



# Northsider Monthly

January 2020: Issue 11

## Meet your Neighbor!

This month we chatted with Tim'm West to learn a little about his work in education and as an advocate for the queer and black communities.

### 1) Tell us a little about yourself, where did you grow up, your background, your career and volunteer roles.

First home was OTR off Race, very different place in the 70s and my earliest memories are there. Left at 4 and grew up mostly in Arkansas before college in North Carolina, which was the beginning of being an eternal student and Renaissance man of sorts: making Hip Hop music, writing poetry, etc... A philosopher by training, I left a PhD program at Stanford prematurely to deal with an illness but with a second interdisciplinary MA. That's when I felt the calling to teach high school. I taught secondary and post-secondary on and off for about 15 years. More recently I design learning and professional development for educators with Teach For America, especially around safe classrooms for LGBTQ+ students. I'm on the Board of Wordplay, serve as Chair of the Chase LSDMC, and support a number of other efforts, especially for queer and trans people of color in Cincinnati.

### 2) Why did you choose Northside to live in?

Because I decided to return to Cincy to nest, and having lived in larger markets like DC, Atlanta, Houston, Chicago, Bay Area, NYC, I wanted a neighborhood where I'd feel safe and not criminalized should I decide to go for a walk at 11pm. When I was looking at neighborhoods in Cincy, the suggestions for me were too sterile, not very diverse, and didn't seem queer friendly. Since my hopes here are to possibly have a second family (my only daughter is 31), a neighborhood where kids wouldn't feel out-of-place or unwelcome was huge for me. Sometimes I forget how cozy Northside is, until I'm in other parts of the city. My neighbors are friends; and I feel really at home here. Best neighborhood I've lived in ... ever.



### 3) What is one weird or quirky fact about you?

I was Future Farmers of America President back in High school in Arkansas. I'm not sure any other Hip Hop artist can say that. LOL.

### 4) What is your greatest hope for the neighborhood or something you would like to see more of?

I'd love to see more inclusiveness. We have diversity by numbers, but the number of times I can go into spaces and be the only person of color... or see be only among Black people reminds me of how segregated this city can be. I don't expect everyone to get it right in Cincinnati, but Northside can do better. I think we will get there.

## From the Community Council

### January Meeting Highlights:

#### Announcements from the floor:

- Erica Riddick presented a motion to request the city enforce zoning violations on the Vandalia Ave lot. The motion passed.
- Pete Metz presented a motion to write a letter to the Move Forward Campaign expressing NCC support for Issue 7, which is part two of the effort to improve infrastructure and public transportation in Hamilton County. The motion passed.

#### Northside Community Council Elections:

Elections were postponed until the February meeting. More on elections below.

#### Education:

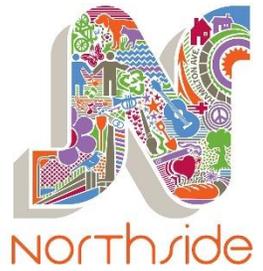
Principal Whitney Simmons, Jeremy Colepepper, and representatives from Parker Woods student council presented an update on what is new at PWM.

#### CUFA:

Communities United for Action – Main focus is advocating for affordable water bills and safe sewers that don't pollute. Combined sewer overflows mean that stormwater combines with sewage. Meeting with Regional Directors of EPA is scheduled for 2/29 at Urban Artifact from 12:00 – 2:00PM – All are welcome.

#### Turner Farm Gardening Classes at McKie:

Offering a series of garden classes for free. Registration online and open to 30 individuals.



### What's Coming in February:

- The February NCC meeting will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at McKie.
- Hear an update from WordPlay at our February Meeting
- NCC will hold elections for the following positions: President, VP, Membership Secretary, Communications Secretary, Board Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Board Directors. Nominations are accepted until February 7. To nominate you or someone you know please email [northsidecouncil@googlegroups.com](mailto:northsidecouncil@googlegroups.com).

### From Our Committees:

- House Tour – Next meeting is at February 11th at 6:00PM. If you are interested please email [housetour@northsidecouncil.com](mailto:housetour@northsidecouncil.com).
- Planning & Zoning – Next meeting on February 10th at 6:00PM at McKie. Update on Kirby Church Zone Change Request: Planning & Zoning meeting does not support zone change. Process will be brought to general meeting in future.
- Sustainability – Up for Grabs was Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping the event run more smoothly in the future you can email [mmsenerchia@gmail.com](mailto:mmsenerchia@gmail.com) to get involved. The Sustainability Committee needs leader. If interested, reach out to NCC.
- Pedestrian Safety – New stop sign at Chase and Fergus. Bump outs planned for next year. Intersection will be painted in summer. Hamilton street configuration being discussed with potential for dedicated left turn lanes at Chase and Hamilton. Updates planned for next month.

- Safety and Livability Transition Update – Safety and Livability has revised 4 subcommittees: Quality of Life, Youth / Family Engagement, Crime Prevention and Marketing/Branding Collaboration. S&L is seeking a new leader and fresh energy with a changing Northside. If you are interested please email [northsidecouncil@googlegroups.com](mailto:northsidecouncil@googlegroups.com).

# What's Happening

Now Accepting Nominations for



Northside Community Council is seeking new recruits for February's board elections. Several officer positions and director seats are up for election. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know, please send nominations to [northsidecouncil@googlegroups.com](mailto:northsidecouncil@googlegroups.com). To qualify, you must be a paid member of NCC and have attended 3 meetings in the last year.

The following positions will be on the ballot:

- President
- VP
- Treasurer
- Board Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Communications
- Board Director (2)

## News from NEST

NEST presented an update to the 4145 Apple Street property development. Penn Rose and New Republic working with NEST. NEST and partners are proceeding with 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit application for 58 affordable units prioritizing senior citizens due February 13th. Zoning variance will be needed regarding parking. 48 parking spaces allotted. More updates and requests for community support will be presented at upcoming NCC Meetings.

Project Summaries:

**\*\*Save the Date:** NEST will hold it's first Annual Meeting on February 20th, 2020 at The Factory Events (1546 Knowlton Street) from 6-7:30pm. Join us for neighbor happy hour, a raffle, community updates and Northside trivia! The event is free but please RSVP via <https://www.facebook.com/events/1278059635728321/>.\*\*

NEST continues to assist Apple Street Market's ongoing site search and viability studies.

Read more about NEST and sign up for our newsletter: [www.northsidenest.org](http://www.northsidenest.org)





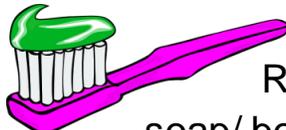
# Personal Care Items Needed!

CAIN guests are unable to purchase these essential items with their SNAP (food stamp) cards.

Will you help us fill the shelves?

## Baby and Children’s Items:

Diapers (3-6T), wipes, baby food (all stages), formula, bibs, new bottles, blankets, new pacifiers, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby powder, children’s toothpaste and toothbrushes, children’s shampoo and conditioner, children’s hair brushes and combs.



## Personal Care Items for Adults:

Razors, shaving cream, body and hand lotion, deodorant, bar soap/ bodywash, tooth brushes, toothpaste, dental floss, hand sanitizer, facial tissue, adult diapers (XS-XXL), manicure/pedicure kits, bandages and other first aid products.

## Hair Products:

Shampoo, conditioner, combs, hair oil and other ethnic hair



brushes, gel, care products.

## Feminine Hygiene Products:

Pads, tampons, panty-liners.

Your generosity is so appreciated!

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## Apple Street Market Update



Earlier this month, Apple Street Market supporters, including members of NEST, met to explore possible locations for the store. The group plans to intensively explore viable sites in Northside. The challenge there is that truly viable options are not currently available. Simultaneously, the group will explore 2 properties on Hamilton Av. in College Hill where there is site control, and where community members expressed desire for Apple Street Market. In May, the group will present their findings to owners, who will vote on the next steps.

Next meeting will take place Tuesday February 11 7:30-9:00. All are welcome to attend!



## Northside Events

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** 7pm – Northside Business Association General Meeting at Happen

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** 1-3pm – The Parker Woods Montessori Science Saturday. All are welcome!

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm – Apple Street Market Planning Meeting at Happen

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** 6-7:30pm - NEST Annual Meeting at the Factory Events

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** 6:30-8:30pm- PWM Come-Unity Dinner and Dance. All are welcome!

**Every Saturday** the Month of February 1-5pm- Northside Rocks! At Happen