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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this article in late October for printing in the November edition of the NANA Newsletter, I see a lot going on; hundreds of signs are in the front yards of many residences in North Avondale saying "Vote For..... Black....Strickland....Kearney....Chabot....Kasich....Driehaus Boyce....Allen....Mallory....Hunter....." and the list goes on and on. Yes, it is election time again! And, to add to all the signs, the innovative minds of many children and adults have created certain "lawn scenes" in front of some NA homes that give a "scary, creepy and intimidating" atmosphere that would make many cultures of the world wonder if there might be something terribly wrong here in NA. No, there is no problem here.....NA is in America and Halloween is at hand!!! North Avondale lives life to its fullest!!! We take our responsibility seriously by campaigning and voting for our representatives in government and at the same time we can have a good time in making the "Halloween spoof" a fun time for our children. Those cute little smiles seen from a miniature "angel" or "unwicked witch" or "friendly ghost" that are prompted when you drop an apple or candy into the outstretched bag of that little entity who says "trick or treat", cannot be duplicated. What a great return on investment!!!

There is something always going on in North Avondale and that makes it great for our residents----regardless of age. If you are bored or if your children say they have nothing to do, the condition is just self inflicted!! Just travel a few minutes from your home and see what you are missing. For example, North Avondale is blessed with having two Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) facilities near you. At 3630 Reading Road is the Hirsch Community Center and at 617 Clinton Springs is the North Avondale Recreation Center. As you go in the front door of either Center, you feel immediately welcome and are quickly impressed by the clean and very upbeat surroundings. Julie Fatora heads up Hirsch Community and Dina Hanks is the leader at NA Recreation. Both ladies are a "God Send" to the community and have giant responsibilities...like giving guidance to our children. Both are always enthusiastic and energetic. And, best of all, both are passionate about their work and skilled in taking care of people's needs.....regardless of the age of the client.

Do you or your children like basketball, soccer, volleyball, football, baseball, swimming, billiards, ping pong, chess, lifting weights, martial arts, crafts, yoga, movies, computers, fitness training, reading, music or painting?? Do you need a personal fitness trainer? Do you want to take your little ones to a playground? Do you or a family member have an interest in acting? Do you look for activities for Seniors? Go to one of the CRC Centers near you!!! In addition to the activities available,

you will make friends with people of mutual interests; talk or "hang out" with interesting neighbors; and, be welcomed by the Centers' leaders and volunteers who want to help you enjoy yourself. The cost for use of the facilities is pennies per day! It is impossible to be bored and not have anything to do in North Avondale if you simply take advantage of the CRC Centers in North Avondale. (see schedules on page 4) They help make NA the best of all places to live in the Cincinnati area.

A final thought for you in this November letter. One of my favorite of all the holidays is in November. For me, you can't beat celebrating and being with friends and family on Thanksgiving Day. I wish all of you and your families the best for Thanksgiving 2010. I am thankful that a part of my good fortune is living in North Avondale. I'm sure you feel the same way.

Bill Stevens

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Pay your NANA Dues Today!

NANA General Meeting
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

- **Learn about the new program at the Armory (see page 2)**



IN MEMORIAM

☞ **Brian Joiner**, was born November 28, 1961 and passed away on October 8, 2010. A wonderful Cincinnati artist whose donated painted bench is located at the North Avondale Recreation Center entrance. To learn more about Brian go to: <http://www.citybeat.com/cincinnati/article-21804-brian-joiners-creative-life.html>

☞ **Herbert Charles Smitherman, Sr., Ph.D.** (Redway), lived from March 23, 1937 to October 9, 2010. Herbert, who held a doctoral degree, was a research chemist and manager at P&G for 29 years. After retiring from P&G, Smitherman served as vice president of Academic Affairs for Wilberforce University.



He also was principal of Cincinnati Public's Western Hills Design Technology High School. In 2009, he went to work at CPS's central office as manager of the Office of Innovation.

Our condolences to his family: wife of 51 years Barbara; sons, Dr. Herbert (Dr. Lynn), James, Albert (Liza), Joseph (Jason), Christopher (Pamela); a daughter, Mae Angela Smitherman-Smith; 14 grandchildren; mother-in-law, Mozelle Flowers.

Donations to Dr. Herbert Charles Smitherman Sr. Scholarship Funds may be mailed to the Cincinnati NAACP, 4439 Reading Road, Suite 202 Cincinnati, OH 45229.

☞ **Adelaide Wessling** (Lenox Pl) passed away October 13th on her 80th birthday. Our condolences to her husband Joseph, and son John J. (Teresa), granddaughter Sara Wessling. Memorials may be made to Edgecliff Scholarship Fund at Xavier University, or Hospice of Cincinnati, 4360 Cooper Road Cincinnati, OH 45242.

THE IMAGE OF THE 21ST CENTURY YOUTH



4100 READING ROAD

CINCINNATI, OHIO 45229-1640

H.O.P.E.4 Change (H4C) is a Multi-Cultural Training and Prevention Center. It collaborates with businesses, school districts, community organizations and the juvenile court system to provide in-depth training for perspective entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs will develop a foundation in life skills, discipline, teamwork, self-motivation, time management and leadership. H4C provides a safe multi-cultural environment that serves to educate, empower and entertain.. H4C will be at the **Tuesday October 9** NANA General Meeting. Attend and learn more.



Volunteer Opportunities:

(contact 221.6166 or clmorse@fuse.net)

- ☛ **NANA needs Fundraising and Beautification committee members. There is always a flexible schedule for specific beautification tasks!**
- ☛ Tutors at NAM anytime Mon.-Fri from 8am-4pm. Contact Lisa Herod at 254.6057 or llherod@yahoo.com.
- ☛ Tutors: Call Nichole Aldridge at 363-5530 (South Avondale) or Shalon Price at 363-4777 (Rockdale).

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, SJ. 790 Clinton Springs
Fr. Lou Lipps, SJ. 790 Clinton Springs

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name _____ date _____

Address _____

Email Address/s _____

Annual Dues \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$5 or \$ _____

Pay Additional \$7.00 for Newsletter Mail Delivery _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

On October 4th the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance gave a presentation about home energy assessments and energy efficiency during an evening workshop in the North Avondale community. North Avondale residents **Ben Blaney** and **Julie Zimmerman** also presented their respective experiences in energy assessments and energy efficiency improvements. About 2 dozen people attended and received complimentary energy efficiency kit from GCEA. Nine North Avondale residents registered for a reduced cost energy assessment. Certified independent contractors who are partnered with GCEA will be calling to schedule assessments with those interested residents. For more information about GCEA or to request your own energy assessment please visit www.greatercea.org or send an email to info@greatercea.org.

Julie Zimmerman (Redway Av)

The neighbors who live in the area bordered by Rose Hill, Clinton Springs, Red Bud and Mitchell Avenue have been bombarded recently with a series of power outages. There have been about four or five outages in the past two months.

Neighbors: I've been told that animals accessing the wires is the problem. That sounds like too 'pat' an answer. As a group we need to bombard Duke Energy with complaints to research and correct the problem. Join me in making verbal complaints to Duke Energy.

Daphne W. Robinson (East Mitchell Avenue)

Yard waste is collected along with solid waste on regularly scheduled collection days. All types of yard waste are accepted including grass clippings, **leaves**, branches and brush.

Under the City Municipal Code, raking leaves into the street or right-of-way is prohibited and is PUNISHABLE BY LAW.

Place yard waste at your curb by 6am on your regular trash collection day beside your household trash and green recycling bin.

•Branches and brush should be tied into bundles no larger than 2 ft. x 4 ft. and individual tree limbs should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

•Please compost yard waste at home whenever possible.

•Also this is a good time to trim hedges and plants that have grown out over the sidewalks making it difficult to walk safely and easily

Charlene Morse (Barton Woods).

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI DEDICATION AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

The community of North Avondale has a long history and rich tradition of educating children that has expanded over 83 years! On October 29 the Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held. An excerpt from that event follows:

"...In June of 1925, the Cincinnati Board of Education for the sum of \$60,000 purchased 8.385 acres from the estate of Hannah E. Workum located on the south side of Clinton Springs. The Workum Mansion was equipped as a temporary school to provide expanded facilities for this rapid growing community. The school was named the North Avondale Colony of Avondale School and opened February 7, 1927 with 157 pupils. Today we will hear from a member of the 1927 class! (*pictured below*)

Then in 1944 a \$16 million bond issue was passed to build a new school. The total cost of the building was \$650,000 and contained 14 classrooms, gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, community room, arts and crafts room, teachers' room, medical suite and office. The school opened September 6, 1949 and had 520 students attend. We are fortunate to have a member of the class of 1949 speak to us this morning!

Today we proudly dedicate our \$14.8 million state-of-art building that will house 650 students. Our building features larger classrooms than a traditional school so students may have space for the learning environment required to practice and learn using the guiding principles of Dr. Maria Montessori. We are one of the "greenest" schools in the world, saving energy with motion sensors, shower head water faucets, a green roof for insulation, and a quality air replacement system. These are a few ways we are saving energy.

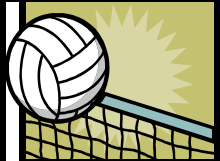
North Avondale became a Montessori School in 1981. Our students are prepared academically and artistically upon their graduation of NAM. NAM students attend Walnut Hills High School, Clark Montessori High School, and the School of Creative and Performing Arts, the best schools in the region! With over 25 years of educating students using the Montessori philosophy, we celebrate our new building with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Thank you for attending!..."

Mr. Lewis, Principal



John Lehr

Herbert Heibrun



NORTH AVONDALE (NAC)
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 northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

Seniors

Come share with us an evening full of elegance and class!! Join us for the **2nd Annual "Christmas on the Red Carpet" December 11, 2010** at the Barrington of Oakley. This after-five attire event is held from 4-8pm and includes dinner, entertainment, door prizes for \$20.00 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Brandi.

Youth

Youth **Basketball** Sign Ups have begun. See Below for your child's age group.

5-7 year olds

Practice Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm Games on Mondays beginning December 6th at NAC Center Cost is \$50.00 per child plus center membership(\$10)

2nd and 3rd Grade Girls

Practice Wednesdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm and Saturdays 2:00pm – 3:30pm Games on Weekends beginning Dec 4th Cost \$70.00 per child plus a current center membership (\$10)

3rd and 4th Grade Boys

Practice Mondays and Fridays 4:30pm – 5:30pm until Dec 4th then Tuesday s & Fridays Games are played on Weekends beginning Dec 4th Cost \$70.00 per child plus a current center membership (\$10)

5th and 6th Grade Boys

Practice Mondays and Fridays 5:30pm – 6:30pm until Dec 4th then Tuesdays and Fridays Games are played on Weekends beginning Dec 4th Cost \$70.00 per child plus a current center membership (\$10)

5th and 6th Grade Girls

Practice Wednesdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm and Saturdays 3:30pm – 5:00pm Games on Weekends beginning Dec 4th Cost \$70.00 per child plus a current center membership (\$10)

For more information about our youth teams please contact Coach Tim or Coach Kenny.

Adults

Adult Basketball League Now Forming

Wednesday Nights – Games at 6:30pm, 7:30pm, and 8:30pm League Begins December 1st
 Fee: \$250.00 per team due by November 30th
 Referee Fees: \$28.00 per game paid on the floor
 Roster Limited to 10 players

For more information please contact Kenny Cooke Sr.

Yoga Classes

Wednesdays 6:30pm – 7:30pm
 Cost: \$10 per Class or Monthly Pass \$30

HIRSCH CENTER
●3620 Reading Road ● 751.3393
 Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

The Hirsch Center will be closed on Nov. 11th for Veterans Day (ONLY our after school program will be operating from 2-6pm on this day).

MEMBERSHIP NEEDED FOR ALL PROGRAMS

SPECIAL DAY CAMP ON FRIDAY NOV. 12, 7am - 6pm for \$15 (additional money needed for field trip)

"Crash Hirsch" Event

Wednesday, November 3, 5:30-8pm
 The Do Right! Advisory board invites everyone to attend the next meeting at Hirsch Rec Center, afterwards we will participate in the group workout session. Bring workout clothes and gym shoes! Free snacks, prizes and admission is free!

Chess Tournament for K-12 grades.

Saturday, November 4th. Registration is from 10-10:45am. FREE!!! The program begins at 11am. Food will be available for purchase.

Open Volleyball on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6-8pm

Open Basketball on Monday and Wednesday nights 6-8pm

Group Work Out on Monday and Wednesday 6-8pm Need help getting motivated to get in shape? Try this!

YOUTH BASKETBALL- Monday - Friday 4-5:30pm MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS!!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! *Julie Fatora C. P. R. P.*



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI
●363.3900 ● 876 Glenwood
www.namrockets.org

1st - Sibling Registration begins
 5th - Science Fair - 5:30pm - Cafeteria
 11th - No School for students ages 3-6

11th - Sibling Registration Ends
 16th - Open Enrollment Begins
 19th - Mid Term Report Cards Go Home
 All students except Pre-School report to school
 23rd - Grandparent's Day - 8:30am to 10:30am
 24th thru the 28th - Thanksgiving Vacation
 30th - Parent-Teacher Conference Night - 4pm to 7pm

THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI
●281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane
www.thenewschool.cc

The New School Montessori celebrated its 40th Anniversary this October with over 150 alumni returning to enjoy the weekend's activities with current families and staff. The reunion was filled with opportunities for reminiscing, touring the campus, enjoying our Harvest Moon Festival and experiencing our city and its river in an amphibious boat. There to capture the spirit of the weekend and to interview its earliest pioneers was filmmaker and current TNSM parent Andrea Torrice and her team. It is inspiring to see how the school was created from a simple holistic vision that has continued these 40 years. We look forward to serving both TNSM's 150 students and our neighborhood community long into the future as a Montessori school known for innovation, peace education and dual accreditation.

We welcome you to call us to plan a visit, or feel free to attend our upcoming Open Houses on Sunday, November 14 and January 30 from 2:00-4:00pm.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, November 9, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- First Thursday of each month December 2, at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Tuesday, December 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Wednesday, December 15, **District 4 Resource Meeting** 6:30 pm Police Station, 4150 Reading. All welcome.



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:	569.8654	Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov		To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	Crimereports.com
Thomas Beridon Dist. 4 Prosecutor	352.3618	Track property code violations:	http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/
Thomas.beridon@cincinnati-oh.gov			
Nonemergency Police	765.1212		

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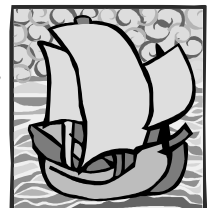
NANA MEETING NOVEMBER 9TH at 7PM ~PAY YOUR 2010 NANA DUES~



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Thank you.