



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

My name is Sarah Koucky and I am the new President of NANA. I have lived most of my life in North Avondale and have been a member of NANA for over twenty years. I am so excited to serve as the President of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association.

I am a North Avondale resident through and through. I graduated from the North Avondale Elementary School, Walnut Hills High School and the University of Cincinnati. I worked at Cintas for twenty-years, which included responsibilities in finance and compliance and recently retired as Vice President of Compliance at Stericycle.

Most recently during my retirement, I focused on caring for my elderly parents who have been North Avondale residents for over 50 years and caring for new grandchildren. All of my six grandchildren live within a few miles of North Avondale and enjoy coming to play at grandma and grandpa's house.

In addition to my family, I have been working on giving back to society. I am currently part of the NANA beautification team and volunteer weekly at Seasongood Square Garden. I also recently served on the Clinton Hills Swim Club Board of Trustees.

I have been a North Avondale resident most of my life and dedicated to this neighborhood. My goal is to help support a diverse and inclusive neighborhood where ALL FAMILIES live and grow together. North Avondale is a unique neighborhood where we have chosen to live in and raise children in this wonderful diverse neighborhood.

I recently asked a few Board Members what they felt they needed to be successful in serving the NA community. Interestingly both mentioned ZONING support. I thought that was interesting. So that will be a goal for 2022-2023.

Many of you remember that the North Avondale residents recently fought and won a unique challenge in our neighborhood with the potential sale of the Rose Hill home to the Legionnaires of Christ. We fought this and won to preserve our family friendly neighborhood. Unfortunately, I believe our greatest challenge is with the City that continues to disregard our neighborhood objectives. There are many other examples of housing of this type that we should be monitoring and potentially challenging.

The North Avondale Community Master Plan has since 1974 focused on restoration of owner occupied, single family character homes. I believe North Avondale should continue to focus on

issues that threaten our neighborhood. We should continue to challenge the city and oppose outside developers and out of state home buyers where they do not have the same neighborhood goals "to support a diverse and inclusive neighborhood where ALL FAMILIES live and grow together." This will be a long term, continuous battle that we will need to continue to fight.

As I reflect on our wonderful community, I want to remind all of you that we need everyone to give back. Great neighborhoods like North Avondale need everyone to participate. Over the next few days, please think about where you can help. We need all types of help, and resources. We are looking for neighbors interested in dedicating a few hours on many different areas, for example: social activities, beautification, membership/technology and zoning. Please feel free to reach out to any Board member if you want to help.

Thank you and I look forward to serving our neighborhood.

Sarah Koucky


NANA GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 pm
at the North Avondale Recreation Center

Meeting Agenda Items

- **New Crosswalk on Mitchell at Roger Bacon Stadium**
Read last month's article on this subject
- **April Pandora, Eden Urban Gardens LLC Presentation**
"Environment" page 8 for more details
- **Beautification Update**
- **Zoning Committee**

Next Meeting July 12 6:30
THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2022 NANA DUES

<https://northavondalecincinnati.com/membership/>



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Bertha E & Pervaiz Khurram at 3723 Alaska Ct.
- Edgar Ragouzis at 32 W Mitchell Ave.
- Robert Clay Steele & Vanessa Licea at 501A 3900 Rose Hill Ave.
- Larkins Ventures LLC at 199 Sturgis Ave.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

Jolene Struebbe. Beautification Chair

Gardener Extraordinaire Richard Jackson honored at NANA Annual Meeting

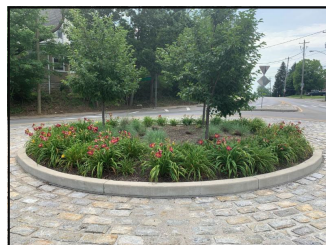
Immediate Past President Heather Herr honored Richard Jackson for his 18 years as our gardener in charge of multiple NANA Community Gardens. Richard has maintained the Dana Roundabout and the garden border near Marion Park for several years, but his main contribution has been caring for the City Park Triangle at Dana Ave. and Victory Parkway. This garden is beautiful in every season, thanks to Richard and his helpers.

In honor of Richard's service, Cincinnati Parks will plant a tree in this garden in Richard's honor and NANA will provide a plaque to commemorate the planting. This will probably be accomplished in late fall at tree planting time - we will keep you updated.

In light of Richard's retirement, Xavier University will now be managing his garden beds at Victory Parkway. While Mary Piper will work with both Xavier and Parks to continue to maintain her three beautiful flower beds, NANA Beautification will no longer oversee this triangle. Cincinnati Parks will maintain the grass and trees in the triangle.

Thank you. Richard for your years of dedication to the beautification of our community.

Richard's flower beds over the years



Judy Evans, NANA Community Garden Chair.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY DANA AVENUE STREETSCAPE EXPANSION

Construction is underway to extend the Dana Avenue Streetscape program begun years ago by Xavier working with the Cincinnati Park Board and Cincinnati Department of Transportation. The work includes new sidewalks, street

trees, post top lights, Xavier banner poles, and key improvements to walking and driving safety + visibility. Extensive new landscaping will be included to replace aging and invasive plants at Joseph Hall and along the South Parking Lot north of Dana.

Incorporated into this plan is a simplification of auto drop-off at the Montessori Lab School to provide a safer experience for students and parents. The student drop-off will now happen in front of Joseph Hall which creates an untrafficked secure student space behind the school. This also improves safety by eliminating two existing "poor visibility" drives on Dana Avenue. A new one-way service drive connecting the South Lot to Joseph Hall and Winding Way creates a safe solution for visitors and employees. The South Lot drive includes a turnaround which will provide plenty of auto stacking space in the lot and keep auto back-ups off Dana Avenue.

Xavier is currently working on planning future improvement plans with Cincinnati Parks and the North Avondale Neighborhood Association to enhance Victory Parkway and campus gateways. This investigation includes the other three corners of Dana and Victory Parkway. Xavier is working on both these improvement projects with KZF Design architects + engineers and Meisner Associates / Land Vision, landscape architects.



Monthly Litter Clean Up

On the Second Saturday of each month join the North Avondale Neighborhood Association for a cleanup! Help neighbors, council members, and volunteers rid the streets of litter from 12-2pm.

Meet at Seasongood Square Intersection of N. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle and Reading Road

Please wear closed-toed shoes. To sign up is here: <https://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/how-to-help/events.html> scroll down to North Avondale and register.

Coral Weigel, Litter Chair coral.a.weigel@gmail.com

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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.

Jolene Struebbe

The beautiful, tall, slender, white-haired woman you may see out walking with her daughter is Mrs. Mary Kartal and she has called North Avondale and two addresses on Burton Woods Lane home since 1960. She originally bought at #10 and moved to #4 in 2010, where, interestingly, Charlie Taft, son of President Taft, once lived.



The Kartal's came to Cincinnati via Hungary, Austria, Switzerland and Australia. Mary knew a person in Cincinnati from her days as a medical student in Lucerne that helped her husband get a job at Jewish Hospital as an intern. At that time, all medical interns were foreigners as the hospital would accept a doctor's training outside of the USA. Unfortunately, Mary was never able to finish her medical degree. The Kartal's liked Cincinnati! They enjoyed concerts, operas, theatre, chamber music, the LaSalle quartet at CCM, the orchestra and when older doctors would offer them free tickets to these events!

When the Kartal's moved to Burton Woods Lane, they came with three children in tow, plus Mary's mother and her parents-in-law. They all lived together! Early on, Mary recalls going to work at the EEG lab at Good Samaritan Hospital and leaving the care of her house and children to both her mother and mother-in-law. Mary's children, Andrea (deceased, formerly on Red Bud), Annette (lives on Mitchell Ave.) and Andrew (lives in Blue Ash) all went to North Avondale School and the girls on to Walnut, while Andrew went to Woodward. The kids all have "A" names because Mary liked the names in both Hungarian and in English! The children did not attend nursery school, because Mary said they could not afford it and they did not speak English. Mary grew up speaking Hungarian and German and she later learned French, but English she learned from a book and it was HARD!

Mary's husband liked the Burton Woods Lane. The couple did not want to live on Rose Hill. They didn't feel they would fit into the Rose Hill society of the day with butlers, maids and catered parties. They enjoyed the diversity of the street, with black and white neighbors, plumbers, mailmen and surgeons. Some favorite memories of #10 include the oak wainscoting and beveled glass windows in the dining room, which the family ate in every single day! She also recalls her

husband being called into the Jewish Hospital ER to see a patient during the riots in the 1960's. He was speeding to get there, when the police stopped him. Mary said he was furious. He told the officer that he should be escorting him to the hospital not giving him a ticket, and the officer ultimately did!

Mary did not participate in many neighborhood activities. She says she is not a group person and that 1945-1947 cured her of having any interest in involvement outside of her home, having seen more "combat" than imaginable. Mrs. Kartal was born in Budapest, Hungary and the war came when she was 14. She recalls that she was a "rich" kid whose family lost everything. At that time, she says, "you had to have a religion". Even though she was baptized Catholic, she had to wear "the star" sewn on to her outer garments due to the fact that she had three Jewish grandparents. Not surprising, she doesn't consider herself religious now. Her step-brothers both went to concentration camps while she and her mom both were taken to a camp in Budapest. She recalls her father "buying her out" of that camp, paying enormously, where she then travelled alone at age 16 to a safe house that kept her until the end of the war.

About 10 years ago, Mary returned to Hungary to visit her brother for his 90th Birthday. He still lived in the house her parents built. Longevity seems to run in Mary's family but her lifestyle may contribute as well! Mary enjoys knitting and crochet, crossword puzzles, and reading books in three languages. She is not a drinker or a cook, as she prefers sandwiches, nor does she take vitamins. While she does not do formal exercise, she walks three flights of steps to the laundry and takes outdoor walks because she likes too. She doesn't much believe in the afterlife, rather saying you "live on as long as someone remembers you". There is much to know and remember about Mary Kartal!

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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. In addition, we are also looking for people to help in delivering baskets to new neighbors in their neighborhood. The next planning meeting is **Wednesday, July 6 at 4:30pm**.

Jolene Struebbe, jstuebbe@gmail.com

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Victory Parkway Greenspace - Park and Nature Enthusiasts, Volunteers Needed!

Neighbors and Cincinnati Parks are starting a new effort to improve the Victory Parkway Greenspace, bounded by Ledgewood Ave, Victory Parkway, Winding Way, and the Xavier baseball field. Many of us enjoy this lovely greenspace for frequent walks, often with pets and kids. Currently, Xavier maintains the lawn area and Parks is responsible for trees. In May, we met to discuss initial goals: replacing trees lost over the last several years to maintain canopy, improving the pathway leading from Winding Way into the greenspace for easier access and safety, and possibly removing invasive shrubs and vines choking the wooded area. All of this is going to be highly dependent on volunteer help! We are organizing to make it all happen. Please contact Teresa Harten at teresaharten@msn.com and Allen Kroth at avjkroth@gmail.com, if interested.

Teresa Harten (Lenox), Allen Kroth (Dakota)

Honoring Reverend James H. Cantrell 25 years of service

Reverend Cantrell retired from the Zion Baptist Church in Avondale on April 30, 2022 after 25 years of service. Zion Baptist is the 2nd largest African American Baptist Church in Cincinnati.



Sunday, June 12, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Oasis Conference Center
902 Loveland-Miamiville Rd,
Loveland, OH 45140
Tickets: \$45 Adults,
\$20 Children
Tables of 10: \$450
Call the church office
for additional information
513-751-8608

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS



Your Invited to an Art Exhibition.

4111 Spring Grove Ave..
Cincinnati, OH 45223

On Thursday 23rd June 2022
5pm - 9pm

I would be thrilled if you could make it to the party.

artistclara1@gmail.com

Good Evening North Avondale Community! The Pittman's and the Pitt Stop would like to invite you and all out to Oakley Kitchen Foodhall on Madison Rd in Oakley for the best Sweets and Treats in Cincinnati, but particularly THE BEST BANANA PUDDING in the Country! Simply let us know you are from North Avondale and receive \$2 off. You can find us here Tues -Saturday 11-2pm and 5-8pm. This 10 year old Business



owner and her family look forward to seeing you all..

Oronde Pittman (Lowery)

ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

The new Women's Art Club of Cincinnati (WACC) officers!!

Left to Right: Margaret Kastner, Mandy, Carol Holland Rentschler, Sue Kitzmiller Blaney (Burton Woods Lane)



LIBRARIES, PARKS, & RECREATION

Discover Summer | Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library (cincinnati.library.org)

Cincinnati Once Again Ranked Top 10 City in the Nation for Parks May 4, 2022

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/news/cincinnati-once-again-ranked-top-10-city-in-the-nation-for-parks/>

North Avondale Recreation Center -



- Summer Hours: open Monday thru Friday 7 am to 7 pm;
- **Senior Knitting & Social Group:** Monday, 12:00 to 1:30 membership required
- **Evening Open play Pickleball on Thursday nights from 5-7pm.** Membership required
- **Beginner Open Pickleball and Lessons on Wednesday mornings from 10am-noon.**
 - Membership required
- **Summer S.T.E.A.M. Specialty Camp.**
 - 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday (\$150.00/week)
 - Campers must be enrolled weekly.
 - To enroll, a minimum of \$100/child is due at registration.
 - Different theme each week
- **North Avondale STEM program**
 - Week-long (half day) camp for 6th-8th graders will provide hands-on experiences building robots and understanding how robotics and coding concepts work. The camp curriculum facilitates Ohio Computer Science and Technology Standards. Throughout the week, youth will experience what it is like to be an engineer or computer scientist through fun, engaging challenges. They will also be encouraged to think about how robotics and computer science have impacted the global world and their own communities.
 - This camp is offered in partnership with the Engineering College at Miami University and sponsored by the Duke Energy Foundation.
- **Camps for champs**
 - Sports offered: Soccer, Baseball & Softball, Basketball, Flag Football and Volleyball
 - K-2 grade = \$30/week; 3-6 grade = \$40/week
- **Tai Chi class** Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Membership required plus fee \$50 per month, \$7 per class



• **Congratulations to 7 Star Dragon Students** MJ Hartnell, Kevin Hartnell, Devlin Kennedy and Emmy Schultert on winning 9 medals at the Louisville Championship Regional Sports Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, Saturday, May 21, 2022. The team was victorious in Kata (forms), Weapons forms and Kumite (sparring).

A special congrats to Emmy Schultert who experienced her first competition and accomplished a 7 Star Dragons record, by being the first student to place 2nd in an intermediate division in their first competition.

Thank you to all our students, CRC, and parents who continue to support us. Karate continues through the summer on Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 pm. Regular schedule will resume in September 2022. Registration is available on line at : <http://7stardragonskarate.com/>



L to R: Emmy Schultert, Master Davis, Devlin Kennedy, Kevin Hartnell, MJ Hartnell

We are proud to announce Justin Rasheed, his father and brother, are featured in an exhibition, *Black and Brown Faces* featuring Cincinnati artist, at The Cincinnati Art Museum. Justin is a straight A student at North Avondale Montessori. Congratulations Justin and Mr. Gee Horton!



*Master Davis
Nialani Robinson, Community Center Director*

• **Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road • 751.3393**

- **Hours:** starting 6/6 to 8/27 10am to 7pm Monday thru Friday
- **Hirsch Otto Armler Pool will open 6/6/2022**
- **Free La Soupe Frozen meals available** Weds 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.

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FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Deadline Extended!

Take the Hamilton County High-Speed Internet Assessment



The deadline to take the Hamilton County High-Speed Internet Assessment has been extended until **June 10th**. This is your last chance to let county officials know whether you have access to high-quality, high-speed internet in your home or business.

The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes to complete, and the data is essential in improving high-speed internet services in Hamilton County.

Take the High-Speed Internet Assessment at: [Hamilton County High-Speed Internet Assessment - Hamilton County \(hamiltoncountyohio.gov\)](https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov)!

This online assessment will inform the Hamilton County Commissioners' disbursement of \$10 million in federal ARPA recovery funding for local broadband improvements. Help shape Hamilton County's broadband investment. For more information, check out the County's website at www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/broadband

The City of Cincinnati in partnership with Urban Land Institute Cincinnati, Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, Community Building Institute, LISC Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati NAACP, and the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber are hosting the "Cincinnati Housing Solutions Summit" on **June 11, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at ARCO Price Hill (3301 Price Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205). The event is focused on strategies to produce housing that creates equitable growth and healthy neighborhoods. Register through the QR code or by visiting <https://qrco.de/HousingSummit>



Cincinnati Housing Solutions Summit

Strategies to Produce Housing that Creates Equitable Growth and Healthy Neighborhoods

JUNE 11
9AM-1PM

ARCO Price Hill
3301 Price Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45205

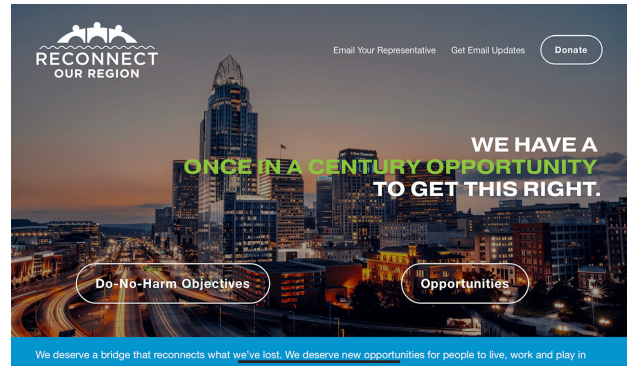
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REGISTER

Or visit:
<https://qrco.de/HousingSummit>

We Have A Once In A Century Opportunity To Get This Right!



Go to: https://www.bridge-forward.org/?fbclid=IwAR1-k5lDkFTKlg44OpZeJLZkSpRayItHBXs8QyCa_WLiCoyMMEH985f8COW to learn more about the future possibilities of the Brent Spence Bridge and the 30 acres leading up to it.

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- **Mon & Wed Spin class time has changed for the summer to 6pm - 6:45 pm.** \$5 for members \$7 for nonmembers, punch passes are available. Please reserve your bike ahead of time.

Free Weekly Outdoor Performances

UPTOWN ARTS Alive
June 1 - August 16

Rhythm on the Plaza @ Clifton Plaza
Salsa, merba, and more to get your feet moving on a Tuesday night!
Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (383 Ludlow Ave)

Wednesdays in the Woods
Local bands of every genre perform at the historic Burnet Woods Bandshell!
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Burnet Woods Dr)

Happy Hour @ U-Square
DJ's perform outside on the square in partnership with nearby bars and restaurants.
Thursdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (343 Calhoun St)

Live of Lunch & Short Vine
Pianists and buskers like Short Vine to live up your Friday lunch hour!
Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (2717 Short Vine St)

Jazz Brunch @ Inwood Park
Start your weekend off right with performances by local jazz musicians!
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Willingham Pl)

Sunday Showtime @ Hirsch Rec
Family friendly theater and dance performances by local art organizations.
Sundays, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. (2400 Reading Rd)

Clifton Cultural Arts Center
278 Short Vine
Cincinnati, OH 45219
(513) 462-1260
www.cincinnatiartscenter.org

FREE EVENTS WITH FOOD PROVIDED!

AVONDALE'S SUMMER SATURDAYS!

HIRSCH RECREATION CENTER
3630 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45229
JOIN US 5-7 PM!!

JUNE 11TH
PAPER AIRPLANE NIGHT

JULY 9TH
GAME NIGHT

QUESTION? CONTACT HIRSCH 513-751-3393 THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Brittany Barrett, Community Center Director



Tennis - NJTL (National Junior Tennis and Learning)

The North Avondale Rec Center (and others) are holding **free tennis lessons all summer**.

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission NJTL program is provided through a donation from the charitable arm of the Western & Southern Open - Tennis for Charity. This free program is for children ages 7-14 who want to learn the tennis basics. Players with little to no experience are welcome. Children are taught the basics through a game and instruction format. Health, nutrition, and life skills information is also part of the program. Tennis rackets, balls, court time and group instruction are provided free.

Practice times will vary based on grade level and location., beginning the **week of June 13** and end the week of **August 8**.

NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

513.363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs www.namrockets.org

NAM Garden & Trails Cleanup

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our NAM Parent Volunteers, and the NAM Faculty Staff - this past week was chalked full of NAM community events, and you all did a tremendous job in answering the call to help. Together the community was able to reclaim and beautify our outdoor classroom, trails and garden, celebrate our 6th Graders for completing their journey at NAM, and saw the return of our community favorite – Field Day! The smiles, laughter and sharing in these community events with one another is what truly makes NAM special, and it was great that we could finally return to these events after having been on a hiatus due to COVID-19.

Thank you all for helping to make these community events happen!

Amy Yosmali

Six Grade Graduation

Thank you to all the wonderful faculty and volunteers for making this beautiful evening a special celebration for our 6th Graders!



What: CPS' Community Cookout

When: June 11, 2022, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Burnet Woods, 3251 Brookline

The Community Cookout will feature lots of fun summer activities including a mobile petting zoo from the Cincinnati Zoo, soccer sessions with FC Cincinnati, urban hikes, face painting and more! Central Office will be available to answer questions and provide information to current and future families.



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM)

513.281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane

www.newschoollmontessori.com

The New School Montessori (9-12) students studied and identified rocks and minerals. They went from station to station, working through a series of questions to determine the identity of a rock or mineral sample.

Students could test mineral properties for hardness using the Mohs hardness scale, streak, cleavage, magnetism, luster and even electrical conductivity. You can determine if rocks have a reaction to acid and whether they float or are transparent, translucent or opaque.



Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

FUN IN THE CITY

☞ The Over-the-Rhine Museum is delighted to announce the next installment in our story-sharing series, “Three Acts in Over-the-Rhine” on **Wednesday, June 15th at Memorial Hall (1225 Elm Street) at 6:00pm**. This program features speakers who will discuss three long-standing Over-the-Rhine establishments: the Emanuel Community Center, Sweet P’s Styling Shop and Skeeter’s Beauty Shop. Telling these stories are: Karyl Cunningham, former president/CEO of the historic ECC; Marva Payne, daughter of James Lewis, known as “Sweet P;” and Levi Jones, barber and friend of Sweet P. In addition, we’ll be joined by Stephen Albert, a photographer who will be sharing select photographs from his recently published book, “Over-the-Rhine in the 1970s: A Journey into a Unique Cincinnati Neighborhood.”

Tickets can be purchased on a “pay what you would like” donation basis at: www.otrmuseum.org/events/2022/6/15/three-acts. We recommend \$5-10 per person. Light bites will be provided and a cash bar available throughout the event.

ENVIRONMENT

INVASIVE SPECIES

WARNING! The invasive hammerhead worm has been found in Ohio according to the Ohio State - Darke County Extension Office. The hammerhead worm is a species of flatworm that is harmful to the soil as they consume earthworms and populate rapidly. They are shiny, slimy, and have a crescent-shaped head.



Hammerhead worms can grow up to 12 inches long and can be colored orange, yellow, or brown. They can also be found with or without one or more stripes on their back. They contain low quantities of a toxin that may cause irritation if it comes into contact with skin. If you see these worms, properly remove them as stated in the instructions below in order to decrease the potential growth of their population here in Ohio.

How to safely remove these worms if you find them:

- Do NOT cut them up, as this is how the worms reproduce.
- Pick up the worms using tweezers or gloved hands.
- Put them in a bag and freeze them.
- You can also use rubbing alcohol.
- To avoid direct contact, use salt on individual worms.

Learn more here: <https://www.dailyadvocate.com/2022/04/20/invasive-hammerhead-worm-appears-in-darke-county/>

Every year I need to be reminded again and again...



Dandelions deserve a gold medal.

One of the first links in that magical chain of events bringing dinner to our tables, this sunny flower is one of the first spring foods for bees. If bees survive the winter, they look to dandelions and other wildflowers for nutrition — so they can begin the work of pollinating our fruits and vegetables. As you know, the bees are in a pickle right now. Their population is dwindling. Let's not kill off anything that helps the bees.



READ: http://www.reporterherald.com/opinion/guest-columns/ci_25679656/dandelions-deserve-gold-medal

And take action to SAVE THE BEES concerning neonicotinoid pesticides use: Tell Home Depot and Lowes to stop selling plants pre-treated with bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticides: <http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/home-depot-and-lowes>

Ask your Congressional Representatives to support H.R. 2692 to ban neonics: <http://bit.ly/PollinatorBill>

Tell the EPA to ban neonics: www.foe.org/epa-bees

Information about our upcoming summer 12 week CSA Farm Box & Farm Box subscriptions.

Our service area includes all 45229 in addition to a few others: 45206, 45237, 45213.



12 Week Summer CSA-Small Farm Box, 1-2 people (Prepaid, try it out short term before committing to a full season opportunity!)

- Prepaid \$295 for 12 weeks- this includes free home delivery, begins June 14th-Aug 30th
- Weekly delivery of Organic veggies, fruits, herbs and some local honey (a few honey jars throughout the season)
- Tuesday, delivery after 4pm to your front door cooler with cold packs :)
- To Order go to: <https://app.barn2door.com/e/9YGLr/all>

Small Farm Box, 1-2 people- Subscription:

- Season Subscription paid \$24/week set up with card payment on our online store
- Includes Weekly delivery of Organic veggies, fruits, herbs and some local honey (a few honey jars throughout the season)
- Starts whenever you subscribe until November 17th
- Tuesday, deliver after 4pm to your front door cooler with cold packs :)
- To Subscribe for small farm box go to: <https://app.barn2door.com/e/9YGLr/all>

Large Farm Box, 3-4 people- Subscription (Includes organic eggs & homemade bakery goodie + veggies, fruits & herbs and bigger portions):

- Seasonal Subscription paid \$38/week set up with card payment on our online store
- Includes weekly 1 dozen organic eggs
- Includes weekly home made bakery goods (Example: loaf of herb bread, blueberry muffins, zucchini bread, granola, etc.)
- Includes weekly delivery of organic veggies, fruits, herbs and some local honey (a few honey jars throughout the season)
- Starts whenever you subscribe until November 17th
- Tuesday delivery after 4pm to your front door placed cooler with cold packs :)
- To subscribe for large farm box go to: <https://app.barn2door.com/e/9YGLr/all>

*Consumers who live in apartments, we will make special arrangements with you to access your building and deliver your farm box to you.

Wishing you the best of health! Hopefully I will see you at the **June General Meeting** as I am on the Agenda!

April Pandora (Clinton Springs)