



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor,

This month as our nominating committee puts together the 2008-2009 slate, I want to thank our board members and committee chairs for all their help and the many volunteer hours they put in this past year. (see page 4 for names & titles)

✦ Thank you to Sulayman, Debbie and Frank for your support. What a great bunch of VP's we have. And even on late notice, I've always been able to count on you guys to fill in for me at a meeting. Streetscape, bylaws whatever we need, you are there!

✦ Fred, thanks to you for all your help and being a great treasurer for us this year.

✦ Michelle, thanks for taking all those minutes and doing so so much work and fostering landlord accountability and working crime issues all across District 4!

✦ Thank you Tom, for being our corresponding secretary. You bring a calmness to the meeting and ask the right questions

✦ Pauline, thanks for your never ending pursuit for fair education of our children and your work with the landlords and Xavier

✦ Gerry, thanks for all you do as the city liaison and Marvin as our legal chair.

✦ John, I respect your opinion on just about everything. As a past president & now neighborhood issues you're such a help.

✦ Bob, thanks so much for helping get our master plan committee off the ground again.

✦ And behind the scenes thank you Grace for your work on welcoming new neighbors and Mike keeping your eye on the environment.

As we look for our new board for the next year, remember change and progress only happen if you step to the plate and volunteer. Also, many of NANA's Committee Chairs have been doing this forever & could use some support. So please contact the NANA office if you would like to help your neighborhood  
Sincerely,

*Tim Yosmali*



### 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.  
Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

## Volunteers Needed!



**GREEN-UP DAY &  
GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP  
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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

**Lets clean up the neighborhood** by picking up litter. We will also be preparing the parks for the busy summer season by planting & mulching at Seasongood, Martin Luther King & Dana Triangle.

**Meet** at Seasongood park (Reading & Clinton Springs) for donuts & juice & your job/area assignment. Then 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.**

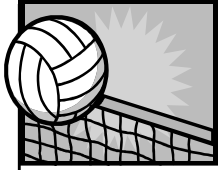
If you are unable to attend but would be willing to help on other days for planting and or weeding please call or email NANA.

## Pay your NANA Dues Today!

**NANA General Meetings  
North Avondale Recreation Center  
617 Clinton Springs**

**Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.**





### NORTH AVONDALE

●617 Clinton Springs ● 961-1584  
northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

You must have a membership to part-  
take in programs.

#### Memberships:

Youth, Teens and Seniors - \$5 for one year at North Avondale  
\$16 for a Multi CRC Centers for one year  
Adults - \$15 for one year at North Avondale  
\$30 for a Multi CRC Centers for one year

**NEW items will be italicized, bold and underlined!!!!**

#### Youth

**Sign up for SUMMER DAY CAMP (\$685 includes  
membership and pool token) M-F 2 PM-6 PM**

**Mini Camp - 7am -6pm / Thur. May 29 / \$15 for the day**

Teens (13-17)

➤Open Gym 7-8:30 pm Mon. Wed. & Fri.

**Sign up for TEEN SUMMER DAY CAMP (\$685 includes  
membership and pool token) M-F 2 PM-6 PM**

➤Teen Outings

**Indianapolis Pacers Game April 6 cost \$25 (Call Randy)**

#### Adults & Senior

Aerobics (Jeff Shelby's Workout Party)\$5/class or \$25/ month  
Tuesday & Thursday 6-7:30 pm & Sat. noon-2pm

➤Free Knitting Time - Monday 11:30am - 1:30pm

➤Free Line Dancing - Mon. & Wed 10am -11:30pm

➤Free Sauna - Mon.-Fri 9:30am -8pm / Sat. noon-2pm

➤Free Tai Chi Thursdays 6-7pm

➤Free Yoga - Mon. & Wed. 6-7pm

#### Senior Classics

Business Meeting 10am-12:30 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

Outing: April 18<sup>th</sup> Mystery Trip (register a week ahead)

**Summer Day Camp Registration Ongoing**

#### Up coming activities and events:

\*April 10 (Thur.) Africentric Approach to Health and Healing  
Noon to 1pm

\*April 11 (Fri.) The Early Day of Civil Rights presented by  
Martha McLeod ( Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges & Barbara Jones)

\*May 9th (Fri.) Art Show \*May 16th (Fri.) Pee Wee Prom

**\* (Membership not needed)**

#### **Congratulations to Terrell and the Seven Star Dragons!!!**

The Seven Star Dragon Karate Team participated at the 6th annual Bell Martial Arts Tournament held on Saturday, March 15th, 2008 at The Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Lincoln Recreation Center on Linn Street in Queensgate. The Seven Star Dragons won 11 first place trophies, 10 second place trophies, 7 third place trophies and 4 other finalist trophies.

Terrell Davis is the proud instructor of the Seven Star Dragon Karate Classes held your own North Avondale Recreation Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### **HIRSCH CENTER**

**●3630 Reading Road ● 751-3393**

Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

The Play Emmett's Gift will be presented by community children at 6 PM on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>

➤This is a Free Performance

Summer Theater Camp

June 9 - Aug. 8 Cost is \$100



### NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

●363-3900 ● 615 Clinton Springs Ave.  
● nams.cps-k12.org

Thank you to the many community volunteers who come to North Avondale Montessori School to help tutor students in math and reading. You are helping to make a huge difference in a child's academic success. We are gearing up for the Ohio Achievement Test which will be during the week of April 28th.

We will soon be in the process of packing to move to our swing space on Glenwood Avenue (presently Burton Elementary). The district's tentative moving date of the contents will be July 21. Then the staff will be very busy getting classrooms ready for the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. In January, 2009 you will begin to see lots of activity around 615 Clinton Springs as the demolition and the building of the new North Avondale Montessori School begins. We are scheduled to return to the new building at the beginning of the August 2010 school year. I will keep you updated throughout this process.

*Carmen Hull, Principal*

**BURTON SCHOOL ●363-9700 ● 876 Glenwood Ave  
●burtoncougars.cps-k12.org/**

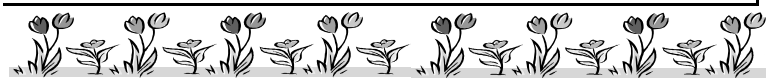
The last day for students will be May 28th for the '07-'08 year. Burton School will close then and the building at 876 Glenwood will be used by North Avondale Montessori for about 2 years until their new building is finished. The neighborhood school for North Avondale and for some in Avondale will then be South Avondale School. Rockdale School will serve the other children in Avondale. All these children are eligible to apply to North Avondale. It has already taken place for this year.

We all need to speak up about the poor learning that is occurring in our neighborhood schools. Passing the levee did not fix this. There is a direct relationship between what poor children are learning and the social ills and crime in our neighborhood.

South Avondale has been in School Improvement for 6 years and Rockdale for 5 years. To be in the first year of school improvement a school must have been in academic emergency for 2 years. This translates to 8 and 7 years in academic emergency. We must demand better. These children can and do learn when taught by effective teachers.

As communities, Avondale and North Avondale together, we must hold all who are paid by our taxes to educate our children, accountable for the results. The benchmark results for the 4 elementary schools presently in our community are available at the NANA and Avondale Community Council meetings.

*Pauline Daly*



#### **North Avondale Business Association Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, June 24th, 2008

Start Time: 7:00 PM Duration: 1 Hour

Location: Sonny's All blues lounge, 4040 Reading Road

Contact: Amy Yosmali ayosmali@fuse.net 368-8536



Cincinnati Preservation Association presents  
**Upstairs Downstairs Historic House Tour in  
 North Avondale**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008 1 to 5 p.m.**

Tickets: \$25 for CPA Members/\$30 for Non-members. MasterCard/VISA by Phone: 721-4506

For more information visit [www.cincinnati-preservation.org](http://www.cincinnati-preservation.org)

In the late Victorian era, North Avondale was famed as a beautiful suburb where “the homes of Cincinnati’s merchant princes and millionaires are found...elegant cottages, tasteful villas, and substantial mansions” (Zane Miller, *Boss Cox’s Cincinnati*).

Leading architects were hired to create splendid residences in fashionable styles of the day. By 1874, financially the village ranked higher than all the city’s other suburbs except Clifton.

This year’s “Upstairs, Downstairs” tour will feature six exceptional homes in a variety of styles, including Normandy Manor, Tudor Revival and Craftsman. Most of the homes have never been open to the public before. One of the star attractions will be the “Cantaloupe King Mansion” on Betula Avenue, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. No expense was spared in the construction of this magnificent home, built for a former pushcart vendor who made a fortune shipping fresh produce. The tour will also include a rare first-hand look at The Belvedere, one of the city’s first luxury high-rises. Tour goers can visit one of the condo units, the dazzling lobby, and the roof top garden.

**Call for Volunteers:** How would you like to visit the tour houses free of charge? Volunteer to be a docent and receive a free ticket so you can tour the other homes before or after your shift! Two shifts are available, 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Interested? Contact CPA at 721-4506 or [info@cincinnati-preservation.org](mailto:info@cincinnati-preservation.org)

**AVON WOODS NATURE CENTER.  
 THE PRAIRIE NEEDS YOU**

Cincinnati Park Board recently decided to reclaim a little-used community garden area within Avon Woods Nature Preserve, and restore it to a planted prairie area and vernal pond. This exciting and rewarding project could use your help in order to get things underway as soon as possible. The Preserve needs some enthusiastic and dedicated friends to help pull out remaining garden items and nonnative plants, to prepare the area for implementation of a renewed habitat. This is an exciting opportunity to restore a 1 to 1½ acre native habitat. Not only will this project create habitat to draw more species of fauna to the area, it will also be an excellent educational area for self guided walks and naturalist programs. To help the Avon Woods crew with this project please contact the naturalist director Olivia Gennett at the Avon Woods Nature Center.

**Dates:**

- Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day), 10am-12pm
- Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> (International Migratory Bird Day), 11:30am-2:30pm

Any time given would be most appreciated. Simple cotton gloves will be provided for the work. You are welcome to bring your own sturdier pair of gloves.

To arrange a time please call or email Olivia at 861-3435 or Email: [olivia.gennett@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:olivia.gennett@cincinnati-oh.gov)

**YOUR NEIGHBORS**

Congratulations:

• **Deborah J. Green-Boone** (Lowry) on being selected as a 2008 Universal Sisters Honoree.

• **Uma Kotagal** (Paddock) YMCA Career Women of Achievement honoree.

• **Jordan Cross**, a North Avondale Teen (Washington Ave) was honored on Wed. Feb. 27, 2008 at the first annual Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Teen Volunteer Awards Banquet. Jordan volunteered over 40 hours at the N. Avondale Recreation Center over several months.

• **Bianne Bobbitt**, Branch Manager for the last 16 years of the St. Bernard Public Library, retired March 31. She has been a wonderful manager, a pleasure for the patrons and is a great human being. She will be missed but we wish her well and hope her future holds exciting travels. For more information on her life, email [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net).

• **Graphics and Logos** located at 3909 Reading Rd is new here in the community. We would like to introduce ourselves and give you some background on the company. Graphics and Logos have been in business since 1993 with our first location in New Jersey. We made full color printing available to all. We have had accounts with record companies, banks, organizations, radio stations and many more businesses, large and small. We have the best full color printing prices in the USA. Since 1993 we have grown to four offices in NJ, FL, CA and here in Ohio. Feel free to stop in and see if we can assist. We will be glad to help. We design and print business cards, brochures, postcards, flyers, stickers, posters, banners, bookmarks, door hangers, DVD and CD duplication and packaging, magazines, catalogs, window lettering and graphics and much more! Give us a call at 281-GMAN (4626) or Toll free at 1-888-462-6480. Visit us online at [www.graphicsandlogos.net](http://www.graphicsandlogos.net).

• **Robert & Julie Chenault** (Warwick) own Cincy Reliable Hauling. They do junk removal & property cleanout [www.CincyReliableHauling.com](http://www.CincyReliableHauling.com), office phone 271-1555. Happy spring cleaning!



- **April 1, 2008 Yard Waste Collection is back**
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Until Nov. 22**
- **At: Environmental Enterprises, Inc.** 4650 Spring Grove Avenue (45232) (enter directly across from Winton Road)
- **Tuesdays** – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Saturdays** – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays: May 24, July 5, August 3
- **Acceptable Items** ÷Paint ÷Pesticides/Fertilizers ÷Antifreeze ÷Thermostats ÷Solvents/Thinners ÷Lawn/Pool Chemicals ÷Cleaners ÷Household/Auto Batteries ÷Prescription Drugs ÷Fire Extinguishers ÷Propane Tanks ÷Mercury ÷Fluorescent Bulbs ÷Driveway Sealer ÷Gasoline
- **Unacceptable Items:** Medical Waste ÷Unmarked Cylinders ÷Explosives/Ammunition ÷Gun Powder ÷Heating Oil Tanks ÷Tires ÷Yard waste ÷Garbage ÷Roofing Materials ÷Appliances ÷Computers/Electronics ÷Fuel Tanks
- **Please remember these important points:** • Drop off items only during the days & times listed. • Pack like items together in boxes. • Remain in your car at all times. • Bring proof of **Hamilton County residency** - a driver’s license or utility bill.



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

following City Ordinances:

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

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

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

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

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

- a. When outdoors and on the premises in a securely fenced area or on a leash controlled by a competent adult
- b. When not on the premises, securely restrained with a leash, not exceeding six feet in length, and under the control of a competent adult.

### NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Tim Yosmali _____	641-1244	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Frank Newbauer _____	751-5897	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Welcome: Grace Hill _____	gracehill@fuse.net
Corresponding Sec.: Tom Nickell _____	281-0283	<b>NANA Administrator &amp; NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse</b> _____	<b>221-6166</b>
Recording Secretary & Landlord Accountability: Michelle Baxter _____	475-0441	<b>City Complaint/Request Hotline</b> _____	591-6000
Treasurer: Fred Fegan _____	861-8378	<b>Police District 4</b> _____	569-8600
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	<b>Jana Cruse Neighborhood Officer</b> _____	569-8654
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	<b>Nonemergency Police</b> _____	765-1212
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563	<b>Request A Recycling Bin</b> _____	242-4401
Education & Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334	<b>Report Air Odors 24/7</b> _____	946-7777



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*Current Resident Or:*

**GET INVOLVED! COME TO THE  
April 8<sup>TH</sup> NANA MEETING  
GET A HEAD START PAY YOUR 2008 NANA DUES NOW**

#### NANA CALENDAR

- First Thursday of each month at 1:00pm, Rental Housing Meeting, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, April 8, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING** 617 Clinton Springs
- Fourth Wednesday of each month, April 23, District 4 Resource Meeting, 6:30pm Police Station - 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Thursday May 1 at 1:00pm**, Rental Housing Meeting, District 4 Police Station
- **Sunday, May18 , 3:00-5:00pm, NANA ANNUAL MEETING** Location TBA

