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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems impossible that a year has passed and I am again writing you to express holiday greetings and hope that the coming new year of 2012 brings you much success and prosperity. NANA celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011 and I feel honored to be a part of the NANA Executive Board during this particular annual holiday period that has significant historical importance.

I am so delighted that many of the front yards in North Avondale are now decorated differently than they were prior to Election Day in November. For some reason I think that during the holiday season the beautiful lights, scenes and ornaments displayed by many of our neighbors give a more beautiful appearance to North Avondale than a multitude of signs urging people to vote for certain candidates and issues.

For me this period of the year means my whole family is together under "one roof" for a few days. It means celebrating by exchanging gifts with each other. It means special and wonderful foods and meals are shared constantly. But, most of all it means a time when love of the family can not only be expressed verbally but shown personally when we are all together as one. The holidays constantly remind me of the blessing of my life and I get a wonderful, warm, and spiritual feeling that makes me feel good and fortunate.

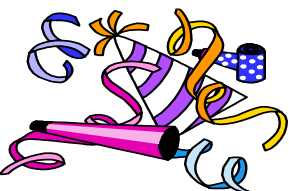
Many of you celebrate this time of the year as I do and others enjoy the season in different forums. But without question all of us look forward to the festivities and pleasures we have in this important and magical period of each year. Enjoy it.

Please do something special for those less fortunate than you are during the holidays. Our economy and unemployment is a sad picture. Many of our residents need our assistance. Donations of money food and clothing can help tremendously.

For those of you who have already submitted your 2011 NANA dues and donations, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please do so as quickly as possible.

From all of us on the Executive Board, the Committee Chairpersons and the NANA Administrator, HAPPY HOLIDAYS and have a GREAT NEW YEAR!!!

Bill Stevens



Happy Holidays
&
Happy New Year

NORTH AVONDALE JOINS THE MAYOR'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Mayor Mallory, the Office of Environmental Quality, Rumpke Recycling and Recyclebank celebrated a successful first year of Cincinnati's enhanced recycling program and challenged community leaders to make the program even more successful next year.

"We had a great first year," said Larry Falkin, director of the Office of Environmental Quality. "We were able to grow participation in the recycling program by nearly 75 percent, increase the amount of recyclables collected curbside by nearly 50 percent, and save the City nearly one million dollars through decreased landfill disposal costs and increased revenues from the sale of recyclables."

Therefore, Mayor Mallory challenged Community Councils to help the city recycle even more next year, as he launched the **Community Council Recycling Challenge**. The challenge asks community leaders to compete against each other to encourage their neighbors to recycle and **increase participation by 10 percent**. Each council that accepted the Mayor's challenge **earned \$100**. Each council that meets their 10 percent goal will earn an **additional \$250**. "There are also additional prize monies to be earned," Mallory said. "Community councils can earn additional funding by signing neighbors up for the Recyclebank rewards program <http://www.recyclebank.com/customer/account/create> as well as help recovering unused and abused recycling carts. The three top performing communities will also earn a **\$1,000 grand prize**." Mallory added that the prize money is being provided by Rumpke, and no City dollars are being spent on the program.

Cincinnati City Website

NANA General Meeting North Avondale Recreation Center 617 Clinton Springs

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm



Agenda



- Wasson Way.....Jay Andress (see page 5)
- Enjoy the holiday with cookies and great neighbors

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ I do not have any news per se, but I would like to know if any one has a cat that has been missing for the last three or four months. It is gray and white, with sort of pretty coloring. This cat has been hanging around our house, since mid summer. It does not appear to be an "alley/street cat." Please contact me at 513 - 961-5074.

Mrs. Daphne W. Robinson

☞ District Four will be hosting Shriners Hospital for Children and HOPE World Wide (CINCINNATI BRANCH)

Each year we choose a project that we feel will help those who live in the communities we serve, hoping to foster relationships along the way.

We have served lunch, provided entertainment and even had jolly old St. Nick here at the District for the children. The Cincinnati Zoo came and brought animals, pictures were taken, and candy was eaten.

This year some of our children **can't** come out to receive their gifts.....we'll be taking them to the children.

Did you know at the Shriners Hospital for children that every child admitted into the hospital receives a toy bag with age appropriate toys, and that 70% of all patients are boys.

HOPE world wide (Cincinnati Chapter) provides toys to a variety of Cincinnati area organizations and children.

- YWCA House of peace....for battered women's shelter
- Mercy Mt. Airy Behavioral Health Services...children are in the hospital through Christmas
- Holly Hills Children's Services.....foster care program
- Neighborhood Healthcare Centers (formerly Babies Milk Fund) * Norwood * East End *Mt. Auburn *Harrison *Walnut Hills *Evanston

Please visit www.hopeworldwide.org.

For the SAFETY of their patients Shriner's Hospital has strict infection control policies are followed and only **new** toys will be accepted.

We are asking that all toys be brought to District Four no later than December 22, 2011.

Shriners Hospital has requested:

- Back Packs for hospitalized school students

HOPE worldwide has requested:

- Toys for ages newborn-13 yrs.

We know that everyone is not able to give, and we understand! You have all supported our causes and we could not have done the many things we have without you, for that we are very grateful!

If you have any questions, please call Marcella F. Lamb, District Four at 569.8608.

Happy Holidays,

Captain Eliot K. Isaac District Four Commander

Marcella F. Lamb, Event Coordinator

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ The North Avondale Luminary is December 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. It was expertly chaired by Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs) and Carolyn Gillman (Red Bud). Wander around the beautiful winding streets filled with the light of luminaries. Streets with luminaries are: Avon Fields, Beechwood, Betula, Burton Woods, Clinton Springs, Leyman, Red Bud and Rose Hill. Finding volunteers to cover the streets determined which streets participated, but everyone is encouraged to walk around these streets and see the beauty the candlelit streets behold.

☞ Contemporary Dance Theater presents Luna Negra Dance Theater. It established itself in Chicago's art and cultural community through its energetic, powerful, and passionate contemporary Latino dance, and its company of diverse dancers. Friday & Saturday, January 27 & 28, 2012 at 8:30pm, Jarson-Kaplan Theater at the Aronoff Center for the Arts (650 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202)

Free meet-the-artists reception on Friday night after the performance, with Q&A!

Single Tickets \$30 Orchestra & Balcony I, \$25 Balcony II & All Box Seats, \$25 Seniors, \$20 Students

Jefferson James, (Betula)

Artistic & Executive Director jefferson@cdt-dance.org

☞ MIDNIGHT IN MUNICH

A TRADITIONAL
GERMAN NEW YEAR'S
EVE CELEBRATION AT
MECKLENBURG
GARDENS

Saturday, December 31st,
5:00 p.m.

Reservations recommended
513.221.5353



Join us at 5 p.m. in the Bier Haus for accordion music, a huge soft pretzel to share, fortune telling, and the viewing of a quirky film, "Dinner for One". Champagne toasts will be raised at 6 p.m. when it will be midnight in Munich!

A roasted pig will be carved and a buffet dinner served.

Cost: \$30 OR

Ring in the New Year with old and new friends in the main dining room or in the upstairs dining room with its cozy fireplaces. The restaurant's regular menu with many German classics, plus a chef's fish special and prime rib, will be featured throughout the evening.

Whatever you choose, we wish you a Happy New Year



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

769 E Mitchell Ave.

Timothy Cottingham

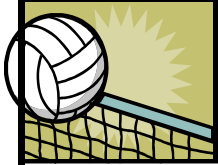
3900 Rose Hill Ave. (402-B)

Maribeth Amyot

3959 Warwick Ave .

Ashley W & Adam J McIntosh

Pay your NANA Dues Today!



NORTH AVONDALE (NAC)
617 Clinton Springs
961.1584

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

2012 CRC Recreation Center Membership Rates:

Junior (17 and younger)/Senior(50+) = \$10, Adult = \$25

2012 CRC Pool Membership Rates:

All Ages: Daily User Fee = \$2/day

Junior/Senior: Season Pass = \$20 Adult: Season Pass = \$35

Season Passes good all summer, at all CRC Pools (except Dunham Armleder)

Winter Wonderland Camp. 7am – 6pm, Dec. 19th – the 23rd, also December 27th-30th. \$20.00 per day or \$90 week one, \$75 week two, both weeks the cost is \$160.



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

●363.3900 ● 615 Clinton Springs

www.namrockets.org

North Avondale Montessori School has received a \$2,500 grant from the 2011-12 Recyclebank Green Schools to receive our very own

GREENHOUSE!

After December 12th, you'll be able to donate your curbside recycling points to the North Avondale Montessori Green School Project online at

<http://www.recyclebank.com/green-schoolsprogram>



We need to raise: 625,000 points. Recyclebank will award \$1.00 for every 250 points donated to the school. Please keep an eye out for more information on how to donate your points to help us with our greenhouse project.

North Avondale Montessori PTO
 Any questions?
 Cathy Refales at 241-4112 cathy37@gmail.com

- December 14 Winter Concert 9am & 7pm
- December 19 through January 2 Winter Recess No school
- January 16 MLK day - No School



SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL

●363.5500 ●636 Prospect Place,

●savondale.cps-k12.org

On Thursday, December 15, NANA will have a holiday event for our kindergarten Adopt-a-class. Members from the NANA Executive Board have donated personalized stockings stuffed with goodies, an ornament craft project and pizza, cookies and drinks for lunch.

If you would like to donate items or get involved just email Diana at noyesdi@gmail.com or call the NANA Office and at 221.6166.



THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

●281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane

www.thenewschool.cc

The Enrichment Center at The New School Montessori is one step closer to providing additional meeting space for the North Avondale community.



The last day for Xavier's fall semester is Friday, December 16. Classes resume on Monday, January 9, 2012. Xavier University will be closed from December 24 through January 1.

On December 2, Xavier University blessed a new 11-foot tall statue of the University's patron saint, St. Francis Xavier. The bronze statue sits atop an 11-foot tall base and is located just north of the Dana and Ledgewood/Woodburn intersection. During the ceremony Ledgewood Avenue north from Dana Avenue to Herald Avenue (on campus) was renamed Francis Xavier Way. The portion of Ledgewood Avenue on Xavier's north campus which intersects with Victory Parkway will remain Ledgewood Avenue. The address for Bellarmine Chapel will remain 3801 Ledgewood, 45207.

A new assistance phone has been installed in front of the Joseph Building near the corner of Dana and Winding Way. Pushing the call button will connect the caller to a trained dispatcher who will facilitate the appropriate response to emergency and non-emergency situations.

Xavier University wishes all of its North Avondale neighbors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Debora Del Valle

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM (NSP) 2012

NANA is funded primarily through the dues it receives from you. It also receives City money through the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) for projects and activities that enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood.

The projects & activities proposed are placed under two main project categories: Communications & Connections; The Look & the Feel. Within these categories are: Newsletter; Website; Clean-up & Beautification; Land Development & Improvement; Zoning Issues; Law Enforcement & Safety; Landlord Accountability, Rental Housing, Environment; Membership; and Seniors & Youth Projects. Though we can

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YOUR NEIGHBORS

👉 **Amy & Tim Yosmali** (Parker Pl) with daughter Evelyn welcomed son and brother, Wolfgang on November 2.

👉 **Ben Blaney** (35 Burton Woods Ln) will be participating in the local South Gateway Chorus Christmas Shows on the evening of Saturday, 12/10 and the afternoon of Sunday, 12/11. Anyone who would enjoy hearing Christmas carols sung by a large *a cappella* male chorus can contact Ben for tickets at 264.7174.

👉 **Doug Sawan** (Burton Woods) and the band, Foley Road, will be performing on December 16th at The Centennial Barn starting at 7:45pm. Foley Road will also be performing at the Price Hill Library on Dec 17th at 1 pm. Come by and listen to Celtic as well as your favorite holiday tunes. Foley Road's CD, 'Wherever the Road Takes Us', will also be on sale for \$10. They make a wonderful stocking stuffers!

👉 As an Author in our neighborhood, I would like for everyone to know that my seven books that are on Amazon.com have all been accepted by Kindle, the electronic note pad company and all will be available for download by Dec 12th..

Paul W. Rice - Marion Avenue

👉 **Amy Yosmali** and her daughter Evelyn, along with other representatives from communities in Hamilton County were featured on the cover of "Hidden Treasures", a publication produced by Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), a nonprofit organization that serves Cincinnati by fighting the remnants of racial discrimination in the housing market and promote housing choice for persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. This publication was Co-Sponsored by *Cincy Magazine*, and was printed as a supplement to the *Cincy Magazine* and sent to all *Cincy Magazine* subscribers, and members of HOME.



The topic of this publication was the "2012 Guide to Integrated Communities in Hamilton County", and profiled 28 neighborhoods that have embraced diversity for 20, 30, or 40 years. **North Avondale was one of the 28 neighborhoods featured.**

As Evelyn and I were featured on the cover of their publication, Tim and I were invited to attend the "Hidden Treasures Human Relations Summit" which took place on November 19th. During this event awards were given out to the 28 communities featured in the HOME publication in appreciation and celebration for being stable Integrated Communities based on the 2010 Census. North Avondale received a Recognition Award

for being a Stable Integrated Community for over 30 Years! Tim (Past NANA President) and I accepted the North Avondale award and will present it to NANA at the December 13 general meeting.

The event was well attended and very informative. In particular I found the "Building Diverse, Inclusive Communities Panel Discussion" very informative (The panel consisted of Steve Wolf, Mt. Healthy, Precis Wilson, Madisonville, and Heather Sturgill, Northside). The awards were presented by Hamilton County Commissioner Greg Hartman, and a representative from Mayor Mallory's office.

For more information about this event or about HOME please visit: www.cincyfairhousing.com

Amy Yosmali



NORTH AVONDALE INCLUDED IN THE 2012 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT FUNDING LIST

\$1.7 Million Projected Budget Would Be Allocated Across 15 Projects The Department of Community Development (DCD) and Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU) are endorsing 15 proposals for Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) funding awards in 2012. Awarded annually, NBDIP funds can be used for a variety of capital improvements and other uses to promote economic development in officially recognized neighborhoods business districts. The projects are implemented in partnerships between City staff and community volunteers.

In a fiercely competitive funding round, DCD received 26 applications requesting a total of \$3.6 million. DCD is anticipating having a total of roughly \$1.7 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Capital Investment Program (CIP) funds available in 2012, which would allow the top 15 applications to be funded. Cincinnati City Council will make the final decisions when it sets the Consolidated Plan and CIP budgets for the 2012 fiscal year. *Cincinnati City Website*



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Hello Wasson Way Supporter:

We were very excited to have the Midwest Coordinator for Rails-To-Trails come to town December 2 for meetings with City and County Officials. We hope to make major progress with the Wasson Way!!!!

Last week Charlie Rose had a special program on the NYC High Line. Last weekend 85,000 people visited the 1.5 mile trail !!!! The City spent \$150 million on the project which has created \$2 billion in private development. <http://www.charlierose.com/view/content/11996> For anyone who has an interest in how urban areas can prosper...this is a must see! Please tell your friends about the Wasson Way and have them "like" us on Facebook for the latest updates or they can join our email list for updates (they can send a message to wassonwayproject@gmail.com). Between Facebook and our email list we now have over 1000 direct contacts. With affiliated groups we are over 10,000 strong!!!

We had a major victory several weeks ago when we helped stop the construction of a parking lot at the corner of Edwards and Wasson Road. It was a real testament to the power of our grass roots effort. BUT...it was also a warning...we need to make this bike trail happen before the right-of-way gets carved up.

Over the last two weeks we have had a series of meetings with Madisonville Community leaders and local businessman Bob Slattery (Hahanna Beach, Heritage Restaurant)...there are some major new developments coming...there is so much potential to develop an interconnected series of trails...imagine that you ride the Wasson Way to the Little Miami River just east of Ault Park...you can then turn south heading along the Little Miami River for a direct connection to 8 miles of bike trails at Armleder Park and Lunken Airport (and even head downtown on the Ohio River Way)...or head north to the 78 miles of Little Miami Bike Trail. This would be over 100 miles of bike trails.

I will be **attending the NANA Meeting on Tuesday December 13 at 7:00pm** to speak on this project. Thanks to all of you for your interest and support.

Jay Andress wassonwayproject@gmail.com

Free Christmas Tree Recycling



Christmas trees are loved and cherished during the holiday season, but once it ends, many barren trees are thrown to the curb and taken to landfills. However, local yard waste collectors can recycle your tree into rich mulch or compost.

To keep the love going, the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District offers free yardwaste drop-off sites during January for easy Christmas tree recycling.

Central: West Fork Solid Waste Facility (Cincinnati Residents Only) – 3320 Mill Creek Road, Cincinnati, OH 45225. Only for Cincinnati residents, this location is accessible off of Spring Grove Avenue and off Beekman Street.

Hours of Operation: Open year-round Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (except holidays)

It is great to use the new energy efficient light bulbs but **YOU MUST NOT PUT THEM IN YOUR TRASH** They contain mercury. Take them to Home Depot or Lowes to Recycle them.



To find out where to recycle other things, go to this great

website: <http://earth911.com/>

Snow removal

The City of Cincinnati Municipal Code states:

Sec. 723-57. - Removal of Snow. The owner, occupant or other person having the care of any building premises or unimproved lot of land abutting any street where there is a graded sidewalk or a sidewalk graded and paved, shall, within the first four hours after daylight after the ceasing to fall of any snow, cause the same to be removed from the paved or traveled part of such sidewalk. The provisions of this section shall also apply to the falling of snow or ice from any building onto a sidewalk.



Snow or ice shall not be moved into the gutter when the gutter has been previously cleaned, and in no event shall snow or ice from any area other than the pedestrian walk

be moved into the gutter.

(Sec. 723-59. - Ice on Sidewalks. Whenever a sidewalk or any part thereof along any building premises or unimproved lot of land shall be encumbered with ice, the owner, occupant or other person having the care of such premises or lot shall cause such sidewalk to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice there from, or by covering the sidewalk with sand or other suitable substance.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this section for a period of more than two hours during the daytime shall subject such owner, occupant or person in charge to the penalty provided for violation of this section. Penalty, § 723-99-I.e.

State of Ohio Launches Tax Credit Program to Spur Investments in Small Businesses The state is encouraging interested small businesses and investors to educate themselves on the program rules, which can be found, along with helpful tutorials, at <http://www.development.ohio.gov/InvestOhio/InvestOhio.htm>. and <http://www.development.ohio.gov/newsroom/2011PR/November/2.htm>

Home Energy Assistance Program HEAP Winter Crisis Program Begins The program assists qualified low-income and elderly Ohioans with winter heating costs, beginning November 1, 2011 and running through March 31, 2012.

To apply for assistance through the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, households must have a face-to-face interview at their local provider agency. Qualified Ohioans may call the Department's toll-free hotline at [\(800\) 282.0880](tel:8002820880)

2011 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

- Saturday, December 10, **Luminary** 6pm to 9pm (see article page 2)
- **Tuesday, December 13, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Wednesday, December 14, District 4 Resource Meeting Holiday Potluck, 6:00 pm District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- Thursday, **January 5** at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Tuesday, January 10, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

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

~December 13TH 7:00pm~

~PAY YOUR 2011 NANA DUES~

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propose new categories, the majority of projects that are proposed to the Board, fit within these categories.

At a December 2 Invest meeting, NANA was told that within the 2012 proposed budget, each neighborhood would be allocated \$5,000. As NANA just found out about the \$2,500 increase of over last year, NANA is still preparing the dollar amounts to assign to each project. The amounts will be available by the Tuesday, December 13 NANA General Meeting where we will vote on this proposal to submit to the City. If you have any suggestions or ideas please come to the meeting or contact us.

NSP PROJECT CATEGORIES	2011	2012
#1 Communications & Connections	1,250	2,500 ?
#2 The Look & the Feel	1,250	2,500 ?
TOTAL	2,500	5,000

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 100 copies of the ten *NANA News*
- Print 2,900 envelopes, dues return envelopes, letters and newsletter once a year
- supply discounted plants, bulbs, and mulch
- sprinkler system maintenance.

If interested, write, call or email the NANA Office at 221.6166 or clmorse@fuse.net

