



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings!

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve as President, now that Marvin has relocated to Texas due to a job transfer. I want to thank him for his patience and tutelage over the last few months, as I learned more about this role and what I need to do in the remaining months of our fiscal year. My only hope is that I can make this look as easy and seamless as he did! I look forward to continue working with many of you to continue the goals of improving our neighborhood.

In an effort to create an informal venue for us to get to know more of our neighbors, there will be a "Meet & Greet" beginning at 6:45pm the day of our General Body Meetings - meetings will begin afterward, promptly at 7:00pm. Join us for some light snacks and welcome new, and not-so-new, neighbors!

We have two speakers this month. **Rich Cogen, Executive Director of the Ohio River Foundation**, whose presentation will be: "**Local Climate Change Implications & Homeowner Action Plans**". Please come to hear what he has to say about how we can prepare for and possibly prevent deleterious effects to our homes and local climate. Our second speaker is **Betsy Newman, Executive Director of SCORE**. SCORE helps small businesses be successful through mentoring and education.

If you would like to share any ideas for future speakers, meeting topics, celebrations or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via our email address: nanacincinnati@gmail.com. We welcome your feedback and I look forward to seeing you at our General Body Meeting on March 13th!

Tiffani N. Tribble



NANA UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

Hello everyone, The Spring Thaw is underway and our days are getting longer, HURRAY! It's time to come out of your caves. Our yards and Seasongood Square Park and our greenspaces have spring blooms getting ready to burst open to show off their spring colors.

It's time for our yearly **Great American Cleanup and the Cincinnati Parks GreenUP Day**. This year I have both scheduled on **April 7th**.

- Our neighborhood has access to the North Avondale Recreation Center for the Cleanup. From 8:30 to 12:30. We may have access to the van I am waiting to hear a Yes. The Rec Center van seats 14 people which was a tremendous help last time we used the Recreation Center as home base. Neighbors and friends we need drivers.
- At 8:30am neighborhood volunteers arrive, sign in and get your assignment. Then get a cup of coffee before the students arrive at 9 to 9:15am. We will have the areas mapped out for each group.
- UC Clean Up Cincy volunteers will be helping us again and we will have 150 students. Some volunteers will be assigned to the park and the remaining of the volunteers will cover North Avondale streets....
- I do have a commitment from CPD4 to assist with any safety issues. One safety issue is the syringes/ needles which were found in piles in a few areas last

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NANA General Meeting Tuesday March 13, 7:00pm North Avondale Cafetorium

Agenda

- **Rich Cogen, Executive Director of the Ohio River Foundation.** His presentation will be: "Local Climate Change Implications & Homeowner Action Plans"
- **Betsy Newman, Executive Director of SCORE**

Next General Meeting is April 10, 2018

Thank you for paying your 2018 NANA Dues



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year. Some officers (off duty) are going to be with us on foot. Officer Hamann will be with us and will recruit some officers.

Each year there is a "**Blitz**". What this means is the City of Cincinnati schedules the use of Supercans, better known as dumpsters, to be placed in the city neighborhoods on certain dates. We have not yet received the notification. This year I am working very closely with the city for the blitz schedule to coincide with our neighborhood Cleanup. I'm trying every week to get an answer. When I get word about the dumpsters you will see something out in our neighborhood communications; Facebook, Nextdoor and a news blast through NANA.

An update for everyone regarding litter...

Asmann Ave has been a constant source of problems with the litter issue and Mary Piper has been a tremendous help in this battle. I have been in contact with the city department in charge of this issue. Time and time again, Mary has picked up litter on the street and from the hillside. The school in the armory has been put on notice by the city regarding illegal dumping down the hillside.

I personally put some student housing on Dana Ave on notice. I URGED the students to call their landlord and Xavier University and complain to them about the necessity for me to pick up the trash on Dana Ave or to work with me. I picked up trash on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning from the front and back yards at 990 Dana. I will be thanking the students at 990 Dana and continue the conversation with them with a roll of trash bags in hand.

Time to get outside and enjoy the good earth and thank you everyone for your help and support in our beautiful neighborhood.

NANA needs someone to assist in the flower pots program. Beth Ewing has asked that someone assume this responsibility due to her busy busy schedule. Beth is very organized and has said that she will be very happy to show the new person what she has done, including requests for donations. Beth, I can't thank you enough for taking the time to help our neighborhood in this work.

Thank you from all of us in North Avondale. See you in the garden!

Emily Harten Beautification Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking for volunteers for the 2018-2019 NANA Board. The positions open are: President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer. Anyone interested in any of these positions, please contact me: janetgbanks@gmail.com.

Our first Nominating Committee Meeting was Wednesday, March 7 at 7:15 at the Recreation Center.

Janet Banks, Chair of the Nominating Committee

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE (PSC)

The Pedestrian Safety Committee (PSC) has been very busy over the past few months and has taken its role in North Avondale's redevelopment very seriously. We have been focusing and will continue to focus for much of this year on vehicular traffic-calming amenities throughout our neighborhood but with a particular focus for much of this year on Reading Road between Clinton Springs and Paddock. This is absolutely necessary to ensure that our community remains a diverse, historic community that is welcoming to everyone no matter how they get around or whatever stage of life in which they happen to be. We want North Avondale to be a place where our children can safely walk to school and a place where our long-time residents can age in place should they so choose.

After an initial meeting with the city's Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE) and Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) back in October, we've had a few follow-up meetings to discuss our community's vision for the neighborhood business district (NBD). What has become clear throughout all of these meetings is that while DOTE, DCED, and NANA all desire to see the NBD strengthened and the vacant lot developed, each has very different perspectives on how best to achieve this. In particular, the intersection of Reading and Paddock is now in their crosshairs for a much-needed reconfiguration to increase site access. To this date, only one alternative has been presented to us so we will continue to work with the city and community organizations to develop additional alternatives that are more conducive to pedestrian-oriented, multi-use development.

Due to the new-found urgency of this, the PSC will be working very closely with the RFP committee over the next few months to ensure that whatever changes are proposed actually incorporate genuine community input and do not jeopardize the pedestrian-friendliness of any part of our NBD. We will also be engaging the city's Department of City Planning and the University of Cincinnati's Department of Planning for additional input. I encourage anyone with questions or ideas to please reach out to me personally.

David Emery, Chair



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 - open for Instructor led programs only.



Memberships: Youth (5-17) \$2.00; Young Adult (18-24) \$10.00; Adult (25-49) \$25.00; Senior (50+) \$10.00; Weight Room \$10.00/3 months, \$35.00/year

Tax help

FREE TAX PREP

NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
Avondale: 617 Clinton Springs, 45229
 Jan 27, Feb 3 & 10, Mar 3 & 10, Apr 7, 2018
 Saturdays: 9 AM - 1 PM
 Final tax day: Friday, April 13, 10 AM - 2 PM
 Walk-in (until full capacity)

JAZZ CONCERT

featuring music by **JAZZ RENAISSANCE**

WHEN

May 2, 2018 from 4 to 7 p.m.

WHERE

North Avondale Recreation Center
 617 Clinton Springs Avenue, 45229

COST

Tickets can be purchased at the center.
 Advance ticket purchase is \$10 (includes food).
 Tickets at door are \$7 (food is \$3 - \$6).

CONTACT

For more information, call 513.961.1584 today.
 Come support Ann James and the Avondale Underground Theater!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



2018 SUMMER DAY CAMP

MAY 31 - AUGUST 10



CAMP CRC Summer Day Camps are offered at many CRC recreation centers throughout the city. Campers enjoy fun, weekly themes in a safe, friendly environment all summer long!

Total Weekly Fees: \$134.50 per week
Before- and After-Care: \$20 per week
Core Camp (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.): \$114.50 per week

Total 10 week cost: \$1,345.00

Registration begins **FEBRUARY 20 at 9 a.m.**
 Visit cincyrec.org to register.

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| Centers | |
| Bond Hill* | McKie* |
| Bush* | Millvale* |
| Clifton | Mt. Washington |
| College Hill (Mt. Airy)* | North Avondale |
| Corryville* | Oakley |
| Dunham | Pleasant Ridge |
| Evanston* | Price Hill* |
| Hartwell | Saylor Park |
| Lincoln* | Westwood Town Hall |
| Madisonville* | Winton Hills* |

*These centers accept ODJFS vouchers. These licensed centers do not offer Before- and After-Care (camp is Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

THEATER EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP 2018

Exposing Youth & Teens to the World of Fine Arts



WHAT

- Summer camp for 10 - 15 year olds
- Exploring acting, improvisation, mime, dance, spoken word, singing, gymnastics and creative writing
- Voice and puppetry workshops
- Weekly performances at various venues
- Guest speakers and so much more!

WHEN

Monday through Friday from 12 - 5 p.m. June 4 to August 3, 2018

WHERE

North Avondale Recreation Center
 617 Clinton Springs Avenue

COST

\$450 for 9 weeks
 • Payment options available for 10 - 12 year olds that need full summer camp)

Call 513.961.1584 for more details!



Please call 961.1584 if you have any questions.

Community Center Director

7 Star Dragons PKC Top Team



7 Star Dragons Karate is Happy to share that our competition team was honored on February 3, 2018, in Richmond, Kentucky by the Professional Karate Commission (PKC), for earning TOP School in Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, and

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Southern Ohio Tournament Season. Throughout the year team members competed in various competitions which were rated by PKC. Twenty three students from 7 Star Dragons karate were honored for being in the top ten in PKC Region 7 ratings. Top Honors, 1st Place Winners in their division are as follows: Amina Issa, Briez Kelly, Morgan Mitchell, Zephaniah Dangerfield, Paul Casteel, Zachary Dangerfield, Sierra Hix, Jared Belmont, John Watson, Kevin Hartnell and Andrew Sorrells.

Mr. Kevin Hartnell, a adult male competitor was honored as a triple crown Winner earning #1 in Kata, Forms and Weapons Divisions. Congratulations to all team members, family members and supporters that made our 2017 Top School Award possible!



On February 3, 2018 7 Star Dragon members won 19 total awards in competition at the Richmond Champions! The team won A Beautiful Cup for winning the most first place wins of all schools competing at the EMAC, PKC event! Sierra Hix and Kevin Hartnell were triple Crown Winners, winning first place in three events! Paul Casteel, Briez Kelly, Amina Issa, Layah Clark, and Miranda Hartnell all earned one or more first place in their events. This was the first competition of the 2018 season and the team was awesome!

For updates and registration to join our class, visit us at <http://7stardragonskarate.com/>

HIRSCH CENTER

●3620 Reading Road ● 751.3393

Is closed for renovations.

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

I am premiering a new work entitled "UNDERCURRENT" commissioned by De La Dance Company for their 2018 Dance Cincinnati performances on March 9, 10, 16, 17.

DIANE GERMAINE's PREMIERE

"UNDERCURRENT"

"But to this angel of wishes I've worshiped so long,
I ask now to admit the world as it is." Ellen Bass, poet

DE LA DANCE COMPANY

featuring

Juanita Araque/

Alexandra Brannon

and other artists of the Company

Music: Kate Wakefield &

Astor Piazzolla

A DANCE CINCINNATI 2018 PRODUCTION

WHEN: March 9,10,16,17 7:30pm

Info & Tickets: deladancecompany.org

(Select Performances Tab)

Or 513-871-0914



Photo Credit: & Flyer Design by Diane Germaine

LOCATION: De La Arts Place

5141 Kennedy Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45213

deladancecompany.org

Hope to see you at one of the performances.

Diane Germaine

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

2018 North Avondale Montessori Memorial Paver Campaign Update/Reminder



Sales began February 2nd and continue through March 16th. The pavers will be installed and dedicated this Spring. The cost to engrave at 4" x 8" brick is \$100. A larger, 12" x 12", brick is available for \$250. Order forms and sample bricks are available the school office or online at www.namrockets.org/brick. Weather permitting, installation will occur during the week of Spring Break, with a dedication ceremony on Friday, April 13th.

NAM March Calendar

- 2 - **Read Across America** - NAM students will read the first 15 minutes of class across the school on Friday!
- 3 - **Mother/Son Dance** - 1pm to 3pm -Gym
- 5 - **through the 16 - Class Penny war** begins and ends!
 - **PTO-NAMF Meeting** - 6pm Cafeteria
- 9 - **3rd Quarter Ends.**
- 13 - **LSDMC** meets at 3pm in the Media Center.
- 15 - **Grade Cards** go home with our students.
 - **Title One packets are due** to Main Office
 - **Two Day Oratory Festival** starts at 8:30am in cafeteria.
 (Thurs./Fri)
- 17 - **Father/Daughter Dance** - 1pm to 3pm - Gym
- 19 - **Club Photos**
- 22 - **Spring Pictures**
- 23 - **Teacher Appreciation Day**
 - **Last day of classes prior to Spring Break.**
- 24 to 4-1 - **Spring Break**
- 4-2 - **Classes resume!**

NAM Celebrates Black History Month!

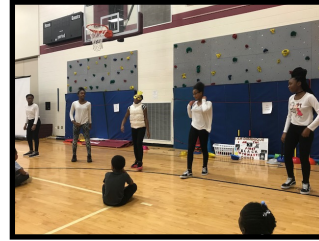
On Friday, February 23, NAM hosted a school wide assembly to honor Black Americans contributions to our country. Students participated in reading stories of famous African Americans, creating art work at each age level, and NAM tumbling students performed to entertain the audience. Grade 6 student Jakari Parker, was the Master of Ceremony.

During the assembly several students dressed up in character and presented information to the students. Such famous people as Diana Ross, Michel Jackson, Dorothy Heights, Lawrence Hawkins, and Kathryn Johnson were honored with their accomplishments being discussed and students performing in character.

"This is a great way for our community to learn about the contributions made to our culture by famous African Americans. The students pay close attention when their peers perform," said NAM Student Council Advisor, Ms. Watkins.

Also performing at the event was Mr. Ed Thomas, who dazzled the audience with his skills on the saxophone. Mr. Thomas played a 3 minute song to the delight of the audience. "Mr. Thomas is the best saxophone player I have ever heard," said 4th Grade student Dater.

"We have a diverse community and our teachers are always being creative in having our students research different ethnic groups. For the past 4 years we have hosted a Black History Month program at NAM and this event is always well received by our community. Our students have the opportunity to learn about famous people and present to their peers along with the parents that attend our program. I am proud of the team for putting this program together," said Principal Lewis.



Roger Lewis, Principal



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New School Montessori students showed an extreme interest in learning about budgeting.

New School Montessori (6-9) teacher Catherine Bollmann loves those moments when her younger students ask her to modify a work so that they may take part in it too. This was the case when Catherine designed a 3rd-level math lesson on budgeting. The work was filled with word problems all centering on planning for a child's own birthday extravaganza at the Four Brothers Theme Park with a certain amount of imaginary money.

Each exciting opportunity (admission to the park, tickets for rides, purchases for friends at the restaurant and souvenir shop) involved multiplication, addition and subtraction. And at the top of each page, the running total was carried over so that the birthday planner could budget for the next experiences at the park.

At the end of the exercise, Catherine encouraged her students to draw pictures and describe what they were planning to do with the extra money they had set aside. Some talked of giving their money to their siblings, buying food for the poor, or buying a desk or an iPad. One student wanted to invest it, but didn't know what investing really meant. Another lesson was drawn up by Catherine to explain how the stock market works and yet again, the younger children clamored to have the work modified so they could also do the math work that dealt with the stock market.



*Ann Baumgardner,
 Communications Director*

FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Minority Health Month

April is Minority Health Month!

Health Forum presented by the Zion's Health and Wellness Ministry
 Wednesday, April, 11, 2018, 4:00PM - 6:30PM
 Zion Baptist Church, 630 Glenwood Avenue (45229)

Guest speakers:

Mr. Robert Rinfrow

Owner / Consultant at Ahead Financial Services



Mr. Rinfrow will share information regarding Medicare and Senior Issues

Dr. Juanita Gaines, MD

Internal Medicine



Dr. Gaines will discuss diabetes

Dr. Babette Craig, Chairperson
 Reverend James H. Cantrell, Pastor

Free and open to the public

A light meal will be served



FROM THE CITY & OTHER NONPROFITS

Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler will be speaking in Cincinnati in April as a guest of the Hamilton County Environmental Action Commission. The Director will speak at 1pm on Thursday April 5, 2018 in the Advanced Technology and Learning Center (ATLC) Auditorium on the campus of Cincinnati State Community and Technical College.

- The public is welcome.
- Parking is available in the Central Parkway Garage for \$5. Admission to the Director's presentation is free. **Cincinnati State – Main (Clifton) Campus** 3520 Central Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

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NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 13, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Av.
- Thursday, April 5 May 3, NANA Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm, District 4 Police Station, 4150 Reading Road
- Tuesday, April 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Av

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