



# Northsider Monthly

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**On the Cover:** 2020 Chicken Lays an Egg Northside 4th of July E-Parade *Courtesy of Scott Fredette*

**DO NOT MISS:** Wednesday, July 8: The deadline to submit comments on the design for the Apple Street Senior affordable housing project. See the NEST update on page 4 for details.

Please send your contributions and ideas to improve the newsletter to [communications@northsidecouncil.com](mailto:communications@northsidecouncil.com).

## Outstanding Students 2020

This year the Northside Community Council Outstanding Student Awards were present to a graduating student from each of our three schools nominated by their principals using personal delivery and a drive through graduation. Our three student awardees with comments from their Principals are:



### Chase —David True

David, better known as Isaac, is a kind soul. He will always give you a greeting and ask how you are doing at the moment. This young man is well-rounded and provides a balance to the classroom and our school. Over the course of two years, David has demonstrated a willingness to learn and a hearty desire to challenge his intellectual abilities. For example, he has reminded me on several occasions to provide him with a brain teaser, usually created by Mensa. My hope is that he continues to be a really good person and not fall to any other outside influences. We all know that the world needs good people and I can't wait to see what he will become as an adult.



### Parker Woods—Amir Flowers

Amir Flowers is a resident of Northside. Amir is a hard worker. He always gives his best effort. Amir is well-mannered and an extremely respectful young man. He tries diligently to follow rules and to make wise choices. When Amir misses the mark, he is reflective, apologetic and strives to not make the same mistakes.



### St. Boniface—Andrew Browning

Andrew has significantly improved his academic performance this year, but also for always being ready to help with whatever is needed to be done. Andrew is polite and respectful to all school personnel and can be counted on to do whatever he commits to. He has an upbeat personality and gets along well with his classmates.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID, ANDREW AND AMIR!

# Updates for our Community Affiliates



CAIN continues to serve families with shelf stable items, meat, fresh produce, personal care items, bakery and bread choices. During this challenging time CAIN welcomes anyone in need, regardless of their place of residence and guests are welcome to stop by more frequently if needed. We are very grateful to the donors who are providing CAIN with food donations and financial assistance so that we can continue these critical services.

The pantry is open on Mondays from 5-7pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 1pm. Phil's Place dinners are being served in to-go boxes each Monday evening from 5-6pm as well. CAIN is following all health guidelines to ensure that guests, staff and volunteers are safe.

Beginning soon CAIN will be offering voter registration services for anyone who stops by during pantry hours. We continue to assist guests with rent assistance and utility bill assistance as we are able.

Our most urgent needs currently are personal care items (toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner) and cleaning supplies. Of course, financial assistance is always a blessing!



# Cont. Updates for our Community Affiliates

## News from Jeremy Culpepper, Parker Woods Resource Coordinator

Beginning Monday, June 29th, we will no longer be delivering meals to families on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. The families that we deliver to are aware of this update and their response was extremely appreciative. They have been given the Emergency Google Voice # to call if they do find themselves in need of resources throughout the summer. They have also been given a document that includes the locations of all of the CPS Distribution Sites.

Additionally, due to the decreasing number of families (less than 5) that have been coming to the school for this service consistently over the last 2 weeks, we will also be going down to 1 day for our Collaboration and Care service (handing out hygiene items, activity packets, etc.) beginning the week of June 29th. The Collaboration and Care services will be offered on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY (11am-12pm)** through August 14th. On Wednesday, we will be giving out hygiene products, activity packets, and additional food.

**Please Note: CPS Meal Distribution will still take place at Parker Woods on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays (11am-12pm) through August 14th. Additionally, home deliveries of school packets, etc. can be coordinated on an as-needed basis (i.e. Wednesday Folders).**

I want to thank all of those who have volunteered throughout the school closure and during the summer thus far. Your commitment and passion for serving our families and our community during these trying times has been evident. We could not have pulled this off without your support. THANK YOU!

Please feel free to pass these updates along to anyone you feel needs to know.

Have a wonderful summer!

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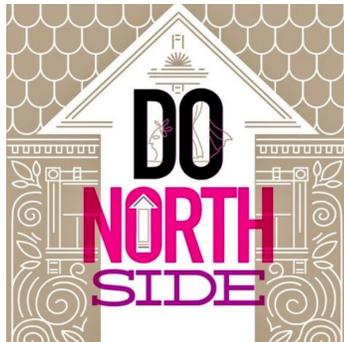


Watch NEST's recorded presentation from July 1, 2020 for a first look at Apple St. Senior design and project updates: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGWvsxGGtSc&feature=youtu.be>

Feedback is accepted through July 8, 2020 - please send to [Nestnorthside@gmail.com](mailto:Nestnorthside@gmail.com) with "Apple St. Senior" in the subject line. We welcome questions and broad feedback but are requesting your specific input for the following topics:

1. Site plan and exterior design, including materials
2. Possible change of building setback
3. Development naming: Memorial of an individual, History related to Northside or Cincinnati, or New/creative brand identity

NEST will be present in the July NCC meeting to share updates regarding our Board call for diversity, Apple St. Senior updates, and general project updates.



After careful consideration and consultation with homeowners, the Northside House Tour committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the Sept. 20, 2020 tour.

We are working with homeowners now to provide online tours for a virtual glimpse inside some of Northside's unique and lovely homes – so stay tuned to our Facebook page ([facebook.com/NorthsideHouseTour/](https://facebook.com/NorthsideHouseTour/)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/northsidehousetour](https://instagram.com/northsidehousetour)) for more.

In the meantime, read a brief article on Northside's history – and see some of the historic architecture – on the Cincinnati Preservation Association site (<http://cincinnati-preservation.org/northside-eclectic-in-every-way/>).

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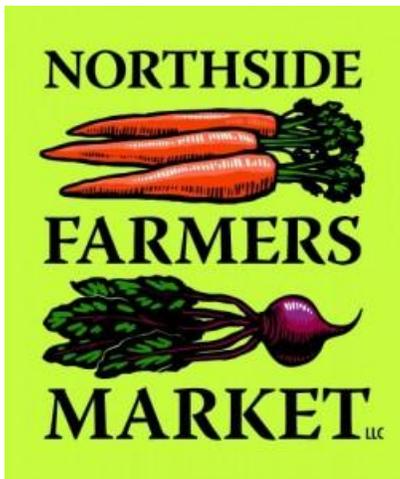


I have not heard anyone dismiss these times we are living as NORMAL, indeed no matter what your age or where you grew up, the pandemic of 2020 is new territory for all of us. Lots of Northside residents have been home-bound for months, uncertain what the future will look like as government-based regulations are softened and people venture out more and more. Having the privilege of serving the Northside community over the past 30 years plus as both the president of the NCC years ago and now NBA president, we have never faced a challenge within our little neighborhood like the current times present. Over those years, I have heard the phrase “Shop Local” morph into a common theme as people realize how much better our lives can be when we eat locally grown foods, support locally based business, and rely less and less on items shipped from around the world directly to our door steps.

The American Independent Business Alliance has published credible statistics on the effects of what “Shop Local” means in dollars and cents for your neighborhood. Nationally, a staggering 48% of your money spend in your local business district will be recirculated in your neighborhood. Compare that to the less than 14% when you shop at a chain store. With all of the Northside-based businesses that have shop keepers who live in this neighborhood and have invested in our neighborhood, I seriously believe the 48% is truly a low statistic for Northside. Think about the effects spending your money at the local shops will have on our neighborhood within the next year? It may help your neighbor keep from closing their shop, selling their house, and keep our business district thriving. At 48% plus recirculation for Northside, we have the power as residents to give a hands-up to all of our local businesses and fellow neighbors. So, I encourage you to **SHOP NORTHSIDE**, from our northern borders where the Comet and NVISION are located, to our western borders where Ohio Tile, Zins Plumbing and Growing Trade Pet and Plant are located, to our eastern borders where the Mill Creek Yacht Club is located, all of the businesses have Northside residents who own these businesses. Never before have Northsiders had the opportunity to impact the success of both the residential and business community we are all a part of as the present day, so folks, it is time do something about it---**SHOP LOCAL!**

Tim Jeckering, NBA President

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Take a walk down memory lane with the Northside Farmers Market all this month! Join our newsletter where we will be showcasing Northside Farmers Market's history, community impact, past events, and more! We want you to know the good work we have done and continue to do for our community. We have dug into our files to find fun pictures, events, advertising through the ages, and more.

We're also looking for your memories of the market. Have any fond stories, fun pictures, or forgotten history? Send them to us by emailing [info@northsidefm.org](mailto:info@northsidefm.org).



Here are some fun facts you may not know about the Northside Farmers Market :

- We have been in existence since 2002.
- We began as a few vendors selling out of their trucks in a parking lot and grew into a self-sustaining year-round farmers market.
- We were ranked 3rd Best Farmers Market this year by CityBeat and a neighborhood favorite by NextDoor Northside. We have been ranked one of the best farmers markets by CityBeat for at least 9 years.
- We are a project of the Northside Community Council, a 501(c)(3).
- All of our products are produced within 70 miles of Northside.
- We currently have ~20 vendors selling a wide range of goods, including fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, eggs, kombucha, popsicles, prepared foods, tea, coffee, bath and body products, baked goods, and more.
- We currently have two part-time staffers: Emily, Manager, and Maggie, Assistant Manager.

## Everything the market does is driven by our three-fold mission:

1. To support our urban community by increasing access to healthful and affordable foods;
  2. To be a vibrant social and educational hub providing to our community the tools to discover and increase consumption of local foods;
  3. To support our local food producers by working to create a viable business venue in which to sell their products.
- We will touch on all of these as we roll out fun details about the market as the weeks go by on our newsletter and website. Sign up for our newsletter at [www.northsidefm.org](http://www.northsidefm.org). Get ready to walk down memory lane!

## Mill Creek Alliance



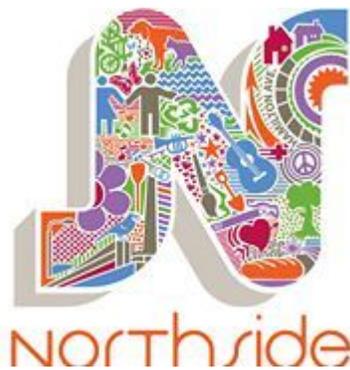
### MILL CREEK ALLIANCE INTERN CARLOS JORDAN-KELLER BEGINS WORK ON US EPA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT IN NORTHSIDE

Can you count how many times you crossed the Mill Creek today? As the Mill Creek flows through Northside on its way to the Ohio River, many of us Northsiders interact with it every day, though it may go unnoticed. The Mill Creek Alliance (MCA) is dedicated to the resurgence of the Mill Creek Watershed as a natural and community asset where people and communities can thrive.

In 2019 MCA received a US EPA Environmental Justice (EJ) Grant. Carlos Jordan-Keller, who grew up in Northside, was hired to work with Northside as an EJ Blue Team Intern. MCA “Blue Team” interns work with communities to protect and improve the Mill Creek and surrounding watershed. The goal of the EJ Grant is to listen to Northside residents to learn what

they think are the most important water quality issues in their section of the Mill Creek Watershed and to select one or two new water monitoring sites to document the problems.

We hope Northside community members will volunteer to help us collect and process water samples as part of the MCA Water Quality Monitoring Program. Periodically Carlos will share data from Northside water samples with community members to help them understand what these data mean. If water quality problems are found, Carlos will work with the community to find out how MCA can use our resources to address the issues. Carlos plans to discuss the EJ Grant Program in more detail at the next Zoom Northside Council Meeting July 20 th . He also plans to be at subsequent community council meetings to address any concerns or issues that arise regarding the Mill Creek. We want to hear from you, your input will help make a difference! To contact Carlos, please send an email to: [BlueTeam@theMillCreekAllaince.org](mailto:BlueTeam@theMillCreekAllaince.org).



NCC General Council Meeting Minutes  
June Meeting, 6/15/2002

AFFILIATE UPDATES

- NBA – new bike repair station installed at Hoffner Park
- Porch Tour – Cancelled for the year
- House Tour – Cancelled for this year. Looking at developing a virtual version
- CAIN:
  - Continues to be open. Pantry not open, but prepackaged bags available.
  - June 30<sup>th</sup> last day for hunger walk. Freestorefoodbanhungerwalk. Or check in CAIN's mailbox.
- NEST:
  - Barry:
  - LIHTC approval for senior project on Knowlton
  - Design mtg w/ contractor later this month
  - Developing opportunities for community comment over next few months
  - Community events to be scheduled on site
  - Slow development with contracts due to city furloughs
  - More to come later
- NSP (Sue Wilke)
  - Current City Budget has funding at 75% rate (not 0%, as feared). Requesting support for program by way pf letter to City Council in support of maintaining NSP funding.
  - Motion: Send letter to city in support of NSP
    - Seconded
    - Motion Passes by voice vote (Ayes, no Nay, no abstentions)
- City Council School – Ioanna
  - Discussed action of Action Tank – researching promoting equitable policy in Cincinnati
    - Teaching engagement with City Hall
    - With Hale Foundation, made proposal for City Council School
    - Started in March o research and design application process for the school
      - Designed for those interested in running for city council, or those who want to be more effective for their neighborhood
    - Effective City Councils (research finding of good ones)
      - Responsive to Constituents
      - Collegial, working relationships with colleagues – even when you disagree with them

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- September – inform those of admission
- Course through February to prepare those interested in campaigning
- Curriculum
  - How to staff your office
  - City budget process
  - How to take your ideas to make them passable and sustainable through legislation to reach your outcomes
  - How to Engage constituents
  - How to Engage with media
  - How to Build your “tough shell” when media and others disagree with you
- Website and application coming soon.
- Note: Apolitical course. Designed for anyone – regardless of political ideology
- Reach out to Ioanna with any questions or for more information
- Website: [www.actiontankusa.org](http://www.actiontankusa.org)

Update from City Hall: Councilman Greg Landsman

- COVID: “numbers remain flat” some spike. Hospitalizations are down
  - Next few weeks will be informative.
  - Looks like it is ticking back up
  - We have decent tracking plan to get in front of ‘hot spots’ of infection, but hospitalization rates have not gone up
- Budget
  - COVID Caused enormous financial hole, with no meaningful relief from state or federal gov’t.
  - After July 4th, Federal senate to be taking up bill to provide state and local support
  - Using \$25M (of \$50m borrowed)
  - Deferring \$40M of debt service payments
    - Alternative is significant layoffs and interruption of services
  - Anyone with relationship with Sen. Brown or Portman, reach out and ask for help.
  - Budget Presented last week
  - Hearings Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Questions
  - Why is Police budget increased by \$1M?
    - Part of existing commitments and associated costs
    - Asked for complete breakdown of police dept. Budget
      - \$13m non-personnel costs
      - Breakdown between officers and support (clerks, etc.)
      - \$3.5M D-5 headquarters costs to bring up to code.
      - Reduced commitments to Fire support
        - 66% cut to vehicle replacement budget
- - Meeting was interrupted by a “Zoom Bombing”
- Meeting was restarted - Questions Cont’
  - Is the funding for D-5 for new building?
  - No - Remediation of existing only.

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gotten through. Do you support a re-appropriation of funds from Police towards social services? Also, I hear you saying that it was already committed, but since the police have left the negotiations around the Collaborative Agreement do you think it is fair that we break that commitment to them?"

- Reviewing, asking for details. Were told today that the increases are legally committed.
- Asking to see what of the budget can be changed, but still need to understand what is "moveable/changeable" - money that could be shifted.
  - Ex. - investments in shelter housing
  - Ex - investment in Citizen Complaint Authority
- But unknown what can happen in the next 10 days of budget process
- May have to prioritize for next year
- Question: "Clarify how many can speak at budget hearings"
  - Will keep running meetings to provide time for people to speak. Through Midnight on Tuesday, starting earlier on Thursday, and adding Friday to allow for anyone to comment.
  - Ioanna - We added 22 hours of listening time to ensure we can listen. If there are more people at the end, we will add more time
- Question: "my company has cancelled bonuses and regular raises. Is that an option for the police department?"
  - We asked today, but the answer is "no". FOP has not and will not agree to this.
  - I believe there is a majority on council to do what we can in this budget to begin the process of transforming police dept. and public safety spending, so we are really focused on safety goals, not policing goals. And investing in "root causes".
  - I believe that the current head of FOP is the exact opposite of what we need in order to move forward together with public safety.
  - Need more transparency in policing
  - Take recommendations from CCA - very few of the numerous recommendations have not been acted upon
  - Need culture change in the Cincinnati Police- they keep saying "we're the best", which prevents change. Asking for commitment to be "the best at getting better".

## Discussion: Quandavier Hicks

- History: He was a black male killed by police raid 5 years ago
- After speaking with his family, looking to create something that will allow the community to remember him and his story, and also give his family a space to come back to each year as they come back to remember his story.
- Would like to create a memorial garden in Quandavier's honor
  - Have gained sponsorship in order to accept donations
  - As a neighborhood project, interested in getting in touch with people who would volunteer for maintenance
  - Asking for information on available properties, or cash donations  
[www.justiceforquandavier.wordpress.com](http://www.justiceforquandavier.wordpress.com)
- NEST: Would be happy to help with Lot Search

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## VOTING ITEM

- Alice Emmons - Zoning Variance Request, 4385 Dane Ave
- Request front set-back variance for front porch
- Motion to support the Variance as presented
  - Seconded
  - Motion Passes by voice vote (Ayes, no Nay, no abstentions)

## ELECTIONS

- Three Director Positions available. Three Candidates
  - Henry Brown
  - Martha Dourson
  - Dan Montgomery
- Vote: Zoom Poll
- Election Results
  - Henry Brown - Director
  - Martha Dourson - Director
  - Dan Montgomery - Director

## Planning & Zoning Update

- Reviewed Zoning Variance (above)
- Discussed committee procedures (defining process)
  - New Mission Statement under review
  - New 9-step procedure in development
- Will work to have presentation ready for next general council meeting

## Education Committee (additional)

- Update from Jeremy (Parker Woods)
  - Meals will continue distribution on M/W/F through the summer
  - Generating Northside Non-Profit Collaborative - joining numerous NS non-profits to coordinate services

Adjourn (9:58 PM)