



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Wooooow! Fall has officially begun with the cool temperatures and the start of our lovely fall colors. Halloween will be here soon. Please step outside and take in our beautiful neighborhood with your friends and neighbors. Winter will be following close behind!

The September NANA monthly meeting started our schedule off with a BANG. Remco DeJong, our neighbor on Beechwood explained his "Home Solar Power" project. There was a great crowd that came with questions and had a lively discussion between neighbors about trees, sunshine and electric loads.

The NANA Events Committee will hold the **Festival of Leaves, Saturday October 8th from 1-5 pm at the North Avondale Recreation Center parking lot and playfields.** There will be food and ice cream trucks, face painting, roaming magician, bouncy castle house, petting zoo (3:30-5:00 pm only) and a kid's arts and crafts area. Please bring your blanket and/or chairs and enjoy the festival with your family and neighbors. We still need volunteers please sign up on the sign up genie here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a5ac2ea64-fall> or reach out to Beth Ewing (betha.ewing@gmail.com).

In case you missed this information, our NANA Board members were hard at work submitting ideas for Community Budget Requests for FY24/25 with the City of Cincinnati's Planning Division. This resulted in three potential projects:

- North Avondale Streetscape
- NA Recreation Center Playfields and Playset and Multi-modal transportation Center
- Revitalize Seasongood Square-put on hold because the Parks notified us that they may have exciting news! More to come as we learn about this opportunity

There are so many ways to get involved in our neighborhood. Please consider giving back and volunteering a few hours each month. You can also visit the website and make a donation. We need your support.

Sarah Koucky



Saturday, October 8, 1-5 pm
North Avondale Recreation Center lot and playfields
Enjoy food trucks, kids fall crafts, activities and neighborly fun

Festival OF Leaves

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NANA GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 pm
at the North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium

Meeting Agenda Items

- **Business Section**
- **Unveiling of the new NANA Website!**

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 8, 6:30
THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2022 NANA DUES <https://northavondalecincinnati.com/membership/>

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BEAUTIFICATION

Washington Triangle Update

Can you believe the transformation of the Washington triangle garden? As these pictures show, look what happens when a community comes together, working really hard, to create something beautiful! I would like to thank Judy Evans, community garden chair, and Megan Rothe and Terry Byczkowski, Garden cochairs, and all of the members from the Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist church for their work over the past 3 to 4 Sunday mornings. Wow!! We are also grateful to Cecil Thomas, not pictured here, for his willingness to share his hose and water supply all summer for this garden! Getting the weeds under control from this severely neglected corner has been a priority for this garden in 2022. The gardeners are hopeful that they are successful and can begin to plant in the garden next spring.

Next workdays are Sunday, October 9th and 16th from 9 am to noon - please come out and help. AFTER BEFORE



Some of the volunteers



Litter

We continue to search for someone who is interested in keeping North Avondale clean as our litter chair person. We do have people to help but are looking for someone to lead. Please let Jolene Struebbe know if you might be interested.

Flower Pots

By the time you read this, hopefully you will be enjoying the new plantings in the flower pots along Reading Road as well as their redistribution along Reading Road. We are very grateful to the Cincinnati Parks for their help in making this happen!

Seasongood Park

Cincinnati Parks and the Madtree volunteers have trimmed up the trees, pruned, and freshly mulched to make this park as beautiful as it has been in ages! Be sure to use it and enjoy the playground too. We are beyond thrilled at how responsive Cincinnati Parks has been in working with your North Avondale beautification committee and we thank them!



End of season garden luncheon

The Beautification Committee is sponsoring an October luncheon for our garden captains and co-captains to thank them for keeping all of our community gardens looking beautiful. Please consider gardening with us next year.

Use of a truck needed

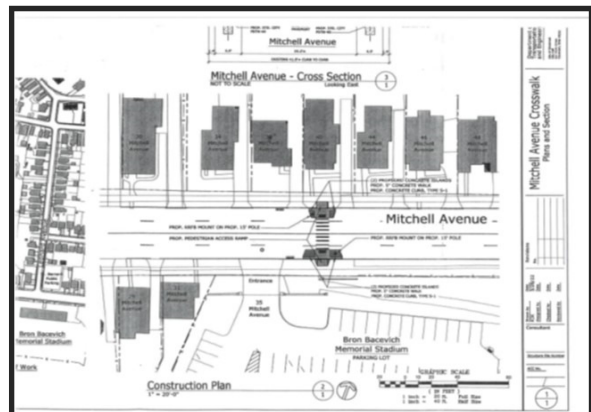
Help Wanted for someone with a truck that could help us with some of our garden pick-ups. Hopefully there might just be someone in the neighborhood that has a truck and would be willing to help with mulch, etc. It would be nice to have a few people to call upon. Contact Judy Evans at bernetevansdesign@gmail.com

As the gardening season is winding down, this beautification chair is on hiatus until spring. Enjoy this cool weather and your upcoming holidays!

Jolene Struebbe, Beautification Chair & Judy Evans, Community Gardens Chair

LAW & SAFETY

District 4, District 5 and St. Bernard police worked with DOTE to create a plan to add a bump out crosswalk near 40 E. Mitchell Ave. This will bring a section of E. Mitchell down to two lanes of travel for a half block causing cars to slow down and then a bump out crosswalk will be installed.



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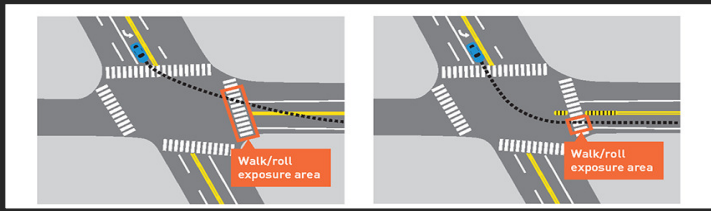
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Update on last month's article. The location of the hardened centerline. It is at Reading and Clinton Springs.

What's a hardened centerline?

Hardened centerlines are small rubber barriers next to crosswalks that require people driving to make slower, squarer left-hand turns. This small change has been proven to significantly slow down vehicle speeds at crosswalks and improve safety for people in the crosswalk.



WELCOME

The welcome committee has been hard at work all summer! We are excited to begin formally welcoming new homeowners in November. Each new homeowner will be greeted by one of our friendly community ambassadors, and welcomed with a small plant, a Nana refrigerator magnet, and a North Avondale booklet, which gives important contact information to help them settle in the neighborhood and into Cincinnati, a brief history of the neighborhood, a description of some of the architecturally significant properties in the neighborhood as well as an invitation to join the neighborhood association. We are so excited to be able to begin this work!

Jolene Struebbe, Chair jmstruebbe@gmail.com

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 pm, NANA General Meeting** IN PERSON at the North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium 617 Clinton Spring
- **Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 pm, NANA General Meeting** IN PERSON at the North Avondale Montessori School Cafetorium 617 Clinton Spring

FUN IN THE CITY

BLINK October 13-16, 2022



<https://www.blinkcincinnati.com/>

Map of the locations: <https://www.blinkcincinnati.com/files/assets/blinkoctober3.pdf>

Marimont Paint Out

Calling all artists! Come and paint the lovely settings and quaint village architecture nestled in this quiet corner east of Cincinnati. Parks, walking trails and overlooks are abundant within the borders of the Village, but you can also create your art in any location you choose within the I-275 loop around Cincinnati. Your imagination will be supercharged by what you see. After the plein air painting, we will host a welcoming reception and public exhibition to show and sell your work!

<http://artatthebarn.org/mariemont-paint-out-2022/>



MARIEMONT PAINT OUT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

Artist Reception & Art Sale
Saturday, October 22 @ 6 - 8 PM
Sunday, October 23 @ 11 AM - 2 PM

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- Patrick Earl Kenyon at 3972 Abington Ave.
- William Ben Spann IV & Cassidy N Cosway at 3982 Ardmore Ave.
- Adam & Gina Maria Nicholas at 680 Avon Fields Ln.
- Sarah & David Whelan at 9 Avon Fields Pl.
- Rehab Holdings 1 LLC at 3973 Lowry Ave.
- Amanda & Christopher K Surratt at 3900 Rose Hill Ave. 501A
- Aric M Kennedy & Brianne M Baranowski at 3972 Warwick Ave.

FROM THE CITY

🔗 Gun Violence Prevention Summit

We're reaching out to ask that you please join us for an upcoming **Gun Violence Prevention Summit taking place on Saturday, October 22nd from 9 am – 4 pm.** The Summit will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Downtown, located at 318 E 4th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

This is a **free event**, and all are welcome to participate. Please feel free to share this invitation with your networks!

More information:

The Gun Violence Prevention Summit is co-sponsored by Christ Church Cathedral and Mitch Morris of the Phoenix Program with Cincinnati Works. Programming for the day will include breakout sessions and community discussions regarding safety and gun violence prevention. The breakout sessions will consist of several discussion topics, including an outline of available funding to prevent gun violence, discussion around/examining police data regarding gun violence, a conversation around resources available for victims of gun violence, and a discussion about available mental health support services for those on the front-line combatting gun violence in our community.

The Summit will feature several guest speakers, including Ericka Ford, founder of the New York City Crisis Management System, and Bishop Ennis Tait of Ennis Tait Ministries. The program will also outline resources for those working to combat gun violence in our community, with programmed time dedicated for attendees to network with other attendees, local gun violence prevention advocates, and organizations.

This Summit will be an excellent opportunity to connect with others who share your passion around this work. We hope that you will join us to share your work and experience from your neighborhood and our community.

You can register for the Gun Violence Prevention Summit here: <https://cincinnatiathedral.com/gun-violence-prevention-summit>

I hope to see you on Saturday October 22nd!

Thanks!

Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

🔗 State of Metro 2022: The

Future Is Now

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022

Networking 11 a.m.

Program 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Let's celebrate historic accomplishments, and recognize individuals and organizations that have been pivotal to Metro's success, as we look to the future of public transportation and infrastructure in our region. We'll also take a sneak peek at some of our most exciting improvements yet to come through the Reinventing Metro plan.

We are honored to host Federal Transit Administration

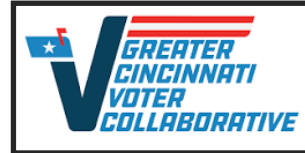


Administrator Nuria Fernandez and the Honorable United States Senator Sherrod Brown as the luncheon's keynote and featured speakers!

Where: Westin Hotel, 21 East Fifth St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

🔗 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.

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 \(google.com\)](http://Cincinnati Rides to the Polls (google.com)). Early voting begins October 12th.

If you or someone you know would like to **volunteer to offer rides to voters, here's the link to sign up to be a driver:** [Greater Cincinnati Voter Collaborative: Cincinnati Rides to the Polls - 2022 General Election Driver Sign Up \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Greater Cincinnati Voter Collaborative: Cincinnati Rides to the Polls - 2022 General Election Driver Sign Up (signupgenius.com))

Voter Engagement Toolkit

We also offer digital and print-ready resources for voter registration, education, and turnout available to print. National Voter Registration Day is quickly approaching on September 20th and the deadline to register in Ohio is October 11th.

Do you know anyone who'd like to volunteer with us?

Join with other nonprofits and community groups to support ongoing voter engagement efforts: register voters, engage with other civic organizations, and help plan events and services.

About GCVC

GCVC works to advance non-partisan civic and electoral engagement in Greater Cincinnati through a collective-empowerment model. We are a growing volunteer-led collaborative partnering with many of the city's civic-focused nonprofits, including the NAACP, League of Women Voters, ACLU Ohio, Women's City Club, Delta Sigma Theta, Urban League, Action Tank, and many more.

Justin and the GCVC partner team

🔗 League of Women Voters Guide



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

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ Neighborhood Block Parties

- **North Avondale Loop Block Party** (Burton Woods Lane, Leyman, Red Bud and parts of Clinton Springs & Mitchell) was held Saturday October 1 from 4 to 10. Thank you to the committee (pictured below) made up of Heather Duncan, Sadie Bonifas, Cicely Knecht, Suzanne Ziemba, Mary Pray.



- On Sunday October 2, The Rose Hill Area had their Block Party. Thank you to Lois & Mel Nizny



FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Eden Urban Gardens, LLC is a woman owned USDA Certified Organic Urban Farm that operates a multisite urban fields with the largest urban field in North Avondale. We are solely dependent on our produce sales to operate & pay our workers. This is a local, woman owned urban farm that provides organic produce with home delivery for custom orders and weekly farm box subscriptions options for all of the 45229 zip code. We also have pick up locations.

Neighbors can also place a one time custom order that can be delivered to their home using the same website below or order as needed with this option from February thru December using our online store website below.

Farm box subscriptions are 45 weeks out of the year, with a short 7 week break from Late December thru the month of January, resuming in February.

Farm Box customers have options to skip farm boxes for vacation weeks. A short video on how to skip a farm box delivery will be sent to you upon subscribing.

To shop organic produce or to Subscribe for Farm box subscription click here: <https://app.barn2door.com/e/9YGlR/all>

We look forward to serving you all soon!

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>

I'm going to have a trial area to replace grasswith Clover, yes Clover

- Almost no mowing
- Minimal water

I'll keep NANA up to date

Questions!

Melmind@aol.com

Mel Nizny (Rose Hill) Mel Nizny (Rose Hill)

ENVIRONMENT

Our popular Household Hazardous Products Drop-off Event is back and bigger than ever. This years event has been expanded to two days: **Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22** at a new westside location. Learn more by visiting <https://hamiltoncountyr3source.org/297/Household-Hazardous-Products> and register today!



HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO RESIDENTS
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS
TWO DAY DROP-OFF EVENT

Friday	Saturday
Oct. 21, 2022	Oct. 22, 2022
10A - 3:30P	8A - 1:30P

Space is limited register today!



Fall Leaves

Sec. 723-33. - Sweeping onto Sidewalk or Roadway.

No person shall shovel, sweep, throw or otherwise deposit snow or ice from private property onto a sidewalk or roadway located within the public right-of-way.

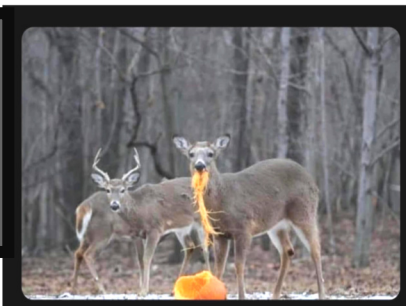
No person shall sweep, throw or otherwise deposit leaves, sweepings, litter or other matter from private property onto a sidewalk or from a sidewalk onto a roadway or into the gutter thereof, nor shall any person ignite or burn such materials on a street pavement, or cause such to be done.



Raking leaves destroys the ecosystem. Butterflies, squirrels, songbirds, and many other animals depend on leaf litter for food or protection. Furthermore, fallen leaves cover up root systems, suppress weeds, preserve soil moisture, and act as natural fertilizer and help to keep your lawn healthy.

unbelievable-facts.com

Don't throw away pumpkins after Halloween. Find woods or a field near you, smash them open and leave for the wildlife to eat. Pumpkin is safe for them and the seeds act as a natural dewormer. (Army of the Kind) 🦌 🍂



LIBRARIES & RECREATION

Have you heard of our **Jean Alva Goldsmith Collection**? Jean Alva Goldsmith was born on September 7, 1922 in Avondale, however she unexpectedly passed away days before seventh birthday, on August 29, 1929. She developed a deep love of reading and even insisted her family celebrate her half birthdays to receive more books as gifts.



Shortly after her passing, the family of Jean Alva donated her collection of several hundred books to the Library. Her family also established a trust, with funds donated to the library twice annually for the purchase and addition of quality children's books for her collection. A century after Jean Alva's birth, we continue to add to her collection through the trust and celebrate her love of reading.

While books from the Jean Alva Goldsmith Collection can't leave the Main Library, other copies are available for checkout. Explore a handful of digitized works from the collection - <https://cinlib.org/3fcLWn9>

North Avondale Recreation Center -



- Fall Hours: open Monday thru Friday 10 am to 8
- Next North Avondale Barbershop talk series on October 24 6pm-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

13TH ANNUAL SKILLS AND DRILLS CLINIC

NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER
617 CLINTON SPRINGS

Session I: September 19-October 7
Session II: October 10-27
BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES K-8

*CRC membership required

Register at the North Avondale Rec center
Contact Coach Tim at 513-961-1584 for questions

*\$40/child or \$70/siblings
*If paying for both sessions, \$70/child or \$140/siblings

YOU'RE INVITED TO

SCARE OF THE NORTH

OCTOBER 31, 2022

TIME: 5PM-7PM
NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER
617 CLINTON SPRINGS
CINCINNATI OH 45229

FREE!

COME IN YOUR BEST COSTUME!

- **Seven Star Dragons Karate**, NARC Dojo is accepting new students ages 6 years through adults. We specialize in "Youth Empowerment". Our program will empower your child to resist bullying, be a leader, have positive character traits, improve academics, physical and mental wellness. Register at the link below. We look forward to serving you! <http://7stardragonskarate.com/index.php/north-avondale-recreation-center-dojo/>

North Avondale Recreation Center Youth Empowerment

7 Star Dragons

Black Belt Dojo

DREAM big

Chief Instructor

SEVEN STAR DRAGONS CINCINNATI

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Register at
7stardragonskarate.com

Master Davis

OKINAWAN SHURI-RYU

GM Robert Trias, Founder : Shuri Ryu USKA

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

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NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS



North Avondale Montessori

•615 Clinton Springs
•513.363.3900 •www.namrockets.org

NAM Annual Family Camping Trip was on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Morgan's Riverside Campground.

Thanks to everyone that joined us on the campout. You were a great group and made it a pleasure to lead. And special thanks to John Donaldson for bringing firewood and coffee pots! I'm not sure, but I think the kids had fun with s'mores and glow sticks.

After a COVID break the past couple years, we went back to Morgan's Campground near Fort Ancient! This is a great place just 12 miles past Kings Island. It is right on the Little Miami River for swimming and canoeing. Our camping area has a big shelter with lots of picnic tables, a fire pit with benches (s'mores!), and a playground, so it will be lots of fun. The NAM father's group sponsored the trip including the shelter and dinner, so thanks to them.



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI
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New School Montessori 6th Graders Study the Human Body from Micro to Macro.

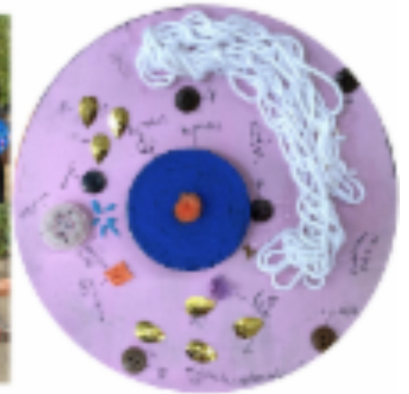
Our 6th grade students have been learning all about the human body since they began at The New School as 3-year-olds. Each year, more detail is added and students gain a more complete understanding of how the organs, bones and soft tissue work together to make this amazing "vehicle" we live in.

This year, art and science teacher, Emily Olexsey, made study of the cell an art project. That mass of white yarn you see there simulates the endoplasmic reticulum, providing a platform for protein synthesis and lipid production. The piece that looks like Chex cereal is a centrosome that's involved in cell division. A vacuole (represented here by a brown button) stores water and nutrients for later. And that fuzzy orange pom pom in the center of the cell is the nucleolus where ribosomes are made.

Students have taken their study of the body from the micro level (the cell) to the macro level (the human body). They began by tracing the outline of their bodies and labeling and

gluing their body's organs into the correct locations. Lungs, liver, heart, spleen, pancreas, small and large intestines, bladder, ureter - it's all there! And they know what each part does too.

Now the 6th graders are studying the bones of the body and will entertain their parents and classmates with a song "D'em Bones," where they name many of the bones of the body. Students will wear black shirts and pants pinned from head to toe (occipital to metatarsals) with femur, radius, ulna, scapula, phalanges and more.



Ann Baumgardner, Communications Director

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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

Christopher Huff, Community Center Director