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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Neighbors,

Spring is right around the corner and things are heating up for North Avondale! With the return of better weather comes lots of activity in the neighborhood. At this month's meeting we will be discussing replacement of our aging water mains, updates to our Rec Center and our neighborhood yard sale.

Matthew Smith, an engineer with **Cincinnati Waterworks** will be in attendance to go over the plans for our **water mains.** He will expand upon the information we have received from the city as well as answer our questions about the project and the timeline. Now is your chance to get detailed information straight from the source! (*To learn more go to From the Government below*)

Daniel Betts, **Director of Recreation from CRC**, will be attending our meeting to speak with us about our Rec Center and the **possibility of adding dog park to the grounds!** This would be a great addition to our neighborhood and raise the profile of our Rec Center. There will be some options that CRC wants our input on, so this is another great chance to make your voice heard.

Did you find some great stuff at last year's **neighborhood yard sale**? I sure did, and I met lots of new neighbors in the process. This year we want to make the yard sale even bigger and better. We will be deciding on a date for the sale and talking about all the other details of promotion and participation. Get ready to clean out that basement and get those treasures ready to sell!

We will be discussing all of these things as well as hearing information about the upcoming election as well. I hope to see lots of new faces this month, so invite a neighbor and we'll see you there!

Ethan Perry

NANA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 pm North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium

Agenda Items are:

- 1. Water main replacement update from Cincinnati Waterworks
- 2. Rec Center Updates form Director of Recreation
- 3. North Avondale Yard Sale
- 4. Charmaine McGuffey Candidate for Sheriff
- 5. Sorta Update on Ballot Issue 7

Next Meeting April 14, 2020

THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2020 NANA DUES

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2020-2021 NANA Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is forming and NANA is gathering names for the Nominating Committee and the 2020/2021 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.

Serving on the NANA Board is a great way to give back to your community and help in making our community grow and thrive like we envision. You can make a difference!

BEAUTIFICATION

Hello Spring, Hello North Avondale Neighbors!

The daffodils are breaking through and preparing for a colorful show. We wanted to share the news about a **new** garden at the northwest corner of Seasongood Square. The center piece is an Okame Cherry tree from the Cincinnati Releaf program, along with a few spirea bushes and iris bulbs. Members of the Cincinnati Park Board helped with the installation and were invaluable. Thank you to Jim Burkhardt, Rich, Barry and Lou Sands. These park board members were so knowledgeable and enthusiastic; we couldn't have completed the project without them. Emily Harten and Tim Franklin helped as well. Everyone pitched in and dug holes, filled them with fertilizer, dirt and watered with root stimulator. Spring will be here soon and we can all enjoy the new garden.

We invite neighbors who like to play in the dirt to come and join our gardening team for Seasongood Square. We have two additional gardens that need attention and tender loving care. There is a small round garden with a few rose bushes in Seasongood Square and another garden in the Marion triangle near the tree recently dedicated to past NANA President Marvin Masterson. We are considering a natural habitat garden in the Marion Triangle garden. Most of the fun is gardening together on Wednesday mornings, but we can be flexible and switch to Saturday or Sunday. With your help and dedication, we can continue to improve our beautiful neighborhood. Please email me at Kouckys@gmail.com if you would like to join the team.

By: Sarah Koucky, Rose Hill Ave.

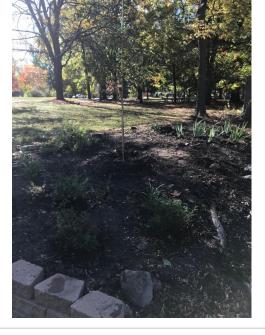


Neighborhood Flower Pots

We are taking donations for 2020 to pay the Parks to maintain the flower pots along Reading Road. You can make a donation on line at: 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! Thank you!

NANA Beautification Team





HEALTH AND WELLNESS

This submission is directly from HEALTH MATTERS - the Cincinnati Health Department February 2020 newsletter. The information is so important, I wanted you to receive it-straight & uncut.

Kimya Moyo, NANA Health Liasion

Novel Coronavirus 2019-nCoV, Disease Basics

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in thousands of confirmed cases in China, including cases outside Wuhan City. Additional cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States. This is a rapidly evolving situation and there is an ongoing investigation to determine more about this outbreak. There are NO cases of novel Coronavirus in the City of Cincinnati currently. The only people at risk of illness due to this outbreak are those with fever and symptoms of lower respiratory illness who:

- In the last 14 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from Wuhan City, China OR
- In the last 14 days before symptom onset, close contact with a person who is under investigation for 2019nCoV while that person was ill OR
- In the last 14 days, close contact with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.

What are the symptoms for Coronavirus?

Patients with confirmed 2019-nCoV infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath. Other early symptoms include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting and runny nose.

How is Coronavirus spread?

This virus probably originally emerged from an animal source but now seems to be spreading from person-toperson. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so. At this time, it's unclear how easily or sustainably this virus is spreading between people. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses.

How can Coronavirus be prevented?

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus and practice these preventive actions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Kimya Moyo, Health Liaison

LAW AND SAFETY

882 Clinton Springs was inspected by the Police and City Solicitor, there were many property code violations occurring on this property, i.e. water damage and poor living conditions. They were given 30 days to repair these damages, if they don't repair. This building will be shut down.

Keep an eye out:

White Ford 150 Pick up truck. Person dumping furniture and other items on Fred Shuttleworth. If you see this truck please try to get the license plate and contact Officer Hill 569.8678.

Here is the copy of the letter concerning solutions to traffic problems in our neighborhood.



Date: February 20, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager

Subject: TRAFFIC/PEDESTRIAN CONCERNS AT THREE INTERSECTIONS IN NORTH AVONDALE

Reference Document #201901513

The Council at its session on October 2, 2019 referred the following item for review and report.

MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, WE MOVE the City Administration produce a report on the below intersections in North Avondale. 1. Clinton Springs Avenue & Reading Road: Residents report the left handed turn signal from Clinton Springs onto Reading Road is very short and the green light for drivers going west on Clinton Springs is even shorter. Drivers regularly run both lights and it's a safety hazard. 2. Red Bud Avenue & Mitchell Avenue: This intersection regularly has accidents. Drivers take the turn too fast, encounter the red light and either hit another car or the driver loses control. An additional concern is this intersection used as a bus stop and children wait at the curb for the bus. 3. Winding Way & Rose Hill: There are reports of drivers speeding along both roads.

Item 1

The intersection of Clinton Springs & Reading will be retimed as part of retiming the Reading Road corridor that is scheduled to be performed in the next 1-2 years. Currently, the intersection becomes congested if the exclusive pedestrian phase for crossing the north leg of Reading is called on a regular basis. The exclusive pedestrian phase provides a safe crossing for pedestrians crossing Reading Road.

Item 2

The intersection of Red Bud Avenue and Mitchell Avenue has advance flashing warning lights that flash prior to the traffic signal. Trees that were blocking the advance flashing warning lights were trimmed by Urban Forestry.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) has been awarded \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safety Program for the Citywide High Crash Curve Project. The project locations include East Mitchell @ Red Bud; West Fork Rd from Montana to Todd Ave; Central Pkwy @ Brighton PI; and Faraday Road from President to Cass. DOTE will coordinate with ODOT on the schedule and with DOTE's Street Rehab program. We anticipate the Citywide High Crash Curve Project to be completed this calendar year.

Item 3

The reports for speeding on Winding Way and Rose Hill have been referred to the CPD for enforcement.



ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

• Mary Huckaby, a long-time North Avondale resident will be 100-years-old on April 11th.

Mary Huckaby was born Helen Hillman on April 11, 1920. Her mother, Fannie Mae Jones, was gifted a home by her husband Charles Bedford Hillman's mother in 1922. The area was incorporated in 1928 as North Avondale. Fannie Mae raised Helen Hillman on a hill in the woods. "Mary Louise" as she was called didn't know her name was Helen. She got a birth certificate needed for a job at Wright's Aeronautical making airplane parts during World War II. It was discovered that she was legally named after her maternal grandmother "Helen" though called after her paternal grandmother "Mary Louise."





Mary Louise Hillman pictured in pigtails with her North Avondale Elementary School classmates in 1928. Mary Louise and Tuskegee Airman John H. Leahr teased each other into old age about which was the first black family to live in North Avondale.*



Mary Louise Hillman is pictured front and center wearing plumes with the "white snowdrops" of Clinton Springs Avenue for North Avondale School's May Day celebration. *

Growing up in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church downtown, Mary saved her World War II factory money towards a house across the private drive from her childhood home.

Mary married returning soldier Lawrence Cleves Huckaby on August 19, 1943 and began constructing a homestead on that hill. The one bedroom frame house where he and Mary eventually raised daughters Carole and Barbara had no hot or cold water, a coal stove and an outhouse. Over the years he added indoor plumbing, a heat pump, an extra bedroom, a kitchen, a garage, central air and a swimming pool. They built an entire house around the original one bedroom frame. The couple acquired adjacent lots where Larry built sheds, kept bees and managed extensive gardens. Mary was always there with a cold beer, a requested tool or a piece of advice. As a reward for their efforts the private drive is now named Huckaby Lane.

The Huckabys were active in the community and in their congregation always prepared to offer labor and bushels of fresh produce. Mary was a Golden Girl at Bethel Baptist Church and active with the Bond Hill Senior Group. Larry was a Deacon at Bethel.



Mary lost husband Larry, daughter Barbara Rochester and brothers, David, Charles, John and Harry Hillman as well as a sister, Clara Sheffield. Surrounded by a host of nieces and nephews who refer to her as "Aunt Min," in reference to Cab Calloway's 1931 hit Minnie the Moocher, Mary Huckaby will turn 100-years-old in Astoria Place of Cincinnati just around the corner from where she was raised. Her legacy on the hill continues with a fifth generation being raised in the secluded wooded enclave maintained by her daughter Carole Douglas, son-in-law John Rochester and grandsons Shadd, Todd and Jason Douglas.

Mary's friends would comment how quiet it was as they sat on her porch enjoying the breeze and the birds. To this day she pines to sit on that porch and "look into St. Bernard." Other days she threatens to throw members of the Astoria staff down the iconic well standing on her hill in the woods.

*Photos from <u>Black and White Airmen Their True History</u> by John Fleischman, 2007 Houghton Mifflin Company, New York, New York.

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS



•View the video of former NAM student, Diana H. She has the lead role in "Annie" opening at the Taft Theatre on February 7. She is the first African-American to star in the role! Congrats!

Principal Lewis



Same Bee, New Dance.

The expanding Sleepy Bee family is dancing into Avondale this Fall! Waggle is a new concept designed for busy and buzzy lifestyles: quicker-service, same focus on quality, health and community that Sleepy Bee is known for. Their mission is to serve locally- and ethically-sourced, deliciously-prepared food in a welcoming atmosphere, in a dynamic new way.

Waggle specialities are inspired by its Sleepy sibling, perfect for breakfast, lunch or relaxing times of your choosing: pancakes (house-made buttermilk and gluten-free Bee) and lunch bowls made to order with fresh, seasonal ingredients; pasture-raised egg scrambles; and locally-roasted, barista-crafted coffee drinks and teas with organic milks.

The term "waggle" refers to an almost magical dance performed by honey bees as they forage for food in the wild. This amazing performance - which involves flight patterns resembling figure-eights - is a form of collective intelligence, where bees share information about the location of flowers where nutritious nectar and pollen can be found, water sources, and their hive. While it seems exotic, to us this feels similar to how we humans communicate with friends and family about favorite places to eat, drink, work and rest. We hope that Waggle becomes one of yours!

Founded in 2013 by a local pediatrician, an artist, and a chef, Sleepy Bee has 3 locations in greater Cincinnati: Oakley, Blue Ash, and Downtown on 4th street, downstairs from its sister bar, Aster.

In its 2019 "Best of Cincinnati" awards, Sleepy Bee was voted Best Breakfast, Best Gluten-Free Selections, and Best Neighborhood Restaurant by Cincinnati City Beat. It has also been named as one of the Best Breakfast Restaurants in America by Time Out magazine. Its mission includes support for local communities, small suppliers and native ecosystems hosting pollinators that make much of the food we eat possible.

Location: 3440 Burnet Ave on the Cincinnati Children's Hospital campus, across from the Ronald McDonald House Instagram: @waggle_bfastandbowls

•On behalf of **The Wolking Team of Comey & Shepherd, LLC**., I wish to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all who contributed to our **February Food Drive**, benefiting The FreeStore Food Bank. We enjoyed a tremendous increase in contributions for our second year in running the Food Drive. All contributions to the FreeStore have been made in the name of "North Avondale Neighbors". We are, as ever, Cincinnati's Best Address with lovely neighbors and exquisite homes! Thank you so very much for your extraordinary generosity of spirit! Thanks,

Jack Wolking (The Belvedere)

•From Beth Ewing (Winding Way)



PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION

The bench will be made by acclaimed artist, Karen Heyl, with a plan to install it near NAM and the North Avondale Recreation Center. It will be funded 100% through donations. Donate by paying online via the NANA website using the button below. Check "Other" and designate "Pamela's Bench".

Donate For The Pamela Smitherman Memorial Bench

RECYCLING TIPS

Infographic: Our Plastic Earth

The extent of plastic pollution has reached a level that is impossible to ignore; we have covered Earth in plastic — from the heights of Mount Everest to the depths of the Mariana Trench.. We produce around **335 million metric tons of plastic a year**. And about half of that plastic is for single-use products, like water bottles. <u>Click here for more information</u>

earth911.com



Marian Miller (Red Bud)

TIPS TO OUR NEIGHBORS

•Please use the sidewalks when walking. So many people walk in the middle of street and it is very dangerous. The sidewalks make our neighborhood great. They create a friendly and active street. But walking in the street when the sidewalks are available is counter intuitive. Also, whether it is at night or with the sun blocking the vision, the danger is real. Please use the sidewalks.

• Trash Days Info

Set-out Time

Garbage carts, yard waste containers, scheduled bulk items and recycling carts should be placed at the curb **no later than 6 a.m. on collection day but no earlier than 5 p.m. the previous day.** Please avoid placing the carts around any obstructions, mailboxes, low-hanging wires etc., and avoid parking in front of cart on collection day. Residents with cart exemptions are required to set out their garbage the day of collection by 6 a.m. Residents are responsible for potential mess caused by wildlife and vandalism when garbage is set out improperly, or when setting out garbage under the cart exemption clause.

Garbage carts must be removed from the curb by midnight on the day of collection. For more information concerning trash pick-up: <u>https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/public-services/garbage-yard-waste/</u>

FROM THE GOVERNMENT

• OKI Needs to Hear from You!



Despite the weather, the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency is ready for

ozone season, which **begins March 1**, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Agency's ozone monitors are collecting data and we will notify the media and public in the event of elevated ozone concentrations. This typically occurs in the summer months in our region.

Please see this attached news release for additional information.

Thank you, Joy Landry Communications Specialist

•Water Main Replacement Project for North Avondale

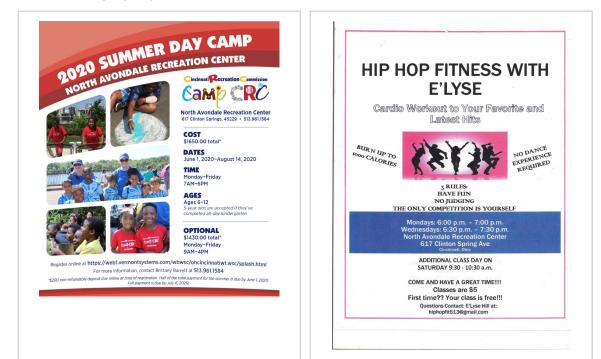
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RECREATION AND LIBRARIES



- North Avondale Recreation Center 617 Clinton Springs Ave. 513.961.1584
 - Hours of Operation: Monday Friday: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, Saturday 9 am 3 pm Closed on Sundays.
 - 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
 - Free VITA Tax Service Saturdays 9 am -1 pm, Mar. 21st. Apr. 4th *Doors open at 8:30 am Thursday April 13th 10:00-2:00 PM *No Appointment Needed
 - Spring Program Guide



•Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road • 751.3393

- Hours of Operation: Monday Friday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am 3:00 pm; Sunday 11:00-5:00
- Memberships: Youth (5-17) \$2.00; Young Adult (18-24) \$10.00; Adult (25-49) \$25.00; Senior (50+)

\$10.00; Weight Room \$20.00/3 months, \$70.00/year

• Spring Program Guide

•The Cincinnati Public Library

For Monthly Activities at the Avondale, Norwood and St Bernard Libraries <u>Click Here</u> (limit calendar to the branch of your choice for their monthly updates)



NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS



North Avondale Montessori • 615 Clinton Springs • 363.3900 • <u>www.namrockets.org</u> <u>NAM Brochure</u> <u>NAM Preschool Brochure</u>

NAM - March Calendar

6 - NAM-Foundation Art Gallery 6 pm (Amy's Yosmali's art gallery in St. Bernard)

11 - Parent Educational Series - 6 pm - Gym

14 - Father-Daughter Dance! 1 to 3 pm - Gym

16-19 - Grade 6 Washington, D.C. Field Trip

20 - Hat Day! Wear your favorite hat to school!

23-29 - Spring Break!

30 - Students return to school! NAM Students Receive Visual Arts Recognition!

Congratulations to the following students for having their work displayed at the CPS-City Wide Art Exhibition: Lilliana G., Canaan L., Norah E., Charlotte H., Samiya O.

Their artwork will be on display at the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Main Library!



Grownups and Kids Breakfast Breaks Record!

The NAM-Fathers Group "Grownups and Kids Breakfast" set a new record with the largest crowd in the 10-year history of the event. Grownups and kids consumed 40 dozen donuts to surpass the September record of 38 dozen.

"Our goal was to beat 38 dozen for this event. Do have such a fabulous turnout is terrific," said NAMFG Co-President, Tim B.



"The NAMFG has been a major part of our school for more than a decade. Their events are always well attended and our students enjoy the activities," said Principal Lewis.

Tim Y., Co- President of NAMFG, was appreciative of the large gathering. "To have over 150 grownups and kids socialize and spend time with together is our objective. We look forward to having the event next year!"

Roger Lewis, NAM Principal

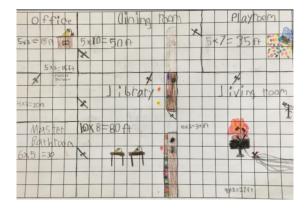


Math comes to life at The New School where students design their dream homes and determine the area and perimeter of each room.

New School Montessori students in 1st-3rd grade have channeled their study of arrays, perimeter and area into a fun project where their goal was to create their own plans for a dream home. Before beginning, the class discussed situations in the real world where they might need to purchase carpet or linoleum to exactly cover the square footage of the floor of a bedroom or kitchen. Students chose to work in groups or individually on this project.

Each floor plan was required to include bedrooms for family members, kitchen, family room and at least one bathroom in their 1,400 square foot home design. There were a number of additional fun rooms that appeared for arcade games, libraries, indoor swimming pools, nurseries and more. Hallways, doorways and extra small rooms were sometimes a challenge, but then who hasn't lived in a first apartment where your room was the size of a closet and you had to go through other rooms to get to common areas?

All in all, this was a super fun use of math, teamwork and dreaming!





Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Steven R Long at 703 S Fred Shuttlesworth Cr.
- Pingora Loan Servicing LLC at 3974/74 Abington Ave. and 4029 Red Bud Ave.
- David Frederick Redinger Tr at 3989 Beechwood Ave.
- Omar Diaz at 711 E Mitchell Ave.
- KGRN Investments LLC at 3976 Wess Park Dr.
- Azfar Rahat & Yasser Knanat at 3815 Winding Way



NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Tuesday, March 17, Ohio Democrat Primary, 6:30 am to 7:30 pm VOTE!
- Tuesday, April 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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Send an Email to Join Our Mailing List

Join Block Watch Group - Email Carolyn <u>Gillman</u>

Join North Avondale Nextdoor Neighbor Email Group

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Important City Numbers/Emails/Websites Request City Services

A 2020 Green Recycling Schedule

Hamilton County Recycling - Learn Where to Recycle Items

Recycle clothing and other items

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Victim Services Contact Numbers

<u>City Link to find out about Maintenance</u> <u>on Problem Properties</u>

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