



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Burrrr the cold weather of November arrived and so rudely kicked us into winter mode. On the bright side, Thanksgiving Holiday week we saw the return of our lovely fall weather and many were able to celebrate with family and friends outside again. December is a time of giving and we ask all of our friends, families and members to consider North Avondale Neighborhood Association when giving this season. NANA supports many areas of our neighborhood, from beautification and litter pick up, to law and safety and zoning issues. This year NANA Vice President, Liz Tye-Bristol joined the North Avondale Montessori School Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC). We can find some common ground to share volunteers and other resources inside our neighborhood schools. All of these areas require people and resources, so please consider giving to our neighborhood association.

In November and December, the Law and Safety and Zoning Committees continued their hard work. Carolyn Gillman was successful adding a stop sign at Wedgewood and Dickerson to slow down the traffic and keep our NAM students and residents safe. The Zoning Committee is busy researching the proposed Victory Vistas development at Victory Parkway and Asmann Ave. Chinedum Ndukwe, from Kingsley and Company, along with members of Paddock Hills Assembly and North Avondale neighbors living near the proposed development attended the November NANA Executive Board meeting to discuss the proposed development. Representatives from Kingsley briefly spoke and were available to answer questions. In two days NANA was notified by Paddock Hills Assembly that there was a variance hearing. Upon further research NANA determined that there was in fact a variance hearing that we were not notified of by Kingsley or the City Zoning Department. Kingsley and Company have requested multiple variances on their parking lots position, additional on street parking and non-conforming setbacks of the building along the property lines. Paddock Hills and North Avondale attended this hearing and opposed the variances based on the following: **1) Environmental concerns of the property soil studies were shown to be contaminated. 2) The property is considered part of a Hillside Overlay District which requires additional soil testing and additional building requirements and 3) Asmann and Ledgewood streets cannot tolerate any additional on street parking.** These issues will be discussed in greater detail at the **December 13, NANA General Body meeting.** Please join us for this

discussion.

There are so many ways to get involved in our neighborhood. Please consider giving back and volunteering a few hours each month. NANA also asks that each of you add us to your yearly gift giving by visiting the NANA website and making a donation. We need your support to continue making our neighborhood a better place to live and raise our families.

**Please Pay Your Dues:** <https://northavondalecincinnati.com/membership/> or make a Donation <https://northavondalecincinnati.com/donate/>

*Sarah Koucky*

**NANA & NABA**  
Invite you to our  
**Holiday Community Social**  
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments before & after our general body meeting  
**Tuesday, December 13th  
at the North Avondale Cafetorium**  
5:30 Reception  
6:30 NANA General Body Meeting  
7:30- 8:30 Reception  
**RSVP by clicking [here](#)**  
We greatly appreciate our engaged citizens who make our North Avondale community great!  
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North Avondale Business Association (NABA)  
with support from City of Cincinnati

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nana-naba-holiday-community-social-tickets-481793345867?utm->



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## BEAUTIFICATION

A beautiful autumn Saturday, October 15, found the NANA Garden Captains and Co-captains celebrating the close of the gardening season on the front terrace of Jolene Strubbe's home. Jolene Strubbe, NANA Beautification Chair and Judy Evans, NANA Community Gardens Chair, hosted a celebratory luncheon, the first of what we hope will become an annual event, for the NANA volunteer garden captains.



A delicious lunch was served of Dorothy Lane Market's Classic Chicken salad on Boston lettuce and tomato, Farmhouse rolls and assorted breads, fruit salad, and a variety of pumpkin, lemon, strawberry and carrot cake Bundtins.



David Boutelle and Christyl Johnson-Roberts of Cincinnati Parks gave a short presentation on the role of Cincinnati parks in the Beautification of Cincinnati Neighborhoods, which includes North Avondale. Several of our community gardens are Cincinnati Parks property, including Seasongood Square, Victory Parkway/Dana Triangle, and Marion Park.

Our gardeners were gifted small favors of species crocus to plant in their yards, so if you see a small area of lilac crocuses blooming in a yard this spring, you'll know these are our NANA Garden captains.

We would love to have you join us for our luncheon next year – we would like to make it even bigger, so please volunteer to be a NANA Garden Captain or co-captain for 2023 by contacting [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com)

### Pictured below:

Front row:

- Judy Evans - *NANA Community Garden Chair*; Charlene



Morse - *Kessler Memorial*; Christyl Johnson-Roberts – *Cincinnati Parks*; Terri Byczkowski – *Washington Triangle*.

Second row:

- Dave Boutelle – *Cincinnati Parks*; Ann Wong – *Seasongood Square*; Sarah Koucky – *Seasongood Square*; Susan Kenford – *Marion Park*

Back row:

- Jolene Strubbe – *NANA Beautification Chair*; Emily Harten – *Seasongood Square*; Mary Piper – *Victory/Dana Triangle*; Megan Rothe – *Washington Triangle*.

Missing from photo and luncheon:

Beth Ewing – *Pamela Smitherman garden*; Carolyn Gillman – *North Avondale sign*; Rob Lewis – *Dana Roundabout, Marion Southeast, Circle garden at Seasongood Park*.

**Jolene Strubbe, NANA Beautification Chair**  
**Judy Evans, NANA Community Gardens Chair**

## LAW & SAFETY

There is a spring session for our **Citizens Police Academy** starts March 1st 2023. Please see below and if anyone is interested, they can register online

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/community-involvement/citizens-police-academy/>

**Sergeant Jeffrey Meister**

### Speeding Cars On Dickson Avenue

NANA worked with the City of Cincinnati's Department of Transportation & Engineering in an effort to reduce the speed at which cars are traveling on Dickson Avenue. The Department of Transportation & Engineering completed a traffic study and has determined that a 3-way stop at Dickson and Wedgewood Avenues and reducing the speed limit on Dickson from 35 MPH to 25 MPH will help to reduce travel speed. The stop and speed limit signs will be changed out in two to four weeks. New painted stop lines on each approach will be installed when the weather improves.

**Carolyn Gilman, Chair**

## NORTH AVONDALE MASTER PLAN

### NANA Volunteer Request

We are asking for your support! NANA is looking for members of the community to work to update the North Avondale Master Plan. This is a great opportunity for members of our community to participate and provide input on the future of our community. The North Avondale Master Plan was originally written in 1974 and the North Avondale Reading Rd. Urban Design in 1995. In 2019 the project to update was put on hold due to lack of resources. The new project team will be working with a City Planner and other members of our community to revise/update the plan which can be reviewed at <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/neighborhood-plans/approved-plans/>.

Please contact [nanacincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:nanacincinnati@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

## FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ Candy Cane Lane at 4025 Rose Hill Avenue is open for business! There's a "letters to Santa" mailbox down the path - if your child includes a legible name and address, they will get a response back from Santa in the mail! Come visit us!



☞ The Neighborhood Luminary is a biannual event. This is the skip year. It will take place in 2023!

☞ On behalf of the Over-the-Rhine Museum, we are delighted to announce the next installment in our story-sharing series, "Three Acts in Over-the-Rhine" on **Wednesday, December 14th at Memorial Hall** (1225 Elm Street).

As Jewish Cincinnati's bicentennial year comes to a close, "Three Acts: Jewish Over-the-Rhine," features three talks about the roles and impacts of Jewish residents in Over-the-Rhine and the West End. Short presentations will be made by: Carrie Rhodus, Operations Manager of Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati; Anne Delano Steinert, Research Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Cincinnati; and **J. Miles Wolf**, a North Avondale photographic artist with work focused on Jewish Cincinnati. **Event check-in will start at 6:00 pm and the program will begin at 6:30 pm.** Full details and ticket registration is available at: [www.otrmuseum.org/events](http://www.otrmuseum.org/events).

*Daniella Beltran, 216.536.7639*

☞ We want to keep rediscovering what's fun and makes us happy. We accomplish these things by spending time with family, close friends, self expression and singing at Karaoke Cocktails & Cappuccinos.

- Popup Shopping, Tacos Supreme and Grill by Chef Micah Maurice with a full service bar.
- Throwback tunes by Dj Tock Boogie

Sponsored by The Clubhouse Cincinnati and Billfold Films

Held once a month on the first Monday from 6-9p at Drip Coffee Lounge 2927 Colerain Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45225.

For vendor spots please email

[Karaokecocktailsandcappuccinos@gmail.com](mailto:Karaokecocktailsandcappuccinos@gmail.com)



*Anthony Thatcher (S. Fred Shuttlesworth)*

## ENVIRONMENT

☞ Holiday Lights Recycling



- Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve. Ellenwood Nature Barn. 3455 Poole Road Cincinnati, OH 45239.
- Glenwood Gardens. Gatehouse. 10397 Springfield Pike Cincinnati, OH 45215.
- Miami Whitewater Forest. Visitor Center.
- Sharon Woods. Sharon Centre.
- Winton Woods. Winton Center

Holiday Lights Recycling - Great Parks of Hamilton County <https://www.greatparks.org/discovery/holiday-lights-recycling>



## NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 pm, NANA NABA Community Social: Reception, 6:30 NANA General Meeting, 7:30-8:30 NANA NABA Reception North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium 617 Clinton Spring
- Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 pm, NANA General Meeting, North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium 617 Clinton Spring
- Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 pm, NANA General Meeting at the North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium 617 Clinton Spring

## NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS



North Avondale Montessori  
• 615 Clinton Springs  
• 513.363.3900 • [www.namrockets.org](http://www.namrockets.org)

Dear NAM Family,

Today was one of those days that reminded us why NAM is so special. This was the first Grandparents Day we had in three years and the first one I have experienced at NAM. I love seeing the pride and love our grandparents have for their grandchildren and how our grandchildren reflect that love and pride back to their grandparents.

A giant thank you to our NAMS Foundation and our Fathers' Group. Both groups were instrumental in the planning of Grandparents Day. From the snacks to the coffee to the parking, all of this was coordinated by these two groups. To those who worked behind the scenes to make this day special, "Thank You!"

Sincerely,

*John F. Corey, Principal*



**THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI  
(TNSM)**  
513.281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane  
[newschoolmontessori.com](http://newschoolmontessori.com)

### New School Montessori 5th graders are working on adding and subtracting decimals using the Montessori Decimal Board.

This Montessori math board is made with 13 columns with an extra dark line at the point where a decimal point would be, dividing whole numbers from the fractional numerical units of tenths, hundredths and so on. Throughout various Montessori math works, green signifies units, blue is tens and red signifies hundreds. In this work, the fractional columns to the right are the pastel version of the colors used for the whole numbers.



If students were to add  $(1 \text{ and } 7/10) + (2 \text{ and } 4/10)$ , they would select 3 (1+2) green "unit" beads to be placed in that first unit column to the left of the decimal point. They would then take 11 (7+4) pastel green beads to be put in the first column to the right of the decimal – the tenth's column. Since there are 10 or more beads in that spot, they trade those 10 tenths in for a green unit, adding an additional green bead to the unit column, leaving just one bead left behind in the tenths column. The result is 4 beads in the units and 1 bead in the tenths with the result being = four and one tenth.

We invite you to sign up for our Virtual Open House on January 22, 2023 beginning at 2:00 p.m. where teachers and administrators will present information and answer your questions.

Call to learn more or to schedule a private visit.

*Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director*

## FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

### CINCINNATI WATER WORKS LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

NANA is working with other neighborhood councils (Hyde Park, Evanston and Northside) to alert our residents of a possible issue with the GCWW Lead Replacement program. In 2017 the Cincinnati City Council established a Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Private home owners were to share the replacement cost with GCWW. Since the December 15, 2021 program change, the entire cost of replacing the lead water pipe is now borne exclusively by the GCWW.

• Did you pay to have the lead service pipe replaced in your home between 2017 and December 15, 2021?

• Did you pay when the work was completed or was the amount added to your property tax?

If you believe you are an affected property owner who paid for lead water pipe replacement and you want to get more information on the GCWW Lead Replacement program and/or support the grass roots group that is working to get refunds for impacted property owners, please contact [leadpiperefund@gmail.com](mailto:leadpiperefund@gmail.com). Phone/text: 513.485.2679

To read about this topic in the Cincinnati Enquirer: <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2022/04/13/2-400-cincinnati-homeowners-out-thousands-lead-pipe-work/7152843001/>

### Tree Planting at the Victory Parkway Greenspace.

November 18 was a great day at the Victory Parkway Greenspace. We planted 28 good sized trees of 13 different species and surrounded each with protective fencing. Thanks goes to Cincinnati Parks and 45 volunteers, mostly freshman, from Moeller High. Allen Kroth and I represented the neighborhood. How amazing it will be to watch these trees grow and fill out the canopy over the years: habitat for wildlife, helping clean and cool water and air, and providing some much needed nature therapy for us all. Come stop by and take a look for yourself. How satisfying!

*Teresa Harten (Lenox Pl.)*



## FROM THE CITY & NONPROFITS

### 2023 Neighborhood Summit

Call For Speakers: Deadline Dec 15, 2022

Event: Saturday March 11, 2023 Cintas, XU

**“A city is only as healthy as its least healthy neighborhood”**

We have seen the reports that have shown that where you live correlates to your health outcomes. In Cincinnati, whether it is measured by longevity, blood pressure, arthritis, or level of physical activity, we can see the disparity between neighborhoods. And these disparities directly correlate to poverty levels, racial inequity and access to transportation, jobs, stable housing, healthy foods and other interrelated factors.

This year's Summit will discuss what is needed to be healthy neighborhoods with topics such as equity of access to opportunities, economic sustainability, safe and healthy housing; access to affordable food, health care, green spaces, and public transportation; creating community connections and resiliency; and the importance of diversity and inclusion in each neighborhood.

Some questions to be considered:

- How do we define a healthy neighborhood?
- How can we look at this holistically and work on the interrelated factors that contribute to a healthy neighborhood?
- What are the barriers to becoming a healthy neighborhood and how do we change that?
- How do we measure outcomes in a way that shows sustainable change is occurring?

Specifically;

- What are you (you, your organization, your neighborhood) doing to make healthier neighborhoods?
- We want to see solutions (or possible solutions) - policies, programs, and projects - that work, regardless of scale, and understand how to measure change

#### Call for speakers:

Please tell us how your session idea fits with the theme. We encourage multi-speaker sessions and/or panels with time for audience interaction or discussion. Let us know if this is a presentation, panel, or a workshop

Please note this is a preliminary call to hear your ideas. Final titles and abstracts will be asked for after initial selection.

**This call for speakers will close Thursday December 15, 2022**

My name is Grace Thanasiu and I recently joined the team at ArtWorks as the Recruitment and Hiring Coordinator. ArtWorks is a local nonprofit with a mission to create community-based public art that provides career opportunities for artists of all ages.

I'm writing today to let you know that **ArtWorks is expanding its mural production studio program**, launched in 2022, and is seeking ten (10) Junior Muralists

who will have a year-long opportunity to fulfill a range of client services with a focus on mural design and production under the guidance of the Mural Studio Managers.

**Job Title:** Junior Muralist

**Salary Range:** \$15.28 per hour (up to 12 hours per week)

**Job Type:** Part Time, Non-Exempt, Ages 18-24

**Location:** ArtWorks Solway Studios, 424 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214

**Reports to:** Mural Studio Managers

**Start date:** January 23, 2023

**End date:** December 2023, with an opportunity to extend for another year

For more information, the complete job description is available at: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/1402442/Junior-Muralist>.

The **APPLICATION DEADLINE is Friday, December 16, 2022, at 9:00 pm EST.**

### Take the Survey



<https://cincinnatisurvey.org/>

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Henry J Jorrick at 810 S Fred Shuttlesworth Cr.
- Montgomery Place Of Cincinnati Re LLC at 514, 518, 548 Glenwood Ave.
- Matthew David & Heather Ann Ruehl at 992 Marion Ave.
- Flagwen LLC 62 at W Mitchell Ave.
- Mt Development LLC at 3745 Washington Ave.

HAPPY  
**Holidays!**

# PARKS & RECREATION

Check out these Winter School Break Camps:

Winter Survival Skills for Tweens | Avon Woods Nature Center | Ages 9-14 |

**Saturday, December 10, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

Embrace the outdoors this winter by learning a few survival skills at Avon Woods. We'll learn how to build shelters entirely from natural materials, start a fire in the cold and identify winter wild edible plants.

Winter Camp | LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center | K-3rd Grade |

**Tuesday, December 20, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Let's learn how animals survive the winter with crafts, animal talk, hike, games and more!

Blizzard Blast | Trailside Nature Center | K-3rd Grade |

**Wednesday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Bring on the snow! Join in on the fun and go exploring, play seasonal games, get creative with arts and crafts or relax with a story. It will be snow-much fun!

ICE AGE! | California Woods Nature Center | K-3rd Grade

**Thursday, December 22, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

The Ice Ages are back for a day of adventure. Explore outside with your stone age family, sneak up on animals, find their homes, and spot signs of ancient ice. Play group games, help make a glacier, make a prehistoric beast craft and get up-close and personal with our smaller live critters.

Winter Wizards | Caldwell Nature Center | 2nd-6th Grade |

**Wednesday, December 28, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

This one-day camp for young witches and wizards will be spellbinding with science experiments, games, animal encounters, crafts, and more wintertime fun in this nature and magic focused camp.

**North Avondale Recreation Center -**

- **Fall Hours:** open Monday thru Friday 10 am to 8 pm;.
- **Senior Knitting & Social Group:** Monday, 12:00 to 1:30 membership required
- **Beginner Open Pickleball** on Monday afternoons from 12 to 2 and Wednesday mornings from 10am-noon.
  - Membership required
- **Tai Chi class** Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Membership required plus fee \$50 per month, \$7 per class.



*Youth Basketball League*

**NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER**  
617 CLINTON SPRINGS AVE.  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45229

January 7th - saturday's @9am-1pm - february 25th  
march 4th championship saturday

\*10U and 12U League  
\*8 Weeks Regular Season  
\*1 Week Tournament  
\*Top 4 Teams make the playoffs  
\*8-12 Participating Teams  
\*16 minute halves, running clock, clock spots last 2 minutes of the game  
\*2 Officials per court  
\*OHSAA Rules

**REGISTRATION OPENS 11.07.22 CLOSES 12.23.22**

Register on [cincyrec.org](http://cincyrec.org)  
\$300 per team  
Must have CRC Membership  
Trophy and T-shirts for the league tournament champion.

**ADULT WINTER VOLLEYBALL**

LEAGUES OFFERED:  
WOMEN'S C,  
C\*, CO-REC  
C/C\*, CO-REC C

\*8 week season  
\*6 person teams  
\*\$300 per team

Locations: North Avondale, Pleasant Ridge and Price Hill Recreation Centers

Registration starts 10/21!

Play starts week of 1/9

*Nialani Robinson, Community Center Director*

Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road • 751.3393

• **Hours:** Monday & Friday 12:00 pm to 8:00pm; Tuesday & 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday 12:00 to 9:00pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00pm

• **Free La Soupe Frozen meals available** Wednesday after 2:45 pm until gone. This is for anyone who may need a meal in our surrounding community.

• Please call 513.751.3393 for availability.

• **Spin Class** Monday & Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30pm  
Please reserve your bike ahead of time.

• **The Fade/Game Room** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00 to 7:30 ages 8 to 17

• **A1 since Day 1** Saturday 12:00 to 1:00 12 to 17 years old

*Taren Carr, Service Area Coordinator*



A memorial service to honor the life and legacy of **Dr. O'dell Owens** was held at Corinthian Baptist Church on Dec.2. Owens, a renowned obstetrician and community leader, died unexpectedly last week.

His service was attended by family, friends, and many local officials and community members who knew him or were positively affected by his work.

Among those who shared stories about Owens were his own children. His son, Christopher Owens, said following his father's example helped shaped him into the person he is today. He went on to talk about the many causes his father supported, and called upon the community to donate or volunteer to honor his legacy.

"Give to some of those causes that he loved," Owens said. "He loved CET, he loved Freestore Foodbank, he loved Preschool Promise. If you want to honor his name, then help these organizations feed somebody. Help these kids get into a better school, to continue to be in school."

As the service approached its conclusion, Owens' daughter, Morgan Owens, delivered an emotional eulogy in the form of a letter speaking directly to her father.

"I know you had so much more that you wanted to do and I know you'll still do it. You probably already have. I'll continue to do all the things that made you smile. I know you'll still be speaking my name in rooms and galaxies I've never dreamed of. I hope to walk into that room one day and hear, 'You're O'dell's daughter?' I absolutely am," Owens said.

Dr. O'dell Owens was born on Dec. 7, 1947 in Cincinnati. He was 74.

**91.7 WVXU | By Zack Carreon**  
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In 1985 O'dell & Marchelle bought their home on Washington Ave in North Avondale.

View another obituary at: <https://jcbattleandsons.com/obituaries/dr-odell-moreno-owens/223/>.