



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This marks the end of my term as a NANA board member. A term which began as treasurer, then, first vice president and lastly as president. Being a board member has resulted in greater insight into the operation of a neighborhood organization.

My term as President could be described as a roller coaster ride. I've experienced meetings, many of which were exhilarating, heart pumping, exciting and adrenal producing experiences.

We began with training: to develop interpersonal skills; set goals to result in the desired outcomes; to be more efficient and better organized when considering neighborhood concerns. This training provided insight into our own personalities, our dedication, our 'quirkiness' and foremost our passion for the neighborhood.

Our nemesis; over the past six months, has been the former Antonio's. Many of the interpersonal skills, which were developed during our training, caused dissimilarities to surface. From these dissimilarities, the board evolved, again providing insight into individual behavior.

I leave you with another nemesis, the Cicadas. As much as we would like to, we can't prevent their arrival. We have no control over the change they bring, but here again there are things we can do to lessen the impact. Yet this nemesis, will quickly pass by comparison.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Board, and you the residents, for this growth opportunity. I look forward to future neighborhood growth and acceptance as we truly develop into *Cincinnati's Best Address*.

*John W. Jones*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:  
GREEN-UP DAY  
SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2004  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



***We will be preparing the parks for the busy summer season by mulching & planting at Seasongood, Martin Luther King & Dana Triangle***

Come to Seasongood park for donuts & juice & your job/area assignment. Then NANA will provide pizza for a well earned lunch. **The support of the community is essential to preserving the quality of Cincinnati Parks.**

**NANA 2004/2005 NOMINATING COMMITTEE** comprised of John Arthur (Betula), Henry Brown (Burton), Chair, John Jones (Marion), Kush Moyo (E. Mitchell) and Mary Piper (Avondale Av) is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers:

#### 2004/2005 NANA Board of Trustees.

President:  
**Marilyn Smith** (Rose Hill)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:  
**Michael Walton** (Burton Woods Ln.)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:  
**Barbara Henshaw** (Rose Hill)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:  
**Ellen Epstein** (Lowry)  
Recording Secretary:  
**Steve Kenat** (Mitchell)  
Corresponding Secretary:  
**John Arthur** (Betula)  
Treasurer:  
**Heather Herr** (Ledgewood)

#### NANA ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

**MAY 16, 2004**

**3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.**

**BELVEDERE ROOF TOP GARDEN  
3900 ROSE HILL AVENUE**

**SPECIAL GUEST:  
STATE SENATOR MALLORY  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

#### NANA NEIGHBORS

The world class North Avondale **Ropin' Rockets** jump rope team needs your financial help. The team won 56 medals at the Regionals, qualifying 11 team mates to go to Nationals in Orlando (\$800 per person is needed = \$8800). Marcus Taylor (N. F. Shuttlesworth) has again qualified to compete in the World Cup in Australia (\$2,000 is needed). He won a gold & bronze at the last World Competition. The group has raised \$3000 so far. Send donations to: Chris Emerson, 2604 Falconbridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238

## A CAR WASH OR PAY DAY LOAN (AKA CHECK CASHING) SAGA CONTINUES

By Gerry Kraus

At NANA's April 13, 2004 meeting the over 125 residents present voted overwhelmingly (79 to 35) to reject both the car wash and the pay day loan businesses proposed for the corner of Reading/Paddock Roads, 4007 Reading Road, (formerly Antonio's Pizza) by owners Charles and Rick Pescovitz. This issue had been presented to the NANA membership as an either/or choice. This vote also reaffirmed NANA's vote at its December 9, 2003 and March 9, 2004 meetings to oppose a car wash at this location. With this mandate from the North Avondale community NANA attorney Marvin Kraus has gone forward with several legal actions. Bill Rambo, attorney representing some North Avondale residents, has also filed appeals opposing both businesses: Here is a chronology of legal actions by attorneys Marvin Kraus, Bill Rambo and Ely Ryder who represents Charles and Rick Pescovitz:

- On April 5, 2004 an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was filed by Marvin Kraus on behalf of NANA and property owners Audricia and Julia Brooks whose property abuts 4007 Reading Road. This action was to appeal the final decision of the City's Hearing Examiner (March 10, 2004) to approve a car wash at this site with eleven (11) conditions. This action was taken at this time to preserve NANA's legal options because the 30 day appeal time would have run out before the April 13 NANA meeting.
- Zoning Board of Appeals is being asked to reverse the Hearing Examiner's decision that permits a car wash because 1) automotive use of the site is contrary to the North Avondale Community Master Plan; 2) the Hearing Examiner illegally considered a variance to the law when he approved 18 queuing spaces rather than the required 20 spaces for the proposed 5 car washing bays; the variance request did not follow legal procedure; 3) the request by the owners for a variance was made after the new zoning code became effective. Under the new zoning code a car wash is not permitted at this location; 4) the property owner voided its December 16, 2003 application for a car wash when it applied on February 6, 2004 for a building permit certifying that its proposed use of the property was for a "business-Bank type establishment-Pay Day Loans".
- After the appeal to the ZBA was filed, a second reconsideration and public hearing scheduled for April 14 by Hearing Examiner Steve Kurtz was cancelled. This second reconsideration and public hearing had been announced on March 29 so that "new information" regarding the car wash could be heard.
- On April 7, 2004 Ely Ryder, attorney for the Pescovitzes, filed notice of appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. On April 28, 2004 the explicit reasons for this appeal were filed; viz., that the decision of the Hearing Examiner to permit a car wash be upheld AND that four conditions in the Hearing Examiner's decision be modified: 1) to permit the car wash to operate 24 hours/7 days rather than the required restricted hours; 2) to eliminate the requirement to have "bollards with a chain (or similar obstruction) to block the vehicular entrances during hours the car wash is closed"; 3) to permit the drying of vehicles on the premises (the Hearing Examiner had determined that there was not enough space on the premises to permit the drying of vehicles without blocking traffic flow); and 4) that the time frame to obtain all building permits required by the city for construction of the car wash be changed from February 25, 2005 "until two years after ...this appeal becomes final [approximately May or June, 2006].

- On April 9, 2004 an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals was filed by attorney Bill Rambo on behalf of North Avondale residents Mary Dee & Robert Novak, Janet & Dr. Robert Banks & Betsy & Dr. Clayton Gotwals. This appeal was for the same reasons listed (above) in NANA's April 5, 2004 ZBA appeal.
- On April 22, 2004 on behalf of NANA and the Brooks, Marvin filed a motion with the Zoning Board of Appeals to have the Pescovitz appeal dismissed because their "explicit typewritten statement" was not submitted in accordance with legal requirements.
- Also on April 22, 2004 on behalf of NANA and the Brooks Marvin filed an appeal to a determination by Reginold Lyons, Supervisor of Zoning Administration, that a hearing is not required because a check cashing business use is "not substantially different" from a restaurant (Antonio's Pizza), notwithstanding the fact that the property had already been approved for a car wash thus nullifying its restaurant use. Also the owner's application with the city Building & Inspections (B&I) Dept. for a permit to operate a Pay Day Loan business had been denied because it was determined by B&I that the Pay Day constituted a change in use and a required new design plan was not submitted. \*
- On April 23, 2004 Bill Rambo, on behalf of his clients, filed an appeal on the determination by Reginold Lyons that a design plan and public hearing was not required for the pay day loan/check cashing business on the grounds that the Lyons determination was in violation of the transitional (T-Zone) and EQ (Environmental Quality) zoning overlays requirements on the Pescovitz property.

In summary what we have are three (3) appeals on the car wash use, two (2) appeals on the pay day/check cashing use and one (1) motion to dismiss the Pescovitz car wash appeal. All these appeals will be reviewed by the ZBA at a public hearing. The hearing date has not yet been determined. NANA will inform the neighborhood the date that the ZBA hearing will take place when it is announced.

**\*Editors Note:** The letter from B&I states: "that the approval of the plans and issuance of the permit is pending until" complete plans, and existing and proposed work are submitted. When I called the city to check, I was told that permits are not denied but delayed until complied with. They have 1 year to comply

### IN MEMORIAM

**Leroy Loron Boone, Jr.** passed away March 2, 2004 at the age of 38. The Green-Boone Family (Lowry): Leroy, Sr., Deborah, Malinda, Danette and Viola (grandmother) wishes to acknowledge our sincere appreciation for your cards, prayers, kindness and support. We asked that you continual to pray for us. Please add our family to your pray list. Thank you

### GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP ON SATURDAY APRIL 24 FROM 10 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. A SUCCESS

**Thank You Volunteers:** Phillip Arnig, Stuart & Toni Baxter, Henry & Elizabeth Brown, Pam Dwertman, Edie Gaudio, Teresa Harten, Ursula Hassel, Rick, Jordan, Max, Gaudio, & Charlie Hassel, Brian & Marda Hill, John Jones, Gerry & Marvin Kraus, Steven Moore, Carol Newbauer, Mary Ohlinger-Pray, Marilyn Smith, Clinton Stephens, Michael Turrapon, Mike Todd, Maura, Olivia, Jeff, Tyler & Weston Wolf, Tim & Amy Yosmali and Girl Scout Troup: Victoria Evans (Leader), Raven Bar, Tommique Battle, Avary Clark-Evans, (2) Ebony Clarke-Evans, Ariel Williams and Tareja Wilson.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT By Pauline Daly

The new principal for Burton School for the 04-05 school year is Janice Pitts. This is her second year at Burton as assistant principal. During that time she has provided leadership in the progress Burton has made toward helping each child to succeed.

Burton has committed to Positive Behavior Supports, a method of encouraging positive behavior which makes negative behavior less desirable to the student. Data shows the progress being made by comparing the number of office referrals this year to last year. Incentives are planned each month for those who had no referrals. During the next school year student reading progress will be measured and help given as needed.

Amy Hines and some friends have been working with the school administration in ways that are mutually beneficial. This is community engagement. The people who live in the community need to be involved in the neighborhood school. When you get ready to sell your house it will make a difference in the desirability of your property. The children who pass through there will impact your life as a result of the choices they make, even if the children you know attend another school.

We need to be involved with the 7th and 8th graders to help them become successful adults. Tutoring, mentoring, whatever you can offer has a benefit. Come and be involved! Care about our most important resources-the children! Call Ms. Pitts (363-9700), Amy Hines (281-5244), or Pauline Daly (751-8334)

## COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOODS By Bill Rambo, a NANA representative to the Coalition

For the past thirty years, the Coalition of Neighborhoods has provided a forum for North Avondale, Evanston, Bond Hill, Madisonville and Paddock Hills to discuss their projects and problems in a cooperative manner. Those days appear to be drawing to a close.

The Coalition has suffered some major setbacks. It lost United Way funding in January. Its financial records were investigated by the federal government in March due to allegations that money was owed to the Evanston Weed and Seed Program. The results of the investigation are unknown at present. All of the neighborhood councils that were part of the Coalition have dropped out, except NANA.

In late April, the United Way invited the neighborhood councils that belonged to the Coalition to discuss what it could offer to offset any loss caused by defunding the Coalition. Some neighborhood representatives were interested in a United Way program for recruiting new volunteers. Others were interested in a program for marketing their neighborhoods to prospective residents.

Morris Williams, the president and CEO of the Coalition, has not given up hope. He is attempting to find funding for programs dealing with predatory lending, work force development, home improvement, neighborhood awareness, health issues and race relations.

Anyone wishing to assist in rebuilding the Coalition can contact Morris at 641-5446 or Bill Rambo at 768-8901.

### What You Can & Cannot Put In Your "Green Bin"

Many of you recycle each week putting more than you should in the green bin. Please do not put any of the "not accepted" items in the green bin. When you put in these items it makes recycling more expensive because the workers at the recycling center must separate these items out to throw away at the dump. Remember just because they take "not accepted" items at your curb, it doesn't mean they are recycled. They are not.

- **Paper:** Newspaper, Brown Grocery Bags, Telephone Books, Magazines (no bound catalogues), Corrugated Cardboard. **Not Accepted:** cereal boxes, beverage cases, junk mail, office paper (these can be recycled in *Beyond the Green Bin*, see *Nana Calendar* for dates), **pizza boxes** because grease and food contamination of cardboard renders it unacceptable.

- **Plastic:** #1 & #2, Soda Bottles, Milk Jugs, Detergent Bottles, Shampoo Bottles, Small Mouth Drink Bottles. **Not Accepted:** **Caps:** Caps are not made of the same plastic as the bottles they are on, so they end up becoming a contaminate in the system. **#3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Butter or Cool Whip bowls:** Although they are marked No. 2 plastic, these containers have a chemical additive that makes them act negatively in the recycling process. **plastic flatware; cassette and compact disc cases; children's toys; oil jugs, plastic bags and plastic buckets.**

- **Glass:** Clear, Brown, Green & Blue Glass Bottles & Jars. **Not Accepted:** window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses or mugs, and oven/cooking glassware (Pyrex) These types of glass are chemically different. Some even contain lead, making them contaminates.

- **Aluminum:** and Bi-metal Beverage Cans. **Not Accepted:** Coat hangers & steel scrap, pots or pans

- **Steel:** Food, Empty Aerosol Cans with tips removed, Tin Cans.

To obtain a recycling bin, residents should contact Rumpke Recycling Service at 242-4600.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH FESTIVAL

May 22, 2004

2- 7:00 pm Rain or Shine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park,

3740 Reading Rd, North Avondale (District 4)

**HISTORY:** The Greater Cincinnati Study Circles Program, organized under the auspices of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC), in 2001, has brought together over 700 residents and 60 police officers. A Community-Police Partnership Task Force was formed to brainstorm items that came out of the first rounds of Study Circles. The Task Force, comprised of residents and police officers, selected one project to continue their interaction with the community. The project, Outreach Festival, celebrating its third year, is a one-day neighborhood event, held in each of the five police districts.

**PURPOSE:** The Festivals feature police and fire safety education demonstrations, social service and job resource information, and services that are available to meet the needs of the homeless, low to moderate income households, youth, and the elderly in our community.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Festivals features personable interaction of residents with some of "Cincinnati's Finest," the Cincinnati Police and Cincinnati Fire Departments. These departments provide informative information that deals with the variety of jobs performed in each department, as well as safety issues in the home and in their neighborhood. The Festivals also features resource agencies that provide information on their product and services.

**AUDIENCE:** We hope that you will consider joining this effort to bring unity to the community through these educational and informational events. Your support and participation is appreciated.

To volunteer, perform or have a booth please contact: Sheila Lynch, Phone: 271-6551 Email: salynch1@hotmail.com

North Avondale Community Center  
961-1584

May

"Classic" Seniors Club Activities

- 6, Thursday: 1:00 p.m. Senior Movie
- 7, Friday: 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 5-9, 7:15 a.m. - 6 p.m. Spring Break Mini-Camp
- 13, Thursday: 11:15-12:15 Line Dancing with Margie Parks will be every Thursday
- 14, Friday 10:00-12:30 Jungle Jims
- 18, Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Senior Expo
- 26, Friday 10:00 a.m. Senior's Trip to Playhouse in the Park, *Sing Hallelujah*
- 30, Friday 10 a.m. Senior Games

Center Programs

Summer Day Camp Registration Going on - Call Center to Register

- 4 Tuesday 3:00-6:00 Anthony Munoz Foundation Photo Shoot
- 14 Friday 6:30-9:00 Teen Field Trip to Tri-County Mall
- 20 Thursday 7:00-8:30 Advisory Board Meeting
- 21 Friday 5:00-7:30 After School Day Camp Prom
- 28 Friday Last Day of After School Day Camp!

Have a GREAT SUMMER!!

North Avondale Montessori  
363-3900

May

- 5-7 - Flower Sale
- 7-13 -Book Fair
- 14 - No School
- 14 - Spaghetti and Ice Cream Social, BOOK FAIR open
- 19 Bowling Tournament
- 21 Spring Concert
- 26 - Last day to place order on internet for Market Day ([www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)) - Pick up Order on June 1
- 21 Spring Concert
- 27 Sixth Grade Recognition 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Students' last day



NANA CALENDAR

- Saturday, May 15, 10:00-1:00 **GREEN UP DAY**, Seasongood Park
- **Sunday, May 16, 3:30 p.m. NANA ANNUAL MEETING**, Belvedere Roof Garden, 3900 Rose Hill Ave
- **Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, July 10, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper



NANA ANNUAL MEETING MAY 16

Current Resident Or:

North Avondale Neighborhood Association  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

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| 221-7152   | Coalition: Bill Rambo                               | 281-2596 | President: John Jones               |
| 751-2446   | Eva Roberson  | 961-8850 | 1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Michael Walton  |
| 961-6563   | Environmental: Mike Rieck                           | 961-5275 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Barbara Henshaw |
| 751-8334   | Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly             | 304-6703 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: Ellen Epstein   |
| 861-3939   | Legal Chairperson: Martin Kraus                     | 961-4717 | Corresponding Sec.: John Arthur     |
| 281-5244   | Master Plan Implementation: Amy Hines               | 221-4039 | Recording Secretary: Marilyn Smith  |
| 751-5897   | Sustaining Cincinnati: Teresa Harten                | 861-8180 | Treasurer: Heather Herr             |
| 281-1107   | Welcome: Judith Trichener                           | 751-4546 | Beautification: Ursula Hassel       |
| 221-6166   | NANA Coordinator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse | 861-3939 | City Liaison: Gerry Kraus           |
| Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse _____ <a href="mailto:Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov">Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov</a> |   |          |                                     |

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS