



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Neighbors, I have a fantastic opportunity for you. NANA, at its annual meeting in May, will elect a new slate of officers. This is your chance to be actively involved and make a difference. One constant theme in my president's letters over the last two years is that your participation is essential to the continued vitality of NANA. There are, of course, many ways to participate. Attendance at the monthly NANA meetings, financial support of NANA, participation in Green Up/Great American Clean-up Day (April 24), being a good neighbor, are all ways to support NANA and your neighborhood. But right now NANA is in real need of volunteers who will give their time, experience and commitment to continuing the work that NANA has been doing for decades to keep our neighborhood one of the best places to live in Cincinnati. A dedicated set of neighbors have given thousands of hours to NANA over the years. While their contributions have been and will continue to be important to us all, NANA can only benefit by your membership on the board. NANA needs your insight, your ideas, your time. Please contact Charlene Morse or me for more information on serving on the board, and to give us your contact information.

Frank Newbauer

COMMUNITY PRIORITY REQUESTS (CPR)

Each Community Council can submit up to three priorities for funding in the 2011-2012 biennial budget for city services and/or capital improvements. Examples of eligible projects:

- Design and construction of a community gateway.
- Land acquisition for playfield expansion.
- Pedestrian safety measures –crosswalks, lighting, and bus shelters
- More refuse cans in high pedestrian traffic areas
- Comprehensive land-use, zoning and traffic studies.
- Increased lighting on side streets for safety and to deter crime
- Community Master Plan development.
- Street rehabilitation – repair of potholes and sinkholes.
- Repair City Owned retaining walls.
- CPOP Team projects that address crime, safety and disorder problems
- Comprehensive Code Enforcement Program.
- Police service/personnel costs for police detail
- Beautification of street intersection
- Street improvements where needed to improve safety or increase capacity.
- Improvements to City-owned hillside stairways
- Park renovation - playground equipment, picnic tables, etc.

If you have any suggestions of things that you would like to see accomplished in our community come to the **NANA General Meeting on March 9** where we will prioritize and vote on the requests. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have suggestions call the NANA Office at 221-6166 or email: clmorse@fuse.net



NANA's Nominating Committee is working to select the 2010/2011 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving as an officer. If interested or if you have someone to suggest, please call the NANA Office at 221.6166 or send an email to clmorse@fuse.net.

**NANA General Meeting
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs
Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.**

- **CPR'S FOR THE 2011-2012 CITY BUDGET**
- **BUILDING THE CITIZENS' BUDGET**
- **JEFFREY STEC (SEE PAGE 2)**

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name _____ date _____

Address _____

Email Address/s _____

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BUILDING THE CITIZENS' BUDGET A Civic Coalition

Over the past decade, Cincinnati citizens' have generally been limited to two minutes of back-end testimony in shaping the City's biennial budget. However, with a huge budget deficit looming, the citizen voice will be essential to balancing the budget in a way our community can live with. Consequently, a diverse coalition of civic groups is partnering with the City Administration to bring deliberative citizen input to the beginning of the 2011-2012 biennial budget debate.

To truly reflect citizens' budget priorities, the process must include all of the City's diverse voices. This broad *and expanding* coalition has come together to build this process and recruit diverse participants (especially from the West Side and African American communities). Coalition members—including Invest in Neighborhoods, the League of Women Voters, A.I.R. Inc., the Faith Community Alliance, Santa Maria, the Community Building Institute, the Women's City Club, and the Cincinnati Association - will use their extensive networks to maximize participation at events held in four neighborhoods across the City.

This citizen dialog will also be grounded in real choices, as the City Administration has agreed to create budget-cutting (and revenue-raising) options for consideration by citizens. In turn, citizens will be asked to discuss and agree upon options in an attempt to balance the budget. Such deliberation will help citizens 1) understand the competing community needs from the perspective of other citizens, 2) prioritize the City services that mean the most to them, and 3) find common ground to resolve our fiscal challenges.

But to have any impact, citizen input must be heard and considered by City Council. Consequently, the coalition is working to create a working partnership with City Council and the Administration to generate citizen input that will help Council formulate the "policy budget" that guides the Administration in drafting the initial budget presented to the Mayor in the Fall.

In the end, this process aims to transform the way citizens think and talk about the City budget. Rather than merely "protecting our own", we all must begin to see the City budget as a collective effort. Consequently, this process will use self-contained small group deliberation to ensure that every citizen has a chance to speak, be heard, and weigh priorities. If citizens begin listening to each other before offering opinions to Council, we might be able to build consensus on how to meet our City's diverse needs.

BUILDING THE CITIZENS' BUDGET MISSION

To deeply involve citizens in creating the 2011-2012 biennial City budget by giving City Council deliberative and actionable citizen input.

COALITION VALUES

Inclusion ■ **Acceptance** by Council and Administration
 ■ **Expression** ■ **Education** of citizens regarding the budget process and factual framework ■ **Data** presented to City Council
 ■ **Ongoing** work to improve the process in successive years ■ **Transparency**

To learn more come to the March 9th NANA Meeting.

Jeffrey Stec

WHERE WILL THE 2010 PIG ROAST TAKE PLACE? IT COULD BE COMING TO A HOUSE NEAR YOU.

On Saturday afternoon, April 25th, 2009 the 2009 Pig Roast suddenly descended on the 900 block of Dana Avenue. Parking on Dana and one block of Dakota was full with cars coming and going. The party focus appeared to be 2 houses on Dana located on opposite sides of the street. Pedestrian traffic was continuous, up and down the street and crossing between the houses. Party activity seemed to have spread to some other houses. Most participants appeared to be in their late teens and early 20's.

These were observations by some neighbors: Loud music and voices; Using neighbors' yard as a bathroom, even when the neighbors were present; 40-50 people counted milling around the houses, with an estimated total of party goers of at least 200; a huge balloon used for playing games; a sign stating you must be 21 to drink alcohol; and traffic hazards with stumbling and drunken behaviors crossing the street and between the houses.

The event did not quiet down until midnight. Neighbors did call the police but they were caught by surprise and did not realize at first that it was the Pig Roast.

This is not a spontaneous party. It is a planned event and likely is profitable to someone. Such events would usually need a permit and a security detail. There was neither. This event has become a tradition that has been passed down from previous classes. Stories from previous graduates encourage current students to try to "improve on it".

The "Pig Roast" usually occurs in the Spring, near the end of the school year at Xavier, Norwood, North Avondale, or Evanston (in walking distance) are likely to have the event this year. The Rental Housing committee recommends:

- Watch for signs of preparations for a party
- Call then and warn the local police and the campus police
- Call again and repeatedly when there are disturbances and/or signs of illegal activity
- Calls to the police will be prioritized but make it clear, courteously, that it is important to the neighborhood that all possible action be taken as indicated.

Pauline Daly (2)

IN MEMORIAM

☛ **Karla Irvine** (Red Bud Place) followed a simple creed: Treat everyone the same. That philosophy guided her in her 27 years as executive director of Housing Opportunities Made Equal, or HOME, a Walnut Hills-based nonprofit organization that she built into a nationally recognized model for enforcing fair-housing laws. Her impact extended far beyond the Queen City and Northern Kentucky. She was a founding board member of the Washington, D.C. based National Fair Housing Alliance, a consortium of fair-housing organizations.

The longtime North Avondale resident died Friday, February 19 at Cloverbrook Health Care Pavilion in North College Hill of complications from a November fall at home. She was 76. Karla served as the first Administrator for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association.

She is survived by her only child, Celia Irvine of Savannah, Ga., a lawyer who has worked with low-income tenants facing eviction. and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. **March 22** at Christ Church Cathedral, 318 E. Fourth St., Downtown. For a full obituary go to: <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/AB/20100222/NEWS0104/2230350/10>

YOUR NEIGHBORS

☛ Sara Rundle (Spring House) is offering her services as a tutor and babysitter. She'll be 17 in a couple of weeks, and is very mature for her age. Her background is Montessori since she was a little tyke. She was a math tutor for a local program for kids, and is a licensed Red Cross babysitter. The best way to reach her is her cell phone, 476-5747 or her email, rundi17@gmail.com.

NORTH AVONDALE CITIZEN'S ON PATROL

Monday, March 22, 7pm the NA Citizens on Patrol will hold a meeting at the Distinct 4 Police Station, 4150 Reading Rd. Any interested neighbors are welcome. For more Information call Ben Blaney at 861-1220 or blb7852@aol.com

Dear Neighbors,

Perhaps it is time to point out once again, that the Gershuny property (between Barry Lane & Avondale Avenue) next to our house has become an even worse eyesore then before. It has become a constant storage for flat beds They are loaded with junk and the upper parking level is now a Dumpsite for wallboard and worse junk. The view out the windows is a view of a DUMP Help!

Susan Muije

If anybody has ideas of how to develop this property or hold the owner accountable contact Charlene 221-6166 or clmorse@fuse.net

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☛ **St Bernard Home Expo** - March 20 & 21

Realtor Training Class: Sat. March 20, 9:00 am to noon
Citywide open house Saturday and Sunday (20 & 21) in coordination with the region wide open houses that weekend being organized by CABR.

☛ **In the Kitchen With Jolene** *Intimate Culinary Demonstrations in Jolene Struebbe's Beechwood Home*

APRIL – Quiches and Tarts for Spring (\$55)

Monday, April 5, 6-9 pm OR Monday, April 19, 6-9 pm
Learn to make homemade piecrust, and then fill it to make a variety of seasonal savory tarts and quiches.

MAY – A Mother's Day Tea Celebration (\$55)

Monday, May 3, 6-9 pm OR Saturday, May 8, 10-1 pm
Special pricing Saturday! Just \$75 for mom and one child (counter-height and above, please)!

Learn how to make tantalizing finger sandwiches, yummy scones, and beautiful miniature desserts. You will also learn tips for entertaining, from menu presentation to flower arranging.

JUNE – Summer Entertaining (\$65)

Monday, June 21, 6-9 pm OR Saturday, June 26, 10-1 pm
Learn how to make two proven party recipes (Southern Frogmore Stew and Fish Tacos) and gain tips about how to present your menu!

JULY – Kitchen Survival Skills (\$55 OR \$250/week)

July 26-30, Monday through Friday, 10-1 pm
Calling all high school or college students, or new chefs of any age! Learn five quick, easy meals of your choice!

AUGUST – Dinner in a Hurry: Pork Tenderloin (\$65)

Monday, August 9, 6-9 pm OR Saturday, August 14, 10-1 pm
Learn to prepare a most delicious and tender cut of meat – pork tenderloin! Recipes include lime cilantro pork tacos, pork noisettes with a charcuterie sauce, medallions of pork with a port and cranberry sauce, and pork posole.

SEPTEMBER – Fall Vegetable Soups (\$50)

Friday, Sept. 17, 10 – 1 OR Monday, Sept. 20, 6-9 pm
Learn to make soups of all sorts using seasonal late-summer vegetables.

OCTOBER – Cooking With Butternut Squash (\$50)

Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 – 1 OR Monday, Oct. 18, 6-9 pm
Learn how to prepare one of the best fall vegetables in a variety of ways! Possible recipes include pizza, soup, savory bread pudding, gratin, and salad all with squash.

NOVEMBER – Perfect Meats for Braising (\$65)

Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 – 1 OR Monday, Nov. 8, 6-9 pm
Learn about oxtails, brisket, short ribs, and more!

DECEMBER – Fun and Festive Appetizers (\$60)

Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 – 1 OR Monday, Dec. 6, 6-9 pm
Learn to prepare lettuce wraps, bacon-wrapped dates, cheesy black-eyed pea dip, "hanky panky," and crabbies.

ADDITIONAL & CONTACT INFORMATION call or email Jolene at 221.4018 jolenestriebbe@fuse.net

Jolene is an ACF Certified Culinarian. She is an adjunct faculty member at the Midwest Culinary Institute at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, and is a cooking instructor at Norwood High School. You can also find her in the kitchen at EatWell Catering.

We have wonderful dogs living in North Avondale but everyone doesn't love your **dog barking or running on their property or public spaces and leaving behind their waste**. Some people are afraid of dogs. Some people can't sit outdoors because your dog keeps barking. They are awoken out of a sound sleep because your dog is barking. Bring your dog in quickly. **Please be a good neighbor and keep your dog indoors (a dog kept indoors is more threatening to an intruder)**, always cleanup after your dog, use a leash and keep your dog secured when in your own yard. We have the following City Ordinances:



701-27. Loud Dog No person shall harbor or keep any animal of the **dog** kind which by loud and frequent or habitual barking or yelping shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood

701-2. Leash Required The owner or harbinger of a harmless **dog**, not on the premises or in a motor vehicle, shall keep said **dog** on a leash of such length to keep the **dog** from annoying others. A harmless **dog** may be unleashed if either of the following is applicable: a. The **dog** is in training, a competition, or show or b. The **dog** is on property with the permission of the



property owner.

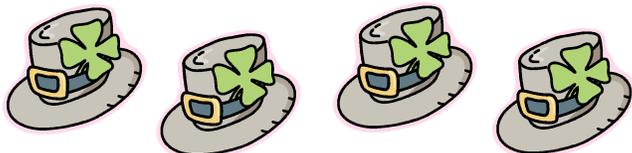
701-30. Dog Excrement Removal No person shall allow a **dog** under his or her control to be upon public property or upon the property of another, absent the consent of the owner or occupant of the property, without some device for the removal and containment of such dog's excrement; nor shall any person fail to remove any excrement deposited by any **dog** under his or her control on public or private property.

701-33. Animals or Fowl Damaging Gardens and Lawns. No person owning or harboring one or more **cats, dogs, other animals or fowl** shall permit such **cats, dogs, other animals or fowl** to run at large so as to do damage to gardens, lawns, shrubbery or other private property.

701-4. Dangerous Dog to be Properly Confined or Leashed The owner or harbinger of a dangerous **dog** shall keep said **dog**:

a. When outdoors and on the premises in a securely fenced area or on a leash controlled by a competent adult

b. When not on the premises, securely restrained with a leash, not exceeding six feet in length, and under the control of a competent adult.



NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

● 281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane

● www.thenewschool.cc

If the goal is to learn basic methods of doing research, one might as well be studying interesting topics. The New School Montessori teachers were happy to tailor their lessons to fit the interests of the children. Students listed a variety of subjects they wanted to delve into. Votes were taken, and a number of topics were selected for further group study. The New School Montessori's third through sixth graders then spent their afternoons studying and preparing to present their work to parents and students in a festival they named *Diversity of Interests*. There was drama, sculpture, food from different cultures and original works of computer animation created by the students. One group wanted to understand the concepts of team building and worked through various exercises used in the business world to study group dynamics. They debriefed following each exercise and discovered what they had learned about their personal and group working styles. Diversity was embraced as students appreciated their own talents and interests and enjoyed the diversity of their peers.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

PLAN CINCINNATI

a comprehensive plan for the future

The Neighborhood Summit was on Saturday, February 27. The feedback provided by more than 600 attendees will be used by Planning Staff, Working Groups, and the Steering Committee throughout the development of Plan Cincinnati, the City's first comprehensive plan in 30 years.

We invite you to learn more about Plan Cincinnati and remain engaged throughout the planning process. Please visit www.plancincinnati.org to:

- **Vote on Goals and Critical Questions.** Visit the website to vote on goals and critical questions for sessions you may have not been able to attend. <http://www.plancincinnati.org/pages/surveys.htm>
- **View Session PowerPoints.** All presentations from the sessions are available. PowerPoints include the voting results for all sessions.
- **Sign-up for a Working Group.** Working Groups will be charged with evaluating and refining goals and developing Action Steps. Each of the 12 plan elements will have a Working Group. Sign-up today to be part of developing recommendations for the issue that is most important to you. More information on Working Group responsibilities is available at http://www.plancincinnati.org/pages/working_groups.htm.
- **View Past Comprehensive Plans.** The comprehensive plans adopted in 1925, 1948, and 1980 are all posted on the web.
- **Stay Up-to-Date on Plan Activities.** Join our Facebook fan page or follow us on Twitter for plan updates.

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000	To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960
Police District 4	569.8600	Request A Recycling Bin	242.4600
Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer: Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov	569.8654	Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
Thomas Beridon Dist. 4 Prosecutor Thomas.beridon@cincinnati-oh.gov	352.3618	To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	Crimereports.com
Nonemergency Police	765.1212	Track property code violations:	http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/

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NANA CALENDAR

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- Wednesday, March 24, **District 4 Resource Meeting** (4th Wednesday of each mth.) 6:30 pm Police Station, 4150 Reading Rd.
- First Thursday of each month April 1, at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Saturday April 3, Rose Hill Lane clean-up**
- **Tuesday, April 13, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- **Saturday April 24, The Great American Cleanup**



This NANA NEWS was sent out by email as most of our future newsletters will be. During this transition, please ask your neighbors if they received this newsletter. If they have not, please ask them to email NANA at clmorse@fuse.net and I will email them one. If they don't have email, this newsletter is posted on our website at www.northavondalecincinnati.com as a pdf. If they have neither please print a copy for them. Also, anyone can pay an extra \$7.00 a year to NANA and we will print and mail them every NANA NEWS. Thank you.

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