



# NANA NEWS

## SUMMER 2007

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Neighbor! In this combined July and August newsletter, we include updates on a few fronts that will make our neighborhood a safer place. In June, NANA was honored to be a part of a fund-raiser in Martin Luther King park sponsored by the Redding Apartments Residents Council of the Redding Senior Apartments at 3700 Reading Road, for raising money to purchase a great new swing set for that park. Over three thousand dollars (almost half of the seven thousand five hundred needed) were raised that day alone and now that park is well on its way to a new swing set. Many thanks to: The Committee - Janet Banks, PO Jana Cruse, Clarice Kinnard, Juanita Lawrence, Charlene Morse, Madeline Moxley, Bobbie Paul, Robert Stallworth, Joyce Turner; The cooks - Ruth Kellum, Dolly Partridge and Diane Bell; The men who set up & tore down - Tom Bolton, Chris Windham, Harold Kelley, Marcus Ashe; The money handlers - Mary Gill and Bobby Childs; Other duties as needed - Lorene Woods, Michelle Baxter and Lula Courtland; and everyone who came and everyone who contributed and will contribute\*!

Earlier this summer, we were able to broker a meeting with the local HUD office and two major rental apartment building owners in our neighborhood. As some of these buildings only recently changed hands, it was our chance to instill in everyone our needs and wishes for responsible landlords, tenants and policies that we feel can help keep our neighborhood safe. With follow-ups already scheduled and before-and-after crime statistics comparisons already being done, I feel we can have a productive relationship with two of our largest landlords.

Thanks again to everyone for their continued support with the Court Watch and Citizens on Patrol. A great group of people have been heading up those responsibilities and their work is very much appreciated.

Have a safe Summer!

**Tim Yosmali**

*\*Checks to: City of Cincinnati/Park Board  
Commission, memo "MLK Swing" Mail to: Steve  
Schuckman 2625 Reading Rd. Cinti., Oh 45229*

### 2007 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.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

## National Night Out - August 7!

Some residents of North Avondale began planning how the community could Focus on Youth. This led to NANA's participation in National Night Out, which connects the community with the police. It will be at Martin Luther King Park on **Tuesday, August 7 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.** The theme will be **"Stop the Bullying"**.

We have the opportunity to partner with the Mosaic Vineyard Church. They will supply drinks, burgers, hot dogs and chips. They will also assist in group discussions with boys and with girls to understand bullying and to help children deal with it. This church group has been assisting those in need in our area for several years. They quietly fulfill their mission of serving the poor while respecting the many different spiritual beliefs of others.

**Adults are needed to assist** with the grills, drinks, preparing the plates and helping with the groups. Some people need to be there at 4:30 PM to get ready. Contact Pauline Daly at 751-8334 or pdaly@fuse.net

We are also inviting other groups whose programs benefit our children. Please attend and let's get started in sharing our vision of community

### WELCOME TO NEW DISTRICT FOUR COMMANDER

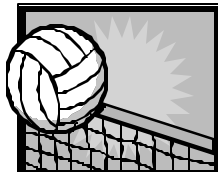
District Four has a new Commander - Captain Eliot K. Isaac who is in his 19<sup>th</sup> year with department. He spent the past two years serving as the commander of the departments Internal Investigations Section and prior to that served as the departments Night Chief. He began his career here in District Four in 1988. This is actually his fourth time here. Capt. Isaac served in District 4 as patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant and he is proud to now serve as the District Commander. NANA welcomes him back.

Best Wishes to previous commander Captain Schmalz who now commands the Central Vice Enforcement Section.

### NANA Meeting

?Tuesday ? July 10 ? 7:30 p.m. ?  
? North Avondale Recreation Center ?  
? 617 Clinton Springs ?

**NO AUGUST MEETING**



**NORTH AVONDALE**  
**? 617 Clinton Springs ? 961-1584**  
 northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

**Summer Hours - Open: at 7:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday, Close: at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday; at 8:30 p.m. Monday & Wednesday; at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Saturday hours are Noon to 2:00 p.m.**

?COOL CENTER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- no membership required. M-Th 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. & Sat. noon - 2 p.m.

?FREE "CPS" Lunch served at noon, no membership required. Otherwise, you must have a membership (adults \$15, Youth, Teen and Seniors \$5) to attend our programs

?Don't forget we do have a weight room \$10 per 3 months.

?FREE Programs (with membership!): Line Dancing, Sauna, Tai Chi, Yoga, Game Room, Open gym (basketball), Teen Lounge.

?Fee Programs include, Aerobics, Karate, weight room.

?Registration for our after school programs will begin in early August. ? Our After School Day Camp runs from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. cost is \$120 per month. ? Our Bridge Gap program runs from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. cost is \$75 per month. All payments are due before services are rendered. Please call for more information.

?Do you need a room for a meeting, birthday party, baby or wedding shower, or a reception or family gathering??? Both Centers have spaces to rent. Call either Center to ask about booking a space. North Avondale, ask for Brandi, Julie or Lauri. For Hirsch, call Jeff, Karen or Ann.

### **HIRSCH CENTER**

**? 751-3393 ? 3630 Reading Road ? Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov**  
**Summer hours:** M-Th 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

?Summer Programs:(Field Trips are offered for both programs)

?Summer Drop in program - Noon to 4 p.m.

?Summer Day Camp 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (\$400 all summer, \$50 per wk)

**Membership Prices:** You must be a member to participate in all programs except free lunch.

? Youth, Teens & Seniors - \$3

? Adults - \$10, Fitness Room - \$10 per quarter

**FREE Lunch Program** - please arrive at Hirsch Center no later than 1:45 p.m. to counted as part of the program. **(NO MEMBERSHIP NEEDED)**

Sports:

?Reds Rookie Success League will begin June 27th until August 3rd....every Wednesday and Friday. Call Coach Rico for more details

?Tuesday adult basketball League (\$10 center membership)

?Three on Three Basketball:

- Thursday nights Teens 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

- Wednesday Adults 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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?FREE Programs (with membership!): Tai Chi, Yoga, Game Room, Open gym (basketball), Teen Lounge.

?After School:

? Day Camp Monday- Friday (follows CPS schedule)

? 2:30 - 6 p.m. \$20 per week.

? Drop In 2:30 - 5 p.m.

? Theater Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

? Arts and Crafts 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Registration for our after school programs will begin in early August.**

## **WHY RECYCLE?**

**By Gerry Kraus**

There are many reasons to participate in the city's weekly curbside recycling program:

**Environmental.** Every pound of recyclables that is removed from your weekly trash means less waste that goes into the landfill. The less waste in the landfill the longer it will take to fill and the less additional land will be needed to dispose of our waste. Also new products manufactured that use recycled material not only save natural resources but also require less energy. Less energy generated means less pollution from power plants and cleaner air.

**Economic.** Do you know that the city pays \$23.00 tipping fee for every ton of waste that it puts into the Rumpke landfill? That amount does not include the cost (fuel, salaries and wear and tear of garbage trucks) to the city to haul trash to the landfill in Colerain Township. The total cost is estimated to be \$75.00 per ton. Do you know that the city receives \$28.00 for every ton of recycled material collected in the weekly curbside recycling program? This recycling rate is paid to the City by Hamilton County Residential Recycling Incentive Program (RRI). The RRI rate, on a graduated scale, is based on the percentage recycled from the total waste that is generated by a community. Mariemont and Wyoming receive \$42.00 per ton because they recycle over 40% of the total waste they generate. The City of Cincinnati recycles only 9.5% of its total waste. Further the City pays Rumpke over \$2 million annually to collect recyclables from 104,000 households; but only about 40% of these eligible households participate in the curbside recycling program. If the city recycled 10% more of the waste it generates annually, it could save about \$1 million from saved landfill costs, plus RRI additional revenue! There is currently great demand for recycled materials, especially metals and plastics. Emerging new businesses locating in Greater Cincinnati that utilize recyclables to manufacture new products can strengthen our local economy.

**Spiritual.** Remember the slogan at the start of the Environmental movement: "Think Globally, Act Locally"? It really does make you feel good to know that in some small way you are helping to make the world, especially that small corner of it we call Cincinnati, a healthier, more environmentally sound place in which to live and to leave to the next generation. Try it & get that spiritual high by acting environmentally responsibly.

### **NEED A GREEN RECYCLING BIN?**

Perhaps you do not recycle because you have recently moved to North Avondale and do not have a recycling bin to fill and place curbside each week. If you need a green bin you can 1) call Rumpke (242-4401) and request a **free** bin; 2) call the NANA office (221-6166) for further information about curbside recycling and/or to ask NANA to provide a bin; or 3) call Gerry Kraus (861-3939) and leave your name and address and I will personally deliver a recycling bin to your home.

If you really want to get into the Environmental swing of things, you can join NANA's newly formed Recycling Committee. The goals of this Committee are 1) to insure that the City continues to fund its weekly curbside Recycling Program and 2) to encourage the City to INCREASE the number of city (2)recyclers and the amount of recyclables collected. Call the

## REAL ESTATE VALUES RISE IN N. AVONDALE

By Gerry Kraus

In its June 2007 issue *Cincinnati Magazine* announced its annual "Best Places to Live" cover story with average home prices for 2006 and 2005 listed by neighborhood. And as usual North Avondale was **not** included among the 38 city neighborhoods listed. So I decided (with the help of Real Estate Broker Spencer Konicov) to compile real estate sales in North Avondale for 2006 and 2005 using the boundaries delineated in the North Avondale by-laws.\* Here is the data:

The average price for the 47 single family homes located within the North Avondale boundaries that were sold in 2006 is \$212,188. The sale price ranges from \$18,500 and \$25,000 for sheriff sale homes on Vine Street and Glenwood Avenue to \$720,000 for a home on Avondale Avenue. Twenty (20) of the 47 homes sold for more than \$200,000 in 2006. In 2005 the average sale price for 38 homes sold was \$195,907 with prices ranging from \$18,500-\$45,000 for distressed properties on Greenwood and Glenwood Avenues to \$600,000 for a home on Rose Hill Avenue. Twenty-one (21) of the 38 homes sold in 2005 went for \$145,000 or more. This puts the average home sales price for North Avondale in 2006 in the same category as Loveland (\$215,770) and slightly higher than Clifton (average \$195,907) and Oakley (average \$191,721).

In 2007 to date (through June 8, 2007) the high low trend continues. Twenty-three (23) single family homes have been sold. The price range for 2007 sales go from \$55,000 on Alter Place to \$510,000 on Rose Hill Ave. Nine (9) of the 23 homes sold for more than \$200,000.

Truly North Avondale single family homes are significantly valued. Could this be because our ethnically, racially and economically diverse neighborhood not only has beautiful homes, great neighbors, a convenient location and civic passion, but also is "A Great Place to Live"!

\*North Avondale boundaries: South – Glenwood Ave. (north side), West – Vine St. & I-75 between Mitchell & St. Bernard Cemetery, North – St. Bernard, Avon Fields Golf Course & more East – Victory Parkway.



Summer Vacation



## IN MEMORIAM



**Rick R. Bailey** passed away suddenly at his home on Clinton Springs in May 2007. After updating the NANA Bylaws, he went on to serve as **President of NANA** from 1996 to 1998. He was such an elegant speaker for NANA.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Clark, of North Avondale; by three grown children: James (Washington state), Mike (Salt

Lake City) and Lisa (Washington state); his mother; three sisters; five grandchildren and eight nieces and nephews.

He was born in 1949 in Crowell, Texas. He grew up in California where he became a news reporter, a news director and station's operations manager. His coverage of the deadly 1990 Painted Cave for KTMS in Santa Barbara, won praise from the California State Legislature. He co-hosted a public affairs show where he discussed topics from the liberal Democrat perspective and his co-host from the staunch Republican perspective.

Of all the people Mr. Bailey interviewed, his three favorites were Stephen Hawking, Carl Sagan and Julia Child.

After he met Karen, he left California in 1992 to move to New York to be with her and they left New York in 1994 to move to Cincinnati to reside in North Avondale.

Rick was known for his "radio voice" and knowledge of history & current affairs. He also loved the arts, antiques, animals, traveling, cooking, and hosting parties. Rick was famous for his collection of Hawaiian and tropical shirts.

The family invites anyone who wants to celebrate Rick's life to a **memorial service on Saturday, August 11 at Mt. Echo Park in Cincinnati at 6 pm**. The family will begin receiving guests at 5 pm and a gathering will be held immediately after the service, featuring Rick's favorite foods, drinks and music. Dress will be "festive/casual", with Hawaiian-print shirts being especially appropriate. A memorial service was held in California in June & another memorial service will be held in Chattanooga, TN in July.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Rick's memory to The Cincinnati SPCA, The Save The Animals Foundation of Cincinnati, The Morris Animal Foundation, or any charity of one's choice.

**Wendy K Kanter** (Belvedere) age 51, passed away June 23, 2007, beloved wife of Rabbi Kenneth Kanter, devoted sister of David Koplow and Gale Stern. Funeral and burial in Nashville, TN., Wednesday, June 27. A Cincinnati memorial service was July 1. Memorial contributions to H.U.C would be appreciated.

**Harry Rudney** (formerly of Winding Way) died May 30 at Hospice of Cincinnati in Blue Ash. He was 89. His research on cholesterol, laid the foundation for the later development of cholesterol-lowering drugs known as statins. Dr. Rudney, was chairman emeritus of the department of biochemistry and molecular biology at the

### The 2007-2008 Street Rehabilitation Program

North Avondale	Limits
• Barry	East Terminus to Glen Lyon
• Betula	Red Bud to Rose Hill
• Dakota	Dana to Redway
• Greenwood	N F Shuttlesworth to Washington
• Lenox Pl	Redway to Reading
• Redway	Winding Way Lenox Pl
• Stratford	Paddock to North Terminus
• Sturgis	Dickson to West Terminus
• Wedgewood	Dickson to Glencross
• Reading Road	Paddock to Norwood Lateral

**TO DO:**

**Landlord Training**

Wednesday July 11th at 10:00 a.m. ? Monday July 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

At the Urban League, 3458 Reading Road.

RSVP to Officer Jana Cruse at Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov

**City Public Hearings On Reforms To The Neighborhood Support Program Ordinance**

The relationship of neighborhood councils to City government is the focus of these meetings.

Thursday July 12, 7:30 PM at the Clifton Recreation Center

Thursday July 19, 7:00 PM at the Dunham Recreation Center

**Avondale Summer Festival & Health Fair(3rd annual)**

Saturday, August 11, 2007

Hirsch Recreation Center

Health Screening 10-2 pm

Family Fun & Entertainment 10-6 pm

***Free Food & Drinks***

**NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS**

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



GET INVOLVED!  
NANA MEETING JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
NO AUGUST MEETING  
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- NANA CALENDAR**
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  - NO AUGUST NANA MEETINGS
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