



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike trotted home from kindergarten one day and asked the inevitable: "Mom, where did I come from?" Quickly thinking, I said – "That's a great question for Dad. Let's remember to ask him at bedtime." And indeed he did - snuggled in for the night – he sought wisdom from his omniscient Dad. In all fairness, I forewarned George – but I peeked through the back-crack of the door to watch Dad the master. Meticulously wording his response to meet the understanding of a five-year-old, he scientifically explained how babies get here. George was sweating bullets, and when it was over he wiped his brow, and asked Mike if he had any questions. "No," said Mike simply, "I just wanted to know 'cause the girl who sits next to me said she was from Iowa."

Which brings me to the point of right and wrong answers.

At our last NANA meeting several residents from Burton Avenue shared their concerns about a mini market truck on their street that sells sundries, cigarettes, and whatever. Their complaints centered on the fact that the truck was a gathering place for young adults and children and many times there is disorderliness and piles of litter. Neighbors tried to get the vendor to move on and attempts by police and city officials to remove the truck were thwarted because the owner had a vendor license and the truck had plates.

So what to do? The perception was that this mini market truck was no different than the ice-cream trucks that perused the area in the summer. Oh, wrong, wrong, wrong. To begin with this mini market doesn't peruse – it stays on one street and gets power from a long extension cord to the business owner's house.

But here's the big one. Burton Avenue is ZONED RESIDENTIAL – NO RETAIL ALLOWED FLOATING OR OTHERWISE! Yahoo Marvin! If any mini market truck squatted on Rose Hill, or Lennox – there would be an uprising! Is Burton Avenue any less of a residential street? Residential means – residential. This is not Iowa folks.

*Marilyn Smith*

### FUNDRAISER

**For the North Avondale Ropin' Rockets  
March 18, 2005. See North Avondale  
Montessori School on page 4 for more  
details**

### NORTH AVONDALE CPOP TEAM RECEIVES SAFE & CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD FUND GRANT

The North Avondale Community Problem Oriented Policing (CPOP) Team received \$6,000 to fight crime in North Avondale. CPOP members Marilyn Smith, John Jones, Barbara Henshaw, Mike Walton, Charlene Morse and Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse use the SARA Method when looking for solutions to problems. SARA stands for: SCANNING; ANALYSIS; RESPONSE; ASSESSMENT.

The first CPOP project was 3725 Reading Road. The Walter Field House, designed by Samuel Hannaford in 1884 was being used as a rooming house that had been taken over by drug dealers and prostitutes. The team worked with the Cities Building & Health Inspectors, Fire & Police, the Cincinnati Preservation Association and North Avondale neighbors to set up a receivership, evict everyone and board up the property. This drastically cut down on the prostitute & drug problems in that area.

Our next project started with the Mitchell area where an increase disruptive youth activities was occurring. After again using the SARA process as well as helping neighbors start a block watch club, the team narrowed our attention to the corner of Vine and Mitchell. There gambling and drug dealing were observed. Our solution is to attractively fence off that area and beautify the corner. This will stop: people from cutting through the back of the property, a sometimes escape route; gambling and selling drugs in the back parking lot; litter. The planter and fence will make the area more attractive showing we as a neighborhood care and are paying attention to that area. With the help of the Community Police Partnering Center's Deatra Greene, we wrote a Safe & Clean Neighborhood Fund Grant. On our first try we were turned down but we persevered. After making a few changes in the proposal, we resubmitted and succeeded! Watch for the changes...

### NANA GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY

MARCH 8, 7:30 p.m.  
NORTH AVONDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

### AGENDA

- New Zoning For North Avondale Business District (see page 2)





**"Where Do We Grow From Here?"** is a public meeting about the future of growth in the Greater Cincinnati region.

**Don't miss your chance to shape the future** for regional land use and transportation.

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Bring your ideas...

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**Your Voice Matters.**

**PUBLIC MEETING ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** You are invited to participate in public meetings about the future of the greater Cincinnati region and what land development patterns and the transportation system could look like 30 years from now.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is responsible for deciding how federal dollars for transportation are spent in the region. The opinions people give at the public meetings and through an on-line survey will help OKI determine how plans for transportation and for land development can be better coordinated to stretch scarce taxpayer dollars.

**March 9, 2005, 7-9 p.m.-Hamilton County  
OKI Regional Council of Governments  
720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**

For more information, please contact Jane Wittke at OKI (513-621-6300) or visit [www.oki.org](http://www.oki.org).

**Reminder:** Beyond the "Green Bin" Paper Recycling at Surry Square or anywhere else no longer occurs. All of the items previously collected, may now be recycled in your own Green Bin. You may also take them to the 24 hour Permanent Recycling Dumpster back by the basketball courts at The North Avondale Recreation Center.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

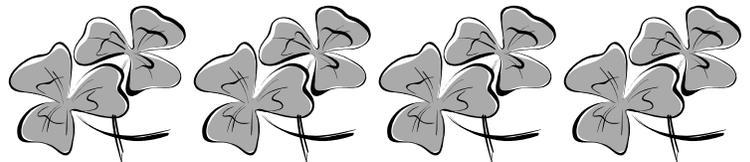
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

**UPDATES:  
ZONE CHANGE ON READING ROAD  
IDC EXTENSIONS**

On Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.. in Council Chambers a Public Hearing was held during the Neighborhood and Public Services Committee of City Council, chaired by Council Member Laketa Cole. Three items that pertained to North Avondale were covered: the 6 month extension of IDC #59 - North Avondale Business District; the 6 month extension of IDC #58 - Part of Greenwood & S. F. Shuttlesworth; and a zone change from CN-M Commercial Neighborhood Mixed district to CN-P Commercial Neighborhood Pedestrian and RM-1.2 Mixed Residential districts in the North Avondale Business District. Rick & Charles Pescovitz spoke against the zone change to their property but for the IDC extension. Marvin & Gerry Kraus, Audricia Brooks and Charlene Morse represented NANA's position. Both six month extensions were approved and the zone change was held so that NANA and the Pescovitzs could meet and hopefully come to some agreement. At the Neighborhood and Public Services Committee on February 23, it was held again so that the neighborhood could be notified and invited to the **March 8 NANA General Meeting to work on a solution.** Please come to the meeting.



**UPDATE ON CAR WASH & PAY DAY LOAN  
COURT CASES**

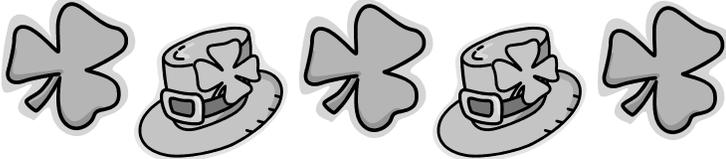
On Wednesday, February 16, 2005 oral arguments were heard on the Magistrate's decision to uphold the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) that a car wash business could not be located at the corner of Reading/Paddock Roads (formerly Antonio's Pizza). This decision was appealed to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas by the owners of the property, Rick & Charles Pescovitz. On February 22, 2005 Judge Dennis Helmick upheld the decision of the Magistrate.

The appeal on December 1, 2004 to the Court of Common Pleas by NANA and several neighbors on the ZBA decision that would permit a PAY DAY LOAN/CHECK CASHING business at this site was denied by the Magistrate, thus upholding the ZBA's decision. Oral arguments on this decision will be held before Judge Nelson at a yet undetermined date and time.

## NANA NEIGHBORS

**Lauren Miller** (Beechwood, daughter of Jolene Struebbe and Jim Miller) 9th grade student at Summit Country Day won 1st place in the Cincinnati Nature Center's Back to Nature 2005: Frame the night in black & white student art contest. Lauren's work will be featured at the event on May 21.

**Kimya Moyo** (E. Mitchell) is one of four 2005 honorees of the 10th Anniversary Lighthouse Beacon of Light Humanitarian Award. She was chosen for her commitment to service and because she emulates this year's theme, "You must be the change that you wish to see in the world."



## Help Wanted:

The Rose Hill / Beechwood / Betula / Red Bud / Avon Fields Block Watch seeks a volunteer to chair the Luminary Stroll in 2005. After 2 successful years and over 90% participation, originator and past two year luminary chair, Jolene Struebbe is stepping down. The Luminaria has wonderful volunteers already in place and all forms / paperwork are complete. It just needs a chair. Please call Jolene at 221-4018 if you can volunteer for this event.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> PROGRESSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER

The second adults only **Progressive Neighborhood Dinner** in the Burton Woods, Red Bud, Leyman & Clinton Springs area was held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. More than 60 neighbors attended. Margaritas and appetizers were served from 6 to 7:15 at the home of Kim Planet & Melissa Robinson. The second stop from 7:30 to 8:30 was at the home of Kathy & Bob Laufman for more appetizers generously supplemented by Deborah Collins & Andrea Cheng. Then on to Mary Ann & Jeff Knoops for hearty soups from 8:45 to 9:45. The Grand Finale was at Suzanne & Rob Ziemba's home for delicious deserts. Everyone else brought wine and beer which was placed in wheeled coolers and taken from house to house.

Thanks to all of the hosts for opening up their beautiful homes, preparing such delicious food, and allowing everyone to get to know each other! Wilhelmina and Byron Branson said, "We were spellbound when the evening was over and we thought back about the wonderful people we had met and visited with, and the preparation of the homes and food that had taken place to give us this unforgettable evening in this most ideal of neighborhoods. We are blessed to live here."

An added thanks to Grace Hill who again spearheaded this successful event!

## HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR SCHOOL?

By Pauline Daly

As NANA's representative on the Burton School LSDMC, I need to share my interpretation of the future of public schools that will serve the children in our community. CPS schools and Charter schools are both funded from tax money. The funding goes to the school the child attends.

The State of Ohio has allowed the opening of many charter schools. These schools believe the Avondale area will supply them with students. The loss of students results in decreased funding and compromises benefits such as music, arts, physical education and library.

North Avondale Montessori School is a magnet school and serves a quarter of the CPS district. North Avondale's neighborhood school is Burton which is on Glenwood Ave. Any child within it's boundaries may go there. CPS special education services are obtained through the neighborhood school.

My common sense observation is that competition for students and funding will result in closing more schools, including some new buildings planned as part of the CPS Facility Plan. More schools are bound to be merged.

Burton School is in the MIDDLE category that measures academic achievement. This is progress and the result of much effort and commitment. The school's plans now under way focus on meeting the academic needs of each child. Burton could assimilate additional students, becoming a larger school. But if it were closed and the children went to a school that is in ACADEMIC EMERGENCY it would be a great loss to the community and to the future of our children.

North Avondale residents need to think about the impact of CPS decisions. Now is the time to plan for the future. Some neighborhoods impacted now by current decisions feel they did not have input. This newsletter will begin a series of articles to share information on this topic with our readers.

### *More Burton Elementary News*

Burton Elementary 6th graders Latrice Williams and Donneshia Mitchell are featured in *Kidz Magazine*, a national magazine written by kids for kids. Lynn Collins, their language arts teacher made it an assignment for all her students and then submitted their work. The students were selected from a pool of several thousands students and were paid for their work. Donneshia's work appeared on the front cover and Latrice's work was on page 10. Congratulations!



**NORTH AVONDALE  
RECREATION CENTER  
961-1584**

Ann's play "Emily's Gift" is Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4th beginning at 6pm.

**Senior activities for March:**

4 Business Meeting		10am
11 Music Hall		
18 Games Movies or Tour another Center		
25 Art Museum		
Line Dancing	Mondays	10 a.m. - noon
Yoga	Tuesday & Thursday	9:30 a.m.
Walking	Monday & Friday	11:20 - 11:50 a.m.
Tai Chi	Thursday	6 p.m.
Fitness Room	Everyday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



**NORTH AVONDALE  
MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
363-3900**

**March, 2005**

**18 Kids Nite In - Ropin' Rockets**

The North Avondale Ropin' Rockets will perform at the North Avondale Recreation Center on Friday with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. for snacks, greeting one another, and viewing raffle items & purchasing raffle tickets. From 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 the Ropin' Rockets will perform in the Gym. The cost for the show will only be \$3.00. Raffle winners will be announced after the show

- 24 Pre-primary In-service day--no P or K students
- 25 Records Day - end of 3rd Quarter (no students)
- 28 - 4/1 Spring Recess (school closed)
- 4/4 Market Day Pickup, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!  
NANA MEETING MARCH 8

*Current Resident Or:*



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- Thursday, March 3, 6:00 p.m. **CPOP Meeting** at District 4 Police Station, Reading Road
- Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs

**NANA CALENDAR**