



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is evident as we walk and drive through some areas of our neighborhood that many buildings and houses are in need of repair. In fact, some are vacant and show the unsightly results of vandals. Boarded doors and windows add to the sad sight and weeds and unattended lawn conditions make a most dismal view for all. This hurts the atmosphere and appearance of the entire community. Certainly none of us want that! Properties in this condition must be given attention. If not, and the condition further deteriorates, the City for safety reasons will most likely raze the property.

NANA is exploring with several companies that do restoration and renovation work how we might bring "life" back to some of these residential properties. NANA in some type partnership with these companies might be one means by which this can be accomplished. In other cases private investors are considering developing certain buildings and apartment complexes into attractive and more suitable condition that will give residents better places to live and increased pride for where they live. These investors often come to the NANA Board and make presentations outlining their plans and seeking NANA support.

Also, some vacant and unkempt lots and buildings exist in North Avondale's business district. Therein lies potential opportunity for new development and community enhancement. Many ideas have been suggested for that area.... new, modern office space, a nice restaurant, a new mini-mall with specialty shops or a new multi level complex with underground parking having neat, small stores on the ground level and super, nice condos on several stories above. The wish list of nice attractions goes on and on. Some could actually become reality if we chose to use our ingenuity, imagination and have the courage to make North Avondale a "neighborhood that has it all". NANA is also exploring this type thinking with investors and companies to seek an action plan and direction for starting on this goal.

For sure, change will not happen over night and it's certain it will never happen unless we resolve to make it start. But, if it is needed for the community in which we live and raise our children, shouldn't we at least give serious consideration? Flowers do not bloom the first day the seed is planted.

The NANA Board needs your advice and comments about matters that are a concern or which would change our community. The best way for me and the other Board members to do the job you want us to do is for you to attend the NANA General Membership Meetings that are held the second Tuesday of each month. The next one is September 14th when we will also tour the new school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Bill Stevens

FIRE ON MARION

On Labor Day a severe fire burned most of two houses on Marion Ave near Dakota. At about 11:30 PM the garage of Byron and Vanessa White caught fire and burned down. The blaze set fire to the White's home and the home of their neighbors, John Jones and Vera Boykins. The neighboring garage of Tim Morrison & Amy Gaudio was also destroyed. Fortunately nobody was injured. While insurance will help the families recover, there surely will be many unanticipated costs and sentimental items that can't easily be replaced. If you would like to help by donating funds that can be used by the families to supplement the insurance claims, accounts have been established at Fifth-Third Bank for John Jones and for the Whites. You can donate at any Fifth-Third Bank to:

- John Jones Fire Fund
- Byron and Vanessa White Fire Fund

Also, for 10 days (Sept. 8 - 17th) 10% of the all sales at the Shoe Boutique Morrison & Me in O'Bryonville will be donated to help John & The Whites. 1979 Madison Road, 232 7463
<http://morrisonandme.com/>

Here is a wonderful audio piece "Neighbors pitch in to help NA Fire Victims" about the neighborhood.

<http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Fire-Engulfs-Two-North-Avondale-Homes/FkVZZe1CiEiwhF4-QFvYYg.csp>

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

**NANA General Meeting
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs
Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.**

- **Meet the New Principal and Tour of the New North Avondale Montessori School**
- **The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance**





NORTH AVONDALE
617 Clinton Springs
961.1584

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

Fall Hours

Monday – Thursday 12 – 8pm
 Fridays 10am – 6pm

Program Highlights

▪ Youth Basketball Skills Programs

5 to 7 year olds M & W Sept 13- Oct 11 4:30-5:30pm Fee\$20
 3rd & 4th Grade T & Th Sept 14-Oct 12 4:30 -5:30pm Fee\$30
 5th & 6th Grade M & W Sept 13 –Oct 11 5:30-6:30pm Fee\$30

▪ Karate for all Ages

T & Th 5:15 – 6:05, 6:10 – 7:05 & 7:10 – 8:00pm

The fees for this program are paid directly to the instructor, Sensei Terrell Davis

▪ Flag Football Ages 11 under

Games T 3:30-6pm

Practice F 4:00pm – 5:30pm FREE

Please contact Coach Kenny for more information.

▪ Evening Line Dance Classes Resume on Wednesday, September 15th. Come and dance those pounds away from 6:30-8:00pm. This program is FREE with your membership to the center. For more information please contact Brandi.

For a complete listing of all center programs call or stop by.

HIRSCH CENTER

•3620 Reading Road • 751.3393

Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

Fall Hours:

Monday –Thursday Noon to 8 pm
 Friday 10 am to 6 pm

Fall Classes

AFTER SCHOOL

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| After School Day Camp | M-F | 2:30 – 6Ppm | \$20 per Wk |
| Arts & Crafts (5-7) | M & W | 3-4:15pm | Free |
| Arts & Crafts (8-14) | M & W | 4:15-5:30 pm | Free |
| Basketball Fundamentals | M & F | 4:15-5:30 pm | Free |
| Federal Snack Program | M-F | 2:45 | Free |

Ages 5-17 (no membership needed for snack!)

AGES 8 TO 14

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|------|
| Fun Fridays | Fri | 3:00-5:30 | Free |
| Game Room Games | M-Th | 3:15-4:15 | Free |
| Gym Games | M-F | 3:00-4:15 | Free |
| Homework Help | M-Th | 3:00-4:15 | Free |
| StageCraft | Fri | 3-5:30 PM | Free |
| Theater Class | T & Th | 3-5:30 PM | Free |

DAY & EVENING

| | | | |
|---|----------|------------|--------------|
| American Black History (Sept 20 th) | M & W | 6-8 PM | Free |
| Basic Computer | M, W & F | 12 -2 | Free |
| Basketball, Open Gym | M- F | 12 -2 | Free |
| Basketball, Open Gym | M & W | 6 -8 | Free |
| Fitness Room | M-F | 12 -8 | <u>FREE!</u> |
| Fitness Group Workout | M & W | 6-8 | Free |
| Music Production (Teens) | Th | 6-8 | Free |
| Tai Chi | M, W & F | 9am – Noon | Free |
| Teen Game Room / Lounge | T 6-8 | | Free |
| Theater Class (Adults) | T & Th | 6-7:30pm | Free |

Walking/Fit Group M-F 12-2 Free

UPCOMING EVENTS

Three on Three Basketball Event Late Sept or Early October.
 Haunted House Late October
 Chess Tournament Early November

Julie Fatora C. P. R. P.

Annual Memberships At All Centers

Juniors and Seniors - \$10, Adults (Ages 18-49) - \$25
 Includes All CRC Centers & Pool, *except Dunham Pool*
Optional for Adults only: \$20 Includes All CRC Centers Membership, \$10 Includes All CRC Pools Membership, *except Dunham Pool.*

**SENDING MOTHER'S DAY
 FLOWERS C.O.D.**

LitteringIsWrongToo.org



Litterers beware! Keep America Beautiful (KAB), in partnership with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB), has launched a new litter

prevention education campaign that calls attention to the inappropriate act of littering, and the thoughtlessness of offenders. The campaign, **"Littering is Wrong Too"** allows everyone to get involved in a unique way. It links littering with other wrongdoings like "networking at a funeral" or "breaking up on Valentine's Day," while also defining the personality of the litterer as a socially unaccepted jerk.

Geared at young adults, those found to be most likely to litter, the campaign entertains in order to get people talking. It kicked off a couple weeks ago and residents can expect to see and hear a lot about the problem of litter in the coming months. The ultimate goal is to change perceptions of those who litter and the act of littering, to induce a change in behavior and lead to a cleaner, more beautiful city.

KAB selected Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to pilot the litter prevention campaign in anticipation that it will be made available to other affiliates across the country. From now until October 15, the pilot campaign will be executed throughout Cincinnati and ads featuring other wrong behaviors will be visible on billboards, posters at popular bars and restaurants, online, on the radio and at events across the city. In addition to concerts and outdoor events, residents will be exposed to the campaign at select professional baseball and football games as well as local college sporting events. At these events, attendees will have an opportunity to write their own "wrongs" and showcase them in photos and videos that will be featured and voted upon on the campaign Website.

Residents will also be able to "write their wrong" online, adding their own creativity to the campaign. Throughout the pilot period, residents can compete for the "wrongest wrong" with prizes being awarded throughout the time period and a grand prize winner announced at the end of the campaign. Cincinnatians are encouraged to share their wrongs, photos and videos with friends and family through their social networks, helping generate more buzz for the problem of litter while engaging residents in a humorous way.

To be part of the campaign please visit our website:

www.litteringiswrongtoo.org



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

•363.3900 • 876 Glenwood

www.namrockets.org

Hello! I would like to take a few minutes to introduce myself. My name is Roger R. Lewis and I am the new Principal at North Avondale Montessori School.

(NAM) I was fortunate to be selected by the Local Decision School Making Committee (LSDMC) to replace Ms. Carmen Hull who retired in July. NAM has a long tradition of serving the North Avondale community and I look forward to challenge of having the best school in the area.

Prior to accepting the position at NAM, I was the Principal at Schiel Primary School for the Arts Enrichment. I served Schiel PSAE for the past four years. Our school went from "Continuous Improvement" on the Ohio State Report card, to the highest rating of "Excellent" for the past three years. Recently, we were named a Blue Ribbon school by the United States Department of Education for high academic achievement for two consecutive years. This is the highest award a school may earn. I am very proud of the students, parents and the members of "Team Schiel" for their effort to improve student achievement. Without their dedication and team work, the goals we accomplished would have not been reached.

We have been in school for approximately four weeks. I am very impressed with our students and how focused they come to school on a daily basis. The parent involvement has been tremendous from the opening of school. Many parents came to school, along with teachers, on the last weekend prior to the opening of school and assisted the teachers in unpacking their boxes and organizing their rooms. While secretaries were organizing the office, custodians were working feverishly in prepping the building. Our ladies in the cafeteria were also preparing the kitchen for the hundreds of meals they serve on a daily basis. "Team NAM" was created because without the effort from all of these people, school would not have opened in a smooth manner.

I am very excited about opportunity to raise academic achievement to the highest level. We have all the elements to be an "Excellent School." A new state of the art building serving the North Avondale community, parent involvement, dedicated teachers, and students with outstanding potential. I look forward to meeting you at the **NANA General Meeting** on Tuesday, September 14 when you **tour the new school**. Otherwise, if you are in the area, please stop by and visit us.

Roger R. Lewis, Principal

TUTORS NEEDED

NAM is in need of tutors Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm. If you have even a half-hour per week to spare, you can make a difference for a student who needs more one-on-one time than their teacher can give on a normal school day. Please contact Lisa Herod by phone or email at 254.6057 or llherod@yahoo.com. Thanks you.

THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

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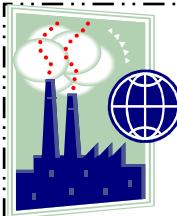
The New School Montessori has begun the 2010-2011 school year with much anticipation as we prepare for a celebration commemorating our **40th Anniversary**. Joyful noise is in order as we delight in connecting with past and present families and our friends in the North Avondale neighborhood. In reviewing our school directory, it is gratifying to find so many new and returning families who have found their place in North Avondale. As they make their house a home, so many are appreciating the cooler weather as they enjoy a morning walk to school. They appreciate the beauty of their surroundings amid the colorful mums and crunchy leaves under foot. Our **Annual Harvest Moon Festival** takes place on **Saturday, October 9** and you are welcome to join us as we celebrate this community together. We're certain you'll have fun recalling good memories too.

We invite you to call 281.7999 for an appointment to visit our school in action or feel free to visit one of our Open Houses.

Sunday, November 14 (2:00 – 4:00 PM)

Sunday, January 30 (2:00 – 4:00 PM)

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director



NA Workshop on Home Energy Audits & Retrofit Options

The Blaneys (Burton Woods Ln) and Zimmermans (Redway Ave) and the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance are moving ahead with plans for a home energy conservation workshop on **Monday, October 4 at 7 PM** at the NA Recreation Center. The workshop will discuss home energy audits, retrofitting options for reducing energy bills, incentives for taking these steps, and more. A couple of case studies for North Avondale homes will be presented. Plans will be summarized at the September 14 NANA monthly meeting. If you want to be put on the mailing list for updates or if you have questions, contact Ben Blaney – 861.1220, blb7852@aol.com or Julie Zimmerman – 751.3199, jmirwin@zoomtown.com. More information on GCEA can be found at greatercea.org.



Here is the July Chronic Nuisance Report. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Landlord Accountability Chair Michelle Baxter.

CMC Chapter 761 - Chronic Nuisance Premises

Report of Potential Nuisance Premises
Evaluation Period: **JULY 2010**

9/1/2010

Author: Chris Kearney

NORTH AVONDALE REPORT:

NEIGHBORHOOD: **NORTH AVONDALE**

BUILDING NUISANCE SUMMARY

| PARCEL ID | BUILDING ID | PROPERTY DESC | ADDRESS RANGE | COUNT of NUISANCE DAYS |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| D10800050024 | GJ1740236586 | APARTMENTS - 40+ UNITS | 910 BURTON AV to 920 BURTON AV | 4 |
| D10800050040 | GJ1741736645 | APARTMENTS - 20 TO 39 UNITS | 915 DANA AV | 8 |
| D10800050054 | GJ1744536636 | APARTMENTS - 4 TO 19 UNITS | 917 DANA AV | 3 |
| D11100050032 | GJ1725136655 | METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY | 3739 READING RD to 784 GREENWOOD AV | 3 |
| D11200010039 | GJ1701636731 | APARTMENTS - 20 TO 39 UNITS | 725 GREENWOOD AV | 4 |
| D10800040005 | GJ1716636411 | APARTMENTS - 40+ UNITS | 3652 READING RD to 815 S FRED SHUTTLESWORTH CR | 11 |
| D10800050025 | GJ1734436641 | APARTMENTS - 20 TO 39 UNITS | 3756 READING RD | 4 |
| D10800050037 | GJ1732436617 | APARTMENTS - 20 TO 39 UNITS | 3744 READING RD to 3750 READING RD | 3 |
| D11600040054 | GJ1840937198 | APARTMENTS - 20 TO 39 UNITS | 4087 VICTORY PY to 4091 VICTORY PY | 3 |

Reminder: Periodically, we have **car break-ins** in the neighborhood. Some occurred on August 31 on Rose Hill and earlier in the summer on Red Bud south of Mitchell. Cars were broken into that were parked outside or in an unlocked garage. Do not keep valuables in your car - especially in plain sight. Always report break-ins to the police, even if nothing is stolen (tracking patterns is important). Nonemergency Police is 765.1212 or to just make a crime report (no police visit) 352.2960

YOUR NEIGHBORS

On July 17, the South of Mitchell (Red Bud, Burton Woods, Leyman, Clinton Springs) area held their annual Block Party. Thank you to neighborhood committee (Michelle and Darren Baxter, Sue and Ben Blaney, Heather Duncan and Tom Nickell, Tina and Bob Dyehouse, Dawn and Keith Grace, Grace and Brian Hill, Jeff and Mary Ann Knoop, Julia and George Wadih). Also, many thanks to: Linda and Mike Hill, Debbie and Danny Otero, Mary Ohlinger-Pray and Ken Pray, and The New School.



Vanessa Sorensen's (Marion) latest book *Zen Birds* is now available at Joseph Beth Bookstore or online (Amazon or B&N). In this book she illustrates thirty species of North American birds in a style inspired by traditional Asian brushwork. She also wrote short poems that accompany each illustration and that describe the quirky traits and habits peculiar to each species. This book is a celebration of the amazing lives of birds and is a must-have for any bird lover, ornithologist or nature enthusiast..



Dr. Odell Owens (Washington) has been named the new president for Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.
<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20100818/NEWS0102/308180047/Cincinnati-State-picks-president-today>

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
name date

Address _____

Email Address/s _____

Annual Dues \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$5 ☐ or \$ _____

Pay **Additional** \$7.00 for Newsletter Mail Delivery _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

August

Debikey E Oliver (Avondale Ave.)

April

Lillian & Phillip Williams (N Fred Shuttlesworth)

WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE TREE??????

CINCINNATI PARK BOARD FALL RELEAF PROGRAM 2010

TO QUALIFY:

1. **Property must be in the City of Cincinnati.**
2. **Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the right-of-way and visible from the street.** Planting between the street and sidewalk and in backyards is not acceptable.
3. **Plant the right tree in the right place.** Please consider the mature size of the tree. Be aware of any obstructions from wires, utilities, or other structures.

A high priority is given to planting trees on private property along streets the Park Board cannot plant due to narrow right-of-ways. The Park Board encourages such streets to coordinate delivery and planting for interested property owners.

Other priority areas include community focal points such as entranceways, street triangles, areas near street intersections, and public frontages along major streets.

Forestry staff will inspect each planting location before approving tree requests, and will inspect locations after planting to ensure guidelines are followed.

Free Tree From Fall ReLeaf 2010 Request Form

Community: _____

Planting Location: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone #:(work) _____

(home) _____

Email _____

Name(s) of Person(s) Planting Trees: _____

FREE TREE REQUEST: Please describe the planting site below. Attach any plans or maps that provide specific planting locations. Urban Forestry staff will inspect all planting sites before approving tree requests, and will inspect afterward to ensure that the trees are planted in accordance to guidelines.

NOTE: Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the sidewalk and visible from the street.

Depending upon demand Urban Forestry may limit number of trees to one per site or substitute species.

Planting Site Description: (**Please attach map)

| TREE SIZE | SPECIES | REQUEST |
|-----------|---|---------|
| Small | Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i> | |
| Small | Downy Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier laevis</i> | |
| Medium | Black Gum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | |
| Medium | River Birch <i>Betula nigra</i> | |
| Large | Dawn Redwood <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i> | |
| Large | Shingle Oak <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> | |
| Large | Greenspire Linden <i>Tilia cordata</i> | |

Planting Site Description:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Site Inspected: _____

Site Comments: _____

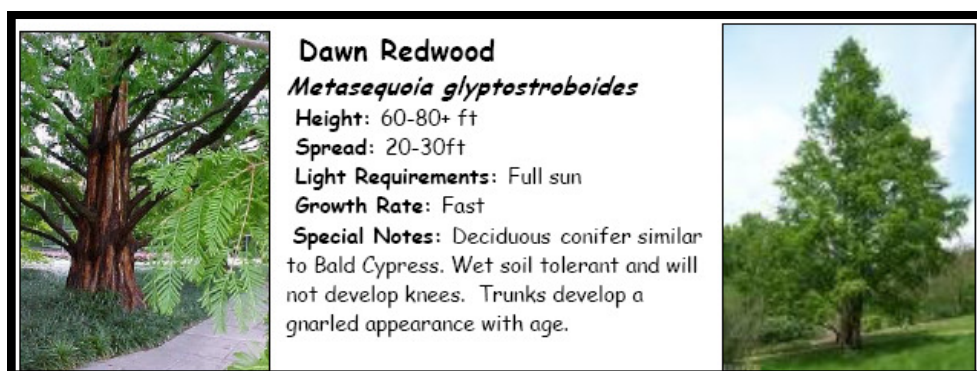
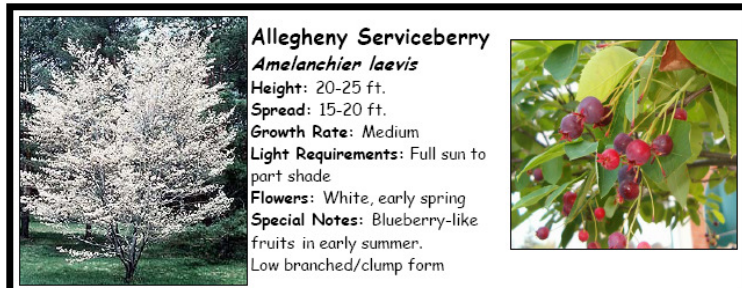
Please return this form by September 24, 2010

Tree confirmation letter to be sent by October 8.

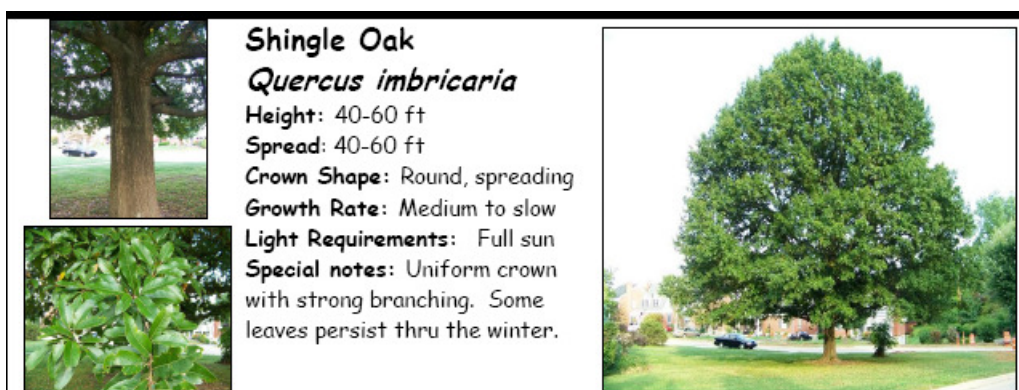
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• Email: urban.forestry@cincinnati-oh.gov

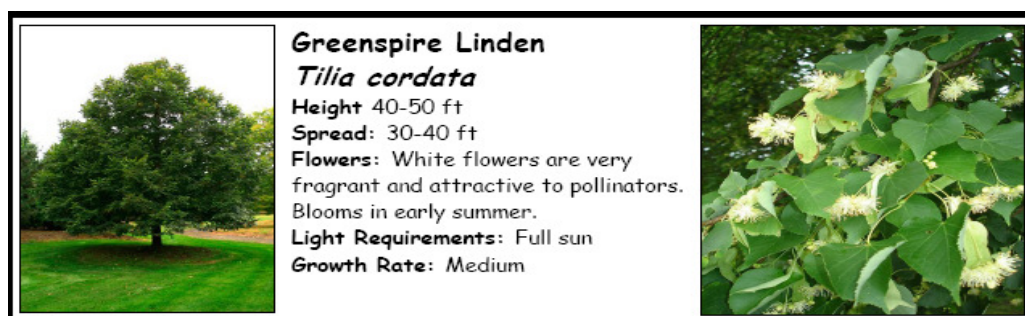
TREE SELECTION



Trees suitable to replace Ash



For information about the Emerald Ash Borer and a list of trees suitable for Ash replacement, go to www.emeraldashborer.info



NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, September 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- **Wednesday, September 22, District 4 Resource Meeting** (4th Wednesday of each month.) 6:30 pm Police Station, 4150 Reading
- **First Thursday of each month October 7, at 1:30pm, NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Monday, October 4 at 7 pm Home Energy Conservation Workshop** at the NA Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- **Tuesday, October 12, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---|---|
| City Complaint/Request Hotline | 591.6000 | To just make a crime report (no police visit) | 352.2960 |
| Police District 4 | 569.8600 | Request A Recycling Bin | 242.4600 |
| Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer: | 569.8654 | Report Air Odors 24/7 | 946.7777 |
| Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov | | To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit: | Crimereports.com |
| Thomas Beridon Dist. 4 Prosecutor | 352.3618 | Track property code violations: | |
| Thomas.beridon@cincinnati-oh.gov | | | http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/ |
| Nonemergency Police | 765.1212 | | |

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Tour the North Avondale Montessori School At the September 14, 7 pm NANA General Meeting



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NANA MEETING SEPTEMBER 14,TH 7pm
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