



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first Message as President of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. I'll start by extending my thanks to my predecessor, Marilyn Smith, as well as the past NANA officers and committee members for their dedication to North Avondale and their accomplishments this past year. With the continued service of several returning board members, including the omnipresent Charlene Morse (our NANA Administrator), I know we can work together on the remaining "to-do" items as well as tackle additional challenges for North Avondale.

The NANA Annual Meeting was held on May 14 at the Cintas Schiff Conference Center. That afternoon, all were treated with a wonderful excerpt from *All that Breathes*, an original dance created by fellow neighbors Fanchon and Bonia Shur (with N. F. Shuttlesworth dancer Deborah Brook-Blanks). It was also my pleasure to help recognize the many exchange students & their respective host families in our community for the 2005-2006 school year. Lastly, we had the V.P. of Program Development from Volunteers of America talk about their *Cincinnati Living Center* they have planned for the Southeast corner of Reading Rd and Clinton Springs. (see article in the next column)

I hope to see many of you at our events and meetings. The next NANA general meeting is June 13th at 7:30, so please join us. We may discuss an "issue near you"! Have a great Summer!

*Tim Yosmali*

The 6th Annual Computer Recycling Collection Event will be held **July 11 – 16, 2006** at Technology Recycling Group located at 5139 Kieley Place St. Bernard, Ohio. All businesses, schools, and non-profits must pre-register for the event. **Residents do not need to pre-register.** Residential drop-off is available on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 16 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

**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

### VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICAN/OHIO RIVER VALLEY TO BUILD APARTMENTS AT READING ROAD & CLINTON SPRINGS AVENUE

Anthony Beasley, Vice-President of Program Development of Volunteers of America/Ohio River Valley (VOA/ORV) will come again to the NANA Meeting to talk about the apartment building they plan to build at Reading and Clinton Spring. The building is comprised of three two-bedroom and two one-bedroom apartments, an office, common room and laundry facilities. Their plan is to provide supportive housing in North Avondale to individuals who have been diagnosed with mental retardation and/or developmental disability. Supportive housing provides residents with the necessary skills that will allow them to become independent in the community. In this setting, staff provide residents with case management services to strengthen social and cognitive skills. Individuals will live in their apartment until it is determined they can live totally on their own at which time they will move out and the process will start over with another individual.

Volunteers of America/Ohio River Valley is a chapter of the Volunteers of America National service faith-based organization. Founded in 1896, the Volunteers of America is one of the nation's oldest, largest, most diversified, and most effective non-profit human services agencies. The local affiliate has been in operation in Southwestern Ohio since 1954. They continually strive to meet their mission statement of "helping those least served by others meet unmet basic needs". They do this with a dedicated Board, staff and volunteers.

Lastly, it is their intention to be a good neighbor in North Avondale, as they are in other communities where they operate social service programs. **Come to the June 13th NANA Meeting to learn more and express your opinion.**



NANA GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY  
JUNE 13, 2006  
7:30 p.m.  
NORTH AVONDALE  
RECREATION CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA

- Volunteers Of America Presentation On Proposed Apartments At Reading & Clinton Springs (see article above)
- Come get involved!





**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL • 363-3900 • 615 Clinton Springs**

Parents have camped outdoors for over 48 hours trying to enroll their children in North Avondale Montessori (NAM). NAM is the most popular of the few Cincinnati public schools that offer Montessori education, the teaching method in which children use all their senses to learn at a deeper level.

NAM has a tight budget. Montessori materials cost more than ordinary classroom supplies. Fortunately, the parent run fundraising organization, NAM Foundation, closes the funding gap. Foundation pays for Montessori materials, classroom and office supplies, computers, and other needs.

Having good public school options helps North Avondale property values and families. You can help Foundation support one of the best of these public schools. If you buy groceries using Foundation's Kroger gift cards, NAM gets 4% at no extra cost to you. If you buy magazines through Foundation, NAM gets 40%. Many popular on-line retailers give NAM 3-6%. For more information, e-mail [ben\\_pantoja@yahoo.com](mailto:ben_pantoja@yahoo.com).

**New Assistant Principal for NAM:** Miss Simmons, Principal at NAM, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Carmen Hull, currently Principal at Winton Montessori, will be joining NAM as Assistant Principal next school year. After painstaking deliberation, Carmen has chosen to step down from her role as Principal. She has balanced a high energy job while taking care of an ill husband. Becoming an Assistant Principal will allow her to remain in her career as an educator and give her more time to be with her husband. Carmen began her education career at NAM as an Instructor Assistant. She is also a former NAM parent with both of her daughters going through the ranks at NAM. Miss Simmons and Mrs. Hull trained together through the District's Leadership Program and have known each other for many years. They will make an excellent team for NAM!!

Cincinnati Parents for Public Schools honored four nominees from NAM at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Extra Mile Award Ceremony: Beth Meyung was nominated for Certified staff, Susan Lipp was nominated for non-certified staff, Clare Fazackerly Iverson and Heather Duncan (Burton Woods) were both nominated for Parent Volunteers (and Heather Duncan won/received the award).

**BURTON SCHOOL • 363-9700 • 876 Glenwood Ave**

**Youth Inclusion in The '29**

The planning for the new Burton School has resulted in a group that is working on how the focus of each school can benefit all 4

schools - Rockdale, South Avondale, Burton, and North Avondale.

This is also an opportunity to look at how the resources in our community can best benefit all children/youth who reside where the zip code is 45229. We can look at what is available and what is used by young people throughout the '29 and give a voice to improvements that would benefit the children. It would not be a "quick fix" but a plan that would result from information obtained.

Parents and students would be necessary, as well as others who are interested in using community resources to help neighborhood youth become successful citizens. If you would like to have input, call Pauline Daly at 751-8334.

**THE NEW SCHOOL • 281-7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane**

The New School's 35th year is coming to a close. This spring the traditional Arty Gras, an outdoor celebration of the arts, gave children appreciation of the beautiful spring weather and surroundings. Creating, painting and playing with art, the children always enjoy this celebration.

The 35th graduating class will celebrate on June 2nd when the sixth graders leave The New School and all other children step-up to the next level. This year's graduates will go on to fine schools like Walnut Hills, Cincinnati country Day and Clark Academy. An all-school cookout formally closes up the school year and welcomes summer activities for children and families. Summer sessions at The New School begin in mid-June for Handwriting and Acting camps.



**NORTH AVONDALE**

• There will be a **Summer Day Camp** Starting **June 12 - August 11th,**

• **After School Camp** for Summer School students, **June 12 - July 14.**

• The **Reds Rookies Success League** will be returning on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

• **Tennis NJTL League** will be at the Tennis Courts located on North Fred Shuttlesworth, applications are available at the center. (For more information contact Vanessa Henderson At 352-4000),

• Operational hours may vary the week of June 5<sup>th</sup> -the 9th. Drop in Gym and Game room open

**NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER 961-1584**

**HIRSCH RECREATION CENTER 751-3393**

**HIRSH**

- Summer hours :M-Th 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Drop in hours 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teens & adults 4-8 p.m.
- Summer Senior programs, Tuesday - Friday 10:00 to Noon
- Summer Day Camp 7 - 6 (\$350 for summer or \$45 per week) Plus 2006 membership & pool token. Some scholarships available.
- **Reds Rookie Baseball** July 10, from 9:30 to noon, ages 9-13.
- **Hershey Track Meet** June 28 arrive by 8 am ages 8 - 14
- Teen Basketball League Mondays ages 14 - 17 Begins June 19
- June 24 Show, Dinner and Dance with DJ \$5 advance \$8 door 7:00 p.m. to Midnight, For Adults.

## COURT SAYS “NO CAR WASH!”

By Gerry Kraus

On April 14, 2006 the First District Court of Appeals affirmed the decisions of the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court and the Cincinnati Zoning Board of Appeals, both of which had ruled that it was not appropriate to place a 24 hour, unmanned car wash at the corner of Reading/Paddock Roads (formerly Antonio’s Pizza). The Appeals Court stated, “There was evidence that the car wash would detract from the neighborhood’s general aesthetics and would lead to an increase in crime, traffic and noise.”

### “YES TO PAY DAY LOAN BUSINESS”

On May 3, 2006 the First District Court of Appeals ruled that the decision by the Department of Buildings & Inspections (B & I) to issue a “change-of-use permit to allow (owners) to switch the use of the building from a carry-out pizza parlor (formerly Antonio’s Pizza) to a check-cashing business” be upheld, affirming the decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Common Pleas Court. NANA and several residents had sued on the grounds that B & I should have held a public hearing before making its decision, but having decided, the decision of B & I should be appealable to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). In upholding the B & I decision the Court of Appeals stated that the “former Cincinnati Municipal Code ... provided that the Department had the discretion to approve certain changes in land use without first conducting a hearing”; and that “the former code exempted some departmental decisions from the administrative appeal process.” There will still be some controls because the property is in an Environmental Quality zoned district and also because the Transitional (I) zone limitations on part of the property still apply.

In all the above legal proceedings NANA and interested North Avondale residents were represented “pro bono” primarily by NANA’s legal counsel, Marvin Kraus, with assistance from attorney Bill Rambo.

### OTHER ZONING ISSUES DECIDED

Requests for front yard parking at 971 Lenox Place and 3806 Washington Avenue by means of a circular driveway were denied by the City’s Zoning Hearing Examiner on March 14 and April 21 respectively. The City Zoning Code does not permit front yard parking in residentially zoned neighborhoods. Generally it is prohibited because it can become very unsightly especially if there are several cars or trucks or an RV or a boat parked in the front yard. In ruling against permitting front yard parking, the Hearing Examiner stated that “approval would be contrary to the public interest and the intent and purpose of the code and would be injurious to the properties in the vicinity of the premises in question.”

On May 15, 2006 the ZBA reversed the decision of the Hearing Examiner for 971 Lenox Place. In reversing the Hearing Examiner’s decision the ZBA held, “The Zoning Code does not prohibit a crescent drive to be located in the front yard of this property. This driveway is not a parking lot

## NEIGHBORS DINE TOGETHER PROGRESSIVELY

By Julie Zimmerman

More than 50 residents of “East” North Avondale gathered April 22 for a progressive potluck dinner at three homes. Thanks to the wonders of email, we were able to organize the event without anyone having to schlep flyers around to all the houses in the neighborhood.

We began with appetizers at the home of George and Vanessa Sorensen on Marion Avenue. Residents of Marion and Dakota brought appetizers to share, and everyone brought wine, beer and other beverages. From there it was onto Redway Avenue and the home of Lyn and Eric Oseas for dinner, with entrees provided by Redway and Winding Way residents. We wrapped up with dessert at Maura and Miles Wolf’s house on Lenox Place, where sweet treats were brought by neighbors from Lenox and Avondale Avenue.

We had beautiful weather for our eating tour of the neighborhood, and everyone enjoyed the chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Several attendees have lived in North Avondale for decades, while others have been here only a year or two. We look forward to an all-neighborhood party this summer and perhaps another progressive dinner in the fall. If you live on the Xavier side of North Avondale (Winding Way, Valley, Dakota, Marion, Redway, Lenox, Avondale, Ledgewood and Barry) and wish to receive emails about neighborhood events, please send an email to Julie Zimmerman at [jmirwin@zoomtown.com](mailto:jmirwin@zoomtown.com). And if you don’t have an email address, ask a neighbor to keep you informed!

### NEIGHBORS

At the Cincinnati Region VI Annual Awards Reception where members, colleagues and friends of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Ohio Chapter, Cincinnati Region gathered to recognize and celebrate the contributions, dedication and commitment of social workers, community volunteers and public officials to the citizens of the Greater Cincinnati area two of the seven honorees were from North Avondale. **Kathy Laufman, LISW** (Red Bud) • **Lifetime Achievement** and **Deborah Rambo, J.D.** (Ardmore) • **M.S.W. Student of the Year**. Congratulations!  
**Happy 40th Anniversary Clinton Springs Church Of God.**

and therefore does not require a special exception from the Zoning Code.” While the Zoning Code prohibits front yard parking, it does not expressly prohibit a driveway in the front yard. The Hearing Examiner had made his decision based on the fact that the notice to the public announcing this hearing stated that front yard parking was being sought and that it was front yard parking that he was deciding upon. The owners of 971 Lenox Place stated that they did not intend to park vehicles in this circular driveway. They just wanted to be able to turn around to exit their property onto the street frontward.

The decision of the Hearing Examiner on 3806 Washington Avenue was not appealed.

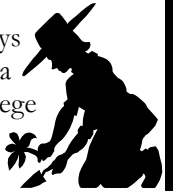


### HOME & GARDEN TOURS:

The Historic Licking Riverside Civic Association will showcase 16 of its historic homes and gardens, when it hosts the **“2006 Grand Homes, Gardens and Grapes”** tour June 17 and 18, 2006, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. daily

The cost of admission for the tour is \$20.00 per person and proceeds support the Historic Licking Riverside Civic Association in its efforts to restore and preserve the historic integrity of this National Register Neighborhood. Tickets may be purchased on event days in the George Rogers Clark Park, located on Riverside Drive at Garrard, or at Baker-Hunt Art and Cultural Center located at 620 Greenup Street, in Covington.

A self guided tour of **“Gardens of College Hill”** on Saturday June 24. Rain or shine, 11 am - 4 pm. You've always wanted to see them -- now's your chance. The College Hill Gardeners presents a tour of eight fabulous area gardens. A plant sale and a container garden contest add to the festivities. Advance tickets will be available at College Hill businesses and at 588-6465. Same-day tickets can be purchased at any tour site. Contact [collegehillgardeners@cinci.rr.com](mailto:collegehillgardeners@cinci.rr.com) to receive further information Place “Garden Tour” in the subject line.



### NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Tim Yosmali _____	641-1244	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
Corresponding Sec.: Elaine Foster _____	751-8152	<b>NANA Administrator &amp; NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____</b>	<b>221-6166</b>
Recording Secretary: Michelle Baxter _____	475-0441	<b>City Complaint/Request Hotline _____</b>	591-6000
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**GET INVOLVED - NANA ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> PAY YOUR 2006 NANA DUES**

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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, June 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs
- NO AUGUST MEETING