



NANA NEWS

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NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD MESSAGE



Hi Neighbors,

We finally made it to December! 2020 has been an unprecedented year for all of us with never ending challenges. From Zoom calls to remote learning to buying masks to match your outfits, we have all made significant adjustments to our lives.

As we come to the end of this crazy year we wanted to figure out a way that North Avondale can share in the holiday spirit while still keeping each other safe. We present to you:

North Avondale Winter Wonderland Sunday December 20th 5:30 - 9:00pm

This socially distant holiday evening will give everyone a chance to participate in whatever way they feel comfortable. Do you have a Clark Griswald style light display? Does your family recipe for hot cider get rave reviews? Now is the time to share your special holiday contribution to the neighborhood! We are asking that anyone who would like to participate just send an email to nanacincinnati@gmail.com with your address and how you will be sharing with your neighbors. All fun and safe ideas are welcome! We will compile a map of all the participating homes so that you can spend your Sunday evening enjoying the season in Cincinnati's best neighborhood!

Look below under "Around the Neighborhood" for a great example! Candy Cane Lane constructed by our wonderful neighbor Sarah Rich!

North Avondale Logo and Brand Design Work

NANA is seeking a qualified graphic designer to provide North Avondale with a new logo. We are asking interested parties to please submit a proposal for the cost of logo design work by **January 15th 2021** for consideration.

Join us for our December NANA Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133>

NANA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 pm

VIA ZOOM at Here is the new link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133>

Here is the new Meeting ID:

722 854 2133

- **Burton honorary renaming for Robin Pearl** (see "NANA NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK")
- **Update on Rosemary's Babies** (Under Review)
- **Winter Wonderland**
- **Founder's Forest**
- **Logo Design RFP**

Next NANA General Meeting January 12

THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR [2020 NANA DUES](#)

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NANA NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK

●Proposed Rosemary's Babies Company Residential Parent Housing for teens 16-21 at 3864 Reading Road

Thank you for the many responses NANA has received. We are still in the process of reviewing. An update will be at the December Meeting and if necessary a future email.

●Honoring Robin Pearl II on Burton Avenue

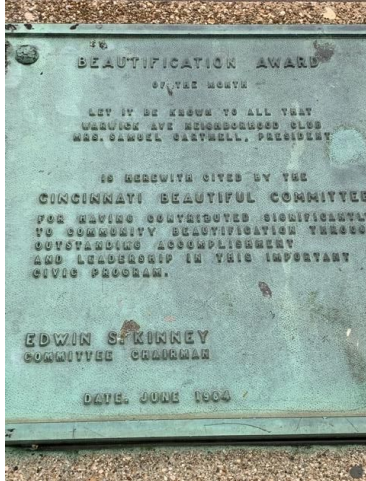
At the November NANA Meeting, Robin Pearl asked NANA for support in honoring her daughter Robin Pearl II who was shot and killed on Burton Avenue on June 15, 2015 at the age of 18. She was at the wrong place at the wrong time and was not the intended victim. Here are some articles on the incident:

- <https://local12.com/news/local/man-allegedly-walks-up-to-car-and-opens-fire>
- <https://gunmemorial.org/2015/06/15/robin-pearl>
- <https://www.thompsonhalljordan.com/obituaries/Robin-Pearl#!/Obituary>

She would like to place a honorary street sign with her daughter's name on Burton or at Burton & Reading. In our neighborhood, we already have plaques and signs commemorating and honoring people.



On Warwick



On the corner of Glenwood and Reading.



On Clinton Springs across from the playground at the NA Recreation Center

NABA

●NABA (the North Avondale Business Association) has been asked to review a proposal made by Rosemary's Babies for acquisition of the Samuel Hannaford designed property at the corner of Lenox and Reading Road. This structure is the only existing architectural example of the Colonial Revival style designed by Hannaford and is uniquely significant in that regard.

While no one can question Rosemary's mission, the worthiness of her cause or challenge her past accomplishments, she is undoubtedly a person of significant good will, but approval by this organization will not be made on the validity of her cause but only on the appropriate use of the property as it relates to previous neighborhood consensus, and the likelihood of her success based on the structure of her proposal and financial capability to meet the expressed requirements of the community and the property restoration. In short, does this use satisfy the desire of the community as previous community engagement sessions revealed and does it make business sense for our district?

Many questions remain unanswered. NABA has determined that it is not the best use for the property for the following reasons:

1. It is not catalytic to the business district and its redevelopment.
2. It is questionable whether the proposed use by Rosemary's Babies meets the qualifications for the use of the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Funds that leveraged significant funds necessary for the completed stabilization that brought the property into code compliance.

3. The financial viability of her restoration budget is doubtful. Rosemary has allocated a mere \$150,000 for restoration improvements. A tour of the property indicates a proper restoration of this huge property will be more in the neighborhood of at least \$500,000, while others estimates range from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. The structure needs everything—HVAC, floors, drywall, insulation, windows, plumbing, kitchen(s), bathroom(s).
4. This rather significant underfunding raises another serious concern that statements regarding current participation of a professional architect may be hopeful and yet unresolved conjecture. Is the architect on retainer? Has the architect approved the budget and devised a plan?
5. Of utmost importance is the preservation of the historic significance through a proper restoration.
6. The reported number of residents keeps changing causing us to question the intended design for its use, growing from 2 to 10 and now 16. This can leave the door open to further mission creep.
7. What is the disposition of the property should Rosemary's Babies 501c.3 dissolve?

These are but a few of the many unanswered questions and concerns, but comprise the most significant broad strokes.

Michael Caporale, President NABA

● **A Special Merit Award for the stabilization of the Rubel Property was awarded by The Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) to our partners:**

- **The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority & Structural Systems Repair Group (SSRG) Advantage Group Engineers.**



From the CPA:

"Oscar T. Rubel commissioned architect Samuel Hannaford to design a Colonial Revival brick residence in North Avondale. The completed house remained in the Rubel family for more than forty years. The house was sold and sat vacant, slowly decaying. Suffering from masonry deterioration and porch collapse, the house, Hannaford's only known example of the style, was at risk of demolition. North Avondale leaders saw the house's potential, and the City and the Port intervened with emergency repairs and stabilization. The work went above and beyond mere repair work."

Congratulations to the Port, City of Cincinnati, NANA and NABA on the significant work to successfully stabilize this historically significant property and bring it into code compliance. Together the neighborhood secured a \$30,000 Neighborhood Business District Improvement Grant, and partnered with the City and the Port, both contributing significant funds and extra care to maintain the historic integrity during the stabilization process. Due to its prime location in our designated business district, it could prove to be catalytic to its redevelopment. You can find a great articles here about the stabilization:

- <https://www.wcpo.com/news/transportation-development/move-up-cincinnati/can-this-old-house-be-great-again-landbank-stabilizes-historic-homes>
- https://ssrg.com/our-work/the-rubel-house/?fbclid=IwAR3VxZHp_NmF9xWi2PAHB6keFCfM3fbsBDCJ2SoBlj_XjYNZwPnqYUuWC3E

Note: Correction to articles in the links - the property was not used as a nursing home before the stabilization. It was owned by a single family for more than 25 years, and Bayview bank until the city declared it a public nuisance. Because of NANA/NABA's investment, it is now stabilized and compliant with our city's municipal codes. It sits within the original Rose Hill plat nominated for historic designation.

Maura Wolf



COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION



Beautiful Seasongood Square maintained by Sarah Koucky & Emily Harten

Many thanks to Sarah Koucky for organizing **9 Xavier X-change Student Volunteer Work community work sessions**, and to all of you who joined in and got so much accomplished from gardening, rebuilding walls, planting flower pots, litter pick up, and more to make NA shine! **Kiddos to Additional team leaders:** Carolyn and Jake Gillman, Beth Ewing and Brian Hill. Also to Beth for organizing the XU student recognition gifts.

Much appreciation to community members who also helped: Janet Banks, Cornell Family, Teresa Harten, Jennifer Harten, Emily Harten Kim Hubbard, Janet Neidhard, Sarah Pontius, Tricia Renneker, Jane Sillet, Jolene Struebbe, Ann Wong, Maura Wolf and the Xavier students: Leader Maggie Moriarity, Daniel Guckenberger, Saira Latif, Olivia Shooter and Avery St. Pierre; and also thanks to those of you who are adopting pots to keep them watered during covid pandemic: Beth Ewing, Clara Harkavy, Sarah Koucky, Weston Wolf and more.



Planting Reading Road Flower Pots



XU students rebuilt the wall at Seasongood Square

Please join me in thanking all of our expert volunteer gardeners who keep NA beautiful with their endless contributions to the NA gardens:

Sarah Koucky and Emily Harten: Seasongood gardens and Marion gardens

Richard Jackson – Dana Triangle, Dana Roundabout, and Marion gardens

Mary Piper – Dana Triangle, Asmann

Beth Ewing and Brian Hill – Washington Garden, Pamela Smitherman memorial bench garden

Carolyn and Jake Gillman – North Avondale Sign garden at the top of Marion

Charlene Morse – Kessler Memorial

Deb Corwin – Dakota Roundabout garden

Words cannot say enough for their year-round volunteer efforts to make the gardens extra-ordinary!



Dana Triangle



The various Triangle beds are maintained by Richard Jackson and Mary Piper.



Garden Pictures by J. Miles Wolf



Richard Jackson Exquisite Dana Triangle Gardens





Marion Triangle



Various neighborhood volunteers maintained the bed this year. Wouldn't you like to take it over?

Much gratitude to **Laurie Pike** as well for organizing the **Trash social clean-up** with over 30 community volunteers.

Thanks to **NABA for organizing and supporting the banner program**. Banners were switched out to the festive holiday banner.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season,

Maura Wolf
Interim NANA Beautification Chair

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Everyone has an event that will be remembered forever that will represent the year 2020 .

- Children will claim it as the year when schooling was disrupted. Even though every child supposedly now has a computer, using a computer specifically for educational purposes is not the same as using it to play Minecraft with friends! Every child can report of a period of this year as the time when trying to communicate with classmates, teachers and friends was most challenging.
- Adults will reflect on 2020 as the year they stepped into the shoes of teachers or the year they went to work in their pajamas or the year they lost their job and had to figure out creative ways to feed, clothe and shelter their families. Some may see 2020 as the worst year ever.
- Others may see it as the year where life began to slow down and be totally unpredictable.
- Some people had impressive jobs one day and the next day the business had to shut its doors!
- Graduates experienced a new way of graduating; seniors lamented over missing proms. College graduates are still wallowing in the ever-growing sea of unemployment.
- Many people found themselves in food pantry lines for the first time in their lives.
- Additionally, 2020 can be remembered for governmental mismanagement of the pandemic, the exposure of the gross failures of our social system, legitimate and important protests, a divorce from routines we rely on and people we love, coming to grips with the fact that our future is NOT in our control.

By now, nine months into this pandemic, we are facing over 262,000 deaths and more than 12.6 million coronavirus cases. Even though people are wearing masks, washing hands and trying to be socially distant, exposure to people with the virus is not fail-safe when we still have to shop for food and feed our cars with gas.

But, in actuality, this may be the worst year for this generation, but equally horrible years have existed in the past.

- In the year 536, a volcano erupted in Ireland, causing the sun to dim for 1.5 years. That event led to a global cold spell.
- In 1918, there was the Spanish flu pandemic.
- And each year between 1929 and 1933, the people suffered from the Great Depression.
- In 1968 we were in the midst of the Vietnam War, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were assassinated, police beat protestors at the DNC and there were nation-wide rebellions.

Rating years from bad to worst is not the objective of this writing, but it is to bring awareness to the fact that we have suffered greatly this year and so have our ancestors. There is a constant embedded in each "bad" year and that constant is that the events have dropped an enormous amount of stress onto our lives.

Everyone reacts differently to stress and in many cases, our reaction is dependent on our background, our social support, our financial situation, our health and emotional background, and our community support, among others. From a mental health perspective, it is critical that while trying to manage the daily physical needs of our families, tending to our **mental health is a number one priority**.

- MAKE time to breathe deeply, stretch, or meditate daily.
- Consciously eat nutritious meals.
- Exercise as often as possible, even if it is taking a daily walk around the neighborhood.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Take intentional time to unwind.
- Connect with others via online, social media, phone or mail.
- YOUR attitude toward a situation is critical. Recognize that 2020 is a *moment* in time. It WILL pass.

- Meanwhile, look for the sunrise; find something to smile about, to laugh at. Look for the beautiful/the good.

Our lives are living proof that we can move through these hard times.

Kimya Moyo, Health Liaison

LAW & SAFETY

Stop Sign at Mitchell & Clinton Springs

We will remove the supplemental plaque on the stop sign that says “except when turning right” making it a stop at all times. We will also add a plaque that says “turning vehicles yield to pedestrians in crosswalk”. This should be more effective.

The Department of Public Services will fulfill this request and we expect them to complete it by the end of this month.

Carolyn Gillman, Chair

Thank you Caroline Gillman for spearheading this effort to make our neighborhood safer and more walkable.

Editor

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

● COVID TESTING



Hamilton County CARES COVID-19 Testing



Zion Baptist Church
Rev. James H. Cantrell, Pastor

FREE COVID-19 Testing for those who live, work, or attend school in Hamilton County

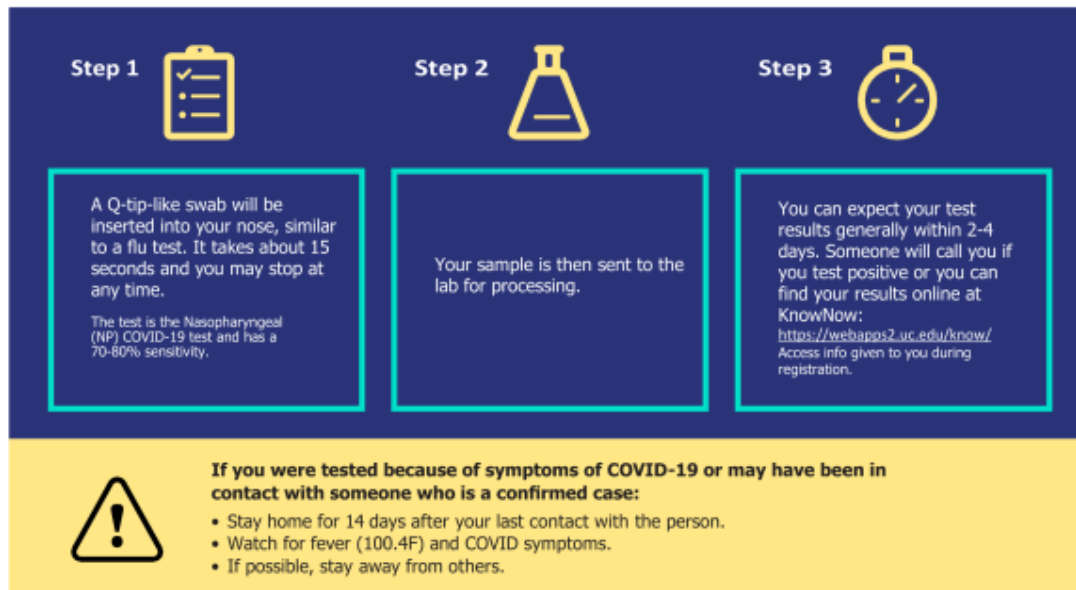
Hosted at:

Zion Baptist Church
630 Glenwood Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229 (Avondale)
Saturday, November 28, 2020
Saturday, December 5, 2020
Saturday, December 19, 2020
10a.m. – 2p.m.
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
12 noon-4p.m.
(Parking Lot Entrance)

Please use the QR code to the right to complete pre-registration questions. *Not required but encouraged to streamline testing.* URL: <https://ls.gd/TESTandPROTECT>



What to Expect



<http://www.healthcollab.org/testandprotect>

On-site testing provided by:



● **This is the cross sidewalk between Rose Hill and Beechwood.** There is a mailbox for letters to Santa there also! Thanks to Sarah Rich and family for putting it up.



Mason Williams, resident on Rose Hill.

● St Bernard Holiday Light Contest

Saint Bernard is having a holiday lights contest this Saturday from 6-8pm. This is a covid friendly event, just drive around to the houses participating (there is a map on the event page) and vote by donating canned goods & non perishables into the bins in front of the houses. All donations go to the Saint Clements food pantry. Our community would love & appreciate the support

<https://fb.me/c/3D0i1G90W>



FUN AROUND TOWN

● Found Cincinnati

11.27 - 12.24
DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI
THE BANKS TO FINDLAY MARKET

What is Found Cincinnati?

- Found is a community-produced, month-long celebration dedicated to the region's continual growth and evolution. All your local holiday happenings will be right here in one place.
- <https://app.foundcincinnati.com/>
- <https://app.foundcincinnati.com/about>
- <https://app.foundcincinnati.com/hunt>

See below for a fun opportunity to decorate a holiday tree with NANA! If interested email nanacincinnati@gmail.com

FOUND

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FOUNDERS FOREST

AGAR, in partnership with 3CDC, DCI, The Haile Foundation, ArtWorks, and the African American Chamber of Commerce invites your community to participate in FOUND, a multi-faceted, holiday-focused initiative providing the Cincinnati region with a reason to celebrate, a time to gather, and a moment to rediscover our city and the future ahead.

FOUND will take place throughout the month of December and will consist of an online platform for populating all variations of local holiday events, as well as additional custom experiences including public art, local business engagement, and even a citywide scavenger hunt.

We invite you to participate in a public art display of custom-decorated trees representing each of Cincinnati's 52 neighborhoods. The trees, conceptualized and decorated by each neighborhood, will be strategically placed throughout high-traffic downtown areas. The tri-state will be encouraged to visit downtown to walk amongst the trees and take in the joy that our 52 neighborhoods are spreading this holiday season.

AGAR WILL PROVIDE:

- A stipend of \$250 to go towards decorating materials
- A real tree for decorating, durable tree stand, and neighborhood marker for tree
- Locations will be predetermined, and AGAR will provide electric to each location.
- Parking and load-in directions for on-site decorating
- Marketing and overall promotion of the Founders Forest initiative; including placement on the FOUND website in map and listing format

HOW IT WORKS:

- Participant confirmations gathered no later than November 13th. PLEASE FILL OUT THE PROVIDED SUBMISSION FORM TO CONFIRM PARTICIPATION.
- You (or someone from your neighborhood team) must be available to decorate you tree on-site from starting November 21st - November 29th.
- We ask that groups responsible for the overall design, please refrain from political and otherwise controversial themes and topics. All art must be family-friendly.
- We strongly encourage a variety of cultural holiday representations



FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

●Hi all, I've been digging up **canna plant tubers for the fall**. They are 4-5' tall, with 6" red blossoms which attract hummingbirds and multiply every year. I have lots more than I need. Free to anyone who wants them. Call or email me for availability. beguine@fuse.net or 281.7071

Barbara Slavinski (Sturgis Ave.)



●Do you need **iris flowers**? I'm filling out my iris beds and have buckets full of irises. Contact Spencer Konicov at spencerkof@gmail.com

Spencer Konicov (Spring House)

●**Raffel Prophet** is a resident of North Avondale, Member of NANA, and Member of Clinton Hills Swim Club. He has 650 qualified petitioners signatures so he can run for **Cincinnati Mayor**. His committee wants to submit 800 petitioners. Only 500 petitioners are required to be on the ballot. He lives on Spring House Lane. He is a retired fireman and he and Sonya have three daughters. I'm sure he would like people to sign his petition. His website address is <https://www.prophetformayor.com/>. Please feel free to contact him at 513.368.1370 or prophettr@xavier.edu

Spencer Konicov (Spring House)

● Here is a reminder that Carmon is still on the air Sunday Mornings

Carmon DeLeone (Rose Hill)

● Update on Belvedere Valet Parking Lot

To get a more exacting status of where things are, relative to the commencement of additional work on the valet parking lot, the Belvedere Board President is meeting with their Treasurer and onsite building manager next week to formulate a plan for moving ahead. COVID altered the original plans.

Regarding the space next door (the burned out house), the Association has no plans for acquisition.

ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

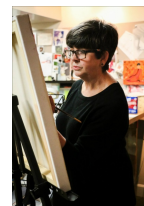
● **Sue Blaney (Burton Woods Lane)** was an artist in **2020 Juried Art Exhibition CCAC's 11th Annual Golden Ticket**, and the first Golden Ticket exhibition held entirely outdoors, features diverse, talented artists living or working within a 25-mile radius of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center. <https://cliftonculturalarts.org/exhibits/golden-ticket/>



Finis, Sue Blaney
Charcoal on paper, 20.5" x 16.5", \$250

She was also featured in [Center Stage Cincinnati Dance Magazine](https://www.centerstagedancemagazine.com/sue-blaney?fbclid=IwAR0f2hr1Vg-HRApgJ3HP6nGEqKpv8WIFuqjChEtA-lvt_2STub0fyKcsWDk). "Ballet has consistently been present throughout Sue Blaney's life. She practiced ballet until her teens and picked it up again as a way to stay in shape and exercise after she finished college. She even met her husband in that class! Their first date was to the Cincinnati Ballet, and they've been subscribers since 1980..."

https://www.centerstagedancemagazine.com/sue-blaney?fbclid=IwAR0f2hr1Vg-HRApgJ3HP6nGEqKpv8WIFuqjChEtA-lvt_2STub0fyKcsWDk



● Heather Herr, (Betula) was featured on the *Cincinnati Real Producers* December Cover.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Black Reine LLC at 974 Burton Ave.
- Sacko Adama Berete Sacko & Mballouba Keita at 3958 Dickson Ave.
- Lisa Marie Shook at 718 Red Bud Ave
- Adam Gelter & Andrea Kern at 3987 Rose Hill Ave.
- Global Invest Ohio LLC at 3954 Vine St.



4 Ways to Have the Greenest Christmas Tree

Megan Malone Nov 27, 2020

<https://earth911.com/home-garden/4-ways-to-have-the-greenest-christmas-tree/>

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Christmas Tree Recycling Tips

- You can put the tree out on the street whole; you do not need to cut the tree into segments to meet the usual yard waste limitations
- You must remove everything from the tree – not just lights and tinsel and ornaments, but also tree stands and tree bags
- Only leave real trees at the curb; Cincinnati Public Services can deal with artificial trees, but it is a different process than the one for real trees.
- These trees, once they are collected, will be chipped at the recycling center. After that, the chips will either be added to big compost piles or used as pine mulch.

Holiday Lights Recycling

Drop off broken or unwanted lights at any Great Parks visitor center between **Sunday, November 1, 2020–Tuesday, February 2, 2021**. <https://www.greatparks.org/discovery/projects/holiday-lights-recycling>

Trump Administration Rushes To Sell Oil Rights In Arctic National Wildlife Refuge NPR

Trump Administration Rushes To Sell Oil Rights In Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Officials hope to auction off leases before President-elect Joe Biden takes office. He has pledged to protect the ...

<https://www.npr.org/2020/11/16/935527352/trump-administration-rushes-to-sell-oil-rights-in-arctic-national-wildlife-refuge>www.npr.org

LIBRARY, PARKS & RECREATION

●The Cincinnati Public Library is open and ready to serve you and your families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. **All 41 library branches are open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10am-6pm, including the Avondale, St. Bernard, and Norwood branch libraries.** Please be aware that the Elmwood Place library is only offering curbside or walk-up service at this time.

- All Cincinnati Library branches will be **closed** for the Christmas holiday on Thursday, December 24th and will re-open on Monday, December 28th. New Years Eve December 31st open 10 to 5 and closed January 1.



Patrons may visit the St. Bernard, Avondale, or Norwood branches for **up to two hours at a time** where they are able to use a computer, fax or scan to email for free, pick up holds, print up to 20 color pages for free, and browse for books, DVDs, and magazines. Library customers **must wear face covering** over their mouth and nose (children under 10 years old are not required to wear a mask) at all times while inside the library. Cincinnati Public Library branches are taking safety measure of **sanitizing computers, surfaces, and facilities regularly and also quarantining returned materials for four days.**

The St. Bernard branch library and our other branches also have **several free services for kids and young students to keep them engaged this winter**, no matter if they're learning virtually or in-person!

- Free **"Make-and-Take" kits** are available for children in grades pre-K through elementary. These Make-and-Take kits have all the materials needed for activities such as paper plate mazes and friendship bracelets.
- Coloring pages, crafts, scavenger hunts, and St. Bernard Ludlow Grove Historical Society word searches

- are also available at the library.
- Additionally, in collaboration with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), the US Department of Education, and several other institutions, the Cincinnati Public Library is launching a project called the **Book Rich Environment (BRE) Initiative** to give students free books to keep. Children and teen books are donated by publishers and are available to take home for free, while supplies last. Visit one of our branches to see what books are available!
- On Monday afternoons from 3pm-5pm, several library locations including Avondale, Elmwood Place, Norwood, and St. Bernard will be distributing free boxes of food** from the United Methodist Church (UMC) Meal Service to children under 18 and those under 19 that qualify. Parents, caregivers, or children themselves may come to the library, write down the name of the child they are picking up food boxes for, and receive a meal box containing 7 dinners and 7 snacks with 7 boxed milks (a week's worth of food for a child). Library branches also have information for daycare centers that would like food boxes delivered to their center directly. All boxes and milks are shelf stable and do not need to be refrigerated. Youth do not need to be present to receive a box. Boxes are available while supplies last and cannot be reserved or picked up outside of the established service time. Visit <https://cincinnati.library.org/services/meals/> to see guidelines and other participating locations.

Situations are rapidly changing in response to COVID-19 developments and the Cincinnati Public Library is unfortunately **not currently offering any in-person programming or storytimes** at our branches. Patrons can still watch virtual programming, read and download eBooks, and stream movies using our updated website at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

- Patrons and poets can also participate in the Library's Community Poetry Project, where submitted poetry is displayed at the downtown Main Library and on social media. See the guidelines for submission at <https://cincinnati.library.org/blogs/post/community-poetry-project/>.

Lastly, stop into any branch to check out a book from our **Lucky Day collection**! These brand-new releases are only available in-person and cannot be reserved so that all readers have a chance to snag hot items before having to wait for them on hold. It's your lucky day!

Despite the uncertainty of the upcoming time, the Cincinnati Public Library is always adapting to the needs of community. By offering digital and in-person services, projects and activities for kids, and programs through partnerships, we hope to help patrons through any circumstances this winter. We're here for you! Visit your local library branch or www.CincinnatiLibrary.org and stay safe!

*Kate Kraus, St. Bernard Branch Manager
Office 513.369.4462
Email Kate.Kraus@CincinnatiLibrary.org*

●Did you Know??

Nearby **Avon Woods Nature Preserve** is home to hundreds of native tree and plant species. Inside this small, **14.5-acre greenspace** you'll find several trees, shrubs and wildflowers, some of which are infrequently found throughout other area parks. This ecosystem diversity is not entirely by accident – a dedicated group of volunteers that walk the trails each day also remove harmful invasive species such as English ivy and winter creeper vines from the trees as well as honeysuckle bushes from the ground.

What can you do to help?

Planting native species in your yard is a great support! Being so close to a nature preserve has many benefits, but it is a challenge to “keep up with the creep” of incoming non-native plants from neighboring yards. Seeds and vines often find their way in over the years. A few invasive species making their way inside the preserve are: Miscanthus sinensis Grass and Common Buckthorn (Rhamnus cathartica). If you are looking for some easy native alternatives for your landscape -

- Shrubs for partial shade: spice bush, witch hazel
- Grasses for Sun: big bluestem (tall), little bluestem (short)
- Flowers for Pollinators: echinacea, black-eyed-susan or false [ox eye] sunflowers

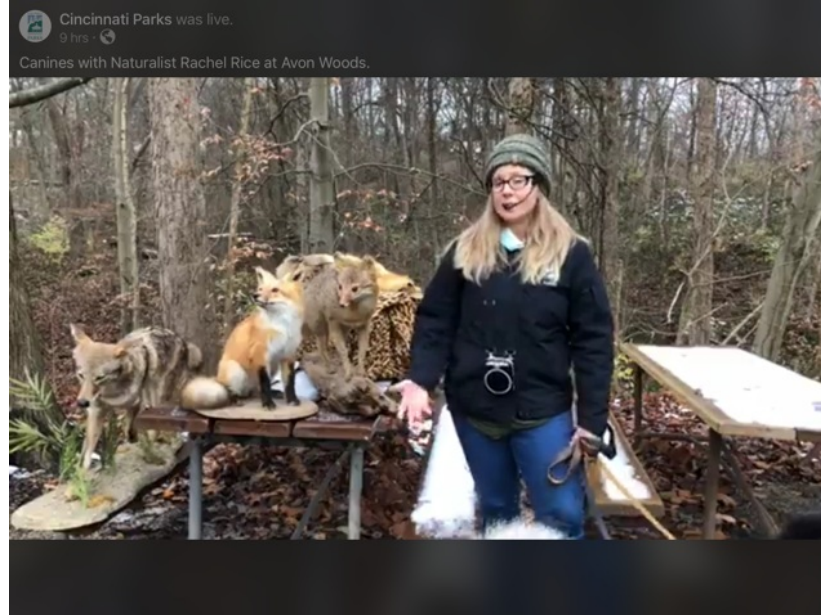
For more resources, see The Ohio Invasive Plant Council: <https://www.oipc.info/> and <https://www.ohionativeplantmonth.org/>

Ohio Native Plant Month

On July 18, 2019, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed legislation designating the month of **April as Ohio Native Plant Month**. Our primary goal is educating the public about the benefits of planting Ohio's native plants and removing invasive plants to improve Ohio's ecosystem. www.ohionativeplantmonth.org

*Rachel Rice | Nature Next Door Outreach
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513.861.3435 | rachel.rice@cincinnati-oh.gov*





View Canines with Naturalist Rachel Rice at Avon Woods at:
<https://www.facebook.com/CincyParks/videos/3219836294792296/>

● **North Avondale Recreation Center - 617 Clinton Springs Ave. 513.961.1584**

- North Avondale Recreation Center is open Monday thru Friday 9 am to 8 pm
 - **Weight Room** is by **reservations only**
 - **Open Gym** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and after 6:00 pm -**call for reservations**
 - **Closed** Christmas Day, December 25 and New Year's Day, January 1.
Will close early Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve - call for details
- Masks must be worn and your temperature must be taken upon arrival.
- If you had an active membership on or after March 13th, there was an automatic extension put on your card. Check with the center for details.
- North Avondale has spots open for All Day School Enrichment from 7am to 6pm as well as After School Day Enrichment till Dec. 18th. For more info: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/recreation/programs/camp-crc1/after-school-school-day-enrichment-scholarship-application/>
- **Youth Basketball Program** starts practices in December with games starting in January. To register or for more information call the Center at 961.1584.



Cincinnati Recreation Commission

TOY DRIVE

DECEMBER 4TH — 15TH

Drop off available at any recreation center during regular business hours. Please contact the center prior to drop off.

Toys must be **new, wrapped,** and **for children ages 5-12 ONLY**

Toy drive brought to you by

Cincinnati Recreation Commission **indigo**
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NORTH AVONDALE SPORTS CAMP

AGES
5 years old – 12 years old

MINI-CAMP DATES
December 21st – December 23rd
December 28th – December 30th

SPORTS OFFERED
Volleyball: 9:30AM – 11:30AM
Tennis: 12:00PM – 2:00PM
Basketball: 2:30PM – 4:30PM

LOCATION
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs
Cincinnati, OH 45229

Athletics will be offering a sports mini-camp at **NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER** during winter break

\$15 Per sport each day
\$40 All 3 sports each day

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WINTER ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

SEASON
NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229 • (513)961-1584
SEASON DATES
Starts January 6th, 2021 • Held on Wednesdays
SEASON GAMES
8 game season • Top 4 teams qualify for the post-season tournament

REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION DATES
December 2nd, 2020 – January 3rd, 2021 or when leagues are filled
\$450 TEAM FEE
Teams withdrawing prior to completion of league schedules will be charged a \$25 service charge for clerical & material fees. Teams withdrawing after completion of schedules will be assessed \$50 plus a prorated game fee. Teams withdrawing after the second game will receive no refund.
Rosters are due in the Athletics office before the first played game. Rosters and rulebook are available on the web site. The manager's signature is required for the roster to be acceptable.
Schedules will **NOT** be mailed unless requested. Schedules will be posted on the web **ONE WEEK** prior to the first scheduled game.

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Athletics Winter Programming

•Volleyball

Adult Leagues (January 11, 2021)

Monday at North Avondale Starts

Thursday evenings at North Avondale

Saturdays at Pleasant Ridge

Youth Girls – In Partnership with Girls with Grit, Athletics will be offering skills development and introduction to volleyball for Girls. This program will begin in January. Program will take place in the evening. Days TBD

•Basketball

Youth league - Athletics will be offering an 8U, 10U, and 12U developmental basketball. Baskets will be lowered for the 8U league. Games will be played Tuesdays and Saturdays. Game play will start January 5, 2021. Practice will start in December. NA will be made available for teams to practice on Tuesdays and Saturdays until game play

begins.

Adult League – North Avondale Adult Men's Basketball League will begin Wednesday, January 6, 2021. This is an 8 game league with the top 4 teams making it to the playoffs.

●Mini Camp over Break

Athletics will hold mini Camps at North Avondale during Winter Break. Volleyball, Tennis and Basketball will be offered. The camp will run from Monday – Wednesday both weeks. Snacks will be provided for individuals that stay the entire day (Will have to bring own lunch).

9:30 to 11:30 – Volleyball

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm – Tennis

2:30 to 4:30 pm - Basketball

●Special Events

Dodge Ball Tournament (One Day Event) – January 16, 2021 (Adults) and January 23, 2021 (Teens)

Teen Esports league - TBD

Brittany Barrett Community Center Director

●Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road ● 751.3393

- Hours: 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday thru Friday
 - Closed Christmas Day December 25 and New Year's Day January 1
 - Will close early Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve - call for details
- Many recreation centers are offering full daycare or afternoon/after school care. Check out cincyrec.org for your childcare needs.
- Our weight room has reopened by reservation only. There are seven one hour time blocks within the day that customers can call to reserve.
- If you had an active membership on or after March 13th, there was an automatic extension put on your card. Check with the center for details.
- **Spinning classes** have resumed: Monday at 5:15pm to 6:00; M/W 6:15 – 7:00 pm. It is necessary to sign up before class. To register call 751.3393 or go to the front desk.
- **Teen and young adult dance** (20 spots max. reservation required): Friday 6:00 to 7:00pm
- **Teen and youth open gym** is open for reservations. Call for availability.
- [Gym Schedule click here for all programs](#)
- [Program Schedule click here](#)

Blake Williams, Service Area Coordinator

NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS



The New School Montessori (TNSM)

● 3 Burton Woods Lane ● 281.7999 ● www.newschoollmontessori.com

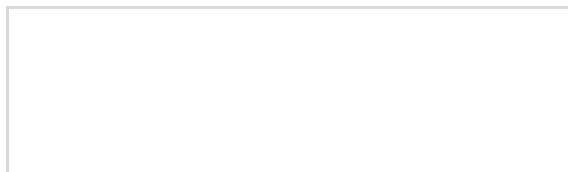
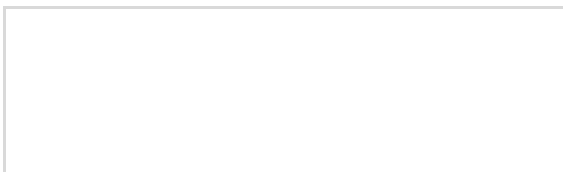
New School Montessori pre primary students enjoy "writing" before they can write.

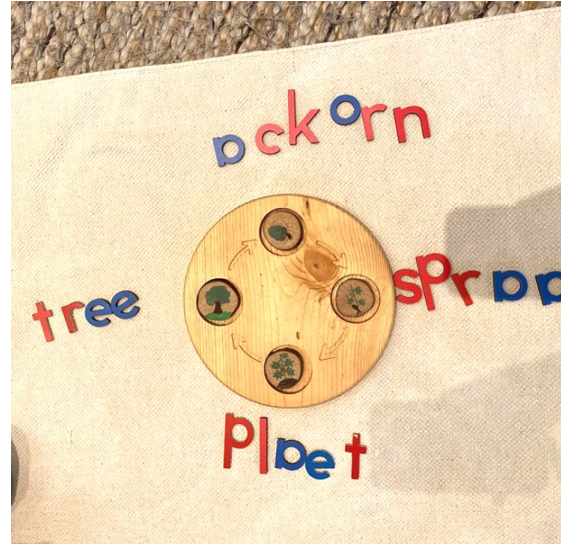
Forming easily recognizable letters with a pencil requires years of practice — and many of us still struggle to achieve more legible handwriting. To remedy this, and to put written language into the hands of children as soon as possible, Dr. Maria Montessori created the moveable alphabet and taught children the sounds of letters so they could communicate their thoughts in writing much earlier than they physically were able to write.

While working all the while on hand-eye coordination, small-muscle strengthening and practice writing with pencils, New School Montessori pre primary students delight in communicating their thoughts using the moveable alphabet and having a friend read what they have written.

"When the child hears others read the word he has composed, he wears an expression of satisfaction and pride, and is possessed by a species of joyous wonder. He is impressed by this correspondence, carried on between himself and others by means of symbols. The written language represents for him the highest attainment reached by his own intelligence, and is at the same time, the reward of a great achievement." Dr. Maria Montessori in The Montessori Method.

Please join us for our Virtual Open House on January 24, 2021 - [Click here to learn more about it and to sign up.](#)

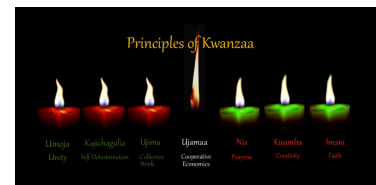




Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, December 8, NANA General Meeting 7 pm Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133>
- Tuesday, January 12, NANA General Meeting 7 pm Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133>





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