



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is just around the corner! And while I, like you, eagerly await the new season, your NANA representatives have been very busy throughout the winter working to make North Avondale an even better place to call home. NANA's executive board members, committee chairs, our administrator and neighbor volunteers have been active this year. They have met with City Council members, the Cincinnati Police Department, and other members of our community to make our voice heard and to build relationships. Our goal is to make our neighborhood and our city, a safe, vibrant place for each of us to reach our full potential as individuals and as citizens. These efforts have been, and will continue to be, reported in the NANA News each month. With all that has been done, however, there remains so much more to do, and NANA needs your involvement. Demolition of the North Avondale School on Clinton Springs will already have begun by the time you read this, and we will not have access to the Recreation Center for several months. Captain Isaac has very graciously offered the use of the District Four meeting room for the March NANA meeting. **Please come out on Tuesday, March 10 and join us when we meet at the District Four headquarters at 4150 Reading Road.** I look forward to seeing you there.

*Frank Newbauer*



**Proposed I-75 Mitchell Interchange**  
 Learn more about the entire I-75 project:  
 visit [www.i75millcreekexpressway.com](http://www.i75millcreekexpressway.com)

**NANA General Meetings**  
**District Four Police Station**  
**4150 Reading Road**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.**

**Pay your NANA Dues Today!**

#### 2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues \$100  \$50  \$25  \$10  \$5  or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

**Has it been a long time between the NANA NEWS? The mail service can't be that slow!** As some of you may be aware, the City is changing who administers the Neighborhood Support Program (the \$7,000 we receive yearly to administer NANA programs) and as a result we still don't have a signed contract. Therefore, without the guarantee of reimbursement, I skipped the February NANA NEWS. We finally were able to present our 2009 Proposal in mid-February and it was accepted though no contract was signed. I have been assured by the City that it is safe to do the March Newsletter and that our proposal/grant will be retroactive to January.

Food for thought - **should the NANA NEWS be sent out by email to those who want it?** Presently it is mailed out to 3,000 households as well as posted on the NANA website. If you would like to save trees, money and receive the newsletter faster and earlier, **let NANA know at [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net).**

**N**ANA is forming a **Nominating Committee** to select the 2009/2010 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee or serving as an officer. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166 or send an email to [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net).

## NORTH AVONDALE

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northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov



Dear N. Avondale Recreation Center Patrons,

As you may be aware, the North Avondale Montessori School Building (connected to us) is being demolished and a new school building will be reconstructed in its current footprint. This process will take place during the next eighteen months.

Beginning **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the **N. Avondale Center Building will be closed**. The scheduled date to **reopen** will be **Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. However, as with all construction projects, that could change.

We are relocating our programs for this time frame. We realize that it is not ideal; however, we are pleased that we will be able to continue most of our services at this time.

The center phone number will remain the same (961.1584).

We will be conducting programs out of two different locations. Please note below:

<b>North Avondale Montessori</b> (The Old Burton School)		
876 Glenwood Ave (Mon. - Fri. Cinti. Public School schedule)		
After School Day Camp		2 to 6pm
Bridge Gap Day Camp		2 to 4:30pm
Karate	Tues. & Thur.	5 to 6pm & 6 to 7:30pm
Work Out Party 2009 (Aerobics)	Tues. & Thur.	5 to 6pm & 6 to 7:30pm
Yoga	M. & W.	6 to 7pm

**Hirsch Community Center** 3630 Reading Road 751.3393  
Opens: Mon.-Fri. 10 am Closes: Mon.-Thur. 8pm & Fri. 6pm

Senior Line Dancing	M & W	10am to Noon
Senior Knitting	M	11:30am to 1:30pm
Senior Classics	F	10am to TBA
Weight Room	M-Sa	Open Hours
Workout Party 2009	Saturday	Noon to 2pm
Open Gym for Teens	T-Thur.	6pm to 8pm



## NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

•363-3900 • 876 Glenwood  
• [www.namrockets.org](http://www.namrockets.org)

North Avondale Montessori is about to take a dramatic step forward in our plan to move to a beautiful new school building. In March, CPS will demolish the old North Avondale School building on Clinton Springs Avenue. In May, parents will attend a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction of the new building at that site. Construction will end in time for students to move to the new building in the fall of 2010. Meanwhile, students will continue to attend school at our "Swing Space", the building once used by Burton Elementary School. This building has served us well, but we're looking forward to moving. The new building will have outdoor learning spaces, LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a science lab with a "green roof" that uses vegetation to conserve energy and control rainwater, and will be connected to the North Avondale Recreation Center.

# Super Saturdays Are Back

## TUTORS WANTED

Every Saturday!  
(As you are available)

Starting  
**March 7 – April 18**  
**(Except March 21 & 28)**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Tutor 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Math & Reading to prepare them for the Ohio Achievement Test

Contact: Sahara Shackelford, Coordinator of Volunteers  
[shacksa@cps-k12.org](mailto:shacksa@cps-k12.org) or 363.3934

Sign Up Today!  
(Individuals & Groups Welcome)

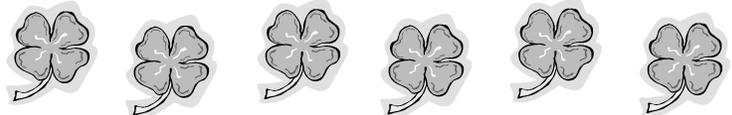
## NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

•281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane • [www.thenewschool.cc](http://www.thenewschool.cc)

We were happy to host recording artist Justin Roberts on his latest visit. Our students joined with the rest of Cincinnati in welcoming Justin and his band by dancing up front and singing along to old favorites and new tunes from Justin's latest CD. This year Justin came a day early to spend time at The New School Montessori. He led a song-writing workshop for us where we learned the art of rhyme, alliteration, and describing feelings.

The movement didn't stop at the end of Justin's concerts. We're gliding into spring through our annual celebration of music and movement in a presentation we call, *Montessori in Motion*. The children begin their performance entering to the sound of drumbeats - twirling and swirling in dance and costume from various cultures. We are moved by their enthusiasm as they sing, dance and share the fruits of their hard work with us.

*Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director*



## Free Tax Preparation

From February 23 to April 13 (with the exception of March 2), Xavier University accounting students will be performing free tax preparation for students, low income and elderly taxpayers. Tax preparation is only on Mondays and is located at the Xavier University Cintas Center from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. This is by appointment only, which can be made by calling 745.2828. This is sponsored by the IRS and Make Work Pay Coalition and you may be eligible for the earned income credit.

## FROM AND ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

➤ **Barbara Henshaw** (Rose Hill) was named Executive-in-Residence by Xavier's Williams College of Business. The program is designed to allow for experienced executives to mentor students and work with faculty. Executives-in-residence meet with each entering freshman student to provide career mentoring, guest lecture in classes and work with the Dean to achieve the mission of the College.

➤ **Andrea Cheng's** (Red Bud) new book, *WHERE THE STEPS WERE*, has been selected for "Choose to Read Ohio". (See link) <http://oh.webjunction.org/ohctrointro>

➤ **SPAGHETTI DINNER AT QUAKER HOUSE**  
(Community Friends Meeting) 3960 Winding Way  
Friday, March 6, 2009, 6:30 pm Teen fundraiser to attend Spirit Camp, Alaska. Suggested donation \$7.50/adult, \$5/child 10 and under. All are welcome! Please come and bring your neighbors!

➤ Dear Neighbors, I would like to start a neighborhood support group for people, like myself, who have Essential Tremor (ET). This is an incapacitating but not fatal disease that effects 6% of the population. I have had the tremor in my hands for about 8 years. It gets more severe, and is quite a challenge to eat, hold cups, glasses, pour, etc.

I just went to a support group of near 60 people at a meeting near Dayton, where we heard on conference call with PowerPoint, the director of the International Essential Tremor Institute. She detailed, as a leading researcher for cures, that there is no medication specifically created to deal with essential tremor.

I got excited and as you might have guessed, I am in the process of choreographing a dance about ET.....which makes use of the tremor, and will be both humorous and enlightening. I will use the dance and workshops based on the needs of tremor people.....to raise money for continuing research specifically on ET.

I am confident that with support and the coming out of ET victims, we will win this challenging struggle. So shake it up, join me and lets find enough of you to SHAKE UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND CITY!!!!!!! **Fanchon Shur**  
(Red Bud Ave.) 221.3222 [fanchon@growthinmotion.org](mailto:fanchon@growthinmotion.org)

➤ **Clark Montessori** Community Craft Sale/Yard Sale, Saturday March 14, 8 am to 2 pm in the cafeteria. 5425 Winton Ridge Lane, Cincinnati OH 45232. For info, contact [heatherduncan@cinci.rr.com](mailto:heatherduncan@cinci.rr.com). (Burton Woods) Crafts, food, collectibles and yard sale items!

➤ I am looking for recommendations or referrals for parents morning out programs/day out programs (sometimes referred to as mom's morning out programs) in the area for a 2 year old. Any information you can send me would be appreciated. Please respond directly to [wiesj@xavier.edu](mailto:wiesj@xavier.edu). Thanks, **Jennifer Wies** (Warwick Av)

## ROSE HILL-BEECHWOOD AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Environment & Archaeology, a cultural resource management firm in Florence, Kentucky, is working with the Cincinnati Preservation Association to prepare a nomination of the Rose Hill-Beechwood Avenue Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. A public meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Avondale Community Center to answer questions and address concerns about what it means to be part of a National Register Historic District. They also welcome any historic information residents may have about their properties.

Listing on the National Register is an honorary recognition by the Federal government of a property's importance in history. Upon listing, one will receive a letter certification that the property is listed, and can purchase a plaque to put on the house. Listing on the National Register does not change property rights in any way, and does not require one to restore, maintain, or show the property. Once the property is listed on the National Register, one can still remodel, repair, alter, sell or demolish the property at one's whim. National Register listing is simply a way to raise awareness and pride in the history of the property. A property cannot be listed on the National Register without the owners permission.

Once a property is listed on the National Register, no Federal projects can impact the property. For example, the Federal government could not build a highway through the property. That is the only use restriction that listing applies to a property.

## NEW GROUP HOMES RULES PROPOSED By Gerry Kraus

Changes in the zoning code to limit the number of homes for adjustment and halfway houses concentrated in a single neighborhood are among the proposed zone changes to regulate social (to be renamed human) service facilities being considered by the Cincinnati Planning Commission (CPC). A 500 foot distance between human service facilities and a 1000 foot distance between multiple use centers\* has been proposed. A 500 foot separation from schools and single-family residentially zoned districts is also being proposed for "Supportive Housing". Supportive Housing is defined, in part, as congregate housing with programs for adjusting to living with handicaps including recuperating from the effects of drugs or alcohol; readjusting to society while housed under criminal justice supervision; shelter for the chronically homeless and for protection from abuse and neglect.

Zoning code text amendments are also being proposed to mitigate negative impacts that are often associated with human service facilities. Additional development regulations have been recommended by the Planning Department to ensure that providers consider potential impacts on neighborhoods. Providers would be required to develop plans for mitigating negative impacts such as loitering, littering, public drunkenness, drug trafficking, soliciting and other criminal activity. The plan would have to be approved by the Director of the Department of City Planning and Buildings.

At a public hearing held by the CPC at City Hall (Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3) on the evening of February 10, human services providers spoke in opposition to any additional regulations for human service facilities. NANA is among the neighborhood people that support the proposed zoning text changes to limit the concentration of human service and supportive housing facilities and the proposed recommendations to mitigate potential negative impacts of these facilities in the neighborhoods in which they are located. The changes, if approved by City Council, would apply only to new facilities, not to existing facilities.

At the CPC meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, the CPC reviewed comments at the hearing, emails and CPC member's concerns. The Planning Department staff was instructed to further study the proposed zoning changes and to recommend any modifications as a result of issues and concerns that have been raised.

\*Multiple use center is a large facility that provides several human (social) services at a single site or campus.

## UPDATE ON CHRONIC NUISANCE 761

NANA representatives and neighborhood volunteers have attended numerous meeting during the past two months. Though it may often seem like neighborhood attendance is not important, let me assure you that it does make a difference and is in fact why we have yet to fail. City Meetings attended: **January 6, 15** - Vibrant Neighborhoods Committee, sent to City Council without recommendation on 15th; **January 22** - City Council - sent to Law & Public Safety for more study; **February 10** - Law & Public Safety where there was a vote of 4-1 against the City Manager's proposed changes to Chapter 761, chronic nuisance ordinance. The City Council members who ruled to stand with NANA on this important issue: Qualls, Monzel, Harris, Ghiz. Cecil Thomas ruled yes in favor of the city managers proposed but we have been told that he has changed his position. For more information **pick the Calendar then Upcoming Events at [www.northavondalecincinnati.com](http://www.northavondalecincinnati.com)**.

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

President: Frank Newbauer _____	751.5897	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281.2596
1 <sup>st</sup> VP: _____		Welcome: Grace Hill _____	gracehill@fuse.net
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290.8781	<b>NANA Administrator &amp; NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse</b> _____	<b>221.6166</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: & Landlord Accountability: Michelle Baxter _____	475.0441	<b>City Complaint/Request Hotline</b> _____	591.6000
Corresponding Sec.: Curtis Arthur _____	967.3619	<b>Police District 4</b> _____	569.8600
Recording Secretary Nikki Kittrell _____	281.5646	<b>Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer: Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov</b> _____	569.8654
Treasurer: Fred Fegan _____	861.8378	<b>Nonemergency Police</b> _____	765.1212
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751.4546	<b>To just make a crime report (no police visit)</b> _____	352.2960
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861.3939	<b>Request A Recycling Bin</b> _____	242.4600
Education & Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751.8334	<b>Report Air Odors 24/7</b> _____	946.7777
Legal Chairperson: _____		<b>To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:</b> _____	<b>Crimereports.com</b>
Master Plan: Tim & Amy Yosmali _____	641.1244	<b>Track property code violations</b> _____	<a href="http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/">http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/</a>



**GET INVOLVED! COME TO THE  
MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> NANA MEETING  
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- First Thursday of each month at 1:30pm, Rental Housing Meeting, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- Tuesday, March 10, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING, Police Station 4150 Reading Road
- March 25, District 4 Resource Meeting, 6:30pm Police Station - 4150 Reading Rd.
- April 14, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING, Police Station 4150 Reading Road

## NANA CALENDAR