



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Calendars – a million ways to keep track of your mind. George and I finally got an invite to a really cool home with super cool dinner guests and an amazing cook! But on that special evening, George and I sat by the TV watching “A Bridge Too Far” for the 270<sup>th</sup> time, muttering to each other how we have no friends. Yep, we blew it – completely forgot. I realized our gaffe four days later and couldn’t come up with a decent excuse – nobody died, or was even ill – so I blurted out the embarrassing truth, annihilating any chance of future invites from the forgiving hosts or their super cool dinner guests.

Now I have to believe I’m not the only one who forgets – thank goodness for **Charlene Morse!** She calls to remind, remind, and remind we who keep lousy calendars, don’t answer e-mails and hate phones, that deadlines are looming. She recently rescued a huge project that will provide road signage for North Avondale’s business district along with a full-color brochure boasting of our beautiful homes, great neighbors and civic passion. **Vanessa Sorensen**, a North Avondale graphic artist, has accepted the challenge to develop North Avondale’s logo and graphic package. She may have some design choices to explore at the NANA September meeting.

**Vanessa Wayne** is our Membership Chair who is running this year’s membership campaign. Please, please, lest I forget – when you receive your letter to support NANA – do not slough it off – send in your contribution immediately. We truly are in need of financial assistance to maintain this exceptional neighborhood. If your company is able to add to your donation, we welcome the backing.

Pay your NANA dues. Don’t forget. Show up at NANA meetings. We have at least three North Avondale residents running for city council – incumbent, **Christopher Smitherman** (past NANA Treasurer), first timer, (not old timer) **Gerry Kraus** (long time NANA Board Member), **Cecil Thomas** (25 year resident). How great is that?

So I have to admit that forgetting that dinner party was pretty awkward but at least it wasn’t the surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party that I showed up for - black balloons, gag gifts, and Geritol - only to ring the doorbell one week early!

*Marilyn Smith*

Among the pleasures of life in North Avondale are the old historic homes and lovely gardens and planters tended by our neighbors. Notable among those neighbors is **Roger Anderson of Anderson Building Restoration**, 923 Marion Avenue. When Vanessa Wayne and I were tending the planter at the corner of Red Bud and Mitchell we noticed that the terra cotta surround at the top of the planter was loose and in danger of falling off. I asked Roger to give me a bid to do the repair work on the planter and just add it to the brick and mortar restoration work he was already doing at my house. In response, Roger offered to do the work for no charge, saying, **"the planter's part of the neighborhood, we're part of the neighborhood, and we'll be glad to take care it "**. And he has taken care of it, not only repairing the terra cotta, but tuckpointing the bricks as well. It looks beautiful and restores that intersection as an entrance to the neighborhood. Many thanks to Roger for his civic-minded craftsmanship and willingness to step up and take care of something that adds to our enjoyment of the neighborhood and might well have been lost without his help.

*Deborah Ginocchio*



### HYDE PARK FARMERS' MARKET

Sundays 10 - 2 p.m.  
June through October  
US Bank Parking Lot  
3424 Edwards Road (between  
Erie & Observatory)

Locally grown and produced fruit, veggies, breads & pastries, honey, flowers, mushrooms, maple syrup, goat cheese and cow cheese. More than 15 growers!!!!

Priority given to growers using organic and sustainable growing practices.

### NANA GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 13, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE  
RECREATION CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

### AGENDA

- View 1st Drafts for New North Avondale Brochure & Signage (see President's article)

**Pay your NANA Dues Today!**

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**CINCINNATI PARK BOARD FALL 2005 RELEAF PROGRAM = FREE TREES**



**Fall ReLeaf 2005  
Free Tree Request Form**

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Planting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #:(work) \_\_\_\_\_  
(home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Person(s) To Do Planting: \_\_\_\_\_

**FREE TREE REQUEST**

Please describe the planting site below. Attach any plans or maps that provide specific planting locations. Urban Forestry staff will inspect all planting sites before approving tree requests, and will inspect afterward to ensure that the trees are planted in accordance to guidelines.

**NOTE:** Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the sidewalk and visible from the street.

*Depending upon demand Urban Forestry may limit number of trees to one per site or substitute species.*

TREE SIZE	SPECIES	REQUEST
Small	Kousa Dogwood	
Small	Robinson Crabapple	
Medium	Littleleaf Linden	
Medium	'Norwegian Sunset' Maple	
Large	Black Tupelo	
Large	London Planetree	
Evergreen	Black Hills Spruce	

Planting Site Description: (\*\*Please attach map)

Please return this form by September 23, 2005

To: Fall RELEAF 2005  
Natural Resource Management Section  
3215 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45229  
Fax: 861-8669



TO QUALIFY:

- Property must be in the City of Cincinnati.
- Trees must be planted within 30 feet of the right-of-way and visible from the street. Planting in back yards is not acceptable
- Plant the right tree in the right place. Please consider the mature size of the tree. Be aware of any obstructions from wires, utilities, or other structures.

Forestry staff will inspect each planting location before approving tree requests.

A high priority is given to planting trees on private property along streets the Park Board cannot plant due to narrow right-of-way. The Park Board would encourage neighbors on such streets to coordinate delivery and planting for interested property owners.

Other priority areas include community focal points such as entranceways, street triangles, areas near street intersections and public frontages along major streets (schools, cemeteries and church properties). **Return the form by September 23, 2005 by mail or fax (861-8669).**

The choices this year are:

**Small**

•**Kousa Dogwood** (grows 15 to 20 feet tall, 15 to 20 feet spread, white flowers, dark green foliage changing to reddish purple/scarlet in fall, exfoliating bark with grey, tan, brown color, part shade/part sun but prefers full sun)

•**Robinson Crabapple** (grows 15 to 25 feet tall, 15 to 20 feet spread, single crimson buds opening to deep pink flowers, dark red fruit, full sun)

**Medium**

•**Littleleaf Linden** (grows 40 to 60 feet tall, 35 to 50 feet spread, dark shiny green turning to yellow in fall, full sun)

•**'Norwegian Sunset' Maple** (grows 30 to 35 feet tall, 20 to 25 feet spread, glossy dark green leaf turns orange-red to red in fall, full sun to part shade)

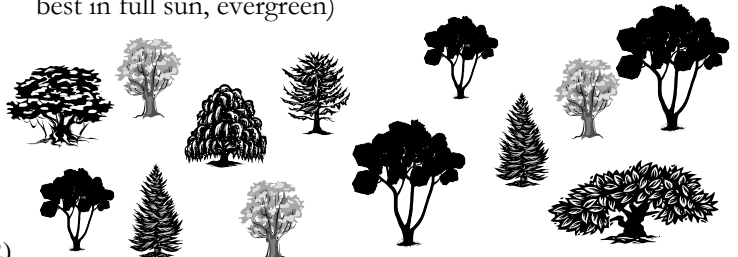
**Large**

•**Black Tupelo** (grows 30 to 50 feet tall, 20 to 30 feet spread, part shade/part sun to full sun, brilliant display of red to deep purple in fall, most beautiful native tree).


•**London Planetree** (70 to 100 feet tall, 60 to 85 feet spread, full sun to light shade, yellow-green in spring to sage green then soft brow to orangish brown, ornamental bark of creamy white to olive green)

**Evergreen**

•**Black Hills Spruce** (20 to 50 feet tall, 15 to 25 feet spread, best in full sun, evergreen)



**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
363-3900



**September**

7, Wednesday: 7th grade options  
Parent Information Evening  
POSTPONED

8, Thursday: Foundation Meeting  
6 pm media center

9, Friday: Kids Night in  
CANCELLED

12, Monday: LSDMC 6:30

20, Tuesday: PTO 6:30

23, Friday: PrePrimary Potluck 6:30

**Hazardous Waste Collection**

. This is just a reminder that the Hazardous Waste Collection will end **September 30th** for Hamilton County residents. The program has collected over 200,000 pounds of hazardous waste in the last three months, and has been quite successful. For more info, call 946-7734 or visit [www.hcdoes.org](http://www.hcdoes.org)

This is a great way to get rid of that extra paint, pesticides, cleaners etc.

**A 2005 NORTH AVONDALE BLOCK PARTY**  
By Michelle Baxter

**NANA NEIGHBORS**

**Andrea Cheng** (Red Bud) has another new book *Shanghai Messenger* (her 9<sup>th</sup>). At the Ft. Thomas Blue Marble Book Store on September 24, 2005 from 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Andrea & her editor will talk about the books they have worked on together, followed by lunch (\$10 includes both). For required reservations, please call the store at 859.781.0602. At 12:30-1:00 she will be signing her new book. Check out her website: <http://www.andreacheng.com>

**Jim Hart** (Valley Lane) of **The James Hart Trio** can be heard every Friday & Saturday night from 9:00 PM till 1:00 AM at The Palm Court of the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel on 35 West Fifth Street (421-9100).

**Buz Scannella** (Leyman Dr) is a member of the **Rubato Guitar Trio** who will perform on Sept. 30, at Starbucks, 1405 Grand Ave., Newport, KY from 8:30 to 10:30 pm

**Walt Woolfolk** (Abington Avenue) co-authored the book: *Flexible Software Design: Systems Development for Changing Requirements* on understanding the theory, principles, and techniques of designing flexible systems (Auerbach Publications).

The North Avondale Block Party was a huge success! It was held on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, on Burton Woods Lane. The streets that participated in this festive event included Burton Woods Lane, part of Clinton Springs Avenue, Red Bud Avenue, and Leyman Drive.

It was a terrific opportunity for friends and neighbors to enjoy socializing, grilling-out, performing music and playing fun games. Approximately 100 neighbors joined the get-together to have fun and party in the street throughout the day and into the night.

Once again, our neighborhood has continued to build memorable relationships, strong community ties and comradery by having block parties. Many talented musicians bonded together to create harmony and entertainment by playing an assortment of international drums, guitar, cello and yes, even the Ukulele! It was a magical experience to be entertained by the children and adults that performed that afternoon. It was sensational for the friends and neighbors to have felt a strong sense of belonging within the wonderful neighborhood they live in. A special thanks to Bonia Shur, who once again touched our hearts by playing the ukulele. **Kudos to all the neighbors who made this event successful by bringing covered dishes and giving cash donations towards the beverages!** Many thanks to the Block Party committee members: Michelle and Darren Baxter, Sue and Ben Blaney, Dawn and Keith Grace, Grace and Brain Hill, Mary and Ken Pray, Linda and Doug Sawan, and Julia and George Wadith for their energy and efforts in organizing this fabulous event!

It was a pleasure to represent my new community by soliciting local businesses for donations for prizes at our 2005 street party. On behalf of the North Avondale Neighbors, we would like to thank all of the companies that made generous donations to support and keep our community one of the best neighborhoods in Cincinnati!

- Baxter Burial Vault Services
- LaRosa'a
- Busken Bakery
- Porter Paints
- Cincinnati Zoo
- Sherpies Deli
- Cincinnati Tool Rental
- King's Drive -Thru
- Queen City Kroger

For more on this corner of North Avondale check out their website at: <http://home.fuse.net/nasoma>

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Dr. Julian Myers** (Leyman Dr.) died at age 87 on Friday April 22, 2005. He was founder and chairperson of the Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling at Boston University and at the University of Cincinnati. Our condolences to his family: wife Scotty, children Melanie (husband Joel Domoe), Barry (wife Alyssa Luke) and Julie, and grandchildren.

**Emily Julia "Amy" Loch** (Beechwood), age 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Wednesday evening July 13, 2005. For many of her 50 years of living in North Avondale, she was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas parish and then Bellarmine Chapel. Emily is survived by her best friend and constant companion through 59 years of marriage, Joseph Loch, her three children, James Loch, Thomas Loch, and Rita Loch Caruso, and seven grandchildren, John Thomas, Stephen, Jonathan, Anthony, Karin, Michael and Elise.



**NORTH  
AVONDALE  
RECREATION  
CENTER**  
961-1584

**Fall Quarter** has begun with many changes! Some staff changes have occurred. **Karen Smith** has moved on to the Over the Rhine Community Center after dedicating eighteen years to the North Avondale Center, Community and families. Even though we have bid her our farewell, you may still see her around from time to time since she still resides in the North Avondale Community.

I hope that you will join me in welcoming our new full timer Brandi Sanders to the North Avondale Center. She has many talents and interests, one of which is working with the teens. We are fortunate to have her to fill Karen's shoes. She has worked for five years for CRC at Pleasant Ridge, Bond Hill and Millvale Community Centers. Also, Darrell Slater and Renee Richard-Bell have been added to the staff. They, two very talented folks, were working with the play ground program this summer. Their talents benefit our programs.

**After School Day Camp & Bridge Gap Programs** have begun with the beginning of the CPS school year. Please call for more information. We do still have some openings for these programs.

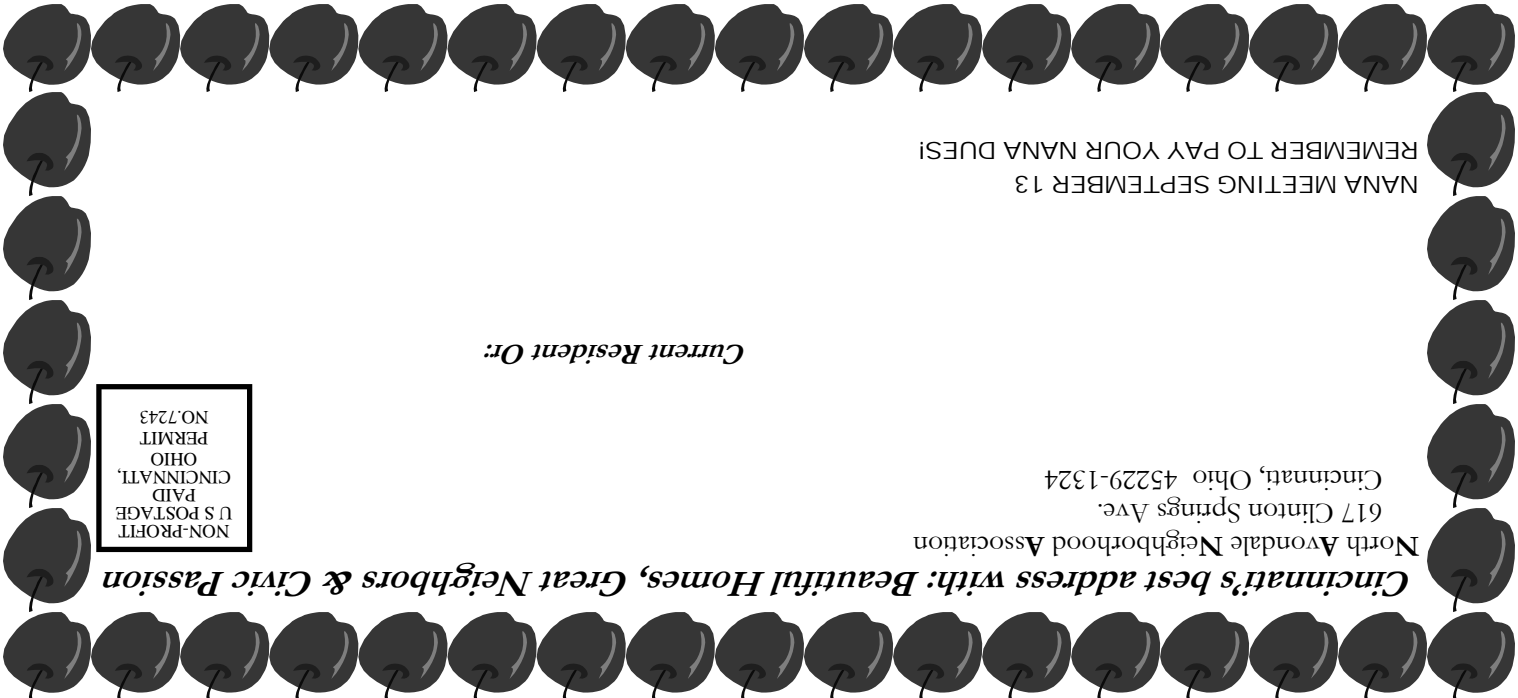
**Senior Club** meets September 2 to kick off the Fall Quarter. Contact Ann James for up to date information for the Senior Programs. The Walking Program is at 11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. in the gym.

**Teens** will be able play pick up basketball games on Mon. Wed. and Fri evenings (must have a membership card with you!) through Nov. The teens are now able to join the weight room (with a release form signed by parent and the fee of \$10 a quarter (plus a membership card). Also we will be involved with special events for the teens. Watch and stop in for info.

**Basketball Season** is just around the corner. Registration/sign ups will occur the first of October. Info available in late Sept.

**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>
Treasurer: Patricia Hassel _____	751-3357	Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse _____	Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov 352-3902
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 SEPTEMBER 13  
REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!

*Current Resident Or:*

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

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- Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs
- Thursday, October 6, 6:00 p.m. CPOP Meeting at District 4 Police Station, Reading Road
- Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs CANDIDATES NIGHT

**NANA CALENDAR**