



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It just depends on where you start from. These quick hair cutting places are amazing. Last week I stopped in to get a trim. "Just a trim, I said, "about an inch." My granddaughter, who was with me, delighted in rearranging their shampoo display. I watched from the chair. Shortly after she began, the stylist flipped the chair around, plopped the hand mirror in my hand and announced – "now – how's that?" WHOA.... There was NO hair left. It stuck up here an there but mostly stuck to my head in tiny sprits. Shocked at my fat face with no hair on my head, staring back from the mirror – I stumbled out in tears. What happened? Did she not understand a one-inch trim? Thinking through the episode over and over in the car – the epiphany came. For me a one-inch trim was from the ends of my hair – not the beginning of my head. Lesson learned – and I'll take the ribbing, just make it short.

And making things short – Our Annual Meeting is spectacular! Please – Please Come. Here's the short version:

What: Nana Annual Meeting
Where: The Armory
When: Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 pm
Why: Showtime

- Queen City Drum Corp
- The Ropin' Rockets
- The New Board of Trustees

It's going to be a blast – it's going to be a foot stomper – it's going to be SHORT!

Get your rake out and come to GREEN-UP DAY & THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP on Saturday, May 14 at 9:30 am– 1:30 pm – Seasongood Park.

Marilyn Smith

NANA 2005/2006 NOMINATING COMMITTEE comprised of Sulayman Bajo (Eaton Ln), Teresa Harten (Lenox Pl), John Jones (Marion), Gerry Kraus (Stratford Pl) and Marilyn Smith (Rose Hill) is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers:

2005/2006 NANA Board of Trustees.

- President:
Marilyn Smith (Rose Hill)
- 1st Vice President:
Heather Herr (Ledgewood)
- 2nd Vice President:
Deborah Elkins-Brown (Winding Way)
- 3rd Vice President:
Sulayman Bajo (Eden Lane)
- Recording Secretary:
Richard McKenzie (Wess Park)
- Corresponding Secretary:
Deborah Ginocchio (Beechwood)
- Treasurer:
Patty Hassel (Rose Hill)

NANA ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

MAY 15, 2005

3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
4100 READING ROAD

PERFORMANCES BY:

QUEEN CITY DRUM CORP

(SEE IN PERSON THE GROUP YOU'VE HEARD FROM AFAR)

ROPIN' ROCKETS

Volunteers Needed!



**GREEN-UP DAY &
GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2005
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Lets clean up the neighborhood by picking up litter. We will also be preparing the parks for the busy summer season by planting & mulching 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.

AROUND CITY HALL ...AND THE COURT HOUSE

By Gerry Kraus

CURBSIDE RECYCLING TO CHANGE. Starting July 1 the city's curbside recycling** will change from every week to every other week. It has been documented that when a recycling program changes from weekly to less frequent pickups, participation drops by 30%. Too small green bins (the same size bins will have to do for 2 weeks rather than 1 week of recyclables) and losing track of which week to recycle have been cited as the main reasons for reduction in participation. Also expected is an increase in litter on the streets from bins placed at the curb on the wrong week & allowed to sit there.

Budget constraints have been cited as the reason for reduction in the collection of recyclables. However, a review of the figures indicates that the net saving will be minimal. Payment by the city to Rumpke to operate the curbside program will be reduced from \$2.1 million to \$1.7 million. The city will incur added costs because more waste, formerly recycled, will be going to the landfill. These costs include tipping fee (the present \$23.00 per ton is expected to increase by at least \$1.50 per ton) and the added fuel cost (think increased cost of gas!) as well as increased wear-and-tear on city garbage trucks, not to mention added payments to city workers. In addition the \$340,000 rebate that the city receives from the County Solid Waste District, based on the amount of tons recycled, will be reduced by at least 30%.

So the environmental benefits of recycling appear to be reduced at minimal monetary saving to the city – if not, indeed, at additional cost to the city! If you object to reduction of the weekly curbside pick-up of recyclables, call Council Members (City Hall telephone is 352-3000) or email your Council Members and tell them. The standard email address for city employees/council members is first name, dot, last name @cincinnati-oh.gov; for example: david.crowley@cincinnati-oh.gov

*** The good news is that materials to be recycled (newspaper, corrugated, aluminum and tin cans, #1 and #2 plastics, and the recently added mixed paper) will continue to be collected.*

ZONE CHANGE APPROVED. On April 6, 2005 City Council unanimously approved a zone change at the northeast and northwest corners (the Gershuny and Antonio Pizza properties) of Reading/Paddock Roads. The zone change from CN-M (commercial neighborhood mixed business) to CN-P (Commercial Neighborhood-Pedestrian business) and RM-1.2 (residential multifamily) means primarily that no drive-thru businesses will be permitted in any future use at these properties. The RM-1.2 zoned district on the parcel of the pizza property abutting residences on Paddock Road is to give protection to those residential properties. The RM-1.2 zone replaces the protection provided by the transitional (R-1T) zone on that parcel under the old zoning code.

BURTON AVENUE BUSINESS STOPPED. The Mini Minute Market that has been selling food and merchandise out of a van on Burton Avenue has been ordered to cease

operation because it does not have a valid vendor's license. The City Treasurer's Office has no record of any license having been issued to the operator of this business. In the course of investigation of this business the question has arisen as to whether the City Zoning Code applies to city streets. The City Solicitor has stated that "the zoning code was not intended to regulate the public right-of-way." Based on the City Zoning Code that states "the Zoning Code applies to all land within the City of Cincinnati, including land owned by the City of Cincinnati and other local, state, or federal agencies", NANA is challenging the Solicitor's opinion. NANA has asked the Cincinnati Planning Commission and City Council's Law Committee (chaired by David Pepper) to review the Solicitor's interpretation. If the Solicitor's opinion prevails, vendors would be able to operate on the sidewalk and street of every residentially zoned district in the city!

CAR WASH & PAY DAY LOAN COURT CASES. The Common Pleas Court (Judge Dennis Helmick) has held that a car wash is not permitted at the Antonio Pizza property. This decision is being appealed by the Pescovitzes in the Court of Appeals.

In the Pay Day Loan Case the Common Pleas Court (Judge Fred Nelson) upheld the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): that NANA and the individual plaintiffs filed their objection "out of time" (too late). The Judge also ruled that plaintiffs NANA, next door neighbor Julia and Audricia Brooks, and individual North Avondale residents (Bob & Mary Dee Novak, Bob & Janice Banks, Clayton & Betsy Gotwals) have no standing to go to court to question the decision of the ZBA; that only the property owner (the Pescovitzes) can object to the ZBA decision. NANA and the individuals involved are considering whether or not to appeal Judge Nelson's decision.

Findlay Market Open Sundays Beginning May 22nd

Beginning May 22, 2005, the weekend of the annual Findlay Market Flower Festival, historic Findlay Market will open every Sunday from 11am to 4pm. The market is located on Elder Street between Race and Elm Streets. There's plenty of free parking and the newly renovated market is bigger, better, and more bountiful than before. Experience Cincinnati's most vibrant urban scene. Browse the market's many merchant stands for Cincinnati's finest fresh foods. Check out the farmers market. Grab something to eat on *Essen Strasse*, the market's new street café south of the market house, where Mr. Pig, Helen's Grill, Me and Julio's, Mejana Express, Tara's Coffee Shop, Kroeger Meats, and Luken's Deli serve delicious, made to order lunch and brunch specials. Or buy a cup of coffee and a paper, find a table, and just relax. Indoor and outdoor café seating, international and specialty foods, fresh cut flowers, bedding plants, organics, locally grown produce, the best domestic and imported cheeses, hand made sausage, the city's freshest seafood, meat, and poultry, historic architecture, the most remarkable and entertaining crowd in Cincinnati – there's only one Findlay Market. Check it out!

THE ARMORY PROJECT
By Spencer Konicov

Several years ago NANA and The Paddock Hills Assembly (NANA-PHA) formed a coordinating committee to consider the possible future uses National Guard Armory located across from the Avon Fields Golf Course. The committee's purpose was to prepare the neighborhoods to be proactive rather than reactive in the development of the property. Representatives of both communities comprised the committee. I acted as the committee's facilitator. After months of exploring alternative uses of the facilities, the committee concluded that the current buildings were attractive to any viable Arts, Educational or Commercial enterprises. The committee concluded the best use of the property would be housing desirable to the current Paddock Hills and North Avondale residents.

Committee member, Henry Brown, having vast experience in Residential development and construction quickly sketched a layout of duplex housing to demonstrate neighborhood competence to city administrators if and when the opportunity arose.

One committee meeting explored the viability of NANA-PHA developing the property. The committee discussed the advantages to the neighborhood developing the property. Some of the advantages, just to highlight a few are:

- Absolute control of the character of the property.
- No conflict between NANA-PHA.
- Any margin of profit would remain in the neighborhood for improving present and future problem properties
- Preservation of the hillside for future generations
- Demonstrating the competence of the governed to determine their future.

Also discussed was how NANA-PHA could become Developers. The first question addressed was determining the characteristics of a successful developer. Searching for models adaptable to meet the needs and concerns of NANA-PHA, we determined there must be a paid administrator, the ability to make decisions and a consistency of purpose. Additionally, we reviewed the behind-the-scenes problems with the Hunting Meadows Development in Bond Hill-Roselawn neighborhood.

One solution to locating a developer compatible with the desires of Paddock Hills and North Avondale is a Community Owned Urban Development not-for-Profit Trust. A Corporation created conforming to the 501 (c) tax codes and owned by NANA-PHA and thus directly owned by the residents of the neighborhoods. Locating a director with the necessary experience living in North Avondale or Paddock Hills would be straight forward. Likewise, locating experienced trustees would also be straight forward. NANA-PHA need only to ask residents through Community news papers and/or letters requesting applications. Trustees' personal time would be limited to locating and supervising the director. The missing link in the operational chain is the prompt creation of the documents needed for the creation of the Trust and the identifying of the trustees.

The coordinating committee's review of the Hunting Meadows development determined the two churches who

entered into partnership lacked experience and knowledge of the intricacies of real estate development and construction. The churches signed agreements giving all control away to a very knowledgeable developer. The resulting agreements are channeling hundreds of thousand of city dollars directly into the accounts of the developer, money lost forever to the residents of Bond Hill, Roselawn and Cincinnati.

In conclusion, North Avondale and Paddock Hills have all the components necessary to develop the property. Currently there are experienced real estate developers, Trustees, Directors and craftsmen working on these projects living in the neighborhood desiring to get their teeth into this project.

At the last meeting of the Coordinating committee I requested and was relieved of all further responsibilities to pursue the project and my presidency of the Business Association. I wish the neighborhoods well. I am always available to answer any questions or concerns you might have and am willing to volunteer my services as a consultant for the Armory Project.

**BURTON SCHOOL-STRIVING THROUGH
EDUCATION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF
DIVERSE FAMILIES IN A DIVERSE
NEIGHBORHOOD**
By Pauline Daly

April 25th the staff in-service focused on Nonviolence as the foundation for teaching and CPS' plan for behavior/discipline. It will set the tone for the next school year. NANA's contribution of \$300 bought 20 Teacher's manuals that were part of the training.

Youth for Justice-Burton 8th graders worked with District 4 police officers for several weeks in which they produced a video on Gun Violence from skits they developed. It was a result of extensive research and presented in Columbus to a distinguished group of people including the First Lady of Ohio. Their work and presentations impressed the judges and they received THE first place award for their work.

Burton is forming a Group to Provide Support for Parents. Janice Pitts, the principal, will guide our efforts and I will coordinate. Community members of the near or extended neighborhood can participate in ways that fit their time schedule and talents. Some examples are doing research, writing grants, attending school meetings or functions to support parents, pass out flyers, make phone calls, plan for the new school building. We should have a meeting in May to plan for the next school year. Please contact me, Pauline Daly at 751-8334.

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**

**HIRSCH
RECREATION
CENTER
751-3393**

North Avondale Happenin's

You are invited to attend the North Avondale Art Show. It is May 6th from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Some items are for sale, come to meet your neighbors and support a young artist.

The Senior Expo at Coney Island will be on Tuesday, May 17th. The Classic Seniors Club will be attending. The North Avondale Line Dancers (The Swingers) will be performing there at 10 am.

Registration is being taken now for the Summer Day Camp. Both "D" and "T" ball is in full swing.

Have you checked out our weight room lately? We have added a leg press machine and we have many smaller weights, so it will be easier to load weights on the machines. The weight room fee is \$10 per quarter. We also have an awesome aerobics class which meets Tuesdays, Thursdays (5:45 – 7:30pm) and Saturday (noon - 1:45pm).

Hirsch's Happenin's

Bike helmet distribution will May 13, 5pm-6pm.

Playground build will be May 20 at Forest and Irving from 8am to 5pm volunteers are welcome!!!



NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT NUMBERS

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563
1 st VP: Michael Walton _____	961-8850	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
2 nd VP: Barbara Henshaw _____	961-5275	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
3 rd VP: Ellen Epstein _____	304-6703	Master Plan Implementation: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
Corresponding Sec.: John Arthur _____	961-4717	NANA Coordinator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221-6166
Recording Secretary: Steve Kenat _____	242-3492	Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse _____	Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov _____ 352-3902
Treasurer: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777



NANA ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY MAY 14
REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!

Current Resident Or:

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NANA CALENDAR

- Thursday, May 12, 6:00 p.m. **CPOP** Meeting at District 4 Police Station, Reading Road
- Saturday May 14, 9:30-1:30 Combined **GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP AND GREEN-UP DAY**. Seasongood Park
- Sunday, May 15, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **NANA ANNUAL MEETING**, The Armory, Reading Road