

CAR WASH, ETC. UPDATE

By Gerry Kraus

The June 21, 2004 decision of the city's Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) to prohibit a car wash facility at the former Antonio Pizza, 4007 Reading Road (corner of Reading/Paddock Roads) has been appealed by the owners of the property, Charles and Rick Pescovitz, to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Ely Ryder, attorney for the owners, claims that the decision of the ZBA was "unconstitutional, illegal, arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and unsupported by the preponderance of substantial, reliable and probative evidence in the whole record."

Marvin Kraus, attorney for NANA and Audricia & Julia Brooks, next door neighbors to the 4007 Reading Road property, has appealed the decision of the ZBA that **denies a public hearing** regarding the establishment of a Pay Day/Check Cashing business at this site to the Common Pleas Court. The ZBA had denied consideration of this issue on the basis that the case had been filed "out of time"; i.e., after the deadline date to file. NANA and the Brooks seek to establish that the case was filed in time and that a public hearing is required for the establishment of a Pay Day/Check Cashing business because part of the property is located in a Transitional (T) zone. This ZBA decision is also being appealed to Common Pleas Court by Bill Rambo, attorney for Mary Dee & Bob Novak, Janet & Bob Banks and Betsy & Clayton Gotwals.

NEXT STEPS

September 7, 2004 is the date that has been set by the Magistrate of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas for a case management conference to set a schedule for dates by which various legal briefs and motions must be filed. After all pleadings have been filed, the magistrate will set a date to hear these cases.

HOT LINE FOR BAD AIR ODORS CALL 946-7777

Residents do not have to endure bad air that either makes you sick or interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of your life. Since the City passed its Clean Air Act (Title X) on April 28, it is against the law for polluters to emit odors into the air that diminishes the quality of your life. If you are bothered by bad odors, call the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services **Hot Line at 946-7777**. The HOT LINE is available 24 hours/7 days. And remember your call is important because there must be 7 verified complaints called in for the City to take enforcement against a polluter.

NANA received this alert from a NA residents that: the "Branch Manager Tree Service" (Tim Roberts) took our money and did not do the service they had promised. I called them after seeing a flyer left on our door. They agreed to remove a dead tree and several dead branches from trees on our property. They did a small portion of the work and took 200 dollars. They never returned to do the rest. I called numerous times and left messages but they never responded.

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indirectly by this disease. This walk is an opportunity of North Avondale residents to make a statement as a unified neighborhood that we want to do something about this dread disease.

The Breast Cancer Walk will begin at **Yeatman's Cove, 705 E. Pete Rose Way, Sunday, October 24, 2004 at 8:00 AM**. NANA has been asked to raise \$100 but payment is not required to participate. If you would like to walk as part of the NANA contingent in support of Cancer awareness, research, patient support and advocacy programs, please call Audricia Brooks (861-0583) or Gerry Kraus (861-3939), Breast Cancer Walk coordinators for NANA. If you do not wish to walk the walk, but would like to support the cause, please send a check payable to the **American Cancer Society** to the NANA Office, 617 Clinton Springs, Cincinnati, OH 45229 so that NANA will get credit for your donation. Thank you for your support!



117,000 Pounds of Hazardous Waste Collected

Over the past three months, approximately 3,000 Hamilton County residents have safely disposed 117,000 pounds of household hazardous waste through a new program offered by the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District.

The new trial program is aimed at reducing the amount of hazardous products in homes. The average home contains 60-100 pounds of hazardous products under the sink, in the garage, or in the basement. Improper storage and disposal of hazardous products can cause accidental poisonings, contaminate groundwater, injure your waste hauler, and interfere with the wastewater treatment process.

Residents wishing to dispose of their hazardous waste must call 946-7734 or visit www.hcdoes.org to obtain a free voucher to drop off their hazardous waste at the centrally located facility. The last day for residents to receive a voucher is **September 10, 2004** and the last day to drop of your items is **September 30, 2004**. ***If you receive the NANA News after the September 10th date, North Avondale residents may still call to request the voucher***. The center is located at 4650 Spring Grove (corner of Winton Road), Tuesdays - Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (while vouchers last)

Acceptable Items: Automotive fluids, Batteries, Cleaners, Fire extinguishers, Lawn chemicals, Paint, Pesticides/fertilizers, Prescription drugs, Pool chemicals, Propane tanks, Solvents/thinners, etc.

This program is for Hamilton County residents only!

Downtown Tour of Living Sunday, September 12, 2004 -11 am to 5 pm

The Downtown Tour of Living is a self-guided walking tour of over 24 downtown and Over-the-Rhine homes, apartments and condominiums, as well as a preview of the latest proposed condominium developments. **Tickets (\$10.00)** are available at the Visitor's Center on Fountain Square in advance as well as the day of the Tour.

SEVEN STAR DRAGONS COMPETITIONS

By Terrell Davis

After competing in only four competitions, the Seven Star Dragons Competition team from the North Avondale Community Center won over 125 trophies. They traveled to Louisville, Ky., Dayton, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. Most recently they won 39 awards at the Ohio Valley Professional Karate Commission Championships. The event was held on July 31st at Wittenberg University, H.P.E.R. Center in Springfield, Ohio. Members participating were: **Anna Powell, Bianca Jouett, Christian Mayo, Cinque McFarlane Blake, James Williams, Jamaal McFarlane Blake, Jasmine Powell, Jonathan Diesel, Kevin McClellan, Leslie Johnson, Marcus Riley, Mariah Riley, Owen Scott, Porsche Thompson, Ronald Burton and Zora McFarlane Blake.** The team is coached by Ms. Terrell Davis.

Classes are held on Tuesdays & Thursdays at the North Avondale Center, 5:15 -6:15 p.m. Youth Beginners, & 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Youth Advance, Teens and Adults. New students are welcome beginning September 7, 2004. For more information you may contact, Ms. Terrell Davis at 821-1745.

NANA NEIGHBORS

Adrienne Pastoor, daughter of **Marcia and Dirk Pastoor** (Red Bud Ave.) recently made a major commitment. This past June she graduated from the University Of Cincinnati School Of Social work, after successfully completing an accelerated program leading to a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW). Three weeks later, in early July, she followed through on a plan put into motion many months earlier by joining the United States Peace Corps. Her assignment has her spending 27 months in the Kingdom of Tonga, a country comprised of a series of remote islands in the South Pacific. After completing crash courses in language and culture she will serve two years as a Peace Corp Volunteer to provide much needed services in the area of Youth Development with the National Youth Congress of Tonga. As she wrote home shortly after arrival: "Stepping off the plane I realized that I am so very fortunate. Not only because of the life I had back in the States, but because of the needs in this country and therefore the opportunity I have helping here." Much success Adrienne!

Alexis Webster (E. Mitchell) works for Visiting with Care which provides in-home services to the elderly and others in need. Light Housekeeping, Companionship, Assistance in Hygiene and other services are included. For free consultation please call 513-924-0095.

Heather R. Roda-Herr (Ledgewood) has added to her busy life as NANA Treasurer, wife, artist and mother of a two year old by becoming a realtor for Comey & Shepherd. She already has a home listed in our neighborhood at 4061 Victory Parkway!

Andrea Cheng (Red Bud) has published another book. The new middle grade novel, *Honeysuckle House*, came out in May and received a 2004 Parents' Choice Recommended Award. For more information go to: www.frontstreetbooks.com.

ROPIN' ROCKETS

By Chris Emerson

Marcus Taylor won the **Gold medal for the All Around** in Tallebudgera, Australia in the **World Jump Rope Competition**, July 20-29, 2004. He won a **silver medal** in 3 minute single rope speed with 424 jumps (counting his right foot only). He won a **bronze medal** in 30 second single rope speed 85 jumps - counting his right foot only, he won a **bronze medal** in his single rope freestyle routine, and he took **4th place** with 223 triple unders. The All Around winner is chosen by ranking the jumpers. Marcus was the most consistent jumper in all 4 events - thus taking the Gold Medal! We had a great time petting kangaroos, and holding koala bears.

The whole team did a great job at the **Nationals** at Disney World in Orlando, Florida during June 23-28, 2004. The team was made up of:

- **Marcus Taylor** (a senior at the School for Creative & Performing Arts)
 - Grand National Champion in:
 - Single rope freestyle routine
 - Triple unders
 - Double Dutch Singles
- **Alyssa Mendlein** (8th grader at Walnut Hills High School)
 - Grand National Championship in Double Dutch Singles
- **Caitlin Janes** (9th grader at Clark Montessori)
 - Grand National Championship in Double Dutch Singles
- **Ben Ghosh** (5th grader at North Avondale)
 - took 5th place in single rope freestyle in the 11 & under age group.
- **Stewart Isaacs** (4th grader at North Avondale)
 - Silver medal in 1 minute speed in the 11 years & under
 - Silver medal in 3 minutes speed
 - Bronze medal in the pairs freestyle routine w/Kathryn
 - 6th place in his single rope freestyle routine in the 11 and under age group
- **Kathryn Hook** (5th grader at North Avondale)
 - Bronze medal in the pairs freestyle routine w/Stewart
- **Jillian Hassel** (5th grader at North Avondale) (see below)
- **Brianna Isaacs** (6th grader at North Avondale) (see Below)

Stewart, Kathryn, Jillian and Brianna:

- won a silver medal in the 4 person 30 speed relay in the 11 & under age group.
- took 4th place in the pairs double dutch routine, in the 11 and under age group.

Stewart, Kathryn and Jillian:

- took 6th place in their double dutch singles routine, in the 11 and under age group.



CONDOLENCES

Ethelda Vidas mother of **Sophia Vidas** (Betula) died suddenly on August 25, 2004 at the age of 76.

The City of Cincinnati recently added mixed paper to its acceptable items for curbside recycling. Because of this expanded service, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will discontinue their Beyond the Recycling Bin mixed paper drive after their August 7th date. North Avondale will have its **last recycling drive on September 11, 2004**

What is "mixed paper"? Mixed paper is: brown grocery bags, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, junk mail (even those with the see through cellophane), magazines, newspaper, office paper, phone books, paperboard (beverage cartons, cereal boxes), **PIZZA BOXES NOT ACCEPTED** - grease contaminates the paper

Get a Bin If you do not already have a curbside recycling bin, contact 242-4401.



If in the future you have lots of mixed paper to recycle you can still take it to the **Permanent Drop Off Locations**, one of which is located by the soccer fields at the North Avondale Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs Open 24/7.

The North Avondale Community Center is back to its school year schedule:

- Monday – Thursday 9am - 9 p.m.
- Fridays 9am - 8 p.m.
- Saturdays noon - 2 p.m..

The Youth, Teen and Senior memberships are \$3

Adult memberships are \$8. These prices are good for the rest of 2004.

The After School Day Camp (2:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.) program fee is \$110 (4 weeks.).

The Bridge Gap (2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) program fee is \$35 a month.

The Drop In (3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) program fee is a membership card (Gym and Game Room are free).

Fee classes also available (with membership) beginning at 3:00 p.m. (Cooking, Theater, Ceramics and Karate).

Senior/Adult Program	Tai Chi	Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Senior Program	Yoga	Monday – Thursday	9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Senior / Adult Program	Walking	Monday – Friday	11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
NEW PROGRAMS			
Senior/Adult Program	Tai Chi	Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Senior Program	Line Dancing	Monday & Wednesday	10:30 a.m. - noon
Adult Program	Dodge Ball	Tuesday	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



9/2 Candy Sale Kickoff

9/7 Market Day pickup
(6:30 - 7:30 pm)

9/10 Kids Nite In-gym,
6:30 pm

9/24 Staff Professional
Development Day - no pupils

9/27 Candy Sale Prize deadline

North Avondale Montessori School
363-3900



**North
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NANA CALENDAR

- Saturday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs.. **If the dumpster is not behind the school, always look by the soccer fields down the Community Center driveway.**
- Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs

