



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Found a wooden alto clarinet in the attic last week. Mighty old, but a warm reminder of the holiday season. It was time to see Grandma and Big G as we called Grandpa, cousins, aunts, uncles, and anybody else. Everyone was musical, especially G, who had everyone drag out any instrument, to form an instant caroling troupe. G, being a Withrow band teacher and bandmaster of Smitties Band could make any instrument work in harmony. One year we had two trumpets, baritone, clarinet, two voices (the choir), and one violin. He made it work, furiously writing new arrangements in the corners of old caroling books. And off we traipsed into the cold, to bring joy and good will to friends and family all over Greater Cincinnati. It was a wonderful tradition.

In North Avondale a new "tradition" is emerging called the Luminary Walk on Sunday evening, December 11 at 6:00 pm. This is the third year for the walk which is expanded to include Rose Hill, Beechwood, Avon Woods, Betula, Red Bud, Burton Woods, parts of Mitchell, Reading Road and Clinton Springs. Come, see the lights, join the walk and spread good cheer to you neighbors. Its magical, its inclusive, its tradition!

*Marilyn Smith.*

### THE BELVEDERE'S 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY By Michelle Baxter

The Belvedere was conceived and built to epitomize the Queen City's unique identity, cultural sophistication and tradition of permanence. The Belvedere was the first luxury high rise apartment built in Cincinnati in 1925. It was built by Jacob Warm and Frank Messer. The Belvedere is a 12-floor building with 84 condominium units. The gaslight streets surrounding the building located at Rose Hill, Reading Road, and Clinton Springs Avenue were some of the most sought after addresses in town. In the 1920's apartment living was unheard of in Cincinnati, once one left the central downtown area. However the Belvedere's cosmopolitan reputation spread fast within the elite social circles of Cincinnati. It became so popular that even the most influential could not get in because of the waiting list. The building was modeled after another luxury apartment building located on Park Avenue in New York City. The Belvedere's "New York Style" captivated and demanded the attention of all Cincinnatians. Many famous Cincinnati names have resided there over the past 80 years. Designed in Italian Renaissance, it is a landmark within our community. There are 12 small oval murals depicting pastoral scenes, with colorful and ornate patterns on an ivy background. The paintings are attributed to the late Herman Wessel, an established Cincinnati painter in the early -to- mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century. But because there are no clues, dates or signatures that indicate the artist's identity, after 80 years, the artist is still a mystery. The architectural history is highlighted by carved decorative limestone on the exterior, a wrought iron appointment both inside and out, a breathe taking oil painting on canvas in the lobby, ornate brass and wrought iron lamps at the front entrance, a U.S. Post Office mail chute (that still operates) and a beautiful roof top garden terrace, which provides a panoramic view of the city. Jack Wolking, President of The Board of

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Each year you and your neighbors donate around \$10,000 which is added to the Neighborhood Support (NSP) monies to help run the neighborhood. In 2005 the City cut our NSP budget from \$12,000 to \$7,000. Therefore, we asked the neighborhood to make up the difference. So far 447 (out of 2,820 households) have donated \$11,764.96. Up from previous years but short of our goal to cover the NSP budget cut. There are 287 people who usually pay dues who have not yet paid. We have one month left.

**Please Pay your NANA Dues Today!**

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

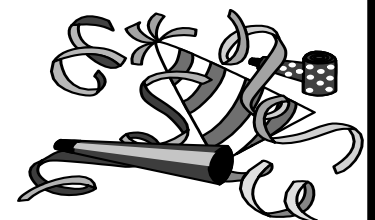
Annual Dues \$5  \$10  \$25  \$50  or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.  
 Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

NANA GENERAL MEETING  
 TUESDAY  
 DECEMBER 12,  
 &  
 JANUARY 9,  
 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE  
 RECREATION CENTER  
 617 Clinton Springs Ave.

Happy Holidays



Happy New Year



**NORTH  
AVONDALE  
RECREATION  
CENTER  
961-1584**

**HIRSCH  
RECREATION  
CENTER  
751-3393**

November was a big month for us.

· About 300 voters came into the N. Avondale Center on election day, we had a bake sale to raise money for the Hirsch Center's Drill Team.

· 300 folks attended the play "Maybe It's Mayberry" on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

· We hosted a "Shoot Out" on the 19<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for our 9 basketball teams.

· We had a Home alone safety workshop presented by Good Samaritan Nursing Students.

**In December:**

· CRC will present Dazzle Days (activities for children to include crafts, games, face painting and give-a-ways) at Tower Place Mall (above the food court in the old Banana Republic Store) on Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 3pm, starting Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

· The basketball season begins this month. On

Monday nights we host the Colt's Instructional League (5-7 year olds) beginning at 4:45pm. We also have the Pony League (8-9 year olds) beginning at 6:45 pm.

· Holiday Camp for the Elementary Children (Dec. 19 – 23 will be \$75 and Dec. 27 – 30 will be \$60) all campers must have a membership card.

· Open Gym Basketball will be on Wednesdays and Fridays through out the winter.

· We will be closing at 6 pm the last two weeks of Dec.

**In January:**

· Closed on January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the New Year Holiday

· Closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

· Have an all day Day Camp on January 27 (CPS's Records Day) \$20 for non campers.

· Senior Classics Business Meeting will be at 10 am on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

· Computer Classes (\$10) will be held on Tuesday & Thursday from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

· On going classes for seniors are fields trips, Line Dancing, yoga, Scrap booking and knitting.

· Hirsch will be closed: : December 26, 05 and January 2, 06 (holidays)

· Holiday Hours (non Day Camp) December 19-30<sup>th</sup>: Youths 12 & Under 11:30-3:00PM Teens & Adults 3:00-6:30 p.m.

· Holiday Game Camp for kids 6-12 yrs. Dec.19-30<sup>th</sup> 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> \$50.00 per week Fun Activities, Movie, Skating, Trips, and a daily snack.

· Holiday Event Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m.

· Basketball Programs for ages 5-7 yrs.; 8 & 9 yrs.; 10 & under; 13 & under; 14-17 yrs. Leagues begin Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Call or visit the center for more information.

· Senior programs and activities (Tues, Weds, Thurs with Karen Milford). Call or visit the center for more info.

· Stay fit or get fit beginning now for 2006. New aerobic classes Tuesday and Thursdays 5:45-7 p.m. Jan.3, 2006 Free w/membership.

· Fitness Room 11:45 – 8:45 Monday-Thursday 11:45- 7:45 p.m. Fridays. \$10.00 a quarter w/center membership.

· New or gently used Coats or shoes accepted to distribute to those in need. Drop items off at the center or call us to pick them up.

· 2006 January Hours of Operation: M-Th 10-9 p.m., F 11:30-8 p.m.

· Center Closed January 2, New Years, January 16, MLK Day

· Membership Prices for Hirsch Now Reduced in 2006.

· Youth, Teen, Seniors 50+ \$3.00, Adults & Fitness \$10.00 for 3 Mth.

· Aerobics Classes Kick Off for 2006 January 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:45 – 7 p.m. Every Tuesday & Thursday 5:45-7 p.m. Free with center membership.



**NANA NEIGHBORS**

**Tim Morrison & Amy Gaudio-Morrison** (Dakota Ave.)

After being in shoe wholesale for 15 plus years they thought Cincinnati ought to have a great place to shop for unique shoes So here it is.... **Morrison & Me** ✦ 2009 Madison road in Obryonville (just look for the big shoe) ✦ 513-232-shoe ✦ Hours are Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is plenty of parking in the lot directly across the street from their shop

**Bella & Harold Kalter** (Lenox Ln.) were featured on

Tuesday, November 15 in the Enquirer for donating their carob tree to the Krohn Conservatory's Tropical House in celebration of their 60 years of marriage.

**NANA NOTATIONS**

The **Cincinnati Preservation Association Holiday House**

**Tour** is on Sunday, December 11, 3 - 7 p.m. in East Walnut Hills, featuring six homes on Annwood and Wold. If you are interested in volunteering to work a two hour shift, they need more people to work in the houses. You will receive a complimentary ticket for the tour. The number to call to volunteer or to purchase tickets is 721-4506.

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Directors for The Belvedere stated, "their foundation is racially diverse, multi-aged and reflects many different professions and varieties of life styles. It is not homogenized like some other condos; it is the only rare luxury apartment building that is part of a neighborhood." Jack is passionate and committed to the community by having strong values and by keeping the architectural legacy alive in our City. The architectural beauty should not only represent a by gone era but should also remind all residents of the remarkable changes our neighborhood has been through over the years. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, between 6-9p.m., The Belvedere will be participating in the North Avondale "Luminary Stroll" and will be our beacon of light to pave the way into once was and still is the most sought after homes in Cincinnati. The Belvedere will always be the Citadel of quality within our wonderful neighborhood.

**HAPPY 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!!!!**





**DECEMBER & JANUARY AT  
NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS**

**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL • 363-3900  
615 Clinton Springs**

- 5 - 9 Book Fair, 7:30 to 3:00 each day
- 7 Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.
- Come early for Book Fair 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 22 - 2 Holiday Break - *No School*

**January**

- 3 Market Day Pickup 6:30 - 7:30pm
- 6 Pizza and Family Game Night
- 9-20 Sibling Enrollment
- 16 Records Day - *No School*
- 19 Martin Luther King - *No School*
- 26 Schools of Choice Fair, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Xavier University's Cintas Center
- 30 General & In-quadrant Enrollment Begins
- 31 Market Day Pickup 6:30 - 7:30pm

**BURTON SCHOOL • 363-9700 876 Glenwood Ave**

**December Theme is Cooperation**

- 18 Winter Program
- 22 - 2 Holiday Break - *No School*

**January Theme is Honesty & Integrity**

- 15 Academic Fair
- 16 Records Day - *No School*
- 19 Martin Luther King - *No School*
- 23 Awards Assembly

Thanks to your help Boy Scouts will continue.

**THE NEW SCHOOL • 281-7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane  
43 Students from The New School Raise over \$1000 for  
Hurricane Relief**

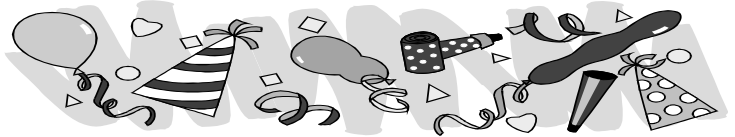
Forty three students from The New School held a fund raiser for victims of Hurricane Katrina and raised over \$1000 that will be donated to the Red Cross. The New School Student Board, consisting of two students from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades organized the fundraiser, which included a performance by a band comprised of former and current New School students. On December 2, Andrea Radd, a representative from the American Red Cross, will visit The New School to be presented with a check for \$1035.30.

**HORSING AROUND TOWN  
By Michelle Baxter**

Jazz Cann (Clinton Springs) wife of Allen B. Cann, a North Avondale resident since 1968, has been living an equestrienne lifestyle, ever since she was a little girl. She is employed by Elegant Carriage and has been driving carriages for many years around The Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. Jazz takes pride and joy in dedicating long hours at the stable to care for her horse Zachary, which was rescued only a year ago from being malnourished. Zach is a magnificent and healthy 6 year old black Percheron horse that has considerable stamina and is an excellent trotter. In early October, Jazz took me on a ride of a life time throughout the city but more importantly through our neighborhood. The round trip carriage ride was a total of 12 miles. We started and finished the ride in Over-the-Rhine. Zachary pulled us up Liberty Hill, over Highland to University, Vernon to Harvey, Washington to Clinton Springs, Burton Woods, Leyman, RedBud, Rose Hill and Beechwood. There was nothing better than actually feeling true horse power and our gas mileage was amazing! Spending the day riding through our neighborhood on an old fashion carriage was enchanting. It reminded me of how it once was before and during the turn of the century. Jazz is down to earth and has a wonderful philosophy on life. She has a magnetic personality and one of the best senses of humor. She truly knows how to have fun and will entertain you beyond your wildest imagination. One of the highlights to our adventure was when Jazz pulled up next to a car at a traffic light, to explain that we were lost. She would simply ask for directions to I-75 North or better yet Jungle Jim's. It was quite hilarious how many people actually gave us legitimate directions. It was even more hilarious that the two of us kept a straight face, while they gave us directions. The whole idea behind taking this ride through town was to scan the area for future carriage rides in our neighborhood during the luminary stroll. Unfortunately carriage rides will not happen this year, but with more support and participation it may be possible in the future. The best part of this adventure was receiving the warm greetings from residents within our community who came out of their houses to greet us with cheers and smiles. Our neighborhood's reputation is drastically changing and the positive feedback we received in just one day by "horsing around town" on a carriage was just the start in expanding our horizons.

I would encourage all residents this holiday season to book a carriage ride reservation with Jazz Cann, for a fun filled night out on the town for the whole family to enjoy!

For more information, please contact Jazz Cann at 235-4809.



**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION**

**Christmas trees and regular yard waste will be collected from 12/26 through 1/7 when set out on the regular waste collection day. No tree stands, ornaments or lights, please. After 1/7, until April citizens must schedule a pickup for yard waste or Christmas trees on their normal day by calling 591-6000.**

**PARTNERING FOR CHILDREN**

**By Pauline Daly**

We want to form a partnership with Bushido, NANA, Avondale Community Council and the schools to help children understand each other and learn nonviolent solutions.

Bushido is a martial arts program which is a Way of Life. It has been in Cincinnati over 30 years and in recent years has operated out of the Old Firehouse at 639 Rockdale Ave. Sessions are held 6-8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10-12 on Saturdays. 221-4900

Young people 16-25 can take part in the internship program and be paid \$6 per hour.

They teach computer skills to children from the discarded computer equipment that is given them. If you have any you don't want they would make good use of the donation.

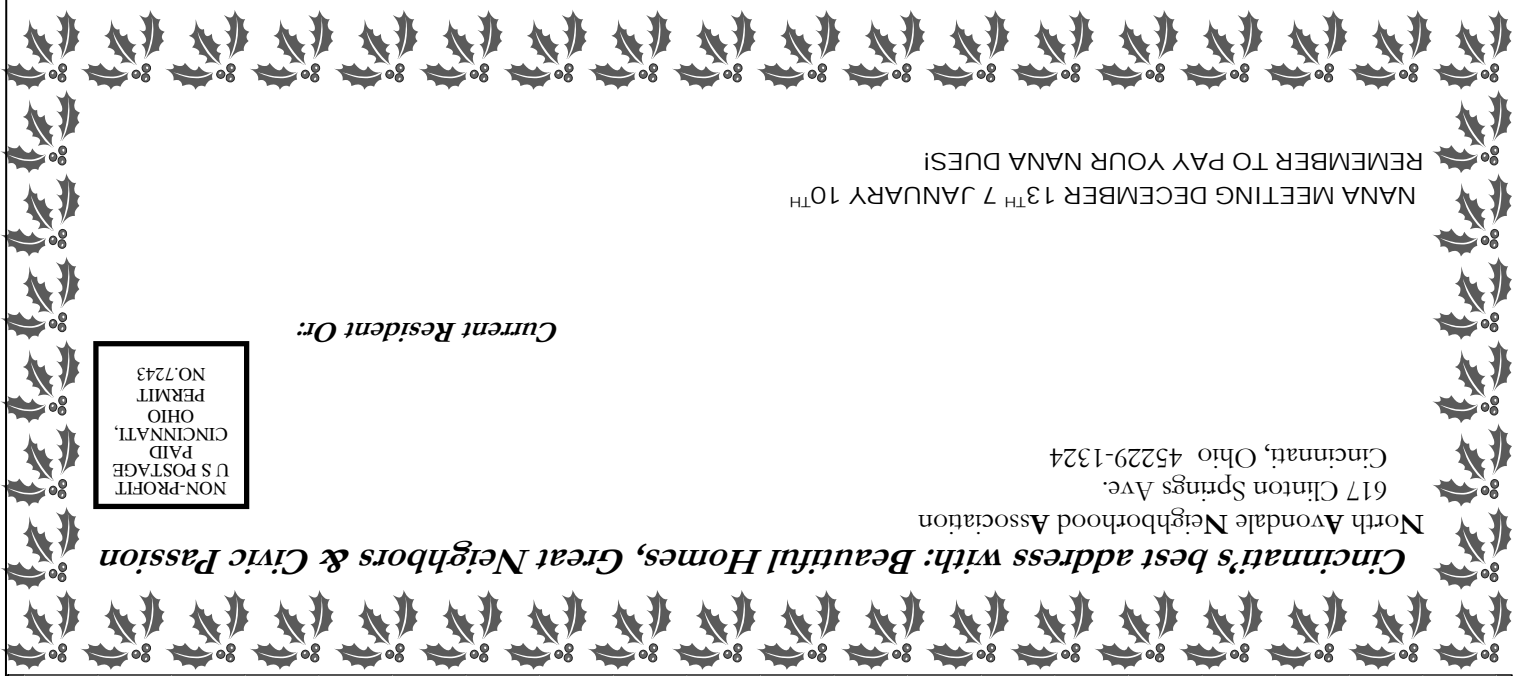
We need to form a committee of representatives from NANA and the Avondale Community Council to look at the ideas and give input about the application we would like to submit in January for Asset Forfeiture funds. Are you interested? Call Pauline at 751-8334

**City Winter Operations** In general, barring any extreme ice or weather conditions, citizens can expect:

- \*On primary routes, at least one (1) lane will be open each way to allow traffic to flow within 24 hours after the end of an average storm (up to 3 ins. in 25 degree weather and up).
- \*On residential routes, a single lane will be open to allow traffic to flow after the primary routes are cleared, or about 36 hours after the end of an average storm (up to 3 inches in 25 degree weather or warmer).
- \*Extreme conditions may extend the treatment time to more than 48 hours (i.e. more than four shifts) after the end of the storm to provide a single lane open for traffic flow.
- \*The City uses three treatment methods. *Anti-icing* is a pre-treatment product (salt or salt brine) used on the streets to avoid snow or ice binding to roadways. *De-icing* occurs by using calcium chloride and salt on streets during the storm to melt snow or ice precipitation. Finally, *plowing* uses snow implements to remove higher accumulations of snow before using deicing products and is the slowest method.

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

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
1st VP: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
2nd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
3rd 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	<b>NANA Executive &amp; NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____</b>	<b>221-6166</b>
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Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	<b>City Complaint/Request Hotline _____</b>	591-6000
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 DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 7 JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!

*Current Resident Or:*

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- CPOP Meeting (if held), First Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. District 4 Police Station, Call NANA Office to confirm
- Saturday, December 11 starting at 6:00 p.m. North Avondale 2005 Luminary Stroll
- Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs

**NANA CALENDAR**