpose, the confidence to stretch and grow beyond limiting beliefs, and the ability to lead a deeply fulfilling life.

The Challenge is in the Mind

In today's demanding, distracting world the mind is stuck in the past and the future. But happiness is here and now. It cannot be experienced when one is stuck regretting yesterday or worried about tomorrow. During the Art of Living Course you will discover your unlimited power and freedom - not as a concept, but as a direct experience.

The Solution is in: Sudarshan Kriya®

The centerpiece of the Art of Living Course is the Sudarshan Kriya, a powerful technique that uses specific, natural rhythms to get you unstuck. Sudarshan Kriya, time tested based on ancient Vedic knowledge, yields continued growth.

Tools for Your Expanded Life As an Art of Living Course participant you will learn to master several practical and powerful tools that will benefit you for the rest of your life.

Dates: Mar 11, 2015 - Mar 15, 2015

Timings: Weekday 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Weekend 9:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: Sai Temple, 723 Western Row Road, Mason, Ohio, United States, 45040 Contact: 513.393.9265, Artoflivingcincinnati@gmail.com.

Sandesh Samdaria (Barry Ln.)

☞ **Growth In Motion Classes**

- Growth in Motion classes are open to all types of movers and non-movers.
- Our classes have amazing effects on alignment, fluidity, range of motion, creative expression, fitness, and healing.
- Classes meet in Fanchon's beautiful home studio in North Avondale at 4019 Red Bud Ave., 45229 **Classes are on - Monday evening at 6:30 PM and Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM , from Monday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 18.** For Registration: 221.3222 or classes@growthinmotion.org

There are work scholarships available if you cannot afford the full tuition. Please speak with me personally if you are interested. I do not want to turn anyone away who can benefit from these classes.

Fanchon Shur (Red Bud)

☞ **Global Water Dances-Cincinnati 2015 is coming June 20, to the Serpentine Wall on the Ohio River!** JOIN US for Cincinnati's most unique enviro-arts event

- Interested in drumming? Singing? Dancing? Volunteering? Giving?

• Then attend the....**GWD Community Kickoff Meeting: Sunday, March 15, 2 - 4 pm**

• **Where:** Hebrew Union College Campus, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45220. It will be In the first floor Teller Lounge of the Sisterhood Dorm building - look for the watery blue oceanscape marking the doorway. Lots of parking is available.

• This will be a chance to find out more about Global Water Dance - Cincinnati 2015 and how you can participate. A DVD of the 2013 Global Water Dances presentation will also be shown, and copies will be for sale.

• If you haven't already, be sure to like our Facebook Page for updates: Global Water Dances-Cincinnati We hope to see you March 15th!

Global Water Dance Team (Fanchon Shur, Red Bud)

☞ **725 Betula is for sale.** go to: <http://www.cbws.com/property/details/255142/MLS-1433375/725-Betula-Ave-Cincinnati-Avondale-OH-45229.aspx?SearchID=8694198&RowNum=1&StateID=41&RegionID=0&IsRegularPS=True&IsSold=False> to view the property. For more information, contact Jim Obergefell, Agent with Coldwell Banker West Shell, 478.6565, jim.obergefell@gmail.com

Jim Obergefell (former NANA President & Betula resident)

☞ Dr Shapiro passed away in October, 2012. To ensure his legacy will endure, we have established the **Herbert Shapiro Scholarship in African American History**. This will support Department of History graduate students with research focusing on the struggle for freedom, justice and equality of African Americans. In order to endow this fund in perpetuity, **we need to raise an additional \$40,000, added to an existing gift of \$10,000.** Please help us to achieve our goal by making a tax-deductible contribution to the **Herbert Shapiro Scholarship in African American History**. It would surely please Dr. Shapiro to know that his legacy will help new generations of students to dig into the past with a skeptical eye, looking for truth and the way to a better future. To make a gift by phone or have questions, please contact Chris Eden at 513.556.0912 or Chris.Eden@uc.edu.

Judith Shapiro (Beechwood)

☞ **Ben Blaney** will be performing with the **Southern Gateway Chorus** in their 59th annual **Spring Show** on **April 25 (7:30)** and **April 26 (2:00)** at McAuley High School in College Hill. Tickets (\$15-\$25) are available thru cincyticket.com, or contact Ben at 861.1220. southerngateway.org. *Ben Blaney (Burton Woods)*



IN MEMORIAM

☞ Henry Boston, long time resident of North Avondale died. He was a tower of strength and dignity and will be missed.



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

NAM Calendar for March

Saturday, March 14 - **Father and Daughter Dance** - 2:00 to 4:00 pm NAM Gymnasium

North Avondale Montessori School's LEGO Team.

The North Avondale Montessori LEGO Team won the "Little Geniuses" award in the iSPACE Jr. First LEGO League (FLL) Official Exposition earlier this month.

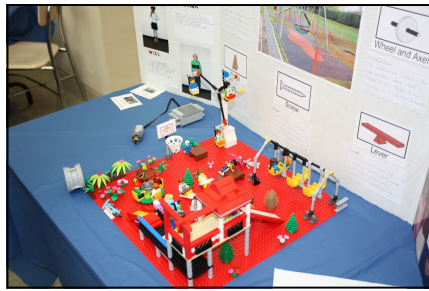
This year's theme was "think tank," and the students created a LEGO model to demonstrate the use of simple machines on a playground. Congratulations to the students and Coach Jacek Biesiada.

Team members include: Jan Biesiada, Natalie Lassiter, Cecilia Parker, Lena Parker, Maria Pratt and Will Pratt.



The mission of Jr. FLL is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills. Each

year, Jr. FLL's national organizers announce a learning theme and invite teams to make a LEGO model with a motorized moving part and a poster presentation demonstrating their subject.. Students created a LEGO playground to demonstrate pulley systems, pendulum swings, levers and more.



Friday, February 13 - Dads and Doughnuts Breakfast



Roger R. Lewis, Principal



SOUTH AVONDALE
 ●363.5500 ●636 Prospect Place
 ●savondale.cps-k12.org

The WeTHRIVE! committee received grant money in the past year to further health in the neighborhood. One of the uses approved was to provide \$500 for produce vouchers of \$5 to be given out to parents of South Avondale school children when they attend school meetings and to be redeemed at Gabriel's Place. The intent is to encourage healthy eating and parental involvement. All were given out before the expiration date in December. NANA will pay for the number that were used.

We could repeat this each semester by bringing it up for NANA's approval.

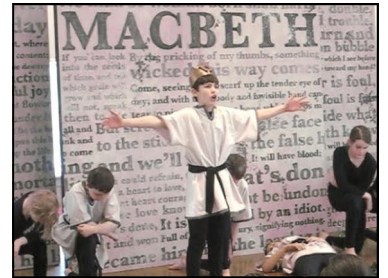
Pauline Daly, 751.8334



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

Shakespeare is credited with adding thousands of words to the English language that we use daily like: champion, frugal, tranquil and hurried. Although understanding the language of Shakespeare has its challenges, New School Montessori 4th, 5th and 6th graders were not daunted by the language or the themes of Macbeth. Students read the play in its entirety with their after-school Shakespeare club leaders: TNSM assistant director Jeff Groh and TNSM teacher Laura Slanker. They had many discussions about the dangers of blind ambition and Macbeth's and other characters' crises of conscience.

In previous years of Shakespeare Club, students have performed Romeo and Juliet, and A Midsummer Night's Dream to the TNSM community. This year, due to a generous donation from Lib Stone, the Shakespeare Club has great costumes, an impressive set and has scheduled multiple appearances throughout the city of their 45-minute version of Macbeth.



Students begin each performance with a recitation of common words and phrases from Shakespeare's works and declare in unison over and again, "You are quoting Shakespeare!" If you'd like to see their 2-minute intro, go to this link.<http://youtu.be/OaoTQpWe-Xw>

Ann Baumgardner
 Marketing and Communications Director



NEWS FROM THE CITY

City of Cincinnati's Youth 2 Work Program

Agency: The Urban League of Greater Cincinnati is seeking applicants for summer youth employment. Applicants must be between the ages of 14-18, reside in the City of Cincinnati and be available to work 20 hours per week for 8 weeks.

To apply go to the City of Cincinnati's website at www.cincinnati-oh.gov.

The **deadline** to apply is **March 19, 2015**.

Cincinnati Fire Department Recruiting

Interested parties should send their name and email address to fire.recruiting@cincinnati-oh.gov. We will be attend NANA's General meeting 4/14 at 7:00pm

Job Title: **Fire Recruit**

Closing Date/ Time: Thu. 04/30/15 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Salary: \$17.29 Hourly
\$691.59 Weekly
\$1,383.18 Biweekly
\$35,962.81 Annually

Exam Details: There are several testing components for the Fire Recruit. The testing process consists of a written test (which includes mechanical reasoning, reading comprehension, and math ability), a physical ability test, oral board interview, and other required assessments. The written portion of the exam will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Duke Energy Convention Center (525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202). Applicants will receive an e-mail providing directions on how to sign-up for testing. Applicants who pass the written exam may be eligible to take part in a physical ability test. The time, date, and location for the physical ability test and other components of the testing process is TBD.

Job Type: Full-time Classified

Location: Centennial II, Human Resources Department, 805 Central Avenue, Suite 200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Department: Fire

HR Contact: Nosakhare.Ekhatore@cincinnati-oh.gov

AROUND CINCINNATI

2015 Girl Scout Spring Break Day Camp

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio invites parents and guardians to enroll their daughters in Spring Break Day Camp this year. Girls will learn Girl Scout traditions, participate in hands-on and team-building activities, play games, and learn songs. Girls who attend can make new friends, create lasting memories, and have fun while interacting with other girls their age. This year's curriculum is "It's Your Planet, Love It". Additional activities include games teaching preservation of natural resources, decorating wooden garden stakes, creating edible "dirt pudding", developing portable plants, conducting water filtration experiments, making recycled paper, and much more.

The cost to attend Girl Scout Spring Break Day Camp ranges from \$15 - \$20. Financial assistance is available.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

You're Invited! Mill Creek Watershed Business Luncheon on March 12 at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Learn about the local watershed in which you reside: the Mill Creek.

Location: Evendale Cultural Arts Center - 10500 Reading Road, Evendale, Ohio 45241

Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to Annie Rahall at arahall@millcreekwatershed.org or 563.8800.

We are in the process of writing a new zoning code for the City, the Land Development Code. We are addressing in greater detail the Parking Chapter. We are reviewing how many parking spaces are required for certain properties but not talking about metered parking, residential parking permits, or on-street parking. **Please complete the survey by March 13, 2015:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/parkzonecc>

Charles C. Graves III Director of City Planning & Buildings



Monday, March 23, 2015
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Refreshments provided

Clifton Recreation Center
320 McAlpin Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45220



How can we make budget choices that reflect our diverse community values?

Join us for a collaborative conversation to explore:

1. What information do people need to understand the budget and provide good budget input to City Council;
2. What are the current needs of our City and its diverse neighborhoods; and
3. What questions, agreements, and trade-offs must we reach to set the budget?

Plan to attend? **RSVP NOW**

If you would like to be included in future Open Budgeting events or would like to provide feedback, please email Budget@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513.352.3229.

**Come To Our NANA General Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 PM**
● **Forming the NANA 2015-2016
Nominating Committee**

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, March 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm**, North Avondale Recreation 617 Clinton Springs Ave
- **Saturday March 28, XU Community Action Day, 9:30 to 11:30**
- **Thursday, April 2, Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, April 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm**, North Avondale Recreation 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- **Saturday, April 25, Green Up/Clean Up Day, 9:00-noon**, Meet at Seasongood Park



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000	To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit: Crimereports.com
	5916000.com	Truancy Hotline 363.0003
N.A. Neighborhood Officer Lori Hamann	569 8654	Track property code violations:
	lori.hamann@cincinnati-oh.gov	_http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/
Neighborhood Liaison Sgt. DeMeco Anderson	569.8655	Neighborhood Yahoo Site: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthAvondaleOnlineCommunity/
	demeco.anderson@cincinnati-oh.gov	
Police District 4	569.8600	Request A Recycling Cart 591.6000
Nonemergency Police	765.1212	Report Air Odors 24/7. 946.7777
To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960	Where to Recycle Different Things http://earth911.com/

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(Continued from page 2) grains, honey, herbs, mushrooms, gluten free, granola, soaps, etc. Our website is www.northsidefm.org, Facebook is facebook.com/cincinorthsidefarmersmarket, Twitter [#nsidefarmersmkt](https://twitter.com/nsidefarmersmkt), 614.3671

Ana Bird, Northside Farmers Market Manager

🌿 **Clinton Hills Swim Club** is gearing up for another wonderful Summer season! It's nestled right here in the hills of North Avondale. The city's gem has so many amenities for the whole family where each day is like a vacation destination. There are activities for every age range, an active swim team, and superb tennis clinics and instruction from Tony Lamy for ages 5 to 105. There are free swim lessons and dedicated swim lanes. Also, there are: a sand volleyball court, a basketball court, and several decks for parties or just grilling out. Clinton Hills really has something for everyone! The pool is hosting a series of Summer Socials this year. Some are just for adults and some are for the whole family. This year we are having our Summer Kick-off Party (the Friday before the pool opens on May 22nd), Thursday Adult Nights, Family Movie Nights, Our Fourth of July's Fun & Games, and Our Amazing Race *Clinton Hills style*. With the pool being over 50 years old, it has a strong sense of community that spans many generations and embraces diversity. It is a place where there is an "everyone knows your name" feel. Parents can relax, children can play, and it's the vacation spot right a round the corner from your house. We look forward to having new families join and many returning families come back. It's going to be a great Summer! For more information, please go to www.clintonhills.com or check us out on facebook.



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

NANA MEETING TUESDAY

🌿 March 10TH 7:00 pm 🌿

🌿 THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2015 NANA DUES 🌿

