



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor,

The 6th Annual Neighborhood summit will take place on February 16th, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Xavier University's Cintas Center. The theme is "Clean, Green and Serene." The event will feature 16 breakout sessions and lectures on how citizens can actively improve the quality of life in their communities. Some of the important topics to be covered include: reducing gun violence; fighting the affects of foreclosures; schools at the center of our communities; crime prevention; zoning; and grant writing. The event is being hosted by Invest in Neighborhoods and supported by the City of Cincinnati, Xavier University, the Seasongood Good Government Foundation, and PNC Bank. The Summit is open to all interested citizens and it is FREE, including breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register please call 921-5502 or visit www.investinneighborhoods.com.

Representatives from Bond Hill and North Avondale will be hosting one of the break out sessions !

Have a great February.

Tim Yosmali

NANA is forming a **Nominating Committee** to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2008/2009. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee or perhaps being an officer. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166 or send an email to clmorse@fuse.net.

NANA'S FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH THE CITY

On Thursday, January 24, 2008 Gerry & Marvin Kraus, Charlene Morse & John W. Jones from NANA met with Assistant City Mgr Scott Stiles, Captain Isaac, Joel Koopman, & Mike Cervay to receive updates on our Sept. 24 meeting.

Updates:

- **Captain Isaac**, crime stats are down in every category. Crime is down 21% overall, with a 20% decrease since last year.
- A couple of initiatives were implemented to try to deal with the Mini Mart on Burton: marking the tires to ticket for overtime parking (they countered by moving the van across the street) Street sweeping (which resulted in it being towed), and a citation for not having the vendors license displayed.
- **Better solution:** The Law & Public Safety committee is pursuing an ordinance to make it illegal for a vehicle to park at the curb to sell goods. Legal will report back in 30 days.
- Another area of concern, is that tractor trailer cabs are being parked on residential streets over the week end, Captain Isaac will follow up.
- Gershuny Property - have back taxes been paid yet - if not, contact the county prosecutor to institute foreclosure procedures.
- Streetscape finally went out for bid in January, so construction on Reading Rd. from Dana to Lenox should begin this spring.
- Armory - State has yet to offer it to the City.
- Fire Station moved on January 24. A decision on the use for the property has yet to be determined. The property will first be offered for municipal use, then community development use. Marvin asked if City could rent it to the Business District for a \$1/yr. We would not like to see the property become derelict, which would have a negative. **An African firefighters** group has expressed an interest in the site. We asked to be kept informed as to the status
- Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and its lack of enforcement was discussed. The goal is to get the worst owners to engage with the police but is new and needs some of the kinks ironed out. In three weeks we should receive a follow-up from Rick Hardy.

John W. Jones

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

NANA General Meetings
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs

Tuesday, February 12
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- **Cincinnati Zoo Tax Levy**



2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

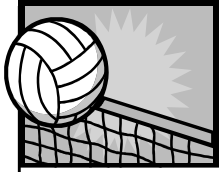
Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name _____ date _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

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

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.



NORTH AVONDALE

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

HIRSCH CENTER

●3630 Reading Road ● 751-3393
Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

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

Youth (5-12 year olds)

- After School Day Camp – 2:15–6pm \$120 per month (Follows CPS schedule)
- Bridge Gap – 2:15-4:30pm \$75 per month (Follows CPS schedule)
- Drop In – 3-4:30pm Free (Follows CPS schedule) includes snack, arts, game room & gym activities
- Snack – 3pm Free (membership not needed for snack)
- Mini Camps – \$15 per day

Teens (13-17)

- Open Gym 7-8:30 pm (currently) Wed. & Fri (Starting in mid Mar. Mon. Wed. & Fri.)
- Teen Outings! TBA (Skiing in February...tentative plans)
- Teens 'Til Ten – TBA

Adults & Senior

- Aerobics (Jeff Shelby's Workout Party)
Tuesday & Thursday 6-7:30 pm & Sat. noon-2pm
\$5 per class or \$25 per month
- Free Line Dancing - Mon. & Wed 10-11:30am
- Free Knitting – Mon. 11:30am-1:30pm
- Free Sauna - Mon.-Fri 9:30am-8pm / Sat. noon-2pm
- Free Tai Chi Thursdays 6-7pm
- Free Yoga – Mon. & Wed. 6-7pm
- Weight Room - Mon.-Fri 9:30am -8pm / Sat. noon-2pm
\$10 for 3 months
- City Wide Valentines Day Senior Luncheon Dance
Thur. Feb. 14 – 11 AM -2 PM at Madisonville
Call Brandi Sanders at 477-9969 for tickets and info...Tickets \$12

Summer Day Camp Registration:

- **Priority Registration** – Starts Monday, March 3rd 2-6pm
- **Open Enrollment Registration** – Beginning Monday March 10th 2-6pm

Center Hours

- **Opens at 9:30** Monday thru Friday
- **Closes**
Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30
Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00
- Saturday Open Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18 – Presidents Day (closed)



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

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

Many residents of North Avondale did one of the following: attended North Avondale

Elementary/Montessori (NAM), sent their children to NAM, or have grandchildren at NAM. A new building will be constructed on the current site over the next two years. We are extending an invitation to NANA to help celebrate our rich history during several events this school year.

Each year the NAM Foundation has a major fund raiser. The “Fuel The Rockets Annual Fund Drive Campaign” has started. The *North Avondale Montessori Celebration and Campaign Kickoff* was on Friday, February 1st, at the American Sign Museum 2525 Essex Place. The adults-only party with drinks, food and music was free. New this year, families can choose to give to the campaign using online giving. Computers were even available at the party to enter pledges!

The North Avondale Montessori Foundation raises more than \$50,000 annually. All money raised is used for needs which CPS does not meet at NAM. Foundation has paid for a reading tutor; the volunteer coordinator; PTO events throughout the year; all copies made by teachers all school year; Montessori materials; instructional materials and supplies; teacher training, and other needs.

Please consider giving to the *Fuel The Rockets Campaign* using online giving. Visit <https://www.networkforgood.org> and enter the Keywords North Avondale Foundation to give to the campaign. Feel free to share this link with family and friends who will consider supporting NAM--A Great Place To Learn.

- Please support the school levy in March. The future of NAM depends on you!

P.S...If you are interested in helping create a North Avondale Elementary/Montessori Hall of Fame please contact me at bstall@fuse.net

Byron Stallworth President, NAM Foundation

THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

●281-7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane ●www.thenewschool.cc

“Education is acquired, not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.” - Maria Montessori

Enthusiasm. If you had to pick only one word to describe the kindergarteners’ winter field trip to Avon Woods Nature Center, “enthusiasm” would be the one to choose. The children ran from tree to tree teaching their parents the difference between deciduous and coniferous. Five-year-olds spilling words like “biomes” and “temperate forest” as they welcomed their parents to the world of nature they’ve learned about & feel passion.

Sunny Rhein, teacher at The New School Montessori for 20 years, loves field trips but believes children need “3-D” experiences in nature every day. In TNSM’s own wooded play yard they’ve observed a red cluster of ladybugs alternating the center “warm spot” as their winter survival strategy. A cecropia moth was found wintering under the porch. Nature abounds, just waiting for us to explore!

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

BURTON SCHOOL ●363-9700 ● 876 Glenwood Ave

●burtoncougars.cps-k12.org/

The Girls and Boys Lego Robotics Team from Burton Elementary would like to thank the North Avondale &

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NANA NOTATIONS

By Gerry Kraus

FRONT YARD PARKING IS ILLEGAL. The City of Cincinnati Municipal Code, *Section 511-33*, prohibits the parking of any vehicle on any unpaved portion of a residential front yard. *Section 511-31* of the Code...prohibits parking of or storing of an unlicensed or inoperable vehicle on residential or commercial property for more than three days in a place of open view. Large commercial trucks (like 18-wheelers) are also prohibited from parking on residential streets. Call 765-1212, the Nonemergency Police number, if you believe a vehicle on your street is parked illegally. Call the NANA Office at 221-6166 if the problem continues.

RECYCLE AT COMMUNITY CENTER, 617 Clinton Springs. Apartment dwellers and others: you can still recycle even if your building does not participate in the City's curbside recycling program. Bring your recyclables to the Recycling Container at the end of the Community Center's parking area. A list of what is recyclable is posted on the container. And thanks to NANA's purchase a visible sign under the Center sign will point you in the right direction.

JOIN NORTH AVONDALE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (NABA). A revived NABA met on January 10, 2008 at Dr. Dottie Shaffer's Full Spectrum office. Eighteen persons were present to discuss North Avondale business issues and development. The next meeting will be held at **Sonny's All Blues Lounge, 4040 Reading Road on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM.** Agenda items will include: promoting North Avondale businesses; presentation of Reading Road streetscape plan; how to spend \$9,000 City 2008 Business District Grant; a street clock at Reading Road/Clinton Springs; election of NABA officers and additional trustees. Business Owners, Consultants, Realtors, Cottage Industry Owners (any industry where the creation of products and services is home-based); Business Persons who work out of their home office, as well as Commercial Property Owners are all welcome to join NABA. Come to the February 28 meeting and find out how you and NABA can help each other. For more information contact: Amy Yosmali at 368-8536

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY BY PLANTING TREES

April 25, 2008 is Arbor Day. Trees give us so much and ask nothing in return. Years ago I planted a row of seedling trees across my back yard. In no time they grew into a dense green screen providing shade and privacy. If you would like to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree, just email me your name and address and I will deliver to you two 6-12 inch seedlings in time to plant for Arbor Day. Spencerkof@aol.com
Spencer Konicov RE/MAX
Unlimited. 513-861-5688



IN MEMORIAM

Condolences to the family and friends of **Benjamin F. Jordan, Jr.** who passed away in Silver Spring, MD on Oct. 11, 2007 at age 42 after succumbing to a three-year battle with a rare kidney disease. Reverend Ben, a North Avondale native, will be remembered for his active community spirit and of course his contributions to the North Avondale Hornets, the winning baseball team that Ben played on and was coached by his father Benjamin F. Jordan, Sr. Ben will also not be forgotten as the student credited with giving North Avondale Elementary (now Montessori) its mascot name of the "Rockets"!

Ann Coleman Startz, (formerly of Clinton Springs) passed away on December 27, 2007 at the age of 83. She and her husband of 55 years, Morton R. Startz moved to Cincinnati in 1955. Committed to improving the lives of others, she was very active in the community as a member of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association and a founding board member of Housing Opportunities Made Equal. In her later years, she followed her passion for music and her heritage, performing all over the Tri-State area with the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society and then later as a founding member of the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimer Society. She is survived by her husband; children Kenneth Lewis Startz, Nancy Coleman Startz and Paul David Startz; and 3 grandchildren

Woman's City Club is a non-profit organization that has been working in the greater Cincinnati area since 1915. Our mission is to secure a more just and livable community for all. Some of our current activities are working with "cease fire Cincinnati," have a tutoring program in Rothenberg School Over the Rhine, working with CPS promoting Green schools, etc. See our website <http://WWW.womanscityclub.org> for info about our mission.

Every year we bring a woman who is known nationally to speak in Cincinnati. Last year we had Diane Rehm. This year Ellen Goodman, who is a columnist featured in the Post, a long time supporter of human rights and author of many books.

This is the only fund raising event that WCC has each year, so it is very important to the organization that we sell all of the tickets. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact Jill Bley (Red Bud neighbor) at either 961-8788 or drjillbley@cinci.rr.com.

Ellen Goodman Thursday March 13, 2008 at 7:30 Plum Street Temple Her topic is "The Political is (Too) Personal, the Media is (Too) Polarized and Television News is an Oxymoron" Tickets cost \$25

There will be a private reception following her talk. Tickets for the reception are available to anyone who contributes to

Avondale Communities for their support. On December 8th and 9th, two middle school teams competed in the 2007 I-Space Tournament held at the University of Cincinnati. The first day, the students were interviewed by three different panels. Each team needed to do a project in which they selected and researched an energy issue, present their robot and programming strategies and demonstrate how well they worked together as a team. The second day was the actual table top robotics competition. Students were given 2 1/2 minutes to execute 15 "missions" or tasks with their robots. We are so proud of our teams and excited to announce that out of 38 competing teams, the girls were selected to receive the "Gracious Professionalism" award. This award is based on their ability to work together as a team, demonstrating teamwork, cooperation, compromising skills and enthusiasm. A special thank you to the following people: Mike Sum, a very dedicated mentor; Lynn Collins, coach as well as the lead teacher for the middle school; and for Judith Harmony and The Harmony Project Organization.

Marina Hopkins Community Resource Coordinator Burton Elementary

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 2,990 copies of the ten NANA News and flyers at least six times;
- 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

Every year, due funding guidelines, NANA is required to accept applications for the position of coordinator; a part-time, paid position for one or more independent contractors. The coordinator assumes the following responsibilities: writing & editing the NANA News newsletter; flyers and other communications; maintaining the membership and office; assisting the NANA Board and all volunteers on issues involving land development & use, safety, beautification, youth & senior activities, membership development and environmental affairs to enhance the livability of North Avondale. Interested persons should call NANA President Tim Yosmali (358-8436).

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Tim Yosmali _____	641-1244	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
1 st VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
2 nd VP: Frank Newbauer _____	751-5897	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
3 rd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Quality of Life Issues: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039
Corresponding Sec.: Tom Nickell _____	281-0283	NANA Administrator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse	221-6166
Recording Secretary & Landlord Accountability: Michelle Baxter _____	475-0441	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
Treasurer: Fred Fegan _____	861-8378	Police District 4 _____	569-8600
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	24 hour Neighborhood Officer _____	569-8654
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Nonemergency Police _____	765-1212
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
Education & Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777

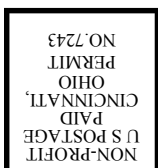


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FEBRUARY 12TH NANA MEETING

GET INVOLVED! COME TO THE

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North Avondale Neighborhood Association
617 Clinton Springs Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

- First Thursday of each month at 6:00pm, COP Meeting, District 4 Police Station
- Tuesday, February 12, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs
- Thursday March 6 at 6:00pm, COP Meeting, District 4 Police Station
- Tuesday, March 11, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs

NANA CALENDAR

