



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike wasn't always a natural. At four he came down with Legg-Perthes disease and was stuck in a wheel chair for over a year. Dr. Alvin Crawford, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery, Children's Hospital (North Avondale resident) was an incredible blessing during that time of struggle. The only suitable exercise to keep his little legs strong was swimming. But Mike wasn't fond of cold deep water. He learned all the techniques but flatly refused to swim as long as he could not touch bottom. So, the day arrived when the whole class jumped from the three-meter board into the deep end and paddled to the closest ladder. One by one the ducklings plopped off the board, splashing with pride to the edge. But Mike would have no part of it – no sirree. So with my gentle persuasion, I hauled Mike to the end of the board and shoved him into the cold, deep unknown. Staring into the water, and wondering if he had drowned or if he would need therapy for the rest of his life, he flew up in wild anger, leveled his head, and slashed his way to the shallow end of the Olympic-sized pool. Every time he raised his head for air – he yelled "HELP!" By the time he stopped – he had gone farther and faster than any other swimmer. He was immediately asked to join the swim team and went to on further glory – a true natural and incredible Team Leader.

So here we are today with three vice presidents who just jumped into deep water – yelling HELP!

Meet North Avondale's three Vice Presidents and new Team Leaders!

1. Heather Herr: Civic Passion Team
2. Deborah Elkins-Brown: Beautiful Homes Team
3. Sulayman Bajo: Great Neighbors Team

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Civic Passion Team Leader, **Heather Herr** is passionate about the quality of life in North Avondale. Reed thin and unbelievably organized Heather plans to run the gauntlet for our gardens, our air quality, and our safety. Her **Civic Passion Team** is:

1. Ursula Hassel, the gardening guru of Beautification
2. Mike Rieck, nose-worthy chair of Environmental concerns
3. John Jones, guts and glory chair of Neighborhood Issues

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Beautiful Homes Team Leader, **Deborah Elkins-Brown** is an "I can handle-it" woman with magnetic enthusiasm. Her **Beautiful Homes Team** is:

1. Bob Novak, Super Scheme chair of Master Planning
2. Gerry Kraus, Go-getter chair of City Liaison
3. To be named, Quality of Life Team

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Great Neighborhoods Team Leader, **Sulayman Bajo** is totally new to North Avondale and can't wait to jump into action with his dynamic **Great Neighbors Team**:

1. Vanessa Wayne, the eyes-of-the-neighborhood chair of Membership
2. Pauline Day, the gentle sage of Landlord/Tenant Relations

They're all on the same team – and they're swimming for success.

*Marilyn Smith*

### LAST CHANCE TO DETERMINE ZONING FOR PARTS OF S. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH AND GREENWOOD

By: Gerry Kraus

S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle (698 & 709 to 761 & 762) and Greenwood (674 & 677 to 715 & 720) continues as IDC (Interim Development Control) District. On June 29, 2005 City Council voted unanimously to continue an IDC overlay district on a portion of S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle and Greenwood until February 12, 2006. The IDC was put in place for the city to determine if this area should be zoned for single family houses on large lots (minimum 10,000 sq. ft.), single family on small lots (minimum 4,000 sq. f t.) or multi-family (RMX). The extension was necessary because this determination could not be completed until the reassessment of the RMX District, requested by City Council, was finished. It was finished this May. Because of the extensive process involved, the zoning recommendation will go to the Planning Commission in September. **Larry Harris** (Sr. Community Development & Planning Analyst) will be at the July 12th NANA Meeting to discuss this zone change, answer questions and hear your comments. If you wish to comment on this zoning classification, please come to the meeting or call the NANA Office at 221-6166.

#### NANA GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY  
 JULY 12, 7:30 p.m.  
 NO AUGUST MEETING  
 NORTH AVONDALE  
 RECREATION CENTER  
 617 Clinton Springs Ave.

#### AGENDA

- Larry Harris (see above)
- City's Central Neighborhoods Team
- Lynn Sprafka, RN (article page 2)



**AROUND CITY HALL**  
By Gerry Kraus

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK-UP TO REMAIN WEEKLY.** In case you haven't heard, the city's curbside recycling program will continue to be picked up weekly. Earlier this year City Council had voted to reduce pick-ups to every other week starting July 1. Because of an unanticipated surplus in the general fund Mayor Charlie Luken introduced an ordinance (passed unanimously) on June 15, 2005 to use \$350,000 of this surplus to continue the current recycling pick-up schedule.

**CURFEW FOR YOUTH TO BE ENFORCED.** Children in the city who are under the age of 16 must be in their home between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM – unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Juveniles in the city who are 16 and 17 years of age must be in their home between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 AM – unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you see juveniles who you believe are in violation of the curfew, call the Cincinnati Police at 765-1212. Parents can be held responsible for violations of this ordinance and may face misdemeanor charges. **IT'S THE LAW!**

**PARKS & RECREATION AREAS MAY HAVE SEPARATE ZONING DISTRICT.** This new zoning is being proposed to give parks and recreation areas (play fields, golf courses, etc.) added protection from developers who may want to build housing or a shopping center on this public land. The Department of Community Development & Planning held a conference on May 25, 2005 to consider this new zoning district. Thirty-one citizens, representing 13 city neighborhoods, attended this meeting and unanimously voted to support a special zoning district for parks and recreational land. Written statements to the Department of Community Development and Planning regarding this proposed zoning district are welcome. Direct comments to Katherine Keough-Jurs, Senior City Planner by calling 352-4859 or email her at [katherine.keough-jurs@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:katherine.keough-jurs@cincinnati-oh.gov)

**HELP SAVE THIS HISTORIC HOUSE  
HANNAFORD-DESIGNED NORTH AVONDALE  
HOUSE TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION JULY 16**

**REMINDER:** One of Cincinnati's most endangered landmark houses, the Walter H. Field House at 3725 Reading Road in North Avondale is scheduled to be sold at auction on **Saturday, July 16th at 10:00 A.M.** (open for viewing at 9:00 a.m.) Maggie Beckmeyer of Auctions by Maggie is in charge. For more information concerning the auction, go to [www.auctionsbymaggie.com](http://www.auctionsbymaggie.com) or call 513-807-6241 or email [Maggie@auctionsbymaggie.com](mailto:Maggie@auctionsbymaggie.com).



**NANA NEIGHBORS**

**POTTERY SHOW  
HOSTS NORTH AVONDALE ARTISTS**

North Avondale residents **Coleen Daley** (Clinton Springs), **Lisa Ingler** (Avon Fields Ln.), **Lee Nicholson** (Avon Fields Ln.) and **Adrienne Varady** (Red Bud) will be presenting new clay work at the Throwing Clay Pottery Gallery July 22 through August 20, 2005.

The clay artists have been creating clay art at the pottery studio since it opened in 2001. Their varied work includes clay masks, raku ware and functional pieces for everyday use.

Throwing Clay Pottery is a teaching studio and gallery located at 4819 Vine Street in St. Bernard. The opening night reception for North Avondale residents is Friday July 22, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The artists will be discussing their work and refreshments will be provided. If you can't make it that night, the Gallery is open Wednesday thru Saturday 12:00 - 5:00 and Thursday 12:00 - 8:00.

**FYI:** Two hour evening classes are in six week sessions for \$160. Classes include tools, one 25 pound bag of clay, unlimited reclaim clay and firing space and two additional hours of practice time during the week. Tools are communal and included. For more information contact Trina at the gallery at 242-7687 or check out their web site at: [www.throwingclaypottery.com](http://www.throwingclaypottery.com)

**Julie Franz** (Beechwood) is a new neighbor who had a pet-sitting business before moving here last year. She is now offering to pet-sit, house-sit and baby-sit. She also works as a non-medical health aid for Comfort Keepers. For more information and references, contact Julie at 513-259-7261.

**The University Hospital Department of Neurosurgery** has an upcoming study that is for people who have suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury from a vehicle accident, or fall causing a serious injury to the brain. Often, these accidents have poor outcomes where the patients are unable to care for themselves. In looking for ways to try to improve their outcome, past research has suggested hypothermia might help. Dr. Guy Clifton of the University of Texas at Houston has funding from the National Institute of Health to implement this study. Dr. Raj Narayan, neurosurgeon will be the Principal Investigator here in Cincinnati.

**Lynn Sprafka, RN**, Clinical Research Coordinator will present a quick overview of the study at the July 12 NANA Meeting as they are required to get input from the community.

**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

**::FREE Home Buyer's Seminar ::**

**Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and Thursday, August 4, 2005**

**2 sessions; 6:00pm and 7:30pm**

**North Avondale Community Center**

Many dream of owning a home but don't think it's possible with lack of resources for a down payment. The Home Purchase Network will introduce 1st time homebuyer programs offering "zero money down" financing options.

This free seminar is targeted to towards homebuyers and covers a range of topics including:

1. 100% Financing
2. Down Payment Assistance
3. Introduction to Finance
4. How to Select a Lender
5. Retail Bank vs. Mortgage Broker
6. Conventional Loan vs. FHA/VA (Government Programs)
7. The Application Process
8. Earnest Money & Escrow
9. Understanding Your Credit Score
10. Credit Repair & Improving Your Credit
11. Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance:
  - Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.
  - "Yes I Can" Program-Northern Kentucky
  - Ameridream Inc. Down Payment Gift Program
12. Homeowner's Insurance - The Cost of Insurance
13. Selecting an agent

***\* By attending, you will receive the Buyer's Benefit Package (\$2,500 Value) and 4 tickets to Coney Island***

***Limited Space Available: Register Online:***

***www.homepurchasenetwork.com***

***Click on Buyers***

***Click on Seminars and register***

***If you have questions or to Register by phone: please contact Jeff Herr 513-587-4086.***



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 2, 6:30-8:00 AT  
BURTON SCHOOL 876 GLENWOOD AVENUE**

**By Pauline Daly**

Last year Burton School partnered with NANA, the Police and the Mosaic Vineyard Church to participate in National Night out, an event to bring together the community and the police. It was held at Martin Luther King Park on the first Tuesday evening in August.

This year the date celebrated nationally is Tuesday, August 2nd. This Spring the Burton School 8th graders produced a video about gun violence with the help of District 4 officers and other adults. The plan is to have the event at Burton School, 876 Glenwood Ave., with the focus on the video. I plan to invite NANA to participate with a contribution to the refreshments. Please join us on August 2nd, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## **The Uptown Transportation Study**

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is asking Uptown residents, businesses, and visitors, to help them develop a transportation plan for their communities. To accomplish this, OKI has teamed with the City of Cincinnati, the Uptown Consortium, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), The AMOS Project, and ODOT to conduct the Uptown Transportation Study. Visit [www.UptownTransportationStudy.org](http://www.UptownTransportationStudy.org) to take a survey and make your voice heard.

Uptown includes the communities of Avondale, Clifton, Clifton Heights, Corryville, East Walnut Hills, Evanston, Fairview/University Heights, Mt. Auburn, **North Avondale**, and Walnut Hills. The tremendous growth of this area has created pressure on the existing communities and the related infrastructure. The Study is looking into a variety of transportation needs in Uptown including access to interstate highways, connectivity to Downtown, transit systems, parking, and directional signage.

Your feedback is necessary and important to develop a comprehensive transportation plan for Uptown. Log on to [www.UptownTransportationStudy.org](http://www.UptownTransportationStudy.org) to complete the survey and find additional information on the Study. Please contact OKI at (513) 621-6300 ext. 136 or at [info@oki.org](mailto:info@oki.org) with any questions or to obtain a copy of the survey by mail.

## **QUEEN CITY SOUND DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS NEEDS YOUR HELP**

The Queen City Sound Drum and Bugle Corps preformed at NANA's May Annual Meeting They need to raise money to buy team members uniforms and equipment by either contributions or performing. Established in 1996 by William and Thea Robinson, the corps mission is to allow youth from all racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups to come together to express themselves and learn from each other using music and dance as the common bond. The corps serves any youth from age 8 - 22 years of age. No musical or dance experience is required, only the desire and commitment to learn and grow in a diverse world. Their continuous fundraising efforts help to ensure that no one is denied an opportunity to participate in corps activities due to financial concerns.

Youth from area schools, as well as college aged young adults participate in the corps. Members sign a contract committing them to follow all the corps rules and regulations and to participate in fundraising efforts. The philosophy of the corps of "each one teaches one" helps the senior members develop into better role models. Members learn positive social skills, anger management, and how to transform negative energy into a positive expression of an art. The physical conditioning program helps to teach members the importance of good health habits and respect for their bodies. The use of military drill maneuvers help instill group discipline and team spirit. Send tax deductible donations to: Pat Lalesnel, Fundraising ♪ c/o Queen City Sound ♪ 244 Dorchester Avenue ♪ Cincinnati, OH 45219 ♪ 513-328-3286.



### North Avondale Happenin's

The summer hours are:

Open Gym	11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	7:15 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	12 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Weight Room Membership Special	\$10

**NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER**  
961-1584

Mid July  
August 1-5

Basketball for girls will start  
Priority After School Registration  
Sign up with Ms. Harris  
Free lunch ends  
Summer day Camp ends

**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
363-3900

August 5  
August 19

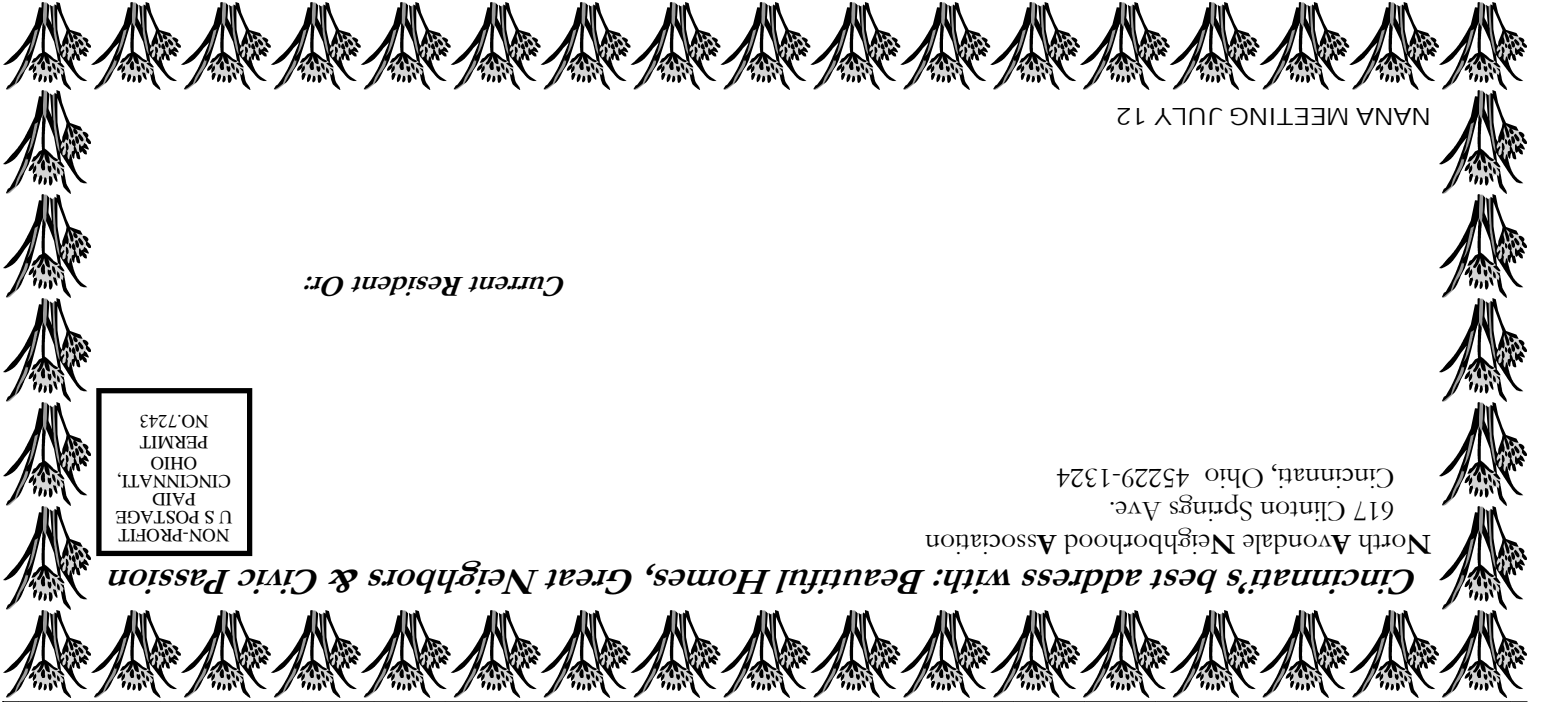
August 23  
August 27, 12:00-3:00

**School Starts**  
Back To School Kick-Off  
Cookout, games, fun!  
In celebration of the new school year



### 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	<b>NANA Executive &amp; NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse</b>	<b>221-6166</b>
Treasurer: Patricia Hassel	751-3357	Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse	Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov 352-3902
Beautification: Ursula Hassel	751-4546	<b>City Complaint/Request Hotline</b>	591-6000
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus	861-3939	<b>Request A Recycling Bin</b>	242-4401
Environmental: Mike Rieck	961-6563	<b>Report Air Odors 24/7</b>	946-7777



NANA MEETING JULY 12

*Current Resident Or:*

NON-PROFIT  
U S POSTAGE  
PAID  
CINCINNATI,  
OHIO  
PERMIT  
NO. 7243

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- NANA CALENDAR**
- Thursday, July 7, 6:00 p.m. **CPOP** Meeting at District 4 Police Station, Reading Road
  - Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
  - Tuesday, August 2, 6:30-8:00 **National Night Out**, Burton School 876 Glenwood
  - **NO AUGUST NANA MEETING**
  - Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs