



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor, I hope this March issue finds you and yours happy and healthy. First, some news from last month:

At the Neighborhood Summit on Saturday Feb 16th, NANA's Landlord Accountability committee was part of a collaborative session on neighborhood crime reduction solutions and issues at Xavier's Cintas Center. The group received great feedback and is very proud to have effected a decrease in crime in North Avondale that in some categories even beat the entire City's decreases by 3 or 4 times. I want to thank those who attended as well as our partners in Bond Hill's Community Council, Xavier University's Criminal Justice department (Dr. Kam Wong) as well as our crime analyst Chris Kearney who has assisted us so much in the past 18 months. We will continue to work with Bond Hill and Xavier on this initiative. As always, thanks Michelle and many others for your hard work. Michelle presented the Nana's four step approach (see below).

On the lighter side, if you've ever wondered how to best go about researching the history of your old house, the Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) will be offering a session on this topic at their downtown office on March 15th. For more information, see their website [www.cincinnati-preservation.org](http://www.cincinnati-preservation.org).

On a related note, North Avondale is the location of the 2008 Cincinnati Preservation Association's (CPA) Spring House Tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 10th. Six great North Avondale homes will be showcased and the tour will include information on the history and architecture of each! Please visit the CPA's site for more information.

Finally, I am happy to report that we've lured yet another family into North Avondale as Amy's mother and stepdad are in the final stages of purchasing a great fixer-upper on Glencross Ave. We are really excited about this one and wish them good luck into their first journey into the magical world of insulating, refinishing and DIY TV watching.

Sincerely,

*Tim Yosmali*

#### Four Pronged Approach

1. Abate known hot spots involving drugs, violence and guns.
2. Immediately begin monthly screening for reemerging problem people at new locations
3. Enforce property management ordinances Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 761 & Section 911.5
4. Meet with the handlers whose daily job is to ensure safety and quality of life. (Police, Probation, Parole, Prosecution, Courts, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), HUD, Property Owners, Government Officials - city, county, state, federal)

### XAVIER'S BUILDING PLANS

Xavier University is about to embark on projects which will not only benefit our students for years to come, but also the surrounding communities.

The Hoff Academic Quad will be the centerpiece of a transformation on the Xavier campus to help meet the learning needs of 21st century students. The Quad, which will be located at the corner of Dana and Ledgewood, will feature the Learning Commons and a new Williams College of Business. As the heart of the Hoff Academic Quad, the Learning Commons provides students with the facilities, technologies and services to help them master skills and gain a competitive advantage in their respective disciplines. The campus transformation will also include the modernization of McDonald library and the Alter Hall classroom building.

In May, after students have left campus for the summer, the houses on Ledgewood Avenue at Dana will be taken down to make way for a new, state-of-the-art Williams College of Business. The classrooms, technology, trading room, and program centers will enhance both teaching and learning in both the business school and the graduate program in health services administration.

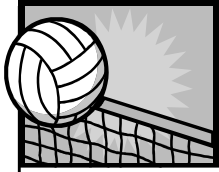
A 20-acre development known as Xavier Square will bring new life to the corner of Dana and Montgomery. It will include a combination of student housing, affinity housing (non-dorm, open to the public), stores and restaurants, commercial office space, a boutique hotel (small hotel under 100 beds), fitness center, student health center and Xavier bookstore. Xavier is partnering with Corporex for Xavier Square, which also includes the former Zumbiel plant on Cleneay Avenue. A tall metal building closest to the street has been demolished. The six-story concrete structure will be imploded. All steel, concrete, and insulation removed is being recycled. Actual groundbreaking should begin toward the end of 2008 or beginning of 2009.

**NANA General Meetings  
North Avondale Recreation Center  
617 Clinton Springs  
Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.**

#### **AGENDA**

- **Xavier Expansion Plans - Liz Blume**
- **Community Priority Requests (pg. 2)**





**NORTH AVONDALE**  
**●617 Clinton Springs ● 961-1584**  
 northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov  
**HIRSCH CENTER**  
**●3630 Reading Road ● 751-3393**  
 Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

**You must have a membership to part-take in programs.**

**Youth**

Spring Break – 7am -6pm / Mon. Mar. 24 - Fri. Mar. 28 / \$75 wk  
 Mini Camp – 7am -6pm / Mon. Mar. 31 / \$15 for the day

**Teens (13-17)**

Open Gym 7-8:30 pm (currently) Wed. & Fri\*

(Starting Mar. 10) Mon. Wed. & Fri.

\*Gym will be closed for the evening of Fri. Mar 7<sup>th</sup> due to North Avondale Montessori Special Event).

Open Gym will be after the Legends basketball game on March 28<sup>th</sup> until 10 PM.

**Teen Outings**

Indianapolis Pacers Game April 6 cost \$25 (Call Randy)

Teens‘Til Ten – Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> 6-10pm Legends Old Timers basketball game at 6pm. Hot Dogs available for \$1

**Senior Classics**

Business Meeting 10am-12:30 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

Outings:

March 11 St Mary’s Cathedral

March 21 Mystery Trip (register a week ahead)

March 28 Piano Concert

April 18<sup>th</sup> Mystery Trip (register a week ahead)

**Summer Day Camp Registration:**

**Priority Registration** – Beginnings Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-6pm

**Open Enrollment Registration** – Starts Monday March 17, 2-6

**Teen Summer Camp** -call center in March for information

**Up coming activities and events:**

\*April 10 (Thur.) Africentric Approach to Health and Healing  
 Noon to 1pm

\*April 11 (Fri.) The Early Day of Civil Rights presented by Martha McLeod ( Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges & Barbara Jones)

\*May 9<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) Art Show

\*May 16<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) Pee Wee Prom

\*Senior Fashion Show Sat. October 11<sup>th</sup> - Please call Brandi if you are over 50 & would like to model. It will be FUN!

\* (Membership not needed)

**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI**  
**●363-3900 ● 615 Clinton Springs Ave.**  
**● nams.cps-k12.org**



March 7 Kids Night In

March 14 Skating Party 5-7:30 P.M.

March 24-31 No School for Students

Thanks to everyone who donated to the *Fuel The Rockets Campaign.*

**THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI**  
**●281-7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane**  
**●www.thenewschool.cc**

Two theatrical productions at The New School Montessori within a span of a few days - Hollywood is abuzz, and there’s talk of a Tony.

The weather was a bit chilly as the Emperor paraded through the crowds in the children’s adaptation of *The Emperor’s New Clothes*. The wise spectators agreed they’d never seen royal robes quite so spectacular.

First graders impressed the audience in their portrayal of *Famous Americans* starring Amelia Earhart, Helen Keller, Abraham Lincoln and others.

In dramatic form, the children prepared for their annual celebration of Internation’oliday, working together to bring holidays from around the world to life. On this year’s calendar: April Fool’s Day, Korean New Year and the Brazilian “Carnival.” We went back in time to experience Greek culture, dress, poetry, and food as we celebrated The Panathenaic Festival. Even Elvis joined us for the Mexican celebration of The Day of the Dead with his “blue suede shoes” and a few dance moves.

*Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director*

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY REQUESTS (CPR)**

Each Community Council can submit up to three priorities for funding in the 2009-2010 biennial budget for city services and/or capital improvements. Examples of some eligible projects:

- Design and construction of a community gateway.
- Land acquisition for playfield expansion.
- Pedestrian safety measures –crosswalks, lighting, and bus shelters
- More refuse cans in high pedestrian traffic areas
- Comprehensive land-use, zoning and traffic studies.
- Increased lighting on side streets for safety and to deter crime
- Community Master Plan development.
- Street rehabilitation – repair of potholes and sinkholes.
- Repair City Owned retaining walls.
- CPOP Team projects that address crime, safety and disorder problems
- Comprehensive Code Enforcement Program.
- Police service/personnel costs for police detail
- Beautification of street intersection
- Street improvements where needed to improve safety or increase capacity.
- Improvements to City-owned hillside stairways
- Various studies for traffic control signing, signals, lighting, or pavement markings.

If you have any suggestions of things that you would like to see accomplished in our community come to the NANA General Meeting on March 11 where we will prioritize and vote on the requests. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have suggestions call the NANA Office at 221-6166 or email: [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net)

Nana is purchasing a hand held P.D.F. computer for Citizen’s on Patrol to track and record all information from directed patrol to download onto the neighborhood spreadsheet and to pertinent city departments.

**Pay your NANA Dues Today!**

**2008 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

## NANA NOTATIONS

By Gerry Kraus

### MINI MART STREET SALES ON BURTON AVENUE

as well as other similar street sales in residential zones will become illegal starting March 15<sup>th</sup> thanks to an Ordinance spearheaded by Council Member Cecil Thomas and passed by City Council on February 13, 2008. The ordinance states, "No peddler selling from a motor or animal-drawn vehicle may sell or offer for sale, any food, beverage or merchandise from a motor vehicle on a public street at any one location or at any location in the same city block on any street that abuts any residential zoning district denoted by the letters SF [single family] or RM [multi family residential] **for a period of time in excess of 30 minutes in any 24-hour period.**" (Emphasis added.) Many NANA members testified before City Council for this legislation to deal with the nuisance truck sales on Burton Avenue.

### WANTED: BLIGHTED OR ABANDONED HOUSES.

In conjunction with the current housing crisis NANA is compiling a list of distressed or abandoned houses in North Avondale. Several government programs are available to deal with these houses so that they do not downgrade neighborhood streets and reduce property values. If there is a blighted or abandoned house on your street, please report the address to NANA by calling or sending an email.

### OVERFLOWING CORNER STREET CANS ARE BECOMING A PROBLEM

causing blight and litter says Council Member Chris Monzel. Over the past several months many of these cans have not been regularly emptied and/or not been properly put back into place. If you know of any overflowing corner cans, or can lids that have not been properly put back into place after being emptied, contact Council Member Chris Monzel at 352-3640 or send an email to [CornerCan@gmail.com](mailto:CornerCan@gmail.com).

**A COMMUNITY JAIL IN PADDOCK HILLS** (4531 Reading Road) is being opposed by Paddock Hills Assembly (PHA) and NANA. Talbert House has proposed changing and expanding its current use of this property from a treatment facility (transitional housing) that operates a diversion program for first time DWI (driving while intoxicated) offenders in lieu of going to jail to a "community correctional facility" which would permit occupancy by criminals convicted of a variety of crimes to be confined at this property "under criminal justice supervision and constraint."

**CITY OF CINCINNATI BROWNFIELD JOB TRAINING PROGRAM**, funded by US EPA, offers a FREE 8 week job training program to become an Environmental Field Technician. This program is available to men and women, 18 years old or older, who reside in Hamilton County. For more information call LaVerne Mayfield at 621-8882.

**NOT ABLE TO RECYCLE BECAUSE YOU LIVE IN AN APARTMENT?** The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District offers several programs to encourage your landlord or condominium association to recycle at your place. Call 946-7734 for more information.

Six members of the Ropin' Rockets jump rope team will represent the United States this summer at the International Rope Skipping Federation World Championships in Cape Town, South Africa. The team earned its trip at the world trials in Mason last month. Ropin' Rockets jumpers headed to competition are, Alyssa Mendlein, Brianna Issacs, Kathryn Hook, Stewart Issacs, Dylan Plummer, and Susannah Gutierrez. The Team is coached by Chris Emerson, a physical education teacher at North Avondale Montessori School. Two of the jumpers are currently students at North Avondale Montessori, with the remaining jumpers graduates of NAM.

The cost of the trip will be over \$3,000.00 per jumper. Any donations to help send these jumpers to South Africa would be greatly appreciated. Donations should be made out to North Avondale Montessori School Foundation, and sent to: Chris Emerson • North Avondale Montessori School • 615 Clinton Springs Ave • Cincinnati, Ohio 45229



### RENTAL HOUSING COMMITTEE/COMMUNITY DRIVEN CRIME CONTROL

North Avondale has formed a committee presently named the Rental Housing Committee because it will deal with issues that are usually associated with rental housing properties. The direction we have in mind was described quite well on February 16th at the neighborhood Summit by Dr. Kam Wong, the Chair of Xavier's Department of Criminal Justice.

He compared Traditional Crime Control with Community Driven Crime Control, which is the direction I which the Committee is going. In Traditional Crime Control the police suppress the problem. With Community Driven Crime Control the community looks at going to the root of the problem. Over the years we find the same problems at the same addresses returning again and again.

Issues we are working on now are (1) student off campus parties, (2) a house with a history of raids and landlord neglect, and (3) apartment buildings that attract illegal activity.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month and we will now meet at 1PM. The next meeting will be March 6th at 1 PM. Anyone is welcome. You may also make your concerns known by leaving a message on the NANA voice mail, NANA website or call Pauline Daly at 751-8334 or [pdaly@fuse.net](mailto:pdaly@fuse.net).

*Pauline Daly*

During the last 30 days 8 burglaries have occurred during the night (mostly weekends) while residents were at home. There is always something of value in clear sight. The suspect is in and out of the home very quickly. At one of the burglaries the suspect, a male black fled the home and escaped in a white vehicle. Seven are listed below. The eighth occurred in Paddock Hills on the 24th. Keep your outside lights on or better yet have motion lights. Close your curtains. Keep purses, wallets, laptops, etc. out of sight. Keep your security systems on. Report any suspicious behavior to District 4.

Occurred between these hours	Reported at:	Street	Property Taken	Method of Entry	
1/25/08 2:20	1/25/08 3:00	1/25/08 3:00	Warwick Av	None	Cut through screen door, no entry made
1/25/08 2:45	1/25/08 2:50	1/25/08 3:10	Stratford Pl	Purse	Large rock through front door
2/10/2008 3:00	2/10/2008 7:00	2/10/2008 8:30	Burton Woods Ln	Purse and contents	Cut through screen, forced rear window
2/10/2008 1:45	2/10/2008 1:54	2/10/2008 2:00	Winding Way	Nothing- attempt	Large rock through front door
2/16/2008 5:10	2/16/2008 5:10	2/16/2008 6:10	Rose Hill Av	Purses and contents	Large rock through rear door
2/17/08 23:30	2/18/08 3:30	2/18/2008 18:20	Stratford Pl	Pants w/wallet inside	Entered unlocked door
2/17/2008 21:30	2/18/2007 7:00	2/18/2008 9:24	Paddock Rd	Wallet & contents	Forced rear door

**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! COME TO THE  
MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> NANA MEETING  
GET A HEAD START PAY YOUR 2008 NANA DUES NOW**

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NANA CALENDAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Thursday of each month at 1:00pm, Rental Housing Meeting, District 4 Police Station</li> <li>• Tuesday, March 11, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs</li> <li>• Thursday April 3 at 1:00pm, Rental Housing Meeting, District 4 Police Station</li> <li>• Tuesday, April 8, 7:30pm, NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs</li> </ul>