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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NANA bylaws provide that anyone who resides, works, owns property or a business in NA and is 18 years of age qualifies to be a member of NANA. The prime goal of NANA is working to make NA a better place to live.

If you feel that you, personally, cannot make a difference in helping NA, you are wrong. Your efforts and a real commitment to help institute improvement often can be very simple...but it can have a giant influence. Here is an example.

Many of you are getting ready and some have already started planting flowers and grass cutting around the neighborhood. A high priority of NANA is making all areas of NA more attractive. Having neatly kept yards on litter free streets personifies community pride. While many of our residents keep their property in an impeccable fashion, some properties need attention!

You can perform an invaluable service for your community by simply keeping the area immediately around your home or apartment free of litter, weeds and unkempt grass. Thirty minutes of beautification a week by each NA family can dramatically change the entire appearance of North Avondale. Please show the general public who drive through "our area of Cincinnati" that we have a united effort to make NA attractive. Your small effort when combined with others doing the same will reflect our pride, increase property value and establish NA as a place where people believe in where they live. Helping on April 21st (see article to the right) would also benefit the neighborhood.

I am pleased to say that more and more new ideas are being generated by your NANA Board. Attracting new businesses to NA is a significant project already in progress. Obtaining grant monies to make changes in the face of North Avondale is an ongoing and continuous process of your Board. Success in being awarded grants can make NA a standout, progressive and recognized community leader for Cincinnati. New committees have been established for addressing specific challenges that are needed for positive growth and the welfare of North Avondale. Your Board is quite active in this area but it is imperative that you both support and volunteer to actually participate as Committee members. (see article on page 7)

Step up and be counted as a contributing member of NANA....YOU ARE NANA.

Bill Stevens



Volunteers Needed!



**GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP &
GREEN-UP THE PARKS DAY**
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

**(If there is a problem with too much rain, call the NANA Office voice mail the day of the event for instructions)*

Once a year we clean up the neighborhood together by picking up litter. Target areas are: Reading Road and 50 feet onto any streets off of Reading; Dana Ave; Burton; Asmann; Vine & Mitchell; parts of Clinton Springs; Washington; and any areas to be determined after a neighborhood drive thru before the event (please call/email if you see any other problem areas).

Let's beautify the neighborhood by preparing the parks for the busy summer season. We will weed, mulch the trees & playgrounds at Seasongood, and Martin Luther King.

Meet at Seasongood park (Reading & Clinton Springs) for donuts & juice & your job/area assignment or call 221.6166. Afterwards NANA will provide pizza for a well earned lunch.

Come for all of the time or part of the time but please just come. The support of the community is essential to preserving the quality of Cincinnati.

If you are unable to attend but would be willing to help on other days for planting and or weeding, please connect us. Some of your neighbors have already signed up: Michelle Baxter, Maura Wolf, Elsa zum Brook, Edie Gaudio, Sarah Koucky, Haley Inskeep.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATIONAL NON-NANA EMAILS?

NANA never shares your email address with other organizations or your neighbors. We respect your privacy and your time. We use your email address to send you the *NANA NEWS* and information on special NANA events. Information from other groups concerning information about their activities goes in the monthly *NANA NEWS*. Sometimes NANA receives information between issues from the City and other groups about meeting or events. If you would like to receive those kind of emails, NANA can start a list of interested members and we will forward to you information as it comes to us. To join, send your request to clmorse@fuse.net.

FYI the North Avondale (non-NANA) yahoo site is not working. We will try to update next month.

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

I am looking for a few expert volunteers to help me set up our science lab. I would welcome someone who is of a science background or who may have skills in organization. I would be glad to have interested persons contact me at my msk2214nam@gmail.com address. My classroom # is 363.3926.
Bonnie Krebs

Hi I am a new neighbor who has moved back to Cincinnati from Northern California. I would like to volunteer for the neighborhood in some way. Also would like to meet other families and musicians in N. Avondale.
ruthieallenlincoln@gmail.com **Ruthie Lincoln** (Rose Hill)

I've seen a number of people making left turns on red at the intersection of Victory Parkway and Ledgewood, treating the light as a stop sign. Not only is this dangerous, it teaches children to ignore the law.
Cathy Beltz (Dakota)

I am an Independent Loving Care Provider In Your Home. I can provide Companion Care, Light Housekeeping, Meal Preparation, Bath, Visits. Registered, Certified, Bonded Nursing Care. Available Part Time, Full Time All Shifts and Weekends. 522.1996 or 371.0163
Deborah Byndon (Mitchell)

Applications for the community garden and for vendors at the Marketplace are now available. To learn more about Gabriel's Place or to pick up an application, please visit us online at www.gabriels-place.org or call the Avondale Pride Center at -281.5999. I have adopted one. **Andrew Beiting**

There was a great article in the Cinci Enquirer – you probably saw it – on March 17 about Avondale. There were some very warm words about NANA and how it saved North Avondale from the decline that was experienced in most of Avondale in the 70's. There was also a follow-up article, on the 18th about efforts now in place to revitalize Avondale. I found both to be very exciting. Here is a link to the articles: Part 1 - <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120317/NEWS/303180007> & Part 2 <http://news.cincinnati.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/AB/20120318/NEWS/303190016/>
Hope Felton (Betula)

Once again, I send many thanks to those neighbors who have created yards that are so beautiful to look at, it makes the neighborhood wonderful.
Marian Miller (Red Bud)

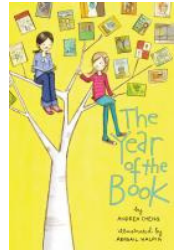
North Avondale writer **John Kachuba**, (Glencross) is working on a new project about nineteenth-century newspaper reporter Lafcadio Hearn. He would appreciate hearing from any Hearn fans, scholars, or family members and is particularly interested in Hearn photographs, letters, diaries, etc., as well as handed-down stories about him. Contact John at jkachuba@fuse.net or 513.221.2807.

Needed! summer job for very reliable OSU student, babysitting, yardwork, etc. please contact **Kim Hubbard** (Ledgewood) 513 787 9389

YOUR NEIGHBORS

Paul W. and Elleni A. Rice, on Marion Ave. - Our Daughter Julianna P. Rice, a Masters Graduate from Indiana University Bloomington In. in Public Administration has just been named the Office Manager for Mayor Mark Mallory. We are so proud of her.

Andrea Cheng (Red Bud) will be signing copies of her new chapter book called *The year of the Book* (grades 3-6) on Saturday June 2 at the Blue Manatee Bookstore in Oakley at 11:30am. (www.bluemanateebooks.com) For more information about the book, go to www.andreacheng.com.



Stuart Baxter, PhD, (Red Bud) professor of environmental health, has received the 2012 Adolph G. Kammer Merit in Authorship Award from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM).



Baxter was selected for the award for "outstanding contributions to the medical literature," shown by his paper "Ultrafine Particle Exposure During Fire Suppression—Is It an Important Contributory Factor for Coronary Heart Disease in Firefighters?," published in the August 2010 issue of ACOEM's Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

The award, established in 1948, recognizes the authors of an article of outstanding significance in occupational medicine. Baxter will accept the award on behalf of the entire research team—which included UC's James Lockey, MD—on April 30 at the 97th annual American Occupational Health Conference in Los Angeles.

Uma Kotagal (Paddock) was named one of *The Enquirer's 20 Professional Women to Watch in 2012*. She is Senior Vice President - Quality and Transformation at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. There she is working on efforts to reduce errors and advance research for Children's health



2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name

Address _____

Email Addresses _____

Annual Dues \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$5 or \$ _____
Pay **Additional \$10.00** for Newsletter Mail Delivery _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229



FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Clinton Hills Swim Club is a lovely place to spend one's summer months. Many North Avondale residents are members making it a great way to get to know your neighbors. Children thrive in this safe, fun environment. To learn more about this gem in our neighborhood go to <http://www.clintonhills.com/Index.html>.

To learn more about joining the pool this summer contact ClintonHillsMembership@gmail.com.

Surviving the Apocalypse (and other helpful tips)

Saturday, April 14th - 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Avon Woods Nature Preserve

THE END IS NEAR... well maybe. Are you prepared? Come join us for a special presentation on getting ready for the next big disaster. This program, geared for beginners, will examine the finer points of preparing for emergencies at home, becoming stranded with your vehicle, and wilderness survival. Learn how to properly store food, disinfect water, identify wild edible plants and much, much more. **Space is limited. Fee: \$20 per person. Please call the Avon Woods Nature Preserve at (513) 861.3435 to reserve your spot now. Not recommended for children.**



HAMILTON: Thursday, April 19
Xavier University-Cintas Center
1624 Herald Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45207

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

View transportation improvements being recommended for your community! Your input is needed!
The hours of each Open House are 4-7pm.

Interested in Learning More About Composting?

Free Seminars Help Residents with Backyard Composting

During this one-hour program, attendees will learn how to balance a compost bin, what materials are compostable and where to purchase a compost bin. After the seminar, Hamilton County residents will receive a free kitchen collector, a "Simple Guide to Composting in Your Backyard," an I ♥ Compost magnet, and a \$20 coupon toward the purchase of a compost bin.

Registration is required and open only to Hamilton County residents. To register, call 513.946.7734 or email susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org.

Composting in Your Backyard seminars are evening programs at several locations across Hamilton County:

Date	Time	Location
April 17	6:30 p.m.	Cincinnati Zoo

For other dates outside of our area and for more information, please call the Recycling Hotline at 946.7766, visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org, or interact with us on [@HamCoRecycling](https://twitter.com/HamCoRecycling) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling) (www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling).

What Is Priority-Driven Budgeting?

Priority-driven budgeting puts citizens at the center of the budget decision-making process. Through priority-driven budgeting, you tell government about what kind of community you want. Then, government programs are scored against your priorities to better match spending with your wants and needs.

Priority-driven budgeting helps the City of Cincinnati

government to answer these questions:

- What are we in "business" to do?
- What exactly do we do?
- How do we figure out what is "core" or what is of the highest importance?
- How do we know we are successful?
- How do we ask better questions that lead to better decisions about what we do and why we do it?

How Can I Take Part?

There are six open sessions to gather public input:

Tuesday, April 10 at 11 a.m. Main Public Library 800 Vine

Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center 5915 Ridge Ave.

Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Hartwell Recreation Center 8275 Vine St.

Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Dunham Recreation Center 4356 Dunham Lane, 45238

Tuesday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

Avondale Branch Public Library 3566 Reading Rd., 45229

Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

College Hill Recreation Center 5545 Belmont Ave., 45224

Online Collaboration: Visit the Priority-Driven Budgeting [wiki](#) and [Facebook page](#) to share ideas and discuss priorities with other residents and businesses.

CLASSICAL ROOTS CLASSICAL ROOTS SAT APR 21, 2012 | 2:00 PM Music Hall Artists **John Morris Russell** Conductor **Rodrick Dixon** Creative Chair/Vocalist Jacqueline Echols Soprano Triumph Dance Company of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre. If you use Promo Code #6913, Carmel Presbyterian Church (Reading Rd.) will get some money for each ticket sold. Tickets for this concert are just \$20 for adults, \$8 for students and \$50 for VIP 381.3300

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (1809 Rutland Avenue, Evanston) will present an exciting community concert featuring the highly acclaimed **Central State University Chorus** on **Sunday, April 29 at 4:00 p.m.** The concert is part of ECW's efforts to provide financial support to St. Andrew's longstanding ministries which serve Evanston and nearby communities.

Tickets to the public performance are **\$15**, and may be purchased at the Church or from any St. Andrew Episcopal Church ECW member. For more information, call 513.531.4337 or visit St. Andrew's website at www.standrewscincinnati.org.

Contemporary Dance Theater is presenting Pilobolus at the Jarson-Kaplan Theater in the Aronoff Center for the Arts, on May 2 & 3 at 7:30 pm, Tickets are still available but going fast at Aronoff Ticket Office 621.2787

Cincinnati Preservation Association's annual historic house tour will be on Saturday, May 12th, from noon to 5 pm. Not only will you see the fabulous Pincroft estate, but also Powel Crosley III's home across the street. To purchase tickets call CPA at [513.721.4506](tel:513.721.4506). Tour the mansion at noon, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 or 4:00.
Mary Piper (Avondale Av)

Used Book Sale and Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 4th, 2012, 8am to 1pm (See page 4 for more info.)

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NORTH AVONDALE (NAC)

617 Clinton Springs

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northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Service Area Coordinator for North Avondale Center. My name is Tim Heyl and I have worked for CRC in a fulltime capacity since 2003; I began working part-time as a lifeguard in 1996. Previously, I have worked at Hartwell Center, Millvale Center, and Over the Rhine Center. I am currently managing both North Avondale and Over the Rhine. I very much look forward to meeting and working with all of you to provide the best possible recreation services for the neighborhood.

I currently reside in Pleasant Ridge with my wife Molly and our 3 year old daughter, Alice.

Please stop in and say hi. Thanks, Tim

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP

Open Registration for Summer Day Camp is well under way. This year's program for youth 6-12 will begin on June 11th and conclude on August 17th. The fee for this year is \$950 which includes swim lessons and all membership fees. For more information and registration forms check out Camp CRC at our website at www.cincyrec.org.

ALL-CRC POOLS MEMBERSHIP EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT EXTENDED TO MAY 1, 2012

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is still offering Early Bird Discounts on 2012 All-CRC Pools Membership until May 1st. Youth and Senior memberships are available for \$15.00 (\$5.00 off), Adult memberships are available for \$25.00 (\$10.00 off) and Family memberships (up to six people) are available for \$65.00 (\$10.00 off). Membership cards will be mailed within 4-6 weeks of purchase. To pay for Pool Memberships online please visit: <http://cincyrec.org/crc/paypal.htm>



Tim Heyl Service Area Coordinator

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

•363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs

www.namrockets.org

The North Avondale Montessori Fathers' Group presents their 5th annual **Used Book Sale and Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 4th, 2012, 8am to 1pm** at the school

Over 5000 books for sale, all carefully selected specifically for this sale from a private collection. This is NOT your average used book sale with lots of throwaways. These are great books at great prices. Hardbacks and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, new and old, mostly for adults but there will be plenty of books for children too. There will be books on art, nature, travel, science, history, biography, literature, poetry, music, religion, cooking, exercise, how-to-manuals, and many more categories for everyone. Pick a book for yourself or someone special.

Please call or email your friends or anyone else who likes books (or pancakes) and invite them to this event. The more the merrier and the school will benefit from high attendance. Feel free to contact Dan Zavon, at DZavon@cinci.rr.com if you have any questions!

Exciting news from North Avondale Montessori School!

With your help, we earned \$1,557.24 from Recyclebank towards the purchase of our school greenhouse! In addition to this funding, the Cincinnati Zoo has committed to a cash donation of \$3,000! The Zoo will also be helping our school with technical support and guidance during the building phase of the project and programming support during the upcoming school year.

We plan on purchasing a 16'x20' Quonset style greenhouse which will be fully operational by the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year! **The greenhouse will be located directly in front of the school courtyard (along the east side of the school library wall).**

We have a team of teachers who are already integrating our greenhouse into the school curriculum. We can't wait for our students to have this unique hands-on learning opportunity and we want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our North Avondale neighbors who have helped make this project a reality.

As we are on the final stretch with the greenhouse project. I wanted to pass along the work dates so anyone interested in helping out could get them on their calendars.

Sunday, April 22nd - 10am - 4pm EXCAVATION

Sunday, April 29th - 10am - 4pm GRAVEL

Saturday, May 12th - 10am - 6pm BUILD

Saturday, May 19th - 12pm - 2pm End of Year Picnic and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

To sign up, go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A48A4AA2E5-greenhouse/2248713 *Thank you!*

Cathy Rafales North Avondale Montessori PTO241.4112



SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL

•363.5500 •636 Prospect Place,

•savondale.cps-k12.org

Adopt a class works with the kids in different ways... like career days, nutrition lessons, etc. and when we do not have a "whole class" event planned then we do one-on-one games & little tutoring type things like counting, letters, etc. It's once a month for about an hour. If someone in the neighborhood wants to do a little presentation about their job or something they do that would be great and it will be our activity for the month. If we could get more neighborhood volunteers to come that would provide a little more interesting things for the kids. Our next date is **April 25 from 1 to 2pm**. In May we will have a year end party (date TBA)

In case there was some confusion after last months article, it is not necessary for the Adopt a class volunteers to get a background check or sign paperwork, volunteers are there with NANA.

What can we do about the violence? It is a long term problem and solution but we can start. The 17 - 25 year old perpetrators are likely parents of children in our schools. Educating these children will combat future violence..NANA has begun by adopting a kindergarten class at South Avondale. More North Avondale involvement is needed. These plans are what we have in mind: Plan for an end of year event. Help the teacher by funding items that she would

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otherwise use in class for the year without reimbursement. Volunteers are needed to review sounds connected to letters. We are already planning for next year. These children usually come to school without preschool preparation. To be on the list of interested persons, email co-chairs Diana Noyes - noyesdi@gmail.com and Pauline Daly - pdaly@fuse.net.



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

Ms. Yvette Simpson from Cincinnati City Council came to The New School



Montessori last month to hear our fifth and sixth-grade students' city-planning proposals for the Greater Cincinnati Community. These students have been working throughout the school year on various aspects of city planning as part of their independent studies. Yvette Simpson joined a crowd of parents, grandparents and friends who listened attentively as the student-planning teams presented the projects they chose to research and design.

We heard a presentation from a group of students who studied potential plans for a Cincinnati subway system. Students shared small-scale models and posters comparing Cincinnati's plans with the Metro in Washington D.C. and presented their own recommendations for a future subway system in Cincinnati.

Another proposal included a project called H.O.M.E. (an acronym standing for Hope, Optimism, Miracle and Encouragement), which would provide interim housing and job training for those currently without a home. Ms. Simpson remarked, "I like H.O.M.E. very much; I might use that recommendation. We call our spaces transitional facilities, but I think H.O.M.E. is a little more homey."

The final presentation was called The Secret Garden and was designed as a complement to the H.O.M.E. project. It included an outdoor facility where residents could enjoy a small pond and greenhouse for growing vegetables to open spaces allowing for sports and playground activities.

At the end of the presentation, Ms. Simpson thanked the students for their work and asked if she could share their proposals with the city's planning committees. She felt encouraged that we have such fine young people who are so willing to research, innovate and share their dreams for improving our city. Teacher, Johnnye White, anticipates taking the students to a city-planning meeting where they will be invited to share their work with committee members.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director



Xavier University Seeks Input on Urban Farm Project

Xavier University's Sustainability Committee has for some time been working on plans for an urban farm that would both enhance the sustainability dimension of the academic curriculum and contribute to the local production of food. The Cincinnati Park Board is willing to allow this **use for a portion of Victory Park subject to NANA approval.** The proposed Urban Farm area is approximately one acre of land just north of Hayden baseball field. A portion of this area is overgrown with honeysuckle, some of which Xavier would remove. In keeping with Park Board requirements, no trees would be cut down and the sloping area of the land would not be graded. The area to be farmed would be fenced at Xavier's expense. Xavier's intention is to contract with an experienced urban farmer to cultivate the land. The job description would require the farmer to plant flowers inside the perimeter of the fence both to attract pollinators and to contribute to the beauty of the farm and the park. One of the business models we are considering is Community Supported Agriculture, and if this goes forward NANA members would have the opportunity to purchase shares and receive locally grown fresh produce throughout the growing season. Xavier seeks your input on these ideas and the project concept as a whole! Please direct questions, comments, ideas to Xavier Sustainability Coordinator Ann Dougherty at doughertya@xavier.edu (745.1938) or attend the May NANA meeting we plan on attending..

Thank you to Xavier for organizing **Community Action Day on Saturday, March 31.** As a result, garden volunteers Emily Harten, Mary Ann Knoop and Mary Winn had the help of students Zach Alberti and Jimmy Geiser in weeding and cleaning out their adopted flower beds up at Seasongood and Marion Triangle. President Bill Stevens picked up litter all around the park. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and time out of their busy schedules.



SPRING CLEANING? What can you do with things you don't want or need any longer?

By Jolene Struebbe, (Beechwood Ave)

Do you have any of the following household items?

- *Bedding, especially twin and full sizes – sheets, blankets and comforters
- *Pillows – clean and gently used
- *Towels and Shower curtains
- *Dishes, Glasses, and Flatware
- *Pots, Pans, and Bakeware
- *Small kitchen gadgets such as can openers, spatulas, knives etc.
- *Small kitchen appliances such as toasters, coffee makers, crockpots etc.
- *Lamps
- *cleaning supplies
- *Paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels

Do you have any of the following furniture?

- *Kitchen or dining room table and chairs
- *Sofa, loveseat, wing chairs or rocking chairs
- *bedroom furniture – we will take clean mattresses!
- *Children's toddler beds, cribs, pack n plays, desks, changing tables etc.

By making a tax deductible donation of any of these items, you will be helping families who are transitioning from homelessness to new homes and apartments. I have been fortunate to have worked with the Church of the Redeemer in Hyde Park as part of the Home Comforts mission, where we have served 11 families (most all with children) in the past 6 months, providing them with basics that most of us take for granted. Once a family is identified (often coming as a referral from the Interfaith Hospitality Network – IHN), the Home Comforts team does an assessment of what is needed. Our partner organization, New Life Furniture, provides them with some basic furniture (see above) and then Home Comforts provides them with household items. Basic necessities such as these are often the motivation needed for families to not fall back into homelessness.

If you can help, please do the following:

- *For a furniture donation and to schedule a pick-up, please contact New Life Furniture at 513.313.0530. They will provide you with a tax form.
- *To donate household items, please take them to Church of the Redeemer at 2944 Erie Avenue 45208– go around the back to the parking area and enter the right side door during normal business hours (513.321.6700).

Please contact me, Jolene Struebbe at 513.221.4018 or at jolenestuebbe@fuse.net if you have any questions or want a tax form from the Church of the Redeemer.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

➤ **Gabriel's Place (3618 Reading Rd.), .**

Elementz, the Center for Hip Hop & Respect, is excited to announce the extension of our popular hip hop program to the community of Avondale. Beginning May 7th, every Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., popular hip hop dance instructors, Kasib Hasan and Derrek Burbridge will teach competitive hip hop dance. All interested youth ages 14-18 are invited to stop by during May to learn about the program and try out for the team. This program will be held at Gabriel's Place, 3618 Reading Road. For questions, call Elementz Creative Director, Brother Abdullah, at 200.1018



Carla Butler

Gabriel's Place (3618 Reading Rd.), Market Stand is open the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All sales are cash only. Check the website for available produce.

Gabriel's Place (Avondale) full-time VISTA position: If you love community development and promoting good health, please contact us right away! VISTA is a national service program in which you commit a year to build the capacity of low-income communities to improve their conditions. VISTAs receive a modest stipend (\$10,692), health insurance, and the option of receiving a \$5,550 Education Award which can be applied to past student loans or future tuition.

The new VISTA at Gabriel's Place will start in mid-July, carrying on the work begun by Leslie Stevenson. The VISTA will strengthen the partnerships needed to support community gardening, cooking classes, and the farmer's market. The VISTA will bring together people who love to garden and cook and people who could greatly benefit from learning these skills. The VISTA will work to develop a strong neighborhood customer base for fresh produce so farmers find it worthwhile to bring their produce to the Market Stand. The VISTA will also write grant proposals or seek in-kind donations for the cooking gear, seeds, and other program inputs.

This position requires resourcefulness and the ability to improvise. This very challenging national service assignment is an immersion in community development and could be a great addition to your résumé. Key skills for this position include effective writing and public speaking, community organizing, conflict resolution, recruitment, leadership development (including training and mentoring of volunteers), fundraising and grant writing. If you haven't used these skills yet but want to put your heart into it, please apply! We are starting interviews immediately because enrollment has to be completed by the third week in May.

Contact: Ariel Miller, Episcopal Community Services Foundation, 221.0547, or ECSF@eos.net

Ariel Miller

COMMUNITY PRIORITY REQUESTS (CPR) SUBMITTED

One of the first segments in determining the 2013 - 2014 City Budget is to ask each neighborhood council to submit three budget priorities to be executed in the next budget cycle. Those requests are submitted to the appropriate City departments who have the responsibility of putting together their budget and submitting it to the City Manager and ultimately the City Council. Last month NANA asked in the CPR article for suggestions. Thank you for your input. As Glenwood is our southern boundary, we submitted 1A in collaboration with the Avondale Community Council. Here are the 3 requests:

1. A.) Install/repair curbs and street sewer/ drainage system on Glenwood Avenue from Washington Ave., going west to Vine Street, B.) Street Rehabilitation and improvements (other than Glenwood, as it is top priority) – We will provide a list of priority streets, after reviewing the current rotation list in the Street Rehab Program as compared to the actual condition of the streets.
2. A.) Increase “walkability” along the Reading Road Corridor by completing the construction of the approved design Streetscape, which has been delayed several years due to lack of funding (since 2006). B.) Revisit the redesign of the intersection of Paddock and Reading/ Barry to increase “walkability” and safety in the context of the redevelopment of the area. Also, study intersection of Clinton Springs and Reading to find improvements to the long back-up at Clinton Springs when turning left onto Reading.
3. Install surveillance cameras at the intersection of Reading and Clinton Springs and Burton Ave and Reading Road (MLK Park) to prevent crime, enhance the safety and improve the quality of life for the community.

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Southern Gateway Chorus
Presents our 56th Annual Musical Extravaganza



"A Who-Dey Harmony History"
Featuring
The Southern Gateway Chorus
with special guests

OLD SCHOOL - 2011 International Quartet Champions
and FOREFRONT - 2011 International Quartet 6th Place Finalists

McAuley High School
6000 Oakwood Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224
Saturday, May 19th @ 7:30pm & Sunday, May 20th @ 2pm



Tickets: \$25, \$20, \$15
\$5 for youth under 16
All Seats Reserved
Ask about Senior Group Discounts

visit www.SouthernGateway.org or call 1-877-474-2463
Wear Bengals attire to receive a bonus Raffle ticket!

New NANA Committees have started with some of your neighbors as members (more are welcome and needed):

- **Finance**
 - Maura Wolf (Chair), Beth Ewing, Bryan Nelson
- **Health & Wellness**
 - plan and implement WeTHRIVE initiatives for a healthier community.
 - Diana Noyes, Teresa Harten, Valerie Williams
- **Membership & Social Events**
 - maintain membership information
 - organize community social events
 - Carolyn Gillman, Hanne Larsen, Amy Harten
- **Strategic Planning for Land Use**
 - guide the NBD Market Study and Form-Based Code.
 - Maura Wolf, Reginald Crutcher, Carol Harten, Michael Romanos, Rebecca Williamson, Zach Albertiz, Michelle Baxter
- **Wildlife Committee**
 - create wild life awareness - coyote issue
- Also thanks to additional volunteers:
 - Julie Zimmerman - help with written correspondence
 - Marla Barone for special projects

For these committees to be successful, we need interested volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, please contact clmorse@fuse.net or call the NANA Office.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

- 306 Glenwood Ave - Ernest Love
- 970 Dana Ave - Richard Rosenfeld
- 4165 Rose Hill Ave - Julia A Heath & William D Bourne
- 4200 Rose Hill Ave - Jeffrey D Geoppinger & Kimberly A Kroeger-Geoppinger
- 4253 Rose Hill Ave - Ruthie A. Lincoln
- 197 Wedgewood Ave - Gregory Ashe

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NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, April 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center
- **Saturday, April 21, 9:30 am to 1pm Green-Up and Great American Clean-Up Day** meet at Seasongood
- **Tuesday, April 24, 7pm NABD Meeting** Sonny's All Blues 4040 Reading Road
- **Thursday, May 3 at 1:30pm, NANA Rental Housing Meeting,** District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Sunday, May 20, NANA Annual Meeting, 3:00 to 5:00 pm** Location TBA



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

<p>City Complaint/Request Hotline 591.6000 5916000.com</p> <p>NA Neighborhood Officer Alex Hasse 569.8654 Alexander.hasse@cincinnati-oh.gov</p> <p>Police District 4 569.8600</p> <p>Nonemergency Police 765.1212</p> <p>To just make a crime report (no police visit) 352.2960</p> <p>To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit: Crimereports.com</p>	<p>Truancy Hotline 363.0003 Call if you see school age children during school hours.</p> <p>Track property code violations: http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/</p> <p>Neighborhood Yahoo Site: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthAvondaleOnlineCommunity/</p> <p>Request A Recycling Cart 591.6000</p> <p>Report Air Odors 24/7 946.7777</p> <p>Where to Recycle Different Things http://earth911.com/</p>
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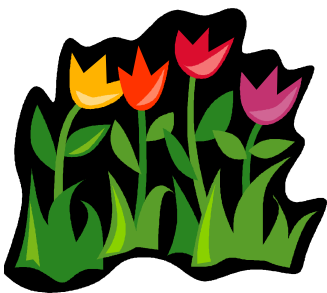
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NANA GENERAL MEETING SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

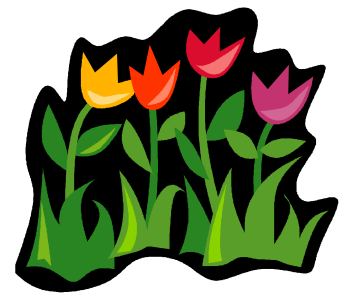
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NANA General Meeting
North Avondale Recreation Center
NAM Cafetorium
617 Clinton Springs
Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm
Agenda

- **PowerPoint Presentation for NAM's New GreenhouseCathy Rafafales (see page 4)**



Welcome to North Avondale's New Neighborhood Officer Alex Hasse

Thank you Kandice for all your work in our neighborhood and may you have continued success in Walnut Hills.