



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbors:

On behalf of the NANA Board of Trustees, I would like to reiterate our thanks for your generous donations in 2016. I also would like to thank our Treasurer, Steve Megerle, for drafting the thank you letters that were mailed and I would also like to thank Annie Megerle and Jennifer Cronk for their assistance with processing the mailing. If you made a donation and did not receive a letter, please let Steve Megerle or me know. Our contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Additionally, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to congratulate NANA and NANA member, Councilman Christopher Smitherman for being recipients of Keep City Beautiful's **Golden Paintbrush and Golden Glove** awards (*see Committee Updates for pictures and more*). In addition to the plaque that NANA received, NANA also received a monetary award of \$500. I would like to thank Emily Harten, Richard Jackson, Bridget McComas and Maura Wolf for preparing the award review package.

Congratulation to our NANA member Linda Thomas who was confirmed by the Cincinnati City Council to serve on the Park Board.

I am pleased to advise that 2017 is the year of engagement for NANA so be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities. We have **3 clean ups** scheduled in April, the **Party in the Park** will be taking place this summer and of course our **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade**. As the weather continues to get warmer, we look forward to more get-togethers with neighbors!

I hope to see you at our next General Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7 pm** at the North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium. We have great speakers lined up. See you then!

*Marvin Masterson*

### AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### *History In Your Own Backyard* February 2017

One of the videos features St. Clement Catholic Church in St. Bernard, Ohio

After a devastating fire in 1963, a decision was made to save the church from demolition and rebuild what remained. Today the church is, in Fr. Fred Link's words: "Drop dead gorgeous." To see the video, go to: <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102727989991&ca=1e154c37-9986-4529-97c0-33dfc2ff7083>

### Come To Our NANA General Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 7:00pm NA Cafetorium AGENDA

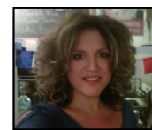
- Avondale Comprehensive Development Corporation (ACDC)
  - Russell Hairston, Executive Director



- Brandon Holmes, Director of Real Estate



- Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses Program.
  - LaDiamond Edwards
- Lydia Stec, President Clifton Business and Professional Association



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- NANA Committee Reports

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# NANA COMMITTEE UPDATES

## BEAUTIFICATION

Dear neighbors and friends,

This past week the North Avondale Neighborhood Association won at the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful event the **Golden Paintbrush Award for our Walkway Safety Enhancement and Beautification Project** which also came with a \$500.00 check for our fabulous neighborhood. Many thanks to NANA's Beautification Committee, the grant writing, and project management team consisting of Emily Harten, Richard Jackson, Bridget McComas and Maura Wolf, and to the 100s of volunteers from our community, the student bodies of University of Cincinnati and Xavier University. Much appreciation goes to all of you who donated your time and made matching financial donations, especially to Richard Jackson for his \$2,000 gift. We would not have received the KCB grant nor the award without the tremendous generosity and support of our amazing community!

Together with our partners at KCB, the Tool Bank, PNC Bank, The Grainger Foundation, United Dairy Farmers, City of Cincinnati Public Services, and Grass Roots Landscaping, we dramatically improved safety and beautified three public walkways totaling over 500 feet by clearing overgrown honeysuckle, mud, ivy, litter and debris, along Clinton Springs near the new round-about and the Historic "Trolley Connector" walkway (connecting Mitchell to Beachwood). These projects and our extensive Great American Clean-ups and Parks' Green-up Day events dramatically improve North Avondale's image as a safe, walkable and beautiful neighborhood to live, work and play! A tremendous thank you to all of you who make it possible for our neighborhood to win first place for the 3rd year in a row! (*see picture on page 8*)

We also are proud to say that our Councilmember Chris Smitherman (Lenox Pl) was recognized for his litter campaign called the **Golden Glove Award**. In the spring of 2016 Chris took it upon himself to create some buzz around the issue of litter, and did so by introducing the #OneBagofTrash challenge-he used several social media platforms to challenge his followers to pick up one bag of trash, and challenge their followers to do the same. It took off, even garnering support from the Cincinnati Reds, FC Cincinnati and United Dairy Farmers!



**Marvin, Emily, Maura & Chris**

In fact, #OneBagofTrash has gone national with similar efforts in Connecticut, Virginia, and North Carolina! These kinds of campaigns get people thinking about litter, help drive action and change behaviors.

Again, this is why our neighborhood is such a great address. We do boast of a great community pride that is unique to us.

It's time to get outside and bring in the spring in April. We need your help! Please volunteer for one of the events below by contacting me at [emharten@aol.com](mailto:emharten@aol.com).

### **This year we have 3 Saturday morning events in April:**

To start:

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Great American Cleanup** Meet at North Avondale Recreation Center at 8:30 to 8:45am to sign up then off to work with 100 plus students from UC and other volunteers to pick up litter on our main streets in & along our "corridors".

**April 8<sup>th</sup> Cleanup** we will meet at Seasongood Square Park with students from both UC & XU. This task will be litter pick along secondary streets. We will meet at 9:00am.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> Green up Day** our neighborhood park spruce up for the year. The tasks are spreading mulch, edging and weeding. We begin at 9am and are finished by noon when the pizza usually arrives.

**Wear work shoes and bring your own gloves.** Come out and meet new neighbors and make new friends. I want to see you too.

*Emily Harten, Chair*

Spring has joined us early this year! The North Avondale Beautification Committee could not be more thrilled and we are busy planning the coming year. For those new to North Avondale, we are the group that works with the Park Board on the Reading Road flower pots, maintains all of the public gardens in NA (including the beautiful gardens at Dana/Victory and the ones around Seasongood Square) and administers the NA banners. The group also picks up trash, organizes clean up days and much more!!!

All of our volunteer time is donated but we fundraise for the costs to pay Parks to maintain the flower pots and for the material costs of the gardens/banners. This is where we need help from YOU! We are now taking donations for 2017. You can make a donation online at: <http://northavondalecincinnati.com/donate/> and check Other and put: flower pots or you can mail a donation to: NANA, 617 Clinton Springs Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229, ATTN: Beautification.

Please consider helping with a tax deductible donation so we can continue making our neighborhood beautiful and adding value to YOUR property!!! Thank you!

*Beth Ewing Flower Pot Fundraising Chair*

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## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

With the possible changes in the **Affordable Care Act (ACA)** and its repeal, there are many citizens expressing concern. The Cincinnati Health Department is also expressing concern because since the ACA has been in force, the number of patients the Health Department has been able to see at our health centers has increased. That is important for the Health Department because that means that more people are paying attention to their health and more people are feeling like they have a place to go that will respond to their health needs. Our mission is to make the citizens of Cincinnati healthy and the ACA is helping us do that. Therefore, if you have some concerns about what may be happening in the nation's capital as it relates to Healthcare, remember that you have a voice and you can always express it. One method to contact our elected officials is to access the following link:

<http://www.wcpo.com/news/government/national-politics/feeling-passionate-about-whats-going-on-in-washington-heres-how-to-contact-your-elected-officials>

*Kimya Moyo, Health Department Liaison*

## **2017-2018 NANA NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee with Tiffani N. Tribble (chair) and Carolyn Gillman is forming and is gathering names for the Nominating Committee and the 2017/2018 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](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com).

## **STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Master Plan Update:** Members of our Master Plan Update Committee met to develop a Steering Committee with representation from residents, businesses and community assets/partners (such as Xavier University, the Police Department, etc.) If you would like to be involved in the Master Plan Update Committee, please contact me at [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com).

*Ian Smith, Chair, Master Plan Update Committee*

**3864 Reading- Rubel Property:** Attention: we plan to request proposals for redevelopment of The Rubel (3864 Reading), designed by renowned architect Samuel Hannaford. Contact us if you are interested at [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com). We are working with the Landbank and the City on this property, not only because it is historically significant, but also because it is in our Business District and eligible for grant funding for a business location. Remediating this blighted property is a significant step in revitalizing our business district and improving the gateway to our neighborhood. We thank **Ed Cunningham**, Division Manager Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Division for the City for stabilizing the front porch and securing the property. We are currently

working with Structural Engineers to provide a work plan, including cost estimates. (*see picture on page 8*)

**2-acre City-owned Vacant Lot redevelopment at Reading and Paddock:** The City is in the process of drafting an RFP (Request for Proposals) for developers. Many thanks to Council Member Smitherman for sponsoring the \$750,000 gap funding for development of the site, and to all of you who advocated to City Council, to support the project.

**Traffic Study and Street Calming:** Ken Brawner and Yvonne Fender are the point people for the Vine Street traffic study work with the City's Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOT). This was approved at last month's General Body Meeting.

**Spring 3-season banners along Reading Road and Clinton Springs** will be spruced up and re-installed funded by NABA, through City of Cincinnati Neighborhood Support Funds. Many thanks to Vanessa Sorensen and Amy Harten for design work, and to Jennifer Cronk who will help manage the project.

**Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP):** Grant Pre-applications were submitted by the due date; final written applications are due 4/21/17. Many thanks to Mary Patton who has volunteered to lead the grant submission process. As this is a rewarding, but time intensive process, please consider volunteering to help with NA's submission(s). We welcome your ideas!

All of the above projects will benefit from participation from NANA members to maximize community success. Please volunteer by contacting us at [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com). You can make a difference!

*Tiffani N. Tribble and Maura Wolf, Co-Chairs*

## **FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

### **INHABIT: A Permaculture Perspective**

**Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm**

Community Friends Meeting, 3960 Winding Way, 45229  
This beautiful 2015 film shows 20 people in a variety of landscapes around North America who are engaged in a permaculture way of life. Permaculture (permanent culture) is an ecological design process for seeing the world, growing food and re-designing households and neighborhoods. It has been spreading around the world for over 30 years and is practiced in city, suburban and country settings. The film presents deeply satisfying ways of life that can help us survive these turbulent times as we connect with neighbors and the land. Link to trailer: <https://vimeo.com/119915612>

### **Free admission; Refreshments**

Sponsored by Community Friends Unity with Nature Committee

INHABIT: A Permaculture Perspective - TRAILER 2015  
[www.InhabitFilm.com](http://www.InhabitFilm.com) [www.Facebook.com/InhabitFilm](https://www.Facebook.com/InhabitFilm)  
[vimeo.com](https://vimeo.com)



## FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

### Friends Black History Book Fair

**Date:** Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency ~ Plaza Level Atrium  
1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237 (513) 841.5623

This event is **Open to the Public.**

**Sponsored by:** The Friends of the Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

We present a selection of affordable used books and media for sale. Our sale includes items for adults, teens and children. Our efforts promote literacy by making books affordable and available for families.

**Friends of the Library Book Sales and Library Friends' Shop** proceeds benefit the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's annual summer learning program for children and adults. We gratefully accept donations of gently used books, CDs, VHS, DVDs, audio books and LPs.

Be sure to **LIKE & SHARE** our facebook page: **Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County.** More information is available. Please call (513) 369.6035.

### Dress For Success Event To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-eco-chic-fashion-show-tickets-30351354719>

## ECO CHIC

### fashion show

*Celebrate Mother Earth in style while sipping, shopping, viewing art, and enjoying an eco chic fashion show.*  
*Proceeds benefit Dress for Success Cincinnati*

**Friday, March 10, 6-9pm**  
**Art Design Consultants**  
310 Culvert Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

**Click here to RSVP!**

Hosted by:  
*Cincy Chic*, the only  
online publication  
for women in  
Greater Cincinnati

**Tickets:**  
\$10/person  
includes two drink  
tickets & a swag bag

**VIP Admission:**  
\$25/person includes three drink  
tickets, a swag bag & runway seat

Bring a gently used suit,  
handbag or accessory to  
donate to Dress for Success  
and receive a gift bag (value  
of gifts range \$20-\$1,000!)

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## Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit

please join us for the 15th annual Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit



**2017 NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT**

**building equitable futures**

This is equity: just and fair inclusion into a society  
in which all can participate, prosper,  
and reach their full potential

**SAVE THE DATE**

**kick-off dinner**  
**Friday March 10, 2017**

**all-day event**  
**Saturday March 11, 2017**

**Cintas Center, XU**

brought to you by Invest in Neighborhoods with  
the Community Building Institute, LISC, the CDC Association & the City of Cincinnati

To Register for the Dinner, <https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashneti/selfserve/EditItem.aspx?PC=CBIE-NSUM&ItemCount=1>

To Register by March 3 for the Event, <http://www.investinneighborhoods.org/neighborhood-summit/summit-registration/>

## FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

**Foley Road** will once again be performing at Xavier University for this years Ireland in Word and Music. The performance will take place on **March 5th from 2-4 pm** in the Kennedy Auditorium in the Conaton Center. Admission is free but donations will be requested to support Father Joe Mulligans work with the underprivileged in Nicaragua.'

**Doug Sawan Burton Woods**

I sing with Musica Sacra. We have a concert coming up, scheduled for **Sunday, March 26 at 3 PM** at St. Boniface Church in Northside. More information on this concert can be found on our website: [musica-sacra.org](http://musica-sacra.org).

**Shelley Dumoulin Rose Hill Ave.**

**Free fire wood!! ...but you have to come and get it!**

My neighbor across the way has a huge amount of firewood in her front yard. I spoke with her about it and she's all for anyone hauling it away. Her address is 3931 Ledgewood Drive.

**Diane Wachs Ledgewood Drive**

**Lost Keys Found**

On February 9, while walking my dog, I saw that someone had hooked a set of lost keys on a tree branch. If you believe they may be yours, contacts me with a description and I will see if they match and get back to you.

**Marian Miller Red Bud Ave**  
[marian@pdqpatterns.com](mailto:marian@pdqpatterns.com)

## YOUR OPINION COUNTS

### Klor Kleen Inc. Permit Request

#### MAILING LIST NOTIFICATION Hamilton County

#### ISSUANCE OF A DRAFT RENEWAL PERMIT

On October 16, 2015, Ohio EPA received a Renewal Hazardous Waste Facility Installation and Operation Permit Application from Klor Kleen Inc. (Klor Kleen), U.S. EPA Identification Number OHD 980 821 862 located at 351 Ludlow Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45220 in Hamilton County. Klor Kleen operates a commercial hazardous waste storage facility. Midwest Environmental Services, Inc. is listed as the owner of the facility. The purpose of this permit is to allow Klor Kleen to continue the following hazardous waste management activities: container storage and corrective action activities.

For the permit application to receive final approval, Ohio EPA must determine that the permit application is complete and meets appropriate standards and that the applicant has a history of compliance with relevant environmental laws and demonstrates sufficient reliability, expertise, and competency to operate a hazardous waste facility.

The Draft Permit and Permit Application can be viewed at: Ohio EPA Southwest District Office, Ohio EPA, 401 East Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio, (937) 285-6357 or at Ohio EPA Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization, 50 W. Town St., Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 644-2429 and online under the "What's New" tab at: [epa.ohio.gov/derri](http://epa.ohio.gov/derri). The Draft Permit can be viewed at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Clifton Branch, 3400 Brookline Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220. Questions to the facility regarding the permit application should be addressed to Ray Boyle, PO Box 14029, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250 or by calling (513) 681-9990. The public comment period begins on February 2, 2017 and ends on March 22, 2017. You may send written comments or request a public meeting concerning the draft permit renewal to Ohio EPA, Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization, Attn: Jessica Cáceres, DERR, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, not later than March 22, 2017.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

On Saturday, March 4th, Mayor Cranley will host the kickoff event for the City's youth employment program. The program is called "Youth 2 Work" and focuses on employing teens (ages 14-18) throughout the summer while school is out of session. **The event will run from 8 am – 12 pm at the Price Hill Recreation Center located at 959 Hawthorne Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205.** We also serve a free breakfast at the event.

We have a Consortium of City employers, including: ArtWorks, Cincinnati Fire Department, Cincinnati Health Department, Cincinnati Parks Department, Cincinnati Police Youth Services Unit, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Cincinnati Recreation Commission Aquatic Division, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Community Action Agency, Great Parks of Hamilton County, Easter Seals TriState, Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, and Talbert House. We have expanded our vendor list to include nonprofits, higher education, and entrepreneur startups.

This is a great event for teens to engage with City Departments that hire for the summer, private employers who are looking for help, and nonprofits in our community to get involved and learn about volunteer opportunities. [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/mayor/youth](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/mayor/youth) or 513.352.3250

Like doing Peace Corps in your own city, these 11 month service positions pay a monthly stipend and, upon full completion of the service term, provide a college tuition award. For 2017-18, Project Advance AmeriCorps members will provide direct service to low income community residents throughout the Cincinnati area, including Price Hill, Bond Hill, Roselawn, Madisonville, Walnut Hills and other areas. Go to [www.santamaria-cincy.org](http://www.santamaria-cincy.org) or call 513.557.2730 ext 402 or Bonnie Hood at [bonnie.hood@santamaria-cincy.org](mailto:bonnie.hood@santamaria-cincy.org).

*Dayle D. Deardurff, J.D.*

*Project Advance AmeriCorps Director*

## North Avondale Business Association (NABA)

ATTN all Businesses,

Contact me at [mileswolf@gmail.com](mailto: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!

If you haven't done so yet, please join NABA - the members have a great resource to collaborate with each other and our partners. All businesses, including cottage businesses operating out of homes, and owners of rental properties are eligible.

*J Miles Wolf, NABA President*

**Yard Waste starts back up on the week of April 3, 2017. It occurs bi-weekly on the day your Recycling is collected.**

## NEW NEIGHBORS

- Grant T. & Michelle A. McKay at 711 Clinton Springs
- Kayla & Phillip O'Neal at 3718 Dunkirk St
- Illyria Investments LLC at 436 Glenwood Ave
- KSL Investment Properties Corp at 630 Greenwood
- Virginia L. Frazier & Steven Schumacher at 3900 Rose Hill Ave Unit 703B
- Edgar Construction LLC at 3971 Warwick Ave
- Edgar Construction LLC at 3973 Warwick Ave
- Edgar Construction LLC at 3975 Warwick Ave

## POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

- 1) **EMERGENCY** 24 hour number for life-threatening situations: **911**
- 2) **NONEMERGENCY** 24 hour number for suspicious activity: **765.1212**
- 3) **DISTRICT 4** Police station 24 hour number: **352.3576**
- 4) **VCSU** Local District 4 9:00-5:00: **569.8651** (undercover operations for surveillance of drugs)
- 5) **Vice** (liquor, prostitution, and pornography) **352.2555**





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### March Events

- 4 - Mother/Son Dance for only NAM students. 1 pm to 3 pm - Gym
- 17 - Third quarter report cards go home with students.
- 18 - Father/Daughter Dance only for NAM students. 1 pm to 3 pm NAM gym.
- 24 - Teacher Appreciation Day!
- 27 through 31 - Week of Spring Break. Classes resume on Monday, April 3.

### North Avondale Montessori School was crowned 2016/2017 Xavier Musketeer Reading Program school of the year.

What an AMAZING experience for the students at NAM. They managed to out-read over 26 schools in the Greater Cincinnati area. A little over 400 students participated in the Xavier Reading Program. The Musketeer Reading Program presented by Kroger was established to encourage students in grades 8 and under in the Greater Cincinnati area to read more and have fun doing it! The more books they read, the more prizes they will receive! The students were highly encouraged by their librarian, Mrs. Paulette Simpson who isn't taking credit for this honor. She gives great honor to her students because they wanted to READ and earn prizes. And she also thanks the parents for the support and encouragement they gave to their student.

The student earned nice prizes from Xavier University depending on how many books they read. Prizes ranged from a receive a Xavier tattoo sticker ▪ a membership card good for ten (10) admissions to men's soccer, volleyball, women's soccer and women's basketball during the 2017-18 season, ▪ a Xavier pen ▪ pencil ▪ wristband ▪ Xavier book light ▪ two tickets to a Xavier Women's basketball game with a pre-game tour of Cintas Center before the XU Women's Basketball game.

In addition to the students earning great prizes, the school won 50 tickets to the Xavier Men's basketball game. Those tickets were raffled to the participating students in the reading program. It did not stop there, Mrs. Simpson will receive a donation check for the North Avondale Montessori School library.

This was an impressive literacy program offered by Xavier University. It was inspiring to see the many students participate in the program with great parent and teacher support. This program helped the students to continue to foster the love of reading. It allowed many of the students to attend their first collegiate game with their parent.

Several of the students stated that they had an enjoyable experience going to the Men's basketball game on February 8, 2017. Yes, Xavier University defeated DePaul University.

The NAM students are looking forward to participating in the 2017/2018 Xavier Musketeer Reading program. This is NAM's motto in the library – "We will READ, READ, READ."

**Mrs. Paulette M. Simpson**  
*Media Specialist*

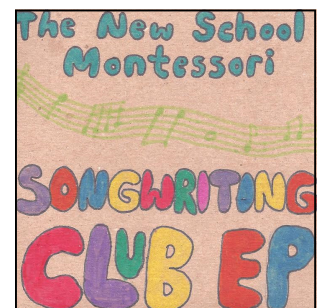


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**New School Montessori students composed, recorded and performed their own music.** TNSM music teacher, Josh Fink, led an after-school songwriting club this winter. Josh has co-written songs for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall, and numerous bands. He enjoyed introducing the art of songwriting to these committed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, helping them create a compilation CD showcasing their work. To hear their songs, go to: (<https://youtu.be/Z3j92E7fFqE>) This spring, Josh is teaching an after-school bucket-drumming club.

We are so pleased to have Josh Fink on our staff as our elementary music teacher. He received his bachelor of music and master of music degrees from Northwestern University. He is a composer, teacher, and multi-instrumentalist. As a classical musician, Josh has performed with Bernard Haitink, Riccardo Muti, Oliver Knussen, Pinchas Zukerman, and Pierre Boulez. He spent three years in the Civic Orchestra of Chicago where he also taught through Civic's Musicorps program. Josh has performed a complete production of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* with violinist Rachel Barton Pine, the Bottesini Concerto with the Northwestern University Philharmonia Orchestra, narrated *Peter and the Wolf* with the Cincinnati Symphony Wind Ensemble, and played many chamber concerts with Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra musicians.

Josh's recent activities include composing music for the Chicago Symphony's Lullaby Project where he works with South Side Chicago moms who, through this workshop, learn to write and record songs for their children. Josh is also involved with the Chicago Symphony's Music in Prisons Projects where he does similar work with juveniles. Josh later creates the musical scores for the Chicago symphony musicians who accompany these budding artists.



**Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director**



## FROM THE CITY & COUNTY

### Love is in the Air

As temperatures slowly warm, our local trees and plants prepare for their own annual rite of spring: pollination. As part of plants' reproductive cycle, pollen is used for transferring male genetic material from the plant to the female reproductive structure of the plant. This allows fertilization to take place so the plant can continue to grow. Like all living organisms, seed plants have a single goal: to pass their genetic information on to the next generation.

Pollen is dispersed by insects and wind, with the latter increasing the amount of allergens in the air. Consequently, those who suffer from allergies may have more prevalent symptoms on windy days and those that immediately follow.

As a public service, the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency collects, counts, and reports pollen levels, from mid-February to mid-November, depending upon the weather. The Agency details which plants and/or trees are producing the highest amount of pollen for that particular 24-hour collection period. Residents may find these daily pollen (and mold) counts on the Agency's website at [SouthwestOhioAir.org](http://SouthwestOhioAir.org), as well as its [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

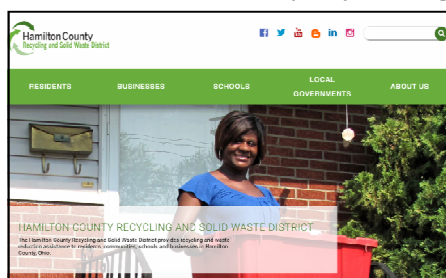
Typically, pollen levels do not become problematic until April or May, when trees such as hickories, pine, oak, and walnuts are peaking in pollen production. Those who are symptomatic may find it helpful to track the pollen count along with their symptoms to provide an idea of which plants they may be allergic to. Residents should consult their health-care professional for advice on how to manage their symptoms.

**Anna Kelley Monitoring and Analysis Supervisor, the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agents**

### New Hamilton County Websites Up and Running <http://www.southwestohioair.org/>



<http://www.hamiltoncountycycles.org/>



## PARKS & RECREATION

### North Avondale Recreation Center • 617

Clinton Springs Ave. • 961.1584



**Hours:** Monday—Thursday: 9:30 am to 9:00 pm,  
Friday: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm Closed Saturday  
and Sunday except for scheduled classes.

- **Summer Day Camp** open registration has begun. Visit: [cincyrec.org](http://cincyrec.org) to sign up.
- Come to the North Avondale Rec Center's **90th Anniversary Easter Egg Hunt** on April 15, 2017 @ 9:00 am!
- Join us on the first Friday of each month for **Free Friday Fitness Night!** 6:30 to 9:00pm -Adults Only!

**Cincinnati Recreation Commission**  
North Avondale Recreation Center • 617 Clinton Springs Ave., 45229 • 513.961.1584

## You're Invited

to a **FREE Easter Egg Hunt** at North Avondale!

**April 15, 2017**  
**from 9 to 11 a.m.**

In honor of our 90th anniversary, 90 eggs will be planted on our grounds.  
- Join us for breakfast, pictures and a small craft from 9 to 10 a.m.  
- The Easter Egg Hunt, separated by age group (7.5 & under), begins at 10:15 a.m.  
- Rain? No worries! We'll take the hunt inside the center.  
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Call 513.961.1584 to RSVP your family's number of participants by April 10.

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## Preschool Summer Camp

For more information contact Jaime @ 513-961-1584

**Session 1:**  
June 5 – June 30  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Session 2:**  
July 10 – August 4  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Camp is for 4 & 5 year olds.  
Each session is \$300, which includes CRC membership and a pool pass.

Learn the basics of Summer Camp:  
• Rules  
• Pool Safety  
• Games  
• 30 minutes a day of preschool or kindergarten level math or writing work.

Swimming lessons included. Lunch is not included.  
Space is limited.

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### Karate

Master Terrell Davis has been a contract karate instructor for CRC since 1985, specializing in youth empowerment. At North Avondale, youth, teens and adults practice, Okinawa, Shuri Ryu on Tuesdays and Thursdays, youth 5:45 pm and 12 & up 6:45 pm. The program focus on academic success, character, fitness, safety, and sports karate in a fun and safe environment. Many sports champions are developed at N Avondale recreation center. The competition team won 44 national titles in September at the 2016 Professional Karate Commission (PKC) International champions. We look forward to being a part of 2017 Nana news and thank you for your support of our program! You may register on line for our class at [7stardragonskarate.com](http://7stardragonskarate.com)





# After and Progress photos of Walkway Safety Enhancement Project

Historic Trolley access walkway and Dana Avenue cleanup below



## 2017 Blitz Schedule

The Blitz schedule for North Avondale and Avondale is **October 2, 2017 through October 6, 2017.**

It consists of: Dumpster & Greenspace maintenance throughout the week  
On Friday: Roving trash truck, DPS staff on foot litter picking, and PLAP.

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N.A. Neighborhood Officer Lori Hamann	569.8679
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Where to Recycle Different Things	<a href="http://earth911.com/">http://earth911.com/</a>

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### NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, March 14**, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** Great American Cleanup Meet at North Avondale Recreation Center at 8:30 to 8:45am
- **Thursday, April 6 & May 4**, NANA Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Road
- **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Cleanup** we will meet at Seasongood Square Park with students from both UC & XU. This task will be litter pick along secondary streets. We will meet at 9:00am.
- **Tuesday, April 11**, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Green up Day** (neighborhood park spruce up for the year) 9am at Seasongood Square Park

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