



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The fall leaves and cool air of October have passed and we are putting our gardens to rest. November has arrived and winter is coming. This fall NANA and NABA (North Avondale Business Association) sponsored the **Festival of Leaves** on a beautiful cool sunny day where neighbors, friends and families came together. They enjoyed food trucks, ice cream, pizza, walking tacos and Kona ice for all! There was also fun for the kids, including the Halloween bouncy castle, pumpkin painting, face painting and a petting zoo. I wanted thank everyone that made the festival a success. A special thank you to Beth Ewing, Carly Stone and Alexandra Schickli for helping organize this special event. There were so many more that contributed a few hours to help, Tricia Renneker, Teresa Harten, Jennifer Harten, Chris and Allison Harten, Victor Williams, Robbert DeJong and Valerie Williams, Charlene Morse, Justin Stone and Remco DeJong. As always, thank you to my husband Walter Koucky for his never ending support. Thank you to everyone who came and supported North Avondale. *See pictures below under "Fun In The Neighborhood"*.

NANA Board members submitted the **Community Budget Requests for FY24/25** with the City of Cincinnati's Planning Division. The results will be announced in August of 2023. The final projects submitted North Avondale Streetscape, NA Recreation Center Playfields and Playset and a multi-modal transportation center-solar charging center, red bikes and scooters. Also, in October the City announced an extra \$85 million budget carryover. While North Avondale was not high on the priority list, the city is considering replacing the playset at the recreation center. Many other neighborhoods may receive substantial considerations for example, a 3.5-million-dollar renovation for Ziegler Park. **Please contact your councilmembers and neighbors**, Jan-Michelle Kearney, Meeka Owens and Chris Smitherman, (running for Hamilton County Commissioner) and ask them to support North Avondale in these and future funding requests.

The Law and Safety and Zoning committee are hard at work. Carolyn Gillman was successful in closing down the illegal group home at 970 Dana. We suspect that some of the recent house to house solicitations for money will end. In addition, the **Zoning committee** is busy reviewing another development, Victory Vistas, a proposed Affordable Housing Senior Living at Victory Parkway and Asmann. Chinedum Ndukwe, from Kingsley and Company, along with Paddock Hills Trustees and neighbors living near the proposed development were invited to the NANA Executive Board meeting to discuss the plans. More to come on this.

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 Volunteer Request: Update the North Avondale Master Plan

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/>

Anyone with planning or outreach experience would be especially appreciated.

Please contact nanacincinnati@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

NANA GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 pm
(Meeting date changed due elections and
school closure on November 8)
at the North Avondale Montessori School
Cafetorium

Meeting Agenda Items

- **Business Section**
- **Victory Vista Development**

Next Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 6:30
THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2022 NANA
DUES

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

In this month of giving thanks we want to highlight the garden captains who have maintained our community gardens for the past year, adding so much to the beautification of our North Avondale community. We are extremely thankful for their year long commitment to our gardens.

- Dana / Victory Parkway Triangle
 - Mary Piper garden captain
- Dana Roundabout
 - Rob Lewis garden captain
- North Avondale Sign
 - Carolyn Gillman garden
- Marion Park
 - Susan Kenford garden captain
- Marion Southeast
 - Rob Lewis garden captain
- Seasongood Square
 - Sarah Koucky garden captain
 - Ann Wong and Emily Harten – co-captains
- Seasongood Circle
 - Rob Lewis garden captain
- Smitherman bench at Rec Center
 - Beth Ewing garden captain
- Kessler Memorial North Avondale School
 - Charlene Morse garden captain
- Washington Triangle
 - Terri Byczkowski Megan Rothe garden co-captains

Stay tuned next month to learn about our wonderful fall luncheon celebrating our garden captains.

If you interested in helping our garden captains in 2023 please contact nanacincinnati@gmail.com. We would love to have your help in the coming year.

Judy Evans, NANA Community Gardens Chair

LAW & SAFETY

Updated crime stats from Sgt. Meister are in the Neighborhoods favor as of 10/25/2022

- Robbery
 - down 66.7% from 3 last month to 1 this month.
- Felonious Assault
 - down 75% from 4 last month to 1 this month.
- Burglary
 - up 20% 5 last month to 6 this month.
- Theft from Auto
 - down 71.4% from 7 last month to 2 this month.
- Auto Theft
 - down 85.7% from 7 last month to 1 this month.

Carolyn Gilman Chair

WELCOME

The welcome committee celebrated a job well done on Wednesday, October 12 with their last meeting and a reception at the home of Jolene Struebbe, committee chair.

The committee is prepared to start welcoming new neighbors in November and will reconvene next spring or summer to evaluate their processes and plan for phase 2, ways to welcome those who are not homeowners.

The committee created a very informative welcome booklet which will be available for all neighbors by accessing a link on the Nana website.



Pictured above:

Back row: Jolene Struebbe, Bryan Nelson, Wendi Wilson, Jan Hoeweler, and Katie Andreas.

Front row: Janet Banks, April Pandora, Kim Hubbard, Charlene Morse, and Tiffani Tribble.

Jolene Struebbe, Chair

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Summit Property Buyers LLC at 3716 Alaska Ct.
- Cardamom LLC at 3716 Beatrice Dr.
- James B Whitford & Alexa Teare at 986 Dana Ave.
- Dawn Johnson & Robert James at 33909 Dickson Ave.
- Rachel & James Desrochers at 3937 Ledgewood Dr.
- Steven L Howard & Ramona Angelica Jones at 961 Marion Ave.



NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 pm, NANA General Meeting IN PERSON** at the North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium 617 Clinton Spring
- **Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 pm, NANA General Meeting IN PERSON** at the North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium 617 Clinton Spring

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Big thanks to Sarah Koucky for dreaming up the festival and all the volunteers who made it happen! Thanks so much, it was really great. Shout out to the amazing face painter, too!!!!

Sarah Rich, (Rose Hill)



Food provided by:

- Kona Ice, <https://www.kona-ice.com/>
- Cincinnati's Ice Cream Truck www.icecreamtruckcincinnati.com
- Quite Frankly, Gourmet Franks and Grilled Sandwiches <https://quitefranklyllc.weebly.com/>;
- JSG Family Catering <https://www.facebook.com/JSGFamilyCateringLLC/>
- LaRosa's



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Xavier University Music Series

We are presenting jazz icon Fred Hersch at Xavier University with his trio on November 10.



Fred Hersch grew up in North Avondale and went to NA Elementary and Walnut Hills High School.

Here is the link to the Fred Hersch concert:
<https://www.xavier.edu/musicseries/hersch>

There are many more artists that I think might be wonderful for North Avondale community to be aware of!

Here is the link to the series: <https://www.xavier.edu/musicseries/index>

Polina Bespalko

Zion Baptist 180th Church Anniversary



Local Ink

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FEATURING REGIONAL PRINT ARTISTS



NOVEMBER 12, 2022
11AM-4PM

Evendale Cultural Arts Center
Recreation Building
10428 Reading Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

ORGANIZED BY



Vanessa Sorensen (Marion)

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Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS



North Avondale Montessori
 • 615 Clinton Springs
 • 513.363.3900 • www.namrockets.org

A great Soccer Season



Back to back undefeated seasons for this team of fantastic first and second grade girls! (Not even one goal given up!) Way to represent Rockets!



Congratulations to the 2022 Fall NAM Boys Strikers!!! The Rockets brought home the wins to secure their place into the SAY East Tournament on 10/29!



NAM soccer for the win! We had another great season!!

Ohio's Graduation Requirements

Class of 2023 and Beyond

Ohio Department of Education



Learn all about CPS' graduation requirements at: <https://fal.cn/3t2mR>



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI (TNSM)

513.281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane
www.newschoollmontessori.com

We are so grateful to our New School Montessori families for teaching us about various celebrations around the world.

Students learned about Diwali, which is a 5-day festival of lights, and enjoyed some favorite treats shared from India. Children listened to the presentation, learned about the names of the clothing worn and asked questions about the bindi that Shital wore on her forehead. The red dot used to be worn to show that a woman was married. Today many wear a bindi as a sign of a blessing, keeping one centered.

Another important celebration, this time from Mexican culture, is Dia de Muertos. This was presented by Karla, a New School Montessori parent who read to the children about how "Day of the Dead" is celebrated in Mexico and that it is to honor loved ones who have died yet remain in



our hearts and thoughts. The children applied colorful decorations and talked about those we remember.

Learning about our culture as a community – asking questions, tasting foods, hearing stories – brings us into a better understanding and appreciation of the diversity we value so much.



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FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ Fall is here and winter is coming. However, Eden Urban Gardens will continue to have produce into December and beyond! Lots of new items including salad mixes, microgreens, herbs, and more! Home delivery and pick up are available. We want you to be healthy and eat tasty organic produce! We appreciate your support of our small woman-owned farm into the winter season. Thank you.



To Order go to: <https://app.barn2door.com/edenurbangardens/all>

This week's new Organic Produce:

- Romaine Lettuce Heads
- Green Giant Salad & Pea Shoot Mix
- Radishes bunches-great sauté in butter greens & roots
- Super Salad mix of shoots & herbs
- Pea Shoots Microgreens
- Cilantro Microgreens
- Celery bunches- slender stalks, robust leaves & stalk flavor!
- Spicy Mustard Greens- both red & green available
- 3 Herb Mix: Rosemary, Parsley & Dill!
- Organic Eggs from our partner farm- Dale Filbrun Farm

Farm Box Subscriptions & 10 Week Winter CSA (Prepaid Option for csa available)

- 10 weeks CSA still has some openings available- \$250 for 10 weeks, prepaid discount,
 - weekly payment options for csa is \$27/wk
 - Small & Large Farm Box Subscriptions will continue throughout the winter \$24/wk small farm box, \$38/wk large farm box subscriptions
 - Holiday break Dec 16th-end of January, details on store website
- Other Goodies:
- Homemade banana bread- made by us, delicious!
 - Local honey (sustainably raised) Bee Haven, a great boost for wellness!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us by email, text or phone. We are honored to serve you! With Gratitude,

April Pandora, Urban Farmer

Enriching Lives Through Organic Produce
Phone/text: 513.485.2679

Website: www.edenurbangardens.com

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

☞ Re: Clover

Not a word from neighbors

NO to Clover as I have since learned that it is Deer favorite food !Will explore alternative trial of thyme.

Mel Nizny (Rose Hill), Melmind@aol.com

☞ Piano Lessons

I'm accepting new piano students (age 6 through adults) at my North Avondale home studio as of November, 2022. I teach students from beginning to advanced levels in all genres of music from classical through jazz and popular forms. Your initial interview/lesson is free.

I'm a classically trained pianist, composer and music educator with a career that has spanned both Europe and the United States. My teaching credentials include: Butler University, Indianapolis, 1968 - 1973 / Munich (Germany) Conservatory (Hochschule für Musik, 1977 - 1982 / Xavier University, Cincinnati, 1994 till present / Concerts/master classes & music seminars throughout the US and Europe, 1977 till present / Jazz concerts and club dates, 1977 till present.

Please give me a call (or text) at: **513.252.3366** or email me: jameshartcole@gmail.com

Jim Hart (Valley Lane)

☞ Incidents on Wedgewood

I live at 169 Wedgewood Avenue. My property has a long driveway and is somewhat secluded. I have lived here for 30 years and have never had any problems.

I have had two burglaries in my detached garage -- On Sept. 10th, my snow blower was taken and on Oct. 2nd the window was pried open and a chain saw, weed eater and leaf blower (all Stihl equipment) were taken. On Oct. 14th two people drove onto my property and were looking in the detached garage. Police reports have been filed. Please see the photo below to help with identification.

Sandra Hodges, BArch

email: collinwood410@yahoo.com **513.314.0685**



FROM THE CITY & NONPROFITS

CINCINNATI WATER WORKS LEAD SERVICE LINE 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, please contact leadpiperefund@gmail.com for more information about this issue.



The Future Is Now

Housing Our Future: Strategies for Cincinnati and Hamilton County



"The Renew Collaborative is a collaboration between landlord and tenant service provider, and it creates a disruptive social innovation and, systemically changing the eviction crisis. The process is simple, it's efficient, but more importantly, it works, and the impact is stunning." – Matt Pritchard, President & Executive Director of HomeStart.

In partnership with the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), the program will be introduced over the next few years to create a proof point that could be expanded across the region.

For more information on the program and how it works, watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf_HlPnIsu8 and visit our website: <https://cincinnati.cmail19.com/t/r-l-tjyukhuk-bjydljuuu-j/>

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a US non-profit community development financial institution (CDFI) that supports community development initiatives across the country. It has offices in nearly 40 cities and works across 2,100 rural counties in 44 states.

Voting Help

As the 2022 general election approaches, the partners of the Greater Cincinnati Voter Collaborative (GCVC) would like to ensure that you and your neighbors have everything you need to vote and to help others vote.



We offer free rides to vote (early and on election day) as well as nonpartisan voter tools and resources. At <https://cincyvotes.org/voter-resources/>

Cincinnati Rides to the Polls

Since 2020, GCVC has been offering free rides to vote during early voting and on election day. Anyone who needs a ride to vote can **text RIDECINCY TO 513.281.9955**, call 513.204.9743, or visit our website at CincyVotes.org. Here's a direct link to the ride request form: [Cincinnati Rides to the Polls \(google.com\)](https://cincinnati-rides-to-the-polls.google.com). Early voting begins October 12th.

Justin and the GCVC partner team

League of Women Voters Guide



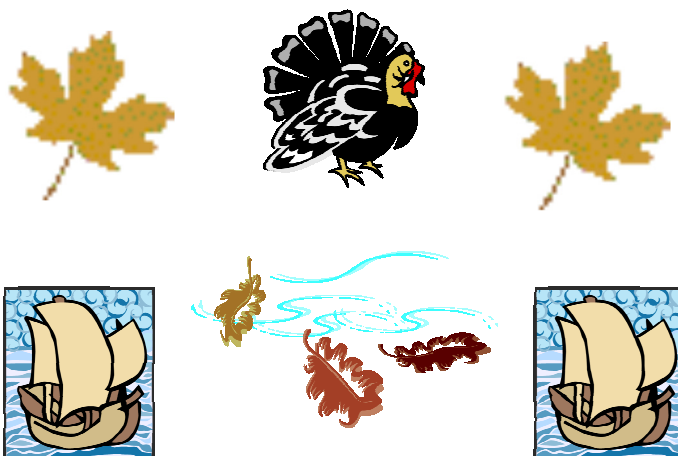
<https://www.vote411.org/ballot>

Was recently asked about the cemetery behind the Hirsch Center on Reading Rd. This is a great article with maps, photos, etc. On the map where it shows Clinton St. which was renamed to Burton Ave. Some of you might remember the cemetery (ies)/there were two per the map. Ok to talk about what you remember if you want. Article/research completed in 2013.



<http://www.diggingcincinnati.com/2013/01/a-missed-named-national-register-house.html>

From Linda Kreindler on North Avondale History Facebook page



RECREATION

North Avondale Recreation Center -



- Fall Hours: open Monday thru Friday 10 am to 8 pm;
- Next North Avondale Barbershop talk series on November 21 from 6pm to 9:00.
- 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.



Congratulations to 7 Star Dragons Team members, Emmy Schultert, Devlin Kennedy and Donovan Torrey. On Saturday, October 8, 2022 they participated in Regional 8 Nationals Karate Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

We are so proud of Emmy, 13 years old, who was awarded The Grand Champion of 17 and under Intermediate division. This was an amazing accomplishment, since this was only the second tournament she has participated in! She received 1st place in Kata and Weapons Division.

Donovan from North Avondale community, won first in Kata and Weapons Division competing in the 10 & 11 year old division. Her two first place wins placed her in her first Grand Champion competition. This is we're all first place 17 and under first place Novice winners compete for the Grand Champion. Donovan's scores placed her as the runner up!

Devlin won 2 second places in 14 -17 Year advance Kata and Weapons Division. He was focused and performed well! Several new students went to watch and cheered on their team mates and had a wonderful experience.

Our team is rebuilding and many new students are excelling and are looking forward to competition. Our parents are extremely supportive and are appreciated !

We also appreciate NANA's support and all the staff at North Avondale Recreation, CRC.

Master Terrell Davis



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

•Hirsch will have a **fall fest on Nov 12, 2022**, from 12 pm to 3 pm.

•Closing the Health Gap Nov 19, 2022, 2 pm to 4 pm

•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 6:15 to 7:00pm & Thursday 10:00 to 10:45am Please reserve your bike ahead of time.

•The Fade/Game Room Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 to 7:30 ages 8 to 17

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

For more information on these programs and other programs pick up a Program Guide at the Center

Taren Carr, Service Area Coordinator

