

NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good fences make good neighbors – and a good fence probably would have saved Baron, our dog, from showing up at the front door with a mangled dead animal stuffed in his mouth. George was horrified – because it was the neighbor's rabbit. Oh, this was trouble! But George swiftly assessed the situation and took action. Extricating the rabbit from Baron, he flew upstairs with this stinky, now-stiff bunny, plunged it into the bathtub, and poured shampoo into every gnarled crevice. Rinsing away the mud and blood, George grabbed my hairdryer and blew that bunny a new pompadour! It was stiff, but beautiful. Sneaking through the side yard, he stuck this pitiful fluff ball back in its cage, and slinked away.

Two days later, I ran into my neighbor at Kroger. "How ya doin' Rose?" I say.

"Okay I guess," she says, "but the strangest thing happened."

"Oh?" say I, frantically fanning my flushed face.

"You see, the kids had this rabbit, but it died, so we buried it. But would you believe, a couple a days ago, that bunny showed up back in its cage!

Which brings me to our bordering neighbors in Paddock Hills. NANA has a very rare opportunity to build good fences and good relationships with Paddock Hills. The ARMORY is soon to be sold and the city will most likely purchase it. This is where the good neighbor part begins. Recently, folks from North Avondale and Paddock Hills met with City Manager Valerie Lemmie and the Community Development to discuss the future of this valuable property across from Avon Field Golf Course. After much sharing, the city suggested that Paddock Hills and North Avondale unite in a planning effort.

So we did. A couple of weeks ago, the old 2002 committee for the redevelopment of the Armory property met. We came up with this motion:

"Paddock Hills Assembly and North Avondale neighborhood Association present to their membership a motion to create of a Not For Profit Neighborhood Owned Development Corporation to develop the Armory Property on Reading Rd. Initially the Corporation shall consist of seven trustees, three trustees appointed by the Paddock Hills Assembly and three trustees appointed by the North Avondale Neighborhood Association and a chairman agreed to by both neighborhood associations. The purpose of the corporation will be to represent the neighborhoods in the development of the Armory Property and any other properties should the opportunity arise.

If you care about what happens to the Armory property, the next NANA meeting is vital. We're going to elect three NANA members to serve on this new Development Corporation!

Please, for all that is good and neighborly – DON'T elect George to this committee!

Marilyn Smith

MULTI LISTING SERVICE (MLS) TURNS DOWN NANA'S REQUEST FOR SEPARATE LISTING

The following is a response to the letter sent from NANA and also published in the October 2004 NANA NEWS

Thank you for your request regarding the creation of an SIC (suburb code) for North Avondale.

Two MLS Committees and the MLS Board of Directors reviewed and discussed your request, approximately 60 brokers, agents and appraisers in all.

After much discussion, the Committees and Directors decided to deny your request. After providing them with the maps you gave me, the statistics compiled from the MLS, and the feelings from people on the Committees who know the area, their main reasons to deny are as follows in no specific order:

- 1) The communities of Avondale and North Avondale are still lacking the overwhelming support for this separation to occur, as shown by the contested area on the maps;
- 2) That this is more of an act to separate an area of growth and development from an area of less growth and development;
- 3) That by creating a new SIC in this situation will only provide a new venue for Realtors to try to market lesser priced property in a higher priced SIC, which fixes nothing.

The MLS leadership is looking at creating less segregation and more unification to make the MLS, the tool for the Realtors, less difficult to use and less difficult to find property for sale. Because of this, yours is not the first request to be denied for this type of SIC breakdown.

Jim Abele, MLS Manager

NANA GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

TUESDAY

APRIL 12, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER

617 Clinton Springs Ave.

- Armory Development (see President's article)



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP COMBINED WITH GREEN-UP DAY ON SATURDAY MAY 14TH: Due to Passover beginning at sundown on the scheduled City Wide Great American Clean-Up, NANA has chosen to combine the Great American Clean-up with Green-up Day on Saturday May 14th. We will need lots of volunteers to plant flowers, mulch, and pick up litter.

EARTH DAY: North Avondale residents are encouraged to bring your children and check out Earth Day at Sawyer Point, Saturday, April 16 from 1:00 to dark. This year's Earth Day celebration will have many activities for children and adults, including a rock climbing wall, national folk artists including Cheryl Wheeler, Willy Porter, Clumsy Lovers and Kaki King. For more information, please contact Amy Miller at (513) 242-4401 x7164 or Pati Schultz at (513) 569-7966.

2005 FREE COMPUTER RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT

By: Emily Gambrell, Public Affairs Intern

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) will conduct its 5th annual Computer Recycling Collection Event on June 4 – June 11, 2005. This event is open to **Hamilton County businesses and residents only**. All interested parties must register in order to participate. **Registration deadline is April 29, 2005.**

The following items **will** be accepted at the event: CPUs, hard drives, monitors, printers, fax machines, main frames, laptops, mice, keyboards, speakers, docking stations, PDAs, cell phones, cables, chips, circuit boards, backup batteries, and scanners. The following items will **NOT** be accepted: televisions, telephones, stereo equipment, telephone switches, and copiers.

Businesses and schools registering more than 100 large pieces (i.e. monitors, CPU's) **MUST** drop off their unwanted equipment on pallets and shrink wrapped.

To register for the event visit www.hcdoes.org. All those interested must register by April 29, 2005.

YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES THE WEEK OF APRIL 3

NORTH AVONDALE BUSINESS DISTRICT RECEIVES \$9,000 CITY MONEY

The business district in North Avondale has received Neighborhood Business District Support Funds for 2005. The funding Program is intended to support recognized business districts (NBDs) in 34 Cincinnati neighborhoods. It is administered by Invest In Neighborhoods who also administers the Neighborhood Support Program which yearly funds the 52 neighborhoods \$7,000 each.

The \$9,000 is earmarked for new signage, plants, a brochure, database development and litter control. The first project is to hire a company to help in developing the concept for the signage and brochure. **Interested individuals please call the NANA Office at 221-6166 or email clmorse@fuse.net.**



CINCINNATI PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION HOLDS HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR MAY 7TH IN NORTH AVONDALE

On Saturday, May 7, 2005, from noon to 6:00 p.m., Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) will present a tour of eight impressive historic houses in North Avondale. 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.

The homes on tour include **3836 Reading Road**, a Tudor Revival design newly renovated after years of neglect; **700 Betula Avenue**, an Elizabethan fantasy in stone, stucco and tile; **718 Betula Avenue**, a serene Craftsman-style house; **3837 Rose Hill Avenue**, a one-of-a-kind eclectic residence that cost \$20,000 in 1908; **3953 Rose Hill Avenue**, a sophisticated American Foursquare with three porches; **960 Avondale Avenue**, a grand Mediterranean Revival house designed by a major American architect; **952 Lenox Place**, an imposing residence in the Late Romanesque Revival mode, and **1390 Winding Way**, a rare example of the French Eclectic style in Cincinnati.

In the late Victorian era, North Avondale was famed as a "beautiful [suburb]" where "Cincinnati's merchant princes and millionaires" built "elegant cottages, tasteful villas, and substantial mansions." In the early 20th century, leading architects of the day were hired to create splendid homes in Period Revival modes as well as more daring styles. **Today, the neighborhood remains one of Cincinnati's most vibrant and livable communities.**

CPA Trustee John S. Bendel is chairing the event and **Mary Piper** (Avondale Ave.) is a member of the committee. Proceeds from the tour will benefit the CPA.

Founded in 1964, CPA (formerly known as the Miami Purchase Association for Historic Preservation) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocacy and education for the preservation of the historic built environment in Cincinnati.

Hirsch Recreation Center April Activities

Hours Mon. - Thurs. 12-9 p.m., Fri. 12-7 p.m.

Karate Classes Tues. & Thurs. 6:30-8:30

(see instructor Brown for fee)

Women & Young Ladies Fitness Class 1 hour of a combination of cardio fitness & hammerstrength training Tues. & Thurs., 5-6 pm. Free with membership

Old School ASL Social Jam

When: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 6 p.m. to midnight

Cost: \$5.00 per person

What's UP: music w/DJ, line dancing, cards, chess, dance competition for prizes. Refreshments & food for purchase.

Bicycle Helmet available for youth, call the Center for more information

14-17 yr old Teen Basketball League on Mondays, call for more information

3630 Reading Road ■ 751-3393

Call For Volunteers!

Cincinnati Preservation Association House Tour

A total of over 170 volunteers are needed for CPA's 2005 North Avondale House Tour on May 7th. Two shifts are available, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. All volunteers receive a free house tour ticket, so that they may enjoy touring all the homes before or after their volunteer shift. Persons interested in volunteering should contact Rebecca Stone at info@cincinnatiapreservation.org or (513) 721-4506.



NANA NEIGHBORS

The New School (Burton Woods Lane) visits Washington. The 2005 class of sixth graders made a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. March 20 to 27, to study our nation's history. This year, the class toured the White House and visited with Cincinnati's Congressman Steve Chabot.

NANA Nominating Committee comprised of Sulayman Bajo (Eaton Ln), Teresa Harten (Lenox Pl), John Jones (Marion), Gerry Kraus (Stratford Pl) and Marilyn Smith (Rose Hill) met on March 17th to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2005/2006. The slate will be announced at the April General Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Bishop F.C. Scoot, (Marion) Chief Apostle of House of God Inc., loving husband for 65 years of Elect Lady Edith B. Scott Passed March 7 at age 81.

Gussie Bell Jefferson (Greenwood), loving wife of Fulton Jefferson Sr., devoted mother of Wayne and Fulton Jr., Dora Gaynor & Darlene Harris. Known for 14 years on WAIF 88.3 F.M. as Mother Jefferson, every Wednesday Morning the "gospel of Good News as she played songs of praise and declaring that "We can take the city back by prayer and living our lives for Christ" She passed March 20th at the age of 65.

Dr. Alexander Ehoodin. (Belvedere), age 85, passed away March 12, 2005, beloved husband of the late Helen G. Ehoodin, devoted father of Peter and Andrea Ehoodin (Beechwood), loving grandfather of Lydia, Nicholas and Alexander Ehoodin.

Kathy McLees (Formerly of Marion) and owner of the Fig Leaf of Hyde Park died suddenly this past March.

ALL ARE INVITED TO BURTON SCHOOL

APRIL 16, 12:00 TO 3:00

By Pauline Daly

As part of CPS' Showcase of schools Burton School will welcome all interested parties on April 16th, 12-3. Burton is the neighborhood school serving North Avondale and it is located at 876 Glenwood Ave, adjoining Hirsch Rec. Center.

After school opportunities include the 21st Century programs at Burton, Girls' Club, Girls' Dance Club, Young Gentlemen's Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girls' and Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball. Additionally students can take part in CRC Afterschool programs at Hirsch.

Burton has a strong emphasis on Language Arts and academics in general. Two Sixth graders had poems published in Kidz Magazine, a national publication. Dibels is being used to assess reading skills and focus interventions. Language!, an intervention curriculum, is being piloted and will be expanded so that the needs of all students are met. Intervention Specialists work with classroom teachers to meet students special needs, including the Gifted and Talented. Graduates go on to many high schools, including Walnut Hills. Last year Burton met the Federal Average Yearly Performance (AYP) in math, reading and attendance and is in the Continuous Improvement category (the middle of five categories).

As a Comer school, Burton recognizes that parents and families are at the center of change. Burton is committed to CPS' Discipline Reform using Positive Behavior Supports and Academic Reform using data and strategies, thereby creating a Positive School Culture. Nonviolence training is being used in conjunction to help with strategies and support the peaceful community. The Civil Rights era has lessons for us today and teachers will incorporate this in their classes. The adults are learning how to help our children meet life's challenges by understanding each other's point of view and being more aware of the consequences of choices.

Burton has a full time Health Center serving the needs of our children. The Mosaic Vineyard Church meets at the school on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm to welcome and support families. Jack & Jill has a Saturday tutoring program. Just completed was the second annual Career Week for all grades, with many occupations being represented. The children were excited and asked many serious questions. Opportunities for future mentoring developed.

This is our community school. Come and see what you are missing.

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.



**NORTH
AVONDALE
RECREATION
CENTER
961-1584**

Basketball: North Avondale had nine different basketball teams under the direction of Tim Patton. They all had a 500 or better record for the season. The 6th grade girls' team was undefeated in their league. In the tournament they came in second place, this was their only loss.

Summer Day Camp: Registration is happening now! The Summer Day Camp runs from Monday, June 13th – Friday, August 12th. The fee is \$650.00 plus Center membership (\$5) & pool token (cost to be announced).

Art Show: On Friday, May 6th from 6 pm – 7:30 pm we are hosting an Art Show. You are cordially invited to attend. We hope that you find time to come and enjoy mingling with your neighbors, friends and families of the North Avondale Center. Many of the exhibits will be for sale. Come up to see what we are doing at the center and to support a local artist.

Knot Hole Baseball Both the North Avondale and Hirsch Recreation Centers are involved in the knot hole baseball program this Spring for ages 5 – 12. For more information call N. Avondale 961-1584 or Hirsch 751-3393. **Nike for the Reuse-A-Shoe Event** April 16th – April 30th the North Avondale Center will be a drop off site to recycle gym shoes.

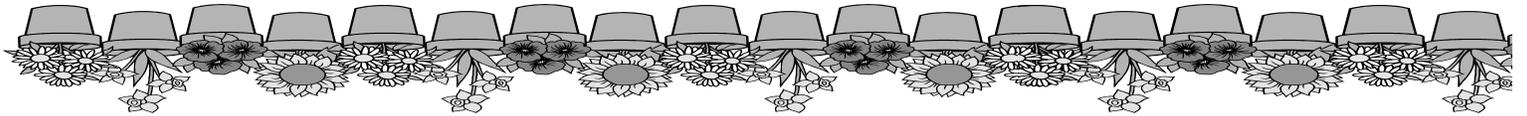
These shoes are to be recycled into athletic surfaces. A **Special Bin** will be at the Center for this Special Recycling Program. The hours will be Monday – Friday 9am – 8pm and Sat. noon – 2pm and Sun. 11am – 1pm. (Please remove cleats and leave shoes untied – and remember athletic shoes only!) **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

New Staff: We have a familiar face here at the North Avondale Center. As a child, Michael Ward participated at the center. We are happy to have him back as a staff member.

Recycle: Please be reminded that we have a 24 hour recycling bin in the rear of our parking lot. This is for paper, glass and plastic. Thank you for doing your part for the environment.

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT NUMBERS

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563
1 st VP: Michael Walton _____	961-8850	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
2 nd VP: Barbara Henshaw _____	961-5275	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
3 rd VP: Ellen Epstein _____	304-6703	Master Plan Implementation: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
Corresponding Sec.: John Arthur _____	961-4717	NANA Coordinator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221-6166
Recording Secretary: Steve Kenat _____	242-3492	Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse _____	Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov _____ 352-3902
Treasurer: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777



NANA MEETING APRIL 12
REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!

Current Resident Or:

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NANA CALENDAR

- Thursday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. **CPOP** Meeting at District 4 Police Station, Reading Road
- Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday May 14, 9:30-1:30 Combined **GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP AND GREEN-UP DAY**. Seasongood Park