



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings North Avondale Residents! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as NANA's President. I've lived in North Avondale most of my life and have great passion and pride for our neighborhood. Serving on the NANA Board for the past two years as Treasurer has strengthened my commitment to help move North Avondale forward.

Please join me in expressing sincere appreciation for the exemplary service of our Board Members whose terms are up: Bill Stevens, President, for empowering the NANA Board; Barry Myers, Corresponding Secretary, for bringing insight from other non-profit agencies; and, Reginald Crutcher, our Recording Secretary, who drafted the minutes expeditiously with his laptop right at the meetings.

We are also sincerely grateful to Board Members and Committee Chairs continuing their service: Diana Noyes, 1st Vice President, chairing Health and Wellness, who made our South Avondale Adopt-A-Class a huge success; Carolyn Gillman, 2nd Vice President, chairing Membership, envisioning many fun upcoming membership activities (join in the **1st Annual Fourth of July Bike/Trike/Wagon Parade** - see page 6)); Michelle Baxter, who was instrumental in City Council's passing the new Chronic Nuisance Ordinance; Pauline Daly, for working with Xavier leaders and Student Engagement Representatives and South Avondale School; Ursula Hassel, graciously leading her expert gardeners to beautify Dana Triangle, Seasongood Park and Marion; and John Jones (past NANA President) for bringing his expertise to work on quality of life/neighborhood issues. Many thanks to our long-standing committee members, general volunteers, and last, but not least, to Charlene Morse, the NANA Administrator, who provides a tremendous amount of continuity and support.

We welcome our new Board Members: Sylvia Nelson, Recording Secretary; Bryan Nelson, Treasurer; Pamela Smitherman, 3rd Vice President, chairing the Ecosystem Committee; Tom Wright, Corresponding Secretary, and the many volunteers who have stepped up to join our new committees. Special thanks to the Nominating Committee (in addition to officers serving): Beth Ewing, Fred Fegan, Grace Harten, Robin Kowalski and Rebecca Williamson, for helping prepare the slate of officers.

I am confident this new Board will continue the good work of our previous Board with strategically positioning North Avondale in the context of the City's new initiatives (e.g., Comprehensive "Plan Cincinnati"), which will involve collaborating and partnering, not only within NA, but also externally with other organizations.

If you haven't yet done so, I encourage you to join the movement in any and all ways that you can - attend meetings (1)

and outings, join a committee, provide donations and volunteer. You, collectively, are the most valuable assets of this beautiful gem - North Avondale.

Cordially,

Maura Wolf

NANA greatly appreciates the many supporters to make our Annual Meeting very enjoyable:

- **The New School** for hosting our meeting in their beautiful Community Room, and specifically to Eric Dustman, Director, for smartly arranging the room for a great flow, and for even staying extra to sterilize our re-useable dishes.
- **Five Star Foodies**, Valerie Williams, CEO, for supplying delicious gourmet vegan dishes and her refreshing Hibiscus Cider. She provided a beautiful presentation and with assistance from Clare Sillett. Support our neighborhood entrepreneur and enjoy her delicious vegan entrées and drinks under the Five Star Foodies label at local



markets::

- Clifton Natural Foods
- Park & Vine
- Remke Biggs
- Whole Foods.

Or online at: fivestarfodies.com

- **Ursula Hassel** for her beautiful flower arrangements.
- A special thanks to our speakers, generating vibrant discussions: Councilmember **Laure Quinlivan, Mark Manning and Ann Dougherty.**

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ Are you having flooding issues on/around your property during periods of heavy rains? NANA is forming a Ecosystem committee, which will to gather and evaluate problems in order to address them with MSD. Please email Clare Sillett at clare.sillett@gmail.com with a BRIEF description of your address, issues, and contact information. We will have survey results/ initial plans in the next issue of NANA News. *Clare Sillett (Rose Hill)*

☞ Seeking gardener to care for flower beds and shrubs. Call 861.4641 *Judith Shapiro (Beechwood)*

☞ **Provide your Input to the City Budget** While the budget decisions the city has to make are always tough, those making these decisions need the participation of engaged citizens to better understand what *you* value most. Visit <http://svy.mk/cincybudget> to provide your input about how funding should be spent.

I am hoping to provide our neighbors an opportunity to engage the city's budget process. As you know, this time around the budget is priority based. Citizens are asked to help council prioritize important budget items/issues. Respectfully, *Wendell Young (Clinton Springs)*

☞ **High School Exchange Program Seeks Host Families**

Our thanks to the 35+ Greater Cincinnati families who host AFS exchange students each year, adding to global harmony one family at a time.

AFS is looking for caring, flexible host families for the 2012-13 high school year. You'll choose from 15 to 18 year-olds like Lucia from Spain, an accomplished violinist; Goncola from Portugal who's big into basketball ; and Pimchanya, a Thai girl who plays piano and wants to be a doctor.

AFSers become part of your family. Local AFS volunteers' support is ongoing throughout the year. Interested? Please email Georgia Moore at damoores3@fuse.net (513.961.2592). Visit www.afs.org/usa for national AFS information.

☞ Two times we have seen coyotes on Rose Hill! We also found an almost entirely eaten ginger cat in our yard. Household pets at least are therefore quite vulnerable.

Carol Meadows (Rose Hill)

☞ "Mitchell Avenue Street Fair"

Dear Neighbor,
My name is Meeka Owens and I live at 151 E Mitchell. I hope you are as excited as I am about the summer! So many great things happen; swimming, being outdoors, cook outs, festivals, ice cream and of course....YARD SALES!!! Just to name a few.

Yard sales are a great way to eliminate unneeded or wanted things that you haven't donated yet, but still need to get rid of. Of course extra change is always a good thing! If you are like me, then you have plenty of these items lying around. Well, the time is NOW to get them out of your space!

I am planning a yard sale on July 7, 2012. As I was thinking about this, I thought what a great opportunity for us as neighbors to have one gigantic street yard sale! There is always power in numbers and not to mention the fun we will have! Let's take a moment to even get to know one another. Imagine those Saturday morning goers coming down Mitchell Ave and seeing the excitement and fun of an entire street full of fantastic treasures!

While we're at it, how about a grill out and a DJ to really get the party started? Can you see all the fun to be had? I certainly can!

With a sense of community and giving back, how about we also come together and agree on giving a percentage of our proceeds to a local charitable organization? Any thoughts on who that could be? I'm open to suggestions!

Well, I think you get the idea of how fun, productive and exciting this could be. If you are interested in participating in this never before event, there are 2 ways to get involved:

- Hosting your portion of the street fair in your yard
- Donating your items to the street fair
- Helping to plan

Please contact me BY **June 15** at: 846.2337 or meekaowens@hotmail.com

Once I have an idea of participation, we can then start coordinating details from there.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely, Meeka D. Owens Your friendly neighbor

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

72 Glenwood Ave Tiffany Turner
3635 Reading Rd Avondale Community Council Inc
3955 Beechwood Ave - Awadagin & Jill Meyer Pratt
3944 Dickson Ave Christina Wilson & Gary Clark

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

AROUND THE TOWN

☞ June 7, 2012 - Kinsman Residence Tour, Passive Solar, Thermal Solar, Natural Cooling and Boilerless Home - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - 1650 Glen Parker Ave., Northside, Cincinnati, OH 45223 - Free, Max of 20 people, Registration required, email chuck@lohre.com or call 513.260.9025.

☞ July 11, 2012 - Times Star Building Tour, hosted by the Cincinnati Preservation Association - 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. - 800 Broadway St., Cincinnati, OH 45202 - Free, Max of 20 people, Registration required, email chuck@lohre.com or call 513.260.9025 - Margo Warminski, Preservation Director of the Cincinnati Preservation Assoc. will present on the history of the building - Kurt Bouley, a team member of Messer Construction's LEED for Existing Buildings Certification will give a presentation about Messer's EBOM project.

Please contact us with any questions or for more information on Green marketing, LEED AP services, Assoc. Builders and Contractors, Inc. Sustainability Awareness Training, renewable energy, custom courses or presentations - Green Cincinnati Education Advocacy <http://green-cincinnati.com/>, LEED Platinum offices, Green Building division of Lohre & Assoc. <http://www.lohre.com/>, Marketing Communications, 126A W. 14th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202; 961.1174

Chuck Lohre, chuck@lohre.com, 260.9025

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

☞ **Gabriel's Place Marketplace (3618 Reading Rd.)**

Thursday June 7, 2012 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Free Samples

Fruits for sale

Vegetables for sale

Tours

Our farmers' market that will run weekly through October 25. All sales are cash only. Check the website for available produce. gabrielsplace.diosohio.org/

☞ **ZION SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

In its sixth successful year, Zion Baptist Church sponsors the Zion Summer Enrichment Program (ZSEP). ZSEP meets the needs of about 35-40 selected students each summer entering grades 4 thru 7 grades. Each summer the students are instructed in three key areas: (1) Math and Reading skills; (2) Career/Vocational Awareness and (3) Moral behavior based on Bible Study. Children learn in a fun and caring environment and taught by certified teachers.

The program's duration is 6 weeks (June 18 to July 27) from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Zion Baptist Church at 630 Glenwood Ave. The cost is \$50 per person and \$75 for 2 or more children in the family. The program provides free breakfast and lunch. Contact Zion Baptist Church at 751.8608 or zbaptist@fuse.net for registration or further information.

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ **Friends and Peers:** Please encourage all your peers, friends, relatives, acquaintances to get to Area Choreographer's Festival happening in just two weeks: Jarson-Kaplan Theater on June 15 & 16, 8:30 pm. **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT CHOREOGRAPHERS and DANCERS!!!!**

☞ **JOIN US FOR OUR HERITAGE TOUR AND PIG ROAST!** To celebrate the 16th Anniversary of the Re-



opening of Mecklenburg Gardens, Don Heinrich Tolzmann, noted author and historian, will lead our patrons on a guided tour of German landmarks in Over-the-Rhine on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m. The group will return at 6 p.m. to the restaurant for a Pig Roast and Buffet Supper in the gardens with live music by the Squeeze Play Band.

Tickets sold in advance at the restaurant or call 221.5353. Limited space is available on the tour bus. Cost - \$50. For the dinner and evening entertainment only-\$20.

☞ **Four Tiffany Windows from St Michael All Angels (3626 Reading - Gabriel's Place)** The Cincinnati Art Museum unveiled four rare Tiffany stained glass windows on, Saturday, May 12, 2012. After seventeen months of conservation they will be on permanent view on the balcony overlooking the Great Hall. They will be lit from behind so that visitors will be able to enjoy the windows as intended, with light shining through them. Three of the windows depict angels, and the fourth depicts Jesus Christ. "They are breathtaking," notes Amy Dehan, Curator of Decorative Arts and Design.

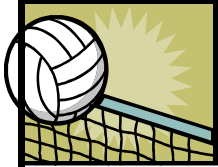
☞ **Art & Rockin' Fun to Benefit Pro Seniors at August 11 Event** Creative works by area artists and live rock from the decades will fuel the fun at Pro Seniors' signature fundraiser, the **3rd Annual "Rock On for Seniors,"** at 7 p.m. August 11 at the Cincinnati Radisson Riverfront (Covington).

The event is being dedicated to the memory of **George Meinhardt**, respected real estate leader, passionate community volunteer & family man, and former member of the Board of Trustees

The event has attracted a great array of talented artists who are creating 16 unique rocking chairs for the live auction. Robin Hartman, head of the art program at The New School will be painting one of the children's rocking chairs for the silent auction (Two years ago she did one of the main auction adult chairs which was incredible.) **WCPO's Clyde Gray** will emcee, and *Ohio Hall of Fame Auctioneer Don Bates* will lead the live auction. Entertainment will be provided by the "The Cincy Rockers."

Tickets are \$65 (\$600 for table of 10). For tickets or to obtain information about Pro Seniors and **"Rock On for Seniors"** sponsorship opportunities, visit www.proseniors.org or call 458.5525

Rosalie van Nuis, (Burton Woods) Trustee Pro Seniors, Inc.



NORTH AVONDALE (NAC)
617 Clinton Springs
961.1584

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

- Spots still remain for our 10 week summer day camp. Camp begins on June 11 and runs daily from 7am-6pm. Call Randy Wagner for information on how to sign up.
- Pools opened on June 4. Visit <http://cincinnati-oh.gov/crc/pages/-5649-/> for complete information on all things aquatics.
- Hirsch Pool will be open 1:00-7:30pm Monday through Thursday and 1:00-5:30 on Fridays and Saturdays.

Tim Heyl SAC-675.9811 (cell)

HIRSCH CENTER

•3620 Reading Road • 751.3393

Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

The Hirsch recreation center summer programs:

- Youth summer drop-in, Monday - Friday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. (Free with membership)
- Teen summer drop-in, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. (Free with membership)
- Theater experience program \$275.00, 10 weeks, Monday through Friday, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM.
- Teen Stomp Team - M & W, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Teen fitness program, T & TH, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Karen S. Williams M.Ed., SAC



SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL

•363.5500 •636 Prospect Place,

•savondale.cps-k12.org

The Adopt A Class volunteers (Pauline Daly, Ursula Hassel, Diana Noyes and Maura Wolf) planted a tree donated by Urban Forestry for the students. It has been a wonderful experience this year. Please consider helping out next year.



Mrs. Morton

Maura Wolf

Diana Noyes



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

•363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs

www.namrockets.org

The North Avondale Montessori Greenhouse project needed a variance to construct an

accessory nonresidential structure in a front yard. The Public Hearing was held on May 23rd and a decision was made on May 24 to approve the variance with conditions. The primary condition was: Applicant should provide appropriate landscaping around the perimeter of the greenhouse to minimize the visual impact of the greenhouse from the street and neighboring properties. The plan is to get the necessary permits and build the greenhouse in August. Work dates will be in the *Summer NANA NEWS*



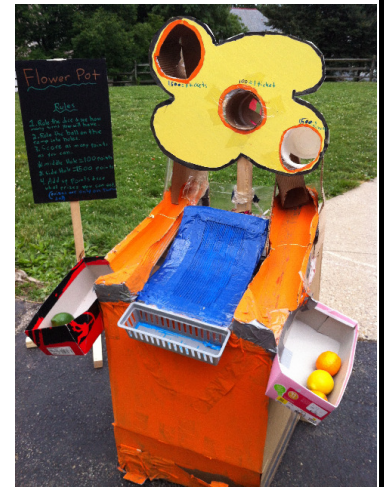
THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

81.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane

www.thenewschool.cc

TNSM Students created their own cardboard arcade

New School students in 1st through 6th grades were inspired by "Caine's Arcade" - a popular Internet story involving a 9-year-old boy who spent his summer creating cardboard arcade games out of extra boxes. Students made their own cardboard arcade and invited parents and classmates to enjoy the games.



Research shows that hands-on learning is important in fostering creativity and imagination in children. A recent Wall Street Journal article called, "Tinkerers Unite!" found at <http://on.wsj.com/JLU1T0> agrees.

\$1,400 was raised for Heifer International with a student-run carnival.

Elementary students raised \$1,400 for Heifer International by hosting their own carnival, selling tickets and creating booths and games for all to enjoy.



TNSM Students shared their city-planning ideas at City Hall

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from The New School Montessori were invited to City Hall to present their own city planning projects to City Council's Planning Committee. These students have been working

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throughout the school year on various aspects of city planning as part of their independent studies with teacher Johnnyé White. They shared their ideas, detailing a proposed subway system, transitional facility for housing called H.O.M.E. and a greenhouse and recreational area.

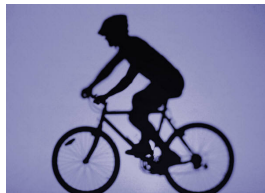
The students' presentations impressed committee members (including former mayor Roxanne Qualls, Yvette Simpson and Laura Quinlivan) who were heartened by the children's interest in the future of the city and its residents.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director



Dear Wasson Way Supporter:

I want to let you know that on Tuesday we learned that Norfolk Southern is interested in selling the Wasson Way right-of-way. There has been no price or terms established but this is a major step forward with the project. As many of you know we have worked for over a year to establish communications with Norfolk Southern and we were frequently ignored. But thanks to our widespread and strong public support, which Norfolk Southern has apparently been following, and the assistance of local attorney Tom Kilcoyne we have not only made contact with Norfolk Southern but they are interested in working with us.



This good news comes at a good time, as we have strong City Council support for the project. Over the last several months we have met several City Council Members who were undecided and they have decided to support the project. Combined with those Council Members, who already were supporters, we have a very strong majority. Laure Quinlivan continues to be a tremendous help with the project.

Over the next few months we will be negotiating with Norfolk Southern to acquire the right-of-way. We are looking forward to working with the City, Hamilton County, numerous local governments, Xavier University, Rails-To-Trails and many others to make the Wasson Way a reality.

Thanks for your interest and support.

Jay Andress President, Wasson Way Board

LAURE QUINLIVAN SPEAKS ON 4 YEAR TERMS AT NANA ANNUAL MEETING

In a February meeting of the Government Operations Committee, we passed two versions of 4-year terms ordinances. One version has all 9 council members running in a single election every 4 years; the other has either 5 or 4 members running in staggered elections every 2 years. Before council votes one version onto the November ballot, we are seeking community input.

Both versions retain the 8-year term limit. 4-year terms would begin with the 2013 council elections, and we will not reset the term limits, as previously discussed.

I encourage you to discuss both options for 4-year terms within your respective community councils and then share your preference with me and my colleagues. If there is a consensus among your members, we would certainly welcome a statement from your community council. In order to allow ample time for community debate and feedback, we will wait until our August council meeting for the full council vote on which option will appear on the November ballot.

Also, please share the following survey link with anyone interested in voicing their opinion on 4-year terms:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/4-Year_Terms_Survey

Cincinnati City Council supports 4-year terms as a non-partisan, good government reform. Before we take action, we would like to know which election pattern you prefer. -

Councilmember Laure Quinlivan

To see the PowerPoint presentation, go to the NANA website

<http://www.northavondalecincinnati.com/minutes.htm>

**NANA General Meeting
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs
Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 pm**

Pay your NANA Dues Today!



NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, **June 12, NANA General Meeting**, 7:00pm North Avondale Recreation Center
- Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 pm **NABD Meeting** Sonny's All Blues 4040 Reading Road
- **Wednesday, July 4 1st Annual Fourth of July Bike/Trike/Wagon Parade** 10:00 am Mitchell Triangle
- Thursday, June 7 at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Tuesday, July 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00 pm** North Avondale Recreation Center



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000 5916000.com	Truancy Hotline	363.0003 Call if you see school age children during school hours.
NA Neighborhood Officer Alex Hasse	569.8654 Alexander.hasse@cincinnati-oh.gov	Track property code violations:	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/
Chronic Nuisance Mark Manning	352.3359 mark.manning@cincinnati-oh.gov		

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At Large General Volunteers: Marla Barone for special projects, Vanessa Sorensen, Graphics; J Miles Wolf, Photography, Julie Zimmerman - help with written correspondence

Please join up for one of NANA's Committees

~ your efforts and contributions will be greatly appreciated by the whole neighborhood!!

Cincinnati's best address with: Beautiful Homes, Great Neighbors & Civic Passion

NANA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY

~June 12TH 7:00pm~

~PAY YOUR 2012 NANA DUES~

NANA is hosting the **1st Annual Fourth of July Bike/Trike/Wagon Parade**. Please decorate your ride patriotic fashion. The event takes place at the Mitchell Triangle located near the Belvedere. The Parade starts at 10:00 am so arrive early. The Parade's route will be on the sidewalk of Beechwood Ave - Rose Hill Ave loop. If you are not interested in participating in the parade, you can cheer on the little ones as they parade by!

Following the parade, we will have ice cream treats for everyone. We hope you can come!

Any questions, please email fvgillman@aol.com