



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I felt especially excited on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the NANA Executive Board Meeting. The apparent enthusiasm and energy of the new Board elected May 22<sup>nd</sup> makes me confident that the North Avondale community will see not only consummation of projects in progress but introduction of new and innovative programs that will make you proud!! All of the elected Officers and Chairs were present, and without exception, each displayed an upbeat positive attitude to insure making things happen to help "the best address in Cincinnati".

**Diana Noyes**, new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Carolyn Gillman**, new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and **Reg Crutcher**, new Recording Secretary, gives freshness to the Board that we need. They are truly dedicated to trying new ideas and thinking outside of the box. I'm sure they will be catalysts for a Board in many areas.

It was unbelievable how Reg had the minutes of his first meeting finished and provided to the Board within hours after the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was neat to see how Diana spoke with authority at her first meeting and offered advice and volunteered to work on some long standing issues that can use her expertise. (Also, she showed no hesitancy and did an excellent job presiding over the June 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting when I was unable to attend--thanks.) Carolyn displayed real insight to the Board on fund raising methods and left no doubt that she could always be counted on to be involved in projects of NANA.

Yes, we have some great additions to the Board and 2<sup>nd</sup> term 2012 Board members welcome the new members to assist them on important projects. To name only a few:

- **Dr. Jeffery Glenn**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, now leads Fund Raising Events. I look forward to the "golf outing" fund raiser on which he is working.
- **Barry Meyers**, Corresponding Secretary, is active in establishing easy access for neighbors to info in choosing reputable service providers for home repairs and maintenance.
- **Maura Wolf**, Treasurer, is diligently working on obtaining grant monies for needed projects in NA that would be impossible if using only dues and NSP funds.
- **Michelle Baxter**, Chair-Landlord Accountability, **Ursula Hassel**, Chair-Beautification, **Pauline Daly**, Chair-Rental Housing and **John Jones**, Chair-Neighborhood Issues, are invaluable for the NANA leadership team as they daily key on their specific areas which are very diverse.

NEIGHBORS, the business of NANA has fine leadership and your support is most important for things to get accomplished. I am sure we can count on you.

*Bill Stevens* (1)

### UPDATE ON THE RECENT EGGINGS:

Since the end of May, our neighborhood has experienced a high number of eggings. Most of these have been on cars, but houses have also been hit. After witnessing the culprits several times on our street (Red Bud Place), a few of us sat out one night last week watching for their car. They came, and we did stop their car for long enough to get their license plate number and the make and model of the car before they sped away. The license plate is: FAS8976, and it is a black Pontiac Grand Am, model year approximately 2000. Inside the car were 3 or 4 African American males, of high school age. The car and the individuals in it aligned with our earlier eyewitness descriptions of the vehicle and the culprits (at least on Red Bud Place). We are pretty sure that this was the same car.

The police tell us the license plate is registered to an address in Hyde Park, and as of this newsletter deadline we do not know if the police have found and spoken to the owner. Although we have moved in the right direction, this issue is not yet resolved. Several residents are interested in pressing charges, and we are gathering more information with the police, hoping to open that possibility. At this point, without eyewitness accounts and/or photos of them caught in the act, it is difficult for things to move forward. To that end, some of us are considering purchasing inexpensive (\$75), motion-activated cameras that will take still pictures during the night and posting one or two at central points in the neighborhood. Our real advantage over the culprits, though, is found in our ability to cooperate with each

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### **NANA General Meeting North Avondale Recreation Center 617 Clinton Springs Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.**

- **Charlie Norman, Regional Representative Southwest Ohio with Ohio Attorney General (pg.2)**
- **Adopt-A-Class Discussion (see pg 3)**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Students who want community service hours can sign up to water the flowers in the planters on Reading Road. You can sign up for one week shifts, watering every other day with the use of the 20 gallon watering machine. Please call Charlene at 221.6166 or email her at [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net).

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other as we take responsibility for our neighborhood. And we must do that. Nothing will substitute for the good people linking arms. These egg-tossing chickens don't know what they're up against.

Relevant details: To our knowledge, they have always come between 10pm and midnight; they often use brown eggs; they may have some kind of gun that shoots eggs from the car; they will come up driveways on foot if targets are too far away, leaving their car running in the street; they seem to have "favorite" targets, among them some of the higher priced cars in the neighborhood that have been hit regularly. To our knowledge, cars and houses have been hit on Rose Hill, Red Bud Avenue and Place, Avon Fields Lane and Place, Betula, Burton Woods and Beechwood. If you see "the car" or witness any of this kind of activity:

1. Call the police and report it.
  - While it is occurring, call 911
  - If you think there is evidence that merits having an officer come, call 765.1212
  - If you just want it reported for insurance or to help the community by letting the police know, call 352.2960
2. Clean eggs off of cars quickly because they can seriously damage the paint. [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_5709328\\_egg-off-car-paint.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_5709328_egg-off-car-paint.html) Over here on Red Bud we've been doing car washes nearly every night at midnight. Have a car wash party
3. Write down everything you remember seeing, where you saw it, the time and date, etc. This is important because multiple incidents will blur together in your mind.
4. Out on walks, LOOK for littered egg cartons or other wreckage that might help us nail them with the grocery store cameras.
5. Whether or not you are interested in pressing any charges, **please share your information about these incidents (past or future) with us** so that we can continue to compile the list. Help us scramble the eggheads.

Nathan Wright - Red Bud Place [viceregency@gmail.com](mailto:viceregency@gmail.com) with David Luken - Red Bud Place and Carolyn Gillman – Red Bud

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

1040 Avondale Ave., Brad Lauck & Bianca Warren

Charlie Norman, Regional Representative Southwest Ohio with Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Office will speak at the NANA General Meeting on July 12th. Charlie will speak about Consumer Issues and the Attorney General's efforts.

Go to the Ohio Attorney General's website to learn more. More specifically, on their website, is consumer news and one can sign up to receive a consumer e-newsletters. [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov)

## FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

➤ **WORKING TOGETHER to SUPPORT OUR CLUB and COMMUNITY** The Avondale Running Club is having their Annual summer picnic 10am-2pm, 23 July 2011. The location is Seasongood Park at the corners of Reading Road and Clinton Spring. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

The Avondale Youth Council will join the running club on this day out in the community. The gang will be cooking up hot dogs, turkey burgers and hamburgers for free as long as they last. Neighbors are invited to attend and learn about all the wonderful voluntary activities the two organizations do in our community. Join us and bring a side dish to share.

**The Avondale Running Club (ARC)** originated in 1982 when friends began running regularly together on weekends to stay fit. The club is organized to promote health and fitness through programs of brisk walking, road racing, bike riding and other events as comrades in a spirit of fun.

**The Avondale Youth Council (AYC)**, formed in 2006 with the objective of engaging youth in the community development process. The council provides basic work skill training through paid opportunities in community involvement infused with self-management. Youth are provided with a welcoming experience where their opinions are valued, their ideas desired, and their leadership highly visible. Over 100 youth have participated in the Avondale Youth Council with a steady roster of at least 60.

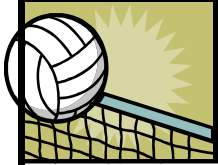
➤ Pro Seniors, Inc. **"Rock on for Seniors"** event at the Radisson Riverfront (668 W. 5th St. Covington) on Saturday evening **August 13 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** A fun, casual evening featuring "The Cincy Rockers" band, great food, music, dancing and silent and live auctions. Pro Seniors' premier fundraising event will feature a live auction of **one-of-a-kind rocking chairs** designed by local artists. More info: [www.proseniors.org](http://www.proseniors.org)

➤ The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fox and Hound 5k returns to Newport to benefit United Cerebral Palsy. It will take place on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The "chase" (USATF certified) will be on again this year as the women (the foxes) start 5 minutes ahead of the men (the hounds). **New this year, the After Party of all after parties will be held on the Purple People Bridge!** For registration information, visit [www.ucp-cincinnati.org/foxandhound5k](http://www.ucp-cincinnati.org/foxandhound5k) or call 513. 221.4606.

### ➤ **STILL NEEDED: TEMPORARY HOST FAMILIES FOR A FEW AFS EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

We do have a few students who are in need of temporary OR permanent host families. Students arrive mid-August and stay until June 2012. Interested? Please contact Georgia Moore at [damoores3@fuse.net](mailto:damoores3@fuse.net) (513.961.2592). Info online at [www.afs.org/usa](http://www.afs.org/usa) Talk to North Avondale neighbors **Linda Hill, Diana Noyes, and Martha Totten** about hosting!





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

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

North Avondale Recreation Center is having Fun in the Sun this Summer with programs for Youth, Teens, Adults and Seniors. Come and Join us for programs through August 12. After school day camp will begin August 16th with the beginning of the Cincinnati Public School year. Registration will begin for ASDC on July 25th from Noon to 6pm. Our Fall Programs will kick off on August 29th. Stop by after August 1st to pick up a Fall Program Guide of all our activities scheduled through December. Have a safe and happy summer.

*Dina S. Hanks*



**SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL**  
**•363.5500 •636 Prospect Place,**  
**•savondale.cps-k12.org**

We all know examples of the need to change in our community. What can you do to have a better, safer neighborhood?

South Avondale School, the neighborhood school for ALL of North Avondale and part of Avondale needs your help. You do not need to go outside this neighborhood to help those in need. Helping right here will also make this neighborhood safer.

The Adopt-A-Class program started at South Avondale School during the past school year. 16 classrooms are adopted. There are 11 more that need to be. It is an organized way for busy people to help, with an easy commitment. A classroom is adopted by a club, a department, or an office. The following is the minimum commitment of the adopter group:

- In the fall adopters exchange letters with the students.
- For Christmas - adopters plan with the teacher what they would like to do.
- In the Spring - Adopters plan with the teacher for an end of the year outing.
- Around these events some of the adopter group visit the classroom and meet the students.

South Avondale School became a TurnAround school 2 years ago. The students have made a great deal of progress academically with the help of a dedicated staff and tutors (more tutors are needed).

To find out more about adopting a class:

- contact Nichole Aldridge at 363.5530 or naldridge@gcul.org
- or Bill Burwinkle at bill.b@aacfoundation.com
- <http://www.aacfoundation.com/>
- Come to the **NANA July 12 General Meeting**

Lets get all these classrooms adopted.

*Pauline Daly*



**THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI**  
**•281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane**  
**www.thenewschool.cc**

We are excited for upper elementary teachers, Laura Slanker and Nancy Buchman, as they embark on a summer adventure of learning and travel. Laura and Nancy were selected to participate in a program that has been engaging educators in firsthand educational and scientific research at key conservation sites around the world since 2004. The program is based on Earth Expeditions from Dragonfly and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

Like the course Laura completed last year at the Cincinnati Zoo on observing bonobo behavior, the courses she and Nancy are taking this summer also include classroom and field research projects that they can bring home to teach and share. TNSM students will be immersed, not just in factual information about their teachers' summer study, but will practice field research methods themselves as they tackle their own projects.

Laura will be studying at the UNESCO World Heritage site, Bahia de los Angeles on the Sea of Cortez. This reserve has been dubbed the "Galapagos Island" of Mexico for its biodiversity. Laura and her colleagues will apply the fundamentals of field methods - such as capture/recapture, pitfall traps and line transects - to ecological questions and conservation practice.

Nancy Buchman will be exploring the diverse terrestrial, coastal and coral reef communities of Belize. Nancy and her colleagues will join local scientists investigating conservation programs for species such as harpy eagles, jaguars, and manatees.

We look forward to Laura and Nancy's return as they share their experiences and engage the children in exciting projects this fall.

*Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director*



Xavier University is gearing up for the 2011-2012 academic year. Classes begin Monday, August 22. The freshman class will move into the residence halls starting the evening of Thursday, August 18 and continuing most of the day Friday, August 19. Upperclassmen who live on campus will move in on Sunday, August 21. That Sunday also marks the opening of the new residence/dining hall complex at Xavier located on the corner of Ledgewood and Herald. The complex consists of four residential towers which will house 535 students as well as a new dining commons which will seat 725. Currito Burrito is also scheduled to open up a restaurant in the new complex in August. Visit [www.xavier.edu](http://www.xavier.edu) for information about what is happening at Xavier.

Beginning July 18 the section of Ledgewood Avenue off of Dana Avenue will be permanently closed just past Xavier's new Smith Hall. Traffic will be directed to a new road between Smith Hall and the University's new residence/dining complex which will route traffic onto Herald Avenue near the Cintas Center. The closed off section of Ledgewood will become a pedestrian zone.

*Debora Del Valle, Director for Public Relations*

## YOUR NEIGHBORS

Ben Blaney (Burton Woods Ln) recently joined the Southern Gateway Chorus, a not-for-profit group of about 80 male a cappella harmony singers who promote vocal music education for youth and provide family entertainment to Cincinnati in the barbershop style. Others can learn more about the group by talking with

Ben or visit [www.southerngatewaychorus.org](http://www.southerngatewaychorus.org)

Pumpkin needs a home! Pumpkin is a 2-yr-old long-haired female, tortie-tabby mix, polydactyl. She is spayed and up-to-date on shots. She is FIV+ and must stay indoors at all times. Pumpkin was abandoned across from the St. Bernard library last year and rescued by the staff. She is a beautiful, sweet, and intelligent cat. Her foster mom says Pumpkin would do best in a quiet home. For more info, please call Patty or Sally at 665.3977 (days), or 859.442.8975 (eve).



Watch Bob Zavon (Rose Hill) live at World Jump Rope Competition in DC - July 2 Live streaming video on the internet. Go to [www.worldjumprope.org](http://www.worldjumprope.org) to find the link.

Dan Zavon

Fifteen years ago this June, Mecklenburg Gardens reopened after being saved from the wrecking ball by Mid



Tom and Chris Harten

-City Developers, Chris and Tom Harten. (Marion.) They recognized that this historic restaurant had come to symbolize Cincinnati's German heritage. The building was restored to its

19th century charm with its distinctive, "biergarten" and grape trellis, indoor mahogany bar and original brass rail, intimate dining rooms and large Bier Haus.

The restaurant promotes a welcoming spirit which attracts neighbors, students, medical professionals, visitors, history buffs, and many just traveling down memory lane. Their indomitable energy cheers the UC fans as they board the "free shuttle bus" to home games; shares the joy of graduates and the nostalgia of retirees; and celebrates with the TGIF crowd! Follow them on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002030696287&ref=ts> or just search Mecklenburg on your facebook page. To view their new menu go to their website: <http://www.mecklenburgs.net/index.htm>

Michael Sawan (Burton Woods) is offering music lessons in percussion, as well as guitar, bass, and piano. He's in the neighborhood, can teach multiple styles, and can teach you as much or as little as your interested in learning. A whole style? One song? Both are possible. Contact at [michaelasawan@gmail.com](mailto:michaelasawan@gmail.com), or 513.600.3843.

Did you know that 4 of 10 bites of food you eat were pollinated by bees? Did you know that bees have been experiencing population declines? Why should we care? As Einstein put it, "If the bee disappears from the surface of the earth, man would have no more than four years to live....No more bees, no more pollination, ...no more men!"

"But what can we do to help?" you might be thinking. Well, if you are interesting in bee-keeping I encourage you to look into it. There are many resources in the neighborhood and online for those interested in raising both honeybees and native bees. For those of us who aren't quite ready for that I suggest planting plants in your yard that are good nectar or pollen sources for bees. I came up with the list below as a starter (the list is not exhaustive!). This list includes plants that are good for bees and native to Ohio (except for *Mahonia* which is native to the northwest).

### Native Ohio Plants Beneficial to Bees

American Basswood - *Tilia americana*

American Elderberry - *Sambucus canadensis*

Beard-tongue - *Penstemon*

Beebalm - *Monarda*

Black Huckleberry - *Gaylussacia baccata*

Black Locust - *Robinia pseudoacacia*

Black-eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia hirta*

Bladdernut - *Staphylea trifolia*

Blazing Star - *Liatris*

Blue Wild Indigo - *Baptisia australis*

Butterfly Weed - *Asclepias*

Crabapple - *Malus*

Cup Plant - *Silphium*

Giant Hyssop - *Agastache*

Goldenrod - *Solidago*

Honeylocust - *Gleditsia tracantus*

Ironweed - *Veronia altissima*

Joe-pye weed - *Eupatorium*

Lobelia - *Lobelia*

Lupine - *Lupine perennis*

Milkweed - *Asclepias*

New England Aster - *Aster novae-angliae*

New Jersey Tea - *Ceanothus americanus*

Obedient Plant - *Physostegia*

Oregon grape (native to northwest) - *Mahonia aquifolium*

Purple coneflower - *Echinacea*

Rattlesnake Master - *Eryngium*

Redbud - *Cercis canadensis*

Rhododendron - *Rhododendron*

Sage - *Salvia lyrata*

Spiderwort - *Trandescantia*

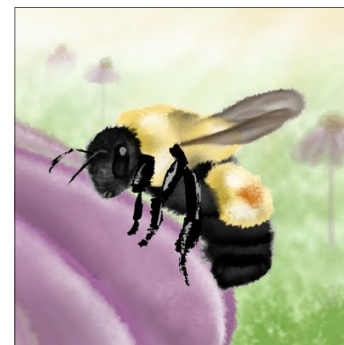
Steeplebush - *Spiraea tomentosa*

Stoncrop - *Sedum*

Sunflower - *Helianthus*

Tulip Tree - *Liriodendron tulipifera*

Willow - *Salix*



Vanessa Sorensen

Website: [www.vanessasorensen.com](http://www.vanessasorensen.com)

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<http://nessydesigns.blogspot.com/2011/04/plants-for-bees.html>

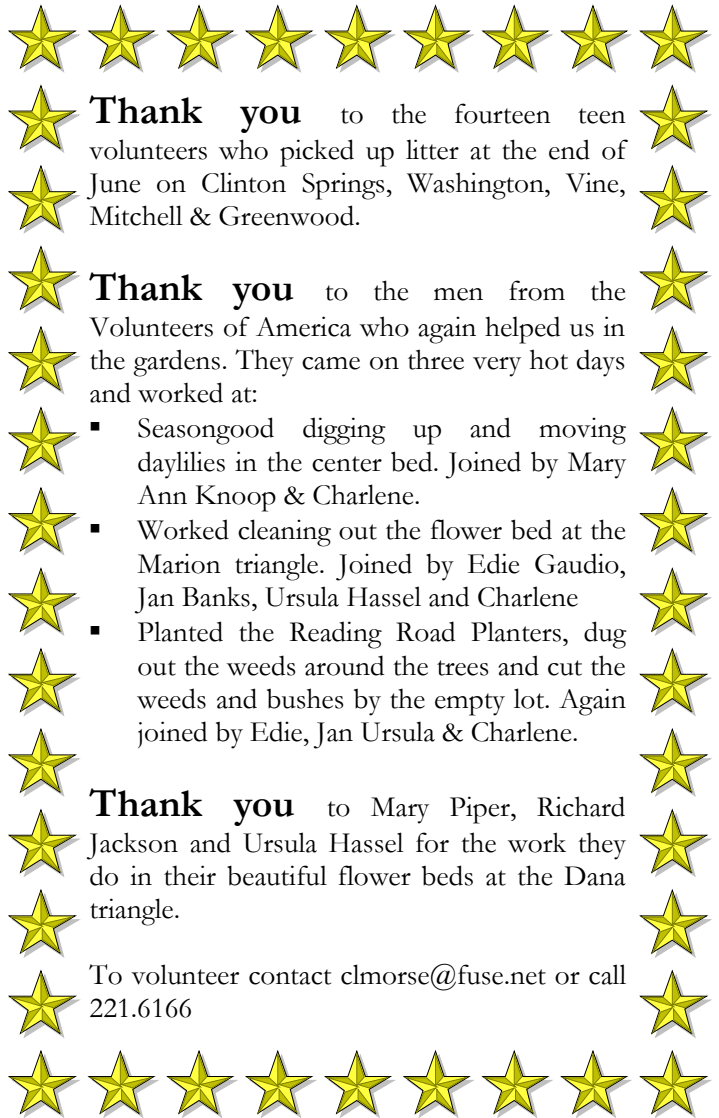
**IN MEMORIAM**

Artist, mother, activist, equality advocate, faithful observer of Jewish tradition, cancer survivor, community supporter - these words barely convey a life of service that was the hallmark of **Blessing Sivitz**, 90, who died Sunday, May 29, at Cedar Village in Mason. Blessing helped organize the current North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA) in 1960. She lived on Dickson for 58 years until 2009. Fittingly, in gratitude for the medical intervention that had helped sustain her, Blessing donated her body to the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine. She leaves behind her children: Susan Walsh of Anderson Township; Don Sivitz of London; Michael Sivitz of Anderson Township; and James Sivitz of College Hill; 8 grandchildren. Memorials can be made to Hospice of Cedar Village or the charity of your choice.



Rev Philips of Clinton Springs Church of God, passed away on Monday, June 27.

Betty Fultz (Greenwood), age 81, departed this life on July 3, 2011, loving wife of Roscoe for 60 years; beloved mother of Rosalind; cherished aunt of Cheryl Meadows. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, July 16 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 3215 Woodburn Ave., Evanston. (Special Delta Ceremony from 11 to 11:30 a.m.) Funeral services will begin at 12 noon.. In lieu of flowers and food, contributions may be made to the Betty P. Fultz Educational Fund, c/o Women's Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 46386, Cincinnati, OH 45246



**Thank you** to the fourteen teen volunteers who picked up litter at the end of June on Clinton Springs, Washington, Vine, Mitchell & Greenwood.

**Thank you** to the men from the Volunteers of America who again helped us in the gardens. They came on three very hot days and worked at:

- Seasingood digging up and moving daylilies in the center bed. Joined by Mary Ann Knoop & Charlene.
- Worked cleaning out the flower bed at the Marion triangle. Joined by Edie Gaudio, Jan Banks, Ursula Hassel and Charlene
- Planted the Reading Road Planters, dug out the weeds around the trees and cut the weeds and bushes by the empty lot. Again joined by Edie, Jan Ursula & Charlene.

**Thank you** to Mary Piper, Richard Jackson and Ursula Hassel for the work they do in their beautiful flower beds at the Dana triangle.

To volunteer contact [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net) or call 221.6166

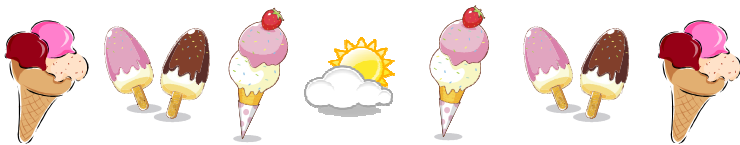
**HOME VALUES GO DOWN**

Many (though not all) home owners in North Avondale saw the value of their homes go down with the recent assessment. North Avondale is not alone in seeing a decrease in the value of their homes with the new assessment by the Hamilton County Auditor. This has been seen all over the tri-state.

It is a reflection of the housing market coupled with foreclosures and sales of distressed property selling at very low prices which have contributed to the decline in the property values

While reduction in value can result in overall decrease in taxes, special levies can effect the overall amount of taxes paid.

On the positive side - the median devaluation of America's top 50 cities is 30 percent. Cincinnati dropped 10.5 percent.



**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

- First Thursday of each month August 4 & September 1 at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Tuesday, July 12, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- **NO AUGUST NANA MEETINGS**
- **Tuesday, September 13, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs



### IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000	Track property code violations:	
	<a href="http://5916000.com">5916000.com</a>		<a href="http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/">http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/</a>
Police District 4	569.8600	Request A Recycling Bin	242.4600
Nonemergency Police	765.1212	Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960	Where to Recycle Different Things	<a href="http://earth911.com/">http://earth911.com/</a>
To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	<a href="http://Crimereports.com">Crimereports.com</a>		

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### NANA GENERAL MEETING SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

July 12<sup>TH</sup> 7:00pm

**~PAY YOUR 2011 NANA DUES~**

The Cincinnati Park Board Urban Forestry Department will soon be addressing the issue of emerald ash borer (EAB) in North Avondale. Ash trees in the area have been found to be infested with EAB causing the decline and death of several trees. The Park Board has received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to assist in the costs of removal and replacement of ash street trees. In North Avondale, the work will focus on streets where the streetscapes are comprised mostly of ash trees. Those streets include **Winding Way, Lenox Pl, and Redway Ave.** A majority of the ash trees on these streets may need to be removed. Those scheduled for removal will be marked with a yellow 'X' and homeowners will be notified via information left at their door. Replacement trees will be planted this fall. For any questions, contact the Park Board's Natural Resources Management Division Urban Forestry Department at 861.9070.

For more information about EAB, visit these websites:

[www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info) ▪ <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/eab/> ▪ <http://ashalert.osu.edu/> ▪ <http://www.ohiodnr.com/tabid/5066/Default.aspx>



The Wasson Way Project is trying to transform the railroad tracks that run from Xavier to the Little Miami Bike Trail into a bike path and they're looking for support from North Avondale residents. The 6.5 mile path would start on the east side of the Xavier campus and pass by Rookwood, Hyde Park Plaza and Ault Park and through Mariemont and other communities. If you're interested in learning more or in volunteering, check out the Wasson Way Project page on Facebook or email volunteer Jay Andress at [andress.jay@gmail.com](mailto:andress.jay@gmail.com). Here are some articles on the effort:

- <http://news.cincinnati.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=%2FAB%2F20110606%2FNEWS01%2F106070313%2F>
- <http://local.cincinnati.com/community/Story.aspx?c=100042&url=http%3A%2F%2Fcincinnati.com%2Fblogs%2Feyeontheeastside%2F2011%2F06%2F08%2Fwasson-bike-trail-proposal-garners-support%2F>
- <http://soapboxmedia.com/devnews/0614wassonwaypath.aspx>