



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You have two opportunities in April to meet with your neighbors at NANA functions. The first is the monthly general meeting on **April 14**, at the Cincinnati Police Department District 4 headquarters on Reading Road where you can learn about the proposed **Dana Avenue improvements**. Captain Isaac and his officers gave us a warm welcome at the March meeting. There is ample parking at the former Ohio National Guard armory next door, with a sidewalk along Reading Road between the armory and District 4. For those of you eager to get outside now that spring is here, the second NANA event of the month is the annual **Clean Up/Green Up Day** on **Saturday, April 25**. We will be meeting at Seasongood Park, at the corner of Reading Road and Clinton Springs, at 9:30 a.m. but come whenever you can. Wear your work clothes, comfortable shoes or boots and bring your work gloves. There will be any number of jobs to help clean up our neighborhood. Tools will be provided, along with refreshments and good company. Come on out, meet your neighbors and pitch in to give our neighborhood a spring cleaning. Also, if you or someone you know is interested in serving on the NANA Executive Committee, please contact Charlene Morse or me and let us know. However you choose to do it, shake off your winter doldrums and get involved. I am looking forward to seeing you in April.

Frank Newbauer

NANA's Nominating Committee comprised of **Yvonne Brown** (Rose Hill), **Nikki Kittrell** (S. F. Shuttlesworth), **Cathryn Lovely** (Spring House), **Frank Newbauer** (Lenox) **Roy Rogers** (Glencross), is meeting to select the 2009/2010 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving as an officer. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221.6166 or send an email to clmorse@fuse.net.

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
name date

Address _____

Email Address _____

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

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

Volunteers Needed!

**GREEN-UP DAY &
GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



(If there is a problem with too much rain, call the NANA Office voice mail the day of the event for instructions)

Lets clean up the neighborhood by picking up litter. Target areas are: Reading Road and 50 feet onto any streets off of Reading, Dana Ave, Burton, Asmann, Vine & Mitchell, parts of Clinton Springs & Washington, and any areas to be determined after a neighborhood drive thru before the event (please call/email if you see any other problem areas).

Lets beautify the neighborhood by preparing the parks for the busy summer season. We will plant, weed, and mulch at Seasongood, Martin Luther King & Dana Triangle.

Meet at Seasongood park (Reading & Clinton Springs) for donuts & juice & your job/area assignment or call 221.6166. Afterwards NANA will provide pizza for a well earned lunch.

Come for all of the time or part of the time but please just come. The support of the community is essential to preserving the quality of Cincinnati.

If you are unable to attend but would be willing to help on other days for planting and or weeding, please call or email NANA.

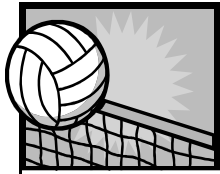
NANA General Meetings District Four Police Station 4150 Reading Road

Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

-DANA AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS - I-75 TO VICTORY PARKWAY - Curtis Hines, City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering





NORTH AVONDALE
876 Glenwood & 3630 Reading
961.1584 751.3393

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

The North Avondale Community Center

located at 617 Clinton Springs is temporarily closed (March 2 - May 17). Please note that the phone to the center (961.1584) has been forwarded to a mobile phone during our usual hours of operation (M - Th 9am - 8 pm / F 9am-6pm)

- We have relocated our after school custodial programs and our evening programs (Karate, Aerobics, Yoga) to North Avondale Montessori's "swing space" the old Burton School.
- The Aerobics on Saturday is at noon - 2 pm at Hirsch Center.
- Our senior programs are being run out of the Hirsch Center.
- Our Tai Chi Class has been relocated to **Carthage Center** (821.2954).
- We are currently registering for Summer Day Camp for 6-12 year olds (7am-6pm, June 8 through Aug. 14th) for \$695.
- We are also registering for a Summer Sports Camp for 9-12 year olds (9am-5pm, June 8 through Aug. 14th) for \$500.

NEW for spring!!!! Call 961.1584 for info on:

- Senior (50 years and older) Chair Volleyball (Tue. mornings)
- Baseball
- Flag Football
- Soccer

HIRSCH CENTER

●3630 Reading Road ● 751.3393


Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

- Hirsch center is available for rental space.
- Summer Day Camp signups have started. Cost is \$550.00 for a ten week program. There is a extra \$5.00 charge for your center membership as well as a \$5.00 charge for a pool token.
- Swim lessons cost \$10.00. Pool hours & swimming lesson to be announced at a later date.
- Summer Theater program cost is \$400.00. Call Ann James for more details.
- The Hirsch Recreational Center will present the play *Maybe It's Mayberry* on April 29th and again on May 1st. There will be a \$1.00 charge.
- Hirsch center is a designated Snack Program site. If your child needs a afternoon snack please send them to us.

Interested in star gazing? By Michelle Baxter

The month of April will be an excellent time to visit **The Cincinnati Observatory** (www.cincinnatiobservatory.org). 321.5186. Lectures and telescope viewing are on most Thursday and Friday evenings and stargazing one Saturday night per mo.

The Observatory is a proud participant of the International Year of Astronomy - a worldwide focus on space science and education. In 2009 The Observatory wants everyone to look through a telescope and are offering a lots of public programs. Visit their web-site to learn how you can win a telescope, and read Dean Regas' weekly blog about constellation myths.

- **April 4** Saturday 8-11pm See **Saturn** the great ringed planet up close and personal. \$5/person 
- **April 5** Sunday 1-4pm Learn about our closest stellar neighbor and view the **Sun** safely through their telescopes. Ice cream sundaes will also be available. \$5/person.
- **April 25** **Using Your Telescope** Class 8-10 pm

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

●363.3900 ● 876 Glenwood

● www.namrockets.org



- April 3 Skating Party at the Fun Factory 5-7:30 pm
- April 7 Parent Info Evening (PIE) on Transitions 6-8 P.M.
- April 15 Jump for Your Heart – Grades 1-6
- April 20 Committees Meeting (Mrs. Hull, PTO, LSDMC, & NAM Foundation) 6-8 P.M.
- April 24 Bring Someone Special to Lunch

NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

●281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane

● www.thenewschool.cc

It feels like spring at The New School Montessori. We've entertained visitors at our Open House, have enjoyed the company of alums and friends during our annual Auction and have delighted in the syrup-making process that student, Veronica Looney and her family partake in each year. Veronica's dad, Michael, brought along sugar-water straight from the tap and the resulting sweet syrup for the kindergarteners to taste. The Looney's have been making a gallon of syrup for the past several years from their three backyard sugar maples. They tap the trees during "fickle February weather" when temperatures fluctuate throughout the day between below-freezing and above-freezing. This seeing of temperature makes the sap run. We're so grateful to the Looney's for sharing their adventures with us and for the appreciation we now have for the boiling down of 40 gallons of sugar water to get one gallon of delicious syrup.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL

●363.5500 ●636 Prospect Place, ●savondale.cps-k12.org/

CPS will redesign South Avondale School using the Turnabout Schools model. This is a new type of redesign not previously used by CPS. This uses the type of thinking that Arne Duncan, President Obama's Education Secretary, has in mind for failing schools.

The professional development focuses on changing the thinking about students ability to learn with an emphasis on the belief that students can learn. Strong leadership, academic achievement, Positive School Culture and school wide cooperation are important components.

We will all have to work hard to make this an opportunity for success for children and families who need this school, and for the larger community.

For more information, check turnaroundschools.com.

ST. BERNARD LIBRARY

●369.4462 ●4803 Tower ●www.cincinnati-library.org

- 10:30am - Every Weds **Preschool Storytime** stories, crafts and fun ages 3-5 yrs.
- April 9th **Game Day** at St Bernard Library ages 3 to 12 yrs Come out and enjoy a game and some snacks.



YOUR NEIGHBORS

- ☞ **Thandiwe Fegan** (N. Fred Shuttlesworth) preformed in the Cincinnati Christian Schools performance of *Les Miserable* on March 12th.
- ☞ **John Kachuba's** (Glencross) article "A House Is Not A Home Until It Is" about rehabbing his North Avondale home appeared in February's Cincinnati Magazine.
- ☞ **Vivian Kline** (formerly Avondale Av) *LET FREEDOM SING: Of 19th CENTURY AMERICANS An Historical Novel-Or Could it be a Musical?* is now out and available! An upbeat novel with Cincinnati characters and a story which is fully annotated yet easily readable for high school students on up! For more information: outskirtspress.com/letfreedomring. Buy for \$14.95 from Outskirtspress.com, Barnes and Noble, Joseph Beth as well as at Amozaon.com
- ☞ **Doug Sawan** (Burton Woods) would like to announce that the band he plays in, Foley Road, has just released their latest Celtic CD, *Wherever the Road Takes Us!* Their CD is available for \$10. Contact Doug at pcrev@earthlink.net or 317.6828 (cell) to purchase.
- ☞ **Peter Seidel**, (formerly Lenox Place) famous architect and author of *Invisible Walls*, has just written a new book that came out on March 24th. It is titled *2045* and speaks of all the things we see happening today in our troubled world. Peter and his late wife, Angela, were residents of North Avondale for many years.
- ☞ **Richard Wayne** (Beachwood) was elected to the Board of Strauss & Troy. He was also honored as one of "*The Best Lawyers in America*" for 2009 based on his outstanding professional accomplishments and noteworthy talent in the law as well as "Ohio Super Lawyers" for 2009 both for his practice in Commercial and Mass Tort Litigation.
- ☞ **Julie Irwin Zimmerman's** (Redway) book *A Spiritual Companion to Infertility* was released this February. Julie uses her own experiences to help others understand the myriad of challenges that arise while struggling with infertility. Julie is a journalist and regular contributor to Cincinnati Magazine.



The importance of spaying/neutering animals

There are a lot of stray cats in our area. It's important that anyone who lets their cat outside spay/neuter their cat. Spaying/Neutering will help reduce aggressive behavior, which leads to a reduction in the spread of diseases, such as Feline Leukemia. Fixing the stray cats who are in the neighborhood also stabilizes the cat colonies. If you just "get rid" of the cats without fixing them, those who are left will merely reproduce and take up the territory of those who have been removed.

I admit I've been watching over a litter of kittens that appeared in our back yard last summer. When I feed them, other cats show up. My adult tabby cat, who died a couple of years ago, contracted FIV after our moving to this area - so I think everyone should know that the cats are mingling and there is a danger of disease even for cats who are fixed.

Just one of many resources is www.ucancincinnati.org. Their site provides some info, including how this saves \$ for the city.

Grace Tsau

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- ☞ Did you know:
 - Irma S. Rombauer, author of *The Joy of Cooking*, lived in the last house on the left on Barry Lane.
 - Ted Turner's mother owned the house at Dakota and Marion.
- ☞ Looking for something fun and economical to do this summer? Why not join your neighborhood swim club. The **Clinton Hills Swim Club** is located on a private wooded lot off of Clinton Springs Ave right in North Avondale. For more information go to www.clintonhills.com or email membership chair Grace Hill at gracehill@fuse.net
- ☞ There has been a report that **cats** are coming up missing on the east of Reading side. At least 8 are missing. If anyone has lost a cat on the Xavier side of North Avondale - please contact: Andy Muhlman from the SPCA his direct line is: 541.6101 ext. 1103
- ☞ Our friendly neighborhood assailant and attempted murderer, Darryl Love, was convicted in April, 2007. This was the fellow who tried to kill a man in an apartment on Reading Road in November, 2006. He hid out in the rear of my house until frightened away and then was caught next door. He appealed those convictions. I testified at his trial, followed its progress and his appeal through the Hamilton County Court system. On Friday March 13th his conviction and sentencing was upheld. He was sentenced to 54 years in jail. Good riddance!! The Hamilton County Prosecutor, Joseph Deters, and the prosecutor assigned to this case, Anita Vizedom, deserve our thanks and appreciation for their efforts and success. *Larry M. Southwick*
- ☞ **Volunteers of America** at Reading and Clinton Springs oversees the five apartments for individuals with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Currently, two of the apartments are rented. A one bedroom and a two bedroom each with a one year renewable leases. There will be no sexual predators housed there.
- ☞ For girls ages 10-13 interested in playing **girls softball** call Coach Nina at 307.7702 to register.

Help Make Cincinnati A "Green City" By Gerry Kraus

Everyone can make a difference to reduce their negative impacts on the environment simply by changing some daily routines. For the next few months the *NANA NEWS* will list simple changes you can make that will protect our city, our country and our world. **REMEMBER THE MOTTO:** Think globally, act locally:

- **Switch your incandescent light bulbs to fluorescent light bulbs***. The life cycle saving in energy costs for each bulb is \$65 and the energy saved is 450 KWh.
- **Eat less meat. Reduce meat consumption one less day a week.** The production of animals for food is responsible for over 18% of the planet's greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Recycle glass, paper, plastic and metal.** Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run your TV for 3 hours.

**these bulbs contain mercury, recycle them at Home Depot at a box by the return desk.*

2010 U.S. Census: Grow Cincinnati – Job Opportunities

At the Annual “Neighborhood Summit” on January 24, Mayor Mark Mallory led a workshop on the 2010 U. S. Census. He emphasized the importance of obtaining an accurate count. There are 170 federal programs whose funding amount is determined by the census count. The census results are used to determine Congressional boundaries. During the first decade of the 21st century Mayor Mallory calculated that the city would lose \$104,909,255 in Federal funds because the census was under-counted by 23% to 331,310 persons. The city initiated an independent count of the population, determining that 378,259 persons was correct.

Mayor Mallory’s office is working with the U.S. Census Bureau to insure Cincinnati’s 2010 census count is accurate. North Avondale resident, Bernadine Watson, has been assigned to coordinate local efforts. The U.S. Census Bureau is **NOW HIRING** in the Cincinnati area. Office and field staff positions range from \$12.00/hr. to \$19.00/hr. For application information call 766.3040. *Gerry Kraus*

- **April 5, 2009 Yard Waste Collection** is back.
 - At Home Depot: **Recycle your fluorescent spiral bulbs.**
 - **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Until Nov. 14**
- At: Environmental Enterprises, Inc.** 4650 Spring Grove Avenue (45232) (enter directly across from Winton Road)
Tuesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Saturdays** – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays: April 4, May 23, July 4, September 5
Acceptable Items ÷Paint ÷Pesticides/Fertilizers ÷Antifreeze ÷Thermostats ÷Solvents/Thinners ÷ Lawn/Pool Chemicals ÷Cleaners ÷ Household/Auto Batteries ÷Prescription Drugs ÷Fire Extinguishers ÷Propane Tanks ÷Mercury ÷Fluorescent Bulbs ÷Driveway Sealer ÷Gasoline
Unacceptable Items: Medical Waste ÷Unmarked Cylinders ÷Explosives/Ammunition ÷Gun Powder ÷Heating Oil Tanks ÷Tires ÷Yard waste ÷Garbage ÷Roofing Materials ÷Appliances ÷Computers/Electronics ÷Fuel Tanks
Please remember these important points: • Drop off items only during the days & times listed. • Pack like items together in boxes. • Remain in your car at all times. • Must bring proof of **Hamilton County residency** - a driver’s license or utility bill.

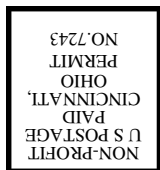
NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Frank Newbauer _____	751.5897	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281.2596
1 st VP:		Welcome: Grace Hill _____	gracehill@fuse.net
2 nd VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290.8781	NANA Administrator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221.6166
3 rd VP: & Landlord Accountability: Michelle Baxter _____	475.0441	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591.6000
Corresponding Sec.: Curtis Arthur _____	967.3619	Police District 4 _____	569.8600
Recording Secretary Nikki Kittrell _____	281.5646	Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer: Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov _____	569.8654
Treasurer: Fred Fegan _____	861.8378	Nonemergency Police _____	765.1212
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751.4546	To just make a crime report (no police visit) _____	352.2960
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861.3939	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242.4600
Education & Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751.8334	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946.7777
Legal Chairperson:		To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit: _____	Crimereports.com
Master Plan: Tim & Amy Yosmali _____	641.1244	Track property code violations _____	http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/

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**GET INVOLVED! COME TO THE
 APRIL 14TH NANA MEETING
 PAY YOUR 2009 NANA DUES**

Current Resident Or:



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 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

NANA CALENDAR

- First Thursday of each month at 1:30pm, **Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, April 14, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING** Police Station, 4150 Reading Road
- **Saturday April 25, 9:30-1:00, Great American Clean-up & Green-up Day** Meet at Seasonswood Park (see page 1)
- **Wednesday, April 22, District 4 Resource Meetings**, 6:30pm Police Station, 4150 Reading Rd.

