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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbors,

North Avondale has a gorgeous fall landscape! One of my favorite fall quotes by Albert Camus is "October is a second spring where every leaf is a flower." Thank you to everyone in the community that lends a hand to help keep the landscapes, streets, gardens and parks looking lovely.

Meetings

Please join us **Tuesday October 9th at 7:00 pm**, at North Avondale Recreation center. This will be the monthly North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA) meeting. We encourage all community members to attend as we need to help to ensure the neighborhood goals and objectives are discussed to best represent the future interests of North Avondale. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting agenda and minutes are published here http://northavondalecincinnati.com/nana-minutes/

Accomplishments

NANA submitted their Cincinnati Budget Request (CBR) and NANA Pedestrian Safety Committee Requests

Safety Study Project Name: Safer Streets and traffic Flow

There are two (2) intersections within the neighborhood that could be improved and made safer with minor maintenance.

- 1. Mitchell Ave at Red Bud Ave. As traffic flows east on Mitchell, there is a sharp curve with a traffic signal shortly after the curve. There exists a flashing light overhead alerting traffic that the traffic light is turning red but it is completely covered by overgrown trees. There are frequent accidents at this intersection as drivers are surprised by traffic stopped at the light. We ask that the trees be trimmed along Mitchell from Ardmore to Red Bud and consistently maintained going forward.
- 2. As traffic flows west on Dana Ave from Victory Pkwy there are two travel lanes. Once past the sharp curve at Winding Way the curb lane ends and parking becomes legal. Drivers are surprised at this sudden reduction in driving lanes and are forced to merge. Frequently these drivers are traveling at a rate of speed higher than posted. This 'surprise' causes panic braking, traffic congestion and aggravation with all drivers. We propose that the curb lane on west bound Dana be marked as right turn only and force drivers to turn right onto Winding Way. Right turn arrows should be painted on

the pavement and appropriate signage as needed. **Estimated cost** \$1,500.00

Seasongood Park Improvements (See Beautification for more)

- Rebuild landscaping walls that front Clinton Springs
- Install additional water access

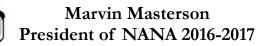
Upcoming Events

The Cincinnati Fire Department is holding an open house day on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. It will be a great time for children and adults to learn fire safety and about the Cincinnati Fire Department. We hope to see you there.

NANA asks that you please attend the **Tree Dedication Memorial** in honor of **Marvin Masterson** on Saturday October 20th at 1PM in Marion Park. Marvin Masterson was the NANA President 2017-2018. More information in the newsletter about this event. We hope to see you all there.

Heather Herr

NANA and NABA would like to invite all neighbors and friends to the Tree Dedication Memorial in honor of



Location: Marion Park

or theast corner of Reading Road and Clinton Springs Avenue)

Saturday October 20th, 2018 @ 1PM

Following the Tree Dedication, please join us for a community social gathering at the Belvedere from 1.30 to 3 PM

NANA General Meeting

Tuesday October 9, 7:00pm North Avondale Montessori Cafetorium

Next General Meeting is November 13, 2018

Thank you for paying your 2018 NANA Dues

NANA UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

Fall is here and it's time to prepare the beds for winter and get the last installation planted for next year.

On October 20th at 1 pm there will be a **Tree Dedication Memorial Service for Marvin Masterson.** The community room in the Belvedere is reserved for our community social from 1 to 3 pm in Marvin's honor. Marvin was without a doubt filled to the brim with enthusiasm. His enthusiasm was infectious. It was a great experience to work together with Marvin on the NANA Board, with Congressman Steve Chabot, City Council Members, City Administration, Avondale 29, and many other communities. I will never forget "my friend."

We are getting ready for spring in **Seasongood Square Park**. I have larkspur seeds to sow and Tulip bulbs to plant too. These were given to me by a gardening friend to plant in our neighborhood park. In addition we will add some plants to the corner bed. It will pop with color next year. If you can help, please contact me at emharten@aol.com.

The Community Budget Request for Seasongood Square Park improvements has been submitted to the City. Maura Wolf contributed a lot of the information and specified what is needed. There has been inadequate water flow coming through the irrigation for the past 3 or 4 years, ugh. We are requesting again to add a water service line and meter at the northeast end of Seasongood Square Park. This long outstanding request is necessary to maintain the park flower beds. The current irrigation lines coming from the southern end of the park (over 500 feet) have tree roots growing into the lines restricting the waterflow. The other request is to replace and repair the concrete block and the stone walls along Clinton Springs Ave. with consistency sustainability. With blocks visibly detached, these crumbling walls are unsafe and not consistent with the esthetics of the neighborhood and need improvement.

All of the gardens in the neighborhood public places look good. Many thanks to our expert volunteer gardeners! There's no doubt that Dana/Victory Parkway Gardens are stunning and burst with color. Once the Gateway Sign is installed the Triangle will be so beautiful with a beautiful strong gateway entrance to our neighborhood. In addition to the sign there will be 2 very large pots to flank each end of the wall. These pots we're given to our neighborhood through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Thank you so much Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

This reminds me to ask all of you to donate to the flower pot fund. Our Reading Rd corridor looks very nice; the urns at Mitchell and Red Bud are bursting with beauty too.

Everyone enjoy your fall!! Stay warm and cozy!

Emily Harten, Beautification Chair

Reading Road Flower Pots

To pay the Parks to maintain the flower pots along Reading Road, we are taking donations for 2018. 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! Thank you!

Carolyn Gillman, Flower Pot Fundraising Chair

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mental Health: Part 2 of Summer 2018

There are many dimensions to health (physical, emotional, spiritual, mental). Our common focus is on our physical health and we demonstrate that through regular doctor visits. We check each other's emotional health when we plaster "Keep Calm" emoji as responses to anger. Many of our churches, temples, mosques and synagogues satisfy our spiritual health. The mental aspect of our health is the one that needs the most tending to and is the one that society has confirmed "untouchable". With each passing day it becomes more and more clear that mental health must be on the table and open for discussion in every home and organization. Poor mental health is not discriminatory. It rears it head in every family regardless of race, creed, religion or color. Because most of us are unconscious of the effects of events in our childhood, we had the experience and we kept moving. Because the experience may not have been checked, it found a hiding place and decided to grow and cause havoc throughout our life (most times the source of the havoc is unknown.) If it never got the needed attention, it developed a pattern and appeared periodically. The consequences of unattended mental health cross the entire spectrum - from "no effect" to the "most tragic effects (suicide, homicide,...)

Many times receiving adequate healthcare means navigating disjointed resources and systems. Receiving professional mental health services can mean travelling to a facility that may be separate from facilities that address traditional concerns (diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.). Sometimes you might travel from one end of the city to the other end. It is easy to avoid the hassle and just not go. The Cincinnati Health Department wishes to reduce the barriers that prevent us from accessing the care we need. The Health Department recognizes mental health as of equal value to physical health. Therefore there are four Health Centers which provide behavioral health services alongside traditional health services: Northside, North Fairmount, Braxton Cann, and Elm Street. Utilize the services!

Kimya Moyo, Health Liaison



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Wally Brown at 3896 Reading Rd

OTHER NONPROFITS

The Cincinnati Fire Department is seeking your support in its efforts to have a successful open house day on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Cincinnati Fire Department will open its 26 fire stations to the public. It is our desire to have as many as possible to attend this event.

Fredrick A. Prather, District Fire Chief



OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH FROM 1-5PM



- All twenty six Cincinnati Fire Department Stations will participate.
 Come meet your neighborhood firefighters, take a tour, and enjoy and the state.
- Take a selfie with us and post to social media using the hashtag
- #CFDOpenHouse for a chance to win a fire department t-shirt.

 Come taste our Firehouse Chili!

LOOK, LISTEN, LEARN,

Be aware

Fire can happen anywhere



Cincinnati Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau

&Attend the Meeting & Voice Your Opinion October 18, 2018 4:00 - 6:00 pm Sharonville Convention Center (11355 Chester Road 45246) Mill Creek

Good Morning Greater Cincinnati, All

The Mill Creek Alliance (MCA) has worked for over 20 years to restore and improve the Mill Creek Watershed and the quality of life for all of its residents. MCA invites you to a special Council of Communities' meeting where elected officials and other community leaders can learn more about a crucial Mill Creek watershed issue that will impact all residents of the watershed.

The Millcreek Valley Conservancy District ("District") has inherited responsibility for overseeing and maintaining many parcels of land along the Mill Creek from the US Army Corps of Engineers. While this in itself is an important and daunting task, the District would also like to acquire title or conservation easements to additional land in the watershed to utilize and manage for conservation, storm water, and flood water control purposes. This could extend many benefits to the stream and all of our communities.

Unfortunately, the Corps of Engineers does not provide

funding to the District for these activities. Instead, the District is empowered by law to levy an assessment or property tax on property owners in the watershed in order to fund this necessary work. The proposed assessment must be approved by a Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge. The District is in the process of examining several options for the basis and structure of the assessment and would like to discuss it with as many community leaders as possible.

Since the Mill Creek Alliance is active throughout the watershed and has an existing Council of Communities structure in place, the District asked MCA to assist in arranging an opportunity for it to present its plans. Therefore, MCA has arranged a meeting to be held **October 18, 2018 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Sharonville Convention Center**. Tim Gilday, Board Chair for the District, and representatives from the District's engineering consultant, Stantec, will describe the District's plans and answer questions from the public.

MCA hopes that you will be able to attend this special event, take advantage of the opportunity to network with many other community leaders, and learn more about the Mill Creek Watershed, the District and the potential assessment. For more information, you can call me at 513.731.8400 or email me at dschmitt@themillcreekalliance.org. We look forward to seeing you on October 9th.

Dave Schmitt, Executive Director

**Haunted Hammers & Ales 2.0 is October 27th 2018! Mark your calendar! Cincinnati Community ToolBank Fundraiser. Join us for beer, an open bar, a costume contest (costumes are optional but what's a Halloween party without them?), food, games, a silent auction, live entertainment, and presentation of the annual Brewers Philanthropy Award! MadTree Brewing Co.3301 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45209

Buy tickets at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/haunted-hammers-ales-2018-tickets-46237364201

Fair Housing for People with Disabilities Summit

Fair Housing Act is a federal act in the United States intended to protect the buyer or renter of a dwelling from seller or landlord discrimination.

The FHA, to date, includes seven protected classes: race, color, religion, national



origin, sex, disability, and familial status. This last term refers to the presence of at least one child under 18 years old, and also protects prospects and tenants who are pregnant or in the process of adopting a child.

Join Us! Join HOME for our Fall Seminar - Fair Housing for People with Disabilities- Thursday, November 1 and Friday, November 2(1/2 Day) to learn more about the fair housing rights for this segment of our community. Since 2010, housing rights for the disabled has been the most frequent type of fair housing complaint. Learn more from experts, advocates, creative thinkers and community members about this important cause.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/home-fair-housing-disability-rights-summit-tickets-50146152492

PARKS & RECREATION

North Avondale Recreation Center ● 617 Clinton Springs Ave. ● 961.1584

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am to 9:00 pm; Friday: 10:30 am to 9:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00pm



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

Halloween Harvest House in October: Monday 29, Tuesday 30, Wednesday 31 at 6:30-7:30 - Children under 12; 7:30-8:30 Teenagers and above. \$3.00 a person

Pick up an Updated Fall Schedule at the Recreation Center. Please call 961.1584 if you have any Rec Center questions.

Dave Daniel worked at the North Avondale Center for six years teaching: Spinning, TRX, Men and Women Senior Fitness, Sports and Agility, After school Day Camp, Summer Day Camp, Coaching Youth Basketball, and as a personal trainer. When asked what he liked the most about being at the North Avondale Rec. Center, he said he enjoyed the people and building relationships. Blake said, "The customer service increased because of him," He will be at the College Hill Recreation Center where he looks forward to building more relationships. We wish him well.





Brittany Barrett (CCD) is new at the Center where she will be in charge of the After School program and may do some fitness classes. She has worked for CRC for 2 years and came here from Hartwell. She looks forward to meeting the community and providing some programs to enrich their lives.



Timothy Patton (Rec Leader, Janitorial), Ann James (Community Center Director - CCD), Brittany Barrett (CCD), London Montgomery (Program Leader), Blake Williams (Service Area Coordinator), Cesseli Chambers (Program Leader), Aaron Toney (Specialist), Renee Bell (Recreation Specialist), Dave Daniel (CCD), Carmen Sanders (Team Leader), Timothy Bryant (Rec Leader), Benjamin Oldiges (CCD)

Not pictured: Dartaion Thomas (Rec Leader), Vicki Thomas (Program Leader), Tabbatha Kelly (Program Leader).

7 Star Dragon 2018 National Champions

Layah Clark, Miranda Hartnell, Sierra Hix, Amina Issa, Briez Kelly, Caveer Smith, Kevin Hartnell, Paul Casteel, and John Watson made up the 7 Star Dragons National Competition Team that competed in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 31, 2018 - September 2, 2018 at the PKC International. The team won over 30 National titles and claimed 3 Big Dog Grand Champion titles.



A Special Congratulations to our two Grand Champions that competed against all first place winners to be crowned Big Dog Grand Champions. Amina Issa won 2018 Youth Weapons 12 and under Grand Champion. Mr. John Watson won Advance Kyu Weapons Grand Champion and Adult Advance Kata Grand Champion. They were presented with beautiful Grand Champion

Big Dog Trophies.

The team was honored at the **PKC National Awards Banquet** where the top ten rated students in the United States received awards based on their performance at PKC rated tournaments throughout the 2017-18 Competition season. Beautiful Plaques were awarded





to the 7 Star Dragons Team members that were rated in the top 10 in their divisions. We are extremely proud of Member, Briez Kelly who was rated #1 in the Nation for 8 & 9 year old Girls Kata.

The event was a great

success. We are so thankful for the continued support of our 7 Star Dragons Dojo Families, CRC community, and All of our supporters. Roll 1: Master Davis, Kevin Hartnell, Paul Casteel, John Watson Roll 2: Caveer Smith (Devlin), Miranda Hartnell, Amina Issa, Layah Carter, Briez Kelly

•Cincinnati Park's Explore Nature Division OCTOBER

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ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

North Avondale resident, **J. Miles Wolf** is having an exhibit at the Skirball Museum at Hebrew Union College titled:

Jewish Cincinnati: A Photographic History by J. Miles Wolf. Wolf will be featuring several new collage style prints of former synagogues from North Avondale along with historic photographs of former North Avondale residents. The show opens on **Oct 11, and runs through** Jan 6. There will also be a bus tour, several panel discussions and a lunch and learn event. This exhibit is part of Cincinnati's FotoFocus event. For additional information visit the link: http://pr.huc.edu/email/2018/08/skirball/.





J. Miles Wolf Lenox Place)

➢I will be singing with Musica Sacra on Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 pm at the Basilica in Covington. We will present the Mozart Requiem in memory of the group's founder, Dr. Helmut Roehrig.

Shelley Dumoulin (Rose Hill Ave.)

Author John Kachuba's new paranormal novel, *Dark Entry*, has just been released by Hellbender Books. Find it in your bookstore or at: https://www.sunburypressstore.com/Dark-Entry-9781620060292.htm?categoryId-1



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Visit our Explore Nature! activity booth at Clifton Fest on Saturday, October 6 from noon-7pm

Visit our **Explore Nature!** activity booth at All Hallows Eve on **Wednesday, October 17 from 6 - 7pm** at Krohn Conservatory.

Annual Magic Forest Halloween Hikes

Fri. & Sat., October 19 - 20, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Caldwell Nature Preserve

Walk through a pumpkin-lit trail and meet costumed characters from nature and history. This is a non-scary holiday walk best suited for children ages 3-10. Hikes start at 7pm with the last hike leaving at 8:30pm. We organize hike groups by type: scouts, families with young children, and families with older children. Each hike lasts approximately 1 hour. Cost is \$6 per person. Children 2 and under are FREE. There is a \$3 administrative fee (per order, not per ticket). Online reservations begin Sept 1 at: https://parks.cincyregister.com/2018halloweenhikes. Call 321.6208 for information.

HOWL-O-WEEN in the Woods

Sun., October 21, Noon - 3pm - Caldwell Nature Preserve Dress up in awesome costumes and sniff up some fun with your canine companion! Take a walk on our trail filled with over 100 carved pumpkins and along the way meet local pet specialists that will fill your goody bag plus provide guidance on any questions you might have. Stop by the photo booth to capture this special day with your dog and join our costume contest! Discover new canine products and receive more free supplies from our Spooktacular Sponsor: PetSmart. Cost is \$10 per dog. Register online before Oct. 20 at: https://parks.cincyregister.com/howloween2018

Culinary Creepy Crawlies: Fun with Edible Insects! Sat., October 27, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - REI Retail Store, Rookwood Commons Ever wonder what a mealworm tastes like? How about a cricket? There are many insects that are edible and healthy, eaten all over the world every day. Come learn about some exotic and native arthropods, what you can and can't eat, and how to prepare those yummy bugs! This event is FREE and you can drop by the booth during our designated hours above. For more information: Email gia.giammarinaro@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 231.8678.

Visit our **Explore Nature!** activity booth at the Comic Con Event at Carol Ann's Carousel on Saturday, October 27 from 11am - 3pm

Visit our **Explore Nature!** activity booth at Fall Fest in Washington Park the weekend of October 27 and 28 from noon - 6pm.

Homeschool: Alien Invaders For Ages 6 - 12

Tues., October 30, 10:00 a.m. - Noon - Avon Woods Nature Preserve Did you know there are aliens among us? We're not talking outer space, we're speaking of invasive plant and animal species! Unfortunately, they can overrun and conquer an entire ecosystem. Discover the many adverse effects that are evident on the hike and learn how they flourish in our local forests. Learn what you can do to restore these important habitats. Fee: \$5 per participant. Register at https://parks.cincyregister.com/18Fallhomeschoolpgs

https://parks.cincyregister.com/18Fallhomeschoolpgs.before 10/29. Call 861.3435 for more information or availability of spaces after the deadline.



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

NAM Calendar for October

- 1 ILT meeting 2:30 pm Media Center
- 2 PTSO and NAM-Foundation Meeting 6 pm Cafeteria
- 4 NAM-Fathers Group Meeting 7 pm Weidemann Brewery
- 5 Sibling Registration Ends
- 11 Montessori Coalition Meeting 6 pm Sands Montessori School
- 12 End of 1st Quarter
- 19 Report Cards go home with our students. Fall Festival - 5 pm to 8 pm
- 22 No School
- 25 Picture Retake Day
- 26 Halloween Dance 4 pm to 7 pm
- 31 Orange and Black Day

NAM Selects Student Council (SC) Officers for the 2018-2019 School Year!

Ms. Shockley-Matthews, NAM Student Council Advisor, announced the school officers for the 2018-2019 school year. "Students make nominations and then the entire council votes for their reps. Just like in government students learn how to vote and campaign. Our goal for SC is for students to learn the democratic process and apply to school when possible," said Ms. Shockley-Matthews. Here are the officers: President - Morgan B.; Vice President - M. Spieler; Treasurer, Savanna H. B; Secretary, Carina D. "My goal as president is to have as many activities we can for our school. We have a monthly dress up theme; A Halloween Dance scheduled in Oct.; assist with our Grandparent's Day; a community fundraiser; and Sport's Day already planned for our school," said President Brown. "Our SC has always to an amazing job in planning events for our school. We have had many ideas generated and then implemented by SC for our students. I enjoy working with SC and how innovative they have been over the years. We have great leaders serving as officers this year so we are excited to get started," said Principal Lewis.

Roger Lewis, Principal



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

Maria Montessori believed that the effort to achieve world peace should begin with the children.

"By taking the child into consideration, we touch

something common to all humanity. We cannot achieve world harmony simply by attempting to unite all these adult people who are so different, but we can achieve it if we begin with the child who is not born with national and racial prejudices." (Standing, 1984)

The pre-primary non-nappers are working on building positive identities about themselves while also showing respect for others' differences. Some of the works they've completed so far include:

- Celebrating their names
- Mixing paint to match with their skin color
- Enjoying differences in hair
- Noticing similarities and differences among their peers



IN MEMORIAM

beloved wife of Willie Lewis.
Loving mother of Chris (Alicia Bond-Lewis) Lewis, M.D.
Cherished daughter of Mary R.
and the late Charles Clay.
Devoted grandmother of Grace and Vivian Lewis. Dear sister of Alberta (Tim Thoroughman)



Vollmer, Charlene (the late Jerry) Merrill and the late Cynthia Hoyt. Also survived by numerous other family and friends. Passed away on September 23, 2018 at the age of 71 years. Visitation and the funeral was Saturday September 29th the Radel Funeral Home, 650 Neeb Road.

If so desired, memorials may be made to **Village Life Outreach Project**, 2900 Reading Rd. #340, 45206.

Lavetta and her husband own Sonny's Lounge on Reading Road. Lavetta was on the North Avondale Business Association (NABA) Board on and off for over 20 years. She was such a lovely, generous women. She will be missed.

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NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, October 9, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, October Saturday, Marvin Masterson Tree Memorial, 1pm, Marion Garden, Clinton Springs & Reading
- Tuesday, November 13, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Av

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<u>59</u>	16000.com		<u>Crimereports.com</u>	
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anthony.m.hill@c	incinnati-oh	Track property code violations:		
Neighborhood Liaison Sgt. Shawn George	569.8655	http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/		
shawn.george@cincinnati-oh.gov		Nextdoor Neighbor Site:	http://nextdoor.com	
Police District 4	569.8600	Request City Services	5916000.com	
Nonemergency Police	765.1212	Request A Recycling Cart	591.6000	
To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960	Report Air Odors 24/7.	946.7777	
, , ,		Where to Recycle Different Things http://earth911.com/		

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
- 6) Any other City problems 591-6000