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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear neighbors,

Last month, I advised that Mayor John Cranley included in his budget \$750,000 for the redevelopment of the city owned lot located at 3916 Reading Road and \$450,000 for the City

of Cincinnati to purchase the Alaska property in Avondale. I am very pleased to advise that the Cincinnati City Council unanimously approved both line items. There are several people that we must thank beginning with Mayor John Cranley and Councilman Christopher Smitherman for their leadership and support. We must also thank the entire Cincinnati City Council for approving the line items. Finally, we must thank the NANA and Avondale 29 Members identified below for advocating on behalf of the budget line items and attending/ testifying at the city council budget hearings. I was very pleased to work in concert with these individuals concerning this important matter: Maura Wolf, Linda Thomas, Marvin Kraus, Gerry Kraus, Michael Caporale, Nina Caporale, Tina Dyehouse, Dana Winn, J Miles Wolf, Vanessa Wong, Johnie Davis, Tommy Neil, Kenneth Davis, Brenda Grier, Candra Evans, Sharon Hampton, Yvonne Fender, Carletta Emery, Melvin Grier, Janice Fields, and Ron Evans.

In order to educate our association about the budget process, Cincinnati's Budget Director, Chris Bigham, will be our speaker at our July General Meeting to provide us with a briefing on the budget that recently passed and to discuss the timeline for next year's budget process.

On another note, I am writing to request that we support **Ken Brawner, our Cincinnati Games Captain**, and the NANA Cincinnati Games participants at the **Cincinnati Games Opening Ceremonies on July 9th at 6:30 pm in Washington Park** and on **Saturday July 16 at Yeatman's Cove**. We will forward an email blast during the week of July 11th confirming the July 16th event times. Let's show our NANA spirit by supporting our NANA Team! (see next column for article)

Additionally, we hope you and your families had an enjoyable Fourth of July Weekend. As a result of the inclement weather, we canceled the parade and have rescheduled it for Labor Day. We have an amazing Planning Committee that consists of the following NANA members: Michelle Baxter, Jennifer Cronk, Reg Crutcher, Marybeth Flaspohler, Carolyn Gillman, Suzanne Gosson, and Tiffani Tribble. The committee has some exciting plans for our youth so we look forward to seeing you and your families on Labor Day.

FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

So you have been watching the Olympic Trials on TV. I bet you've said to yourself "I wish I could compete in some of those events". Well you can. At least the Cincy Neighborhood Games version.



You didn't make it for one of the elimination trials held in North Avondale and you still want to join in? Well, you can. The games are now open to everyone who still wants to participate. All you have to do is register up to the day before the event and let me know beforehand and you're in.

The **Opening** Ceremonies and Parade Neighborhoods will be Saturday July 9 at 6:30 at Washington Park. (across from Music Hall). There will be food trucks, music and a DJ there so all can have fun. There is a parking garage under the park but it might be crowded. We will be led by a North Avondale Girl Scout carrying our custom made flag as we march behind her. All are welcome to participate in the parade. Then the following week will be the actual games where the best of each neighborhood will compete against each other. Most events will be held on Saturday July 16 at Yeatman's Cove. We have 13 of the events covered so far. Only 3 other neighborhoods have more North Avondale really has a coverage than us. legitimate chance to win everything. Please talk this up

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Come To Our NANA General Meeting Tuesday, July 12, 7:00pm NA Recreation Center AGENDA

with your friends and recruit more participants.

- City Monthly Reports (Police, Fire & Recreation Center)
- Overview of the Cincinnati 2017 Budget
 - O Chris Bigham, Budget Director City of Cincinnati
- NANA Committee Reports

NO AUGUST MEETING

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Cincinnati Fashion Night



Go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cincinnati-fashion -night-tickets-25960724225 to RSVP

3rd Annual Rock 'n Roll Against Dirty Coal

It's that time again. I'm looking for a few extraordinary people who love to sing, love to rock and love clean air. Think you have what it takes to be a core contestant



at our third annual Rock 'n Roll Against Dirty Coal: Live Band Karaoke Challenge fundraiser?

То find out more go https:// to ohiocitizenaction.nationbuilder.com/ live_band_karaoke_challenge_20150731_20160805? utm_campaign=2016junenews2&utm_medium=email&u tm_source=ohiocitizenaction.

Even if singing karaoke isn't for you, please mark your calendar and join us August 5th.

≈20 Years of Total Choice in Workplace Giving Celebration at "Gourmet Grub for Good"

Our commemoration of 20 years of supporting local causes will be celebrated at our annual fundraiser "Gourmet Grub for Good" on Saturday August 13, 2016 at the NEW Kennedy Heights Cultural Arts Center Campus Annex from 7pm-10pm at 6546 Montgomery



We invite you to attend, and bring friends and colleagues to celebrate. If you haven't personally experienced Gourmet Grub for Good, it is an amateur chef cook-off with over 50 amateur chefs competing in various categories. Guests sample the dishes and vote for their favorite.

You can help share about this event on Facebook. The funds raised at this event provides critical support to Community Shares. Please purchase your tickets today!

Purchase Ticketshttps://secure.acceptiva.com/? cst = 089c47

The Galloping Pig

The Galloping Pig is Cincinnati's premier polo event. On September 10th, join the BowTie Foundation for the 4th Annual Galloping Pig. This event will help the BowTie Foundation raise money for the **Friars Club** which is a close neighbor in St.



Bernard. We are dedicated to supporting underprivileged youth and this year our support will focus on much needed transportation for the Friars Club. Rock a bow tie or wear a sundress to this year's event and be ready to stomp divots.

For additional information, please visit our site at





www.thegallopingpig.com.

Amanda Williams, Bow Tie Board Member and Red Bud Ave. Resident

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Finally, I would like to close my comments by stating that June 12th was my birthday, the same day as the horrific massacre that occurred at the Pulse Night Club in Orlando, Florida. In light of this tragedy, I was unable to proceed with celebratory birthday plans. However, as I reflect on the incident, I am very grateful that we live in a diverse and inclusive neighborhood. Thank you for being great neighbors!

Marvin Masterson

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Check out www.CincyGames.com to learn about the opening ceremonies, Events Schedule of all the finals. You know you want to play!

> Ken Brawner, Captain North Avondale Cincy Neighborhood Games



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

North Avondale Neighborhood Blitz Clean-Up

The week of July 11, The Department of Public Services (DPS) Neighborhood Operations Division will be in the North Avondale neighborhood for the blitz clean-up. The blitz program is for us, our neighborhood to rid our homes of junk. Take your junk from your home to the dumpsters not to the curb at your home. Below is an overview of the blitz.

- Monday, July 11th- Friday, July15th
 - Greenspace crews will begin to service the DPS owned property in North Avondale.
 - Street sweepers will also be in the neighborhood.
- Tuesday, July 12th- Friday, July15th
 - (2) twenty yard **dumpsters** will be delivered on Tuesday, July 12th by 9:00a.m. and will be removed on Friday, July 15th by 9:00 a.m. The community requested the dumpsters be placed:
 - 1.) North Avondale School at bus pull off on Clinton Springs Ave.
 - 2.) Winding Way next to the Xavier Armory.
 - If the dumpsters become full before Friday, our staff will empty it and bring it back.
 - These items are NOT PERMITTED in the dumpster; hazardous waste, gas cans, helium tanks, paints, lacquers, thinners or tires. Place these items beside the dumpster.
- Friday, July 12
 - Our staff will be walking the streets litter picking and trash trucks will be roving the neighborhood servicing corner cans and collecting loose trash.

Joseph Scharff, Public Services Department, Neighborhood Operations Division

Muhammed Ali. In 1964 Ali, then known as Cassius Clay converted to Islam, at a Mosque in Avondale on Reading Road. Ali was drawn to the faith for its belief in manhood, self sufficiency and racial pride. In 1979 Ali brought national attention to Avondale when John Popovitch interviewed the champ at Stag's Barbershop. There is a recent article in the *Cincinnati Herald*. To see the article go to http://thecincinnatiherald.com/news/2016/jun/16/lannis-timmons-was-close-friend-aliand-his-family/

JOB OPENINGS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- The available positions we have with the portfolio are as follows:
 - 1. Janitorial/Porter: Properties in Avondale, Westwood and Walnut Hills. Duties include: upkeep of interior as well as exterior of property grounds, cleaning units and assisting in making unit ready to rent.

- 2. Experienced Maintenance Technician: All locations Duties include: run routine maintenance calls. Knowledge of basic plumbing, electrical and drywall skill needed
- 3. Area Maintenance Supervisor: Duties include overseeing staff of approximately 10, coordinating with General Contractor to ensure timeliness and quality of work. Working closely with Area Manager to ensure timely repairs and cleanliness of each site.

All resumes can be sent to me via email at margie.ellis@mhmanagementllc.com or an application can be filled out at the rental office at 3750 Reading Rd between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm.

Margie Eliis, Area Manager Milhaus Management

BOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

Cur son, Trent Crutcher who grew up on Lenox and attended Walnut Hills HS, graduated from the Cincinnati Police Academy on July 1st. His first assignment will be District 4!

Before the academy, he served 3 years in the Army and a year in the National Guard.

Jennifer and Keith Crutcher -Lenox residents since 1988.

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Ta-Nehisi Coates, MacArthur Fellow and author of "Between the World and Me" will be at Xavier in the Cintas Center. Learn more about him on Google or click here. The presentation is open to the public and free. Mark your calendar, read his book and come to Xavier for an important community event.

Terry Toepker (Dakota Ave.)

≫Love Wins Cuvée

It's finally ready for purchase! Go buy some bottles of Love Wins Cuvée for yourself, or as a gift, and celebrate John and marriage equality with a bottle of delicious bubbles! Or two. Or more! http://equalitywines.com

Love Wins Cuvée is our first premium tribute wine celebrating champions of equality of all sorts, and more tribute wines will be released in the future. A portion of the proceeds from each bottle of Love Wins Cuvée will be donated to the Human Rights Campaign. We'll also be releasing additional (non-tribute) wines in the near future, including the best Pinot Noir I've ever had. So be sure to follow us and try out more of our future wines!

Jim Obergefell (formerly Betula)

National Night Out on August 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Seasongood Square Park at Clinton Springs, Reading Road and North Fred Shuttlesworth. More information by email as we get closer to the date.

NANA COMMITTEE **UPDATES**

BEAUTIFICATION

Partnering Opportunity: Sponsor a Flower Pot Program We are still in need of monetary donations to support our half of the costs to maintain the flower pots that line Reading Road. The City graciously donates the other half. To donate: go to the NANA Website, About, Donate and check Other and write in Flower Pots or send a check to NANA, with flower pots noted in the memo.

Emily Harten & Bridget McComas Co-Chairs LAW & SAFETY

National Night Out on August 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Seasongood Square Park at Clinton Springs, Reading Road and North Fred Shuttlesworth. Details to follow.

SOCIAL

Party in the Park We are still planning to have a Party in the Park. The date we have chosen is September 9th from 4pm to 9pm. This will be a family friendly event. Beer, soft drinks, food trucks, a live band and children's activities. More details about the party in the park are forthcoming.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Advertising Benches Back Again

Have you noticed that advertising benches are again cluttering up the public's sidewalks? Most of these advertising benches have been illegally placed. Back in March, 2016 the City of Cincinnati amended its complete prohibition of advertising benches on sidewalks (CMC Sec.718.9) and passed an ordinance (CMC Sec. 723-13) to permit advertising benches in the public right-of-way, but only at transit shelters, not to be confused with "stand alone" benches at bus stops where advertising benches are still prohibited. The benches are to be placed on a paved surface and "in a manner that the open area of the sidewalk does not impede pedestrian traffic" (to be at least 6 feet wide).

Since this amendment was passed, advertising benches have proliferated on major streets throughout the city. Most of these benches have been placed illegally, as they are contrary to the City's Ordinances above. They are often on grassy strips, on traffic islands, some not even at bus stops, many blocking pedestrian right-of-way, and contributing to visual pollution of our urban street scape. It has been suggested that these advertising benches, for which payment for a permit to install is required, are more to raise money for the operation of the street car than for the benefit of public transportation riders. These illegally placed advertising benches can be removed by reporting the location of the bench to Michael Moore, City of Cincinnati Director of Transportation and Engineering, michael.moore@cincinnati-oh.gov or at 352.2366.

Gerry Kraus, Cincinnati Neighborhood Zoning Task Force (CNZTF)

IN MEMORIAM

≈Iana Ann Harrison-Cruse was born October 18. 1961, in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late James Hurt and Oukreda Harrison. She passed away on June 10.







Jana graduated from Taft High School in 1980. She married Lavern McNary in 1982 and went on to join the Army and National Guard where she was the recipient of the Army Achievement Medal; the Good Conduct Medal, and the Army Service Medal. Jana pursued her education at Cincinnati State College during these years.

In 1994, Jana joined the Cincinnati Police Department where she served in Districts 4 and 5. She worked as a Neighborhood Liaison Officer in **District 4** where she served the communities of **North** Avondale and Paddock Hills. Her last assignment was Recruiting and Background Investigations before retiring in April 2016.

In 1995, Jana married William Cruse. She finished her Bachelor's degree from Union Institute in 2012 and went on to finish her Master's degree in Criminal Justice in 2014 at the University of Cincinnati.

Jana loved to cook and was often called upon to make a tasty dish for an upcoming event. She was best known for her upscale Masionette dish, whose affluent name was Lyonnaise potatoes. We who knew her fondly called them Potatoes and Onions. She really got a kick out of that!

During family gatherings you could always find Jana at the card table, playing with family and friends.

As years went on she became conscious of the need to help young people in our city. She was most proud of joining the Men and Women of Blue "Right to Read Program" reading to third grade children and assisting them in passing their proficiency tests. Their first class passed in 2015 with a 90% proficiency rate!

Jana passed away on June 10, 2016. She leaves to cherish her memory her kind and loving daughter, Lakeya affectionately known as Ke-Ke, and her beautiful granddaughters, who were the love of her life; Kalyce and Devani.

She also leaves to cherish her sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, Deborah and Barbara (deceased), brothers David, Harry, James, Christopher and Michael (deceased) and a host of other family members and friends.

Friends....life is but a memory.....have you started creating yours?

















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

SOUTH AVONDALE

●363.5500 ●636 Prospect Place
●savondale.cps-k12.org



Back to school on Wednesday August 17



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM)

281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane www.newschoolmontessori.com

Senior Projects Are a Culminating Moment in The New School Montessori Experience

From the time students enter our preschool at three years of age until the time when they graduate at the age of twelve, they are given opportunities to ask questions, to explore and to navigate their way through the process of learning and discovery. They are also given many opportunities to speak in front of their peers and the broader TNSM community of parents and friends.

Beginning in the fall, sixth-grade students take a field trip to Cincinnati's downtown library where they learn how to use the vast resources available to conduct focused research on the topic they have chosen to study. Teachers work closely with students on a one-on-one basis throughout the year to help them learn the skills necessary to edit, organize their work and manage their time effectively. Once the research paper is completed, students practice an equally important skill of summarizing their 15 to 30 page papers into well-rehearsed, 5 minute PowerPoint presentations.

The senior project experience gives us many reasons to celebrate! Not only have the sixth graders been working hard on their senior projects throughout the school year, but in many ways, they have been preparing for this moment since their first days at The New School.





Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

City Secures Funds for Wasson Way Right-of-Way! Share your trail ideas on July 18th 5:30-7:30 pm, (Remarks at 6:00 p.m.) at Listermann Brewing Company, 1621 Dana Avenue. To keep up-to-date on Wasson Way, join our email list by emailing wassonway@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook.

SUMMER CAMPS

≈Contemporary Dance Theater



Join us for Dance Camp at the Contemporary Dance Theater situated in College Hill. Camp dates are



August 8-12 for children ages 3-10. Through ballet and modern/contemporary technique classes, dance-related crafting activities, structured imaginative play, story time, and choreographic exploration, children will learn dance skills and vocabulary, develop literacy and understand narrative through dance, gain knowledge of anatomy, healthy self-image, and positive cultural awareness. No previous dance experience necessary! Camp fees start at \$200 with full and partial scholarships available. Early drop off and extended care are available for an additional fee. Please visit http://cdt-dance.org/kids-camp-2016/ or call 513-591-1222 for more information.

New School Acting Camp

All Camps for grades 1-8 All Camps 12:30 - 4:30 First camp starts on July 18 Last camp ends on August 19 Call 513.349.6791 for more information

creativity this summer!

Delve into art with eight weeks of summer camps packed with art projects, gallery games and more. Each week, children ages 6-12 will discover all aspects of visual art through various themes and activities taught by highly skilled educators and museum staff.

July 11-15: Wild Things It's time for a gallery safari! **July 18-22: Creative Elements** Let's get back to basics by investigating the elements of design. This week we will create awesome art projects by looking at line, shape, texture, color, value and space.

July 25-29: The Ancient World Can you walk like an Egyptian? What about a Roman? Learn all about ancient cultures and use their art making techniques to spark your creativity!

August 1-5: Comics and Stories Every work of art tells a story! Join us this week to create your own comic and learn new methods of storytelling.

August 8-12: Around the World Travel the world without ever leaving the Art Museum! Visit the different continents and make art inspired by faraway lands!

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm (before and after care will not be offered)

Cost: Members (family level or higher): \$175; nonmembers: \$225 To sign up today go to http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/summercamp

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AROUND TOWN

≫OKI 2040 Update

Good afternoon,



OKI's 2040 Plan

update is now complete. The OKI Board of Director's approved the plan on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

We welcome you to visit the website http://2040.oki.org/ to view final information that has been added.

Thank you for all your input!

Free Spay/Neuter for Hamilton County Residents



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Ohio Alleycat Resource and Spay/Neuter Clinic in Madisonville is currently offering FREE spay/neuter for felines of Hamilton County residents. Pet cats, stray cats, barn cats, feral cats. Contact 513.871.0185 or visit www.ohioalleycat.org. Sponsored by the Joanie Bernard Foundation and SPCA Cincinnati.

NEW NEIGHBORS

- Reginald Hawkins Sr. at 3669 Alter Pl.
- Carlos & Emily Aponte and their three children at 734 Avon Fields
- Geoffrey Milz & Alice Jones at 933 Avondale Ave.
- Joseph Smith at 507 Camden Ave.
- Brandon Sams at 881 Clinton Springs Ave.
- 4 Jonsons Llc at 1021 Dana Ave.
- Richard Hamilton at 1023 Dana Ave.
- Rachel Beaupre at 3950 Dickson Ave.
- Wells Fargo Bank at 3629 Eaton Ln.
- Brian A. Haysbert at 3954 Lowry Ave.
- Laura L Davis at 1024 Marion Ave.
- Joe & Elizabeth Simmons at 987 Marion Ave.
- Amy Whitaker at 130 Mary Ln.
- 836 Mitchell Llc at 836 E Mitchell Ave.
- Ronald K & Charlotte V La Niear at 3807 Springhouse Ln.
- Gerald E Atkins at 781 Greenwood Ave.













PARKS & RECREATION

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

Summer Hours: Monday, Wednesday: 7am-7pm; Tuesday, Thursday: 7am-8pm; Friday: 7am-6pm; Closed Saturday and Sunday except for scheduled classes. **Pick up the Summer Schedule at the center.**

• Sign up now for After School Day Camp at North Avondale Recreation Center!

Ages 5 (In all day kindergarten) & Up! For more information, or to sign your child up, please call. *Space is limited!*

Blake Brown, Service Area Coordinator

maurawolf100@gmail.com

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NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, July 12, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Ave
- Tuesday, August 2, National Night Out, 5:00 to 7:00pm Seasongood Park Clinton Springs and Reading Rd.
- Thursday, August 4 & September 1, NANA Education/Rental Housing Meeting, 1:30 pm, District 4 Police Station 4150
 Reading Road
- NO AUGUST NANA GENERAL MEETING
- Monday, September 5, Labor Day (Postponed 5th Annual July 4th) Bike/Trike & Wagon Parade, 10:00am, Meet at 3937 Rose Hill
- Tuesday, September 13, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Ave

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