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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Friends and Neighbors of North Avondale:

The sun is starting to shine brighter, the sky is getting bluer, grass is growing and becoming greener, and there is a sense of something new and exciting; Spring is most certainly in the air! With **NANA Board Elections** right around the corner in May, this is also the time of year that we begin to turn to the

Nominating Committee to begin adding names to the ballot. We are looking for some new and fresh and exciting North Avondale stakeholders to throw their names in the hat to help us continue the NANA Board's mission and vision for our neighborhood. Please email, call, and/or text to add your name to the ballot.

We are also looking for individuals who would like to join the new **North Avondale Event Planning Committee**. We are looking for a chair to put together a team of individuals to assist NANA with planning and executing a calendar of neighborhood events throughout the year. NANA has secured sufficient funding (for this initiative) through a recent grant that has been allocated for the purpose of a year long calendar of neighborhood events. So, now we are now hoping for some volunteers that can help us with our event planning initiatives. Please reach out to me if you have an interest in the new and fun committee opportunity.

Please join us at the NANA general meeting both in person and zoom to discuss important topics such as the **proposed increased density zoning city wide** and more. Also (upcoming) this month, don't forget to change your clocks this upcoming weekend as we spring forward and gain more daylight at the end of the day.

Heather Herr



NANA GENERAL MEETING
February 8, 7:00pm



IN PERSON!
NAM Cafetorium 617 Clinton Springs
and
VIA ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133>
Passcode: 45217

- Equitable Growth & Housing Committee Discussion (see From The Government)**
- Halloway House & Resource Center**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12 7:00 pm

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUE

33 BURTON WOODS LANE SHOULD BE RESTORED AND RETAINED AS PART OF OUR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

Tom Nickell (34 Burton Woods Lane)
Charlene Morse (36 Burton Woods Lane)

The New School (TNS) has purchased the property at 33 Burton Woods Lane (BWL) with the purpose of demolishing the residence and replacing it with a 0.226 acre green space' of unspecified character and use. As two neighbors who live directly across the street it was important for us to present this information and our concerns.

The non-profit will spend several hundreds of thousands of dollars which includes the \$250,000 listed on the Auditor page on 1/5/2022 to add that small patch of green (.226) to their existing 2.636 acre campus "to enhance the natural beauty of our campus and neighborhood". Whether the neighborhood wanted this enhancement was apparently not a consideration. All of which occurred while they are preparing to demolish the previous Catholic Parish (yellow building pictured below) and build the Kaleidoscope Center.

Establishing permanent vegetative cover on a demolition site is difficult and requires the skills of horticulturalists and landscape architects. There is no assurance TNS has the budget or the awareness to do this properly. If TNS miscalculates the demolition and landscaping, we may well be looking at 0.226 acre of weeds and mud every morning for the rest of our lives.

These century-old homes are irreplaceable, as is the residential character of their neighborhoods. Community-minded individuals and organizations do not demolish these old houses without thought. Indeed, even homes in advanced states of disrepair are commonly restored to show-place condition; it is uncommon to see one of these old homes demolished.

Yet, The New School made its decision quickly and without consideration of the possible opinions and concerns of its neighbors. They took ownership of the home on January 5 and hastily proceeded on January 14 to permanently disconnect the gas.

The rationale for this project, in additions to the Kaleidoscope Center, the manner in which TNS has handled it raises concern for the future of our neighborhood. If The New School intends to demolish 33 BWL before deciding what will replace it, seems an

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unusual and risky approach.

It happens that we live directly across from 33 BWL and so are very directly affected by this enterprise. One of us learned of TNS's plans when Duke Energy began painting yellow lines as part of their permanent disconnection of gas service. TNS had not the courtesy to walk across the street before beginning excavation to tell the neighbors of plans that will profoundly affect them and the market value of their homes.

Incorporation of 33 BWL into the school's curriculum requires a Conditional Use, which is in the Zoning Code to "prevent potential adverse impacts on the immediate neighborhood". Yet, in multiple communications with neighbors, the TNS director has stated that he will proceed to demolition without such a zoning change. Neighbors may be forced to live with whatever TNS provides or whatever it is that TNS ultimately does with this 0.226 acre.

In his Zoom meeting, TNS Director Jeff Groh stated The New School doesn't need permission to proceed with this project, to expand into the neighborhood, demolish a century-old house and replace it with an unspecified development.

This is not the first property the New School has taken away from the residential Burton Woods Lane. The first was 29 Burton Woods Lane, a beautiful \$350,000 home they purchased from the bank for \$240,000. Initially turned down for a Conditional Use zone change by the City. They then submitted and won their appeal.

These are unique homes that are irreplaceable and once destroyed change the neighborhood irrevocably. We don't want to live on a street that is being taken over by The New School. We have no problem with them demolishing the previous church. In fact, we suggested they do that before they bought 29 Burton Woods. Though Charlene moved here when the school was there, it was also a church and had little impact on where she lived. Now, that is not the case and buying this property when TNS is trying to raise money for the new building seems to make no sense. We don't believe they are considering the neighborhood and neighbors but only their school. Imagine how you would feel if a neighbor bought the property across the street from you, within a month permanently disconnected the gas line on the street and informed you they were demolishing the home to create an empty lot. In discussions with the school, as a way to resolve these concerns, neighbors have asked to have significant input into plans for 33 BWL before any further action to demolish the house is taken.

Given NANA's recent involvement other proposed projects and zoning issues in North Avondale neighborhood, we hope NANA will become involved in this issue.

Editor's note, please see February's NANA NEWS for TNS's article concerning their development plans.

TNS will speak at the April NANA General meeting.

Map of The New School - Red 33, Green 29 BWL



FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

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

Popup Shopping & Vendor Eats with a full service bar.
Music By Dj Tock Boogie

Sponsored by The Clubhouse Cincinnati and Billfold Films

Held once a month, March 7th, April 4th at Drip Coffee Lounge 2927 Colerain Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45225.

For vendor spots please email
Karaokecocktailsandcappuccinos@gmail.com



Anthony Thatcher (South Fred Shuttlesworth)

Announcement:

Rosemary's Babies Company is pleased to invite the North Avondale community to tour the future Holloway House and Resource Center, the only shelter in our region to provide housing where teen parents and their babies can be sheltered together.

CEO Rosemary Oglesby-Henry will share her vision for how Holloway House and how it can change the outcome for teen parents in our region. Meet the team and see the vision for the future renovation.

Saturday, March 26

11:00 - 1:00

Hard hats and refreshments will be provided.

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/275293088037?aff=efbneb>

Elaine Bobbey



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.

While this project has been thought of as an effort to share the stories of those of you who anchor our neighborhood by having lived in it the longest, sometimes stories come to you of neighbors who have “sampled” many parts of the neighborhood. Let me introduce **Kimberly Russell**, currently at **3843 Spring House Lane!**



Kimberly, originally from Long Island, moved to Dayton as a teen and then went to college at UC and has not left! She went to a nail salon on Fred Shuttlesworth and loved the area. She wanted a “big old house” that had huge rooms to grow her family! She did not want a starter home! From 1993 – 2004 she rented at 848 E. Mitchell (and loved the porch) and then in 2004 bought her first home at 715 S. Fred Shuttlesworth. It was everything she was looking for: lovely architecture, big rooms, but over time it became a financial burden and she could not always find people to do the work that need to be done. Some months her heat bill could be \$700 and even with that, she says her mom remembers that house being COLD! The street also started to become “sketchy” for her two young sons, so she moved on. But before she did, she worked hard to overcome the impression of “its Avondale, what do you expect?” She worked diligently with the City to intervene in drug sales and to address abandoned property. But it didn’t get better. She needed to move. She then rented for a year on Wess Park until “landing” and purchasing her current house at 3843 Spring House Lane. At this house, she says she is not afraid to turn up the heat and get to know her neighbors!

She says North Avondale continues to be a place she wants to raise her kids. She wanted her kids to go to North Avondale Montessori when they were younger and they still enjoy being part of the Clinton Hills Swim Club, but they have noticed that fewer African Americans are part of the pool or buying property in North Avondale. Yet, the neighborhood is diverse and located close to lots that the City offers. While living on Fred Shuttlesworth, she joined NANA but never felt that she had found her niche. Now on Spring House Lane, she feels she is a vital part of her street and considers that more her neighborhood than North Avondale.

Going forward she feels that the City needs to do more to make all of North Avondale a place where people want to live—not just in the big houses on Rose Hill. Landlords need to be required to maintain their buildings. Apartment buildings would be more successful if they housed mixed

income, increasing the likelihood that more people would feel invested in the neighborhood. And, she cautions that while building programs such as Habitat for Humanity are well intentioned, they need to assess people’s ability to maintain and keep up their homes. She exudes energy for inclusiveness and hopes that North Avondale as a whole can someday unify people on the “periphery” with those in the center. When this begins to be a priority for the neighborhood, I can say that we, without a doubt, need to include Kimberly in on the planning!

Get ready to meet longest resident, or at least that I know of to date - **Wilhelmina Branson at 3923 Leyman Drive.**

Byron and Wilhelmina and their three children moved to North Avondale in June 1964. They came



from a log house and 18 acres in Amelia. But Amelia could not pass their school bond levies and children were going half days to school. As their daughter was in first grade, they knew they needed a better school. They had friends and fellow Quakers, Jack and Judy Brown, who lived at 3923 Leyman Drive who were moving back to Washington state and offered to sell them their house for the same price that they had paid for it - \$20,000! So, in they moved!

At that time, 3923 Leyman had a sewing room and a maid’s room, plus a bedroom and a master bedroom, so they had plenty of room for their three children. The property has lots of land and a back yard where the children had a swing and they could even play croquet and badminton. They were “grateful for a big backyard” and that they could walk to school.

Wilhelmina recalls, “the school was the center of this community when we moved here”. All three children went to North Avondale School and then Walnut Hills. The family loved the Pupil Enrichment Program at North Avondale School and how the very involved parents brought extra classes to the children. *(Author’s note: when I moved to North Avondale in 1985, we were told that the CPS schools were terrible and we would definitely have to consider private schools. What happened in the 20 years? Was this change real? Did it have to do with changing North Avondale School from a neighborhood school to a magnet school? What do people think of the schools today? I LOVE hearing that people came to North Avondale for the schools, but I don’t know that we hear that today.)*

In addition, Wilhelmina recalls that neighbors “invited all the new people in for supper” and “they felt so welcome”. North Avondale “was a very exciting place to be”. They joined the Clinton Hills Swim Club and immediately worked with other members to integrate the pool. Wilhelmina likes to swim and is still a member of the Swim Club!

Wilhelmina says other than one child (daughter, Hannah Branson moved back to North Avondale in 2007, to raise her two girls at 754 Red Bud Avenue), her other children have

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found it hard to find a community like North Avondale. Different races do not play together; they do not become each other's best friends. The Branson family, in the late 1960's in North Avondale thought integration was the wave of the future, but it just did not happen everywhere. She says, people "remain separated from each other". She says people "just have to get acquainted. Talk to each other. You don't have to read a book about it". We "learn by knowing each other, by listening to each other's stories".

Byron was a scientist studying radioactive fall-out from bomb testing in the western United States at Taft Sanitary Engineering Center and later became involved in nuclear medicine at University of Cincinnati. Wilhelmina was a Registered Nurse and worked in public/community health until she was fired two years ago from Central Community Health Board when all the RNs were replaced by LPNs. Even after that, she volunteered and administered vaccines at the health department. The Bransons were also part of a community that brought the Quakers to Winding Way. Beyond this, they had great neighbors; doctors, psychiatrists, teachers, president of the NAACP, and even the creator of the Mr. Magoo cartoon character.

Wilhelmina says North Avondale is a good place to raise children and grandchildren. It is a "real community". Her husband, Byron, if alive, likely would have chosen a retirement facility for them, but Wilhelmina is here to stay!

Mel and Lois Nizny moved into their home at 3953 Rose Hill Avenue April 1, 1971. But their story goes back a bit further... Mel actually lived in



North Avondale in 1962 at 775 Clinton Springs Ave. while a medical student at UC. Lois would come to visit Mel and, while he was in class, she walked the neighborhood and fell in love with North Avondale. Lois says she came from a large, older home in Lexington and this area felt much the same. Mel and Lois married 12/23/62. Between internship, residency and Vietnam, Mel says they lived in 7 different places before buying on Rose Hill.

When they were looking for a house, there were only 2 available. The other one, also on Rose Hill, did not have the yard that theirs did, so it was an easy choice! They were attracted to the large corner lot and the porch, which Lois calls "the best room of the house". In addition, they love their stained glass and the fact that none of the wood had been painted or bleached. (I had never heard of "bleaching" your mantle, but Lois says that was popular in the 1960's.) Early on they were told that their central staircase would cost \$150,000 to replicate. If that was "then", I wonder what it would cost "now"? The home also had enough bedrooms for themselves and their two children. Mel recalls that their 2nd floor ceilings were so high that he was able to put a trapeze in his daughter's room and a climbing ladder in his son's room! They paid \$43,500 for their

home. Mel recalls that he paid \$237.10 / month for 30 years, with an interest rate of 7 1/4%.

Over the years, the Nizny's have felt a responsibility to their neighbors. They were told by a landscaper that theirs is the first property that people see when they come home. As a "welcome home to all of our neighbors" they have continuously planted the corner of their property.

In 1999 Mel was elected President with the goal to "reactivate" NANA. His accomplishments in that role included: getting NANA's base moved to the Rec Center, where people naturally congregated; starting the first recycling program in the City at the North Avondale School; and starting the NANA Newsletter. He later received an award from the "Neighborhood Coalition" for his efforts. Lois started a block party for the Rose Hill area, she thinks in the mid to late 1970's, with the purpose of helping new families get acclimated. This block party continues today and is a treasured event for both kids and adults! Later, in the 1990's when the Rose Hill/Beechwood circle was considering applying for a historic preservation overlay, Lois researched all of the properties in the area, documenting their provenances. We talked that this information may be something to share more broadly in the future! And Mel has an early map (May 1893) of the Rose Hill Park Subdivision, showing when lots were just beginning to be sold. He tells me the final lots were auctioned in 1907. North Avondale History Museum anyone?

Lois and Mel enjoy that younger families with children are moving in/back to North Avondale. They also love that the people they call neighbors are forward thinking, cooperative, multi-racial and very involved in the City (Government, ballet, symphony, medical)—all in all, just "outstanding people"! When I asked the Nizny's if they would ever consider leaving North Avondale and their home, Mel said, "Never! And go where?" Sounds like there will be a few more block parties!

Jolene Struebbe

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- MD IRA 102 FBO JOE HACKWORTH LLC at 3824 Barker Rd.
- Caleb Clausen at 70 Dana Ave.
- Gregory Tiree Roberts at 3625 Eaton Ln.
- Gholson Avenue 17694 LLC at 694 Gholson Ave.
- SFR3 050 LLC at 18 Glenwood Ave.
- Dylan Keetle at 46 Glenwood Ave.
- Panakkal Amrutha Benny at 436 Glenwood Ave.
- Tiffany Lynn Biddle & Andrew Dontae at 3891 Reading Rd.



FROM THE CITY

Neighborhood Summit

The City of Cincinnati's Department of City Planning and Engagement is happy to share that Invest in Neighborhoods has opened up registration for this year's Neighborhood Summit to be held on **March 12, 2022** at Woodward High School.

Please visit <https://www.investinneighborhoods.org/neighborhood-summit/> in order to register and learn more about the event!

Notice Of Public Hearing: Equitable Growth & Housing Committee (*Discussion on to be held at the NANA Meeting*)

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. will be the Equitable Growth & Housing Committee Public Hearing during which the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Code regarding density limitations will be considered. If you are interested in speaking at the meeting, please visit <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/council/public-speakers-registration> for more information and to register. For more information on the proposed amendments, please visit: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-and-studies/active-ongoing/proposed-removal-of-density-restrictions/>

The Equitable Growth & Housing Committee meeting will be at City Hall Council Chambers, Room 300, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 to discuss:

MODIFYING Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by amending the provisions. Comments and questions may be directed to:

Samantha McLean, City Planner, Department of City Planning 513.352.4886 samantha.mclean@cincinnati-oh.gov

Open Now: Energy Transitions in Underserved Communities Request for Applications

EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing community-engaged research that will address the drivers and environmental impacts of energy transitions in underserved communities. Learn more and apply here: <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/drivers-and-environmental-impacts-energy-transitions-underserved-communities>. Application period closes April 28, 2022.

To learn more about the EPA's Air Research Grants: <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/air-research-grants>

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

Jolene Struebbe, Beautification Chair



North Avondale Litter Report

Howdy neighbors! Please register for a North Avondale **Great American Cleanup on 3/12 from 12pm - 2pm** at Seasongood Square on the corner of N. Fred Shuttlesworth and Reading Rd at <https://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/how-to-help/events.html>. This will be a more casual event where you can come grab a picker and a trash bag and pick your favorite messy spot to de-trash. If you'd like to get involved with Xavier's spring semester Community Action Day, I'm organizing another litter clean up of Dana Ave. on 3/26 from 9:45 AM to 12:45 PM at the triangle of Victory Parkway and Dana. If you have any questions I'll be at the NANA meeting on 3/8 or you can reach out to me via email at coral.a.weigel@gmail.com. Hope to see you out there!

Your friendly neighborhood litter chair, Coral Weigel

EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Neighborly Love Second Annual Ronald McDonald Valentine's Day Charity Event.

Morgan Rottinghaus, Chair.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2022-2023 NANA Nominating Committee

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

Serving on the NANA Board is a great way to give back to your community and help in making our community grow and thrive like we envision. You can make a difference!

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, March 8, 7 pm, NANA General Meeting IN PERSON** at the NAM Cafetorium 617 Clinton Springs or via **Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133> Passcode 45217
- **Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm, NANA General Meeting IN PERSON** at the NAM Cafetorium 617 Clinton Springs or via **Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7228542133> Passcode 45217



PARKS, LIBRARIES & RECREATION

2022 Summer Camp Preview is Here!

Registration Link & Summer Day Camps Preview Online <https://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/best-summer-day-camps-preview-2021/>

Please contact our main office at 513.321.6070 if you have any questions.



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
- 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
- Beginner Open Pickleball on Wednesday mornings from 10am-noon. Membership required Supplies provided
- 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 in April.
- Beginner Open Pickleball on Wednesday mornings in the gym from 10am-noon. Membership required Supplies provided
- 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 TBD.
- We are also offering a Spring Break Camp. The camp is from March 28-31 from 9am to 3pm. It is \$120 for the week. See below
- Queen City Swish - CRC is teaming up with CPD and CFD to present a city-wider basketball league. Queen City Swish is for ages 12-17 starting in the spring of 2022! Deadline to register is March 8th. Starts date is March 18th.



Camps for Champs

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Join CRC & CPS this spring break for 1 week of fun activities!

Camps for Champs Spring Break Camp is a new opportunity for boys and girls in grades 1-4 (ages 6-12 years old) provided by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Cincinnati Public Schools. The week will include 4 days of fun activities such as basketball, art, e-sports, swimming/water safety, and free play. Please check out important details and click the link on this flyer to register your child as spots are limited.

March 28-31 (Monday-Thursday)
North Avondale Recreation Center
9am to 3pm each day

Activities will include basketball, art, e-sports, swimming/water safety, and free play time. Lunches will be provided.

Cost for the week is \$120.00. [Click here to register!](#)

QUEEN CITY SWISH

SAFETY WHILE INTERGRATING SKILLS & HOOPS

Cincinnati Recreation Commission is teaming up with CPD & CFD to present a City-Wide Basketball League. Queen City Swish is for ages 12-17 starting in the Spring of 2022! Deadline to register is March 8th 2022. Start date is March 18th 2022

REGISTER NOW GAME PLAY BEGINS IN MARCH VISIT CINCYCRO.ORG

For more info call 513.352.4020

Nialani Robinson, Community Center Director

Congratulations to Master Terrell Davis.

The City of Cincinnati, presented a Resolution

recognizing and express the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati to **Master Terrell Davis of Seven Star Dragons Karate** as a **2022 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree** for her many years of teaching and mentoring the youth of Cincinnati on **February 24, 2022**. Master Davis expresses much gratitude to council member Meeka D Owens for her amazing presentation and honoring her in front of a delegation of students, parents, family and friends.

The resolution stated WHEREAS, Master Davis founded Seven Star Dragons to teach martial arts with an additional focus on academics, wellness, core values, and safety matters and after retiring in 1999 she expanded Seven Star Dragons into the Cincinnati Public Schools to offer enrichment programs to more youth and WHEREAS, Master Davis has positively influenced hundreds of children, and constantly worked to teach them life skills, fitness training, character development, confidence, focus, and discipline, improving their school grades and personal growth.



Thank you to everyone that contributes to Seven Star Dragons Karate success. We are committed to serving the Cincinnati community.

NARC continues to offer classes year round on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Registration and Program information can be found on our site at <http://7stardragonskarate.com/#home>

Master Terrell Davis

Hirsch Recreation Center - 3620 Reading Road • 751.3393

- Hours: 10am to 8pm Monday thru Friday
- Saturday 9 am - 2 pm
- 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

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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 please go to cincyrec.org for more details.

•**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.

•**New Spin Class starting on Thursdays in March!** Please contact Hirsch Rec Center for more details.

•**Senior Program**: arts & crafts, journaling, walking club, essential oils

Pick up a Program Schedule at the Center

Brittany Barrett, Community Center Director

ENVIRONMENT



Please don't spray or pull spring dandelions!

They are one of the first sources of food for bees.



"Effective immediately, Rumpke Waste & Recycling will accept disposable paper, plastic and aluminum cups in curbside and dropbox programs."



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Rumpke Expands Acceptable Recycling Items List



NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

513.363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs www.namrockets.org
Rounding out our teams are our 4th grade boys, who finished the regular season 9-1, qualifying for the top tier tournament bracket as the #4 overall seed out of 91 teams. Congrats on a nice regular season!



6th grade boys Rockets team finishes the regular season 10-0, qualifying for the top tier tourney bracket as the #2 overall seed.



We've got summer on the brain! Summer Scholars is back June 1 - 28!

Just like summer - we make this popular program fun! Learn more and register your student by **March 11** : <https://fal.cn/3mp1O>



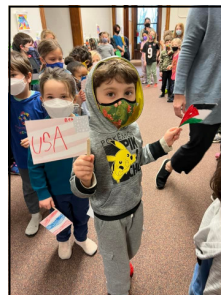
THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM)

513.281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane
www.newschoolmontessori.com

Preprimary students led the school in an Olympic closing ceremony.

At The New School Montessori, we had our own closing ceremony for the 2022 Winter Olympics Games. Children in our 3 preprimary classrooms have been studying the different continents and made flags for each participating country.

The closing parade was joyous and triumphant and was attended by many spectators from the (6-9) and (9-12) levels as the children processed through each from the (6-9) and (9-12) levels as the children processed through each



learning environment, flags waving and crowds cheering! What an impactful way to study geography and to have "Fun with Flags."

Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

AROUND TOWN

Building Profitable Affordable Housing Gut & Rebuild Single Family Housing

March 7 Noon Virtual Affordable Housing Development Training

You can register to get your seat at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84561234567>

ArtWorks Apprentice Program

Offers paid year-round arts-based career readiness training and employment opportunities for youth (ages 14-21). Last year we had introduced our first Youth Artist Exhibition Program through the ArtWorks Gallery. The program collaborates with outstanding artists who guide youth (ages 16-23) in a gallery apprenticeship to create new works of art for a group exhibit.

Upcoming Info Sessions:

Thursday, March 10, 2022, 6 pm

Virtual Info Session for Summer Teaching Artists.

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561234567>

March 15, 2022, 6 pm

Virtual Info Session for Apprentices

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561234567>

Go to our website for more Job Opportunities

National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call: March 15, 2022

EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call taking place on **March 15, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** (Eastern Time). These calls are free and open to the public.

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-march-15-2022-registration-276964808197>

Recordings and meeting materials for all calls are posted here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>.

We are offering \$20 off promo code for 8 Week CSA Small Farm Box, full of microgreens, veggies, herbs and possibly strawberries (if ripe by June 7th)!

Begins week of April 19th-June 7th (Tues free home delivery) included & convenient pick ups: Pleasant Ridge-Tues 4-7pm & Fri Westside 4-6pm available.

Please contact us for check or cash payment arrangements. Promo Code: FARMBOX2022. ASAP

If you prefer to custom shop as needed, you can do this also on the same ordering website: <https://app.barn2door.com/e/9YGlR/all>

April Pandora, Urban Farmer (Clinton Springs Garden)

Cincinnati Preservation Introduces History Mapping App and Website

First Collection Highlights Sites and Stories of Black History in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky To view this go to: <https://stories.cincinnati-preservation.org>

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Jim Obergefell, former President and Vice President of NANA and former resident of Betula moved back to his hometown of Sandusky where he is running for the Ohio House of Representatives. To learn more: <https://obergefellforohio.com/>



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2022 OHIO STATE HIGH SCHOOL - 2/23/2022 to 2/26/2022 SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Walnut Hills' Phoebe Wright, (Lenox Place) and St. Ursula's Sydney Herr compete in Division I state swimming championships

Congratulations to Saint Ursula Academy for an epic finish as 3rd in the state of OHIO! For the record...there 201 teams in Division 1 in the state of OH!

So proud of these young ladies and so grateful for their amazing coaches, families and the support of their HS school too!



100 Yard Freestyle

1st Place Phoebe Wright

200 Yard Freestyle

2nd Place Phoebe Wright

200 Yard Medley Relay

7th Place Sofia Matern, Ava Stallmeyer, Phoebe Wright, Angelina DiPaola

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

11th Place Sofia Matern, Angelina DiPaola, Ava Stallmeyer, Phoebe Wright

Women - DIVISION 1 -

Team Rankings: 9th Place

Cincinnati Walnut Hills 108



(Sydney is third from the left)

200 Yard Medley Relay

4th Place Sydney Herr, Addie Robillard, Courtney McKeown, Audrey Zimmerman

100 Yard Backstroke

14th Place: Sydney Herr

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

5th Place Natalie Gockerman, Caroline Lied, Sydney Herr, Addie Robillard

Women - DIVISION 1 - Team Rankings 3 Place Cincinnati St Ursula 164

Heather Herr & Beth Ewing