



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It wasn't a big fancy dollhouse, something we picked up at a second-hand place, but she was thrilled as only an almost three-year-old could be. She'd been at it for hours, rearranging, making up stories, discussing zoning issues with her pretend neighbors. On and on in endless fascination until George sauntered in from his basement project. "Wow, what a cool dollhouse!" he said with a sparkle and then added "my dollhouse?" Without a moment's hesitation, this mighty 32-pounder stood up, hands on hips and stated, "No Popo, MY dollhouse, but just this once, I will share."

Sharing is a hard concept for some children and all adults. NANA is a shared concept. It's offered to everyone in North Avondale. The easy part is sharing ideas – folks come out of the woodwork to put in their two cents. The harder part is sharing the burden to bring ideas to life. Harder yet is sharing responsibility for outcomes.

I was saddened to see the graffiti splattered all over Seasongood Park on Green-up day only to discover it was the second time that week. Far worse is the louse that splattered white paint on the newly painted business at Paddock and Reading. Its vandalism with a mean streak and I hope the scumbag is caught and prosecuted. (*I checked the Thesaurus for a better word – there ain't none.*)

I must be a Pollyanna thinking residents can disagree and still live with each other, and I'm still hanging on to that concept. We've got a wonderful new Board starting up, and sharing is what the board members are offering. Do not allow your ideas to be picked over and kicked around by a few. Kick in yourself, share your ideas, and put a little backbone into the process – just this once.

In closing, let me share a couple of crusades. Richard McKenzie is a new board member who lives on Wess Park. Wess Park is a nightmare for residents because of speeders. For years they begged for help. Speed traps, citations, letters to council, petitions - nothing worked, they got excuses. Finally, it came to the attention of the CPOP team and then board member Mike Walton (who doesn't even live on Wess Park) accepted the challenge – just this once. It's in the works, and it has the attention of other residents in North Avondale who choose to share the workload to get permanent results.

Another crusade is the renovation of the parking lot at North Avondale School. Oh, yea, why doesn't the CRC or CPS do something – it's a mess. Well, why don't we do something? There are ways and there are funds, and there are folks trying to handle it, but they need help. It's a worthwhile safety issue that needs somebody to jump in and push it through the hoops - just this once.

Marilyn Smith (1)

NANA ANNUAL MEETING GREEN-UP DAY & GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

On Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. NANA held it's first combined Green-Up Day & Great American Clean-Up. After NANA discovered the national date of the Great American Clean-up was the morning of the day when Passover begins, it was decided to combine the events. Thank you to volunteers: Sulayman Bajo, Deborah Elkins-Brown, Pauline Daly, Fred, Yohnace & Thandiwe Fegan, Amy & Edie Gaudio, Betsy Gotwals, Emily Harten, Teresa Harten, Charles & Ursula Hassel, Grace & Brian Hill, John Jones, Marian Miller, Tim Morrison, Diana & Kenny Noyes, Marilyn Smith & granddaughter, William Teasley. The day started off with some light rain which may have discouraged more volunteers from coming. This made it necessary for our volunteers to work even harder to get everything planted but left areas where litter was not picked up. If you have insight as to how to increase attendance for the next clean-up/work day please call or email NANA.

On Sunday, May 15, from 3:00 to 5:00 was the NANA Annual Meeting at Xavier's Cintas Center. Originally the location was going to be at the Armory on Reading Road. That location was chosen because of all the interest in the future development at that site. Because it is such a large space the committee decided to invite Queen City Sound (drum group) often heard outside at the Recreation Center and the Ropin' Rockets. Everything was set until NANA was informed that the National Guard unit was returning from Iraq on the day of our Annual Meeting and therefore a new site was needed. Thank heavens for John Kucia, Administrative Vice President at Xavier University. He not only graciously offered two possible locations on campus but after being told NANA always brings its' own food and can't afford a caterer, offered to underwrite the caterers required when serving food at Cintas. Thank you John and Xavier. The facilities, food and staff were wonderful. After the impressive entertainment, the new NANA Board was elected and President Marilyn Smith presented Appreciation Awards to the outgoing board and to other dedicated NANA Volunteers.

NANA GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY

JUNE 14, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE
RECREATION CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA

- Curbside Recycling Goes Biweekly, Amy Miller, Rumpke (see article Page 2)



CITY OF CINCINNATI CURBSIDE RECYCLING GOES BI-WEEKLY

By: Amy Miller

The City of Cincinnati, home to the oldest and largest curbside recycling program in the State of Ohio, has opted to change from weekly curbside recycling to bi-weekly recycling collections. This change will be effective July 5, 2005. Curbside recycling will still take place on the same day as your regular trash collection.

Recycling is an important part of conserving our environment. It saves natural resources by creating new items from old ones, saves energy and money by more efficiently manufacturing goods and reduces the amount of materials entering landfills.

Every citizen who lives within the City of Cincinnati limits in a residence of four units or fewer will receive a mailing to explain the changes. Please look for this in your mail in the middle of June. This mailing is a fold out map of the City that is color coded to coordinate with a calendar. Locate your street on the map to find out if you are week A or week B. Then look at the corresponding calendar to see when your week will be collected. Help your neighbors remind each other which week your recycling collection will be.

A website is also available for more assistance in finding out your collection day. Go to www.cincinnati-oh.gov and click on the recycling link. This will take you to a map that you can zoom in on your neighborhood to find your collection day.

If you find that you have more recyclables than you can store for two weeks, please use a similar size plastic container, no larger than 18 gallons. Label this clearly for recycling, and set it next to or on top of your bin. You can also place extra recyclables in brown paper grocery bags, and stack that on or next to your recycling bin. There are also four public drop-off stations throughout the City limits. These locations are:

- Dunham Recreation Center - parking lot behind playground, 4320 Guerley Road Cincinnati, OH 45238
- Hartwell Kroger - 8241 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH 45216
- Clifton - Hamilton County Environmental Services Building 250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, OH 45219
- Schmidt Field

ACCEPTABLE items for all curbside and drop-off locations include: plastic bottles #1 and #2, no lids; glass jars and bottles of any color; aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans; empty aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed; brown paper grocery bags, computer paper and other mixed office paper; colored paper; corrugated cardboard, broken down to 3' by 3' sections; envelopes with or without windows; junk mail; magazines; newspapers and inserts; paperboard, such as cereal boxes, and telephone books.

UNACCEPTABLE items are: plastics #3-#7, Cool Whip containers, butter tubs, plastic food trays, plastic bags, motor oil jugs or other chemical containers, Styrofoam, lids/caps, window or drinking glass, light bulbs, pizza boxes, coat hangers or other steel scrap and paint cans.

If you do not currently recycle, and would like to, please call 242-4600 or 591-6000 and request a bin. There is no additional fee for this service!

For more information on recycling, or the change to bi-weekly collection, please call Rumpke's Recycling Hotline at 242-4600 or the City of Cincinnati's Customer Service at 591-6000. ***Amy will be at the June NANA General Meeting***

FUN THINGS TO DO

GRAND HOMES, GARDENS AND GRAPES

July 2-3: The Licking-Riverside Historic District presents its 2005 Home and Garden Tour, paired with a wine tasting event, "Grand Homes, Gardens and Grapes". The tour will take place Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 5:00 pm.

Explore Boy Scout founder Daniel Carter Beard's Federal style house (c. 1820), the Greek Revival home of banker Daniel Fallis (c. 1852), the unique campus of the Baker-Hunt Arts and Cultural Center (c. 1840), and many other nineteenth century treasures.

Bordered by the Ohio and Licking Rivers, the historic district's homes represent the full spectrum of nineteenth century architecture styles.

Tour Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased the day of the tour in the George Rogers Clark Park on Riverside Drive or at the Baker Hunt Foundation at 620 Greenup Street, both in Covington, Kentucky. Children under 12 are free, when accompanied by a paying adult. All proceeds will be used for neighborhood beautification projects. For further information, please call (513) 289-0022.

The Licking-Riverside Historic District Civic Association is comprised of neighborhood residents and property owners concerned with preserving and enhancing the historic beauty of the Licking-Riverside Historic District.

CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA *CLASSICAL ROOTS: SPIRITUAL HEIGHTS*

The **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra** led by CSO Associate Conductor **John Morris Russell** will visit four local communities this June and July to present free ***Classical Roots: Spiritual Heights*** family concerts. Joining Russell and the orchestra as soloists are two Cincinnati musicians—**Mary Henderson Stucky**, mezzo-soprano and **William Menefield**, jazz pianist. **All four concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the public.**

The dates and locations are:

- **June 14, Allen Temple AME Church** (Bond Hill)
- **July 18, Quinn Chapel AME Church** (Forest Park)
- **July 20, Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church** (Woodlawn/Lincoln Heights)
- **July 21, Zion Baptist Church** (North Avondale)

Classical Roots: Spiritual Heights celebrates the many contributions made by African Americans to orchestral music and seeks to link cultures through music. The CSO program is now in its fifth summer season and is expanding the series by adding a fourth performance.

**HANNAFORD-DESIGNED NORTH AVONDALE
HOUSE TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION JULY 17**

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 July 17th. Maggie Beckmeyer of Auctions by Maggie is in charge. For more information concerning the auction, call 513-807-6241 or email Maggie@auctionsbymaggie.com.

One of North Avondale's oldest houses, the Field House was built in 1884. It is one of the few large estate residences remaining from the neighborhood's first wave of suburban development. The house was designed by master architect Samuel Hannaford and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 as part of a thematic nomination of his works. One of the few frame buildings designed by Hannaford, it is a lively Queen Anne/Shingle Style composition, distinguished by a low turret, varied shingle patterns, and steep gables.

The house was built for industrialist Walter H. Field, president of the American Cotton Oil Company and, later, of the Cincinnati Ice Manufacturing & Cold Storage Company. It was converted to a Jewish Kosher hotel in 1912 and later became a rooming house. In recent years the property deteriorated rapidly and was plagued by crime, violence and vandalism. As a result it became the first CPOP project and in 2003 the City of Cincinnati declared the house unfit for human habitation, removed the tenants and boarded the building. Despite its decayed state, the Field House retains many wonderful, original features. It is a pivotal building in a struggling neighborhood that has seen signs of reinvestment in recent years. In 2004, CPA presented a Rehabilitation Award to three formerly blighted residences on nearby South Fred Shuttlesworth Circle.

In order for the Field House to survive, it must find a sympathetic developer willing and able to transform it from a neighborhood problem to a community asset. Because it is listed in the Register, it is eligible for preservation tax incentives and easement donation. For more information about the Field House, call 513-721-4506 or email margo@cincinnati-preservation.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Program Reminder

By Emily Gambrell, Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, Public Affairs Intern

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) has a solution for all of your cleaners, batteries, and automotive fluids. From now through September 30th, the District will offer two free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Sites. This program is for Hamilton County residents only (proof of residency is required).

The nearest location and times are as follows:

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.
4650 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45232

Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Closed the following Saturdays: July 2, September 3.

Acceptable items: automotive fluids; pesticides/fertilizers; solvents/thinners; lawn/pool chemicals; cleaners; household/auto batteries; paint; prescription drugs; fire extinguishers; and propane tanks.

Unacceptable items include: radioactive materials; medical waste; explosives & ammunition; gun powder; heating oil tanks; fuel tanks; tires; yardwaste; smoke alarms; garbage; roofing materials; appliances; and computers/electronics.

To the North Avondale Neighborhood Residents:

The Cincinnati Preservation Association's (CPA) "Upstairs, Downstairs" Historic House Tour in North Avondale on May 7th was a resounding success thanks to all of you. To the gracious owners who opened their homes, the volunteers who staffed the houses, the many neighbors who went on the tour, and all who worked to make their yards so beautiful: THANK YOU!

We have sponsored many house tours over the years, and everyone involved in the planning of the tour this year was delighted with the North Avondale neighborhood. You all made it run smoothly for us. The tour was a financial success as well, earning over \$25,000 for CPA. Over 700 guests toured the eight resplendent homes and gardens.

Again and again, we heard tour goers say they were delighted to "discover" the hidden gem that is North Avondale. Thank you for opening your lovely neighborhood to Greater Cincinnati and for supporting Cincinnati Preservation Association so well.

With sincere thanks,

Kendall Fisher, Executive Director CPA

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.





**NORTH
AVONDALE
RECREATION
CENTER
961-1584**

North Avondale Happenin's

The center will be closed the week of June 6-10.

The **summer hours** will be: 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.

Summer day Camp will start June 13 and end August 19. Call Ms. Harris for more information.

The center will have the free lunch program starting June 13th at 12 noon.

Participants must be 18 and younger to have free lunch.

Seniors

Line Dancing, Yoga and walking for seniors will continue throughout the summer, as will Aerobics and Karate.

NANA NEIGHBORS

Charlene Morse (Burton Woods Lane) after chairing the North American Biennial Conference for Association of Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers May 5 - 9, 2005 became their President.

Clotilde Royal's (Victory Parkway) *Bats Incredible* colorful peacock entry "Baycock", Eye Catcher!" was among the photomontage on the cover of the 2004-2005 cover of Cincinnati Bell.

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT NUMBERS

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
1 st VP: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
2 nd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
3 rd 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	Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse _____	Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov 352-3902
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777



NANA MEETING JUNE 14
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NANA CALENDAR

- Thursday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. **CPOP Meeting** at District 4 Police Station, Reading Road
- Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs