



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors, On Sunday July 29th, our neighborhood was the destination of a great event, A Tour of Homes for Sale in North Avondale was coordinated by a neighbor and real estate agent. Many thanks to Josh Wagoner and all of the hard work he did in coordinating and marketing the event. At least 25 houses and 11 condos in a variety of price ranges and real estate agencies were represented; you can see all of the properties and more info online at [www.northavondaletour.com](http://www.northavondaletour.com). This was an excellent opportunity to get the word out on North Avondale and it certainly did accomplish this. The attendance was great (around 200-250 total) and we talked to many visitors who lived outside the neighborhood, even way out in the suburbs who were very surprised at the quality and variety of homes available here. If you have any thoughts or feedback on the tour, please share them at [comments@northavondaletour.com](mailto:comments@northavondaletour.com). It is my hope that we can make this at least a yearly event.

As of writing, there have been recent thefts of antique stained glass windows as well as copper pipes in and around the City. Police recommend taking pictures of your antique windows and know any identifying characteristics, just in case they're stolen. You can also get a fine arts insurance policy. Alarm systems and low hedges deter thieves.

If your house is regularly unattended due to rehabbing or shows evidence of work being done, please be mindful that many of these thieves work in groups and may even appear as contractors working on a house when they are really robbing your house of it's architectural charm. They can work very fast, so please help protect your belongings and your house by asking neighbors to keep an eye out!

Have a great September!

*Tim Yosmali*

We are still trying to get enough money to put the swing set in Martin Luther King Park. Next step possibly a Saturday evening fundraiser Please send us some money to help the park become more child and family friendly.



**\*Make checks payable to: City of Cincinnati/Park Board Commission, memo "MLK Swing" Mail to: Steve Schuckman 2625 Reading Rd. Cinti., Oh 45229**

### Emerald Ash Borer – Here to Stay

*The following information was taken from a variety of websites maintained by organizations concerned with the emerald ash borer infestation in the Midwest.*



Emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire, is a metallic green beetle that was discovered near Detroit in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. However, the EAB larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. An infected ash will die within 3 - 5 years. EAB probably arrived in wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia.

- State regulatory agencies and the USDA are enforcing quarantines (Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania) and fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs or hardwood firewood from moving out of areas where EAB occurs.
- EAB is costing municipalities, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries tens of millions of dollars.
- Ohio State University estimates that more than 25 million of the state's ash trees have already died from EAB.

EAB has now been reported in Hamilton county. In Cincinnati an estimated 5000 street trees, 10% of park trees, and 10% of private trees are ash. The Cincinnati Park Board  
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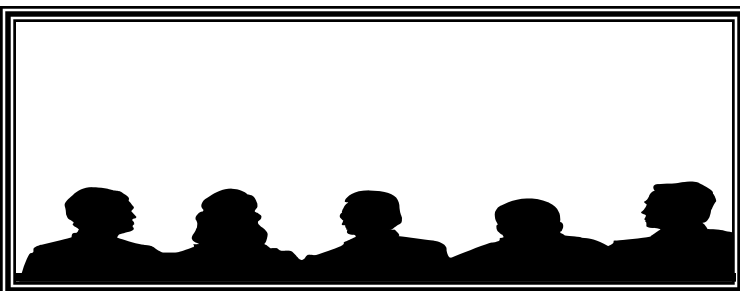
## National Night Out A Success!

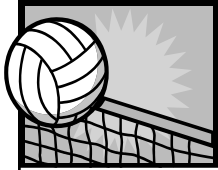
The August 7 event held between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. was a success with the cooperation of everyone involved. The location in MLK Park brought the neighborhood together with the Redding residents, Citizens on Patrol, and the Mosaic Vineyard Church.

The Redding residents provided tables and chairs and grill cooks. The Mosaic Vineyard supplied the food, drinks, and grill.

Citizens on Patrol and other neighborhood residents supported all activities and assisted as needed. Officer Cruse and Officer Jordan did a superb job of discussing bullying issues and choices. Bushido, martial arts judo, put on a demonstration even with the warm weather. Also present was Richelle Frabotta, a social/sexual health educator of all age groups, and Michelle Hopkins, the resource coordinator at Burton School.

The theme was "Focus on Youth". Do we want to do it again at another time of year?  
*Pauline Daly*





### NORTH AVONDALE

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

#### Highlights for Youth:

After School Day Camp	Mon. – Fri. 2:15 -6pm	\$120 per mth
Bridge Gap	Mon.- Fri. 2:15 – 4:30pm	\$75 per mth
Drop In Program	Mon. – Fri. 3:00 – 4:30 pm	Free
Flag Football Practice	Mon. 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Free
Games (12 & under)	Tue. 4:00 -6 pm	Free
Games (14 & under)	Wed.. 4:00 -6 pm	Free
Karate	Tues. & Thur. 5pm – 6pm	
Contact Ms Davis (513)821-1745		
Ceramics	Tues. 3:30 – 5pm	\$15
Knitting	Mon. & Wed. 3:30 – 5pm	\$15

**Game Room, Art Class and Gym** during drop in hours. Call center for more information.

**Basketball Registration** will begin is mid October contact Coach Tim at 961-1584 after 2 PM.

#### Highlights for Teens

Flag Football Practice	Mon. 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Free
Games (14 & under)	Wed. 4:00 -6 pm	Free
Game Room/Teen Lounge	Mon. – Fri. 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Free
Open Basketball	Mon. Wed. & Fri 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Free

#### Highlights for Adults

Fitness Room	Mon. – Fri. 9:30am – 8 pm	\$10 per ¼
Tai Chi	Thursday 6:15 – 7:15 PM	Free
Sauna	Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM – 8 PM	Free
Yoga	Mon. & Wed. 6-7 PM	Free
Work Out Party (Aerobics)	\$25 per month or \$5 per class Tues. & Thursday 6:00 -7:30 Sat. 12:00 PM – 1:45 PM	

#### Highlights for Seniors (50 and over)

Fitness Room	Mon. – Fri. 9:30am – 8pm	\$10 per ¼
Sauna	Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM – 8 PM	Free
Yoga	Mon. & Wed. 6-7 PM	Free
Line Dancing	Mon. & Wed. 10:00 – 11:30 am	Free
Classic Club	1st Fri 10 am– 12:30pm	Free

(Trips may be additional)

### HIRSCH CENTER

● 751-3393 ● 3630 Reading Road ● Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

#### Highlights for Youth:

After School Day Camp	Mon. – Fri. 2:30 -6pm	\$20 per wk
Drop In Program	Mon. – Fri. 2:30 – 4:30 pm	Free
Flag Football Practice	Mon. 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Free
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#### Highlights for Adults & Seniors (50 and over)

Fitness Room	Mon. – Thur. 10am – 8pm	\$10 per ¼
	Fri 10am -6pm	
Tai Chi	MWF 9am – 10am	Free
Yoga	Tues. & Thurs 10am-noon	Free
	Sat. noon – 1:45pm	



### NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

●363-3900 ● 615 Clinton Springs Ave.  
●nams.cps-k12.org

North Avondale Montessori School has a new Interim Principal Carmen Hull who was the Assistant Principal last year, and the new Assistant Principal is Shelley Stein who was the Assistant Principal at Pleasant Ridge Montessori School for two years. Carmen and Shelley are very excited about being a NAM, and looking forward to a great year with the students, parents and the community at large.

On Tuesday August 21, the first day of school was celebrated with parents providing balloons and encouraging posters to decorate the front and back entrances of the school, and they passed out bottles of water to students due to the high temperature. The school is also celebrating its' 2006-2007 Report Card rating of being an Effective School. Thank you to the teachers, parents and community volunteers who helped the students to excel in reading and math.

The NAM LSDMC Planning Committee continued to meet throughout the summer break going over architectural plans for their new school, which is slated to be torn down after the 2007-08 school year. NAM staff and students will be temporarily housed at the Burton Elementary School site on Glenwood Avenue. The students at Burton will be combining with the students at South Avondale School in their new building for the 2008-09 school year.

The school can use your help. If you are interested in being a tutor/volunteer at NAM, please contact Jamie Donaldson the Volunteer Coordinator at 363-3900

### THE NEW SCHOOL

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

This summer, for the fourth year, two students and their teacher, from The New School participated in a Montessori cultural exchange in Japan. The New School students visited the Montessori International School in Yokkai, Japan, run by Cincinnati resident, Miyoko Wordell. Their two week visit included a train trip to Kyoto and a Japanese tea ceremony.

Again this summer The New School Summer Session welcomed new three-year-olds and children up to age seven. The summer culminated with a field trip to Parky's Farm in Winton Woods.



The New School looks forward to hosting a **North Avondale Home Tour** on September 23rd from 2:00 to 5:00 which will include the former Mitchell Mansion which houses The New School. The Mitchell Mansion was one of the original houses built in North Avondale. Tickets are selling for \$25. Please contact Datha Harrison at 604-4572 to order yours

Girls 14 - 17 interested in travel, community service and exciting events, Cadette/Senior Girl Scout Troop 6788 is accepting applications. Please contact Troop Leader Victoria Evans at 348-8860 or email [queenvevans@mindspring.com](mailto:queenvevans@mindspring.com).

**NANA NOTATIONS**  
By Gerry Kraus

**TAX BREAK FOR SENIORS.** Under new Ohio law all senior citizens (age 65) can receive a \$25,000 property tax exemption. Applications are available on the Ohio Department of Taxation's Web site: [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://www.tax.ohio.gov) or at Hamilton County Auditor's Office, 138 E. Court St., Room 310. Deadline to apply is October 1, 2007 for real estate bills in 2008.

**VOA BUILDS AT 3816 READING ROAD.** Volunteers of America (VOA) began construction of a 5-unit independent living apartment building for the developmentally disabled at the southeast corner of Reading Road/Clinton Springs. City Hearing Examiner imposed restrictions on development including that style be compatible with nearby buildings, that fences and decorative screening from adjacent buildings be provided, no signage, persons under criminal justice system not permitted to live at apartment.

**RENTAL REHAB REQUEST FOR 4087 VICTORY PARKWAY (AT ASMANN AVE.).** This 34 unit apartment building was recently purchased by a California investor. He has requested NANA support for a Rental Rehab Loan from the City to provide housing for low income tenants. NANA has informed the City it is totally opposed to having this market rent apartment converted into low income occupancy because 1) North Avondale is already overly impacted with low income housing and 2) this apartment backs up to and abuts a CMHA public housing project on Ledgewood Drive.

**ADVERTISING BENCHES GO & BILLBOARDS LIMITED.** As part of a program to eliminate unsightly advertising along city streets City Council passed two ordinances on June 6, 2007. One was an ordinance making placement of advertising benches on city streets no longer authorized. Bench owners are to remove their benches or the city will remove and store them at cost to owners. Communities are encouraged to place attractive benches at bus stops for the convenience of bus riders. An ordinance was also passed prohibiting billboards from being placed within 100 feet of a residentially zoned district.

**THINGS WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW TO HELP THE PLANET:**

1. Properly inflate tires to improve your gas mileage by up to 3%.
2. Replace burnt out incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. If everyone in the U.S. replaced just five bulbs, we'd keep one trillion pounds of greenhouse gases out of our air.
3. **RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE.** If the City's curbside recycling tonnage increased just nine-tenths of one percent (0.9%), it could increase its recycling rebate income from \$26.00 per ton to \$30.00 per ton, not to mention saving landfill space & reducing energy costs by recycling materials.

**Pay your NANA Dues Today!**

**YOUR NEIGHBORS**

George H. Greene (Clinton Springs) won "Best of Show" for his pound cake in the Baked Cakes Category at the 152<sup>nd</sup> Hamilton County Fair. During Previous fairs he has received ribbons for "yeast" rolls and cookine. This is the second "Best of Show" recognition won by Mr. Greene. At the 2001 Hamilton County Fair his wall hanging titled "Greater Cincinnati Pigs 200" earned the same honor. He is a retired Cincinnati Public Schools Counselor, with 32 years of service, and is presently a free lance photographer.

**NORTH AVONDALE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
\$10,000 PROPOSAL APPROVED  
By Marvin Kraus**

The North Avondale Business Association (NABA) proposal for \$10,000 to be spent before 7/31/07 was approved by Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU) on 6/8/07. The money has to be spent to benefit the North Avondale Reading Road Business District, Reading Road from Dana to Asmann. You will see the results soon. Here is how it was spent:

- \$1698 for a portable battery operated watering system to water the planters you now see along Reading Road
- \$1364.61 for maintenance of the automatic sprinkler systems at Marion Triangle and Seasongood Square Park
- \$1742.93 to reprint brochures promoting North Avondale
- \$3394.46 for 6 cedar colored benches for placement at bus stops where approved by the City. The advertising benches will be removed.
- \$500 for assembling and installing the benches
- \$400 for litter pickup sticks
- \$500 for flowers, mulch, fertilizer, weeding, watering and other-wise taking care of the planter containers
- \$500 for coordinator
- \$100 for CNBDU annual dues

NABA is eligible for another grant of \$4166 to be spent for the benefit of the business district before 12/31/07. Proposals should be submitted to Marvin Kraus, Treasurer at [marvink@tktlaw.com](mailto:marvink@tktlaw.com) for consideration by NABA.

**FUN NEAR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**



There's a delightful new coffee shop opened in Norwood, called the **Speckled Bird**. It's on the corner of Mills and Carter (just a couple blocks from the Fun Factory roller rink). Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 7:30-2:00 and 8 to midnight; Sat. 9 a.m. to midnight; Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Closed Wednesday. [www.speckledbirdcafe.com](http://www.speckledbirdcafe.com) 1766 Mills Avenue.

**The Greenwich** ♪ Regular Weekly Features ♪  
 ♪ Tuesdays "Tuesday's Jam" Jazz jam sessions. Begins at 8:30 PM. Musicians cordially invited to participate. Variable cover. Food provided. ♪ Wednesdays "Lyrical Insurrection" Starts at 9 PM!!! Spoken word exhibition features open mic sessions and musical guests. \$5 cover. ♪ Sundays "Showdown on Sunday" Spoken word exhibition features open mic sessions and musical guests. Hosted by Chicago poet "Quest." Starts at 8 PM!!! \$5 cover. Food included!!!

2442 Gilbert Avenue, 221-1151 [www.the-greenwich.com](http://www.the-greenwich.com)

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estimates the loss of tree canopy and budget impact makes EAB the biggest threat to our forests since the Dutch elm disease epidemic. It's Urban Forestry section has published an EAB Management Plan, (email [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net) for a copy) which it behooves NANA to study regarding liabilities and incentives to residents under Cincinnati Municipal code section 743.

Insecticides are available to protect ash trees from EAB infestation. But it's impractical to protect all ash trees in a community. Healthy trees in well positioned locations are the best candidates for insecticide application. Treatments must be repeated annually. Some require professional application, but others are safe for homeowner use. Scientists are also investigating biological controls, of which the most promising is an Asian wasp that selectively attacks EAB beetles.

Citizens can help by learning to identify ash trees and the signs of EAB infection, and reporting any suspected infection to the EAB Task Force at 1-888-OHIO-EAB (1-888-644-6322).

Useful websites are:

- ❶ [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info) and to specifically identify trees [www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2942.pdf](http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2942.pdf)
- ❷ [www.ashalert.osu.edu](http://www.ashalert.osu.edu) ❸ [www.entm.purdue.edu/EAB](http://www.entm.purdue.edu/EAB) ❹ [www.ohiodnr.com/forestry](http://www.ohiodnr.com/forestry) ❺ [www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab](http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab)

NANA may want to consider forming an EAB task force to solicit expert advice and to develop an action plan, including possibly a community ash tree inventory and evaluation. For those of you interested, contact NANA.

*Compiled by Walt Woolfolk*

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

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



GET INVOLVED!  
NANA MEETING SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
PAY YOUR 2007 NANA DUES

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

**NANA CALENDAR**

- Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs Candidates Forum
- First Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., COP Meeting, District 4 Police Station Call NANA Office first