



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbors,

If you are not already too busy removing all the leaves that fell on the ground in your garden, I would encourage everyone to take long walks in the neighborhood streets this month. The fall colors are still spectacular to watch, and it is a great way to embrace the cooler weather. We are also getting closer to the holiday season, so in a few weeks Reading Road will be decorated with our holiday banners. We hope you will enjoy them!

NANA is as usual hard at work, and as mentioned in the last newsletter, we are very excited to welcome the new **City Manager Harry Black to the NANA general meeting next Tuesday, on November 11th.** Please mark your calendars to attend this meeting in the NAM Cafetorium (entrance behind the North Avondale Recreation Center) and come prepared with any questions you may have for the City Manager. Please invite your neighbors to come as well.

And finally, as we are approaching the end of the year, we want to thank all the NANA members and contributors for all the continued support. Also note that we appreciate all feedback from the residents on what we do well and on what we should do more of, so please feel free to reach out to the NANA board with your opinion. If you have not yet paid your NANA dues, please consider doing so this month. We will send a reminder out early December as well.

Have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

Hanne Loken Larsen

**Come To Our NANA General Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 PM
North Avondale Montessori Cafetorium
Enter at the North Avondale Recreation
Center driveway, 617 Clinton Springs
Agenda**

- **Harry Black, Cincinnati City Manager**



NANA COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION:

Emily Harten hosted our Fall Beautification Brunch on Sunday, October 5, 2014. Thank you Emily and all our stellar volunteers who work so hard to make our neighborhood beautiful.



If you are able to help with ongoing garden maintenance, or litter pick up, please email Beth at:
betha.ewing@gmail.com.
Every little bit helps.



MEMBERSHIP:

Holiday Cookies

In years past to show our appreciation, we have taken holiday cookies to the police, fire, parks, libraries, schools and recreation centers. Some years we were lucky to have neighbors make cookies and bring them to the December NANA General Meeting where we assembled them. Other years we have given out store bought cookies. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BAKING SOME COOKIES OR HELPING TO ORGANIZE THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY COOKIES,** please contact Carolyn Gillman, tel. 284.2298, or nanacincinnati@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

EDUCATION/RENTAL HOUSING:

The Education/Rental Housing committee is beginning the process of looking at government supported housing, the problems associated with it, and solutions.

The problems affect all people regardless of the differences that often separate our lives and thinking. Ignoring problems only creates more of them.

This project will start with the facts and look at solutions. We will share the process with the community.

The same approach needs to happen in the broader community. HUD has a similar proposal. We encourage others to join in these considerations.

Continuing concerns:

- Safe Student Housing Program

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- Adopt-A-Class tutoring on 2 Fridays in November
- Sexual Health Education information

The committee usually meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at District 4. The December meeting is expected to be on December 4th.

Pauline Daly 751-8334 pdaly@fuse.net

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

MURAL PLAQUE NOW INSTALLED

The next time you drive by the North Avondale Mural on the north wall of the Lenox Garage (3915 Reading Road) you will see on this same wall-facing, close to and readable from the sidewalk, a plaque commemorating the Mural and recognizing significant donors who made this Mural possible. Included among these donors are 38 North Avondale families or businesses. The Mural was designed and produced by ArtWorks in partnership with North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA) and North Avondale Business Association (NABA).

The plaque depicts the N.A. Mural as an Ode to North Avondale:

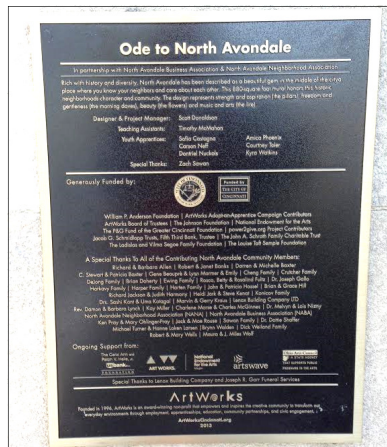
"Rich with history and diversity, North Avondale has been described as a beautiful gem in the middle of the city...a place where you know your neighbors and care about each other. This 880 square foot mural honors this historic neighborhood's character and community. The design represents strength and aspiration (the pillars), freedom and gentleness (the morning doves), beauty (the flowers) and music and arts (the lyre)."



The actual painting of the mural was done by 6 youth apprentices employed by ArtWorks: Sofia Castagna, Carson Neff, Dontriel Nuckols, Amico Phoenix, Courtney Toler and Kyrá Watkins. In a feature article (October 9, 2014) the Cincinnati Enquirer and ArtWorks chose their 15 top favorite murals from the 90 murals ArtWorks has created in Greater Cincinnati since 2007. Among their 15 "top favorites" is the North Avondale Mural!

Gerry Kraus

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MISSING CAT

This adorable and ultra friendly cat (see photo) has come to my house a couple times over the past few months. It is so good-natured & friendly, I assumed it was someone's pet, but none of my immediate neighbors seem to know who it belongs to. Today I was trying to leave for a meeting and it just couldn't get enough food. I gave it some food and it ate it like it was starving. If it belongs to someone, great and please let me know so I won't worry about it. But if someone has lost this cat, I'd love to reunite it with its owner.



Tracey Seibert (Redway)

Hydro-Therapy for Dogs k9waves

My business is located in Roselawn. In a warm water indoor pool, I work with dogs who have mobility issues. Here is my website: www.k9waves.abmp.com. My e-mail is collinwood410@yahoo.com and my phone number is 513.314.0685.

Sandra Hodges, BArch (Wedgewood)



YOUR OPINION COUNTS

The public review period for the first draft of the **Land Development Code** ended on August 1, 2014, so that we could revise the draft Code and Maps based on the feedback given us.

A second public participation process began on October 17, 2014 and will last through January 30, 2015. At that time, Planning & Buildings staff will take all of the feedback received on the second draft and incorporate revisions into a third draft (which will have a public review period again).

Once again, all documents related to the second draft and the second draft interactive map can be viewed and downloaded at: cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/zoning/ **Alex Peppers, AICP | Senior City Planner City of Cincinnati | Department of City Planning and Buildings**

Editor's note:

NANA has a committee working on this project. If you are interested in being a member, please contact Gerry Kraus, Chair at nanacincinnati@gmail.com



AROUND CINCINNATI

~ You asked for an update on:

COMMONS AT ALASKA -- UP IN THE AIR

The Commons at Alaska, 3584 Alaska Avenue, is a proposed 90-unit apartment to house a targeted population of homeless persons. As of this writing the development of this Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project has not gone forward because all the necessary funding has not been finalized.

National Church Residences (NCR), the Columbus developer of this project, is still record owner of 3584 Alaska. NCR has received a commitment for \$10,364,000 in tax credits from Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA); but it still has not received its requested Section 8 vouchers from Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), a necessary component of the financing of this project. Also a portion (\$543,000) of the City's HUD grant to finance affordable housing, previously committed to NCR for PSH, was withdrawn.

In response to a query by NANA about the status of OHFA's grant, OHFA replied, "At this time, National Church Residences has not returned the Housing Tax Credit award for Commons At Alaska. The next step is for OHFA to receive a formal request from the developer, to either move forward with the current allocation or to return the credits. If the developer returns the credits, they may still apply for a special allocation of credits." NCR would have 3 years from the return of the credits to request a special allocation.

The residents living in the vicinity of the Alaska Avenue site, The Avondale 29 Group, continue to oppose this PSH project for the following reasons:

- Avondale is already overly impacted with a large number of publicly assisted housing units, including housing located in North Avondale's shared "territory" between Glenwood and Clinton Springs Avenues.
- Alaska Avenue and Forest Park Drive are an island of home ownership in a community where most people rent their homes. The proposed project will threaten the stability of the area.
- The proposed 90-unit building is out of scale with the majority of the single and two family structures in the immediate area.
- Safety is also an issue. The targeted population include residents with severe mental health issues, alcohol and substance abuse (85%); many with dual diagnoses (30%); some with a criminal history. Treatment is offered on a voluntary basis at other locations. There is not required supervision of the residents. Placing these people at a location already impacted by crime will not be to their benefit and could be detrimental to the current residents of Avondale.
- There was no effort by NCR to contact the residents in the immediate vicinity when the Alaska site was chosen.

The zoning of the site does not permit the targeted

population listed above.

NANA joined The Avondale 29 Group in opposing Commons At Alaska for all the reasons stated above and because the Alaska site, being at the southern boundary of North Avondale, would also adversely our neighborhood. North Avondale residents worked closely with Linda Thomas and Johnie Davis of the Avondale 29 Group in opposing this development.

Gerry Kraus



The Census Bureau is Hiring in Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Warren and Brown Counties for the 2015 American Housing Survey!

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring field representatives in **Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Warren and Brown Counties** for the 2015 American Housing Survey! Most positions are for field representatives who will go door-to-door to interview respondents at their homes. Those selected will receive paid training.

Call 1-800-563-6499 today to learn more or to apply!

The American Housing Survey provides up-to-date information on the size and composition of the housing inventory in the United States. As the country grows, so does the demand for housing. Information from the survey is used at all levels of government to help inform decisions and analyze housing trends. Private organizations use the information to make business plans regarding the nation's housing and households.

The 2015 American Housing Survey will be conducted from May through September 2015. Prospective applicants are encouraged to apply now. Testing for applicants begins this fall while hiring begins in 2015.

Applicants:

- Must be available to work days, evenings and weekends
- Must have valid driver's license and use of an insured automobile
- Must be a U.S. Citizen

The Federal Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer

ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

It was a fun Halloween in North Avondale!



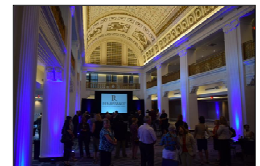
FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ The Avondale Running Club hosted its first annual urban 5K race, Feet in the Street, on Sunday, October 19. There were 159 participants, including a runner from Barcelona, Spain as well as a runner from Prague. The 5K Run Male winner was Marcelous Riggs, a member of the Avondale Youth Council and Running Club. Marcelous finished the race in 19:07. The **5K Run Female Winner was NANA's President, Hanne Loken Larsen** at 24:07. The 5K Walk Male Winner was James Houston, and the female winner for the 5K walk was Pat Darling. The Avondale Youth Council won the award for the largest participation with 25 team members. The Feet in the Street 5K benefited ACDC, and was organized by Herb Robinson and Judy Harmony. Many thanks to our sponsors, participants, and volunteers. It was a perfect morning to host a race!



☞ **Sonny's All Blues Lounge**, 4040 Reading Road, will be hosting our blues jam session featuring Lonnie Bennett **every Sunday in November from 8:00pm until midnight**. Admission is free. For information, call 281-0410.

☞ **A grand opening dinner and party for the 50th anniversary** at the newly renovated Marriott Renaissance Cincinnati Downtown Hotel on **Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM**. This is a major success story for Cincinnati and CPA is delighted to celebrate our 50th anniversary in such high style. Please plan to join us!! For more information: go to: www.cincinnati-preservation.org



☞ **Prepare Affair Sponsored by the City of Cinti., Department of Trade and Development**
Saturday, Nov 15, 2014 8:30am - 12:00pm



What is Prepare Affair? Prepare Affair brings together more than 3,000 volunteers to help elderly homeowners prepare their homes for winter. One of the largest one-day events in the tri-state, volunteers at Prepare Affair will perform winter preparation activities that mean the world to elderly homeowners with physical limitations. Come join the fun!

What kinds of services are performed during Prepare Affair? Services range from raking leaves and cleaning gutters to other small winter preparation tasks. **How do I volunteer for Prepare Affair?** Registration for Prepare Affair begins now! Volunteering is easy; just contact PWC's volunteer department at 351.7921 or via email at <https://forms.pwchomerepairs.org/prepare> and your crew leader will be Dan Kalubi ext.4648. **Location?** You will meet at PWC's headquarters for sign-in, donuts & coffee, then you will be sent to your assigned location. After the heavy lifting is completed, you are invited back to PWC for a cookout in appreciation of your hard work giving back to the community! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dan Kalubi via email at t.daniel.kalubi@cincinnati-oh.gov or visit PWC's website at www.pwchomerepairs.org for event info. Contact Information: Aaron Grant, Volunteer Involvement Program, People Working Cooperatively, Inc. 4612 Paddock Rd., 45229, 351.7921 x 5581, Cell: 212.5214, granta@pwchomerepairs.org. It's fun and rewarding!

Deadline to register is November 8, 2014.

☞ **Save-the-Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

ALI's Green STEM at the Summit Restaurant Annual Gathering with Music and A Light Meal

Cincinnati State Technical & Community College's Award Winning Restaurant

Free Valet Parking (Tips Appreciated)

Featured Speaker: Dr Hamid Eghbalnia will discuss interconnections between the environment, health & community.

ALI's Executive Director, Ginny Frazier, will share new strategic initiatives.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased [via PayPal](#) or by check or money order payable to ALI, PO Box 23272, Cincinnati, OH 45219. Group rates are available! For information call 513.541.4607 or email info@aliohio.org



☞ **The exhibit honoring Cincinnati Preservation's 50th anniversary is now open at Cincinnati Museum Center!**

It highlights CPA's story from its founding by three women determined to save Native American and early settlement sites to saving individual buildings and reviving entire neighborhoods. 50 years of work comes to life through building models, blueprints, artifacts and more.

"Celebrating 50 Years of Working Together Saving Places" is located in the Culture Gallery of Cincinnati Museum Center. Admission to the exhibit, which runs through **April 5, 2015**, is free.





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

NAM Calendar for November

Monday, 11-10 - No School - Veterans Day
 Tuesday, Nov. 25 - Grandparent's Day! 8:00 AM to 10:15 AM
 Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 30 - Thanksgiving Vacation

NAM Student Council

The NAM Student Council sponsored a two week fund raiser for the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This is one of the activities SC promotes during the school year to contribute to our community. This year NAM students donated two hundred dollars to the foundation. "This is only for our students to make a donation to support breast cancer," said SC President, Erin Patton. "We have another activity lineup for the holiday seasons." "For our students to give two hundred dollars shows the kindness of our community," said SC sponsor, Ms. Shockley-Matthews. "In November we will be gathering canned food for the Freestore Foodbank. This drive will begin on 11-04 and end on 11-21."

Fall Festival Rocks at NAM!

The weather was perfect for the annual NAM Fall Festival. Students enjoyed playing games, eating food, and having drinks as a crowd of more than 300 people came together to enjoy the festivities. "Our PTO has done a remarkable job in hosting the Fall Festival. Coordinating the activities and food is a huge job and Chairperson Ms. Cafferty and her team did an awesome job with the event," said Mr. Lewis, Principal.

Each year the event has grown and more games and activities have been added for our students. "To top this year's event will take some doing," said PTO President Shannon Sanker.

"NAM, being a Montessori school, is always hosting events to bring our community together. This event exceeded our expectations!"

Fall Festival is always hosted around the middle of October. "I want to thank all the volunteers that made this Fall Festival the best I have seen in my four years at NAM," said Principal Lewis. "It's great to see our community come together and have fun things for our students to do. I am also so happy that parents were having a great time too, especially listening to the 32 Soul Band!"

Next year the Fall Festival committee is looking into the idea of hosting more of the festival outside. "The weather can be a challenge if we plan the entire festival outside. If this is the direction we go, we will need an indoor plan in case of rain," said this Caffery.

No need to worry about the weather this year as all of the NAM community had a great time!

Roger R. Lewis, Principal



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

Adopt A Class - Mrs Morton's Kindergarten

The autumn party for Mrs Morton's Kindergarten adopted class was on October 31st. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone who helped.

We continue to collect books for Christmas and other needs. These things can be dropped off at 3885 Dakota or brought to a NANA meeting.

Pauline Daly, 751.8334



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM)

281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane
www.newschoolmontessori.com

New School Montessori students appreciated differences in others the Montessori way - with hands-on experiences and with time for reflection. Third-grade students wore blindfolds to better understand the challenges sight-impaired people face.

- They practiced walking up and down the stairs and noticed feeling more vulnerable.
 - They walked across a room and felt the changes in their balance and the loss of having a reference point to guide their way.
 - They learned that their hearing could help them be more aware what was going on around them.
- Students recorded their reflection from the experiences into their journals.



Third-grade students also listened to a guest speaker who was invited to TNSM by Civics teacher, Johnnye White.

The group discussed:

- Ways that we are different and the same.
- Their names, nicknames

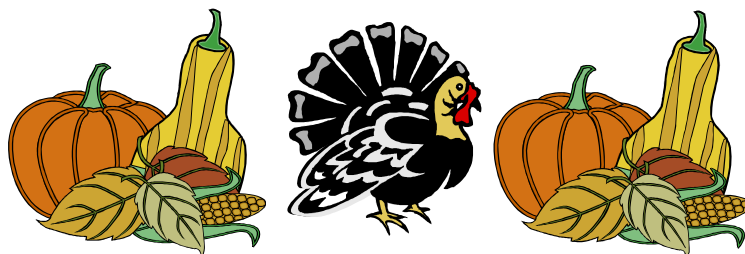
and what they like and don't like to be called.

- The way we feel when someone teases or bullies us because of one of these differences.
- What things could we say to someone who might be teasing us when we don't want to be teased?



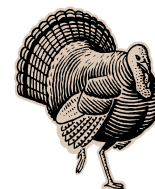
To schedule a tour of The New School Montessori, call (281.7999) or visit www.newschoolmontessori.com. We encourage you to attend our Open House on Sunday, January 25 from 2:00-4:00PM. Teachers, board members and staff are available to answer questions, to give tours and to facilitate the discovery process as children explore the environment.

Ann Baumgardner Marketing and Communications Director



NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, November 11, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm**, North Avondale Recreation 617 Clinton Springs Ave
- **Thursday, December 4, Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, December 9, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm**, North Avondale Recreation 617 Clinton Springs Ave.



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline 591.6000
5916000.com
 N.A. Neighborhood Officer Lori Hamann 569.8654
lori.hamann@cincinnati-oh.gov
 Neighborhood Liaison Sgt. DeMeco Anderson 569.8655
demeco.anderson@cincinnati-oh.gov
 Police District 4 569.8600
 Nonemergency Police 765.1212
 To just make a crime report (no police visit) 352.2960

To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit: Crimereports.com
 Truancy Hotline 363.0003

Track property code violations:

<http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/>

Neighborhood Yahoo Site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthAvondaleOnlineCommunity/>

Request A Recycling Cart 591.6000

Report Air Odors 24/7. 946.7777

Where to Recycle Different Things <http://earth911.com/>

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At Large General Volunteers: Marla Barone, & Heather Herr for special projects, Vanessa Sorensen, (Graphics), J Miles Wolf, (Photography), Julie Zimmerman - help with written correspondence

Please join one of NANA's Committees ~ your efforts and contributions will be greatly appreciated by the whole neighborhood!!

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Thanksgiving



NANA MEETING TUESDAY

~November 11TH 7:00 pm~

~THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2014 NANA DUES~



Thanksgiving



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