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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I truly believe that the devotion, energy and talent of NANA are unsurpassed and cannot be found in any other community. On January 26th and 27th my belief was reinforced. Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) announced on January 10th the availability of "WeTHRIVE!" grants offering technical assistance and funding for Hamilton County communities to develop policy and environmental changes that will promote or sustain health promotion initiatives. Application deadline was January 27th at 4:00 PM.

Maura Wolf, our Treasurer, discovered the availability of the grants by chance on January 26th. Maura knew such grants could help NANA reach goals that would make North Avondale a better place to live.

Gathering verifiable data, doing extensive research and writing detailed commentary are among the many tasks involved in making application for grant money. Grant application is tedious and terribly time consuming. To make the deadline seemed impossible for NANA to accomplish!

Nevertheless, Maura worked with Charlene Morse non-stop for 24 hours and at 3:55 PM on the 27th the application was sent electronically to HCPH. The tremendous effort of these two ladies shows what devotion, energy and talent can do.

On February 9th Tim Ingram, HCPH's Health Commissioner, notified NANA that although North Avondale was not selected for one of the mini grants for which we applied, HCPH feels our application has merit. Mr. Ingram related that HCPH is interested in meeting with NANA to discuss our application and opportunities for partnering with WeThrive in the future. We will be contacted by HCPH within a week. Thanks Maura and Charlene for making this possible.

The election of new 2012 NANA officers in May at the Annual Meeting is just around the corner. A Nominating Committee is being formed to seek out and identify candidates. Serving your community is something all of us must do if NANA is to be successful in making our community grow and thrive like we envision. When you are an Officer of NANA, you can give back through service some of the great amenities NANA has provided North Avondale for over 50 years. Please step forward and let it be known that you would like to serve. If you are approached by the Nominating Committee to become an Officer, please do not find an excuse for not accepting. It's really unfair to enjoy the great atmosphere of North Avondale and not give a little of your time to make North Avondale better. You can make a difference!

I hope the entire neighborhood realizes that the NANA Board works for the community and wants to address things that you want done. Almost always, projects like social events to bring neighbors closer together or projects that will help needy causes never get to actual planning and implementation because the Board is not aware of the idea or need. Believe me, members of the Board do not feel that they know all things that would help "our part of Cincinnati". The solution to this void is very simple. Come to the General Meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month and help the Board do a better job for you. Come and be heard!

Finally, the nice weather this winter may give you a false sense of security. Be careful out there! The best part of North Avondale is you.

Bill Stevens (1)

3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP US WIN THE MAYOR'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECYCLING CHALLENGE

- If you don't recycle already, please start! Each council that meets their 10 percent goal of increasing participation will earn an **additional \$250.**
- Sign up for the Recyclebank rewards program <http://www.recyclebank.com/customer/account/create> where one can redeem points for rewards like discounts on the brands you use every day, and deals at the stores you frequent.
- Help us recover unused and abused recycling cards.

The three top performing communities will also earn a **\$1,000 grand prize.** Volunteers will be canvassing the neighborhood in the coming weeks. Please help NANA and the environment out!

NANA Nominating Committee chaired by Maura Wolf is already gathering names for the Nominating Committee and the 2012/2013 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. If you are interested or have suggestions, please call the NANA Office at 221.6166 or email clmorse@fuse.net.

NANA General Meeting North Avondale Recreation Center NAM Cafetorium 617 Clinton Springs Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 pm Agenda

**Coyotes in North Avondale.....Brett Beatty
Assistant Wildlife Management Supervisor
Ohio Department Natural Resources-Division
of Wildlife, District 5 office.**



FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ As you might have heard, last summer some houses in North Avondale were broken into - ours included. Apparently a small gang of three young men would knock or ring a doorbell. No answer, and within a short time they'd make an effort to gain entry.

In our case it was a set of French doors on the side of the house. What would appear to be an easy entry proved to more of an obstacle and that became their undoing in that one of the three cut himself; thus leaving a trail of DNA.

There were two juveniles and one 18-year old adult in the group. It was his DNA that was on file.

After all the legal maneuverings it all came to this. Monday January 24th we received a call from the Prosecuting Attorney asking our input on a proposed plea deal. Eighteen year old Major McQueen was placed "dead-to-rights" in our home and one other house a few blocks away. The prosecutors were seeking two to eight years on each count; the offer made was 4-years on each count - to run concurrently. To us this was a quick and certain way to get him off the street, and we concurred. The next day the plea was accepted and McQueen was prepped to enter the State penal system for his four year stint. I believe there are too many different state facilities for him to be reunited with his father who currently is serving six years in one. Apparently, like father like son.

McQueen's home is in the Roselawn/Golf Manor area and these people, being opportunists, will seek out any area they perceive as "easy". North Avondale with large treed properties in many ways fulfills that bill. Keep vigilant, keep your home secured, and make a record of your valuables. A tip-of-the-hat to the detectives at District 4, they did a stellar job!

Glad that this business is behind us and that we all can rest a bit more secure.

Dirk Pastoor (Red Bud Avenue)

☞ Thanks to everyone who supported me in the recent Cincinnati City Council Race. I am pleased to be your councilman and I am anxious to serve you. My office is always open to you. Please call (513-352-3466) or e-mail (wendell.young@cincinnati-oh.gov).

Councilman Wendell Young (Clinton Springs)

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☞ I had breakfast with a neighbor and the difficult task of finding good contractors came up. So many people don't call back in a timely manner. Would it be possible to share good experiences...listing names and trade of good contractors...being careful not to give bad references? Maybe the owner would like not to be listed. Any thoughts?

Fred Miller (Betula)

☞ My China business also brings in some Chinese students every year studying at Roger Bacon High School. If you have interest hosting a future Roger Bacon High School student from China, aged 15-18, please let me know in advance so I could put you down as a host possibility.

Shau Zavon (Rose Hill)

☞ Did you get a new piece of technology over the holidays? Do you need to learn to use that new iPad or Kindle? Is

something not working the way you expected it to? I am offering cheap tech help and I'm available to come help solve your technology problems. Email jonahrr@gmail.com, or call or text 513 305 1404 to schedule an appointment. *Jonah Roth*
P.S. I'm a student at Walnut Hills High School, and I live in the neighborhood

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ **Sonny's All Blues**, 4040 Reading Road, 281-0410, will be hosting a jam session **every Sunday at 8:00 p.m.** featuring Sonny's All Blues Band with Lonnie Bennett. There is no cover charge.

☞ **CPS' WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT**

Students at Walnut Hills High School have the unique opportunity of hosting a temporary exhibit, "A Reason to Remember: Roth, Germany, 1933-1942," at their school Feb. 6-16.

Student docents have been trained to provide facilitated tours of the exhibit. **It is open to the public while on display at Cincinnati Public Schools' Walnut Hills High School, 3250 Victory Parkway, 45207: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - noon Saturdays; and noon - 3 p.m. Sundays.**

This exhibit of 27 museum-quality panels tells the personal stories of the five Jewish families who lived in the small village of Roth, Germany. The exhibit introduces the families, in an intimate and emotional way, as they lived in 1933 and details what happened to them during the Nazi era. The demise of this tiny Jewish community is chronicled in detail, using primary source materials such as photographs, documents and artifacts, as well as eyewitness testimonies. The exhibit illustrates how the relations between these families and their neighbors were systematically dismantled.

Descendants of Roth villagers - including two Walnut Hills High School students - live in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. These students, along with other Roth descendants from this area, traveled to Roth this past summer to rededicate the cemetery and build new bonds with current residents.

A group of current residents of Roth formed an "Arbeitskreis" (working group) 15 years ago to preserve in Roth the memory of those who perished, to rededicate the synagogue, and to educate the children of Roth about the Holocaust, tolerance and dialogue.

Bringing the exhibit offers our community an opportunity to commemorate this history, and to learn about the important work of dialogue, co-existence and mutual understanding.

After the exhibit's local debut at Walnut Hills High School, it will travel to Cincinnati's Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education where it will be on display for the public February 21 - March 16, 2012. Partners in bringing this exhibit to Cincinnati include The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, the American Jewish Archives at

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Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, the University of Cincinnati, and Walnut Hills High School.

☞Green Umbrella Upcoming Events...

Saturday, February 11 Restoration Day for the Licking River Greenway & Trail, 9:00 am at 16th Street and Eastern Ave. in Covington (behind Holmes High School). Breakfast and lunch provided. RSVP to Natalie Gardner at [859-292-2151](tel:859-292-2151) or ngardner@covingtonky.gov

Tuesday, February 14 BioDiesel Lunch & Learn from 11 am to 1 pm at MSD, 1600 Gest St., Room 106, Cincinnati

Monday, February 20 Forum on Fracking with Dr. Michael Miller, 6:30-8:30 pm at the downtown Hamilton County Library (8th and Walnut, 3rd fl)

Tuesday, February 21 "Success Stories of the Mill Creek Watershed", Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities Roundtable, 2:30 pm at Wyoming City Building, 800 Oak Ave., Wyoming. <http://www.millcreekwatershed.org/>

Friday, February 24 OKI Regional Planning Forum, (10-12 noon at 720 Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati). Details at: <https://mail.google.com/mail/?tab=wm#inbox/135306bdb6522905>

Friday, February 29 Effective Sustainable Urban Landscape Strategies Symposium at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

*Brewster Rhoads Executive Director Green Umbrella, Inc.
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☞Exciting news! United Way and community partners are sponsoring a free community wide Financial Fitness Day. **Financial Fitness Day** scheduled for **Saturday, March 10th, 9AM-3PM at Xavier University is designed to boost the financial fitness of community participants.**

We encourage you to take advantage of this day full of free activities, workshops and financial fitness give-a-ways.

The day is planned to be fun, informative and beneficial to individuals and families in the community. We will have free workshops, one-on-one expert consultations, tax preparation services and even fun give-a-ways for participants. We are even providing a **large truck shredder to shred your personal & financial documents.** All pre-registrants are automatically entered into drawings for a **flat screened TV** and other **prizes!** Don't miss it and please help spread the word! Check out <http://www.uwgc.org/FFD2012> to pre-register and for more information.

YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞**Erik T. Jackson**, graduated from Kaplan College on November 10. He studied 9 long months to have his diploma as a Computer Support Technician. The graduation was held at Withrow High School. His future goal is to attend Kaplan College or another college and pursue a degree in Information Technology to become a coordinator or director. My grandson, Jahmal Watson, who is a recent graduate of Winton Woods High School is presently enrolled at Cincinnati State in the Graphic Artist Program and is living with us during his time at Cincinnati

State. We are very proud of both these young gentlemen. **Sheila Jackson Reed and John L. Reed** (Burton Woods)

☞**Julie Irwin Zimmerman** (Redway) wrote *Why I Love My City: Stuck, or Content* in *The Atlantic Cities Place Matters*. The article was a rebuttal to [Richard Florida's recent posts](#) on the part of America that's "stuck." He wrote that:

America can be divided into two distinct classes, the stuck and the mobile. The mobile possess the resources and the inclination to seek out and move to locations where they pursue economic opportunity. Too many Americans are stuck in places with limited resources and opportunities. This geography of the stuck and mobile is a key axis of cleavage in the United States.

To read her noteworthy response go to <http://www.theatlanticcities.com/neighborhoods/2011/12/stuck-or-content/770/>

Julie is a contributing editor at *Cincinnati* magazine

☞**Mary Pledge Peterson's** (Clinton Hills Swim Club) new book, *Life is so daily in Cincinnati*, explores our city in 97 brief vignettes about places, events, and people.

The first short story explores the tale of a young beagle who often visited Yeager's Market to receive a bone. Peterson concludes this first vignette by noting that "it's a years-ago story but it's the essence of daily life in Cincinnati."

Through this and other snippets of her experiences in Cincinnati, Peterson creatively reveals how some of the seemingly ordinary aspects of life in Cincinnati have great significance. It is a collection of stories to which many can relate, especially those familiar with various important people and notable places in the Cincinnati area.

From her time at the Fringe Festival to her description of the pedestrian Purple People Bridge and her musings on Andy Warhol's artistic creations, Peterson's unique take on her experiences in Cincinnati makes her book an interesting read.

Mary Pledge Peterson has lived in Clifton for the majority of her adult life after moving to Cincinnati in 1959 with her late husband, architect-educator John M. Peterson. She taught economics for 10 years at the University of Cincinnati and 19 years at the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

For many years, Peterson's column, "Cooking for Two," was published in *Home Cooking Magazine* and also in *The Cincinnati Post*. She has contributed travel articles to *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Life is so Daily in Cincinnati shows the city through the lens of a writer who sees the city's inherent strength, beauty, and charm, both of the city and its inhabitants. Her highly personal and witty method of storytelling effectively reveals "the essence of daily life in Cincinnati."

Available at Joseph Beth





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February is Zumba Tango and Flamenco Month – Come and Check out this class on Mondays from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Registration and parent meeting for North Avondale A's Baseball Sponsored by the North Avondale Boosters Association is set for **Wednesday, Feb 29th from 6-7pm.**

This program is for youth ages 5 to 13 yrs of age. For more information contact Coach Tim after 2pm at 961-1584.

Open Registration for **Summer Day Camp** begins Monday, March 5th. This year's program for youth 6-12 will begin on June 11th and conclude on August 17th. The fee for this year is \$900 plus swim lessons(\$20), center membership (\$10) and pool membership(\$20). For more information and registration forms check out Camp CRC at our website at www.cincyrec.org.

ALL-CRC POOLS MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Discounts if purchased **before March 1st, 2012**

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is now offering Early Bird Discounts on 2012 All-CRC Pools Membership until March 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.

Other CRC program fees will also be available online soon, including Recreation Center Memberships.

“The Recreation Commission truly appreciates the support of our elected officials for the 2012 pool season.” said Christopher Bigham, Director of Recreation. “The early bird discount offers families the ability to save a little money and have the pool memberships in hand before the pools open.”

Just go to cincyrec.org/crc/paypal to purchase your pool membership. For more information and to see the 2012 pool fees, please visit [CRC's Aquatics home page](#)



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI
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I am writing to tell you about an exciting initiative at North Avondale Montessori School. We are one of 32 schools nationwide that have received a grant from the Recyclebank company to support a green project at the school. Our goal is the purchase of a greenhouse stocked with supplies that our students can use for hands on science instruction throughout the year!

The grant allows people to donate their online recycling points to our school, with 250 points equal to \$1 donated by Recyclebank. So far, we have raised 113,250 points, totaling \$453.00! But we need more points! Our budget for this project is \$2,500 - so we still have a lot of points to raise.

Its Easy:

1.Sign up at www.recyclebank.com

2.Automatically earn online points as they recycle with the city
 3. Donate points to our school here:

www.recyclebank.com/est/index/school/id/5/

Thank you! Cathy Rafales North Avondale Montessori PTO
 (513) 241-4112

Here's an article in the "share" section of cincinnati.com about the greenhouse project.

<http://local.cincinnati.com/share/news/story.aspx?sid=188867>



SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL
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The next two Adopt-a-class dates are: Feb. 29th and March 16th.

On Thursday, December 15, NANA held a holiday event for our kindergarten. If you would like to donate items or get involved just email Diana at noyesdi@gmail.com or call the NANA Office.



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI
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We often hear from alumni and current families that The New School Montessori feels like home. We love having one of the only schools in town that not only feels like home, but also looks a lot like home with fireplaces in every room, with gorgeous woodwork at every turn, and with aromas of homemade cooking climbing the stairs from the kitchen below. On January 20th we dedicated our new walkway leading from the elementary woods to the adjoining home next door. In the coming months we will prepare the Enrichment Center as our new “home” for art, music, dance and after-school programming. Each spring the third graders join the upper elementary students in a project of dynamic proportion. They call it Diversity of Fun and it's different every year. The fall student board decided to have a book sale to raise money for *Water Wells for Africa* and planned for it to

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take place during the Diversity of Fun events. While parents and friends came to see students performing in vaudeville-type theater and see wax museum characters from history coming to life, they also purchased used books and DVDs. The student board continues to raise money for this important charity and is climbing past \$1,400 raised so far.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director



Hello North Avondale! This is Zach Aliberti here checking in to say I am excited for next weeks NANA meeting, getting to catch-up with council and give updates on where Student Government Association (SGA) is in trying to change the game of how our over-lapping communities engage each other.

These aspects of the proposed program. affect your neighborhood:

1. Build partnerships with the councils of Evanston, Norwood, North Avondale, and Xavier University through a student representative who will attend each council meeting and volunteer on at least one committee.
2. Provide workshops through the Eigel Center for Community-Engaged Learning and the Community Building Institute for the student representative on each board. The workshop should focus upon the role of community councils, community and political power, citizen advocacy, and the history/social analysis of Xavier, Evanston, Norwood and North Avondale.
3. Build a working communication flow between the needs of each community through the Student -Council representative.
4. The expansion of the role of the Student Rights Representative to include education of students regarding their responsibilities, safety, and the neighborhoods.

Below is a flyer insert inviting NA neighbors. The event is next **Monday, February 13th from 5-6:30pm**. There are usually 70 students interested in Social Justice in attendance. I am recruiting Student Government so I hope at least 20 of them will show up. I have also sent a similar email out to the councils of both Norwood and Evanston.

I hope to see as many familiar and new faces as possible. Thank you for the continued support and I will hopefully be seeing you next week!

My Best, Zach

DOROTHY DAY CENTER FOR FAITH & JUSTICE HOSTS: CFJ Community Night



A FREE Weekly meal hosted by student groups and clubs
Every Monday 5-6PM
@ Gallagher Student Center
Clocktower Lounge

Come join us for food & fellowship!

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The North Avondale Luminary on December 10 from 6:00 to 9:00pm was simply beautiful! It would not have happened without the help of many volunteers and exceptional leadership of co-chairs Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs) and Carolyn Gillman (Red Bud). Thank you!



2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
name

Address _____

Email Address/s _____

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



NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, February 14, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, February 28, 7pm NABD Meeting Sonny's All Blues 40
- Thursday, March 1 at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Tuesday, March 13, 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**



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000	Truancy Hotline	363.0003
	5916000.com		Call if you see school age children during school hours.
NA Neighborhood Officer Kandice Roper-Issa	569.8654	Track property code violations:	
	Kandice.ropor-issa@cincinnati-oh.gov		http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/
Police District 4	569.8600	Neighborhood Yahoo Site:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthAvondaleOnlineCommunity/
Nonemergency Police	765.1212	Request A Recycling Cart	591-6000
To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960	Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	Crimereports.com	Where to Recycle Different Things	http://earth911.com/

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NANA GENERAL MEETING SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

~February 14TH 7:00pm~

~PAY YOUR 2012 NANA DUES~



North Avondale Business Association (NABA) Meeting is February 28 at 7pm at Sonny's All Blues (4040 Reading). Business Owners, Consultants, Realtors, Cottage Industry Owners (an industry where the creation of products and services is home-based), and Business persons who work out of their home office, as well as Commercial Property Owners can join NABA and attend meetings. Dues are \$25 a year. Contact Patricia Baxter, President at Pbaxter166@aol.com or 861.2266 for more information.

IN MEMORIAM

~Dr. M. H. Scott Myers (Leyman), age 80, a 45-year resident of North Avondale, former Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling and founder of IKRON Rehabilitation Center, died Saturday evening, December 10, 2011.

She is survived by her son Barry Scott Myers, daughter and son-in-law Dr. Melanie F. Myers and Joel Domoe of Cincinnati, and daughter Julie Myers of Washington, D.C.; grandchildren Nicole and Jordan Domoe, and Ariel Luke. Scotty, as she was affectionately known to many, was born in Forty-Fort, PA and received her Ed.D. from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Myers was one of the first nationally certified rehabilitation counselors in the United States. In Ohio, she was a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor-Supervisor.

Scotty touched the hearts and changed the lives of so many people. In lieu of flowers, please send monetary donations to the Dr. Scotty Myers IKRON Expansion Fund, c/o IKRON Corporation, 2347 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

~Emily W. Gotwals (Rose Hill), 76, passed away Dec. 22, 2011. Loving wife of Clayton; beloved mother of Jacob, Anne, John, and Sarah. Dear sister of Nick Witte, Penny Allderdice, Polly Wright, and the late Isabel Kenrick and Faith Munson. Known as Betsy, she tended gardens all over our neighborhood and was instrumental in arranging for the beautifully flowering trees to be planted along Mitchell Ave. She was also an amazing tennis player. Betsy even graces the center of the North Avondale Brochure. There is no doubt she truly helped make North Avondale a better place. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Cincinnati Nature Center or Gorman Heritage Farm.