



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

North Avondale and NANA need your help! At the NANA annual meeting coming up in May, elections will be held for NANA board members. I ask you to consider making a commitment to our neighborhood by running for a position on the NANA board. Call a board member or the NANA office if you're interested and we'll answer any questions you have.

You might wonder what you'll get out of being on the NANA board. Here are just a few benefits of being part of the NANA board, based on my experiences over the past 2 years.

- work with an incredibly dedicated, talented group of neighbors
- learn about the workings of city government
- have an impact on the quality of life in North Avondale
- meet many residents of North Avondale you wouldn't otherwise
- give your neighbors a voice on issues that matter
- meet other neighborhood council members
- attend various events throughout the city
- be part of a neighborhood association that is listened to and respected at City Hall
- make a difference

And yes, you'll have fun! You will also devote some of your time to NANA, however, if you care about North Avondale, you'll soon realize what you can accomplish as part of NANA is well worth the effort.

I am unfortunately not able to run for NANA office again; due to a change in position at work, I travel most weeks, and it isn't fair for me to miss meetings on a regular basis. I've thoroughly enjoyed the past 2 years as a member of the NANA board, and I'm certain you'll have a similar experience should you decide to run for office.

So, please give some serious consideration to running for the NANA board. North Avondale is a great place to live thanks in large part to the efforts of the NANA officers – here's your opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to the neighborhood we all call home.

Jim

NANA is forming the **Nominating Committee** to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2003/2004. 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. (1)

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP NEEDS YOU

By Gerry Kraus

For many years I have coordinated Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's (KCB) spring neighborhood clean-up. This annual event is important to give a jump-start for cleaning up the litter that has accumulated all winter on city streets and in public parks. Traditionally held the last Saturday in April – this year on April 26 – the Clean Up in North Avondale heralds the beginning of NANA's spring/summer beautification activities. Since I have decided to retire as coordinator of this activity, NANA is seeking a new volunteer coordinator for this Great American Clean-Up event. I cannot stress enough the importance of this activity to set the tone for minimizing litter accumulation on our streets and public places throughout the rest of the year. Basically the job involves a couple of hours prep time before Clean-Up Day to determine which streets and public places should be cleaned, to collect equipment, etc. and on Clean-Up Day to be at Seasongood Square Park from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon to give out assignments and equipment to the many volunteers (usually about 50) who come. Optional is having The Great American Grill Out at noon which involves calling Spencer Konicov who has in past years been chef and done 90% of the work associated with the Grill Out. If you care about the appearance of North Avondale, and if you would like to do something to maintain the livability of North Avondale without taking on a long term commitment then volunteering to coordinate this year's Great American Clean Up is for you. Call the NANA Office (221-6166) for more information or to sign on.

WEED AND SEED NEEDS YOU TO SUCCEED

At the February 11 NANA General meeting, the membership voted for the North Avondale & Avondale Councils to collaborate together and move forward to obtain a Weed & Seed grant to fund crime prevention, safety and neighborhood restoration in our communities. The next step is to get members from both communities to form the committee and get started. This is where **YOU** can help. If interested, call the NANA Office and leave your name & number. **We Can't Move Forward Without A Committee And Your Help.**

NANA GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 11TH, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER

617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRIMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES (SEE ARTICLE PAGE 2)

FREE FINANCIAL SEMINARS
By Monica Williams

We Want To Help Your Family Have A Better Financial Future!!!

I am eager to share with you some exciting information! In 2003, we at Primerica Financial Services (PFS) would like to extend to your community a complimentary financial seminar entitled Debt Free 2003. We have several seminars scheduled throughout the city with different community organization, and we would like to also include your community. Debt is a major challenge with most people. In fact, most people really do not know how to effectively deal with debt, nor do they know where to go for help.

In addition to showing families how to get out of debt, we can also provide one-on-one sessions with your residents to offer the following financial services at no cost to you or your community:

- *Debt and credit counseling* – Primerica can suggest several solutions for those who have debt or credit challenges. We will also show individuals how to effectively budget their money.
- *Financial Needs Analysis (FNA)* – In consultation with one of our representatives, the FNA, a detailed financial analytical tool, will provide a “snapshot” of the individual’s current financial situation and give him or her the information needed to design a complete game plan to reach their financial goals.

We will show you how to deal with serious issues affecting millions of Americans today:

- What happens when Social Security isn't enough? Learn how to supplement your current retirement plan.
- Worried about a college education? Learn how to prepare for your child's future and help them not start their adult lives in debt!
- Worried about the security of your family's income in the event of your demise? Get the life insurance coverage that meets your needs.
- Tired of "robbing Peter to pay Paul"? Consolidate or reduce your debt and lower your total monthly outlay.
- Need extra income? Apply for immediate opportunities in Sales and Sales Management.
- Would you like to have a road map to your Financial Freedom?

Call Monica Williams at (513) 771-0508 for more information or come the March NANA General Meeting

Investments offered by: PFS Investments Inc.

Home Office: 3120 Breckinridge Blvd., Duluth, GA 30099
(770) 381-1000



THE FUTURE OF RECYCLING IN CINCINNATI

By Gerry Kraus



While the City’s Curbside Recycling Program survived the budget cuts of 2003, it is slated to be eliminated in 2004 unless money can be found to continue this program. One way to encourage City Council to find the necessary funding is to demonstrate the popularity of recycling by recycling. Last year over 11,000 tons of material were recycled. This was not only environmentally responsible (saving much landfill space) but it was economically efficient. At \$22.00 per ton tipping fee at the Rumpke landfill, the city saved over \$242,000 plus the cost of transporting these 11,000 tons to Colerain Township.

EVERYONE CAN RECYCLE

If you live in a one family to four family dwelling, you can participate in the city’s curbside recycling program. If you live in a larger apartment building, you can bring your recyclable material to the drop-off bin located in the rear part of the North Avondale Community Center parking lot, 617 Clinton Springs which is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Items accepted at N. Avondale Center include: #1 and #2 plastic bottles, glass jars and bottles, aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, steel and tin food cans, empty steel aerosol cans with tips removed, phone books, newspapers, magazines and brown grocery bags – same as curbside. If you need a green recycling bin, call the Rumpke Recycling at 242-4600.

Beyond the above recycling opportunities NANA operates a quarterly recycling center to collect mixed paper. Mixed paper is cardboard, cereal boxes, beverage cases, corrugated cardboard office paper or newspapers. If you can tear it, we take it! Not accepted are pizza boxes because of the remaining food and grease. The next quarterly mixed paper recycling will take place on **Saturday, March 8, from 10:00 AM to 2 PM behind the North Avondale School.**

Special pick ups of furniture, appliances, dead animals can be arranged by calling the **Public Service Customer Hotline at 591-6000.** You may even recycle up to 4 tires without rims by placing them curbside on trash day AND also calling 591-6000 beforehand to inform Sanitation of the location of the tires. Many other items like Ink Jet & Laser Cartridges, Household Hazardous Materials, etc. can be recycled. Call Keep Cincinnati Beautiful at 352-4385 or go to www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.com to find out where.

The Solid Waste Management District has planned four **Household Hazardous Material (HHM) Collection Events** this year. These free events are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

April 26 - Bayer Corporation in Addyston

May 3 - Ethicon Endo-Surgery in Blue Ash

October 18 - Winton Woods High School in Forest Park

October 25 - Coney Island in Anderson Township

Collected will be automotive fluids, pesticides or fertilizers, solvents & thinners, lawn & pool chemicals, batteries & cleaners.

For more information on locations & proper ways to dispose of these materials, call 946-7700 or visit www.hcdoes.org and request a free copy of the Household Hazardous Materials

RECREATION FACILITIES FUNDING TO START NOW
By Gerry Kraus

On February 26 City Council passed an ordinance that allocates to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission \$6,500,000 in 2003 for capital improvement projects. This ordinance was in response to a motion by Council Member David Crowley to restore to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) capital improvement funding so that long-awaited repairs and renovations to CRC facilities (community centers, ball fields, tennis courts, riverfront, infra-structure) could begin in 2003. A 1½ year CRC study had identified a backlog of needed repairs, maintenance and renovations to CRC facilities that would cost \$109 million. In response to this need \$13.8 million had been allocated in the 2003-2004 City Budget for this purpose. The money was to come from the \$55 million Anthem Fund the city had received. After the December public hearings on the budget City Council changed the source of CRC capital improvement money from Anthem to other funding sources, most of which would not be available until 2004 and \$6 million of which to come from anticipated managed competition savings which might not be realized. In order for CRC to begin its repair and renovation program this spring, Council Member Crowley asked that \$6.5 be borrowed from the Anthem money and to be paid back in 2004 when a \$7 million bond issue, originally designated for the Over-The-Rhine Community Center and which is no longer to be used for this purpose, becomes available. The NANA Executive Committee had unanimously voted to support Mr. Crowley's motion on February 4. This action was ratified by the community at NANA's February 11 monthly meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE CITY MANAGER DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO ERECT A STREET SIGN IN A TRIBUTE TO REV. BOOTH DESIGNATING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF READING ROAD AND GLENWOOD AVENUE AS "REV. L. VENCHAEAL BOOTH CORNER."



Coach Ken (Parker Pl.) will be coaching the D team (age 8-10 - the age cutoff is 10 by 8/1/03). Some of the equipment will be donated from an old friend of his, Leon (the bull) Durham who grew up in N. Avondale and played baseball for N. Avondale, Woodward & the Chicago Cubs and now coaches for a Toledo AAA baseball team. Practice will start in March & the season will start the first weekend in April. Interested youth can call Coach Ken at 293-4340. His mailing address is P.O. Box 32051, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232



IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Daniel Osher 87, (long time Rose Hill resident) who had Alzheimer's disease, died January 23 at University Hospital from complications from a fall. Danny was chief of neurological surgery at Jewish for almost 30 years. NANA extends our condolences to his wife Muriel (co writer of the famous NANA musicals), sons Tom, John, Peter, James, grandchildren and family. His humor and gentle soul will be missed.

BLOCK WATCH



Avon Fields
 Beechwood
 Red Bud
 Betula
 Rose Hill

The following was received from Cheri Thomas & Jim Letton (Rose Hill):

Thanks for the welcome note dated January 7th. Having recently moved to

the area it is good to see such welcomes, unlike anywhere else I have lived in the U.S. This strong sense of community is wonderful and I had no idea that such areas existed in the Cincinnati (I'm originally from Chicago having lived all over the central U.S.) I have been a strong believer in block watch programs, having set up a few when I was a member of council in Forest Park. I look forward to participating in my new neighborhoods' program in any way I can be of service. I really appreciate keeping in touch via email and getting involved. We (Cherie and I) are looking forward to being a part of the community.

NANA NEIGHBORS

Louise Harmon Stallworth, (Dickson) was one of five who received the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati's Glorifying the Lions Award which recognizes senior citizens who have made outstanding contributions to Cincinnati.

The late Fredrick Suggs, (formerly Reading Road) was given a special dedication during the Dr. Martin Luther King 40th Anniversary March. Mr. Suggs led the march for almost 39 years before passing away earlier this year.

Fanchon Shur (Redbud) was featured in an article on February 8th in The Cincinnati Enquirer. In an answer to the violence in today's society she developed "Flight, Fight, Freeze! Instincts for Healthy Living," a program of dance & movement designed to confront and combat daily stress and anger. Presently, she and seven of her dance ensemble are working with junior high students at Porter/Hayes/Washburn School (Cincinnati Public in the West End) through four workshops followed with a performance. Since her first session, the school has seen a 10% drop of in-school violence.

Eliza Kelly-Swift (Rose Hill) won an Overture award for dance (ballet). Six of the ninth to 12th-graders (chosen from 400 participants representing 100 local high schools) were awarded the \$5,000 scholarships - pretty impressive!



**North
Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

Program Highlights:

- March 10th** 4:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Basketball League Championship Games
- 20-21** 6:30 p.m. - Theatrical Presentation:
"How the Krinch Stole Easter"
- 23rd** 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.- Youth Basketball Banquet & Awards Presentation
- 26th** 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Floor Hockey League Championship Games
- 28th** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - North Avondale Montessori in Gym

Seniors: Trips & Special Events Schedule:

- March 7th** 10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting
- 14th** 10:00 a.m. - Game Day
- 21st** 10:00 a.m. - Old Classic Double Feature
- 26th** 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Trip to LaComedia
- 28th** 10:00 a.m. - Book/Knitting Club

**Be a member of the North Avondale Advisory Board.
Call Bill Bailey for details at 961-1584.**



**North
Avondale
Montessori
School
872-7290**

Reach For The Stars

Saturday March 8, 2003
6:30 to 11:00,
Greek Orthodox Church on
Winton Road
Dinner, Drinks, Dancing,
Desserts, Silent Auction
Parents, Staff, Alumni, Friends:
\$35 a couple, \$20 a person
**Join the NAM Family for an
evening of fun!**

NANA CALENDAR

- Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper
- Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. **Rose Hill Area Block Watch Meeting** 4075 Beechwood



MARCH 11TH NANA GENERAL MEETING

Current Resident Or:

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

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| Environmental: Mike Rieck | 281-2596 | 1 st VP: John Jones | 961-2446 |
| Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly | 751-2446 | 2 nd VP: Eva Robertson | 961-8850 |
| Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus | 961-8850 | 3 rd VP: Michael Walton | 961-5275 |
| Sustaining Cincinnati: Teresa Harten | 961-5275 | Corresponding Sec.: Barbara Henshaw | 221-4039 |
| Welcome: Judith Titchener | 221-4039 | Recording Secretary: Marilyn Smith | 281-5076 |
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NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS