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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Writing to you in December is especially nice as the holiday season is a wonderful time to communicate with friends. Listening to the festive music on the radio as I madly and frantically drive around town to "save money" at all the "sales" and trying not to forget to find every item my wife says that the grandchildren "need" makes me happy--I think? By the end of the year I will celebrate that I made it through the festivities and seek refuge in silence and relaxation. But, I am confident that most of you are presently enjoying this type routine in your lives also. It's part of the tradition and I really do love it.

However, let's talk seriously for a moment. Please remember, there are some North Avondale families that are not enjoying the fun times that most of us cherish. Some have been hard hit by the terrible plight of the economy. The unemployment rate now hovers around 10%. There are mothers and dads in the community that are not celebrating. They are sad and worried because their children will not get the neat clothing, toys and gifts that they hear others talk about. In fact, food is a prime concern to some. Please address that "some of our own" need our assistance to "make the season bright". Through our donations of food, clothing, money and simple acts of kindness, we can bring some happiness at this time of the year to those who are less fortunate than most of us. Resolve with me that you will help make a difference. Remember, when a child smiles, the world is a better place.

Since I last wrote to you, NANA has continued efforts to improve where we live. On the 10th of November Linda Mathews, Maura Wolf, Charlene Morse and I were cordially welcomed at a meeting with Xavier. John Kucia, Administrative Vice President and Elizabeth Blume, Director, Community Building Institute. They graciously met with us and brought us up to date on the Xavier expansion and building programs. Discussed also were Xavier's goals of being a working partner with North Avondale in enhancing community development. A tour of Xavier's two newest buildings and teaching facilities left no doubt that we have on our doorstep a progressive and state of the art university that we want as a partner. Ms. Blume will be at our January Executive Board Meeting to further explore how we may work together.

On November 16th many of the Executive Board and Chairs met for the second time with several local residents to again discuss vacant and unsightly property that North Avondale needs developed to make a more attractive atmosphere in this part of town that we call home. Finding professional property

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name _____ date _____

Address _____

Email Address/s _____

Annual Dues \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$5 or \$ _____

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Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

NANA General Meeting

North Avondale Recreation Center

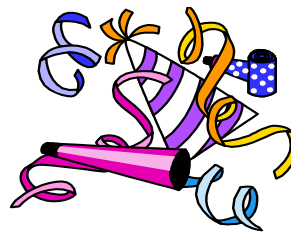
617 Clinton Springs

Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

- **"The Portfolio School District Model and How It Differs from the Magnet Neighborhood School Model" Melanie Bates**



Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.



Happy Holidays
&
Happy New Year

From The North Avondale
Neighborhood Association

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planners, private citizen investments, partnerships and working with the City to make NA grow in a direction we truly need, were examined. While no firm decisions were reached, a couple of action plans were formulated that might be solutions.

On November 30th Michelle Baxter, Charlene Morse and I testified at the Cincinnati Law & Public Safety Committee Meeting. The proceedings were confusing and highly frustrating. Neighborhood insistence that City Council ensures enforcement of the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance in a manner that will force rental property owners to be responsible and help fight criminal activity seems to be falling on deaf ears. Any change of the current Ordinance must strengthen, not cause dilution of enforcement and landlord responsibility. I urge you to come to the next NANA General Meeting on December 14th and discuss with the NANA Board this matter-----your active participation is needed!!!!

For you who have already sent your NANA annual dues and donations, thank you so very much. For those of you who have not, we are hoping you will do so.

It is with great sincerity and a real pleasure for me to extend to you and your families the VERY BEST OF HOLIDAY WISHES from the EXECUTIVE BOARD, the CHAIRS and the ADMINISTRATOR of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. All of us feel most fortunate and consider it an honor to represent the people of our community. We hope that your lives are filled with joy and happiness.

Bill Stevens



CINCINNATI 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

At this time, there are 2 companies at **4379 Reading Rd:** Engine 9 and Squad 9. Engine 9 is a pumper that carries 500 gallons of water and connects to the hydrant at the fire scene and pumps water. It is the primary apparatus for extinguishing fires. Squad 9 is a Heavy Rescue unit whose primary purpose is vehicle extrications, building collapses, stuck elevators and other hi-risk rescues. It carries no water. Fire Administration has recommended that E-9 be closed. Although the firehouse will remain open there would be no apparatus to actually fight fires. For example: if there was a vehicle fire in the Chase Bank parking lot right next door to the firehouse, they would have to dispatch another engine company from another neighborhood because Squad 9 has no water. Therefore, if you have a house fire you will now have to wait longer for an engine to arrive as it will be coming from another neighborhood.

To View Proposed Budget: <http://rcc.org/cmgr/pages/-12848/>

Attend Public Budget Hearings

December 9, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

College Hill Recreation Center ■ 5545 Belmont Ave, 45224

December 13, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

Midway School ■ 3156 Glenmore Avenue, 45211

December 15, 2010 - 6:00 p.m. ■ Clifton Cultural Arts Center
3711 Clifton Avenue, 45220



It is great to use the new energy efficient light bulbs but **YOU MUST NOT PUT THEM IN YOUR TRASH** They contain mercury. Take them to Home Depot or Lowes to Recycle them.

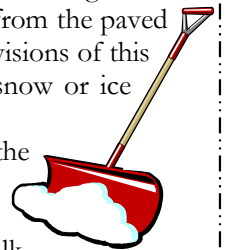
To find out where to recycle other things, go to this great website: <http://earth911.com/>

Snow removal

The City of Cincinnati Municipal Code states:

Sec. 723-57. - Removal of Snow. The owner, occupant or other person having the care of any building premises or unimproved lot of land abutting any street where there is a graded sidewalk or a sidewalk graded and paved, shall, within the first four hours after daylight after the ceasing to fall of any snow, cause the same to be removed from the paved or traveled part of such sidewalk. The provisions of this section shall also apply to the falling of snow or ice from any building onto a sidewalk.

Snow or ice shall not be moved into the gutter when the gutter has been previously cleaned, and in no event shall snow or ice from any area other than the pedestrian walk be moved into the gutter.



(Sec. 723-59. - Ice on Sidewalks. Whenever a sidewalk or any part thereof along any building premises or unimproved lot of land shall be encumbered with ice, the owner, occupant or other person having the care of such premises or lot shall cause such sidewalk to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice there from, or by covering the sidewalk with sand or other suitable substance.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this section for a period of more than two hours during the daytime shall subject such owner, occupant or person in charge to the penalty provided for violation of this section.

Penalty, § 723-99-I.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

☛ **Alliance Human Services/Ohio MENTOR** provides foster care and mental health services to children and adults. Our Cincinnati office is actively recruiting caring foster parents to join our team in helping children and teens in the area. We are hosting an **Open House** on **Tuesday, December 14** from 6:00-8:00pm at our Clifton office located at 36 East Hollister Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45219. Please join us and learn how you can make a difference in a child's life! Please call to confirm at 513 381-3700 ext. 11 Our web site link is www.oh-mentor.com.

☛ **Southern Child Care Center** has been located at 3556 Reading Road in the back of Southern Baptist Church for over 30 years. Their hours are 6:30am-6:00pm. They accept vouchers and offer a faith based curriculum. Enrollment is low, so they would like to ask the community to help by using their service. They serve breakfast, lunch and snack and are accepting children ages 3 to 5 and school age. Contact 221-4333 or e-mail sbc-daycare@fuse.net

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

North Avondale Holiday Gifts by Barry

Local woodworking artist handcrafts shaker and Japanese boxes, wall sconces and incense boxes with precision from local North Avondale trees. Order now for the holidays. For pictures and info. visit <http://picasaweb.google.com/Bostonbarry/BarrySWoodworking#>

Female Visiting Scholar seeks North Avondale Homestay

- Are you interested in cultural exchange and hosting a female Chinese visiting scholar? Dr. Shin Guo is a young researcher at Children's Hospital and is looking for a family that would like to offer her a room in their home (she will contribute to the household expenses) and help her learn American culture and improve her conversational English. Dr. Guo loves children, pets and cooking. Please send her an email at Xinyao.Guo@yahoo.com

On behalf of our entire family, we would like to express our deep appreciation to our North Avondale neighbors for their generous support following the fire at our home on Labor Day. From preparing meals and transporting our children to providing financial assistance and offering words of encouragement, so many of you have truly blessed us. Such unselfishness is what makes North Avondale the best community in Cincinnati and the place we are proud to call home. We look forward to returning to our house in the near future.

Byron & Vanessa White (Marion)

I am interested in the history of Avondale when it was an independent village. In particular I am looking for information on my great great uncle, Jeremiah Twohig. Twohig was the marshal from at least 1868-1876 when he died. I am interested in anybody who would have info on him or maybe even a picture. Thank you. Chris Zumbiel 513-623-1601 or czumbiel@maderacity.com

Herbert & Judith Shapiro (Beechwood) are looking for a handyman/gardener to help around their home. If interested or if you have suggestions call 861-4641.

IN MEMORIAM

Jane Villari, born in 1916, sister of Carol Harten, sister-in-law of Dave, and beloved aunt and great aunt to many Hartens in North Avondale, died on November 20 at the age of 94. She came to live with Dave and Carol Harten in 1995, after her husband passed away. Prior to that she had worked for many years at Meier's Wine Cellars in Silverton and in her retirement years became an accomplished artist. Her funeral was held at Bellarmine Chapel on Xavier University campus.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Jeffrey Finley & Jim Reynolds (Avondale Ave.)

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

The Ohlinger-Pray Family of North Avondale, would like to invite their neighbors to share their family's tradition of performing with **marionettes** to a recording of the 1952 Hallmark Hall of Fame TV production of the opera ... "Amahl and the Night Visitors," by Gian Carlo

Where: The New School Montessori 3 Burton Woods Ln.

When: Wednesday, **December 22**, 5:30 to around 6:30pm

Suggested Minimum Donation will be asked at the door to support this fundraiser. Child: \$3.00, Adult \$5.00.

This will be a fun as well as interesting opportunity for you and your family to see a live marionette show, and to help raise money for GROWTH IN MOTION (GIM). to sponsor a documentary about North Avondale's neighbor, Fanchon Shur (Red Bud), a dance therapist whose resume is impossible to summarize. She is consolidating her 50+ years of dancing and choreography into a documentary, which needs funds to complete. Her friends and family would like to help her achieve this goal.

All proceeds will go to "GROWTH IN MOTION". This is guaranteed to be a special family experience your family will remember for a long time. The Prays would like to thank you in advance for your support. To learn more about the incredible Fanchon Shur, please visit her web site at www.growthinmotion.org.

**Please be advised that to fully enjoy this performance, children will need to sit rather still for about 45 minutes, but trust us, they will find it fascinating as well as entertaining. Also, there is quite a surprise at the end...*

Winter Break Camp: Give a Cheer for Winter!

Parents – are you looking for something for the kids to do during their break from school? Need extra time to finish that last minute holiday shopping? Drop them off at Avon Woods for fun as we hike, play games, make crafts and simply relax with a story. Don't forget to bundle up, pack a lunch and drink, and be ready for an exciting time.

Wednesday, December 22

Camp hours: 9:30am to 2:30pm Fee: \$15 city residents, \$20 outside city. Complete and mail in form on website:

www.cincinnati-parks.com/explore-nature/registration-form-downloads OR call 321-6070 to have a form mailed to you.

Avon Woods Nature Preserve – 4235 Paddock Road, Paddock Hills/North Avondale, 45229

Age appropriate for Grades 4th – 6th

Pre-pay by Dec. 17.

Owl Prowl

Fri., Jan. 28. 6:30 - 8:00pm Families are invited to learn about our nocturnal neighbors. There will be an indoor presentation with live species and hands-on activities. Then, an outdoor hike to hear the calls of these amazing predators. The program is **free**; reservations required by Jan. 20.

Rachel Rice Naturalist, Avon Woods, 861-3435

Pay your NANA Dues Today!



NORTH AVONDALE (NAC)

617 Clinton Springs

961.1584

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

Cincinnati Recreation Center Memberships make great holiday presents!

Annual Memberships At All Centers

Juniors and Seniors - \$10, Adults (Ages 18-49) - \$25 Includes All CRC Centers & Pool, *except Dunham Pool* Optional for Adults only: \$20 Includes only All CRC Centers Membership, \$10 Includes only All CRC Pools Membership, *except Dunham*.

Get Fit in 2011 with a **Weight Room Membership** only \$35.00 per year plus Center Membership. Don't be intimidated by fitness equipment. We offer **FREE Fitness Training** appointments for adults on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting at 5pm, and Thursday Evenings for teens ages 16 and up. We offer other continuous fitness programs: Yoga, Karate, Workout Party and Beginner Line Dancing.

Wednesdays in January we are offering an **Adult 25 and up Basketball League**. Please call Kenny for more information and fees.

North Avondale Center is getting ready for 2011 with new programs. Stop by on January 3rd and pick up our Winter Program Guide. Class Registration begins on January 4th through January 7th. All Programs listed for FREE come with your membership. Wishing all of you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

HIRSCH CENTER

●3620 Reading Road ● 751.3393

Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

The Hirsch Center will be closed on Dec.24 & Dec. 31

Holiday Mini Camp

December 20-23 (Mon-Thur.), \$60* 7am - 6pm

December 27-30 (Mon-Thur.), \$60* 7am - 6pm

*Additional money needed for field trips. Must have membership (\$10)

Happy Holidays!

Julie Fatora C. P. R. P.



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

●363.3900 ● 876 Glenwood

www.namrockets.org

On **Tuesday, December 14th**, North Avondale Montessori school will host a **Winter Concert**.

The concert will feature our students playing the Suzuki Strings Violin, Suzuki Flutes, Band, Choir and Orff. The evening performance will begin at 7pm and end at approximately 8pm. There is no charge to attend and parking is available on the playground located next to the Rec. Center. All citizens are invited and welcome to attend!

Thanks to all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors who made ALI's October Green Schools Event at North Avondale Montessori such a success! ALI's Eco-mentoring program,

coordinated by Tevis Foreman, was smoothly executed by NAM students who expertly presented key green features of CPS's newest LEED school. WLWT Channel 5 news was on-site to capture the event. Highlights of the afternoon included, Classroom Daylighting Technologies, Green Roof Features, and student presentations covering such topics as Recycling and Clean Air. Knowledgeable speakers informed us about some of the environmental challenges faced by Cincinnati schools today, and how the green features of NAM benefit students, teachers, and our community.

THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

●281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane

www.thenewschool.cc

The New School Montessori celebrated Thanksgiving by sharing 700 pounds of canned goods and clothing with the Freestore Foodbank. In addition to gathering goods to share, families came together to hear demonstrations of what the children were thankful for. First level students decorated a letter of T-H-A-N-K-S-G-I-V-I-N-G and stepped forward telling something they were grateful for that began with that letter. Second level students dressed in costumes to reenact the first Thanksgiving. Third level students presented summaries of fall holidays in other countries. Fourth level students moved through the crowd distributing folded slips of paper with handwritten messages of things they were thankful for. Fifth level students performed a dramatic poem of thanks where everything from hugs, bananas, the earth's elements and The New School chefs was mentioned. Sixth level students shared their research on symbols of Thanksgiving. We were all grateful for our time spent together in the company of neighbors and friends and we look forward to sharing our school at our next Open House on Sunday, January 30 from 2-4pm.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM (NSP) 2011

NANA is funded primarily through the dues it receives from you. It has also received City money through the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP). For years all neighborhoods could receive \$10,000 a year then in 2004, \$12,000 then \$7,000 and last year \$5,000. What will happen next year is yet to be decided. To be prepared for 2011 we are proposing the following amounts and submitting the grant.

We will vote on this proposal at the December 14 General Meeting. If you have any suggestions or ideas please come to the meeting or contact us.

NSP PROJECT CATEGORIES 2009 2010 2011

#1 Newsletter (capped \$).....	4,000	2,000	2000
#2 Clean Up & Beautification.....	400	1,300	1,300
#3 Land Development.....	600	175	175
#4 Law Enforcement & Safety.....	650	225	225
#5 Membership (capped \$).....	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>Insurance required by the City.....</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
TOTAL	7,000	5,000	5,000

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, December 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Wednesday, December 15, **District 4 Resource Meeting 6:30 pm** Police Station, 4150 Reading. All welcome.
- **Tuesday, January 9, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- First Thursday of each month January 6, at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000	To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960
Police District 4	569.8600	To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	
Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer:	569.8654		Crimereports.com
Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov		Track property code violations:	
Thomas Beridon Dist. 4 Prosecutor	352.3618		http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/
Thomas.beridon@cincinnati-oh.gov		Request A Recycling Bin	242.4600
Nonemergency Police	765.1212	Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
		Where to Recycle	http://earth911.com/

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NANA MEETING DECEMBER 14TH & JANUARY 9TH at 7PM

~PAY YOUR 2010 NANA MEETING~

Volunteer Opportunities:

(contact 221.6166 or clmorse@fuse.net)

- **NANA needs Fundraising and Beautification committee members. There is always a flexible schedule for specific beautification tasks!**
- Tutors at NAM anytime Mon.-Fri from 8am-4pm. Contact Lisa Herod at 254.6057 or lherod@yahoo.com.
- Tutors: Call Nichole Aldridge at 363-5530 (South Avondale) or Shalon Price at 363-4777 (Rockdale).

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