



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the part where I bow, curtsy, salute our team members, and ride off into the sunset with a "Hi ho Silver!" Lest we blunder forward, charging blindly at the next hot NANA issue, anxious to smell better than our neighbors, let us focus on the accomplishments and the challenges of NANA.

In the past two years we:

1. Fought continuing battles to keep the zoning codes at the highest possible standards.
2. Provided a forum for candidates to discuss politics.
3. Championed the new crosswalk on Reading Road by the Belvedere.
4. Encouraged the development at Dana & Reading.
5. Closed down a crack house on Reading Rd. It was later auctioned and currently under renovation.
6. Planted, weeded & mulched numerous public park areas.
7. Wore ruts in the floors at City Hall traipsing back and forth to council meetings, committee meetings, hearings, appeals.
8. Strengthened ties with Xavier University, who hosts our annual meeting (see abutting column), and communicates with NANA regarding student issues.
9. Produced a cookie extravaganza during the holidays to thank our police and fire departments as well as neighboring service agencies, soup kitchens, and libraries.
10. Partnered with the North Avondale Business Association to solicit funding.
11. Developed North Avondale brochure with the Business Association.
12. Erected Welcome North Avondale signage.
13. Got the city to repair some streets and get some gutters.
14. Erected a fence around the apartment at Mitchell & Vine to subdue drug trafficking & gambling.
15. Strengthened relationships with District IV Police.

We still need to:

1. Get speed humps on Wes Park.
2. Get built a decent parking lot for the Recreation Center.
3. Start building the Streetscape for the Business District.
4. Get the end of Marion Avenue landscaped.
5. Get MSD to fix a myriad of sewer problems.
6. Get our designation as North Avondale in the Realtors MLS.
7. Initiate development of the Gershuny property.
8. Mend relationships with developers of the Antonio Pizza property.
9. Increase neighborhood participation in Burton School.
10. Eliminate the blight of abandoned and neglected housing.

My thanks to the officers and committee members who worked so hard to make all the above possible and a special goodbye to the members who are leaving the NANA board: Richard McKenzie, Deborah Ginocchio and Vanessa Wayne.

To those who will be with NANA for a new year, carry on! Hi, ho Silver!

Marilyn Smith

**N**ANA 2006/2007 NOMINATING COMMITTEE comprised of Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs), Yvonne Brown (Rose Hill), Ursula Hassel (Dakota) John Jones (Marion) and Tommie Lewis (S. Fred Shuttlesworth) is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers:

### 2006/2007 NANA Board of Trustees.

President:

**Tim Yosmali** (Mitchell)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:

**Sulayman Bajo** (Eden Lane)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

**Deborah Elkins-Brown** (Winding Way)

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:

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Corresponding Secretary:

**Elaine A Foster** (Wess Park)

Treasurer:

**Patricia Hassel** (Rose Hill)

### NANA ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY

MAY 14, 2005

3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

**XAVIER CINTAS SCHIFF CONFERENCE CENTER**

1624 HERALD AVENUE

**PARK IN THE C-2 (EAST PARKING LOT)**

**(FOLLOW THE BALLOONS)**

**EXCERPT FROM *ALL THAT BREATHES***

**CHOREOGRAPHY BY FANCHON SHUR,**

**MUSIC BY BONIA SHUR (SEE PAGE 2)**

**MEET & GREET**

**THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS OF**

**NORTH AVONDALE**

**(SEE ARTICLE PAGE 3)**



## NORTH AVONDALE

- Summer Day Camp registration is on going from 2 - 6 pm Mon. - Fri.
- Baseball season is underway. Registration for the Reds Rookie League Success Program available for the summer.

**NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER**  
961-1584

**HIRSCH RECREATION CENTER**  
751-3393

### MAY

- 5, Annual art show

### JUNE

- 1 We will be hosting a **Pee-Wee Prom** for elementary students from 6 - 8 pm. Tickets are to be purchased in advanced for \$5.

### HIRSH

- Senior programs, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00-Noon

- Sign Language Classes Wednesday 11:30-to 1:00
- Summer Day Camp Registration continues (\$350 for summer or \$45 per week) 2006 membership & pool token also required. Some scholarships available.
- **Junior Golf Program** by *Reaching out for Kids* every Saturday from June 3 to July 29 - 9:00 to noon for ages 4 to 17 at Avon Fields Golf Course Application must be submitted to Hirsch by May 19th

### MAY

- 6, Saturday 7:00p.m. to midnight ASL Social \$5.00
- 8, 4 - 6 p.m. **Free Haircuts for Kids** 6-12 yrs. old (Center Members)
- 22, 4-6 p.m. **Free Haircuts for Kids** 6-12 yrs. old (Center Members)  
Steve Ficklin, Licensed Barber



## NEIGHBORS

The Junior/Cadette Girl Scout troop of North Avondale Montessori School took an exciting trip to Chicago, Illinois for spring break. The girls planned and implemented the trip and worked on the "Discover Chicago", Money Sense and Travelers badges.

The trip was financed by a generous grant from Fidelity Mortgage, cookie profits and grants from Great Rivers Girl Scout Council. The Cadette girls planned day excursions using the public transit subway and walking. All girls agreed that Chicago is a beautiful city to visit in the spring!

**Toni Ward** (Rose Hill) was co-event manager of the 2006 Universal Sisters minority health conference held on April 1. The conference follows the format of its parent organization, Speaking of Women's Health, but focuses on health risks, concerns and disease prevention for minority women

**Fanchon and Bonia Shur's** (Red Bud) choreography and music *All that Breathes* is a part of the Contemporary Dance Theater Presents *Choreographers Without Companies* on June 2 & 3 in the Jarson-Kaplan Theater at the Aronoff. Her new work is about the expressions of celebration and hope between Jews, Muslims, Christians To see an excerpt come to the NANA Annual meeting May 14th.

**Ms. Evelyn Jackson**, (Lenox Place) has a white baby grand piano for sale (very good condition) If interested call 260.5851 (2)



## MAY AT NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS

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

### May

- 1-5 **Bookfair** 8:30-2:30,
- 2 Tuesday, **Market Day pickup** 6:30-7:30, and e-bay donation drop off
- 2 7-8:30 New Parent meeting auditorium
- 3 Wednesday **Bookfair** extended hours 8:30 - 5pm
- 4 Thursday, Bring Someone Special to Lunch (during regular lunchtimes)
- 4 6:30-7:30 pm Cincinnati Nature Center presentation "**Nature Deficit Disorder**"
- 5 Friday, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- 10 Wednesday, Parent Information Evening on Transitions (1<sup>st</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, junior high)
- 10-12 **Flower Sale**
- 17 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. **Spring Concert**
- 19 Friday, Volunteer Appreciation breakfast
- 24 Wednesday, Evening with the Principal
- 30 Market Day Pickup 6:30-7:30
- 31 Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> grade recognition 5:00pm

### June

- 1 Thursday, Field Day, **students last day of school**

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

A Design Team is forming for Building the new Burton School. We welcome neighborhood residents, and people with knowledge of science and building design.

With the decline in CPS enrollment we need to justify that Burton should be built. Without the new building, Burton (North Avondale's Neighborhood School) will be closed and the students will attend other CPS schools. Judging by enrollment numbers, they would attend South Avondale and Rockdale schools filling them to capacity and leaving no room for charter school students who return or additional students who might move into the neighborhood. Since North Avondale is a Magnet School and usually has a waiting list, it would not be an option.

The vision for Burton is to have a science focus, an outside land lab, be a Green School, and have the experiential learning shared between college science students and Burton students. For more information or to support this vision, contact Pauline Daly, 751-8334, [pdaly@fuse.net](mailto:pdaly@fuse.net)

**THE NEW SCHOOL • 281-7999 • 3 Burton Woods Ln.**

The New School celebrates spring with **Arte Gras**, **Grandparents Night** and the **flower sale** all during the month of May.

**Arte Gras** is a hands-on arts carnival, directed by artist and art teacher, Robin Hartman.

On **May 8th**, 9:00-4:00 the **traditional flower sale** begins, (will continue daily until everything is sold) to benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington trip.

Also, the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are preparing for graduation by fine tuning their senior projects. Topics for the projects include, Edward Shackelton, John Keats, The History of Zoos & Conservation & Theodor Geiser, (Dr. Seuss). Topics are chosen by the students & they spend their sixth grade year researching & writing about their topic. Each sixth grader presents their research paper to the faculty & parents late in May.

## THE MECCA OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS

By Michelle Baxter

A profound idea was born of war. A. Piatt Andrew and Stephen Galatti founded the American Field Service (AFS) after WWII. Today AFS celebrates 60 years of history to the worlds most experienced inter-cultural exchange organization. They offer programs (hosting and sending abroad) in over 50 countries and have over 300,000 active volunteers. With AFS and other exchange programs, once again another hidden gem is discovered in our community.

In the past decade many extraordinary neighbors have opened their hearts and homes to help teenagers from all over the world discover our American heritage. North Avondale has been the "Mecca" of welcoming and hosting a large number of foreign exchange students in Cincinnati year after year. Our neighborhood's outstanding host families, active volunteers, friends have accepted these students into the fabric of our community. Georgia and Jim Moore (Rose Hill Avenue) and Linda and Michael Hill (Burton Woods Lane) have dedicated much volunteer time into successfully placing and mentoring over 39 students from 20 different countries in our area. In this diverse community, about 27 neighborhood host families have welcomed foreign teenagers into their lives. Most importantly they have helped to educate, motivate, take care of and treat them as part of the family.

Our small neighborhood has a big heart! Currently 7 exchange students representing, 7 different countries live in North Avondale. These students represent three different organizations A.F.S, Y.F.U. (Youth for Understanding) and E.F. (Educational Foundation) Linda and Doug Sawan, (Burton Woods Ln.) are hosting Deborah Marchetti, an AFS student from Brazil. Molly and Lee Parrott/Katz, (Rose Hill Avenue) are hosting with AFS for the fifth time, this year Ryuki Hamada from Japan. Michelle and Darren Baxter, (Clinton Springs Avenue) are hosting Davide Cacciatori, an AFS student from Italy. Hope and Fred Felton/Miller, (Betula Avenue) are hosting Marie Olesen, a YFU student from Denmark. Jim Obergefell, Jim Arthur, Curtis Arthur and Sophia Vidas, (Betula Avenue) are hosting not just one but TWO E.F. students. Carol Seffers is from Sweden, and Jussi Salminen is from Finland. Marla and Tony Barone, (Red Way Avenue) are hosting Johannes Nobel, an EF student from Germany. All of these students have lived in our neighborhood for the past year. They arrived in early August and will leave in late June of this year.

Possibly so many students come to our neighborhood because of what North Avondale already does so well: celebrate diversity. Overall the families that have opened their hearts and home to these amazing teenagers have enriched their lives by their openness to different cultures. Most host families have experienced deep bonds and have built strong relationships with the students. I know first hand the many rewards of hosting an exchange student. Darren and I jumped right into this adventure by becoming first time AFS host parents. It truly has been an amazing learning experience, an exchange of ideas and an equal give-and-take for us. We have been blessed with an abundance of love, joy and happiness by having Davide become an extension of our family. In my

opinion, success, was just saying *yes* to the vision, commitment and intention to make a positive difference in a teenager's life. Parents and students at this point in the year are realizing their journey is almost over. Many parents, host-parents, teachers, children, friends and neighbors will fondly remember the moments, which defined these student's maturity and independence. We trust that North Avondale families will continue to give exchange students an educational opportunity and the American experience of a life time.

If you are interested in honoring and meeting these amazing students, please join us at the **NANA Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 14, 2006 at 3-5 p.m.** To learn more about hosting or sending your teenager abroad the AFS organization, please contact your "neighborhood" volunteers Georgia Moore at (513)961-2592 or Linda Hill at (513) 751-5846. For more information on the EF organization, please contact your neighborhood volunteer Curtis Arthur at (513) 967-3619.

A special thanks to the following residents who have embraced these exchange students and have represented our community by being Host Families, Aunt/Uncle families or volunteers. Their hard work, generosity and support throughout the years have not gone unnoticed. A special thanks to residents of Paddock Hills for their support and involvement. We would also like to thank Carol & Brian Meadows, Lois & Mel Nizny who have hosted AFS gatherings in their home. A special thanks to Principal Marvin Koenig & Guidance Counselor Linda Grayman at Walnut Hills High School for their continued devotion, hard work and support.

Residents of Burton woods Lane and Red Bud Avenue

- Michael & Linda Hill (hosted 3 times) ■Alan Hundley & Kathleen Matthews ■Jan & Carl Melcher ■Linda & Doug Sawan ■Jeff & Maryann Knoop (hosted 2 times) ■Ken & Mary Ohlinger-Pray ■Maria Romagnoli ■Marcia & Dirk Pastoor (hosted 2-3 times)

Residents of Rose Hill Avenue and Beechwood Avenue

- Melanie & Phil Bates ■Pam & Bernie Dwertman (hosted 2 times) ■Deborah & Lou Ginocchio (hosted 2 times) ■Michelle & Dave Laumer ■Martha & Jeff Totten ■Jolene Struebbe & Jim Miller ■Jim & Georgia Moore (hosted 2 times) ■Gary & Adele Dean ■Molly Katz & Lee Parrott (hosted 5 times) WOW!

Residents of Clinton Springs Avenue, Valley Lane, Stratford Pl, Avondale Avenue, Lenox Pl, and Mary lane.

- Michelle & Darren Baxter ■Wayne & Norma Davis ■Jeanne Golliher ■Jim & Sasha Hart ■Eric & Carol Forbriger ■Marianne Knue & Jim Bush ■Peter Stambrook & Mary Piper ■Anita and Michael Weimer ■Kathy and Laurence Schwab ■Linda & Walter Grayman (past resident)



### CINCINNATI PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (CPA) SPRING HOUSE TOUR

On Saturday, May 13, 2006, from 12 to 5 p.m., CPA and Eagle Realty Group will present a tour of six impressive historic houses in the Prospect Hill Historic District. Advance tickets, \$25 for CPA members and \$30 for guests, make a great Mother's Day gift. To make a reservation or receive an invitation, call 721-4506 or e-mail to [info@cincinnati-preservation.org](mailto:info@cincinnati-preservation.org).

**THE COMBINED GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP & GREEN-UP DAY A GREAT SUCCESS!**

On a gloriously beautiful April 22 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. volunteers worked very hard to make North Avondale a spiffier place. They picked up litter: From Glenwood to Asmann on both sides of Reading Road and in about 50 feet on each cross street; Dana, Seasongood Park; Asmann; Burton; Glenwood on Vine to Clinton Springs up to swim club, back to Vine to Mitchell up to stadium; Parts of Mitchell; Parts of Clinton Springs & Washington.

Got the Parks ready for summer: Planted 10 Rose Bushes around the old comfort station; Cleaned out weeds & dead leaves from community flower beds; edged and got them ready for planting; Mulched around trees, flower beds at Dana triangle, Seasongood Martin Luther King, Clinton Springs & Washington.

**Thank you to our incredible 49 volunteers:** ■Michelle Baxter ■Sulayman Bajo, and his two young children ■Diamonte Buckner ■George Courtemanche ■Pauline Daly ■Jerrold Dowell ■Victoria F. Evans ■Fred, Yahamce, Yhandiue Fegan ■Marybeth, Carli & Kara Flaspohler ■Betsy Gotwals ■Anna Hammelrath ■Myles & Joy Harper ■Dave Harten ■Paul Harten ■Teresa Harten ■Ursula Hassel ■Grace & Brian Hill ■Meredith Hinger ■John W. Jones ■Sandy Kohn ■Sarah Koucky ■Marvin & Gerry Kraus ■Raykell & Rayven Lewis ■Marian Miller ■Gwen Moore ■Alex Muni ■Frank Newbauer ■Emily Roemhild ■Mia & Linda Roemhild ■Brian Ross ■Jack & Moe Rouse ■Joseph Thigpen ■Jonathon Thomas ■Cecil Thomas ■Michael Todd ■Tyler Wolf ■Weston Wolf ♦Abundant Life Christian Church ♦Lighthouse Youth Services ♦North Avondale Montessori School :Junior/Cadette Girl Scout troop. Everyone worked hard but a special award to Jack Rouse, Brian Hill & Fred Fegan who keep working and working like the energizer bunny! Remember pick up litter around your home.



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

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
1st VP: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
2nd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
3rd VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Membership: Vanessa Wayne _____	751-4367
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Recording Secretary: Richard McKenzie _____	751-7474	<b>NANA Executive &amp; NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____</b>	<b>221-6166</b>
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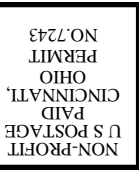
NANA ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

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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
- Sunday, May 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m. NANA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS, Xavier University, Cintas Center
- Tuesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs