



# NANA NEWS

## SUMMER 2018

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Neighbors,

Summer is in full swing and we hope that you are meeting new neighbors, swimming at Clinton Hills or enjoying our lovely neighborhood.

We are very excited about all of our new neighbors and would love everyone to take an active role in the community. As I said last month our community is full of talented and giving individuals that want to see growth, change and transformation. This is our year, so if you would like to become more involved please email us at [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com). Specify your strengths and we have several areas that we need volunteers and leadership.

Our next general NANA board meeting is **July 10, 2018, 7:00pm** at the North Avondale Recreation Center. We have decided to skip August as many people are traveling and wrapping up their summer. We hope you can plan to attend this meeting so that we can share important information and hear from you.

Take the time to read the newsletter as there is something for everyone including **Yard of the Month, Labor Day Bike/Trike/Wagon Parade and a North Avondale Home Tour** in the works.

In addition please visit and share our neighborhood website for information. Check out calendars, posts and "About" then "NANA History" page for interesting videos and news articles,

: <http://northavondalecincinnati.com>

Our Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/NorthAvondaleNeighborhoodAssociationCincinnati/)

[NorthAvondaleNeighborhoodAssociationCincinnati/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/northavondaleparentsandfriends/)

Our Neighborhood parents and friends page:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/northavondaleparentsandfriends/)

[northavondaleparentsandfriends/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/northavondaleparentsandfriends/)

Private swim club page: <https://clintonhills.com>

Happy Fourth of July!

*Heather Herr*



### NANA UPDATES

#### BEAUTIFICATION

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Oh the joys of summer are upon us. Wonderful family vacations, the swim club, picnics, cookouts, Church Festivals, and the 4th of July. Then the lazy hazy days of summer until Labor Day. On Wednesdays we are going to be in Seasongood Square Park from 9 to 11. Please come and bring your garden tools, your chatter, and enjoy the park together. Watch what you have done come into bloom and you will feel the reward of beauty.

We need a volunteer to take ownership of the circle garden in Seasongood Square Park, as the previous gardener has moved. Recently we got it under control by weeding and mulching, allowing room for the many perennials to bloom and thrive. See Photo . All that is needed now is weed control and you will be amply rewarded with the beautiful perennials which can be shared with your neighbors.



We are extremely happy to report that after many years of problem solving with the Parks, our irrigation expert Greg Mullins was able to fix 2 irrigation zones at Seasongood. Both the corner and circle gardens now have automatic timed watering.

Many thanks to Richard Jackson for his continued generosity in beautifying the gardens along Victory Parkway and Dana Ave, creating additional exceptional gardens at the roundabout as well as taking the initiative in clearing the overgrowth along Clinton Springs near the roundabout to

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#### NANA General Meeting

**Tuesday July 10, 7:00pm**  
**North Avondale Recreation Center**

**No August Meeting**

**Next General Meeting is September 11,**  
**2018**

**Thank you for paying your 2018 NANA Dues**



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make the sidewalks safe and clean. Thank You Richard!  
When I return from my summer vacation, I am personally going to thank Eugene who takes care of litter pick-up at the roundabout every day. He works at the Apartment Complex on Dana Ave. Many thanks to Eugene for his commitment and positive leadership. Keep up the good work!

A meeting has been scheduled with Steve Pacella, Assistant Director of Cincinnati Recreation Department, and several other responsible parties to continue development of a sustainable plan for litter pick-up and vegetation control at the Avon Fields Golf Course, adjacent additional land owned by Parks and public right-of-ways. Do I hear AMEN!!!? I have invited the President of Paddock Hills Neighborhood Association who will be joining us.

Carolyn Gillman has started neighborhood **Yard of the Month** with another volunteer or two. This is a great idea for all of us to take in and enjoy the experience to join us in our neighborhood volunteering efforts. Everyone, thank you again for what you are doing and thank you for the commitments you are willing to undertake for all of us!

Wishing all of you a happy and safe 4th of July!

*Emily Harten Beautification Chair*

**The Yard of the Month** initiative is a neighborhood-wide plan to award yards that are creatively landscaped, decorated, or simply well taken care of. North Avondale Neighborhood Association provides yard signs for individuals as recognition for their hard work. Yard of the Month provides an outlet for people to contribute positively to their community.

Please stay tuned to see the yard that's selected!

**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*

### **Thank You Emily**

At the June 2018 NANA General Body Meeting, Ursula Hassel (former Beautification Chair) presented Emily Harten our current Beautification Chair a recognition present. We appreciate Ursula's continued involvement and inspiration, Ursula said,

"Congratulations Emily! You're doing a great job!"

### **BLOCK WATCH**

Street Captains Needed: A street captain gathers and

documents contact information for neighbors on their street to facilitate communication among neighbors for crime prevention concerns (e.g., watching neighbors houses while their away, reporting suspicious behavior), or in the event of an emergency. If your street is not listed and you would like to be a street captain or a participant, please contact Carolyn at [cgillmanwhhs@gmail.com](mailto:cgillmanwhhs@gmail.com). We currently have Street Captains for the following: Ardmore ▪ Avon Fields Ave ▪ Avon Fields Ln ▪ Avondale ▪ Beechwood ▪ Betula ▪ Burton Woods ▪ Camden ▪ Clinton Springs ▪ Dickson ▪ Glencross ▪ Eaton ▪ Lenox Pl ▪ Leyman ▪ Redway ▪ Red Bud Ave ▪ Red Bud Pl ▪ Rose Hill ▪ Spring House ▪ Sturgis ▪ Valley ▪ Winding Way  
Thanks,

*Carolyn Gillman*

### **CINCY NEIGHBORHOOD GAMES**

### **NORTH AVONDALE NEIGHBORHOOD QUALIFIER**

**NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED,**

**JUST SHOW UP AND PLAY!**

**Date: July 7th, 2018**

**Time: 1 pm to 4 pm**

**Location:** North Avondale Recreation Center and Fields at 617 Clinton Springs

Notes: We look forward to seeing you there!

\*Waivers must be signed by all participants. Any participant under 18 must have waiver signed by legal guardian. Waivers will be supplied onsite, or go to the website to print off at home to bring to event.

If interested in competing or volunteering, email [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com)

For more information : [www.CincyGames.com](http://www.CincyGames.com)

*North Avondale CINCYN Neighborhood Games*

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

#### **Mental Health: Part 1**

Nearly one in five people (42.5 million American adults) have a diagnosable mental health condition! Many life-time cases of mental disorders are present by age 14. We must begin to recognize the signs of emotional suffering and begin to encourage those affected to seek out professionals to help deal with these issues.

There are five signs that we should be aware of that signals that someone is in emotional pain and may need help. The signs are

1. personality change
2. Agitation
3. Withdrawal
4. poor self-care
5. hopelessness

Holidays are times of celebration. Our country goes all out for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Memorial Day and Labor Day. City-wide celebrations may include parades, marches and fireworks. It

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may never reach your consciousness that there may be people who are sensitive to the **explosive sounds – loud bursts of noises** that go hand-in-hand with those celebrations. Fireworks, in particular, can be the catalyst that sets off a soldier, a veteran, or anyone in the military who suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). People living in crime-ridden neighborhoods may also find themselves sensitive to loud sounds. The effects of our celebrations can be devastating for many people within our community. Our awareness of the harm loud noises can bring can help those who may be affected. Your concern may save a life. It certainly will be appreciated. When we talk about mental health, we sometimes feel helpless and unaware of what we can do. **Sometimes, small acts of kindness can be perceived by someone suffering as a Big Gesture of Help.**

*Kimya Moyo, Health Liaison*

## LAW & SAFETY

### Reporting Abandoned Vehicle/Overtime Parked Cars on the Street.

It is no longer necessary to contact District Four to report an Abandoned Vehicle/Overtime Parked cars on the street.

The City is utilizing a new program to track an Abandoned Vehicle/Overtime Parked cars. The benefit of the system is that the person reporting doesn't have to worry about which district to call or find out what officer will take care of the complaint. This will be a more efficient method.

Go to [5916000.com](http://5916000.com) and select "request service." On the next page enter the address or nearest intersection. The next page will show a drop down box where the problem can be selected. Pick "Vehicles"

The next drop down box allows the user to pick where the vehicle is located - "Abandoned in Roadway," "Abandoned Private Property" or "Vehicle on front lawn." If it is on the street, select "Abandoned in Roadway."

The vehicle information must be entered in the next step. The bare minimum needed is the color and type (example red sedan or white truck). A plate is preferred. This step allows people to be very specific about what the vehicle looks like, any special or unique markings etc., where exactly it is, and any other pertinent information. **If no vehicle information is entered, the complaint will be closed out as unable to proceed.** The system allows automatic updates if the reportee leaves their information. When someone goes into the system, whether it is to note if tires were marked or the car was moved, an email is automatically sent with the comments.

Hope this helps.

*Carolyn Gillman*

### The Telephone Scam

A Theft by Deception was reported to Cincinnati Police District 4 on Thursday, June 6.

The crime happened around 11am on Wednesday, June 5.

An elderly victim reported that they had received a call from someone impersonating her grandson. This person told the victim that they had been arrested and needed money wired to them immediately via Western Union in order to pay for bail. As a result, the victim sent a large sum of money to the suspect.

**Please be aware that the vast majority of such telephone calls are scams.** This particular version is commonly known as the Grandparent Scam. In addition to bail money, scammers will also claim to need money immediately for a medical bill, a utility bill, or something similar.

**Should you receive such a call, there are some steps you can take to avoid being victimized.**

1. Take a deep breath and stay calm. A common tactic employed by these scammers is to create a sense of panic and urgency. Please understand that in a real situation, no Law Enforcement Agency or billing department would expect a payment process to be carried out immediately.

2. Ask to speak to the relative in person. This applies if the caller is claiming to be a third party such as a Deputy Sheriff or a hospital billing department employee. If someone does get on the line and claims to be your relative, follow the next step listed below.

3. Ask for a contact phone number. If they actually give you a contact number, tell the caller you will call them back shortly. Do this EVEN if the person you spoke to sounded a lot like your relative. If the call is real (which is highly unlikely), a good contact number should be easy to obtain. Usually, however, such calls are not real, and asking for a contact number will end the scam on the spot. This tactic also gives you time to contact the family member in question and make sure they are all right. Chances are, everyone is fine.

Please be very wary of this kind of scam. Don't let yourself be the next victim!

**Contact Crime Stoppers at 513.352.3040**

Submit an Anonymous Tip: [https://app.citizenobserver.com/tips/new?alert\\_group\\_id=3404&alert\\_id=68506](https://app.citizenobserver.com/tips/new?alert_group_id=3404&alert_id=68506)

### Another Important Message from CPD:

**"Am I witnessing a crime?"** Most of us have found ourselves wondering this at some point or another. However, because we're not really sure, we tend to ignore what we have just seen and, hoping it wasn't so, we continue about our business.

**People aren't suspicious, behavior is!** Always consider the context for what you are witnessing and remember there may be a simple explanation for activity that at first glance appears suspicious. Here are behaviors that may be associated with criminal activity:

- Someone walking down the street looking into multiple vehicles and/or trying door handles to see if the doors will open.

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- Someone taking a package from someone else's property (keep in mind that sometimes neighbors leave or pick up packages for other neighbors).
- A person who is not your neighbor walking about your neighbor's home and looking into windows, or trying to gain access by forcing open a window or door.
- A person knocking on your door and asking to speak with someone who does not live there and who may also go to other homes knocking on doors. This is a tactic used by people with the intent to burglarize to see if people are home. (Keep in mind that people may mistakenly go to the wrong home.)
- Someone claiming to represent a utility company who is either not wearing a uniform, does not produce identification upon request, or does not have a company logo vehicle.
- Someone using binoculars or other devices to peer into your or your neighbors' homes.
- At night, a person sitting inside a vehicle that you do not recognize with the lights off for extended period of time.
- A pushy salesperson not producing identification upon your request or asking to come into your home.
- A vehicle you do not recognize that is circling multiple times around the neighborhood.

Remember, if you think that a crime may be occurring, or that the safety of you or your neighbors may be at risk, don't hesitate to **call 911**. You shouldn't worry about bothering the Cincinnati Police Department. Calls to 911 will be prioritized based on availability of law enforcement. Your call could be the one that lets us put a stop to the break-ins or a crime streak in your neighborhood.

We are happy to check things out!

*Sergeant Eric Franz*

## FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

• Please ask Heather/whomever is knowledgeable about tax abatement to spell out how it work

*Mel Nizny, MD*

- **Tax abatements** are available for renovation or new construction. **The City website says:** "When you build a new home or invest in renovations, your property taxes can go up. The City of Cincinnati's Residential Property Tax Abatement makes it possible for property owners to minimize the taxes they pay. The Abatement allows owners to pay taxes just on the pre-improvement value of their property for 10-15 years." To learn more: <http://www.cincinnati-citywide.com/tax-abatement/>. For the application: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/community-development/assets/File/CRA%20residential%20application%20rev%201-2016.pdf>

This is public information but I have a lot experience in this area and am happy to help. Feel free to check in with me or your realtor as well.

*Heather Herr*



**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI**  
363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs  
[www.namrockets.org](http://www.namrockets.org)

"Congratulations to the Class of 2018 and thank you for your contributions to NAM! All of us wish you the best,"  
Principal Lewis.

### August Calendar

- Wednesday, Aug. 15 - First day of school! Students report to NAM.
- Saturday, Aug. 18 - Back to School Picnic! 11am to 1pm  
NAM Playground/Cafeteria

*Roger Lewis, Principal*



**THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI**  
(TNSM)  
281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane  
[www.newschoollmontessori.com](http://www.newschoollmontessori.com)

### The New School Montessori's Annual Camping Trip at Camp Ernst

Each May, during the last few days of school, elementary students practice the independence and confidence they've built throughout the year in a new setting and with new challenges at Camp Ernst. Students receive encouragement and cheers of support from teachers, classmates and parent chaperones as they wobble across rope bridges, glide through treetops on zip lines and rope swings, ring bells on climbing walls, paddle kayaks, and more. It's a wonderful time to get to know one another better on this 2-day and 1-night adventure while watching students' confidence soar as they reach one milestone after another.



*Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director*

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Khatri Faissal Muhammad at 1005 Burton Ave
- Spencer Aaron at 517 Camden Ave
- Randy K & Hannah R Rice at 767 Clinton Springs Ave
- Scott D Sheppard at 3885 Dakota Ave
- Storm Properties LLC at 588 Eden Ave
- Yang Beda at 809 S Fred Shuttlesworth Cr
- Lateesha E Wright at 208 Glenwood Ave
- Diane E Clouse at 4048 Paddock Rd
- Pamala A Kuhn at 3900 Rose Hill Ave
- Dennis Harper at 3946 Rose Hill Ave

## PARKS & RECREATION

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



**Hours:** Monday - Thursday: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm;  
Friday: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Closed Saturday  
and Sunday - open for Instructor led programs only.

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

- During the Summer, schedules may change. Call the Center to check on your class.
- After School Camp registration applications are available July 2, 2018.

Please call 961.1584 if you have any Rec Center questions.

*Benjamin Oldiges*

*Director - Hirsch/North Avondale Recreation Centers*



7 Star Dragons Karate

Seven Star Dragons Win Grand Championship Titles



Eleven members of the Seven Star Dragons Competition team attended the 2018 Spring Smash in Kokomo, Indiana

and earned 24 Wins & 3 Grand Champion Titles. **Miranda Hartnell** was awarded the youth Novice/Intermediate 6-10 years, Kata Grand Champion and was awarded a PS4 game system. **Daven Gibson** was the Youth Weapons Grand Champion and 11 & Up Youth, Novice/Intermediate Kata Grand Champion, winning a PS4 game system and Jaybird RUN Wireless head phones. Congratulations on a wonderful job.

### Academic Success



Congratulations to the Honor roll students at North Avondale, 7 Star Dragons Karate. These students stayed focused and discipline to improve and or maintain academic success, a key component to the program. Five students, Miranda Hartnell, Daven Gibson, Cole Harten, Madisen Henderson, Devlin Kennedy were awarded 2018 A Team awards for making straight A's. Students were awarded certificates and \$10 game cards from Scene75. We appreciate the hard work and commitment these students get from their families and respective educators in our community!

Registration Information and to see more information regarding our program : <http://7stardragonskarate.com/>

*Sensei Terrell Davis*

### HIRSCH CENTER

•3620 Reading Road • 751.3393

Is closed for renovations.

## FROM THE CITY

CincyFlags is a grant-funded project seeking to professionally design a unique flag for each of Cincinnati's 52 neighborhoods. With your input, they hope to capture the distinct character and identity in each of the neighborhoods to reinforce local pride and instill in everyone a better sense of place.

Please visit the CincyFlags Neighborhood Information form here to fill out a quick survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2BQ\\_f3uGyoRAQDWOvpN1LITCWnP\\_xQHrgHAUTHB9cEXRZFLQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2BQ_f3uGyoRAQDWOvpN1LITCWnP_xQHrgHAUTHB9cEXRZFLQ/viewform)

If you have any questions about this project, please direct them to Henry Frondorf ([frondorphenry@gmail.com](mailto:frondorphenry@gmail.com)).

*Ann Marie Kerby, AICP | Senior City Planner*



## FUN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### ☛ Labor Day Bike/Trike/Wagon Parade

We need volunteers to make it happen. Need Chair/co-chairs, someone to get permits, MC, and general volunteers. Please email [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com) if interested in helping.



### ☛ Neighborhood Block Party

The Burton Woods Lane, Leyman, south side of Red Bud and the parts of Mitchell & Clinton Sprigs that surround that area held their annual Block Party on June 30, 2018..



**Recycle clean, dry, plastic bags and film packaging**

Look for this label on film products like these...

Recycle if Clean & Dry

**Store Drop-off**

**PLASTIC**

**BAGS / FILM / WRAP**

[how2recycle.info](http://how2recycle.info)

☒ NO frozen food bags  
☒ NO prewashed salad mix bags  
☒ NO degradable bags

Recycled plastic bags and wraps can become new packaging or durable home building products.

[plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org)

Examples of items to recycle: Retail Bags, Newspaper Bags, Produce Bags, Bread Bags, Air Pillows, Case Wrap (e.g. snacks, beverage cases), Napkin, Paper Towel, Bathroom Tissue and Diaper Wrap (packaging), Dry Cleaning Bags.

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### NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, July 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Av
- No AUGUST MEETING
- September 3, 10:00am Labor Day Bike/Trike/Wagon Parade Rose Hill/Beechwood Circle
- Tuesday, September 11, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Avondale School Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs Av

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