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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just as we saw sunshine for a few days in the last part of March, it got cold again. And, the rains of March seemed never to stop as our yards soaked up so much water that many of us felt we lived in a marsh or swamp. For sure, things will get better! In a couple of months we will wake up to warm weather that lets us get out doors and enjoy activities in North Avondale more than we do now. Barbeques in the backyard, block parties, sporting events, beautifying our lawns and some really outside fun times will make us forget the "gloomy" weather we have recently endured.

But, you can always find something enjoyable to do if you try---regardless of weather! Let me share with you a great indoor experience I just had.

As I walked into the Xavier Cintas Center at 7:30 a.m. on April 2nd to attend 2011 Neighborhood Summit produced by Invest in Neighborhoods along with the City of Cincinnati and Community Building Institute at Xavier, I was amazed at the large turnout on this windy and rather chilly morning. By 8:20 a.m. most were signed in and had enjoyed a cup of coffee and a pastry. At 8:30 a.m. an enthusiastic crowd of over 400 people heard Vice President-Administration John Kucia give "Greetings" from Xavier and Vice Mayor Roxanne Qualls make some opening remarks about the meeting's theme, THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS = A VIBRANT CITY.

The meeting agenda was run in a "concurrent workshop" fashion throughout the day. The workshops were led by both neighborhood leaders and professionals. The interaction between City officials and those who represented most of the 51 community councils in Cincinnati was exciting, educational and informative. All present were given the opportunity to elect 3 of many workshops available. I chose "Solutions for the Future", "Attacking Blight In Your Neighborhood" and "Redevelopment Beyond Zoning". Charlene Morse and Ursula

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NANA General Meeting North Avondale Recreation Center 617 Clinton Springs

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers Of American (VOA) Proposed Project......Phillip Nunes, Executive Director

Volunteers Needed

GREEN-UP DAY & GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2010 9:30 a.m. to 1:03 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 together the neighborhood 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).

Lets beautify the neighborhood by preparing the parks for the busy summer season. We will plant, weed, and mulch at Seasongood, Martin Luther King & Dana Triangle.

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 <u>part of the time</u> 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.

THE NANA NEWS

- Comes out after the NANA Executive Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) and right before the NANA General Meeting (second Tuesday of the month)
- The newsletter's purpose is to:
 - Keep the neighborhood connected.
 - Inform you on issues that affect our community
 - Let you know about your neighbors
- Serves as a reminder to you about the Monthly General meeting which occurs on the second Tuesday of the month (except August and the Annual Meeting in May)
- Is sent via email and posted on the NANA Website
- Is mailed to 74 individuals (34 also get an email version) who pay \$7.00 each year for that privilege.
- Please ask your neighbors if they received this newsletter as some may not check their email very frequently or have not given NANA their email address.

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Hassel also attended the Summit and chose different workshop sessions than I did. Between the three of us, we had good exposure to many of the topics discussed in the array of sessions.

The 2011 Neighborhood Summit was one of the last chances for large-scale engagement in Plan Cincinnati and developing the first draft of Plan Cincinnati strategy. Neighborhood representatives were assured that their participation, suggestions and opinions expressed in the sessions would directly impact projects, policies and programs that will guide Cincinnati's planning efforts for the future. I think your NA representatives contributed in the sessions as you would have wanted and that we now have more tools for planning present and future NA projects. When the meeting ended at 3:30 p.m., I felt I had been a part of something important. When I left Cintas at 4:00 p.m., after talking with other attendees, I knew it was special!

It was evident that most neighborhoods have many of the exact same problems. For example, Bond Hill and Price Hill have displayed aggressiveness and success in acquiring blighted properties for rehab or replacement. As you know, NA has done some of this in the past and is considering similar action now. Avondale and West Price Hill related a success formula for finding more volunteers to participate in needed projects and activities. NA often finds volunteer participation to be a problem also. NA representatives meeting with other neighborhood community leaders to exchange ideas for remedy of the same problems is certainly something we should engage in more than we do now! Two heads are better than one.

My comments about the Summit are just some that I would like to share with you personally at our NANA General Meetings. Please remember that your attendance at the monthly General Meeting is most important to our neighborhood. Many decisions of the NANA Board can only be made after input that you provide. Most activities of NANA can only be successful if you participate. There is much NANA activity coming up in April and May that needs your involvement. Resolve that you will be at our next General Meeting April 12th and come with the feeling that you personally will be helping NANA do the things that you want done.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 12th and will welcome your participation. Members of your Board often say that if we can speak with you personally, we will get things done. Let's make that happen!

Bill Stevens

ANA Nominating Committee comprised of: Bill Stevens (Red Bud); Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs); Carolyn Gillman (Red Bud); Sue Afanuh (Mary Ln); Reginald Crutcher (Lenox Pl) is selecting the 2011/2012 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.

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 awakened from 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 harborer 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 harborer 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.



YOUR NEIGHBORS

Places of the Night by Gerry Grubbs (Ledgewood) Book Release Party on Saturday April 9th ■1:30 - Light appetizers & cocktails ■3:00 - Book reading & signing. Books available for purchase that day for \$18 3937 Ledgewood Drive . Please RSVP by calling 281.2452



Deborah Byndon (E. Mitchell) is a loving and caring Independent Provider, to help provide the best loving efficient professional nursing care in your home. Day Evening Nights and Week-ends, Registered Certified and Bonded. Please call Debbie 522.1996 Hm, Cell, 513 −371-0163. Thanks

For those interested, Foley Road has two appearance dates in April. April 7th at the Delhi Park Lodge on Foler Road at 7:30 pm. This is for The Delhi Civic Association Wine Tasting. Second appearance is April 10th at The



Civic Garden Center on Reading Road. This is sponsored by Ten Thousand Villages. More Information and directions can be found at dougsawan.com. Thanks, **Doug Sawan** (Burton Woods Lane)

In March **Ben Blaney** (Burton Woods Lane) played Harry the Horse in the Loveland Stage Company production of the musical *Guys and Dolls*."

FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

Howdy Neighbors:, Yesterday I requested, through the city web site, repairs to the broken street light adjacent to 3922 Red Bud. Being a firm believer that any issue affecting the neighborhood that is a quality of life issue needs to be addressed ASAP I sent in the request.

I just wanted to share with you that bringing issues to the various agencies via the city's improved web site is now a breeze – mine took less then 3 minutes.

- Click on http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/
- Click on "<u>Customer Service</u>" underneath the "<u>Quick</u> Links" banner
- Click on the required service area and follow the steps in the drop down box.
- Voila, you're done.

Requesting something be done in this fashion ensures that nothing falls between the cracks. The automated system immediately sends an acknowledgement along with a tracking number and your inputs. Also, if response is not forthcoming (or if it's been especially thorough and quickly managed) you have the specifics to bring it up at a NANA meeting or in correspondence with a city councilmember.

Next time you need to report a problem I suggest you try out this valuable electronic tool.

Enjoy Spring now that it is around the corner—I'm tired of rain and cold.

Cheers, **Dirk Pastoor** (Red Bud Ave.)

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Relax and recharge at the Xavier University Classical Piano Series, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10, as international prizewinner Robert Edward Thies performs Beethoven, Debussy, Schumann and Prokofiev at Gallagher Center Theater, next to Bellarmine Chapel. Tickets range from \$3 (students) to \$20. Special 2-for-1 pricing for NANA members attending for the first time: just mention NANA at the ticket counter! Questions? Call (513) 745-3161 or visit www.xavier.edu/musicseries.

pm. RSVP asap to 751.8608. Joseph Hackworth, MD (Spring House) is one of the workshop presenters. Minority Health Fair "Advocate For Your Health and Well Being" Saturday, April 30 10:00am to 2:00pm (Health screens begin at 9am). Workshops, Health Screenings, Exhibits & Cooking Demonstrations. Both events are at Zion Baptist Church, 630 Glenwood Ave. 751.8608, zbabist@fuse.net

THE POWER WALK FOR DRESS FOR SUCCESS CINCINNATI 5k Walk is on April 30, 2011 Dress for Success Cincinnati, in partnership with The Flying Pig Marathon, is hosting the first-ever Power Walk for Dress for Success Cincinnati on Saturday, April 30th, 2011. The 5K Power Walk starts at 10:00am on 2nd Street at the Great American Ball Park and ends on Pete Rose Way. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt, gift bag and timing chip.

To register or for more information about the Power Walk go to <u>www.dfspowerwalk.org/cincinnati</u> or www.dressforsuccess.org

**ATTEND CINCINNATI'S 1st COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY FOR KEYS TO HEALTH & WELLNESS! Sat. May 7, 2011, Noon - 3pm @ Annunciation School in Clifton. Info & demos to improve your Quality of Life. Our expanded Health topics include Safety, Environmental, Financial Wellness with a Healthy Foods Presentation by Drs. Denise & Keevin Davis. Honoring Community Leaders – Sr. Margarita Brewer, CPS, Jenny Laster, Urban League & Robert

Wright, Retired Cincinnati Fire Chief. Join **Dr. Jamila Maddox**, (Clinton Springs **Avenue**) the host, for Health Education, Fun, Food, Prizes for all ages & it's FREE.



For more info – <u>www.cincinnatihealingarts.com</u> or 376.3996 or *See You There!*

Preservation Association will present "Upstairs, Downstairs," a historic house tour featuring elegant period homes on Grand Vista Avenue in Pleasant Ridge. Advance reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 for CPA members and \$30 for guests. To make a reservation or receive an invitation, call 721.4506 or email info@cincinnatipreservation.org. For more information, visit www.cincinnatipreservation.org/events/spring-house-tour

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Foreign Exchange Student Jeep for sale!! \$5,000

1998 Jeep Wrangler. Freshly rebuilt 4cyl, 5spd with new clutch, new steering box, new top (includes second top), Freshly painted. Has A/C \$5,000

Go to http://cincinnati.craigslist.org/cto/2311778211.html







More Pictures From The Annual Neighborhood **Progressive Dinner** Saturday, February 12, 2011



The only North Avondale Mid Century **Modern Architecture Splendor for Rent**

Located at 1070 Barry Ln, this 4 Bedroom, 3 baths, 2900 Sqft, cork flooring, furnished house is available for rent (June 2011- April 2012). Built in 1955 this Mid Century Modern Gem was designed by F. L. Wright Associates Garriot & Becker. Recently published in "50 from the 50s: Modern Architecture and Interiors in Cincinnati".

Tucked at the end of a beautiful street. No Through Traffic. Quiet and Country side environment. Ideal for a Professionals, Visiting Faculty, Researcher, Performing/visual artists. \$1,999 Please contact 550.5473 for more information.



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NORTH AVONDALE (NAC) 617 Clinton Springs 961.1584

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Open Registration has begun for the **2011 Summer Day Camp**. This year's camp will begin on Monday, June 6th – Friday, August 12th. Summer Camp runs from 7am – 6pm Monday – Friday and we will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4th for Independence Day. The fee for this year's program is \$800 plus \$10 for a center membership. (a 10% discount is offered on additional children) This fee includes: swim lessons, t-shirt and backpack, one daily snack, transportation costs and special events. So come and join us for a FUN and SAFE SUMMER.

Save Cincy Pools!

Budget reductions this year have resulted in the planned closure of 19 CRC Pools in Cincinnati. With your help we can reduce this number. Public pools provide a place for kids to participate in healthy, physical, recreational activities, and improve the quality of life in our communities. Please visit www.cincyrec.org for more information or to donate www.CincinnatiRecreationFoundation.org. For any more information please contact Wayne Lurix at 513-352-1616 or wayne.lurix@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Save the Date - Helping Home Buyers Succeed!!!

Our next Money Matters Workshop will be offered on Monday, May 23rd from 6:30pm – 8pm at the North Avondale Recreation Center. This May's topic is Helping Home Buyers Succeed. Please RSVP to 961.1584 if you plan on attending. Each month we have a different topic scheduled to offer you insight on how to make your money work for you. If you have a suggestion on a topic, please feel free to call John Monday and Wednesday Evenings at 961.1584.

Dina S. Hanks

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The North Avondale Montessori Fathers' Group will be presenting their 4th annual Used Book Sale and Pancake Breakfast

on Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at North Avondale Montessori School (615 Clinton Springs Av.) in the gym and the cafeteria. There will be over 5000 books for sale, all carefully selected by me specifically for this sale. This is not your average used book sale with lots of throwaways. These are great books (no junk) at great prices. Fiction and non-fiction, a wide variety of subjects, old and new, many for children but mostly for adults. Books on art, nature, travel, science, history, biography, literature, poetry, music, many more categories -- something for everyone. If you like books, I guarantee you will be impressed. Please call or email your friends and anyone else you can think of who likes books (or pancakes) to invite them to this event. You will be doing them (and the school) a favor. One person at last year's

sale said: "I would have brought more money if I had known the sale was going to be this spectacular!" Feel free to contact me if you have questions. Dan Zavon@cinci.rr.com

The following students performed at Music Hall with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra during the "Kids Rule" Young Peoples Concert held on March 3rd. Congratulations to Mr. Barnfield, Vocal Director for an outstanding performance.

Cariah Anderson, Fatoumata Bajo, BreAnna Cade, Johnathon Edwards, Sarah Edwards, Corey Fenderson, Chahinda Fisher, Rania Fisher, Annabel Huber, Nyah Jackson, Shemere Lampkin, Ty'shawna Lampkin, Jayla Leach, David Ligon, Micah Payne, Drew Price, Lia Shapiro, Cheran Sherman, Megan Sostok, Maya Stallworth, Destiny Williams, Elijah Williams, Gabrielle Wright.

Those students performed with students from Fairview, Winton Hills Academy and the CSO. Also ages 6 to 9 went on a field trip to Music Hall to see the CSO in their performance of "Percussion Power." Because our students performed, all NAM students received free admission and the bus at no charge. Mr. Barnfield coordinated the trip with the Director of the CSO. Many thanks to the Symphony.

Congrats to:

 Russ Barbour, Leopold Martini, Maggie Murphy and Maya Stallworth.

Their art work was selected for the "All City Art Exhibition" Currently, the art work is on display at the main public library located on Vine St. The exhibition ends on **April 26th**. Students were selected by Ms. Carter, Visual Art Instructor

 Michael Davenport, Mycah Faison, Rania Fisher, Morgan Kitchen, Kayla Nunn and Lia Shapiro were nominated for the 41st Annual Earth Day Environmental Award for their production of the anti-idling video.

These students were recognized as student eco-leaders by committee member Mr. Lohre.

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

Award-winning journalist and video producer, Andrea Torrice, is a TNSM parent who wanted to celebrate the school's 40th anniversary by capturing the story of our beginnings in a brief film. Andrea and her crew conducted interviews with former students, staff and parents who nurtured the school in its early days. Also included is footage from current TNSM families, students and staff relating present-day experiences with TNSM.

We hope you'll join us for a wine and cheese reception on Saturday evening on **May 14** when we will be showing the fifteen-minute movie to TNSM friends, family and neighbors. We are grateful to Andrea and her team for donating their time to preserve the spirit and dedication of so many who enjoy this place we call The New School Montessori.

Saturday, May 14 from 6:30-8:30 PM Clifton Cultural Arts Center (formerly Clifton School) 3711 Clifton with parking available in the lot off McAlpin 3rd floor auditorium

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, April 12, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, April 16, 9:30 to 1:30 GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP & GREEN-UP DAY, Seasongood Park
- Wednesday, April 20, District 4 Resource Meeting 6:30 pm Police Station, 4150 Reading. All welcome.

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- First Thursday of each month May 5, at 1:30pm, NANA Rental Housing Meeting, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- Sunday May 22, NANA Annual Meeting, 3:00 to 5:00 pm location TBA

2nd VP: Fred Fegan _______ 861.8378

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IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS						
City Complaint/Request Hotline http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csro	591.6000	To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit: <u>Crimereports.com</u> Track property code violations:				
Police District 4 569.8600		http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/				
Nonemergency Police	765.1212 352.2960	Request A Recycling Bin	242.4600			
To just make a crime report (no police visit)		Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777			
, , , ,		Where to Recycle Different Things	http://earth911.com/			
NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS						
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MORE FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS IN LATE MAY

Little Miami Expedition Sat, May 21, 10:30am − 12:30pm Magrish Riverlands Preserve. Explore this scenic stretch of wilderness and river! Learn about the history of this area and the flora and fauna inhabiting it. We'll go over canoeing basics and provide the canoes, paddles and lifejackets. Pack a lunch in a Ziploc bag and wear sturdy close-toed shoes. We'll pull in along the bank to picnic before we head back. Families and individuals welcome but register early - space is limited, only two children (6 years and up) per adult. Call 861-3435 to sign up.

Rachel Rice Cincinnati Parks, Avon Woods

≈2011 Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District is pleased to welcome in spring this year with its annual one-day-only backyard compost bin and rain barrel sale. The event will feature FreeGardenTM compost bins and rain barrels available for sale to Hamilton County residents only on a first come, first served basis. Compost bins will be sold at the discounted price of \$35, and rain barrels will be available for \$50. The sale will be held on **Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the parking lots of Village Crossings and the Green Township Administration Complex.

A DISABILITY AWARENESS ESSAY CONTEST – CALL FOR ENTRIES

All 3rd – 8th graders in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area are invited to write an essay based on the attitudes they encounter toward people with disabilities. Our goal is to promote better understanding of people with disabilities by opening the hearts and minds of our young people.

Students can choose to interview a child or adult with a disability and write about the experience, read a book about people with disabilities and describe the impact the attitudes of others have on their lives, or write about their own observations or feelings toward people with disabilities.

The overall winner will receive a Kings Island Season Gold Pass for 4. All first place winners will have their essay published in the Community Press & Recorder, and will be transported from their school via limousine to an Awards Luncheon hosted by PF Chang's in Norwood.

For additional information or to request a contest packet, please contact Fides Almario at 513-221-4606 ext. 20. You can also visit the UCP website at www.ucp-cincinnati.org for contest rules and an application. Deadline is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

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NANA MEETING SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH ON APRIL 12TH at 7PM
PAY YOUR 2011 NANA DUES &