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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you all and wishes for a happy and healthy 2007! The new year brings the promise of more good things for our neighborhood and there's a lot of good work from 2006 to build upon. Thank you to everyone who donated, assembled and delivered the cookies NANA gave to local organizations.

As we make more efficient your lines of communications to NANA with the website, you can more easily notify us of quality of life issues (abandoned buildings, - thank you to everyone who called us - tall weeds, etc). Remember, whether you fill out a Nuisance Complaint form on our website (northavondalecincinnati.com) or on the City of Cincinnati's website (cincinnati-oh.gov), you can track the status of the complaint online on the city's CAGIS ezTRack Online Services website: <http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/>). Remember, it may take a couple of weeks for your request to show up and the process does take a little time. Also, please check the ezTRack site to make sure that there isn't already a duplicate entry for the same address since we may already be working on fixing the problem.

I hope to see you at the next General Meeting where you will learn if and when they will be building the North Avondale Montessori Public School. (see article) I'd also like to hear your thoughts for making our neighborhood a better place, whether it means a cool idea for a vacant property or building or even a fun, outdoor event that could bring us all together when the Spring season arrives!

Tim Yosmali

NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOL BUILDING MAY BE REPLACED

By Gerry Kraus

NANA has been informed that the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) is considering replacing the present North Avondale School building with a new building as part of its Facilities Master Plan. The original plan was to renovate the existing building, providing updated electronics, fixtures and furniture as well as air conditioning. **School officials will discuss this new plan at the February 13 NANA meeting.** This change raises several questions:

- Why has the plan to renovate been changed to replace the present building?
- What are the present deficiencies that need to be corrected?
- Where will the students in the present Montessori program be relocated while the present structure is demolished and a new structure built? It is estimated that it will take 3-4 years after students have been relocated before they can return, based on the current experience in replacing the Bond Hill and Kilgour schools.
- Will having a new building improve the academic quality of a school? The North Avondale Montessori School is currently rated as an academic "high achieving" school.
- What will happen to the Recreation Center, the gym, the multi-purpose room, the tennis courts, the ball fields, the nature trails and the Sgt. Sam Kessler Memorial entrance? Many of these are jointly used by both Recreation and the School.
- Has consideration been given to the historic significance and architectural uniqueness of the present structure?
- Has consideration been given to how disruptions in replacing the present school building will affect the present Montessori program and/or the North Avondale neighborhood?

HISTORY: When the present school was opened in 1949 its unique art deco design was heralded as "bold and innovative... the first modern school in Cincinnati - the first to break from the columns and ornamentation of traditional styles." It was also the first building here with a poured-in-place concrete exterior. Sited on a rounded hilly corner, its façade curves with the corner. According to a *Cincinnati Enquirer* article, "the most forward-looking feature of the original design was the provision for community facilities...the auditorium, multi-purpose gymnasium and lunchroom could be used by the community without opening or heating the rest of the school." In 1976 an addition to the original building, also "bold and innovative", was completed. The old and new wings were linked with a series of diagonal corridors to form courtyards. The interior open space

NANA GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7:30 p.m.
NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA

- North Avondale School - Principal Whitney Simmons, Representatives from Cincinnati Public Schools & the Recreation Commission

2007 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
name date

Address _____

Email Address _____

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

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NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL
?363-3900 ? 615 Clinton Springs Avenue

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jamie Donaldson, a coordinator of volunteers for North Avondale Montessori offers a rewarding and fun opportunity for volunteers.

North Avondale Montessori has identified a number of children who would benefit from a tutor. Jamie is asking for your much NEEDED help.

There are 2 wonderful tutoring opportunities.

1. During school hours: 30 minutes weekly, Tutor any grade K-6 in reading, writing or math, any time between 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
2. "Super Saturdays": a two month commitment, February 24 - April 28, 9 AM to 12 Noon (includes a two week spring break), tutoring math and reading.

Free training is available for those who desire it. Groups and students seeking service hours are welcome. Potential tutors get a free background check though Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (475.4165).

Anyone who is interested can contact Jamie at donalja@cps-k12.org or leave a voice mail message at 363.9652. Thank you for your consideration. - Jamie Donaldson

February:

- 12 - Monday, is Out of Quadrant Sign Ups starting at 6:00 a.m. at North Avondale Office. We are Quadrant 3.
- 16 - Friday, is a Professional Development Day - No Students
- 19 - Monday, is President's Day - No School

BURTON SCHOOL
?363-9700 ? 876 Glenwood Ave

All Our Children Deserve the Best Education - NOW

When today's 5th graders are high school seniors the new Ohio standards will be in effect. The greater requirements will prepare students for college or a good entry level job.

Educational foundation's and federal government studies, show the serious need for higher expectations in the educational system in this country. It is not enough to have a small segment of the population educated. The few jobs that require only physical labor cannot be depended on to support a family and seldom have benefits such as health insurance.

In Cincinnati and, especially in our community, CPS continues with two school systems that demonstrate the disparity in CPS, our community and Cincinnati. The majority of schools that are at the academic bottom predominately serve African American and low income children. Three elementary schools serving this population showed enough progress to be labeled "Schools of Choice", and CPS decided to close them even though the nearest schools for them to attend are academically ranked lower.

At a recent CPS Board meeting, the board passed a resolution to require that students who are moved to different schools because of changes in the Facility Building plan would go to a school that is academically equal or better. This will pose a problem for Burton students since South Avondale is in Academic Emergency below Burton's Continuous Improvement.

This is not Justice! Segments of society that have been shorted whenever EQUALITY is distributed need the best of the education they need, not the Left Overs.

THE NEW SCHOOL
? 281-7999 ? 3 Burton Woods Lane

On **February 10**, make The New School one of your stops during the Fine Arts Fund Weekend Sampler. From 2 to 3 p.m., the Toy Lab will conduct a creative toy-building workshop for children using recycled materials.

HEY NEIGHBORS! IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Are you looking for a great way to strengthen and support an

important North Avondale resource?

The New School's annual auction is scheduled for March 10, 2007 at the 20th Century Theatre in Oakley. This exciting event consists of both a silent and live auction, containing a huge array of interesting items, with approximately 300 silent auction offerings valued at \$20 to \$1000, and about 30 featured items in the live auction valued from \$700 to \$4000. With this year's experienced auctioneer, Jonas Karp of Main Auction Galleries, and our exciting new location, we are anticipating a record year.

Critical to our mission is having our school's excellent, academically challenging curriculum, and nurturing environment accessible to as many children as possible. Our annual budgeted auction goal for this year is \$60,000 and it is essential to our operating budget, with a **significant portion going to tuition assistance.**

We greatly appreciate the generosity of our neighbors and local businesses that help support the school. This year we are offering different types of donation opportunities. All donors are acknowledged on our website, in the program, and during the live auction. Donation methods include:

1. **Business underwriting:** Be an auction sponsor and help defray auction expenses to maximize profits and benefits to the kids.
2. **Matching Funds Contribution.** Match the winning bid on a live-auction item to generate bidding excitement and good publicity for your business. Donations will go to our Scholarship Endowment.
2. **50-50 Consignment donation.** Consignment proceeds benefit both the school and the business or donor.
3. **Donations of any kind.** Items such as tickets to events, gift baskets, gift certificates, passes to attractions, photo sessions, or anything else you can think of to help the school.
4. **YOUR IDEAS and connections!** Most importantly we could use your ideas and connections to help make this event successful.

Please visit our website at www.goTNSauction.com for ideas, to learn more about the event, and to view our auction items donated so far. If you would like to help, buy tickets, or have questions please call The New School or email us at info@goTNSauction.com.

I N M E M O R I A M

Eddy Adarve, (Avondale Av) died Thursday, December 14, 2006 from complications from injuries he suffered falling off the roof of his home Sept. 25. He was 41.

Eddy, a native of Colombia, came here 20 years ago to attend Xavier University. He was coach of the Withrow International High School soccer team and for grade-school children from North Avondale Montessori.

On December 12, hundreds of friends, neighbors, family members and soccer players held a candlelight prayer vigil on his front lawn. Simultaneous vigils were held in Colombia, Mauritania, Morocco, Japan, Germany, Norway, New Zealand and Atlanta.

In addition to his wife Lisa, survivors include three sons, Norwin, 11, Maximus, 9, Simon 2; and a infant daughter, Lucia.

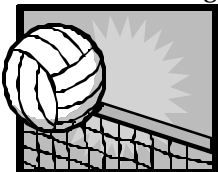
A fund has been set up to help the family. Donations may be dropped off at any 5th/3rd branch earmarked the Eddy Adarve Fund. Or sent to: The Eddy Adarve Fund ? 2150 Sherman Avenue ? MD 102711 ? Cinti., OH ? 45212.

A benefit to celebrate his life and help his family cover medical expenses will be **February 24th**. If interested in attending, contact Mary Beth Flaspohler at 221-7166

A RECIPE FOR "NEIGHBORHOOD" SUCCESS

by Michelle Baxter

A Progressive Dinner is when a group of friends plan a meal together, where each course is served at a different participant's home, so the party literally moves from place to place throughout the evening. This party style works especially well for everyone because they can walk from home to home without ever worrying about organizing cars or designated drivers. A Progressive Dinner is an amazing way to bring friends and neighbors together to eat, drink and be merry. On January 20, 2007, there were over 70 residents that attended the 4th Annual Progressive Dinner Party. Residents from Clinton Springs Avenue, Leyman Drive, Burton Woods Lane and Red Bud Avenue showed up to continue this tradition. Thanks to all of the friends and neighbors that once again joined together to socialize and have fun in this event. A special thanks to Martha and David Blumenfeld, Buzz Scannella and Robin Breiman, Sue and Ben Blaney, and Rob and Suzanne Ziemba for opening their lovely homes to host this year. Thanks to Grace and Brian Hill for starting and organizing this party. A variety of delicious foods were prepared from exquisite appetizers, to savory soups, to decadent chocolate desserts. The visual presentation at each home was out of this world. The true recipe of "neighborhood" success was not just the food but the comradery and the unique sense of belonging that was shared among neighbors.



Both the Centers will be closed Presidents Day Monday, February 19th.

**HIRSCH CENTER ? 751-3393
? 3630 Reading Road ?**

Call the center for availability in Basketball Leagues

Open Gym: Adults Wed 7-9pm

Teens T, W, Th 5-6:30pm

After School

?Day Camp Monday – Friday (follows CPS schedule)
?2:30 to 6 pm \$20 per week.

?Drop In Monday – Friday 2:30 to 5 pm

?Theater T, Th & Fr 3 to 5 pm

?Arts and Crafts M & W 3 to 5 pm

VITA Program Taxes

Tax preparation open to the public Center membership not needed.) Tues eve by appt only, Sat. mornings, 9am (first come first serve).

NORTH AVONDALE ? 961-1584? 617 Clinton Springs

You must have membership to participate in all programs.

Fitness

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?**Aerobics** (Jeff Shelby) Teens/Adults/Seniors Tues. & Thur. 5:45 -7:30 pm, Sat. 12 – 1:45 pm \$5/class, \$25/ mth.

?**Weight Room** Teens/Adults/Seniors \$10 per quarter

?**Yoga** Teens/Adults/Seniors Mon. & Wed. 6pm-7pm

?**Open Gym** Teen/Adults Wed & Fri 7pm-8:30pm
Adult Volleyball Thur 8:00-9:30

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NANA is forming a **Nominating Committee** to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2007/2008. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee or perhaps being an officer. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166 or send an email to clmorse@fuse.net.

RECYCLING The 2007-08 City budget reduced the weekly curbside recycling program to twice monthly. This change was scheduled to start on July 1, 2007 when the city's current contract with Rumpke ends. Fortunately, as I write this article Crowley, Cranley, Tarbell, Bortz and Thomas have pledged to add \$150,000 to the city managers recommended budget which will keep weekly recycling until more money is found.

Facts About Cutting Recycling

More trash equals more cost to the city.

More recycling equals more money for the City.

Which should we choose and why?

Take a ton of potentially recyclable material.

If recycled:

? The city **gets \$27** from the County's Residential Recycling Incentive Program and a percentage of the 50/50 newspaper rebate. (Most years the City receives **\$520,000** from all grants & rebates.)

If not recycled it becomes trash to fill the landfill:

? The city **pays \$24 plus transporting, fuel & labor (\$46)**

? Which means **for every ton** of recyclable materials we don't recycle it **costs the city \$97** (\$27 it doesn't get & the \$24 it has to pay + \$46 solid waste costs) *This does not factor in the 50/50 newspaper rebate*

? If we cut back on recycling in 2008 it will **cost us between \$194,000 and \$388,000**

Did you know that:

o **The City's present contract with Rumpke is based on providing recycling pick-up at every house in Cincinnati. - not by tonnage removed.** Yet only 40 to 50% of the households recycle. The beauty of this contract is that no matter how much more we recycle, Rumpke charges not a penny more and our costs only go down because we make more money through rebates. Therefore, everyone recycle!

o Historically when recycling pick-up is reduced, recycling goes **down from 19% to 37%**

o Recycling saves natural resources and conserves energy.

o The City of Cincinnati is proud to have the **oldest and**

largest curbside recycling program in the state.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS

o **Mary Baughman** (Burton Woods) is one of five people recognized for performing civic and community services above and beyond, qualifying them for the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati's coveted "Glorifying the Lions" award.

o **Larry & Dolores Brown** (recently moved to the Belvedere) owners of L. B. Van Travel Services that provide transportation to Casinos, City Tours, Airport Shuttle, etc. for 6, 12, or 30 persons. Call 48 hours in advance at 531-1411 or 680-8411. Welcome to the neighborhood.

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design of the new addition was based on "consultation with the North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA). That practice was unknown in the forties."

CPS FACILITIES PLAN AND ADJUSTMENTS. The State of Ohio had agreed to fund 23% of the \$985 million needed to implement the CPS Facilities Master Plan. The rest of the funding was provided with the passage of a 4.6-mill bond levy on May 6, 2003. The bond levy provided for building 35 new schools and fully renovating 31 other schools. This was 14 fewer buildings than were operating in 2001. The number of schools to be constructed/renovated was further reduced to 51 on November 27, 2006 because of continued reduction in CPS enrollment. This raises a further question: what will happen to the bond money with 15 fewer schools to be built?

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?**Tai Chi** Thursday 6-7pm

After School Programs:

?**After School Day Camp** \$120 per month follows CPS schedule 2:15 - 6pm

?**Bridge Gap** \$75 per month, CPS schedule 2:15 - 5pm

?**Drop In** 3pm -4:30 needs membership only

?**Basketball Teams** already formed see Tim for schedules

Special Event:

?Valentine Day Senior Line Dance Luncheon 11:30am - 2 pm held at Madisonville Wed. Feb 14th.

?Tickets are only \$10 see Brandi at North Avondale Center

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Tim Yosmali	641-1244	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus	861-3939
1st VP: Sulayman Bajo	290-8781	Master Plan: Bob Novak	751-2161
2nd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown	861-4108	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones	281-2596
3rd VP: Heather Herr	861-8180	Quality of Life Issues: Marilyn Smith	221-4039
Corresponding Sec.: Elaine Foster	751-8152	NANA Administrator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse	221-6166
Recording Secretary: Michelle Baxter	475-0441	City Complaint/Request Hotline	591-6000
Treasurer: Patricia Hassel	751-3357	Police District 4	698-6000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05
Beautification: Ursula Hassel	751-4546	24 hour Neighborhood Officer	368-1720
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus	861-3939	Nonemergency Police	765-1212
Environmental: Mike Rieck	961-6563	Request A Recycling Bin	242-4401
Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly	751-8334	Report Air Odors 24/7	946-7777



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NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs
- Monday, February 26, 9 a.m. Court Watch, Mr. McNeil at the Court House in Room 300
- Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs