



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With Valentines' Day approaching, I'd like to thank some important people who make North Avondale what it is. This list is by no means complete, and I offer my sincere apologies for omitting anyone who deserves recognition for their contributions to our neighborhood.

- Those North Avondale residents who attend the monthly NANA meetings and share their time and thoughts
- Every neighbor who made a financial commitment to NANA
- Gerry and Marvin Kraus, for their tireless dedication to North Avondale and NANA for the past several decades
- My neighbors across the street, the Johnsons, who share their love and commitment with 10 adopted children
- John Angelo, for his time and efforts to turn a crack-house into a single family residence
- The Friends of Glenwood, who worked with the city to ensure our neighbors' wishes & neighborhood history were respected while finding and appropriate way to honor Reverend Booth
- Those North Avondale residents who pitch in and help with neighborhood clean-up efforts
- The current and past NANA officers and committee meetings, for their dedication to the betterment of our neighborhood
- Dr. Dottie Schaeffer, for rescuing the property of Reading and Clinton Springs, soon to be her office
- Marilyn Smith, for organizing Block Watch in the Rose Hill circle
- The volunteers organized by Ursula Hassel who beautify our neighborhood through their work on the many flower beds: Janet Banks, Larry Blackwell, George Brockman, Talli Flanigan, Melvyn Gale, Jim Gerwe, Deborah Ginocchio, Betsy Gotwals, Marvin & Gerry Kraus, Grace & Brian Hill, Gale Howe, Diane Ivy, Residents of LADD, Marian Miller, Mary Piper, Ethan Schatz, Barb Slavinski, Cindy Starr and Vanessa Wayne
- Families like the Hartens, the Smithermans and many more – nothing proves the quality of our neighborhood more than generations of a family making North Avondale home
- Deborah Ginocchio, who organized the monthly Passeggiata in the Rose Hill circle, for reminding us that we can't be a neighborhood without meeting our neighbors
- Those contractors and homebuilders who, recognizing North Avondale is a place people want to live, have built (or plan to build) new homes
- The Cincinnati Police, Fire Department and Emergency Services for what they do to keep our neighbors and our neighborhood safe
- Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse for giving of her time and skills to help keep us informed
- Every resident who is a good neighbor by keeping their property safe, clean and in repair

North Avondale is a great place to live, and it's thanks to people like those I've mentioned and the countless more I haven't had the pleasure of meeting. Happy Valentines' Day to all of you, and thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

*Jim*

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### WELCOME TO NEW DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER

Welcome to our new District 4 Police Commander, Captain Richard J. Schmalz who replaced Captain Ratliff who retired last year. He was born on August 13, 1947 and he and wife Lynn currently reside in Delhi. They have three married children. Being a police officer runs in the family. Their oldest daughter who has three children ages 8, 3 and 2 is married to a Cincinnati Police Officer. Their son is a Delhi Police Officer married to a Springfield Township Police Officer. Their youngest daughter is married to a Springfield Township Police Sergeant and has triplets age 26 months.

He attended Roger Bacon High School and received an Associate Degree in Police Science and Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. He also graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College.

His rank and assignment history in the Police department is:

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|---|--------------------|
| Police Cadet  | September 5, 1965  |
| Police Officer  | August 18, 1968    |
| Police Specialist   | November 5, 1972   |
| • Served in District 3, 6 and the Tactical Patrol Section   |                    |
| Police Sergeant   | February 11, 1973  |
| • Served in District 3 and 4  |                    |
| Police Lieutenant   | September 14, 1980 |
| • Served in District 4 and the Internal Investigations Section  |                    |
| Police Captain  | June 24, 1987      |
| • Served in the Internal Investigations Section, District Five, Police Communications Section, Criminal Investigations Section, served as Police Chief's Executive Officer, Youth Services Section, and now serves as District Four Commander |                    |

His Affiliations: Deputy SWAT Commander  
Member of the Board of Trustees of Women Helping Women  
Chairperson of the Associate Police Captains Association  
Member of the Executive Institute Committee, Law Enforcement Fdn.

Captain Schmalz was thrilled by the **Christmas Cookies from NANA** organized by Marilyn Smith. Neighbors donated four huge platters, enough for the Police and our two fire stations. Thank you to the bakers, buyers and helpers: Carol Gillman, Debbie Ginocchio, Betsy Gotwals, David Harsh, Teresa Harten, John Jones, Sandy Kohn, Lois Nizny, Jim Obergefell, Bobbie Paul, Mary Piper, Dottie Shaffer, Beth Wayne, Vanessa Wayne & an unidentified Rose Hill neighbor.

#### NANA GENERAL MEETING

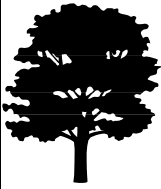
FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
NORTH AVONDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

- COUNCILMAN JOHN CRANLEY WILL SPEAK ON FUNDING AVAILABLE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE 2003 & 2004 CITY BUDGET



## FREE TREES - SPRING RELEAF 2003



& public rights-of-way along city streets. Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the right-of-way and visible from the street. Planting in back yards is not acceptable. Plant the right tree in the right place. Please consider the mature size of the above and below ground parts of the tree. Be aware of any obstructions from wires, utilities, or other structures. The city prohibits planting street trees where the tree lawn is less than three feet wide. Forestry staff will inspect each planting location before approving tree requests, and will inspect afterward to ensure that the trees are

### Spring ReLeaf 2003 Tree Request Form

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Planting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #:(work) \_\_\_\_\_

(home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Person(s) To Do Planting: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FREE TREE REQUEST

Please describe the planting site below. Attach any plans or maps that provide specific planting locations. Urban Forestry staff will inspect all planting sites before approving tree requests, and **will inspect afterward** to ensure that the trees are planted in accordance to guidelines.

**NOTE:** Trees must be planted 30 ft from the right of way and visible from the street.

TREE SIZE	SPECIES	REQUEST
SMALL	EASTERN REDBUD	
MEDIUM	RIVER BIRCH	
	YOSHINO CHERRY	
LARGE	THORNLESS HONEYLOCUST	
LARGE EVERGREEN	NORWAY SPRUCE	

Planting Site Description:

(\*\*Please attach map)



Please return this form by March 15, 2003

SPRING RELEAF 2003

Natural Resource Management Section

3215 Reading Road

Cincinnati, OH 45229

Fax: 861-8669

Email:

urban.forestry@rcc.org

#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Site Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Every year for fourteen years, the Cincinnati Park Board provides approximately 600 **free** trees for volunteer planting to homeowners, community groups & schools on private property

planted in accordance with guidelines. They will also provide detailed hand-outs describing proper planting and care of new trees. Return by March 14, 2003 the form by mail or fax or email (call the NANA office at 221-6166 for the emailed form or pictures of trees). Trees will be available on a first come, first serve basis. The trees will be about 6' to 8' tall when you pick them up on **Saturday, April 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The choices this year are: **'Eastern Redbud'** (grows 20'-30' tall, 25' to 35' wide, very showy small purplish pink-like flowers April to early May, partial shade), **'Yoshino Cherry'** (grows 35' to 45' tall with equal spread, white to pink flowers, small red to purple fruit, partial shade but prefer full sun), **'River Birch'** (grows 50' to 70' tall, male flowers 2 to 3 inches, female flowers 1 to 1.5 inches long, partial shade but prefer full sun), **'Thornless Honeylocust'** (grows 50' to 60' tall, partial shade but prefer full sun), **'Norway Spruce'** (grows 40' to 60' tall, 35' to 40' wide at the base, evergreen, fruit are cones at the end of the branches - 4 to 6 inches long 2 inches wide, full sun).



#### 2003 BEYOND THE RECYCLING BIN MIXED PAPER SCHEDULE



Mixed paper is cardboard, cereal boxes, beverage cases, office paper or newspapers. If you can tear it, we'll take it! We do not accept pizza boxes because of the remaining food and grease.

**NANA Quarterly Recycling** is open from 10:00 AM to 2 PM

on: March 8, June 14, September 13, & December 13

North Avondale School 615 Clinton Spring Avenue

These locations are open from 9:00 AM to Noon on:

2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 7/12, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6

Surrey Square Mall Montgomery Road, Norwood

Western Hills Plaza 6150 Glenway Avenue (behind Kroger)

College Hill Kroger 1606 W. North Bend Road

Princeton High School 11080 Chester Road

#### MORE RECYCLING NEWS

To obtain a **recycling bin**, call Rumpke Recycling at 242-4600

**To recycle:**

Plastic grocery bags - most Thriftways & Wal-Mart's

Ink Jet & Laser Cartridges - KCB -call 352-4385

Household Hazardous Materials - get **HOME SAFE HOME** at the NANA General Meetings or call 946-7700 or visit their website at [www.hcdoes.org](http://www.hcdoes.org)

24-hour Recycling Drop-off Nearest Location:

•North Avondale Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs

Items accepted include: #1 and #2 plastic bottles, glass jars and bottles, aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, steel and tin food cans, empty steel aerosol cans with tips removed, phone books, newspapers, brown grocery bags, magazines. Same as curbside.

**Check Out:** [www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org](http://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org)



## DICKSON AVENUE SAGA CONTINUES

By Gerry Kraus

On December 24, 2002 the owner of the property at 3955 Dickson Avenue was found guilty of violating the city's zoning and building codes and fined a total of \$1,000.00. The zoning code violation was for continuing to operate a construction business in a residentially zoned (R-2 single family) district. The building code violations were for failure to repair the detached garage, failure to obtain permits for work (plumbing, electrical, window replacement, general repairs) performed on the premises and failure to remove debris and other litter. This decision was made after a public hearing on December 16 held by the city's Office of Administrative Hearings. Testifying at this hearing were Dickson Ave. residents Thelma Johnson and Louise Stallworth and NANA representatives Charlene Morse, Marvin and Gerry Kraus. Also present at this hearing were Vernon Menifee, occupant of 3955 Dickson, and owner of the construction company, Built By Brothers, listed in the telephone directory as being located at 3955 Dickson, and Mr. Menifee's lawyer, Scott Greiner.

Now Mr. Menifee has been cited for, found guilty of and fined for building and zoning code violations since 1998. He owes the city over \$14,000 in fines. Last June, 2002 Mr. Menifee transferred ownership of 3955 Dickson to Monica Howard, allegedly his sister, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia. She rents this property to Mr. Menifee and has given him power of attorney to act on her behalf. Because the property is under new ownership the whole process of citing, hearings, decision-making and fines had to start over from scratch. Yet Mr. Menifee continues to occupy this property and to violate the city's building and zoning codes.

### Annual fundraiser for the Coalition of Neighborhoods\*

**2003 Vegas Nite**

**Hartwell Recreation Center**

**59 Caldwell Drive, 821-9257**

**Saturday, February 8, from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am**  
**BYOB • Games • Dancing • Prizes • Music by "Willie C."**

**Tickets: \$10.00 per person**

**\* Serving Bond Hill, Evanston, Kennedy Heights,  
Madisonville, North Avondale, & Paddock Hills**

### New School Open House

**On Sunday, February 2, from 2-4 in the afternoon, The New School had their Open House. The New School, now in its 32nd year, offers a Montessori program for children ages 3 to 12, including full day childcare. The New School is located at 3 Burton Woods Lane in the former Mitchell Mansion. Further information is available at 281-7999 or [www.thenewschool.cc](http://www.thenewschool.cc)**

## IN MEMORIAM

In November 2002 two of North Avondale's stalwart 40 year residents died: **Jennie Brown** (Vine Vista Avenue) and **Lois Wright** (Clinton Springs). During the 60's and 70's when her sons, Louis, Champ, Joseph and Elton, attended the North Avondale School Jennie, a teacher herself in the Cincinnati Public Schools, was very active in school affairs, in the Pupil Enrichment Program and in Knothole Baseball. Jennie organized Vine Vista residents when they sued CMHA because of landslides onto their properties caused in the construction of CMHA's Clinton Springs (Rion Lane) apartments. Jennie also chaired one of the five geographic areas in the development of the still viable 1974 North Avondale Master Plan and was instrumental in the implementation of some of its recommendations. In later years Jennie periodically attended NANA meetings and became the ethical conscience of the Association.

Lois Wright was also active in North Avondale School activities when her daughters Deborah (Collins) presently of Leyman Drive, Antoinette and Shandra attended in the 1960's and 1970's. A civil rights activist she helped integrate Coney Island. As secretary to the late former Cincinnati Mayor Theodore M. Berry, Lois was visited by national civil rights leaders, including the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. But mostly Lois will be remembered as "the best mother in the world" by her daughters and granddaughters as well as by those who knew her. Both Jennie Brown and Lois Wright will be sadly missed.

## WHAT HAS THE CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CPS) DONE TO THE NEW OHIO ACADEMIC STANDARDS?

By Pauline Daly

The new Parents' Guides heralded by CPS are not the same as those standards that were approved by the State Board of Education. CPS has taken parts of different standards and put them together as one. By so doing one is unlikely to retain the original meaning. Further, nine numbered standards referring to phonemic awareness, grades K - 3, were omitted. Phonemic awareness is the ability to connect the sounds we use in spoken language with the various letter/s represented by the sounds. Research has shown this skill is most useful in learning to read. It is absolutely essential for children who are lacking enough support at home, and it makes learning even easier for those children who find learning to read an easy task.

When children have trouble learning to read, their parents' choices are based on money. If they can afford it, they use the services of a private tutor or a private school, which specializes in teaching children to read. These teachers/tutors begin by teaching the child phonemic awareness.

Parents who cannot afford the cost must access the public school system. Currently there is a shortage of Special Education teachers. There are also very few Special Education or regular education teachers who can teach phonemic awareness.

The actual Ohio standards will be the basis for developing proficiency tests that are aligned with the standards. Be sure you have the correct information about what your child should be learning and will soon be tested on.



**North  
Avondale  
Community  
Center  
961-1584**

**2003 Membership Costs\***

- \$5.00** Youth (5-12 years), Teens (13-17 years), Seniors (50 & older)
  - \$15.00** Adults (18-49 years)
- 2003 Additional Costs**
- \$3.00** Replacement Card
  - \$3.00** Daily User
  - \$10.00** Fitness (3 months)

\* All participants must purchase a **2003 membership card** and bring it every time you come to the center

**Program Highlights:**

**Youth:** The Center Floor **Hockey League** runs on Wednesdays (Feb 5 through Mar 26) for 12 year olds and under with practice on Mondays. Contact Bill Bailey for more information.

**Teens:** The **Teen Lounge** offers many fun & exciting games & activities for neighborhood teens. Contact the center for more details.

**Adults & Seniors: Ceramics** class runs on Tuesdays (Feb 4 through Apr 8) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$20.00 plus supplies. Contact Ms Harris for more information. Improve your health and get fit at the **Workout Party 2003** classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:45 - 7:30 and Saturdays from 12:00 - 1:45.

**Seniors: Trips & Special Events:** The Museum Center on Feb 21, Music Hall on Feb 28. There will also be a potluck at the center on Feb 14 for new "Classic" members. Contact Ann James for more information.



**North  
Avondale  
Montessori  
School  
872-7290**

**Presidents Day:**

February 17, School Closed

**Reach For The Stars**

Saturday March 8, 2003

6:30 to 11:00,

Greek Orthodox Church on

Winton Road

Dinner, Drinks, Dancing,

Desserts, Silent Auction

Parents, Staff, Alumni, Friends:

\$35 a couple, \$20 a person

**Join the NAM Family for an evening of fun!**

**NANA CALENDAR**

- Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** (see schedule on page 2)
- Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. **Rose Hill Area Block Watch Meeting** 4075 Beechwood



COUNCILMAN JOHN CRANLEY AT THE FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> NANA GENERAL MEETING

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