



NANA NEWS

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NEIGHBORHOOD AWARD

We are happy to announce that North Avondale Neighborhood Association has been selected as the Winner for the 2022 Best of Cincinnati Awards in the category of Nonprofit Institutions. Notice to other winners in Cincinnati is happening over the next few weeks. The entire list of winners will be posted on our website after all recipients have been contacted. The Cincinnati Award Program purpose to support and offer public recognition of the contributions of businesses and organizations in and around Cincinnati.

For details and more information please view our website:

2022 Best of Cincinnati Awards - Nonprofit Institutions
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ENVIRONMENT

Save some carpenter bees!

The carpenter bees you see close by are males and they CAN NOT STING!

The females won't come near you. Carpenter bees have a special "Buzz Pollination" that is necessary for

tomatoes, blueberries and eggplants! We need our valuable native pollinators! Read more here: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/meet-pollinator-carpenter-bee>

More here <https://www.smliv.com/outdoors/buzzing-behemoths-are-peaceful-pollinators>

Public Service Announcement: on Behalf of Hummingbirds:

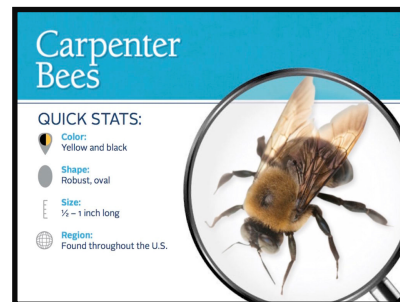
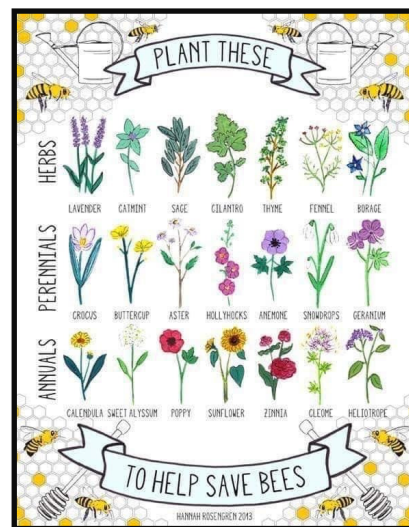
The hummingbird is unable to retract her tongue due to fungal spores that have germinated on her tongue or in her gullet caused by folks mixing honey or anything other than plain white sugar with water. She will die because she can no longer feed.

If you have feeders, PLEASE USE ONLY PLAIN WHITE SUGAR in your mixture of 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. No organic or raw or brown sugar, no powdered sugar, no honey, no artificial sugar. Use plain white sugar/water mixture which is most similar to actual flower nectar. And no toxic red color liquids such as koolaid etc..!

Change the sugar water mixture every couple of days, especially during high temperatures, as it will start to ferment if it sits out for days on end.

If you can't or won't do this, please do not put out a feeder at all.

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Happy Spring!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Wedge Integrity LLC Series II DBA 3716 Beatrice Dr LLC at 3716 Beatrice Dr.
- For Rent Properties LLC at 840 Glenwood Ave.
- John T & Meredith Addicks at 4014 Red Bud Ave.

NANA GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm

IN PERSON!
NAM Cafetorium 617 Clinton Springs
and
VIA ZOOM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133>
Passcode: 45217

Agenda •The New School Plans

Annual Meeting: Sunday, May 22, 2:00 to 5:00pm in the Belvedere
THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2022 NANA DUES
<https://northavondalecincinnati.com/membership/>



COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

Jolene Struebbe, Beautification Chair
Help Wanted. - Spring is here !!



It has been hard to miss our gardens blooming with early spring flowers.

We still have two small community gardens in need of captains. They are small gardens and should not take a great deal of time this year, as they have been well maintained by gardener extraordinaire, Richard Jackson, who is retiring from his North Avondale community gardening duties.



We would be grateful if you could help us maintain one of these gardens.

Please contact Judy Evans if you are able to volunteer or would like more information about these opportunities for service nanacincinnati@gmail.com. Any gardening help in our other community gardens would be most welcome.

Judy Evans, NANA Community Garden Chair.

LAW & SAFETY

Gas theft alert on Burton Woods: There was a car that had their gas tank drilled through and gas stolen. Repair = \$1,500.00. If you can, please try to park your cars in your garage or the back of your house. Hopefully that will deter them.

Carolyn Gillman, Chair

2022-2023 NANA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee comprised of Heather Herr (chair & Rose Hill Area), Carolyn Gillman (Rose Hill Area), Linda Mathews (South of Clinton Springs), Charlene Morse (immediate past chair and south of Mitchell to Dickson area), Ethan Perry (Board Rep, South of Mitchell to Vine Area), Maura Wolf (East of Reading area) is gathering names for the 2022/2023 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. If you are interested or have anyone to suggest, call the NANA answering machine at 513.401.4546 or email: nanacincinnati@gmail.com!

NORTH AVONDALE WELCOME WAGON

When you were growing up, did the welcome wagon or newcomer's club ever visit your family when you moved to

a new neighborhood? I remember this and loved it, as did my mom. I'd like to create the same welcoming feeling to all new residents of North Avondale.

Would you like to help me? I am really looking for participation from all sections of the neighborhood! Please come forward! The goal would be to personally greet each new family and share details of how to get involved in the community and leave a small gift. This group may be similar to the "sunshine" teams many of you may have at church. This will not be realtor sponsored, but neighbor and neighborhood sponsored!

This will be FUN! Please reach out to me if you'd like to help. I'd love to have an **organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 5:30** to kick around ideas. Details provided closer to the date.

Jolene Struebbe, jmstruebbe@gmail.com

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“I just heard a pack of coyotes kill a small dog.”



Have you seen (or made) this statement in neighborhood groups on social media? It's one of the most common sources of panic in the suburbs. And, in almost all cases, it's actually not true. Coyotes live in small family groups of 2-8 individuals, usually a mated pair and their young of the year. When the whole family gets together, they tend to celebrate by howling. This helps them bond and it's also meant to intimidate rivals (including us), and it works. When calling together, coyotes will rapidly change the pitch and direction of their calls so it sounds like a very large group.

One of the sounds that coyotes make during these social get-togethers is a high-pitched yelp that increases in pitch and frequency until the “song” ends. To untrained ears, it's very easy to mistake this for the sound of a domestic dog in pain. Our imaginations sometimes get the best of us, and when we hear the alto of a coyote choir stop abruptly, we may think the “dog” has been killed.

Coyotes don't howl and hip while hunting. There's no reason for them to do so, since vocalizations scare away prey and give them time to flee. Coyotes are completely silent when stalking or cornering their meals, so we rarely (if ever) hear them hunting.

Of course, that's not to say that coyotes never kill domestic dogs at all. If a dog is roaming freely off-leash and becomes a threat to a coyote or its pups, they will defend themselves, just like any animal. Small dogs are very easy prey and, when left unattended in coyote territory, they are at risk. Because of this, it's very important to keep your pets properly contained at all times.

However, it's important not to panic over the normal social songs that coyote families sing together. The sound that you hear isn't actually a dog in pain, but a family enjoying each other's company.

We provide recycling and waste reduction assistance to residents, communities, schools and businesses in Hamilton County. <https://hamiltoncountyr3source.org/>



LONGEVITY IN NORTH AVONDALE

An ongoing project to record our history from those who have lived in the neighborhood the longest! Please reach out to me, Jolene Struebbe, jmstruebbe@gmail.com if you would like to tell your family story.

Let me introduce, **David Tsevat**! David was born at Jewish Hospital while his parents lived on 674 S. Crescent and later grew up at **764 Red Bud Ave.** His parents pushed him home in a stroller via Harvey and Washington Avenues – his first tour of the neighborhood. Later, he left for college and “exploring” and then returned to his childhood home on Red Bud in 2010, after his parents passed away.



David's parents, Matitahu and Miriam Tsevat, married in 1949 in New York, and moved to an apartment on Perkins Ave. in Avondale in 1950. They had limited money and were living on a student stipend while Matitahu was a student at Hebrew Union College (HUC). David recalls his mother saying, “we came to Cincinnati for two years and ended up spending the rest of our lives here”. Around 1954 they purchased a home at 674 S. Crescent (aka S. Fred Shuttlesworth) and were happy enough there but “criminal elements started coming in and it was not a safe place to live anymore”. Then, one day, in 1963, David's brother came home bleeding from the head and the family said “that's it; we're moving!”, but they didn't move far.

David's parents were both European immigrants. They “didn't get the suburbs”. They wanted a house with excellent quality and close to their work, downtown, hospitals, and community institutions. North Avondale was that place for them. It was also very much a Jewish neighborhood and a center for Jewish life. They bought the house at 764 Red Bud Avenue in the Summer of 1963 and paid between \$12,000 - \$13,500. It was a time when white-flight was in full swing and in part due to that, as well as the general fashionableness of the suburbs, house prices in North Avondale were quite reasonable. Despite the many changes in the neighborhood, they were comfortable living in an integrated neighborhood. They stayed in North Avondale because they had faith that it was too good to deteriorate.

Growing up in North Avondale in the 1960's and 1970's provided a fairly idyllic childhood for the three Tsevat boys. David remembers kids being able to walk up to the corner of Red Bud/Betula/Rose Hill and being able to gather enough friends to play a game; baseball in summer, football in winter and basketball in between. There were “scads of us”, black kids and white kids, and “a lot of bicycles”. No one needed cell phones! They just showed up outside! Kids were not supervised. They were free to go out as long as they came home for dinner. He never saw any

mishaps or accidents in all those years! David also remembers sledding on the Avon Fields golf course. Kids would just take the path from behind “the big house” on Rose Hill to the golf course and sled all day. In the summer, they played Little League on the sports fields down on Reading Road near Sugar and Spice restaurant. He also recalls the Clinton Hills Swim Club as being a big part of his childhood as a “daytime playground for many summers”.

A particularly fond memory was watching new cars come down the street. He had a childlike fascination with the golden yellow Avanti (“a really COOL car”), the 1968 baby blue Mustang convertible and the 1973 Buick Electra 225 (“where you could land an airplane on the hood”).

While most of the kids went to North Avondale School, David went to Yavneh Day School, but in the 1970s this didn't seem to make a difference in finding kids to play with. *(Author's note: We talked about how in the 1990's most of the kids in the neighborhood (when I had school aged children) went to different schools and perhaps that was why they didn't hang out in the neighborhood together? Somehow things changed over time, but what caused the change? Different schools didn't seem to be a problem in the 1970s.)*

The days surrounding the riots in 1968 were “pretty scary”, especially if you were a child at the time. David recalls being told to stay away from the windows (and this was on Red Bud Avenue, which thankfully saw no “action”) and to hide in the basement. The family had a 22” B&W portable TV they WHEELED out to watch what was going on in the city and the world. He recalls burnt out buildings near Rockdale and Reading as evidence of the riots. The kids “knew North Avondale, but not a thing about 2 miles away, like kids do...”

Over the years, he feels that the neighborhood has gotten prettier and nicer aesthetically. Things are kept up better. Houses cost more. Buyers are more affluent. They still seem liberal and diverse, but not as “hippie” like as they once were. Now there are maybe fewer medical people, but still professors and musicians and other professionals for sure. He recalls the 1970's having a looser feel (typical of the era), more wild and fun, but in a responsible way. People could park junky cars on the street and nobody cared. David suggests that the types of people buying in North Avondale in the 1970s might now be choosing other neighborhoods such as Northside or Clifton. (He also mentions that these thoughts could reflect him viewing these times as a child/young adult!) But through it all there always has been an overlap of different types of people.

Why does David stay? Well, for one, his house backs up on to the WOODS! It is “nestled in the trees”! The trees come right up to the house. He says, there may be nicer houses in the neighborhood, but none quite have his backyard. In the winter, he can even see through the trees to the golf course and the cars going down Paddock Road. He never had a lawn! (This might have been another reason to play in the street!) North Avondale brings in interesting people, has big trees and beautiful houses. There is intelligence, curiosity and a sense of adventure among people in North Avondale that make them interesting to him. Over the years, David says, “his mom prided herself on convincing countless others to move to North Avondale and, to his knowledge, no one ever regretted

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it". He currently lives in (that) house and he doesn't regret it either!

June Hobbs was living in Evanston when she and her husband, **Manuel Hobbs**, drove down Mitchell Avenue and all the trees were in bloom and she said it was such "beautiful scenery" that she wanted to live nearby. So, in 1962 they moved to **3984 Abington**. They chose this home as it was on a "no outlet street" and it had bedrooms on the first floor, June finds she really appreciates this now more than ever! The couple paid \$16,500 and June says she's "been here this long and is very well satisfied". Living here has "been a joy". While June has had offers to buy her home, she says "This is where I'll be when the Lord calls me"!



At that time, North Avondale was mostly a Jewish neighborhood, June recalls, and she mentions that they were the "first black family on this street". As a child, June had always been exposed to other races and recalls that when she graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1955 there were only 5 black kids in her graduating class. Once they moved in, however, the "signs started going up". Some accused their realtor of "block busting", which meant getting one black family to move in to result in other neighbors putting their houses up for sale. Yet, even though June knew the reason others were selling, it didn't make her feel bad. "The people who moved in after others sold were great neighbors". June and her husband both worked for and retired from the Post Office.

Soon after moving in, the family across the street brought their kids over to play and June thought "this was such a generous offer". June and Manuel raised six children on Abington. Being able to walk to the North Avondale School was a real plus. I had the additional pleasure of speaking with two of June and Manuel's children that grew up in the home- Allison Hobbs Smith (who now lives with mom) and Darwin Hobbs (who was visiting from Atlanta).

Allison recalls having a very diverse group of friends growing up. She says "it was normal to be in a diverse community. The majority of my friends were white". They were able to play outside until the sun went down. And as they had the longest driveway on the street all the kids came to their house to play. On any day they could be playing football, tag or hide n seek, but one day (4/1) they were playing street baseball when a neighbor boy knocked Allison over. Allison was known as a tomboy, yet that day she was not hopping right back up. Everyone thought she was just "April fooling", when in reality she had broken her leg! She had a cast on until 6/26 and missed going to Mammoth cave with her elementary class. Allison has very fond memories of attending North Avondale school and said she still keeps in touch with some of her teachers.

Both Allison and Darwin say that Mitchell, Ardmore, Warwick, and Dickson Streets were "so safe", yet directly

across Mitchell was St. Bernard, which "was not diverse and definitely not welcoming to us black kids". They told me that "children of color were told to make their time brief on those streets". One day, they recalled their sister, Pam, riding her bike heading to Boehm's pony key when a white girl ran out in front of her bike and Pam hit the girl. The girl's mom called the police and Pam found herself in the back of a police car at 9 or 10 years old. Dad was called to come get her and when they returned across the street to North Avondale, they felt like they were in "the promised land". Many years later, Allison recalls telling her now 31-year-old daughter, as a child, to "watch herself" in St. Bernard. Luckily Darwin recalls they were "so affirmed in their own personal space, they never had the desire to be part of" these non-welcoming communities. "We have more community over here". While attending Woodward and Withrow High Schools, both Allison and Darwin recalled having a great sense of pride in being able to say they were from NORTH Avondale.

Nowadays the neighborhood seems to be changing and more white families are moving back in. The family talked about needed efforts to engage all of the North Avondale community, not just those in the upper echelon. In fact, Darwin nominated Allison, whom he called "liquid sunshine" to help with these efforts. I for one, will be reaching out to her! Our conversation ended with Darwin being convinced to serenade me with "The Skyline Jingle". It was then, that I learned that I had been talking with Darwin Todd Hobbs, American gospel music singer – but still humbly our neighbor!!

Jolene Struebbe

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Ben Blaney is singing with the **Troubadours**, a mixed group that performs at retirement communities on Saturday afternoons for 1 hour. We sing Broadway songs, and other songs from before the 1960s. We are looking for a couple of men and women to fill out our group. If interested, call Ben at 513.264.7174.

Ben Blaney (Burton Woods Lane)

The City of Cincinnati is offering Community Problem Oriented Policing (CPOP) and SARA training for community members. CPOP and SARA are valuable problem-solving methods that can be utilized in community work, grant applications such as the Safe & Clean grant program, place-based problem-solving projects, and community/police relations. This free training will be conducted by Dr. Ebony Ruhland, an Assistant Professor with the University of Cincinnati and local leader in this field. Please use the link below to register for one of the four available training sessions in April:

Wednesday, April 6th ---6:00 to 8:00

Monday, April 11th ---6:00 to 8:00

Tuesday, April 19th ---6:00 to 8:00

Saturday, April 23rd ---9:00 to 11:00

Please feel free to share this training opportunity. If you have any questions, please reach out to (Continued on page 8)

FROM THE CITY

I am pleased to update you on the City of Cincinnati's public **outdoor memorial project to honor civil rights icon Rev.**



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This memorial will be located at the northeast corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive East and Reading Road in Uptown's Avondale neighborhood. It is slated for completion and a public dedication in August 2023 to coincide with the 60th anniversary of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

In September 2021, the City announced an open call for artists as the first step of the process. Responses were received and an evaluation committee has narrowed the list to a select number of artists or teams who will be developing design proposals with public input and presented at a zoom presentation.

Cincinnati is proud of its connection to Dr. King which included friendships with Rev. L.V. Booth, pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Avondale, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, pastor of Revelation Baptist Church in the West End, and Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Rev. Booth founded the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., which gave Dr. King a denominational home and propelled him onto a national platform. Dr. King and Reverends Shuttlesworth and Abernathy joined forces with other leaders to establish the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to coordinate civil rights protest activities more effectively across the South.

John P. Curp, Interim City Manager City of Cincinnati

Notice In order to have the appropriate data, and get as much feedback as possible, we hosted a **Litter Townhall & Panel** on March 21st at 630pm at the Lincoln Rec Center.

If you could not attend the townhall, but have a few extra minutes, we would love if you would fill out our **litter survey**, found here - <https://forms.gle/VQbKaicvcna1NCXFA>.

The purpose for this townhall is to gather input and data to seek solutions to solve the litter problem in the City of Cincinnati, which will be done through our hackathon. The link to the landing page for the hackathon (and where to sign a team up) is - cincylitterhack.splashthat.com.

If you are interested in signing up for the hackathon, or have any questions, please let me know.

Mickey McClanahan, Communications Director / Office of Councilmember Liz Keating

A follow up to an agenda item at March's NANA Meeting in which NANA Voted against the proposed **Density Ordinance**. "Vice Mayor Kearney says "No" to proposed Density Ordinance" - *The Cincinnati Herald*

• <https://thecincinnatiherald.com/2022/03/vice-mayor-kearney-says-no-to-proposed-density-ordinance/Of>

New EPA Tool Provides the Public with Customized Updates on Local Enforcement and Compliance Activities

Today, EPA announced the release of a new web tool, called "ECHO Notify," that empowers members



of the public to stay informed about important environmental enforcement and compliance activities in their communities and to strengthen the Agency's commitment to transparency and environmental justice. Through ECHO Notify, users can sign-up to receive weekly emails when new information is available within the selected geographic area, such as when a violation or enforcement action has taken place at a nearby facility.

"EPA is committed to empowering communities with the information they need to understand and make informed decisions about their health and the environment," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "We've also seen that increased transparency leads to stronger deterrence of environmental violations. As more people play an active role in protecting their neighborhoods from pollution, EPA has developed ECHO Notify so that finding updates on environmental enforcement and compliance activities is as easy as checking your email."

ECHO Notify provides information on all EPA enforcement and compliance activities as well as activities of state and local governments under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

You can find ECHO Notify on EPA's website at ECHO Notify. [Echo.epa.gov](https://echo.epa.gov)

Visitors to the ECHO Notify homepage who wish to receive email updates only need to take a few simple steps:

- Create an account, if you don't have one already;
- Select a geographic area and/or facility ID(s);
- Choose the type of compliance and enforcement information of interest;
- Enter an email address; and
- Click "subscribe."

Once subscribed, the user will receive an automated email (typically on Sunday) containing new information from the prior weeklong period. If no new information is available, no email will be sent. Email notifications include links for users to view additional information on ECHO, including a link to each facility's Detailed Facility Report. Users can easily update their notification selections or unsubscribe at any time.

EPA has prepared a video that provides an overview of ECHO Notify and explains how to use it. The video can be seen below, ECHO Tutorial: Intro to ECHO Notify.

<https://youtu.be/gqQxKU165KY>

For up-to-date information about Environmental Justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a blank email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov. Follow us on Twitter: @EPAEnvJustice



Spring



PARKS, LIBRARIES & RECREATION

General Library Information

Weekday Meals for Youth

In an effort to combat hunger, The Library is partnering with UMC Food Ministry, opens a new window to bring meals to select Library locations.

Free meals are available Mondays through Fridays after school for youth at select Library locations. Participants must eat their meals at the Library.

- Avondale 4-4:45 p.m.
- Bond Hill 4-4:45 p.m.
- College Hill 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Greenhills 4:15-5 p.m.
- Madisonville 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Price Hill 4-5 p.m.
- St. Bernard 3-3:45 p.m.
- West End 4-4:30 p.m.

*Meal service locations and serving times are subject to change.

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St. Bernard Branch Library Information

Summer Adult Programs at St. Bernard Library from May 16th – August 2nd

Tech Tuesdays (Tuesday evenings from 5-7 PM during Summer)
Goal Setting (1st Tuesday of each month during Summer)
Relax and Unwind: Self-care for all (2nd Monday of each month during Summer)
Adult Craft Night (3rd Monday of each month during Summer)
Decades Movie Night (4th Monday of each month during Summer)

Weekend Programs at St. Bernard Library

Kids Crafts (4th Saturday of each month from 2-4 PM)
LEGOs in the library (1st Saturday of each month from 2-4 PM)
Game Day (3rd Saturday of each month from 2-4 PM)
Movie in the Library (2nd Saturday of each month from 2-4 PM)
Take and Make for Adults (1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 PM)
Weekend Writers (April 10 and May 22)
Learn to Play Chess (once a month)

*Contact the St. Bernard library at (513) 369-4462 for more information or visit cincinnati.library.org

St. Bernard Mini Makerspace

*All equipment must be reserved at least 24 hours in advance. Make a reservation at cincinnati.library.org

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	COST
Sewing Machine	Thread and bobbins provided	Free
Button Makers	1" and 2.25" button makers, not 1.5". Email stb@cchl.org to get button templates	10 cents per button
Silhouette Cameo Machine	Die cutting machine that can cut paper, cardstock, vinyl, and other materials. Max size 12"x12"	\$1 per 12"x12" Vinyl sheet (black, gold, or silver)
Laminator	Max size 8.5"x11"	50 cents per 8.5"x11" sheet
Computers with Adobe software	Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, Illustrator, etc	Free




North Avondale Recreation Center -

- Hours: open Monday thru Friday 10 am to 8 pm; Saturday 9am to 2pm
- Weight Room is by reservations
- Masks must be worn
- Swimsuit drive collecting new and gently used swimsuits of all sizes.
 - Starts April 1 and runs through May 27
- Senior Knitting & Social Group: Monday, 12:00 to 1:30 membership required
- Adult Softball: starts week of 5/9;
- Adult Kickball: starts 5/17 and runs for 6 weeks
- Soccer Unites partnership with FCC: 6 week program; games Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons at the new mini pitch; teaches basic soccer skills and character building; Spring Sessions starts iMIDApril.
- My name is Lani Lomax and I'm the new Pickleball Specialist for the CRC.
 - Evening Open play Pickleball will start April 7th and will be held on Thursday nights from 6-8pm
 - Beginner Open Pickleball and Lessons on Wednesday mornings from 10am-noon. In the gym. Membership required Supplies provided
- Summer S.T.E.A.M. Specialty Camp.
 - 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday (\$150.00/week)
 - Camp CRC operates: June 6, 2022 - August 12, 2022 (no camp on July 4th)
 - Campers must be enrolled weekly.

•To enroll, a minimum of \$100/child is due at registration.

- Tai Chi class during the day beginning April 5th. It will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Larry Hill will be the instructor. Membership required fee Membership required plus fee \$50 per month, \$7 per class

New Tai Chi Class



Location: North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229
Begins: April 5, 2022
Days and Time: 10:00am-11am Tuesday and Wednesday
Description: Feel Good For Life! Easy, gentle movements. Improves balance, strength and flexibility. Promotes peace of mind.
Cost: \$50 per month or \$7 per class
Recreation Center Membership Required
Instructor: Larry B. Hill
Come Join the Fun!!
Sign up by contacting the center at 513-961-1584

Nialani Robinson, Community Center Director

Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road • 751.3393

- Hours: 10am to 8pm Monday thru Friday
 - Saturday 9 am - 2 pm
- Hirsch will be receiving meals every Wednesday @ 3:30 from La Soup. If you are in need or know of anyone in need please stop by after 3:30 on Wednesdays to pick up meals.
- The Fade Room (Membership required) Tuesday 5:30 - 7:30pm
 - This program will provide youth 8-13 an opportunity to come into the center for a "barbershop style" experience (video games, sports on TV air hockey etc...) 4 - 30min time slots available per week. Haircuts are free of charge (no styling). Signed permission slip to reserve a time slot
- Kids Chess Club Mondays, 4:30 to 5:30 pm ages 10-15yrs. Contact Sandra Jones Mitchel for more info @ 513-861-2790
- Summer Camp Registration is open. (see more page 7)

AVONDALE COMMUNITY GARDENS

AS WE GROW!

HELP US CREATE DIFFERENT GARDENS THAT OFFER FOOD, BEAUTY, AND PRIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY!



Starting
Wednesday,
April 6th!

EVERY WEDNESDAY	2:30-4:30 PM	TOOLS AND FOOD PROVIDED!
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ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!
HIRSCH RECREATION CENTER
3630 READING RD, CINCINNATI, OH 45229

Questions? Contact Us!
Jasmine (513) 268-7012
Ms. Brittany (513) 751-3393

THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS



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- please go to cincyrec.org for more details.
 - Camp CRC operates 10 weeks: June 6, 2022 - August 12, 2022 (no camp on July 4th)
 - 06/06 22 to 08/12/22, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
 - Part-time enrollment is not available at this time.
 - **Spinning classes:** Mon. & Wed., 6:15 – 7:00 pm. It is necessary to sign up before class. To register call 513.751.3393 or go to the front desk.
 - **Yoga:** Tuesday 6:00pm - call to reserve space.
 - **Senior Program:** arts & crafts, journaling, walking club, essential oils
- Pick up a Program Schedule at the Center

Brittany Barrett, Community Center Director

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Angela Wright via email at angela.wright@cincinnati-oh.gov or via phone at 513.352.5335

Jason Cooper, Dir. Collaborative Policing Section

- We are offering 2 spring workshops in April & private field tours with all proceeds going toward funding of our orchard field & workshop location, 45217. Address details available upon registration.

- Sun April 10th Farm Fresh Drinks Workshop 2pm-4pm, \$15
- Sun April 17th Organic Weed Management & Invasive Plants 2pm-4pm, \$15
- Private Field Tours Available, \$25/tour, approximately 1.5hrs: date/time arranged by urban farmer upon registration.

Register: <https://app.barn2door.com/e/9YGlr/all>

April Pandora, Urban Farmer, (Clinton Springs)

- I am a new Independent Stylist for Closet Candy Boutique online. I love the clothes hence the reason I joined. I want to share the clothes with all women because you can get comfort and cuteness in them in 1 outfit/item. They are amazing!!

If you could share my link and that I live in North Avondale that would be great! I am a special ed teacher and mom and now an Independent stylist. People can reach out to me at ashleyhammond@aol.com. Just specify closet candy information or clothes so I do not delete it. Here is my link. [Sweetashley.closetcandyboutique.com](https://www.sweetashley.closetcandyboutique.com)

Ashley Hammond (Clinton Springs)

- See artwork that will take your breath away! For 129 years women artists from all around the Tri-State have exhibited their work at our annual juried show. **Sue Blaney of Burton Woods Lane is an exhibitor.**



The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati

129th Annual Juried Exhibition & Sale

April 1 - May 1, 2022



You are invited to attend this powerful and exquisite exhibition of art by women artists from the tri-state area.

Reception & Awards Presentation
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Our 4th Annual Charity Golf Outing at Avon Fields Golf Course on Saturday, May 14, 2022

Funds generated from this event will be used to support the many excellent programs and events that both the Foundation and Fathers Group sponsor throughout the year.

Cost for this outing is \$75 per person/\$300 foursome. This includes: 18 Holes of

golf with cart, door prize, and a buffet lunch and drink tickets following the event. Prizes will be awarded following the event.

Golfers will play a "Scramble" and can sign up individually or to a specific foursome.

Golfer Registration: <https://namrockets.org/golf>

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New School Montessori 1st-3rd graders studied the ancient Egyptians mummification process that was used to dry and preserve the organs and bodies of important figures who had died. The powdery substance natron (found in dry lake beds) was used in mummification and also as a preservative for meat and fish when mixed with salt.

Students conducted experiments in groups, testing various "mummification" processes on slices of apple using four different substances: salt, baking soda, vinegar and sugar mixed in various strengths that they recorded and tested. They also ran a control test and made observations daily.

Egyptians used and decorated canopic jars for their organ preservations with ornate heads of deities, jackals, falcons, snakes and more. Students did the same with their mini canopic jars, decorating and painting clay "heads" to go atop the glass jars they used.

See the photos below for their conclusions: The control is on the left and looks rather unappetizing with its heavy furry coat of mold. The vinegar mix left the apple brownish in color, but at least not fuzzy. The salt appeared to keep the apple free from mold and well preserved in color.



Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

✿ **MSD is surveying Wess Park to apply for a FEMA grant** to put in a drainage solution like Queen City Ave. We don't want it...they would tear down a lot of houses, and likely Roger Bacon Stadium to implement it. Plus city of Cincinnati would lose that property tax revenue. Bad idea.

Richard McKenzie (Wess Park)

✿ **We are looking for Individual's/team for General Property Maintenance & Management for our 150 units multifamily portfolio in Cincinnati and Covington.** This position/team will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and repairs on the properties
- Basic electric, plumbing, HVAC
- Able to use smartphone apps for property management
- Able to receive phone calls
- Remuneration: Based on experience and Skill.
- For more information, please contact 513.818.2818 or send your resume to alayaproperties@gmail.com

Sandesh Samdaria (Barry Lane)

✿ **We wish to thank Rosemary's Babies Co. for the opportunity to step inside the historic Rubel house at Lenox Avenue and Reading Road and for sharing their vision of its transformation into Holloway House and Resource Center.**

The expertise and human energy being brought together to stabilize and ultimately restore this formerly crumbling property are inspiring and the prospect of young mothers sharing a grand home in our neighborhood is heartwarming.

It was a pleasure to meet Rosemary Oglesby-Henry and her team and to learn more about the important work they are doing. The venture is exciting and we welcome the restoration of the house into a true home and opportunity for young families.

Molly Katz, Linda Hill, Rosalie van Nuis (Burton Woods Lane)

✿ **A recorded plea for inmates to get vaccinated earn one retired doctor a badge.** Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McCaffrey said Dr. O'Dell Owens a former Cincinnati Health Commissioner, Corner and recently retired enter directly interact for health CEO, created a video that likely saved lives and resulted in improved working conditions for employees.

The sheriff called Owens for help in mid January as Covid – 19 cases climb in the tri-state.

"Our jail officers, every day they walk into this institution to face the unknown," Sheriff McGuffey said, "When they come in, part of that unknown with Covid was, am I going to get sick? Am I going to get Covid even if I am vaccinated?" McGuffey said she felt unvaccinated inmates hesitate to get shots could use a dose of persuasion. Without a script, he recorded a video message.

O'dell Owens MD said, "I thought the message they needed to hear, should not to be judgmental." Without a script Owens recorded a video message. "You are still human being, no matter where you are. As a human being, you need to care about yourself and about others. So, get the vaccination. When you come back and come home, don't let not having a vaccination keep you from getting a

job or visiting the people that you love and haven't seen in a while. **Stay healthy. Get the vaccination. Be safe."**

Days later, the jails weekly vaccination totals rose from nine to 34 to 55 and three weeks. Each week since, at least 40 more chose to be vaccinated. Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey said, "He addressed their hope, there are hope for the future, there are hope for their health for the future, their children, their parents, everybody who really does miss them and supports them. Hope is contagious and incarcerated environment, they share that. They share that with each other. That's the part of the video that touched me, and I am certain that was the part of the video that sets it apart from anything else we have shown (to inmates)."

Spencer Konicov (Spring House)

✿ **The following is a partial Summary of a Quarter of a Century of work done on behalf of the citizens of Cincinnati.** It was prompted by the publication of a 10-10-20 Opinion to the Editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer by the late Judge Norbert Nadel as follows: "Pairing police with psychiatrists during 911 calls is absurd. As a former judge and federal prosecutor, I thought the most absurd part of the first presidential debate was when Joe Biden suggested police take along a psychiatrist when responding to 911 calls. Unfortunately, the former vice president was serious" This 10-10-20 Summary was in response. The Enquirer declined on 2 or 3 occasions to publish this Summary.

It is being presented to Cincinnati Mayor, all Council members, Hamilton County Commissioners and Sheriff.

"It is not absurd to consider that a psychiatrist would help respond to a 911 call.

Consider this history in Hamilton County of which the then ex- Judge should have known.

In 1987, a patient went AWOL from the now closed Rollman Psychiatric Institute. Cincinnati Police were called, and in an attempt to return him to the Institute, he was tragically shot and killed.

In response, then Mayor Charles Luken authorized the formation of the Mental Health/Law Enforcement Committee. Members included (1) Police Chief Col. Lawrence E. Whalen (2) a representative from the City of Cincinnati (3) and from The Hamilton County Mental Health Board (4) and from the UC Psychiatric Emergency Service and myself, a National Board Certified General/Forensic Psychiatrist.

The Committee quietly worked for 27 years, although membership changed and grew; I served as Chair for 15 years.

To read the rest of the Summary of a Quarter of a Century of work done on behalf of the citizens of Cincinnati, go to: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:93cc33ad-832a-4a0c-97ad-a6f184117169#pageNum=1>

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