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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A tragedy occurred January 23rd when a 17 year old young man was killed by gunfire in the parking lot of the former Ohio National Guard Armory at 4100 Reading Road leased by H.O.P.E 4 CHANGE (H4C). The site is immediately adjacent to District #4 Police Headquarters and so very close to where our families live in North Avondale. Officials of H4C came twice to NANA meetings in late 2010 to introduce themselves to our community and outline the new organization's activities and goals. They stressed the vision "to help people who needed a second chance in life". H4C literature purports "....the facility collaborates with businesses, community organizations, school districts and the juvenile court system to provide in-depth perspective for entrepreneurs...." and, "... provides a safe multi-cultural environment that serves to educate". In plain English, we at the NANA meetings were told that H4C would key on providing vocational training to enhance job skills and would provide a social meeting place where sports and social activities for youth could flourish in the right setting. It was indicated that an atmosphere would be built for a place where young people would want to come and enjoy "character building" activities. Through an attractive sports complex, religious influence and promotion of social responsibility, H4C representatives told us a true "difference" could be made in young people's lives. H.O.P.E. 4 CHANGE is now closed!! The loved ones of the young man who lost his life wonder, "what went wrong"....and so do I.

On January 11th when Cincinnati television news commentators reported a complex and bizarre account of a possible home invasion, police action and gunfire on Clinton Springs Avenue and Spring House Lane, I was saddened by the affect it had on our the residents in that area and North Avondale as a whole. Occurrences like this one, a robbery at knife point, muggings, car jackings, theft and an array of other criminal activities seen in NA make it mandatory that we become a part of the solution to combat CRIME! Please come to our NANA General Meetings and learn about planned efforts for crime prevention that are now taking place. People like Michelle Baxter, Maura Wolf and Charlene Morse are NANA community leaders that work hard and diligently, almost daily, on this problem. NA needs you to become a part of helping to turn around Cincinnati and NA's primary concern --- CRIME. We are now working or participating with City officials, Xavier University, Cincinnati Police and governmental leaders to jointly abate continued incidents of crime. Needed is an "army" of citizens who will volunteer their service in this all out effort.

ANA is forming a **Nominating Committee** to select the 2011/2012 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.

#### **NANA General Meeting North Avondale Recreation Center** 617 Clinton Springs Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

Rumpke Landfill Expansion - There is a better way (see page 5) Melissa English, Cincinnati Area Program

**Director Ohio Citizen Action** 

Join neighbors and friends for an evening out to a Xavier Players' production of The Great American Trailer Park Musical on Friday, March 25th at 7:30 PM at the Gallagher Student Center Theater. Cost per ticket: \$5.00 seniors (65 and older), students and faculty, all others \$10.00 (If we have a group of 10 or more in this category, we get a discount from \$15 to \$10 a ticket). To reserve a spot, please complete and send the form and the total ticket money (check payable to NANA) to NANA 617 Clinton Springs, 45229 (attn: Maura Wolf). RSVP asap, but no later than 3/03/11. Early bird raffle of two free tickets; for a chance to win, RSVP

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by 2/25/11. (Tickets will be distributed at a later date.) You may also be interested in Giants! geared for children playing March 5th and 6th at \$7.00 a ticket. For more

information, visit Xavier Players' website <a href="http://">http://</a> www.xavier.edu/players/ or call the box office at 745.3576.

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	
Number of tickets	Dollar Amount

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The NANA Board continues efforts to make NA's business district grow, improve appearance and become more attractive to investors. New meetings with development companies are being arranged, monies from grants and government funds are being investigated and the keen minds of some professionals at Xavier University are working with NANA on producing an actual action project that could be significant in making our community better. Our special thanks to Xavier's Elizabeth Blume, Director, Community Building Institute who recently, on several occasions, met with NANA Board members. Just last week she walked through the business district with us to formulate ideas and possibilities for existing structures and vacant land use. This lady is for real! She is a smart, practical individual with experience who provides analysis that can lead to reality and not just dreams! But, another vital tool needed is volunteers to work on committees that generate new ideas and actually work on specific areas of the plans for improvement. Let us know if you want to work with a handful of great people to successfully develop NA's business district. Again, please come to the NANA General Meetings and become a part of the NANA TEAM.

As a final note, I remind you that we need names provided for candidates to be considered for filling slots on the NANA Executive Board. At the Annual NANA Meeting in May, new Officers will be elected to the Board. We must start now on this talent search. We need you to suggest neighbors who can provide leadership or for you to express your personal interest to serve. Simply contact any on the present Board members and we will take it from there.

Enjoy the wonderful weather predicted for the next few months, and before long, the sun will shine again in beautiful North Avondale.





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#### IN MEMORIAM

announced that longtime CSO violist **Robert Howes** (S. Fred Shuttlesworth) died of cancer on Tuesday January 18, 2011. He was 59. At the time of his death, he was the longest-serving member of the viola section. Robert was an active member of NANA.



Robert was appointed to the Cincinnati Symphony in 1973 by Thomas Schippers, and served for 38 years, performing on numerous programs, recordings and national and international tours.

He was a passionate advocate for Music Hall, and was a writer and historian who unearthed original architectural drawings of Music Hall that have historical relevancy to the current renovation plans. Mr. Howes was the vice president of the Society for the Preservation of Music Hall, and once wrote a regular column, "Classical Beat," for "The Downtowner." At the time of his death, he was at work on an extensive study of concert halls in America.

Many people may not know that Robert was also a onetime model and actor, who appeared in local TV commercials for LaRosa's, Watson's, Shillito's and Skyline Chili.

Memorial gifts may be made to the CSO, or SPMH 1241 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Eibrary St. Bernard Branch passed away at home on Thursday, February 3, 2011. She was Branch Manager for 16 years and retired March 31 2008. She was a wonderful manager, a pleasure for the patrons and a great human being. She will be missed.



#### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

3900 Rose Hill 801A Susan Hathaway Boydston 4008 Rose Hill Owen Glen Smith & Rick Cook

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Address		
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#### FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Three compositions of Bonia Shur (Red Bud) were performed on Sat. Feb. 27 by Cincinnati Boychoir, for the convention of the OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) at Duke convention Center. He received a standing ovation from all present, honoring the multicultural Amen-Oseh Shalom, a song interweaving the famous gospel song Amen, with the Hebrew words Oseh Shalom(Maker of Peace). Also sung were "Come Join Me in My Dance" and "Digi, Digi", two rhythmically buoyant compositions. These works will be performed by the Boychoir at Kennedy Center in Washington DC later this year, as well as at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center by a choir of beautiful boys whose voices are pure and uplifting. On January 16, his birthday, a citywide tribute to the Life and Work of Bonia Shur was presented at Hebrew Union College (in Clifton) to a standing room only audience. Colleagues came from all over the USA to honor him. Historical photos and narration of his amazing life journey were followed by a presentation of an exquisite scroll honoring him by the Dean of the College, and his rendition of Kol Nidre for Viola solo, played by Yael Senamaud, again brought the audience to their feet. It took a long while for them to sit down.

The family tradition continues with his Grammy Winner son Itaal recent release of his album BEYOND TOMORROW. Rio de Janeiro and back to NYC, the journey creating this album has been revealing, mysterious, thrilling, stressful, suspenseful, surprising and last but not least joyful. You Can Purchase Beyond Tomorrow at either iTUNES or AMAZON or Wherever Digital Music is Sold.

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## FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Girls ages 9 to 14 can now sign up for fast-pitch softball by calling coach Nina at 307.7702.

check out the Friends of the Library used book sale at the Bond Hill Branch Library on February 24-26. North Avondale volunteers Sylvie Falk (Avon Fields), Jim Jones (the Belvedere), Mary Ann Knoop and Mary Wynn (both on Burton Woods) are helping select, price, pack and display gently used books for adults and children, DVDs, VHS tapes, and Books-on-CD for The Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Friends' Director Anne Keller (Leyman Drive) is already looking ahead to the 2011 Summer Reading Program, stating "we've committed \$100,000 to the annual literacy event. Book sale proceeds help us reach our programming goals on behalf of the readers in every neighborhood." The reading program hopes to top 2010's participation of 34,000 area readers.

Book sale details on the Friends' website at <a href="http://Friends.Cincinnatilibrary.org">http://Friends.Cincinnatilibrary.org</a> 369.6035 or Friendsofplch1@fuse.net

#### >>"Yoga for Avondale Youth Council and You"

North Avondale Yoga Club is looking for a few additional "volunteers" . Come practice yoga with us. At \$10 per person per class we donated over \$1000 to Avondale Youth Council in 2010. Certified teacher Teresa Harten (Lenox Pl) (teresaharten@msn.com) leads a beginner/intermediate class at Full Spectrum Health Center most Sunday mornings. Come enjoy yourself and do something nice for our youth.

Attend an upcoming "Sunday Salon" to support Women Helping Women, a non-profit provider of crisis intervention and support services for direct and indirect survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. For a schedule of the salons go to: <a href="http://womenhelpingwomen.org/events/sunday-salons/schedule-of-salons/">http://womenhelpingwomen.org/events/sunday-salons/schedule-of-salons/</a>.

The neighborhood salon, "Swing From Paris", will be held at J Miles and Maura Wolf's house (Lenox Pl) on March 20th from 7 to 9 PM. The Faux Frenchmen, will delight you with their Hot Club-driven gypsy jazz, a romantic blend of American and European jazz, while you enjoy refreshments and jazzy nibbles. \$65 per ticket. Only 5 tickets remaining; call 702.0031 to purchase tickets. If sold out, please ask that your name be placed on a waiting list. For more information about the Faux Frenchmen visit: <a href="http://www.fauxfrenchmen.com/">http://www.fauxfrenchmen.com/</a>.

The Great American Trailer Park Musical on Friday, March 25th at 7:30 PM (See page 1)







Environment & Archaeology, a cultural resource management firm in Florence, Kentucky, has worked with the Cincinnati Preservation Association to prepare a nomination of the Rose Hill-Beechwood Avenue Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. This is an honorary recognition by the federal government of the property's importance in history where the property receives a letter certification that the property is listed, and the owner can purchase a plaque to put on the house. This project was submitted to the SHPO for review and they responded with some changes they would like added to the nomination. At this point, re-submittal of these changes to the SHPO is on hold until payment for the work is received. This has never been a NANA project but if the affected residents would like NANA to get involved and make contact in support of the project, please let us know by email or phone.



# Ohio Citizen Action and P.O.W.E.R. say it's possible to handle our garbage without expansion There is a better way...



Neighbors of the Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, Property Owners Want Equal Rights (P.O.W.E.R.), and statewide environmental group Ohio Citizen Action released a report on the sixth largest landfill in the United States, located in Colerain Township and known to many as Mt. Rumpke. The two groups oppose a proposed 350-acre expansion of the landfill and say we can handle our region's trash without expanding.

The landfill and its neighbors have fought over expansion proposals for decades, but now the neighbors and local environmentalists say things are different. "In the past, Hamilton County and other communities that use the landfill have seen no other option but to expand. Now we know it's possible to divert 50%, 75% or more of our waste stream from the landfills by setting goals and deadlines and committing to programs and policies that will get us there. Cities around the nation are already leading the way" said Ohio Citizen Action director Melissa English. (speaking at 2/8 meeting)

The report titled *The Future is Now: A Citizens' Audit of the Rumpke Sanitary Landfill* http://ohiocitizen.org/?p=3830 lays out the two groups' argument that the landfill is a potential risk to public health and reduces quality of life in Colerain Township and Hamilton County. It documents decades of complaints and accidents, including the underground fire that has been burning for over a year. "People don't know these things; they don't think about how a leak from the landfill might affect the Bolton waterworks or how much industrial waste Rumpke takes in from local companies. No one wants to live near a landfill, but this one keeps moving closer to us. It's got to stop." said POWER representative Nancy Lindemood.

The Citizens' Audit also includes a timeline of the landfill, including the various lawsuits Rumpke has filed against Colerain Township over denial of zoning requests related to the proposed expansion.

The report also highlights an apparent conflict of interest between the solid waste management district and the landfill – all county recycling programs are 100% funded from landfill tipping fees. The groups recommend that the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District pursue federal grants and other available funding sources, in order to resolve what they say is a conflict between mission and budget.

Without expansion, the landfill has approximately 15 years of capacity left. In that time, the two groups say, waste reduction and recycling programs like other cities have implemented can eliminate the need for expansion altogether. "These programs have the potential to create new recycling based jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save our villages, cities and townships money" says Ohio Citizen Action's English. "We aren't saying that Rumpke should close the landfill tomorrow, but the company is rooted in the status quo mentality of creating more landfills. They have the ability to be leaders and be part of the solution. In fact, they have invested a lot in recycling and admit it's their future. We just want them to work with the citizens of Colerain Township – not against them- to bring that future to pass more quickly."

Property Owners Want Equal Rights and Ohio Citizen Action launched a good neighbor campaign with Rumpke in April 2010. The campaign's goals are to stop the landfill in Colerain Township from nearly doubling in size, promote waste reduction and recycling programs to reduce the region's dependence on landfills and support the rights of communities to determine waste management strategies.

Property Owners Want Equal Rights (P.O.W.E.R.) works to improve the quality of life and property values in Colerain Township, Ohio through public involvement, awareness and empowerment. P.O.W.E.R. became actively involved in the landfill expansion issue in 1999 when Rumpke proposed the 95 acre "southern expansion" and has worked diligently to research issues surrounding both that proposal and the current "eastern expansion" proposal. P.O.W.E.R. educates Colerain Township residents on the issue via their website and email listserv and organizes them to speak out against expansion. The group's core leadership testifies at public meetings and hearings and provides interviews to the press about Rumpke's daily operations and plans. P.O.W.E.R. also lobbied for a 24-hour landfill odor complaint hotline to the Hamilton County Department of Health. More at www.powercincinnati.com



#### NORTH AVONDALE (NAC) 617 Clinton Springs 961.1584

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#### Spring Cleaning A Bit Early!

Dusting, Painting and Updating is on the agenda at North Avondale Center. With construction complete on NAM, we have been doing a bit of updating ourselves. As you drive by the center you can see the building better from the road after a bit of tree trimming in the early Fall. Since the weather has gotten colder, we started to focus on the inside. New paint has spruced up the center, as well as new front windows to welcome you each visit. We owe our multi-month project of painting the center to our wonderful CRC painters, Dave and Jimmy. They arrive at same time the school children do each morning to start there day. We even had a volunteer day partnering with the United Way and the AFL-CIO. Next week they will be rapping up their job at NAC, but we appreciate the great work they have done and will enjoy it each day. Also at NAC this winter we are working updating our weight room, kitchen, and computer lab. We hope to have all rooms up and running by April 1st. Stop by and check out the new updates as well as current programs Monday and Wednesdays 11am -8pm and Tuesdays 12-8pm, and Fridays 10am-6pm.

Winter programs also bring on the Annual Valentine's Day Line Dance Luncheon on Monday, February 14th at Madisonville Center. Adults and Seniors from across the city will be getting ready to "Flashback to the 70's and Get Groovy", Contact Brandi Sanders at 513.961.1584 for tickets. NAC and NABA (North Avondale Boosters Association) have partnered again this year to offer Youth Basketball for Boys and Girls ages 5-12. Six days a week we have the gym hopping with practice, practice, practice and games on the weekend. Next on the agenda is youth baseball, check with us in March about Parent Meetings and Registration.

Enjoy a workout during your lunch break or stop by on your way home from the day for a great new year workout by taking in a karate class, workout party or just shooting some hoops in the gym. Our weight room is open Monday - Friday, so come walk, lift, or cycle your way to a better you. And there is nothing like a warm sauna on a cold day to get those muscles feeling just right. Come and see what we offer that might fit your needs and your budget. Memberships for adults are just \$25 per year with Seniors at just \$10. (Some additional fees may be required) So Do You Know NAC? YOUR North Avondale Recreation Center.

Dina S. Hanks:

**Julie Fatora** came to North Avondale Recreation center in 2003. In 2006 she was promoted to Service Area Coordinator. In January 2010 she was relocated to Hirsch. This January she was relocated to the Oakley Center so stop in and visit her to see what she is doing there.

Oakley Center is starting a new program!

It is a Family Fun Yoga class.

 First family member is \$5 each additional family member is \$1.50 per class. It begins Monday, Feb. 7th at the Oakley Community Center located near the Rempke-Biggs in the Hyde Park Plaza...go to Biggs then turn left, you will run right into us. The address is 3882 Paxton, 45209. Call, 321.9320 for more Oakley information! Memberships are required and are good for a year at all CRC centers, Adults \$25, Senior and Youth are \$10. Come and join in on the fun of Family Fun Yoga!!!

We also have, Zumba, Tai Chi, Adult Self Defense & Fitness, Capoiera Martial Arts, Music Together for pre-schoolers, Tippi Toes, Ballet, Cardio Dance Party and Returning on Monday, February 28, Cardio-Kick Boxing!

Julie Fatora C. P. R. P.



#### SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL ●363.5500 ●636 Prospect Place, ●savondale.cps-k12.org

Adopt A Class - Businesses & Groups

Often people busy with work and other connections, would like to help their neighbors living in poverty but don't think they have time. Adopt A Class is designed for them. It targets Schools with the highest

concentration of poverty. Such a school is North Avondale's neighborhood school, South Avondale.

As children living in our neighborhood experience community interest during their formative years, progress made there will eventually impact every street in North Avondale. It will help the children make better decisions as they grow older.

Adopters report the experience to be very rewarding and a high percentage remain with the program for a number of years. Its structure fits in well with the demands of a business. The Adopters work through the teacher and are supported by the structure that includes coordinators and the principal. If you would like to know more or have a presentation for your group, contact Bill Burwinkle at bill.b@aacfoundation.com.

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Kennedy Heights Art Center opened its art show, *The World As We See It*, to a packed gallery. Family and students of The New School Montessori (TNSM) were on hand to premiere their large-scale interpretation of our school's beloved Mitchell Mansion.



The piece was constructed from recycled cardboard complete with stonework, papier-mâché gargoyles and cardboard-student figures waving from the front porch. Students in grades 1 through 6 took part in constructing the piece and were inspired by their study of artist Red Grooms, famous for his New York City installation art.

TNSM art teacher Robin Hartmann who is also a founding member of the art center, encouraged students to attend the January 22 event to experience a real gallery opening. *The World As We See It* runs through March 5 and features the artwork of students attending classes at the Kennedy Heights Art Center in addition to works from eight local schools.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

#### NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, February 8, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- First Thursday of each month March 3, at 1:30pm, NANA Rental Housing Meeting, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- Tuesday, March 8, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Wednesday, February 23, District 4 Resource Meeting 6:30 pm Police Station, 4150 Reading. All welcome.



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City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000	To just make a crime report (no police vis	sit) 352.2960			
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Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov		Track property code violations:				
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Every year, due to 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. Interested persons should call NANA President Bill Stevens (221.7549).

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

(contact 221.6166 or clmorse@fuse.net)

- Nana is looking for Nominating Committee Members and 2011-2012 Board Members
- NANA needs Fundraising and Beautification committee members. There is always a flexible schedule for specific beautification tasks!
- Tutors at NAM anytime Mon.-Fri from 8am-4pm. Contact Lisa Herod at 254.6057 or llherod@yahoo.com.
- •Tutors: Call Nichole Aldridge at 363.5530 (South Avondale) or Shalon Price at 363.4777 (Rockdale).

