



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade when his class took a trip to the Cincinnati Art Museum. They stopped in front of some abstract sculpture and Mike, being the 7-yr. old thinker he was, inquired, "What's that?"

His teacher answered, "It's supposed to be a galloping horse."  
"Well, why isn't it?" he asked.

It was clear to Mike that the sculpture wasn't clear. When the direction of our city isn't clear, we need to ask, "Why isn't it?" Everybody has an opinion. We have 2 choices for mayor, 31 choices for council, a bunch for board of education, plus all the judgeships. So many candidates – so few chairs. Choosing is only easy when you don't. Choosing requires thought, provokes question, and demands decision. Lets question the motives, the plans, the credentials, the experience, and the intentions of our candidates. We have that very opportunity to meet the candidates and to hear their proposals. Lets choose between almost right and right, between good and best, between so-so and superior. Ask away!

#### CANDIDATES NIGHT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005 - 7:30 PM

North Avondale Recreation Center 617 Clinton Springs  
BE THERE!

And now for my second soapbox...

Xavier University shares our community. They are great neighbors. They were a gracious host for our annual meeting last May and have pledged to host again this year. We are participants in their strategic planning, and partners in keeping our streets clean and safe. Xavier officials are well aware of the trouble between neighbors and students in resident housing. Steps are in place to hold students accountable for the late parties, trashed yards, and irresponsible behavior. They are asking any neighbor who has been adversely affected by student behavior, (especially along Dana Ave and Marion Ave.) to write a formal complaint, explaining specific behavior, housing location, and dates of activity. Sign your complaint, and if you want your name to remain anonymous, please indicate so in your letter.

Send your communication to: Luther Smith, Xavier University  
3800 Victory Parkway ML 2122, Cincinnati, OH 45207  
OR e-mail Luther Smith at: [SMITHL@xu.edu](mailto:SMITHL@xu.edu)

And by the way... If you had pleasant experiences with Xavier student body – SHARE THAT!

*Marilyn Smith*



A Victorian bench painted by Cincinnati artist Brian Joiner has been donated to North Avondale Recreation Center in memory of Gwendolyn and Keith Hicks Rhodes. The Rhodes family purchased their home at 699 North Crescent Avenue (North Fred Shuttlesworth Circle) in 1961. Keith died in 1964 at age 33 and Gwendolyn remained in the home until her death January 1, 2004 at age 77. The bench includes two paintings by Brian Joiner. Joiner is a national award-winning artist with a permanent installation in the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center of sixteen black and white portraits of performers/activists. ([www.joinerartwork.com](http://www.joinerartwork.com))

The theme of the bench is literature and nature and the paintings inspired by Rhodes family slides. Keith hailed from a family of educators including his parents Ella Hicks and Silas Rhodes and aunt, Ida Rhodes. Keith was a graduate of Morehouse University in Atlanta and received his MBA from Xavier University in 1954. Gwendolyn was an active member of North Avondale's PTA and NANA during the 1960's. She was a librarian at Guilford School and an avid gardener.

Pamela Rhodes and Lennell Myricks Jr. and Sandra White  
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### NANA GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 11, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE  
RECREATION CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

### AGENDA

- Candidates Night  
(see President's article)

**Pay your NANA Dues Today!**



**AROUND CITY HALL**  
**By Gerry Kraus, City Hall Liaison**

**ZONE CHANGE ON S. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH CIRCLE/GREENWOOD.** On September 2, 2005 the Cincinnati Planning Commission unanimously approved a zone change on portions of S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle and Greenwood Ave. from RMX (multi family residential) to SF-10 (single family, 10,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size). In recommending this change City Planner Larry Harris reported that "twenty-five (25) of the fifty one (51) properties in the RMX district have lot sizes of 10,000 square foot or larger. Most of the affected buildings were built as single-family residences and are currently used as single-family residences." An ordinance has been completed and been forwarded to the Neighborhood & Public Services Committee of City Council (chaired by Laketa Cole) for a public hearing. It is hoped that final approval by City Council will take place by the end of October.

**STYRENE LEAK IN EAST END RENEWS NANA REQUEST FOR REGULATION.** At a public hearing before the Community Development, Education & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of City Council (chaired by David Crowley) on September 6, 2005, NANA renewed its request for City Council to pass legislation "to regulate hazardous chemicals transported or stored in the city." Speaking for NANA's Environmental Committee, Gerry Kraus stated that "it shouldn't have happened." If the City had heeded NANA's request in 1985 and again in 1989 when chemical discharges from nearby chemical companies affected North Avondale, the styrene leak in 2005 "would not have happened". A resolution to ask for federal, rather than local, oversight of hazardous materials in railroad tank cars was introduced by Councilmember Crowley and unanimously approved by City Council on September 8, 2005. In the meantime tank cars with hazardous chemicals, scattered throughout the city at chemical companies and/or rail spurs, will continue to be a threat to many neighborhoods.

**NANA SUPPORTS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORDINANCE.** At a hearing before the Community Development, Education & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on September 19, 2005 the NANA Environmental Committee lent its support to CUFA (Communities United for Action) in its quest to have City Council pass an Environmental Justice (EJ) Ordinance. 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." Rather than passing a local EJ Ordinance, City Council opted to pass a resolution (September 21, 2005) urging the Federal Government, the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio EPA to enact EJ legislation. *Note: An Ordinance is an enforceable law. A Resolution is a formal statement of opinion.*

**HISTORIC HANNAFORD HOME AT 3725 READING ROAD WAS SOLD AT AUCTION** on July 16, 2005. According to the Hamilton County Auditor's records the property was sold to Jerry Ernst of Hyde Park. Sale price was \$97,000.

**National Women of Colors Cancer Foundation** (NWCCF) is in desperate need of your assistance. Lowry Avenue neighbor **Deborah J. Green-Boone**, a breast cancer survivor, diagnosed in 2001 is CEO and founder of the Foundation. The NWCCF was founded April 2, 2002. Its vision was inspired by her personal experiences during treatment and recovery. Her survival and recovery, which she defines as returning to her role as a contributing member of her family and community, had just as much to do with her family and friends, as caregivers, "pampering her spirit," as it did with the physical and medical treatments she received. While the medical care was critical, without the positive mental and emotional health provided by family and friends, the results of the medical treatments would have been meaningless. Other breast cancer survivors and their caregivers support her belief that "pampering the spirit" benefits not only them, but, if concentrated geographically, could reap positive benefits to the broader community. One Foundation's programs is called, "Pampering the Spirit." It is one of the recovery programs along with: "Dealing with Hardships" and "Confronting Depression." A preventative program is, "Check Yourself," designed for young and old, women and men.

**THE NEED:** If you are or know of a licensed health and mental health professional who is African American, Hispanic, or Vietnamese (or someone who has substantial experience providing mental health services to culturally diverse populations) who may be interested in working with NWCCF and starting a NWCCF, in their city please contact NWCCF at 513-961-1485 (ask for Project Director Jenior or send an email to [Jeniorb@aol.com](mailto:Jeniorb@aol.com). Other professionals needed are: attorney; doctors; survivors; caregivers; wellness professionals; licensed drug and alcohol substance abuse counselors; licensed social workers with child, family, and adolescent expertise; registered nurses with geriatric and psychiatric expertise; licensed psychiatrists; licensed psychologists; and pastoral counselors. Thank you for your help.

Deborah J. Green-Boone




On October 16, 2005 at Yeatman's Cove you can make a difference. Support **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** by donating or walking. To get involved, call (513) 891-1600 or email [cincinnati strides@cancer.org](mailto:cincinnati strides@cancer.org). Your support helps to fight breast cancer through research, education, advocacy and patient services. One woman in eight who lives to age 85 will develop breast cancer during her lifetime.

A woman who exercises four hours per week reduces her risk of breast cancer. Exercise pumps up the immune system and cuts the estrogen level. A woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes.

Registration 8 a.m. Event starts 9 a.m.

**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
**363-3900**



**October**  
 10, Monday: LSDMC 6:30  
 15, Saturday: Clean up Day 8 a.m. to noon  
 18 Tuesday: Bring someone special to lunch  
 21, Friday: Fall Festival 6:30 - 8:00  
 24, Monday: PTO/Foundation 6:30  
**November**  
 4, Friday & 7, Monday: No School  
 11, Friday: No School

**THE NORTH AVONDALE 2005 LUMINARY STROLL**  
**By Michelle Baxter**

Through the ages, light from fire has served as a destination beacon for weary travelers. Today luminaries are used to celebrate many events. Our luminary event involves neighbors placing in front of their homes along the street or sidewalk every 3 feet candles anchored in sand inside white lunch bags. The candles are lit at a specific time and the effect is a beautiful and continuous stream of light. Neighbors can enjoy taking a luminary stroll throughout the neighborhood this year on December 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 p.m. Our purpose is to illuminate the neighborhood, have neighbors meet and visit with one another but more importantly show off our magical beautiful neighborhood.

As you may already know, Jolene Struebbe (Beechwood Avenue) started this event two years ago. Jolene and her committee have been extremely successful in having 95% of their neighbors participate in this festive event. This year, part of North Avondale South of Mitchell Avenue is joining in the event.

To participate each residence needs to purchase a kit. Each kit comes complete with 20 bags, 20 small candles and sand. Each kit costs \$10.00 The kits come from the Junior Women's Club of Wyoming. The net proceeds from the Women's Club sales will benefit The Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

For more information on the 2005 luminary event, or to place an order, please contact :

North of Mitchell - Caroline Killman at 861-9009

Streets included are: Avon Fields, Beechwood, Betula, Rose Hill, Red Bud.

South of Mitchell - Michelle Baxter at 475-0441.

Streets included are: Part of Clinton Springs, Burton Woods Lane, Red Bud and Leyman Drive.

Hurry, time is running out before all orders must be placed!

We look forward to your support and participation in fulfilling the vision of making our community shine the brightest.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Clara James**, 3983 Abington Avenue, "Godmother" to a host of children, died Sept 4, aged eighty-seven. She earned her degree from Florida A & M University and was one of the first African American social workers at the Hamilton County Welfare Department where she worked for 37 years. Her funeral was Sept. 9th at Calvary Presbyterian.

**NANA NEIGHBORS**

**Jillian and Keira Hassel** (Rose Hill), members of the North Avondale Ropin' Rockets jump rope team, had a great competition at the Nationals Championships held at Disney World. Jillian won the Gold medal in the Single rope Freestyle Event and the Silver medal in One Minute speed. Jillian and Keira, as partners, won the Bronze Medal in the Pairs Freestyle Event. All the medals were won in the age 11 & under category

**Braxton Combs** (Eden Lane) with Stewart Issacs & Ben Ghosh took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the 11 and under boys freestyle event

**Marcus Taylor** (Edge Hill ) took 5th place in the prelims but came back to take 2nd place in the overall in the 18 and over freestyle event. He took 1st place in 1 minute single rope speed, 1st place in 3 minute single rope speed., 2nd place in 1 minute single rope speed and 3rd place in triple unders. With Alyssa Mendlein and Caitlin Stewart Isaacs he took 3rd place in the overall double dutch singles freestyle event. The three of them took 2nd place 2 years ago, 1st place last year and 3rd place this year - top three, 3 years in a row - outstanding. They will appear on **ESPN 2 on Monday, October 10th at 8:30 pm.**

**North Avondale Ropin Rockets** took 2nd place out of 65 teams in the freestyle events at the 2005 USA National Jump Rope Championships in Disney World, Florida in June. The jumpers had to qualify in the top 4 at the Regional event held in Indianapolis, Indiana in April. The team won 16 medals in all with only 17 jumpers. The Rockets will be performing at the Xavier mens' basketball game on Saturday, January 28th and at schools all over the city as a "Kick Off" for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope For Your Heart Program beginning in January. If you would like the Rockets to perform please call Coach Chris Emerson at the North Avondale School.

**Charlene Morse** (Burton Woods) is one of 18 arts volunteers featured in *Inspire Cincinnati* Magazine as an inspiring arts volunteer of the year for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

**Marian Miller** (Red Bud) is assistant editor of *Interface: Genes And the Environment* - Newsletter, published by the Center for Environmental Genetics at U.C., available online at <http://eh.uc.edu/ceg/pdf/interface28.pdf> Featuring "Everything you Always Wanted to Know About Dioxin but Were Afraid to Ask."

**Donald K. Anthony** (Ledgewood) was awarded Central State University 'Alumnus of the Year.' He exemplifies what is expected of alumni: to become leaders in the community, on the job and to always remember their alma mater.

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 Samson thank the following individuals and families for their generous donations toward the memorial bench: Carmen & Harold Hicks & family • Ronald Hicks • Sylvia & William Hicks Jr. & family • Rosetta & George Hull • Grace & Robert Manggrum • Joel McCray • Marjorie Parham • Sybil & Howard Raye & family • Ruby & William Spillers & family • Armenia Williams.



**NORTH  
AVONDALE  
RECREATION  
CENTER  
961-1584**

**HIRSCH  
RECREATION  
CENTER  
751-3393**

The North Avondale Recreation Center is hosting a **Make a Difference Day Project on Sat. Oct. 23** from 9a.m. to completion. We will be constructing a path and checkered board patio in the fenced in area near the front entrance.

•Basketball registration takes place in October with practices beginning in mid October. The price is \$50 for instruction, practices and league play through March. Please come in to register after 2 p.m. Speak with coach Tim for more information.

•Seniors and Adults still enjoy our free Sauna, Tai Chi, Yoga and Line Dancing classes. Aerobics is \$20 a month, Karate is about \$40 a month (see instructor) and the weight room is \$10 a quarter. All of these are for our members.  
•Memberships now through the end of the year are \$8 for adults, \$3 for Senior, Teen and Youth.

**Hirsch:** Hours: Mon – Thurs. 11 - 9 p.m., Friday 11 - 8 p.m., Senior Program: T & Th 10 - 2 p.m.

•Seniors program luncheon meeting on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at Hirsch, from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.; Donations \$1.25. Come out and lend your ideas to our brainstorm session for programs.

•After school Day Camp Program, Mon. - Fri. 2 - 6 p.m., \$20.00 per week, includes daily snack, tutoring/homework help, cooking class, arts & crafts, computer time, and organized play.

•Flag football for 11 & under: games on Tues., practices on Mon. & Fri., 5 - 6 p.m. 14 & under: games on Wed., practices on Mon & Fri., 5 - 6 p.m.

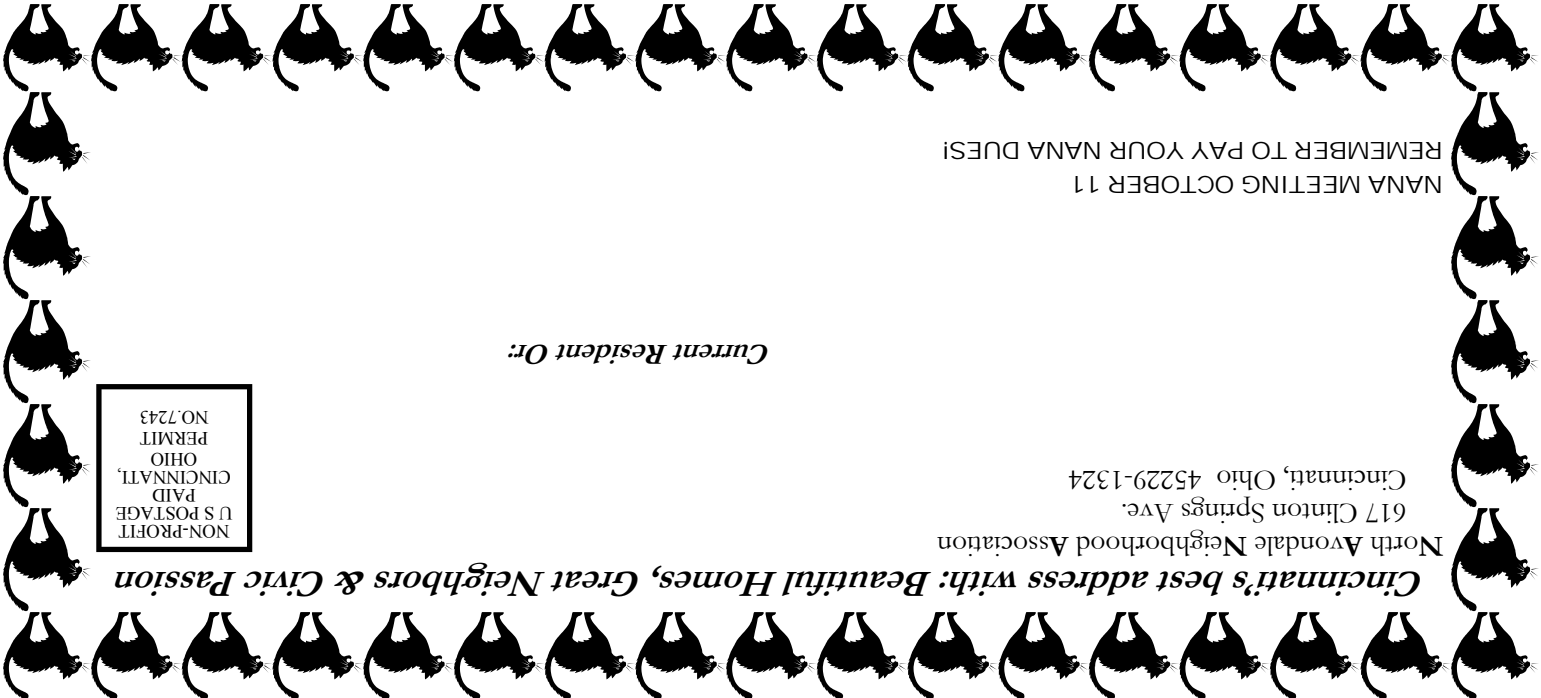
•Hirsch Haunted House Event, Oct. 27 - 29 (Th- Sat.), 6 - 9 p.m.; \$0.99 admission fee.

•October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Social for members (12 & under) African American History Classes. Mon. & Wed., 6 - 8:30 p.m., (membership required) Instructor: Mike Burkes.

•Empire Dance Team, Co-Ed program; Ages 6-18. For more information call the center & ask for Bennie Allen.

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

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Membership: Vanessa Wayne _____	751-4367
Corresponding Sec.: Deborah Ginocchio _____	281-2262	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
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City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	<b>Request A Recycling Bin _____</b>	242-4401
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563	<b>Report Air Odors 24/7 _____</b>	946-7777



NANA MEETING OCTOBER 11  
REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!

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- Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs CANDIDATES NIGHT
- Thursday, November 3, 6:00 p.m. **CPOP** Meeting at District 4 Police Station, Reading Road
- Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs

**NANA CALENDAR**