



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone who came out and helped on Clean Up/Green Up Day on Saturday, April 25. It was a gorgeous day to be out and working to beautify our neighborhood. Turnout was great – it is truly a testament to the involvement of our neighbors that so many volunteered their time for a common cause. Although people worked throughout the neighborhood, Seasongood Park was the particular focus, and it shows. NANA appreciates the Belvedere hosting the NANA Annual Meeting. Gerry and Marvin Kraus were honored for their decades of service to North Avondale. It is no exaggeration to say that Gerry and Marvin have been crucial to the spirit and vitality of our neighborhood. Thank you to Sulayman Bajo who served for four years and to him and his family much success upon returning to his native country Gambia, West Africa. Thank you to the 2008-2009 NANA Board for all their work. I look forward to working with the newly elected Board: Michelle, Fred, Nikki, Curtis, and new-comers Pickett Harrington and Cathryn Lovely.

Frank Newbauer

NANA General Meetings
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs
Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DANA'S S-CURVE

Over a four year span beginning in 2004, there were 55 reported traffic accidents at the intersection of Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway. During that same time frame there were 37 reported traffic accidents in the S-Curve near Herald Avenue. Xavier University also contacted the City to voice their concern about the safety of the pedestrian crossing at Herald and within the past two years a pedestrian was involved in an accident in the crosswalk at Herald.

The City of Cincinnati, Department of Transportation and Engineering, attended the April 14, 2009 NANA General meeting. They discussed the concept of a new Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway intersection improvement. This improvement includes the straightening of Dana Avenue, eliminating the S-curve. You can view the presentation boards on the City's website at <http://cincinnati-oh.gov/transeng/pages/-7173-/>. (See one presentation board on Page.2)

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



We cleaned up the neighborhood by picking up litter
We beautified the neighborhood by preparing the parks for the busy summer season.

Thank you Volunteers!

Abington: Walt Woolfolk; **Avondale:** Mary Piper; Phil & George Wirte **Burton:** Gary Carter; Seth Owen **Burton Woods:** Dawn, Ryan & Alexa Grace; Grace & Brian Hill **Clinton Springs:** Michelle Baxter; Marissa McGinnis **Dakota:** Deb & Colin Corwin; Ursula Hassel **Glencross:** Mary Newman; John Kachuba **Lenox:** Frank & Carol Newbauer & Teresa Harten; Olivia & Maura Wolf **Leyman:** Buzz Scannella **Marion:** Emily Harten; Vanessa Sorensen & George Farnsworth **Reading:** Jane Stillet **Red Bud:** Leslie & Liam Druley; Grace Richey; Ken & Mary Pray **Rose Hill:** Sarah Koucky; Clare Stillet; Dan, Becky & Bob Zavon; Tyra Scales; Caroline Carr **NF Shuttlesworth:** Fred Fegan **Spring House:** Cathryn Lovely; Jack & Shirlee Sherman **Winding Way:** Edie Gaudio **The North Avondale "A's":** Are Monday Bared; Vernell Ellery; Erica & Jared Flagg; Jordan, Michael Jr. & Sr. Gaines; Paris Hill; Elijah Jane; Kevin Lewis II; Ronald Oglesby; Mark & Angela Rhodes; Antonio & Saven Watts; Laura White; Stephen Williams; Barry Wilson; James Favors **Park Staff:** Angela Carless; Pamela Miller; Lynn Hudson **The Avondale Youth Council.**
North Avondale Fathers and School children cleaned along Glenwood and around the school.

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

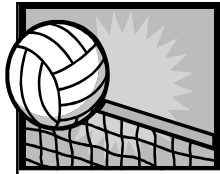
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NORTH AVONDALE
617 Clinton Springs
961.1584

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

Participants must have a membership to the center to participate (Adults \$15; Youth, Teens and Seniors \$5)

The North Avondale Center building is open once again!!! We are thankful for Hirsch Center providing us with an office space and for allowing space for our weight room, after school drop in and basketball participants, as well as our morning and Saturday programs!!! We are also very thankful for the space the North Avondale Montessori School provided for our after school and evening programs!!! We also wish to thank Carthage Center for providing a space for our Tai Chi class. We are *very* proud that we had a place for, or a place to refer all of our participants/programs. We greatly appreciate the partnership and team work that has been extended to us by all. We also greatly appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.

Past Events and Activities

- The last game of the Senior (50+) Chair Volleyball League concluded on Tuesday, May 12. It was a morning filled with smiles and laughs. We are hoping to continue in the league in the fall. Contact Julie if interested in playing.
- The Art Show held in May which was a joint effort by both the North Avondale Center and Hirsch Center was a nice success. Art items were for sale and our young artists were pleased to display their art. The money the artists earned was most helpful for Mother's Day. *Julie Fatora*



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

●363.3900 ● 876 Glenwood
 ● www.namrockets.org

To the North Avondale Community, excitement is in the air as we watch the construction going on at 615 Clinton Springs.

Our hope is that by the end of summer we will see a building going up. Thank you to those of you who were volunteers at NAM. Our teachers and students appreciate the time you took to tutor a student in math or reading. We look forward to your continued support. Congratulations to the sixth graders who will have their recognition ceremony on May 26, and they will be moving on to their next educational journey at either Clark Montessori, Westside Montessori, Walnut Hills or SCPA.

Watch out Sugar and Spice....NAM's Father's Group had a Pancake Breakfast serving some of the best tasting pancakes around. It was a great fundraiser for the school! I would also like to acknowledge GO Cincinnati for their community service at our school. Over 50 workers came to help paint bathrooms and hallway walls, pull weeds, spread mulch, paint new four square lines on the playground, and paint a beautiful mural of our NAM Rocket on the wall in the front lobby.



What a grand welcoming that presents to visitors to the school and our neighbors on Glenwood Avenue!

Have a great summer everyone, and the North Avondale Montessori School news will return in the Fall.

Carmen Hull Principal

SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL

●363.5500 ●636 Prospect Place, ●savondale.cps-k12.org/
 South Avondale School, the REAL Measure of CPS

The REAL measure of a public school district is not the schools that have achieved for years - where parents have the resources to assure their child will get a good education, but what is going on in the schools that have been failing for years.

South Avondale School, the neighborhood school for Avondale and North Avondale, is being redesigned as a TurnAround school after 9 years in academic emergency. What happens there this next year and in future years will demonstrate the skills of the administration, the union and especially the entire staff, led by the principal.

Will Positive School Culture, mandated by CPS, actually be implemented? It means focusing together on academics and behavior, solving problems rather than blaming. There is time before November to observe the beginning of serious efforts.

Pauline Daly

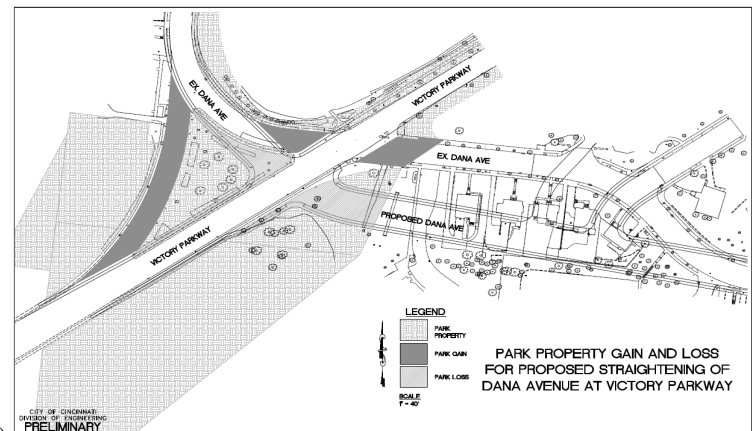
NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

●281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane
 ●www.thenewschool.cc

Montessori education values intergenerational learning; our preprimary, 1st - 3rd, and 4th - 6th grade levels allow for inter-age friendships. A parent recently commented about her sixth grader saying, "Sofia has always had lovely friendships with kids of all ages." These inter-age groupings are also supportive for parents. A family who joined TNSM in their child's 4th grade year noted, "Our family made friends at TNSM along with our daughter, and what we treasured most is the warmth and openness we received."

The warmth of community was certainly felt as we packed the house in support of our sixth graders' Senior Projects. Each year our sixth graders embark on a year-long odyssey, researching a topic of interest to them. All sixteen students condensed their fifteen-page papers into riveting 5-minute oral presentations. We had a pleasant evening learning about many subjects including the Galapagos Islands, various historical figures, fashion through the decades, the history of Apple Computers, and the health benefits of a vegetarian diet.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director



YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ **Donald K. Anthony** (Ledgeswood) 40 year resident of North Avondale and NANA President from 1981-1983 was extended a special recognition for his innumerable contributions to the community by the members of the Senate of the 127th General Assembly of Ohio. The proclamation stated: "You are a remarkable individual, combining civic concern and dedication with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in the Greater Cincinnati area." - something NANA has always known!

☞ **Moselle Flowers** (Redway) turned 100 years old on Friday, March 27. She lives with her daughter Barbara Smitherman, and is the Grandmother of Christopher and Albert Smitherman who also live in the neighborhood. Her birthday was celebrated at Barbara and Herbert Smitherman's home on Saturday March 28, and also at the 9:00 Mass at Bellarmine Chapel on Sunday March 29. She says that her secret to longevity is her strong faith in God, and to live life in moderation.

☞ We'd like to welcome our newest resident to North Avondale. **Javier Jackson Beatty** was born on May 4th at 4:45am in Good Samaritan Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21.5 inches long. Parents are **Cenona Taveras and Dr. Eric Beatty** (S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle); brother is Joaquin Eric Beatty, age 3. Baby and family are doing well.

☞ **Alice Ungerer** (Avon Fields Lane) was one of seven Cincinnati students who graduated May 16 from Tulane University in New Orleans. Alice graduated from Walnut Hills High School in the class of 2005. In August she arrived at Tulane only to unload her belongings and then attend a mandatory town hall meeting in which the president of the university told everyone, "We are closing campus as of 5 o'clock this afternoon." He presented the parents in attendance with three options: take your child home with you, send your child to friends or relatives, or leave them here and we will transport elsewhere. Everyone had to be off campus by 5 p.m. and not permitted to return until the following Wednesday.

The "Katrina Class" did not return the following Wednesday. Four months later the university opened, the students returned and New Orleans began to recover. Students who had been scattered around the country returned in remarkable numbers. Eighty-seven percent of the students returned in January 2006.

In a touch of irony, this class began their senior year the same way they began their college career - evacuating for Gustav. I dare to say that of the 2,200 graduates, few if any of them, found it easy leaving the Crescent City.

☞ **Sawan Family news** (Burton Woods) son Zachary has accepted an Artist Residency in Davenport Iowa at the Figge Museum. other son Michael, is spending three and a half weeks in Paris.

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ **North Avondale Yoga Club Funds Center for Peace Education** The NA Yoga Club is inviting new members. Since January 2008, the Club has been meeting most Sunday mornings at Full Spectrum Health Center. Members able to attend donate to the Center for Peace Education for youth creative conflict resolution programs.

Teresa Harten (Lenox Pl), who just completed her 200 hr training as a yoga teacher, leads the group in the hour and a half long practice. If you are interested in practicing or helping teach, email Teresa at teresaharten@msn.com.

☞ **Alan Hundley** (Burton Woods) teaches **Tai Chi and Qigong for Health** at Growth In Motion on Red Bud. Contact fanchon@fuse.net or 221.3222.

☞ Cincinnati Diamonds is still taking girls ages 9-13 who would like to play slow pitch for the summer. Practice is on Sherman Ave. Call Coach Nina at 307.7702 **Marnita Woollfork** (Glenwood)

☞ **Introduction to Food Sources – An Experiential Class on National Food Issues and Local Solutions (CUL 2899)** Where does our food come from? What is happening to the family farmer? Do farm animals have "rights"? Who picks our vegetables? Are pesticides poisoning us? What's in season right now locally? What should we eat? Who controls our food supply? What is sustainable agriculture?

Cincinnati State and the **Midwest Culinary Institute** will be offering this exciting new course designed to introduce students to a broad range of topics and issues related to the food and agriculture system in the United States. The course, facilitated by MCI grad and past Slow Food Cincinnati president, **Jolene Struebbe**, (of Beechwood Ave.) is appropriate for culinary students as well as continuing education students. There are no prerequisites, but a strong interest in the subject is encouraged.

To further develop this topic, we will utilize a combination of readings, class discussions, farm and market visits, films, and guest speakers to investigate the many food issues being raised in the news today. This is not a food science or agriculture class, but more a culinary food studies course. Students will explore changes that have occurred in the food system in the past half-century in an effort to understand how individual daily food choices influence personal health and that of the national food system. You will come away a more informed consumer.

The course runs for the month of July 2009 – on Wednesday nights from 6-9 pm (beginning July 1st) and on Saturday mornings from 9 – 12 am. (No class on July 4). To sign up, please go to www.cincinnati-state.edu and complete a non-degree seeking application form. You will then be able to register for the course, CUL 2899 AA on-line starting June 5. The cost of the course is \$300, which earns you 3 hours of college credit. In addition, you will need about \$25 for farm/film/market admissions. Books can be found at the library, bookstore, or Amazon.com For any questions, please contact **Jolene Struebbe** (Rose Hill) at jolenestruebbe@fuse.net.



IN MEMORIAM

Michael (Mick) Dennison (The Belvedere) died at age 66 on April 24. Michael was the retired Volunteer Administrator of the Cincinnati Symphony (1996-2009) and previously served in numerous positions for the symphony as well as a member of the Trumpet Section of the Orchestra (1968 -1989). An informal "Farewell Gathering" will take place in June, 2009.

Evelyn McQueen (Rose Hill) passed on March 27 2009.

Dr. Lawrence C Hawkins Sr. (formerly of Wess Park), 90, departed April 4, 2009.

Dr. Robert Frankel (Red Bud Pl), longtime Pediatric Dentist, age 79, passed away January 13, 2009, beloved husband of Dr. Judith Frankel.

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 2,990 copies of the ten NANA News and flyers
- supply discounted plants, bulbs, and mulch, sprinkler system maintenance.

If interested, write, call or email the NANA Office at 221.6166 or clmorse@fuse.net

Every year, due funding guidelines, NANA is required to accept applications for the position of coordinator; a part-time, paid position for one or more independent contractors. The coordinator assumes the following responsibilities: writing & editing the NANA News newsletter; flyers and other communications; maintaining the membership and office; assisting the NANA Board and all volunteers on issues involving land development & use, safety, beautification, youth & senior activities, membership development and environmental affairs to enhance the livability of North Avondale. Interested persons should call NANA President Frank Newbauer (751.5897).

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

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| Corresponding Sec.: Cathryn Lovely | 221.2708 | Police District 4 | 569.8600 |
| Recording Secretary Nikki Kittrell | 281.5646 | Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer: Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov | 569.8654 |
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- First Thursday of each month at 1:30pm, **Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, June 9, NANA General Meeting**, 7:30 North Avondale Recreation Center, 917 Clinton Springs
- **Wednesday, June 24, District 4 Resource Meeting**, 6:30pm Police Station, 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, July 14, NANA General Meeting**, 7:30 North Avondale Recreation Center, 917 Clinton Springs

NANA CALENDAR