



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

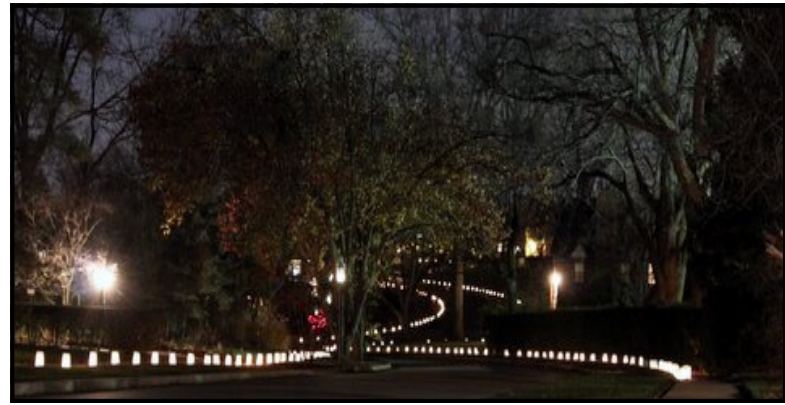
Thank you all so much for your tremendous response to NANA's dues solicitation at the end of last year. Despite the economic downturn, you continue to be extraordinarily generous in supporting NANA financially. I want to remind you that in order to continue to receive a paper NANA News, you need to pay an additional \$7.00 for mail delivery. In addition to your support through dues, several individuals have made donations specifically for the Beautification Committee, to support the work done by Ursula Hassel and the dedicated members of the Committee. I am happy to report that NANA will be receiving \$5,000 in NSP funding this year. This is down from the \$7,000 in funding last year, but we had feared that the NSP program was going to be zeroed out. Thank you again for your financial support of NANA. The NANA Board is continuing to review our budget to make sure that you are getting good value for your donations.

As much as we need and appreciate your financial support, I want to ask you for your personal involvement in NANA. This cannot be repeated too often – NANA is only as strong, as effective, as its **active** members. With the exception of the Administrator, which is a paid position, **all** of the work done on behalf of NANA is volunteer. Ursula Hassel, Pauline Daly, John Jones and Michelle Baxter in particular put in literally hundreds of hours each year to serve our neighborhood.

Your time and effort is also needed. We could use your help as we establish the Nominating Committee that forms the Board for 2010-11. (*see next column*)

At our visioning meeting last November, beautification and safety were identified as the two pre-eminent issues for NANA. As I mentioned, we have received donations earmarked for beautification, and I want to assure you that any donations made for a specific purpose will do that purpose. But more so even than money, NANA needs your time, your skills, your commitment, your ideas. Beautification is just one example where we need neighbors to volunteer to help maintain the beautiful flower gardens we have, and to plant more. We will be having some clean-up programs in the Spring, and will need your help with them. Look for more information on this soon. Without you, it cannot, it will not, get done. I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Frank Newbauer



Luminary Stroll December 5, 2009
A truly collaborative effort. Thank you North Avondale!

NANA General Meeting
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs
Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

NANA is forming a **Nominating Committee** to select the 2010/2011 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee (consisting of one quick meeting and follow up emails) or serving as an officer. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221.6166 or send an email to clmorse@fuse.net.

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
name date

Address _____

Email Address/s _____

We must have your email address/s to communicate with you & email your NANA NEWS

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

Pay Additional \$7.00 for Newsletter Mail Delivery _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

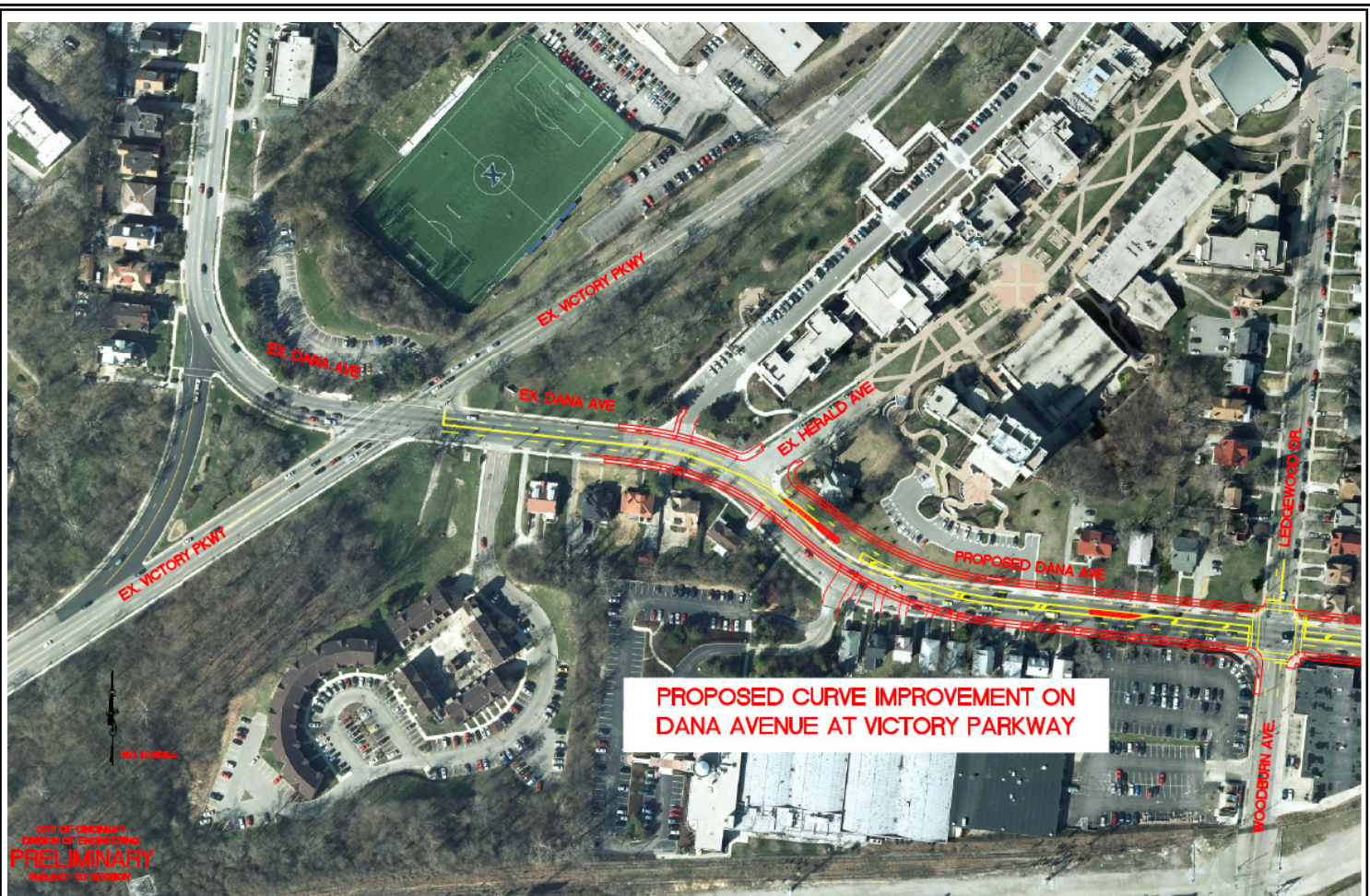


A little care in preparing your household waste goes a long way in making North Avondale a cleaner place!

*TIPS - Weigh down lighter items with heavier ones, bundle loose paper products in a cereal box, be aware of the weather and how it may affect your unsecured items.

YOUR NEIGHBORS

Henry Deering, EA (Wess Park) has been accepted as a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents on November 18, 2009. The Ohio State Society of Enrolled Agents also accepted him as a member on that date. He received his credentials as an Enrolled Agent in July, 2009 based on his nearly twenty three years of experience with the Internal Revenue Service. He formed his own business, HADEER, LLC, a tax consulting and preparation service, in October, 2009. He is available to assist taxpayers on an appointment basis and may be reached by telephone at 872.9110 or 319.4376 (cell). His email address is had63@zoomtown.com. He thanks you for taking the time to read this and appreciates NANA publishing this information.



The City of Cincinnati, Department of Transportation and Engineering, originally attended the April 14, 2009 NANA Community Council meeting. At that time, they discussed the concept of a new Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway intersection improvement. This improvement included the straightening of the Dana Avenue and to eliminate the S-curve. They came to our January 12 meeting to update us on the project. It has been scaled back considerably and will no longer impact Dana after it crosses Victory Parkway. Our Dana Triangle garden beds and the Dana Bypass will be left intact. Now there will be islands in the roadway (in yellow) and the road will be moved over to lessen the curve. The widening of Dana will go all the way to Montgomery. Water work will begin in August and road work in March 2011.

IN MEMORIAM

☞ **Jenna Laumer**, born January 13, 1983 and passed on January 19, 2010. Jenna was the second beloved daughter of Dave Laumer and Michele Laumer (**Beechwood Av**). Dear sister of Sierra and Alaina Laumer. Granddaughter of Tom and Audrey Dierker. Jenna attended Sands Montessori, Walnut Hills High School and Clark Montessori. Jenna graduated in the second graduating class of 2001 from Clark Montessori. She attended Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina and graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 2006 with a degree in Communications. She worked as an assistant cellar master for Dunham Cellars Winery in Walla Walla, Washington. Most recently, she worked for Urban Sites Properties, a developer of urban housing in Over the Rhine.



Jenna was a spirited, passionate woman who was deeply loved by many. Her bright energy and mind combined with her compassionate heart and empathy touched every one lucky enough to meet her. She had the unique ability to bring out the best in people. She lived her 27 years with fierce love, enthusiasm and courage.

Jenna was diagnosed with T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in April, 2009. On behalf of Jenna's family, thank you for the outpouring of love that continues to flow. It's like being in a tsunami of joy, appreciation and love - what better testament to a life well lived can there be!

☞ **Melissa Cavanaugh Stevens**

"**Mandy**", 28, passed away Thursday, January 28, 2010, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Columbus, OH. She attended the School for Creative and Performing Arts, Cincinnati, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, London, and the University of Cincinnati and was a graduate of Adelphi University, New York, with a B.A. in Fine Arts. She was a member at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Kenwood, OH.



She is the daughter of Bill and Rita Stevens (Red Bud), the sister of Billy (Gina) Stevens, "Auntie Mandy" to her two nieces whom she dearly loved, Samantha and Lexi, and is also survived by very caring boyfriend, Brad Evans.

Mandy was always full of energy with a sparkle in her eye. and a mischievous smile!

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

☞ NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT 2010

Saturday, February 27, 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. ▪ Cintas center, Xavier University ▪ Help in creating **Plan Cincinnati** our City's first comprehensive plan in nearly 30 years. ▪ **Topics:** Housing & Neighborhood Development; Urban Design; Transportation & Transit; Health Environment & Open Space; Historic Conservation, Arts & Culture; Economic Development & Business Retention ▪ Register online at www.xavier.edu/communitybuilding by Feb. 17

☞ Jolene Struebbe (Beechwood) has a **cooking class** starting Feb. 5 and a class at Cincinnati State on Feb. 8.

☞ All girls interested in playing **softball** during the spring/summer. call Coach Nina 307.7702. They will have another practice this month at Hirsch, and the ages are 9-13. They usually have fun all spring and summer, learning softball, and volunteering.

☞ Join your world-class **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra** in a celebration of diversity! The CSO welcomes the LGBT (*lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender*) community, its friends and supporters to a captivating concert featuring the bold romanticism of Grieg's Piano Concerto performed by world-renowned pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet (soloist on the Oscar and Golden Globe-winning soundtrack of *Atonement* and Oscar-nominated *Pride and Prejudice*). After the concert join them for *Cabaret Magnifique!* - a lively behind-the-scenes party backstage with DJ, edibles, festive libations and a special appearance by Jean-Yves and Paavo. Attire is cocktail party casual. **Saturday, March 13, 8 pm** Music Hall

Call the CSO Box Office for additional information: 513.381.3300 or go to :

<http://new.cincinnatisymphony.org/Content.php?id=59>

☞ Dear Friends of AFS:

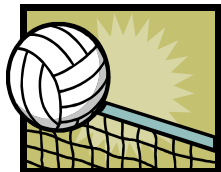
North Avondale has been such a welcoming neighborhood for exchange students (from many different programs, not just AFS) and I hope that tradition continues. Currently and over the next few months, we are or will be receiving applications for 29 wonderful AFS exchange students available for hosting. Supportive, flexible, caring families (like yours!) are needed. They will arrive in mid-August and stay for the 2010-11 school year.

Want more info about hosting with AFS? Please call or email Liz Burger (614.7538 only_trypsin@hotmail.com) or Georgia Moore (961.2592 damoores3@fuse.net).

My husband and I have both spotted Coyotes in the woods behind our house on Winding Way. In talking to a few others, I know we aren't the only ones - as well as the Nov NANA news. It may be important that folks watch out for their small pets along Winding Way, Barry Ln, and I bet the homes on Rose Hill that back up to the Nature Center. Coyotes are not shy! Is there anything we can do?

Vanessa Wong





NORTH AVONDALE **617 Clinton Springs** **961.1584**

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

- **Hours of operation: Monday & Wednesday 10AM - 8 PM; Tuesday & Thursday Noon - 8 PM; Friday 10 AM - 6 PM** *Participants must have a membership to the center to participate* Weight Room M & W - 10 am-8 pm T & Th - 12 to 8, F 10 to 6, Sa - 12-2 (\$10 Per quarter)

In January CRC went through reorganization. Julie Fatora is now the Service Area Coordinator of the Hirsch Community Center located at 3630 Reading Rd. Dina Hanks has taken over as the Service Area Coordinator at North Avondale Recreation Center. She has been with the department for over 20 years and brings a lot of ideas and experience. She has spent the last 2 years at Camp Washington Center and the last 8 years coordinating the Southwest Ohio Senior Olympics. She is excited to join the wonderful staff and is always looking for ideas and input on programs at the center. Feel free to contact her at 961.1584 or at dina.hanks@cincinnati-oh.gov.

New for 2010 All-City Membership Card

Gets participant access to ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ALL CRC Recreation Centers
- ALL CRC Pools and Aquatic Facilities*** (except Dunham)
- CRC "Members-Only" rewards at select Special Events
- FREE membership to CRC for January and February, 2010*

NEW FEES:

\$10/year: Juniors (age 17 & younger)
 \$10/year: Seniors (age 50 & older)
 \$25/year: Adults (age 18-49)

OPTIONAL for ADULTS ONLY:

Limited Adult Memberships (Available to ADULTS (age 18-49) Only)**:

\$10/year ADULT Pool Access Only Membership
 \$20/year ADULT Recreation Center Access Only Membership

- During Free promotion, Regular business hours and program fees still apply **Pool Access Only and Center Access Only Cards available for adults only (ages 18-49)
 ***Excludes Dunham Aquatic Complex Pool.

HIRSCH CENTER

•3630 Reading Road • 751.3393

Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

Junior Programs

- *After School Day Camp 2:15-6 PM \$30 (per wk)
- *Drop In (N.A.M School Pick up) 2:15-4:30 PM \$10 (per wk)
- *Drop In (Other Schools) M-F 3 PM-5 PM Free
- Snack Program (17 & under) M-F 3 PM Free
- **Tween Teens M-F 3 PM-5 PM Free
- * *Elementary School Age* ** *Ages 12-14*

Junior Classes

Art Classes	M & W	3 PM-6 PM	Free
Cooking Class	T	4 PM-5 PM	Free
Game Room	M-F	3 PM-5 PM	Free
Go 6 Oh!	M-Th	2:30-2:45 PM	Free
	F	2:30-3:30 PM	Free
Gym Games	M-F	3 PM-5 PM	Free
Homework Help	M-Th	3 PM-4 PM	Free
Stage Craft	F	3:30-6 PM	TBA

Theater Workshop	T & Th	3:30-6 PM	Free
High Steppers	F	5 PM-7 PM	Call for info
Hip Hop Dance	T & Th	6 PM-8 PM	Free
Mural Painting	M	6:30-8 PM	Free
	F	6 PM-7 PM	Free
Music Production	F	5 PM-7 PM	TBA (to cover cost)
Teen Dodge Ball	T	6 PM-8 PM	Free



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

•363.3900 • 876 Glenwood

• www.namrockets.org

Our current principal, Carmen Hull, has announced her intent to retire at the end of this school year. As the primary governing body of the school, the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) is charged with the responsibility to participate with the District in selecting the school's principal. Before the LSDMC makes the final recommendation, it is crucial that we solicit and receive input from all the major NAMS stakeholders: parents, teachers, staff members and community members. We are in the process of developing a survey and will also be hosting a **Special Meeting on Saturday, February 20th in the NAMS Cafetorium from 10:00 am - 12 Noon.** This meeting is open to all and will be facilitated by Audrey Holtzman. Ms. Holtzman is a NAMS parent and a Parent Coach with the Parents for Public Schools Parent Leadership Institute. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the characteristics we would like to see in the next NAMS principal. If you cannot attend and would like to contribute your thoughts, you can email the LSDMC at LSDMC@namrockets.org.

Maurice Faison LSDMC Co-Chair

- February 5 - Annual Fund Drive Kick Off
- February 8 - No School - Professional Development Day
- February 13 - NAMS Father-Daughter Dance 2 pm
- February 15 - No School - Presidents Day Holiday
- February 20 - Principal Selection Meeting 10 am
- February 27 - Parent Informational BBQ 12 pm

NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

•281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane

•www.thenewschool.cc

"Working for change" is a familiar concept for New School Montessori students who study civil rights and practice conflict resolution, but this time our 4th - 6th graders were quite literally working for "change." As a service project, the students gathered coins from family and friends that in just two weeks' time totaled \$800. The Student Board originally set up the fundraiser as a contest between homerooms to collect the highest number of pennies to give to a charity, but the students later expanded the project to allow all coins to be gathered. Sixth grader Molly Giglia noticed that the idea of "competition" was lost on her classmates, "It was kind of funny to see best friends giving pennies from their own homeroom's money boxes to help each other's classroom totals." The students have experienced the power of pooled resources seeing that 12,000 pennies swimming in a sea of quarters, nickels, and dimes can very much affect change for those in need. *Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director*

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000	To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960
Police District 4	569.8600	Request A Recycling Bin	242.4600
Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer:	569.8654	Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov		To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	Crimereports.com
Thomas Beridon Dist. 4 Prosecutor	352.3618	Track property code violations:	
Thomas.beridon@cincinnati-oh.gov		http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/	
Nonemergency Police	765.1212		

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Treasurer: Curtis Arthur	967.3619	Charlene Morse	221.6166

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, February 9, NANA General Meeting**, 7:00 pm North Avondale Recreation Center, 917 Clinton Springs
- Wednesday, February 24, **District 4 Resource Meeting** (4th Wednesday of each mth.) 6:30 pm Police Station, 4150 Reading Rd.
- First Thursday of each month March 4, at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, March 9, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday April 24, 2010 The Great American Cleanup



This NANA NEWS was sent out by email as all but two a year of our future newsletters will be. During this transition, please ask your neighbors if they received this newsletter. If they have not, please ask them to email NANA at clmorse@fuse.net and I will email them one. If they don't have email, this newsletter is posted on our website at www.northavondalecincinnati.com as a pdf. If they have neither please print a copy for them. **Anyone can send \$7.00 a year to NANA and they will receive all of our NANA NEWS by mail.** Thank you.

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PAY YOUR 2010 NANA DUES**

