

NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doesn't seem to be too big a deal...really. Just one person, walking into one little booth, punching little holes in a piece of paper, and wearing that "I voted today" sticker. If you and I chose not to punch holes in a piece of paper, well that's my right too, isn't it? I can vote or not vote, and so can you.

If you feel that one vote doesn't mean much, think about this:

- What if my vote meant my son would graduate from high school?
- What if my vote meant I could fill my gas tank for under \$20?
- What if my vote meant I could afford to heat my house this winter?
- What if my vote meant the difference between whether or not I got robbed next week at MLK Park?

You think it's not personal? Voting is protection and its very personal. I'm going to the polls November 8, just to make sure that the candidate who sees my point of view – gets my vote. I know exactly what I like and don't like because I and 80 others listened at the last NANA meeting to every candidate who had something to say. Most all of them showed up and took their shot at getting my vote. I even changed my mind about some of them.

Thanks to every candidate who showed up to pitch their goods last month. Here's who came. (**North Avondale Residents** are in bold *)

- For MAYOR: David Pepper
- CITY COUNCIL: (in order of appearance)
Bennie Green, Paul McGhee, Laketa Cole, Samantha Herd, **Victor Phillips** (Glenwood Ave), Leslie Ghiz, David Crowley, Chris Bortz, **Christopher Smitherman** (Lenox Pl.), Jeff Berding, John Cranley, **Gerry Kraus** (Stradford Pl.), Robert Wilking, Damon Lynch III, **Wendell Young** (Clinton Springs), Michael Patton, **Cecil Thomas** (Clinton Springs), Eve Bolton, Bill Barron, Jim Tarbell, Sam Malone, Chris Monzel, William S. Mathews II.
- MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE: Cheryl Grant, Roz Florez
- SCHOOL BOARD: Harriet Russell, Catherine Ingram, **Melanie Bates** (Rose Hill), **Eileen Cooper Reed** (Spring House Lane), Sue Cranley.

Some candidates couldn't make it and that's okay. But if I don't make it to the polls on Tuesday, that's not okay. Because it's personal folks.

Marilyn Smith

***Antonio Hodge** (Greenwood) for Council was unable to attend.

NSP 2006 FUNDING

NANA is in the process of deciding how to spend the \$7,000 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) funds for 2006. For 20 years through the agency Invest In Neighborhoods, the City of Cincinnati allocated \$10,000 per year to each of its 51 neighborhood groups for projects and activities that enhance the quality of life in each neighborhood. Last year, the City cut its allocation for each neighborhood to just \$7,000 a year.

In past years NANA has spent their \$10,000 on: publishing the *NANA NEWS*, membership development, beautification (including our 16 adopted flower beds), a tutoring program & a paid coordinator to follow up on issues of safety, code enforcement, land development and zoning.

The categories in which we place our projects & activities are: Newsletter; Clean-up & Beautification; Land Development & Improvement; Environmental Affairs; Law Enforcement & Safety; Membership; and Seniors & Youth Projects. Though we can propose new categories, the majority of projects that are proposed to the Board, fit within these categories.

The Executive Committee will propose the dollar amounts for each category based on the proposed projects & activities to present to the general body. We will discuss and vote on the 2006 NSP proposal at the NANA November 8 General Meeting.

Each year NANA would like to use some of its NSP money for new projects or activities. If you have an idea for improving North Avondale that you would like included in the 2006 NSP request, call the **NANA Office at 221-6166** or send an email to clmorse@fuse.net.

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

NANA GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 8, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE
RECREATION CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA

- City Of Cincinnati Central Development Opportunity Team
- NSP Funding For 2006 (see article above)



AROUND CITY HALL
By Gerry Kraus, City Hall Liaison

REVISIONS TO NEW ZONING CODE. Thanks to the persistence of the Cincinnati Neighborhood Zoning Task Force (CNZTF) – Gerry & Marvin Kraus are NANA’s representatives to the CNZTF – proposed changes to the new zoning code have been developed to further protect citizens. These changes will be presented to the Cincinnati Planning Commission (CPC) on November 4, 2005 for approval. Among the proposed changes:

- Requiring the Director of Buildings & Inspections to document in writing and keep on file as a public record any interpretation of the zoning code that is made. Notice of the interpretative decision will also be sent to all community councils. Currently the City does not have a formal policy or procedure for processing interpretations and such interpretations are often made without notice to anyone. **If this proposed change had been in place in the zoning code, NANA would not, for the past two years and to this day, been in court questioning the validity of Buildings & Inspections approval of a change of use to a PAYDAY LOAN business at the former Antonio’s Pizza site (Reading & Paddock Roads) without a public hearing.**
- Establishing a definition of “Public Nuisance” that will allow better enforcement of the zoning code. The proposed definition: **“A Public Nuisance is any circumstance causing the general public trouble, annoyance, inconvenience, irritation or endangers health and safety and any circumstance, action, or thing defined as a public nuisance in any sections of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.”**

Establishing standard notification procedures so that all affected communities and neighbors are informed of all hearings that affect them.

ZONE CHANGE ON S. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH CIRCLE/GREENWOOD from multi family residential (RMX) to single family, 10,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size (SF-10) approved by the Cincinnati Planning Commission on September 2, 2005 is on the agenda of the Neighborhood & Public Services Committee of Council for November 1, 2005 and hopefully will be adopted for passage by City Council on November 2.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORDINANCE plods forward. After City Council tried to sidestep passing an Environment Justice (EJ) Ordinance by passing an EJ Resolution, CUFA (Communities United For Action) persisted with support from several communities including NANA. An EJ Committee was formed to revise CUFA’s original proposed EJ ordinance so that it would be acceptable to the City Administration and to City Council. An EJ Ordinance would provide “fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color national origin, culture, education or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.” The Committee hopes to have an ordinance, acceptable to all interested parties, ready for passage by City Council on November 2, 2005. *Note: An Ordinance is an enforceable law. A Resolution is a formal statement of purpose.*

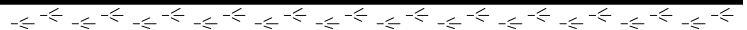
NANA NEIGHBORS

Amy Yosmali (Mitchell Ave.), is President of the Essex Studios Artist Guild. Come and see her art December 2 & 3 (6-11 pm both dates) when the Essex Studios Artists Guild sponsors the Essex Studios Art Walks. Explore over 100 individual artist studios featuring unique and original artworks in a variety of media: oil, acrylic, watercolor, multimedia, ink and sculpture, among others! The walk is free and open to the general public, and a great opportunity to experience a building wide open house featuring the wide variety and creativity of local artists at the Essex Studios. ► 2511 Essex Place, Cincinnati, (06), Ph: 244-3375, E-mail: ayosmali@fuse.net or learn more at: www.essexstudios.com

Melanie V. Bufford (Rose Hill) daughter of Calvin & Helen Buford is a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist.

NANA NOTATIONS

CINCINNATI MAGAZINE’S CITY GUIDE 2005/06 recommended North Avondale as a neighborhood for “family-living”: “North Avondale, tucked away near Xavier University between Hyde Park and Clifton, is a secret gem. ‘This neighborhood offers an attractive mix of diverse individuals and families – religious, racial, political and generations,’ says Barbara Duffel, an agent with Comey & Shepherd, ‘as well as beautiful historic houses and winding, tree-lined streets.’”



YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Regular yard waste collection resumed April 4, 2005 and will continue through January 7, 2006. All types of yard waste are accepted including grass clippings, leaves, branches and brush. Yard waste and Christmas tree collection after January 7, 2006 must be scheduled until March 31, 2006 by calling 591-6000.

Guidelines:

- Place yard waste at your curb by 6 a.m. on your regular trash collection day beside your household trash and green recycling bin.
- Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags, trash cans CLEARLY MARKED "YARD WASTE" or 90-gallon carts.
- Purchase yard waste bags at area grocery stores and hardware stores.
- Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Branches and brush should be tied into bundles no larger than 2 ft. x 4 ft. and individual tree limbs should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- **Raking leaves into the street or right-of-way is prohibited and is PUNISHABLE BY LAW.**

Please compost yard waste at home whenever possible. Grass clippings can be left on the lawn instead of bagged. Plastic bags are not accepted at composting facilities.

Please call the Public Services Customer Service Hotline at 591-6000 if you have any questions.



NOVEMBER AT
NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL • 363-3900

- 4 Records Day, no school for kids
- 7 Professional Development Day, no school for kids
- 11 School Veteran's Day Holiday
- 14 LSDMC 6:30pm
- 16 Parent Information Evening on Virtues Program 6:30pm
- 18 Teacher Appreciation
- 22 Market Day Pickup 6:30 - 7:30pm
- 23 Grandparent's Day, morning
- 28 Foundation and PTO planning meeting 6-8pm
- 30 Evening With The Principal 6:30

BURTON SCHOOL • 363-9700

► **One Adult Urgently Needed to Help Our Boys.**
 Burton School urgently needs an adult to be in attendance at Boy Scout meetings starting as soon as Thursday, November 3rd at 2:30pm. The funding is there. It will be free to the boys. Many good things are planned. Mr. Lee, who has been involved with Boy Scouts for many years, will be the leader and take care of all the plans. But if he cannot find another adult to also be there, it cannot happen. Call Jesse Moore, assistant principal, at 363-9700 or Pauline Daly at 751-8334.

THE NEW SCHOOL • 281-7999

► **“Why Choose Montessori?”**

Do you wonder whether Montessori Education is right for your child? At this free program three Master’s level, certified Montessori teachers will explain how Montessori Education uses developmental principles to promote learning. Parents will receive sound information about Montessori Education from Shawn Dougherty, Margaret Kellar and Martha Torrence, three teachers from The New School.

Tuesday, November 8 from 7 to 8:30pm at The New School, 3 Burton Woods Lane.

Seating is limited, reservations are recommended. Call 281-7999 to reserve a seat.

► **Yoga For Adults with Karen Berger**

An after-school program.... for grown-ups!
 Please join us for Anusara-influenced Yoga, an alignment-based practice that uplifts and empowers you to step into your own alignment and find your own connection with Grace on and off of the yoga mat. And . . . its fun!

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00p.m. at The New School, (in the Growing Room)

Cost: \$66 for 6 weeks (**drop-ins are welcome anytime at \$13!**)

Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29 (No class the 22nd - its my daughter's birthday!), Dec. 6 & 13

Please note: Sessions will run continuously throughout the school year. Communications regarding school closings and class dates will be coordinated by the instructor. Questions? Contact Karen at 351-4098 or email at berger3@fuse.net.

**VOICE YOUR COMMENTS: THE FUTURE OF THE
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN YOUR
COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON IT**

As the Uptown Transportation Study moves ahead, public comment is needed. On Wednesday, November 16th the Study’s second public meeting will be held at Holy Name Catholic Church, 2448 Auburn Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45219. The open house style meeting will be held from 4 – 7 p.m. and attendees are invited to stop by any time between these hours. Information presented at the meeting will include early findings, early action items and the next steps in the study process.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is asking Uptown residents, businesses, students and visitors, to help them develop a transportation plan for their communities. To accomplish this, OKI has teamed up with the City of Cincinnati, the Uptown Consortium, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), The AMOS Project and ODOT to conduct the Study.

Uptown includes the communities of Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, East Walnut Hills, Evanston, Mt. Auburn, **North Avondale**, Walnut Hills and Clifton Heights, University Heights and Fairview (CUF). The tremendous growth of this area has created pressure on the existing communities and the related infrastructure. The Study is looking into a variety of transportation needs in Uptown including access to interstate highways, connectivity to Downtown, transit systems, parking and directional signage.

To learn more, contact OKI at 621-6300 ext. 136 or at info@oki.org or visit www.UptownTransportationStudy.org



FYI: On October 18, 2005 **Christopher Smitherman**

presented this motion: I move that the City of Cincinnati take every action necessary to bring the Gershuny property, located at the intersection of Reading Road and Paddock Road, into compliance with City Code within 30 days.

Background: This property has been an eye sore in North Avondale for years and continues to be a health and safety risk for members of the community. The Chapter 731 of the Cincinnati Municipal details the rules and regulations regarding noxious weeds and weed control.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
name date

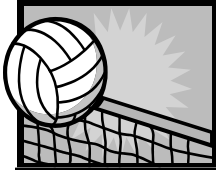
Address _____

Email Address _____

Annual Dues \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 or \$ _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229



**NORTH
AVONDALE
RECREATION
CENTER
961-1584**

**HIRSCH
RECREATION
CENTER
751-3393**

- **The Theater class will be performing "Maybe Its Mayberry" on Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th at 6pm.** "Maybe It's Mayberry" is a take off of The Andy Griffith Show. Come to enjoy this comedy on either night. The play is free, however donations are always welcome. Any donations will go towards the theater class program (i.e., the cast party or supplies for future performances).
- **The North Avondale Recreation Center and NANA hosted Make a Difference Day** on Saturday October 23. Julie, Sulayman Bajo & Terri Kluesenes constructed a path and checkered board patio in the fenced in area near the front entrance. Thanks to them and the anonymous donor who donated the pavers.
- Basketball season is under way. It is not too late if anyone is still interested in joining one of the numerous teams, just call the center.
- Hirsch will be closed: November 11th, 24th, & 25th For Veterans Day & Thanksgiving
- **"No Talent" Talent Show** at Hirsch Center, **Saturday November 5, 4-6pm**, \$5.00 in Advance, \$10.00 at the door. For Tickets call 1-877-093-7967
- City Wide Chess Tournament, Friday November 4, 5:30-8:30 pm, Free Entry Fee. Trophies will be awarded for the champion and runner-up in each age grouping.
- Basketball Instructions and Leagues will begin on November 1, for ages 5-17 years old. Call the center for more details.
- Seniors programs and activities: Tuesday thru Thursday with Karen Milford. Call for more details.
- New Aerobics classes will begin November 1, 2005. Classes will be every Tuesday & Thursday 5:45 – 7pm. Free with Hirsch center membership..

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

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| President: Marilyn Smith _____ | 221-4039 | Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____ | 751-8334 |
| 1 st VP: Heather Herr _____ | 861-8180 | Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____ | 861-3939 |
| 2 nd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____ | 861-4108 | Master Plan: Bob Novak _____ | 751-2161 |
| 3 rd VP: Sulayman Bajo _____ | 290-8781 | Membership: Vanessa Wayne _____ | 751-4367 |
| Corresponding Sec.: Deborah Ginocchio _____ | 281-2262 | Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____ | 281-2596 |
| Recording Secretary: Richard McKenzie _____ | 751-7474 | NANA Executive & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____ | 221-6166 |
| Treasurer: Patricia Hassel _____ | 751-3357 | Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse _____ Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov _____ | 352-3902 |
| Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____ | 751-4546 | City Complaint/Request Hotline _____ | 591-6000 |
| City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____ | 861-3939 | Request A Recycling Bin _____ | 242-4401 |
| Environmental: Mike Rieck _____ | 961-6563 | Report Air Odors 24/7 _____ | 946-7777 |



REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!
COME TO THE NANA MEETING NOVEMBER 8TH
VOTE NOVEMBER 8TH

Current Resident Or:

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617 Clinton Springs Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

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- **Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs**
- **Thursday, December 1, 6:00 p.m. CPOP Meeting, District 4 Police Station, Reading Rd. Call NANA Office to confirm**
- **Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs**

NANA CALENDAR