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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a great turnout as we held our annual meeting on May 20th at the New School on Burton Woods Lane. Many thanks are in order for those that helped organize. Charlene on crutches and her husband Charlie did an awesome amount of work as did Barbara Gray from The New School. I also want to thank the New School for generously donating this wonderful space. Our special guest of the event turned into "special guests." We had all attendees introduce themselves, tell where they lived and how long they'd lived in North Avondale as well as request items they would like NANA to address. The stories shared and the commitment to our neighborhood was impressive. Some of the issues were: speed humps & loud noise on Shuttlesworth; a Student Bootcamp that could possibly be held at the Armory; quality of life issues with housing; holding the City accountable (To see if a building has already been reported to the City go to <http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/permits/address.aspx> To report an address not there call 591-6000 and also let NANA know). As always, please drop us a line, email, go to the neighborhood web site to the contact or nuisance complaint form or call the NANA office with your issues

I want to give a special thanks to our outgoing board members, Heather Herr, Patty Hassel and Elaine Foster for being such a great help to me and our board and serving the neighborhood so well. I also want to welcome Fred Fagan, Tom Nickell and Frank Newbauer as our new board members for this year. Thank you to the 2006-2007 Board and let's continue to do great things in 2007-2008 !

Have a great summer. .

Tim Yosmali

SENIORS NEED YOUR HELP TO PUT A SWING SET IN MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK

By Clarice Kinard

Think back to the days when you enjoyed being with your friends swinging together while the wind caressed your face. Whether competing to see who could swing the highest or just sitting on the swing next to a friend while dragging your feet, swinging is an unforgettable part of childhood.

This is what went through Mrs. Juanita Lawrence's mind when she looked at Martin Luther King Park on Burton Avenue and Reading Road in North Avondale. Juanita is the president of the Redding Senior Council at The Redding Senior Apartments located next to the MLK Park. Juanita said "With so few safe play areas for children, the residents, through the Redding

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GREEN-UP DAY & GREAT AMERICAN

CLEAN-UP On Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **87** people helped pick up litter along: Reading Road, Dana, Asmann, Burton, Vine & Mitchell, Parts of Mitchell, Parts of Clinton Springs, Washington, N. F. Shuttlesworth. Trees, flower beds and playgrounds were mulched, weeded and prepared for summer at Seasongood, Martin Luther King, Dana Triangle, Clinton Springs & Washington.



Thank You Volunteers!

Burton Woods: Brian & Grace Hill
Dakota: Pauline Daly
Eden Lane: Sulayman Baja & Family
Gholson: Ardenia & Thomas Curtis
Lenox-PI: Teresa Harten, Frank Newbauer, Tyler & Maura Wolf
Leyman: Buzz Scannella
Mitchell: Tim Yosmali
Paddock: Kate Anthony
Red Bud: :Marian Miller
Revel Ct: Kimberly, Kenneth, Keturah, Kristian Tatum
Rose Hill: Maryellen & Jack Daston, Betsy Gotwals. John & Karl Stukenberg, Dan & Jennifer Zavon
N Shuttlesworth: Yohance, Sheryl, Thandine, Anisa, Shani & Fred Fegan
Officer Mark Polk

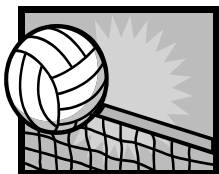
Boys & Girls Club: Brandan Bell; Lonnell Brawn; Jahari Collins; Mike Collins; DuWayne & Gregory Cunningham; Mr. Davis Sr., Ryan Davis, Rich Davis Jr., Jerome Davis; Trevon, Vince Harrison; Derrick Jr., & Derrick Sr. Hudson; Neheimiah Jackson; Derrick & Charles Law; Davontoe Riley; Aaron, Darren & Sean Simms; Ashai Stewart; Kay White; Cliff Wilbon

North Avondale A's Baseball: Brannon & Robin Busby; Ardenia & Thomas Curtis; Erica & Jared Flag; Bruce Jr. & Bruce Sr. Gay; Stephanie & JD Kay, Bobbie Jackson Lee & Elijah Lee; Jordan Napier; Clifford Rucker; Andre Williams; Booster President - Jodi Mathus; Coach's Timothy S. & Clinton Patton, Kevin Lewis, Maurice Reed

Lighthouse Youth Development Center on Washington nine people

Thank you to all the neighbors who everyday pick up litter around their home and street and walkers & joggers who pick up litter as they exercise.

We can always use Gardening Volunteers to occasionally help or to take over a flower bed at the following locations: Dana Triangle, Clinton Springs, Clinton Springs & Washington, Seasongood. Please call or email NANA.



NORTH AVONDALE

• 617 Clinton Springs • 961-1584
northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

Summer Hours - Open: at 7:00a.m. Monday thru Friday, Close: at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday; at 8:30 p.m. Monday & Wednesday; at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Saturday hours are 12:00 to 2:00

Youth

T-Ball Tuesdays & Thursdays if outside practice is 4:30 -6:15 pm - if inside practice is 4:30n -5:45pm.

C-Ball Mon. Wed. & Fridays if outside practice is 5:30 -7:15 / if inside practice is 5:30 -6:30 pm.

D-Ball Mon. Wed. & Fridays if outside practice is 4:30- 6pm / if inside 4:30-5:30pm.

Karate classes for Youth & Teens on Tuesday & Thursdays 5-6 pm. & 6-7:30 pm \$40 per month unlimited classes

Art Class - Monday & Friday 1:00 to 3:00

Open Gym & Game room 2:00 to 4:00 Monday thru Friday

Teens & Youth

The **Reds Rookies Success League** on Tuesdays & Thursdays. 9:00 to 2:00 ages 8 to 11 Must pre-register

The **Reds Rookies Success League (competitive)** will be on Mondays. 9:00 to 2:00 ages 9 to 13

Tennis NJTL League will be at the Tennis Courts located on N. Shuttlesworth, Mon., Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 a.m. to 11:00

Golf (First Tee) Tuesday & Thursdays 8:30-1:00, 8 to 18 years Free clubs to individuals who complete all the classes.

Teens

Open Gym Basketball Mon.& Wed. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Game Room or Teen Lounge Monday thru Thursday 6-8pm

Weight Room Any Open hours, \$10 per quarter must have parent sign waiver form.

Adults & Seniors

Aerobics Tuesday & Thursdays 6-7:30 pm and Sat. noon-1:30pm \$5 per class or \$20 for the month.

Line Dancing Monday & Wednesday 10am -11:30am.

Karate Tues. & Thurs. 6-7:30 pm. \$40 per month. unlimited classes.

Knitting Mondays 11:30 -2 pm Call Brandi for details - class meets off site.

Open Gym Basketball Mon. & Wed. 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Yoga 6-7 pm .two times a week, call for new days

Tai Chi Thursdays 6-7pm.

Sauna (call ahead to preheat) Open hours

Weight Room Open hours, \$10 per quarter must sign wavier form

HIRSCH CENTER • 751-3393

• 3630 Reading Road •Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

Summer hours: M-Th 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Youth/Teens

Succeed & Play Sports Camp (sponsored by Cricket Wireless) for entering 5th thru 8th graders from all Avondale & North Avondale CPS schools M thru F, 12:15 to 3:30 CPS lunch included

Free lunch (17 and under) at 2:00

Drop In 12:00 to 4:00

Open Gym for teens 4:00-6:00

The **Reds Rookies Success League** Tuesdays & Thursdays. 9:00 to 2:00 ages 8 to 11 Must pre-resister.

Adults

Fitness Room Monday -Friday noon -close

Open Gym Monday - Friday 6pm - close

Seniors

Exercise classes Mon. - Tues. & Thur. - Fri. 10am - noon

Yoga Tues. & Thurs. 10am - noon

Tai Chi Mon, Wed. and Fri. 9am - 11:00

Fitness Room M-F 10am - noon



The Education Accountability Committee of Avondale & North Avondale

Merging Schools - Impacting Community

The merger of Burton and South Avondale

Schools will have an impact on our community. We all need to be involved to be sure the impact is positive. A new school building is no guarantee. We need to have high expectations that academically and behaviorally the student population will excel and be an asset to the community. April's article referred to how to implement these positive changes.

This needs to be our message to CPS - the Board and administration, when choices are made and policies are written they should be in support of excellence or the implication is that excellence is not important. We also need to give this message to the children, their parents/families, and other community members.

No longer is it acceptable to have some schools achieving and others not. We must all make the best choices to educate all children in our community. Our voices will be heard when they ask for support for the levy. They need to listen to us now.

Join the Education Accountability Committee of Avondale and North Avondale. Contact Pauline Daly at pdaly@fuse.net or 751-8334.

Pauline Daly

THE NEW SCHOOL

•281-7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane •www.thenewschool.cc

On Friday, May 18, the sixth graders presented their Senior Project presentations. As in years past, alumni attended to see their friends and former classmates participate in this wonderful event. The Senior Project is a year-long study, with the year-end presentation representing just one of its many components. For many students, it is a culmination of much of their work at The New School over the past nine years. Each year, parents, grandparents, friends, and relatives are amazed by the level of academic excellence and personal engagement reflected in these projects.

NANA is celebrating **National Night Out** with a focus on Youth. The date is **Tuesday, August 7th between 5 & 7 PM**. We will be at Martin Luther King Park to help reclaim the area for family use. We would like to have information available to help youth deal with issues such as bullying, health, abuse, and other helpful information. Adult involvement in these positive messages would be good, especially if it could be given by the police. We will have food - probably hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks supplied by the Mosaic Vineyard Church and others who are interested. We expect Bushido and the Citizens on Patrol to participate. If you would like to be involved in some way, contact Pauline Daly at 751-8334 or pdaly@fuse.net.



CINCINNATI'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The funding for the Cincinnati's Curbside Recycling is always in flux and at risk. Therefore, a committee is forming to work on solutions for this problem. If you are interested in being involved in any way please email NANA at clmorse@fuse.net or call the NANA Office

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

March 17 - October 27, 2007

FREE Environmental Enterprises, Inc.

4650 Spring Grove Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45232

(enter directly across from Winton Road)

Tuesdays - 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed September 1st

Acceptable Items

Paint
Pesticides/Fertilizers
Solvents/Thinners
Lawn/Pool Chemicals
Cleaners
Household/Auto Batteries
Prescription Drugs
Fire Extinguishers
Propane Tanks
Mercury
Fluorescent Bulbs
Driveway Sealer
Gasoline, Antifreeze
Motor Oil
Thermostats

Unacceptable Items

Radioactive Materials
Medical Waste
Explosives/Ammunition
Gun Powder
Heating Oil Tanks
Tires
Yard waste
Smoke Alarms
Garbage
Roofing Materials
Appliances
Computers/Electronics
Fuel Tanks

Please remember these important points:

- Drop off items only during the days and times listed.
- Pack like items together in boxes.
- Remain in your car at all times.
- Bring proof of Hamilton County residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill. The average home has 60 -100 pounds of hazardous waste stored in the basement, garage, or under the sink. Improper storage or disposal can cause accidental poisonings, and environmental damage.

Questions? Call: 946-7700.

or email: susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org

or visit: www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org

Recycle

WIPE OUT WIRELESS WASTE

Recycle Your Used Wireless Phones

Set up by Sprint Nextel, one of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) sponsors, this program keeps wireless phones out of landfills (100% of the phone is recycled or reused) and to raise money for KCB programs. NANA & the Recreation Center will collect the phones or provide pre-paid envelopes to mail the phones back to the campaign.

KING RECYCLING Buys Metal.

Call 731-7222 for pricing. Highland Ave. (Norwood at King Wrecking 5038 Beech St.) Hours: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 - 4:30 Sat.: 7:30 - 11:30

SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OR LACK OF WILL?

By Michelle Baxter

It has come to the attention of the North Avondale Landlord Accountability Action Team (NALAAT) that City Municipal codes, primarily 911-5 (*Permitting Drug Abuse*), 761 (*Chronic Nuisance Premises*) and 717 (*Registrations of Convicted Persons*) are **NOT** being enforced within our neighborhood, and are selectively being used throughout the city. This revelation was discovered as a result of a public records request. These ordinances in particular are our neighborhood's most powerful tool to enforce good property management practices.

The North Avondale Landlord Accountability Team is committed to eradicating all felony drug activity within multi-family units within our community. This can only be achieved if NANA, the police and the community prosecution are focused on that goal.

HUD & CMHA

With regard to problem addresses that are funded by HUD and CMHA, we are going to hold them accountable for any and all criminal activity on premises in accordance with HUD's own zero tolerance policy. NANA is currently pursuing this, but success will ultimately depend on drumming up wider neighborhood support in the form of letter writing, phone calls and meeting attendance.

More on this subject next month.

YOUR NEIGHBORS

Did you know? North Avondale resident and woodworker, **Barry Myers**, handcrafts wooden objets d'art incorporating Japanese and Shaker designs. His pieces are often made from trees salvaged from North Avondale. You can see pictures of his work, including wall sconces and dovetailed boxes, at <http://picasaweb.google.com/Bostonbarry/BarrysWoodworking>. Or send him an email at Harvardman@myway.com.

NANA has brought back its Welcome Committee, chaired by Grace Hill (Burton Woods) and Patti Liebschutz (Leyman). We are trying to get representatives from different areas to help. There will not be meetings! If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Grace at: gracehill@fuse.net

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

IN MEMORIAM

George Brockman, (Victory Parkway) passed away on Sunday, April 22nd at the age of 60 years. Condolences to his wife Gale Howe, step-children Deborah Howe and Jennifer (Thomas Wright) Howe, grandchildren Esme and Phoebe Wright (Lenox Pl). Sympathy may be expressed in the form of a donation to the Wellness Community, 4918 Cooper Rd. (45242).

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Senior Council, decided to raise money to donate a swing set. We recognize that this is the right thing to do for the community children.” Juanita then contacted the Park Board and Operation Swing Set was born.

So far, the seniors at the Redding have contributed approximately \$500 to the Park Board for this project. The cost for the equipment is \$15,000, but Juanita is not one to back away from a challenge. The Park Board has agreed to match what the seniors raise. Word of what the seniors were trying to do spread to the Community Police Partnering Center and from there, an opportunity for partnership was presented to the North Avondale CPOP Team. From this collaboration a plan was formed which involves everyone who believes that they are the village for children to play and enjoy their community.

So everyone can play a part in this project, a fundraiser will be held in **Martin Luther King Park on Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 12 Noon to 3:00 PM.** We want you to come out and fill the Park with a show of cooperation and make a donation to this worthwhile need. All checks are to be made payable to the City of Cincinnati/Park Board Commission, and the memo should read MLK Swing. If you are unable to attend, checks may be sent to ●Juanita C. Lawrence, President Redding Senior Council, ●3700 Reading Rd. #11 ●Cincinnati, Ohio 45229. No contribution is too small. We want the children to have a part in giving toward this swing set as well.

See you on the 16th!

NANA Meeting ● Tuesday, ● June 12 ● 7:30 p.m. ● North Avondale Recreation Center

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Tim Yosmali _____	641-1244	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
1 st VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
2 nd VP: Frank Newbauer _____	751-5897	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
3 rd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Quality of Life Issues: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039
Corresponding Sec.: Tom Nickell _____	281-0283	NANA Administrator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221-6166
Recording Secretary & Landlord Accountability: Michelle Baxter _____	475-0441	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
Treasurer: Fred Fegan _____	861-8378	Police District 4 _____	569-8600
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	24 hour Neighborhood Officer _____	569-8654
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Nonemergency Police _____	765-1212
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
Education & Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777



GET INVOLVED!
NANA ANNUAL MEETING June 12TH
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NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday June 16, Noon to 3:00 p.m., Swing Set Fundraiser Martin Luther King Park Reading & Burton
- Tuesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs
- First Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., CPOP Meeting, District 4 Police Station