



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Invited to hear the state of the city address was a big deal, and I had a big deal invitation. It was held at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center – a perfect venue for a beautiful occasion. The auditorium was packed with dignitaries and not so's sitting side by side listening with the same measure of politeness. The agenda was simple, speedy, and inclusive right down to the class act of the young man who introduced Mayor Mallory to the platform. Khaki's, white shirt and tie, he was a senior at Hughes High School, a merit scholar, and a soon-to-be-freshman at Miami University of Ohio. His voice was clear, his diction perfect, and his eye contact welcoming. We listened and secretly bathed in the glory of brushing up against a city kid, bound for leadership. Wow. What a relief! Somebody's doing something right in the schools!

All week my thoughts kept floating back to that student. Who was he? What part of the city is home? Who were the teachers, the mentors, the role models, and the leaders in his life? Probably a whole bunch of folks. Probably folks who don't put much stock in the mentor and leader titles because they're just doing their jobs, or they're just volunteering, or they're just getting involved in something bigger than themselves.

I guess that's what it takes – kind of a stepping out with our own level of involvement, - because kids like that don't come from nowhere, they come from us.

And the mayor's speech was grand – as expected.

Marilyn Smith



For the first time in 30 years, voters will cast their ballot in the Tuesday, May 2 Primary Election using the new eScan paper ballot and the eSlate electronic voting technology. For a demonstration go to <http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/boe/> **VOTE!**

NANA GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY
APRIL 11, 2006
7:30 p.m.
NORTH AVONDALE
RECREATION CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA

- Community Action Agency
- Neighborhood Business District Proposal
- City Community Priority Request 2007-2008
- Come get involved!



Volunteers Needed!

**GREEN-UP DAY &
GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP**
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



(The rain date will be one week later on Saturday, April 29th. KCB will make the call by 7:30 a.m. on April 22nd - Call NANA Office)

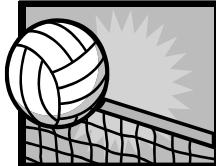
Lets clean up the neighborhood by picking up litter. We will also be preparing the parks for the busy summer season by planting & mulching at Seasongood, Martin Luther King & Dana Triangle.

Meet at Seasongood park (Reading & Clinton Springs) for donuts & juice & your job/area assignment. Then NANA will provide pizza for a well earned lunch. **The support of the community is essential to preserving the quality of Cincinnati.**

SAFETY IN NORTH AVONDALE WHAT CAN YOU DO?

THE INCIDENT: A New School parent attended the Auction alone on Saturday, March 4. Prior to leaving about 9:45 p.m., he loaded his wife's mini-van with articles donated to highlight her work. He then got into his vehicle parked near the lower portion of the staff driveway. Upon starting the vehicle and beginning to back down the drive, the parent observed a single individual with a handgun, dressed in dark clothing with a hood and ski mask, exit the wooded area behind a currently vacant "For Sale" home on Clinton Springs Ave. that backs up to the staff drive. The individual grabbed for the vehicle's door handle but was unable to open it as it was locked. The parent swung his vehicle around as he entered Burton Woods Lane. It was at that time that the individual fired his weapon striking the passenger door. Thinking quickly, the parent called 911 and drove back to The New School via Red Bud and Burton Woods Lane and cautioned others to remain inside until the police arrived. Other than being shaken, neither the parent nor anyone else was injured in the incident.

INSIGHT:At the March 14 NANA Meeting The New School Administrators and District 4 Police came to discuss the situation. The police think it was a crime of opportunity and asked to be notified of future functions/events and they will provide more security. The New School has cleaned out the honeysuckle and underbrush along the driveway and is putting in fencing. The New School is also planning on providing security at future events.



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The North Avondale Recreation Center is hosting Day Camps from 7am - 6pm when CPS kids are off school on Mar. 31 (\$15), April 3 -7 (\$75), and April 17 (\$15). Fees are for non Bridge Gap and non After School Day Camp Participants.

NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER
961-1584

HIRSCH RECREATION CENTER
751-3393

Registration for Summer Day Camp has begun. Summer Day Camp is June 12 - Aug. 11 for \$670. This includes membership and pool token, also fieldtrips. The summer free lunch program is planning to be offered again this year for children, more information to follow.

- Friday May 5th is our annual art show. This is a free event! Come and enjoy this Community Center Event!

Knothole Baseball sign ups for youth ages 5 - 11 for \$60, call Tim at the Center.

▪ **Hirsch** Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 10-9 p.m., Friday 11:30-8 p.m.

▪ Senior programs and activities Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-6:00 p.m.

▪ Aerobics Classes Every Tuesday & Thursday 5:45-7 p.m. (Free with center membership) Certified Instructor Lea Smith.

▪ Summer Day Camp Registration begins (\$350 paid in full or \$45 per week.

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▪ 10, 4 - 6 p.m. **Free Haircuts for Kids** 6-12 yrs. old (Center Members)

▪ 21, 3:30-5:30 **Scavenger Hunt** (free with membership) search for eggs, money & prizes!

▪ 24, 4-6 p.m. **Free Haircuts for Kids** 6-12 yrs. old (Center Members)
Steve Ficklin, Licensed Barber

NEIGHBORS

Alva Jean Crawford (Winding Way) & **Gwendolyn Joan Wilder** (Rose Hill) were two of the ten extraordinary *The Enquirer 38th Annual Women of the Year for 2005*. The Enquirer receives the hundreds of nominating letters each year. Alva & Gwen were chosen because of their commitment, their generosity and their resolve to improve the community. They are willing to give of themselves to serve the greater good and make our corner of the world a better place to live.



2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name _____ date _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

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

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229



APRIL AT NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL • 363-3900
615 Clinton Springs

April

3 - 7 Spring Break - *No School*

17 Monday, Professional Development Day - *No School*

19 Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Parent Information Evening – Gifted Children

20 Thursday by noon Market Day Internet orders due

21 Friday, 6-8 pm hot lunch room, Spaghetti Dinner and Ice Cream Social

24 - 28 “Turn Off the TV” week the local libraries are supposed to be sponsoring some type of after-school event (call St. Bernard -369-4462 for times & date)

25 Tuesday Market Day Pickup 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday, April 26 6:30-8 Auditorium, Evening with the Principal and elections for LSDMC, PTO

29 Saturday, April 29, CPS Showcase of Schools, 12-3 NAM Tours, performances, demos by after school programs, food.

BURTON SCHOOL • 363-9700 876 Glenwood Ave

Zakia McKinney of Xavier's Community Building Institute is assisting CPS in formulating our vision of Burton School's future. Zakia reviewed the results of a project that took place several years ago involving all 4 schools in the area. Many of our residents participated in this vision of the facility plan. The vision called for a different community focus or added emphasis for each school, and a sharing of the facilities among the schools. Rockdale - Health, South Avondale - Sports, Burton - Science, North Avondale Montessori - Arts.

CPS has 13 acres behind the present Burton school. This has great potential to be a land lab. Our evolved vision for Burton is a High Performance School Building (better learning environment for students and teachers, costs less to operate, & helps protect the environment) with a focus on science and a land lab that supports the science standards and environmental learning.

Burton School is North Avondale's Neighborhood School and as CPS is still making adjustments in their facilities plan we need to convince them of the wisdom of our vision so that we do not lose our neighborhood school as Clifton did. If you are interested in helping in any of the three areas: (1) Neighborhoods working together for children in the 4 schools, (2) Burton School Design Planning, (3) Science Planning, please call Pauline Daly - 751-8334 or NANA.

THE NEW SCHOOL • 281-7999 • 3 Burton Woods Ln.

At The New School, spring activities include the all-school Earth Day celebration, the elementary camping trip and, "Montessori in Motion" a student performance in music, dance and the visual arts that highlights the work of the fine arts instructors. In addition, The New School will welcome the Cincinnati Opera and an African drummer from Nigeria who will entertain and inform the students.

CITY INFO

Regular yard waste collection resumes April 3, 2006

- Remember: To place yard waste at your curb by 6AM on your regular trash collection day beside your household trash and green recycling bin. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. You can use trash cans as long as they are CLEARLY MARKED "YARD WASTE."
- Branches and brush should be tied into bundles no larger than 2 ft. x 4 ft. and individual tree limbs should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

- Environmental Enterprises, Inc. 4650 Spring Grove Avenue (at Spring Grove & Winton) 946-7700
- Tuesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursdays – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturdays – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Closed July 4th
- Acceptable Items: Paint; Pesticides/Fertilizers; Solvents/Thinners; Lawn/Pool Chemicals; Cleaners Household/Auto Batteries; Prescription Drugs; Fire Extinguishers; Propane Tanks; Mercury; Fluorescent Bulbs; Driveway Sealer; Gasoline; Antifreeze; Motor Oil; Thermostats
- Unacceptable Items: Radioactive Materials; Medical Waste; Explosives/Ammunition; Gun Powder; Heating Oil Tanks; Tires; Yardwaste; Smoke Alarms; Garbage; Roofing Materials; Appliances; Computers/Electronics; Fuel Tanks.

Please remember these important points:

- Drop off items only during the days and times listed;
- Pack like items together in boxes;
- Remain in your car at all times;
- Bring proof of **Hamilton County residency**, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

Questions? Visit www.hamiltoncountyclecycles.org

Zoning Updates:

- The proposed changes to the Zoning Code as it relates to outdoor areas of limited or full service restaurants and/or drinking areas will be before the Economic Development Committee on April 17 at 3:00 p.m. For copies of those proposed changes, email clmorse@fuse.net. (Article March 06)
- A request to create a separate zone for Parks and Recreation Areas will be presented to the City Planning Commission on Friday, April 7.
- NANA has been busy with two requests for Special Exception for front yard parking. (Update next month)

Making Landlords Accountable

NANA supports making landlords accountable for problems on their properties as defined by the Ohio Revised Code. Being a Landlord is a business and it impacts the neighborhoods where the properties are located.

The problems in neighborhoods are generally connected to rental property, not because renters are bad neighbors, but because landlords don't follow good rental policies. Good rental policies start with screening. Correcting the problem often means evicting the problem tenants and the landlord doesn't want to lose that income. We have good landlords in our neighborhoods but we don't hear about them because they are managing their business well. Owners who can't do this need to learn how to do it right or get out of the business. NANA has been advocating this policy for over 5 years, has a packet available for landlords & tenants and is glad to see city council is getting serious with this issue.

FUN THINGS TO DO



The Westwood Historical Society, and its Presenting Sponsor US Bank, are pleased to announce that the third biennial **WESTWOOD HOME TOUR** will be **Sunday, May 7, 2006**. This year's tour will again showcase homes from a variety of eras, ranging from the 19th century to those with more contemporary splendor. The self-guided Tour of the diverse variety of Westwood's outstanding homes will run from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 and can also be purchased (starting at 12:30 p.m.) where the tour begins at the Westwood School, 2981 Montana Avenue at Harrison Avenue. Advance sale tickets are \$10.00, and are available at Henke Winery, 3077 Harrison Avenue, Rondo's Restaurant, 3234 Harrison Avenue or US Bank Westwood-Cheviot Office at 3168 Harrison Avenue. For additional information, please visit www.westwoodhistorical.com or call 483-4790.

CINCINNATI PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (CPA) SPRING HOUSE TOUR



This year's tour is on **Saturday, May 13th**, 12 noon - 5 p.m., in Liberty Hill, and has six great houses. Julie and I are co-chairs of a house that was a slaughterhouse at one time. It now has a deck overlooking all of downtown and a glass conservatory with a similar view. It is a truly unique house. If anyone is **interested in working as a docent** for 2 3/4 hours of the tour, 11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. or 2:15 - 5:00 p.m., you will receive a free ticket to see the houses. You are assigned to a room in the house, tell people coming through a little about it, and keep an eye on the place. It's a fun way to meet people. If you are interested in volunteering or in ordering tickets, the CPA telephone number is 721-4506.

Mary Piper (Avondale)

NANA Nominating Committee comprised of Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs), Yvonne Brown (Rose Hill), Ursula Hassel (Dakota) John Jones (Marion) and Tommie Lewis (S. Fred Shuttlesworth) met on March 29th to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2006/2007. The slate will be announced at the April General Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Deborah "Debbi" Blumenthal age 32, passed away March 11, 2006, beloved daughter of Kenneth and Susan Blumenthal of Buffalo, N.Y. (formerly of Paddock Hills), devoted sister of Elizabeth Blumenthal of Washington D.C. Debbi and her father Ken appeared in the NANA Musicals. Our Condolences.

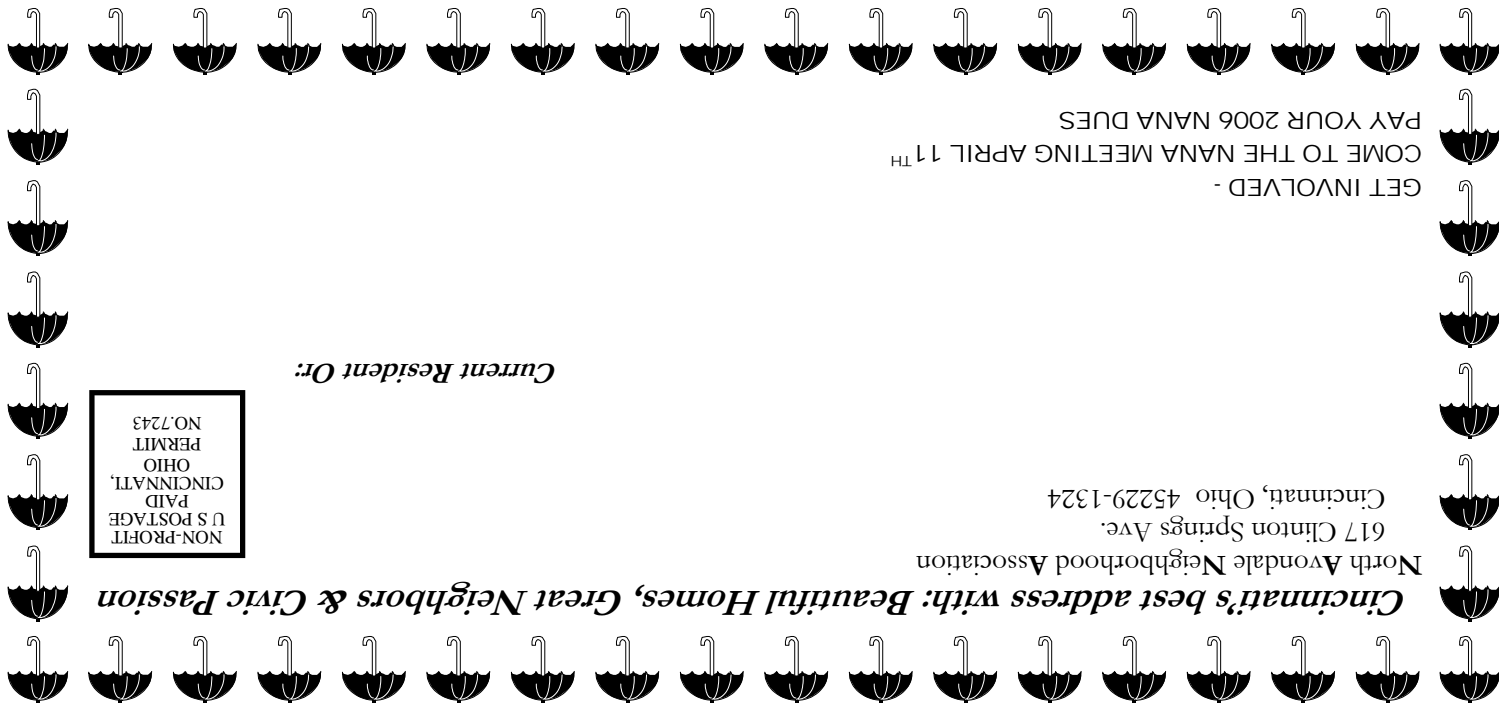
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NEIGHBORHOOD SOLUTIONS: Another option discussed was forming a **Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)** in North Avondale. Volunteers patrol their neighborhoods, acting as the eyes and ears of the police by using police radios and cell phones to communicate directly with officers and report crimes in progress. Much of the COPP unit's function, however, is the reporting of quality-of-life issues. By locating and reporting issues that contribute to criminal activity, these teams are able to fix the proverbial "Broken Window." All members complete a basic class of 12-hours training and attend additional ongoing training throughout the year. In North Avondale we already have lots of walkers so the idea was discussed to have walkers go through the training. If you and/or your friends would like to learn more about COPP, call the NANA Office or email clmorse@fuse.net.

We can also all keep our eyes open to suspicious behavior. Suspicious behavior may include the following actions: ■Unfamiliar persons loitering in your neighborhood (around schools, parks, businesses, homes etc) ■Non resident entering someone's house or building ■Jumping a fence into a yard or private property ■Waiting in front of a house when owners are gone ■Peering into vehicles or attempting to open it ■Entering or leaving a business after hours ■Soliciting door to door, refusing to present identification or business license ■Forcing entry or tampering with doors and windows of vehicles, business, or residence ■Running while holding something of value ■Slow moving vehicles circling the block ■Unfamiliar parked vehicles, especially when someone's in them ■A person expressing oneself uncontrollably as if controlled by substance abuse ■Unusual noises, screams, glass breaking, barking dogs, etc. ■If you see a crime being committed, are the victim of a crime, or observe suspicious activity, report it immediately and accurately. ■Do not assume someone else has called the police. ■Do not hesitate – even a five minute delay in reporting can greatly reduce the chance of catching a criminal. ■Creating a police record is important. ■Write down everything you can remember with detailed. description of persons and vehicles. Call Emergency -911 (Crime in progress, serious injuries); Non Emergency Police dispatch - 765-1212; District Four 352-3576.

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
1st VP: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
2nd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
3rd VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Membership: Vanessa Wayne _____	751-4367
Corresponding Sec.: Deborah Ginocchio _____	281-2262	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
Recording Secretary: Richard McKenzie _____	751-7474	NANA Executive & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221-6166
Treasurer: Patricia Hassel _____	751-3357	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563		



GET INVOLVED -
COME TO THE NANA MEETING APRIL 11TH
PAY YOUR 2006 NANA DUES

Current Resident Or:

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- NANA CALENDAR**
- **CPOP Meeting** (if held), First Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. District 4 Police Station, Call NANA Office to confirm
 - **Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
 - **Sunday, May 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m. NANA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**, Xavier University