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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am privileged to be on the NANA Board and work with a lovely lady who possesses great tenacity, displays a serene demeanor, is totally dependable and reflects superb dedication. Pauline Daly serves our community well and is NANA's **CHAIR** of the **Rental Housing Committee**. Pauline works diligently with the police, landlords, tenants, students, Xavier officials and others to not only solve problems but to educate the community about issues involved with rental housing that many of us do not even know exist. Each month she is almost never absent at either the NANA Board or General Meetings. She provides monthly updates on problem areas and works a lot behind the scenes to get the job done. Unlike many, she listens a lot but is most prone to speak up when there is need for her talent, comments, knowledge and experience. She is a true example of an unselfish and good neighbor who voluntarily goes the extra mile to take care of the responsibilities with which she is charged. Thanks Pauline for what you do and the way you do it!

In last month's NANA NEWS, I briefly mentioned that we need volunteers for the NANA Nominating Committee and an expression of interest from those willing to serve on the NANA Board. Also, it would be most helpful for any of our residents to recommend candidates they feel would provide sincere and needed leadership. In May, new officers will be elected and we cannot afford to wait until the last moment to start addressing this issue. As of the writing of this letter, I do not think that this important subject has been given the interest that should be displayed. A responsible and active Board is what makes NA a community in Cincinnati that gets things done!

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NAM WANTS AN ELECTRONIC SIGN



As the North Avondale Montessori School (NAM) is located in a residential zone, neighborhood support and City approval (after a public hearing) is required for this type of sign. Principal Roger Lewis will attend

the March NANA Meeting to ask for neighborhood support. Their rationale for wanting this change is:

- Provides the community with the school schedule, school events, and associated messages that are important to everyone in the North Avondale area (NANA Meetings).
- These message centers can be updated at a moments notice and allow the school to quickly update the sign in a more cost effective manner. It took Roger 45 minutes to place the current message on the board.
- This type of message center is "community friendly." The sign can be scheduled to be completely off during the night (i.e. between 11pm and 5 am) and it will automatically dim in the early evening and morning so it matches the daylight hitting (or not hitting) the sign. These signs can be programmed the way the school and surrounding community thinks is the best presentation for the area.

For examples: view Roger Bacon or St. Ursula Academy.

The NANA Executive Board is concerned it could create a commercial feel to our residential neighborhood and that other groups with signs in the neighborhood would also want to change their sign to electronic signs.

Please attend the NANA Meeting or email clmorse@fuse.net with your opinions.

Tickets are still available for the Xavier Players' production of ***The Great American Trailer Park Musical*** on **Friday, March 25th at 7:30 PM** at the Gallagher Student Center Theater. Cost of discounted tickets: \$5.00 seniors (65 and older), students and faculty, all others \$10.00. Please complete and send the form with the total ticket money (check payable to NANA) to NANA 617 Clinton Springs, 45229 (attn: Maura Wolf). RSVP asap, but no later than 3/13/11. (Tickets will be distributed at a later date.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Number of tickets _____ Dollar Amount _____

NANA General Meeting North Avondale Recreation Center 617 Clinton Springs

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.

- **Electronic Changeable Sign Proposed At North Avondale Montessori School (NAM)**

Roger Lewis, NAM Principal

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Do you complain to your family, friends or neighbors about criminal activity we have in NA? Do you wonder why things are not done that would improve the neighborhood's appearance? Do you question why our elected officials seem to act in a manner that does not protect the best interests of NA? A successful neighborhood association does not complain, wonder or question.....it identifies and jointly acts to remedy and solve areas of concern.

Now comes the biggest questions of all...are you willing to personally become involved with helping NANA do what you would like to see happen in our community? Are you willing to give some of your time voluntarily and actively serve on the Board and Committees and to participate in projects that can get the things done that you want to happen? There is much talent and leadership ability in NA. We need people to "step up to the plate." Without the citizens of NA accepting leadership roles, our community will not prosper and be seen by others as "Cincinnati's best address."

I realize that many have time constraints of family, work and personal hardships. But, all can help in some fashion if you truly want to make some contribution. Some of the tasks needed to help NANA can be done from your home....like making phone calls or writing letters to our Police Department and City Council members. Writing notes and articles for the newsletter would be a wonderful contribution. Or, you can serve NANA by helping to plan events or providing your ideas for action plans that can result in community betterment. Your input is sincerely needed to help your community! Simply coming to the monthly NANA GENERAL MEETING that lasts for no more than an hour and a half provides a forum for you to get involved.

All must take being a member of NANA seriously! If we do not, who should we blame for the goals of NA not being met?

Think long and hard about serving actively in NANA. If you really care about our North Avondale, step up and be recognized. NANA needs you!!

Bill Stevens

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

960 Redway Ave - Jeffrey & Jolie Lubow

2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
name date

Address _____

Email Address/s _____

Annual Dues \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$5 ☐ or \$ _____

Pay Additional \$7.00 for Newsletter Mail Delivery _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

Send Checks to the NANA Office 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

RECYCLING REWARDS

Cincinnati is enhancing their recycling service by partnering with RecycleBank - a rewards program that motivates people to take greener actions, like household recycling, by rewarding them with points that are redeemable online for rewards from local and national retailers, restaurants, pharmacies, grocers and more.



Similar to frequent flier programs, the more a community recycles, the more RecycleBank Points participating households earn. Single or multi-family residences with Cincinnati curbside trash service are eligible to participate in the program free of charge.

One must register to redeem rewards at RecycleBank.com or call 1-888-727-2978.

RECYCLING BIWEEKLY SCHEDULE

Most North Avondale residents recycle during green weeks

To check on your schedule or find out if you are green or gold go to <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/recycling/schedule.cfm>

YARDWASTE

The City of Cincinnati does not currently offer curb site yard waste collection. However, yard waste that is placed at the curb as part of a residents regular garbage will be collected.



Guidelines

- Branches and brush should be tied into bundles no larger than 2 ft. x 4 ft. and individual tree limbs should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- Raking leaves into the street or right-of-way is prohibited and is PUNISHABLE BY LAW.

Composting

Please compost yard waste at home whenever possible. Grass clippings can be left on the lawn instead of bagged. Plastic bags are not accepted at composting facilities.

Yard Waste Drop-off sites

Citizens are encouraged to use yard waste drop off sites to minimize the amount of yard waste that is sent to solid waste landfills. Four sites are located across Hamilton County. The closest is:

West Fork Solid Waste Facility (Cincinnati Residents Only)
– 3320 Mill Creek Road, Cincinnati, OH 45225. This location is accessible off of Spring Grove Avenue and off Beekman Street.

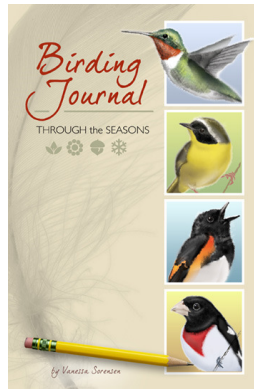
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TRASH CAN SET OUT REQUIREMENTS Remember, place cans at the curb by 6am on your regular trash collection day and no earlier than 5pm on the preceding day. Waste containers must be **removed before the end of the day** on which the waste was collected.

NANA is still looking for a few more members of the **Nominating Committee** to select the 2011/2012 slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. Please call the NANA Office at 221.6166 or email clmorse@fuse.net.

YOUR NEIGHBORS

Vanessa Sorensen (Marion) is excited to announce the launch of her third book, *Birding Journal: Through the Seasons*. This journal provides a place for people to record what birds they see throughout the year. It is filled with illustrations and various ways to record your bird sightings, plus lots of extra tidbits like suet recipes, birding hotspots, and tips to attract birds to your yard. *Birding Journal* is now available online at [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#) or at [Joseph Beth Bookstore](#). Website: www.vanessasorensen.com Blog: [Nessy Designs](#)



The band Doug Sawan (Burton Woods) plays in, Foley Road, is playing at the Museum Center March 12th, Xavier University March 13th and The Main Branch of the Public Library Mar 17th for St Paddy's Day week. Website is dougswan.com for people who want times.



AROUND THE TOWN

- David Dorfman Dance**
Friday, March 4 at 8:30pm and Saturday, March 5 at 8:30pm In *Prophets of Funk — Dance to the Music* Aronoff Center. Tickets \$27, \$22 and \$17 for students & seniors
- Dancers! You can take class from David Dorfman**
Saturday, March 5 at the Contemporary Dance Theater location (1805 Larch Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224) from 12:30-2:00pm. Only \$15! A rare opportunity to take his class!
- Friday March 11, 7:30 pm Classical Roots: Lift Ev'ry Voice Music Hall \$20 Adults \$8 Students 381.3300
- Sampler Weekend**, sponsored by Macy's, celebrates its 25th Anniversary and the Cincinnati arts community is excited to try something new – scheduling the Arts Sampler over six weekends during the 12-week community campaign for the arts from mid-February through April. Contemporary Dance Theater has the pleasure of hosting a Sampler Weekend on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 1:00-3:00pm at our College Hill location (1805 Larch Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224).
- WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CDT?** Facepainting, Snacks and treats, Open rehearsal with Tevlin Ballet, Performance by MamLuft&Co. Dance, Sample classes in Yoga, Kids Dance, Classic Arab Dance, and Modern Dance, Video presentation of samples from our season. RSVP to the event on [Facebook!](#) [More](#) <http://www.theartswave.org/arts/sampler> on ArtsWave's Sampler Weekends happening all throughout Cincinnati.

FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

The O'Connor Sports Center at Xavier University is a full service recreation center providing informal recreation, group fitness and personal training. The facility houses a full gymnasium, 6 lane 25 meter competitive pool, free weight, cardio areas, as well as locker rooms and racquetball courts. The facility is open to community members for daily, six month and yearly memberships. Family memberships are defined as husband, wife and children under the age of 21 living in the home. Adult siblings and cousins are not considered a family membership.

Membership Prices as follows:	Individual	Individual	Family	Family
	6 month	Year	6 month	Year
Non-Affiliated-No Xavier connection	\$250.00	\$425.00	\$330.00	\$500.00
Summer Membership	\$100.00			
Daily Membership Must be 18 years of age	\$10.00			

10% off of total fees for Senior Citizen 65 years and older.

The O'Connor Sport Center is open as follows:

Regular Hours-Academic Year:

Monday-Thursday, 5:45am-11pm; Friday, 5:45am-7pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10am-7pm

Break Hours-Summer and all school breaks: Monday-Thursday, 5:45am-8pm; Friday, 5:45am-7pm Saturday, 10am-7pm and Closed on Sunday

The O'Connor Sports Center also offers a full Group Exercise Program that includes Yoga, Water Aerobics, Spinning, Boot Camp, Zumba and Total Body Sculpting! The sessions start with the academic semester and run the entire semester. Membership is not needed to participate in classes.

Prices as follows:	O'Connor Sport Center Member	Non-Member
Semester Fitness Pass	\$115.00	\$135.00
Drop In Class Fee	\$7.00	\$10.00

www.xavier.edu/recreational-sports

My First Nature Scrap Book

Sat., March 19, 10:00 a.m. - noon – Avon Woods Nature Preserve
Bring some photos of yourself and learn the art of scrapping! Have you ever wanted to take a piece of nature home? We'll add in some natural materials and create a book of memories. Geared toward elementary children. Meet at the Center. Only a few spots left! Call 861-3435 to register.

Rachel Rice Cincinnati Parks, Avon Woods

The neighborhood salon, "Swing From Paris", will be held at J Miles and Maura Wolf's house (Lenox Pl) on March 20th from 7 to 9 PM. The Faux Frenchmen, will delight you with their Hot Club-driven gypsy jazz, a romantic blend of American and European jazz, while you enjoy refreshments and jazzy nibbles. \$65 per ticket Enjoy this fundraiser for Women Helping Women.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Beck Lovely (SpringHouse Lane) and Jakob Vilinsky (Clifton), both 8, spend a clear day picking up trash along Clinton Springs Avenue.



Neighbors Leslie and Sean Druley (Red Bud), Tara and Mark Charles (Rose Hill), Maryellen and George Daston (Rose Hill) and Michelle and Darren Baxter (Clinton Springs) joined Jim Miller and Jolene Struebbe (Beechwood) at their home for dinner.



Annual Neighborhood Progressive Dinner
Saturday,
February 12, 2011



Appetizers
6:00-7:00

Diana and Kenny Noyes
Clinton Springs Ave

Appetizers
7:15-8:15

Clarissa and Brent Niese
Burton Woods Lane



Soups
8:30-9:30

Tina and Bob Dyehouse
Burton Woods Lane

Desserts
9:45-10:45

Fanchon and Bonia Shur
Red Bud Avenue

UNITED WAY, PARTNERS JOIN FORCES FOR FINANCIAL FITNESS DAY 2011

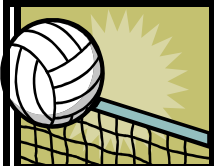
Local families and individuals in Greater Cincinnati have an opportunity to flex their financial muscles at a free Financial Fitness Day 2011 event at Xavier University Conaton Learning Commons on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The forum includes a variety of resources including free tax preparation, access to free credit reports, screenings for public benefits, foreclosure prevention information, financial document shredding and "Ask the Expert" booths with information on housing, credit, tax issues and financial planning. People interested in attending are asked to pre-register for Ask the Expert sessions and free tax prep at www.uwgc.org/FinancialFitnessDay.

Attendees are eligible to win free giveaways including gas and grocery gift cards, personal shredders, home energy audits, free will planning, and a flat screen TV. Attendees must be present and attend at least one workshop or expert session to be eligible. People who pre-register will receive an additional drawing entry. Limited transportation is available to and from Financial Fitness Day 2011. Watch www.uwgc.org/FinancialFitnessDay for all schedules.

Sponsors for Financial Fitness Day 2011 include PNC Bank, Cintas and Xavier University. See a full list of local partners at www.uwgc.org/FinancialFitnessDay.

For more information on Financial Fitness Day 2011, please visit www.uwgc.org/FinancialFitnessDay or contact Lucy Crane at 513-762-7192 or lucy.crane@uwgc.org.



NORTH AVONDALE (NAC)

617 Clinton Springs

961.1584

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

The North Avondale Boosters are partnering up with CRC and the North Avondale Recreation Center to offer Youth Baseball again this year. Registration is offered Monday - Friday 4:30pm - 6:00pm. See Below for individual team info:

Team Information—Co Rec

Instructional (Coach/Pitch) - Ages 5-7yrs Cost: \$60.00

Practice: T & TH 4:30pm-5:30pm

D Ball Ages 8 and 9 yrs Cost: \$75.00

Practice: M, W, & F 4:30pm-5:30pm

C Ball Ages 10 and 11 yrs Cost: \$75.00

Practice: M, W, & F 5:30pm-6:30pm

B Ball Ages 12 and 13 yrs Cost: \$75.00

Practice: M, W, & F 5:30pm-6:30pm

Practice Begins March 7th Games Begin April 2nd

Practice Times Will Adjust Once Outside Practice Begins.

All Team Fees are paid Directly To: North Avondale Boosters

For More Information Contact Coach Tim after 2pm at 513-961-1584

Dina S. Hanks

The girls fast-pitch softball team. ages 9-14 years old will hold indoor practice is at Hirsch on Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. When the weather breaks practice will be on Sherman Avenue. For more info call coach Nina at 307.7702.

Marnita Woolfork



SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL

●363.5500 ●636 Prospect Place,

●savondale.cps-k12.org

CPS will pilot the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program at South Avondale. Information is available at www.olweus.org.

The Positive School Culture committee at the school will be trained to bring the program to

the staff. A school survey will be done to understand current attitudes. The program will be fully implemented for the next school year with its program aims at the school setting.

These are the Community-Level components:

- Involve community members on the Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committee.
- Develop partnerships with community members to support your school's program.
- Help to spread anti-bullying messages and principles of best practice in the community.

Just reading about the program on the website I learned lots of new information. It makes you aware of how these problems affect everyone.

I am on the Positive School Culture committee. Usually school programs do not extend into the community because the community does not get involved. This is an opportunity to spread the message of Bullying Prevention out into the community.

I will be available to help with this where there is interest. Feel free to pass on to anybody you might think is interested.

We all know examples of the need to change in our community.

Pauline Daly pdaly@fuse.net

NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

●363.3900 ● 615 Clinton Springs

www.namrockets.org

The North Avondale Montessori School "Ropin' Rockets" Jump Rope Team provided the half time entertainment at the Walnut Hills High School Boy's basketball game. The NAM students dazzled the crowd with their variety of jump rope routines during Senior Night.

Crowd favorites Bob Zavon, a third grade student from NAM, and Susannah Gutierrez, an eighth grader at Walnut Hills High School, delighted the audience by combining their jump rope routines along with an arsenal of acrobatic flips and hand springs. Bob and Susannah have also earned awards at the National Jump Rope Championships held this past summer in Galveston, Texas.

The fans were energized by the performance of the Ropin' Rockets. On several occasions the members of the jump rope team were given a thunderous ovation by the WHHS students and parents. Principal Jeff Brokamp was very impressed with the jump rope skills of the Ropin' Rockets. "They were awesome and the difficulty of their routines is amazing! This was a great half time show!"

Members of the Ropin' Rocket Jump Rope Team that also performed during Senior Night at WHHS are: Miles and Mycah Faison, Susannah Gutierrez, Rachel Leonhardt, Eric Luken, Tyler Marsh, Sahde Porter and Selis Porter, Dylan Plummer, Adonya Stephens, Olivia Spampinato, and Bob Zavon.

The "Ropin' Rockets", under the direction of Chris Emerson, has been one of the elite jump rope teams in the nation for the past ten years.

THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

●281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane

www.thenewschool.cc

The New School Montessori students are excited about their upcoming dance, musical and dramatic performances this March. The elementary-age students are preparing for our annual *Montessori in Motion* event where they share what they've learned in dance and music. Students will present a graceful Saman hand dance followed by the lively chants, twists and turns of a Balinese Kecak monkey dance from the epic Indian poem of Ramayana. Musical numbers include percussion instruments, recorders, xylophones and voice as the children celebrate Spanish and Latino culture and folk songs. The first grade class will perform an original song they wrote inspired by the book *Ferdinand the Bull*. The Preprimary children have been hard at work writing, choreographing and creating costumes for their adaptation of Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*. This play promises to surprise audiences as the children's version includes aliens and robots. The theme of *The Giving Tree* carries through however, as these unique characters give of themselves beyond the galaxies.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, March 8, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- First Thursday of each month April 7, at 1:30pm, **NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Tuesday, April 12, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Wednesday, April 20, **District 4 Resource Meeting** 6:30 pm Police Station, 4150 Reading. All welcome.



IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

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

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MORE FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS IN APRIL

☞ Start with a Story: New Partnership between Centerpoint Health and Public Library

This April, the Library will partner with Centerpoint Health's Community Outreach Prevention and Education (COPE) program to present **Start with a Story**. This series of free programs will bring Centerpoint's resources together with the Library's to provide families with practical ways to confront difficult and uncomfortable everyday situations with their loved ones.

COPE Coordinator Joan Wyler (Rose Hill) will offer useful advice and answer questions during "Start with a Story: Helping Elderly Parents" at the Madeira (April 2, 1:00 p.m.) and Monfort Heights (April 6, 11:30 a.m.) branches and "Start with a Story: Bullying – What's a Parent to do?" at the Forest Park (April 4, 6:00 p.m.), Northside (April 12, 6:30 p.m.), and Walnut Hills (April 13, 3:00 p.m.) branches. The Library's collection offers a wide variety of resources to support families dealing with these hard-to-broach subjects. A selection of materials and a reading list will be available for attendants. Funding for COPE was made possible by Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

☞ Book Release party *Places of the night* by Gerry Grubbs (Ledgeswood) April 9. More information in the April addition.

A DISABILITY AWARENESS ESSAY CONTEST – CALL FOR ENTRIES

All 3rd – 8th graders in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area are invited to write an essay based on the attitudes they encounter toward people with disabilities. Our goal is to promote better understanding of people with disabilities by opening the hearts and minds of our young people.

Students can choose to interview a child or adult with a disability and write about the experience, read a book about people with disabilities and describe the impact the attitudes of others have on their lives, or write about their own observations or feelings toward people with disabilities.

The overall winner will receive a Kings Island Season Gold Pass for 4. All first place winners will have their essay published in the Community Press & Recorder, and will be transported from their school via limousine to an Awards Luncheon hosted by PF Chang's in Norwood.

For additional information or to request a contest packet, please contact Fides Almario at 513-221-4606 ext. 20. You can also visit the UCP website at www.ucp-cincinnati.org for contest rules and an application. Deadline is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

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☞ **NANA MEETING MARCH 8TH at 7PM** ☞ **PAY YOUR 2011 NANA DUES** ☞