

# NANA NEWS

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### UPDATE ON PROPOSED CAR WASH AT ANTONIO'S PIZZA SITE

The decision from the Public Hearing started on January 27 and concluded on February 17 to determine if the Antonio's Pizza building could be demolished to make way to construct a self-service automated car wash with signage and landscaping was made on February 25, by Hearing Examiner Steve Kurtz to approve the application with the following conditions:

1. The vacuums located near the vehicular entrance on Paddock Rd. shall be eliminated.
2. **The hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday & from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday.**
3. Bollards with a chain (or similar obstruction) will be used to block the vehicular entrances during hours the car wash is closed.
4. Signs should be posted informing patrons that the drying of vehicles after exiting a wash bay is prohibited. There is not sufficient space to accommodate this activity.
5. The existing fence will be repaired, repainted and maintained. Additional landscape screening will be added separating the property at 4112 Paddock Rd. and the property at 4007 Reading Rd.
  - a. Vertical plant material screening
  - b. Spreading/cascading or climbing evergreen plant material to cover concrete retaining wall.
  - c. Revised landscape plan must be reviewed and approved by Staff Reviewing Authority and Hearing Examiner.
6. Site lighting:
  - a. Shields must be added to existing light fixtures to protect adjacent residential property from commercial light and glare
  - b. Maximum lamps to be 400-watt maximum metal halide

Should existing lighting system not be able to meet these requirements, a new lighting system design shall be submitted for review and approval.
7. Modular unit landscaping walls to match those proposed for streetscape project
8. The prior decision in Case No. A - 1564-1982 dated March 2, 1982 is superceded by this Report and Decision, and is, therefore, null and void. Prior to the issuance of any Certificate of Occupancy, the Director

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NANA GENERAL MEETING  
2nd TUESDAY  
MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

TAP Training At 6:30

NORTH AVONDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

6:30

TERRORISM AWARENESS  
& PREVENTION TRAINING  
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AGENDA ITEMS:

- AFRICIAN CHAMBER OF CONFERENCE - MARC HILL
- NEXT STEP REGARDING PROPOSED CAR WASH AT READING & PADDOCK



**Wanted:** PEOPLE WHO LOVE OUR NORTH AVONDALE FLOWERBEDS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH MAINTAINING THEM. COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS ALSO AVAILABLE. CALL URSULA HASSEL, WHO JUST COMPLETED THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM (CONGRATULATIONS!) AT 751-4546

### BEYOND THE GREEN BIN PAPER RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR 2004:

North Avondale

615 Clinton Springs, behind North Avondale School

Every Three Months on the Second Saturday

March 13, 10:00-2:00

June 12, 10:00-2:00

September 11, 10:00-2:00

December 11, 10:00-2:00



Surrey Square Mall, Montgomery Rd. Behind Thriftway

Every Month on the First Saturday 9:00 to noon

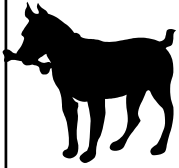
March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7,

September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4

Mixed paper is cardboard, cereal boxes, beverage cases, junk mail, magazines, office paper, or newspapers. If you can tear it, we'll take it! We do not accept pizza boxes because of greasy food remnants.

Thanks to NANA's 2003 Recycling Volunteers:  
Teresa Harten, John Jones, Spencer Konicov, Gerry & Marvin Kraus, Ryan McGinnis, Mary Piper, Sue Spears, Cindy & Bill Starr, Judith Titchener, Michael Walton and Tim Yosmali.





We have wonderful dogs living in North Avondale but everyone doesn't love your dog running on their property or public spaces and leaving behind their waste or barking all day while you are away just because they come out into their yard or someone walks past your home. Some people are afraid of dogs. Some people like to walk their own dogs but can't because your dog is free to run after their dog. Please be a good neighbor and always cleanup after your dog, use a leash and always keep your dog secured when in your own yard. We have the following City Ordinances for good reasons.

**701-30. Dog Excrement Removal** No person shall allow a **dog** under his or her control to be upon public property or upon the property of another, absent the consent of the owner or occupant of the property, without some device for the removal and containment of such dog's excrement; nor shall any person fail to remove any excrement deposited by any **dog** under his or her control on public or private property.

**701-2. Leash Required** The owner or harbinger of a harmless **dog**, not on the premises or in a motor vehicle, shall keep said **dog** on a leash of such length to keep the **dog** from annoying others. A harmless **dog** may be unleashed if either of the following is applicable:

- a. The **dog** is in training, a competition, or show or
- b. The **dog** is on property with the permission of the property owner.

**701-4. Dangerous Dog to be Properly Confined or Leashed**

The owner or harbinger of a dangerous **dog** shall keep said **dog**:

- a. When outdoors and on the premises in a securely fenced area or on a leash controlled by a competent adult
- b. When not on the premises, securely restrained with a leash, not exceeding six feet in length, and under the control of a competent adult.

**701-27. Loud Dog** No person shall harbor or keep any animal of the **dog** kind which by loud and frequent or habitual barking or yelping shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.

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of Buildings and Inspections shall obtain from the owner, a **written covenant accepting the terms and conditions included herein.**

- 9. The development shall be constructed substantially in accordance with the plans reviewed by the Hearing Examiner, Exhibit B. *\*Editor note:* Changes and or additions in these plans since the last newsletter/hearing include:
  - A new design to look more like a carriage house
  - The vacuums placed away from residential property
  - Two touchless automatic bays instead of one
  - Payment by cash and credit cards
  - 24 hour camera security system which records the action in both the bays and property and can be monitored from the owners home & office via computer.
  - Changes to address the conditions suggested by Jeffrey Stine, Staff Reviewing Authority, after the Preliminary Conference on January 7 and after the January 27 hearing.
  - Estimated project cost is \$600,000
- 10. All building permits necessary for the prosecution of work shall be obtained within one (1) year from the date of this decision.
- 11. That the proposed development meets all applicable codes and regulations of the City of Cincinnati.

The findings that preceded the approval with conditions are:

- 1. The property is in an Environmental Quality - Urban Design District No. 7 (EQ-UD-7)

**TERRORISM AWARENESS & PREVENTION  
(TAP) TRAINING - MARCH 9  
By Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse**

September 11<sup>th</sup> and following world events have shown that citizens are a critical link in helping to secure and support their communities during terrorist attacks and other times of crisis. At the request of Governor Taft and Director Kenneth Morckel, Chair of the State of Ohio Security Task Force, an education program was developed for Ohio citizens: Terrorism Awareness & Prevention (TAP).

The 40 minute presentation is designed to:

- Provide residents with critical information on terrorist goals and threats.
- Teach residents about terrorism to prevent abuses from ignorance or prejudice.
- Demonstrate how residents may help protect themselves, their families and neighborhood through safety and security planning.
- Encourage partnerships with residents, law enforcement, first responders and community service providers and
- Identify ways Ohioans can actively participate in building safer neighborhoods and communities.

This training will be available on **March 9 at 6:30p.m.**, an hour before the NANA General Meeting at the North Avondale Community Center.



- 2. The proposed car wash is a principal permitted use in the B-4 District. In 1980 upon the affirmative recommendation of the City Planning Commission and the North Avondale Neighborhood Association, the City rezoned the subject property to R-1(T)B-4 to allow for a convenience store with gasoline sales, beer and wine sales and 24-hour operation. There are no "I" Zone guidelines regulating use.
- 3. There is an automobile stereo, custom wheel installation and sales operation across the street from the subject property.
- 4. The Department of Transportation and Engineering, Division of Transportation Planning and Urban Design reported the issues, findings of facts, and departmental recommendations in this matter and that report is hereby attached as Exhibit A and incorporated in this report by reference as if set forth in full herein.
- 5. It should be noted that a number of opposing correspondence was received and a number of people spoke in opposition at the hearing.

**NANA'S NEXT STEP  
TO APPEAL OR NOT APPEAL THE DECISION**

Most objections have been addressed by the owners since NANA's December 9th Motion to oppose the car wash but concerns still exist (possible noise, staffing, not a proper gateway to the neighborhood). Come to the NANA General Meeting on March 9, call or email to let us know your thoughts.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

By Pauline Daly

Ozie Davis and I are forming a committee to focus on Community Engagement. Information will be shared by e-mail rather than meetings. If you wish to be part of this committee drop me a note at 3885 Dakota Ave., 45229.

The function of the committee is to engage the community in planning for the building of the new Burton School. Burton is in Segment 3. The tentative plan calls for the architect to be selected in June 2006 and construction to begin in 2007-2009. Based on that timeline we would expect selection of the School Planning Team to take place in November 2005. This team consists of school faculty, staff, parents, neighborhood, business, and other members of the school community.

Burton is the neighborhood school for all of North Avondale and part of Avondale. Two thirds of the students are from the area NANA defines as North Avondale. The community needs to look hard at the significance of a neighborhood school in a neighborhood.

This committee will give all who are interested the opportunity to share information, learn more about the educational system, and be mentally prepared when CPS asks us to form a School Planning Team.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRESSIVE DINNER A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

On Saturday January 10, 2004 at 6:00 p.m., neighbors who live on Burton Woods Lane, Leyman Drive and Red Bud Avenue (the south side of Mitchell) started their exciting evening of the adults only Progressive Block Party. Over 50 neighbors responded to the flyer passed out to everyone on those streets. Cocktails & Hors-d'oeuvres were served at Marcia & Dirk Pastors, the first stop of the evening. Everyone was having so much fun, it was hard to get them to leave to go the second house of Mary Ohlinger-Pray & Ken Pray where more cocktails & Hors-d'oeuvres were served. Two types of chilli were served for a lite bite at Grace & Brian Hills. The Grand Finale of incredible deserts, coffee and cordials was at the home of Julia & George Wadih. Coolers on wheels filled with beer & wine brought by the guests were wheeled from house to house. The last guests left around 2:00 a.m.

Seeing everyone's beautifully personalized homes, eating fabulous food and visiting with neighbors really made for a magical evening which will hopefully be the first of many more. Thank you to the organizers and hosts & hostesses.

**V**OLUNTEER NEEDED TO CHAIR THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP ON APRIL 24 IN THE MORNING (THE CHAIR WILL DETERMINE THE TIME) IF INTERESTED OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE NANA OFFICE AT 221-6166.

## NANA NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMING

**N**ANA is forming the **Nominating Committee** to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2004/2005. 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.

Would you like to be a part of a dialogue with City Police and City Services? Come to the **Avondale Safety Summit** on March 25 at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Hirsch Center 3630 Reading Road.

Volunteers are needed to help clean-up an Abandoned Gas Station at 405 Rockdale on March 20 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## NEW BLOCK WATCH CLUB FORMED

If you live on Abington, Ardmore, Warwick, Dickson, Lowry, Parker Place, Glencross, Wedgwood, Sturgis and Mitchell (from Abington to Glencross), then your neighbors will be stopping by in the next few weeks to talk to you and set up street meetings. The goal is to build a community of friends and ultimately cut down on crime in the neighborhood.

## BASEBALL UPDATES

By Kenneth Pouncey

Last year we had a blast. The BMW Store bought uniforms for my team & my company JPS bought the hats for the team. **NANA** bought new batting helmets & new catchers equipment for my team. We finished with 5 wins & 8 loses. I was very proud of my kids. In the tournament we were 2 wins & 2 loses. If we had won one more game we would have made it to the finals in the loser's bracket. The winner of the loser's bracket would have finished third for the tournament.

This year things will be very different for me. I am the head of the North Avondale Montessori Baseball Association. So I will be needing a lot of help. We are starting baseball sign-ups at the beginning of March for boys & girls ages 5 - 12. Practice will start in March to prepare for the season that starts in April. I challenge some of the parents to help out with the coaching. I feel we as parents really need to step up to help get some of these kids off of the street corners & doing something positive. At this time, my avenue will be baseball

To sign up to play on the team or volunteer, call me, Kenneth Pouncey at 293-4340 or write me at: P.O. Box 32051 Cinti., Oh. 45232-0051





**North  
Avondale  
Community  
Center  
961-1584**

**March**  
 4, Thursday: 1 p.m. Seniors - Showcase Cinema  
 5, Friday: 10 a.m. Senior's "Classic Club" Monthly Business Meeting  
 12, Friday: 10:00 a.m. Senior's - Speaker Dr. Keith Melvin  
 13, Saturday: 7:00 p.m. **N. A. Dream Team Vs. Wiz Allstars**  
**(Fundraiser for Center's baseball & basketball teams - \$5 Adults \$1 kids)**  
 17, Wednesday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Senior's Trip to The Playhouse  
 19, Friday: 10:00 a.m. Senior Games  
 26, Friday 7:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. All Day Mini-Camp, Call for Availability  
 26, Friday 10 a.m -3 p.m. Senior Trip to Golden Lamb, Antiquing

**April**  
 1 & 2, Thursday & Friday, 6:30 Theatrical Presentation "Clueless"



**North  
Avondale  
Montessori  
School  
363-3900**

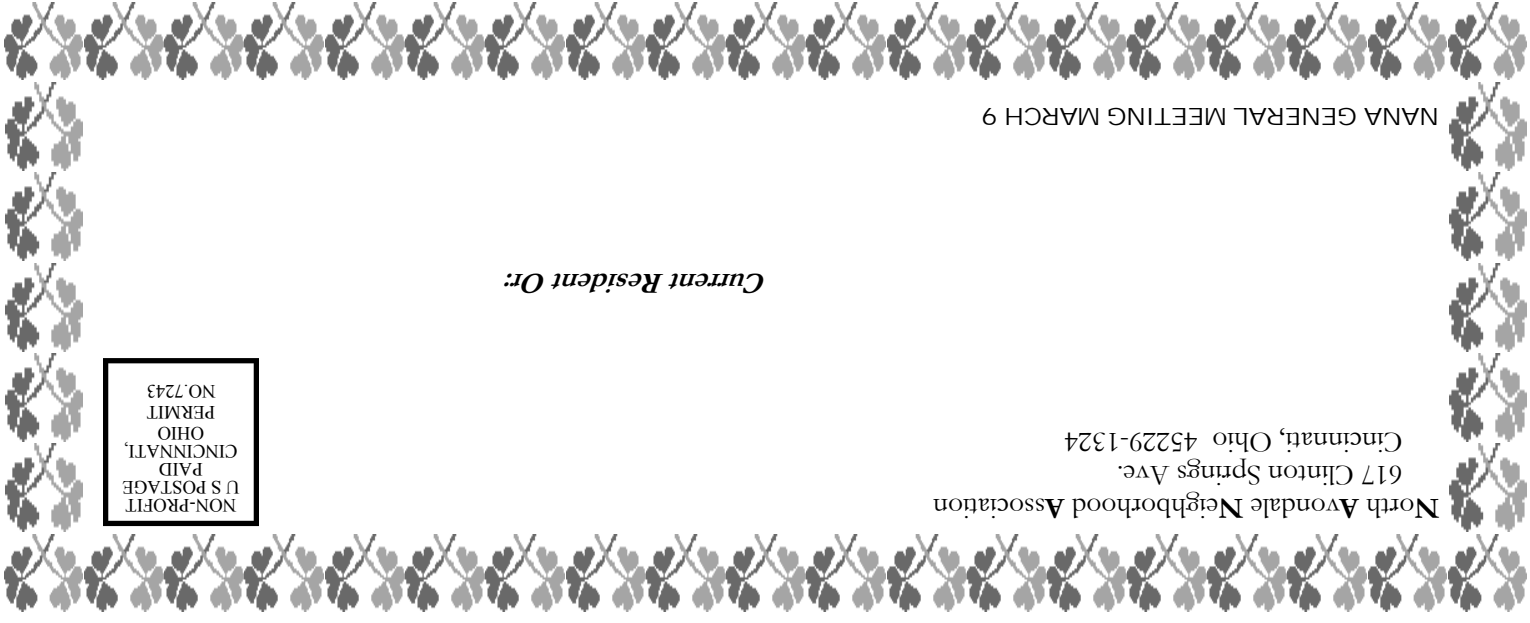
<http://nams.cps-k12.org>

**March Fundraisers**  
**13 - NAM Silent Auction**, "It Takes a Village" at the Greek Orthodox Church on Winton Road  
**25 - Last day to place order on internet for Market Day** ([www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com))  
**30 - Pick up Market Day Order at school**



**NANA CALENDAR**

- **Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. TERRORISM AWARENESS& PREVENTION (TAP) TRAINING** N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- **Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- **Saturday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs
- **Saturday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper**



NANA GENERAL MEETING MARCH 9

*Current Resident Or:*

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