



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone who came out and helped on Clean Up/Green Up Day on Saturday, April 25. It was a gorgeous day to be out and working to beautify our neighborhood. Turnout was great – it is truly a testament to the involvement of our neighbors that so many volunteered their time for a common cause (see list on page 3). Although people worked throughout the neighborhood, Seasongood Park was the particular focus, and it shows. Sunday, May 17 will be a perfect opportunity to spend some time in the park before coming to join your neighbors at the Belvedere for the annual meeting, where you can vote for the slate of NANA officers for the upcoming year. Your participation is essential to NANA. Perhaps even more important will be the opportunity to join in thanking Gerry and Marvin Kraus for their decades of service to North Avondale. It is no exaggeration to say that Gerry and Marvin have been crucial to the spirit and vitality of our neighborhood. Come and join me in recognizing Marvin and Gerry Kraus for their dedication to North Avondale – what could we accomplish if we all put in just a fraction of the time Gerry and Marvin have devoted to the common good. I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, May 17.

Frank Newbauer

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DANA'S S-CURVE

Over a four year span beginning in 2004, there were 55 reported traffic accidents at the intersection of Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway. During that same time frame there were 37 reported traffic accidents in the S-Curve near Herald Avenue. Xavier University also contacted the City to voice their concern about the safety of the pedestrian crossing at Herald and within the past two years a pedestrian was involved in an accident in the crosswalk at Herald.

The City of Cincinnati, Department of Transportation and Engineering, attended the April 14, 2009 NANA General meeting. They discussed the concept of a new Dana Avenue and Victory Parkway intersection improvement. This improvement includes the straightening of Dana Avenue, eliminating the S-curve. You can view the presentation boards on page 5 or on the City's website at <http://cincinnati-oh.gov/transeng/pages/-7173-/>.

Pay your NANA Dues Today!

NANA's 2009-2010 **Nominating Committee** comprised of **Yvonne Brown** (Rose Hill), **Nikki Kittrell** (S. F. Shuttlesworth), **Cathryn Lovely** (Spring House), **Frank Newbauer** (Lenox) **Roy Rogers** (Glencross), is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers:

2009/2010 NANA Board of Trustees.

President:
Frank Newbauer (Lenox Place)
1st Vice President:
Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs)
2nd Vice President:
Fred Fegan (N. F. Shuttlesworth)
3rd Vice President:
Pickett Harrington (Mitchell)
Recording Secretary:
Nikki Kittrell (S. F. Shuttlesworth)
Corresponding Secretary:
Cathryn Lovely (Spring House)
Treasurer:
Curtis Arthur (Reading)

NANA ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

MAY 17, 2009

3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

BELVEDERE

3900 ROSE HILL

HONORING GERRY & MARVIN KRAUS

**MEET, EAT & GREET WITH
YOUR NEIGHBORS OF NORTH AVONDALE**

2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name _____ date _____

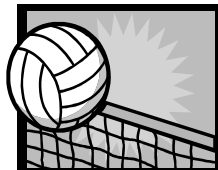
Address _____

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



NORTH AVONDALE
876 Glenwood & 3630 Reading
961.1584 751.3393

northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

The North Avondale Community Center located at 617 Clinton Springs is temporarily closed (March 2 - May 17). Please note that the phone to the center (961.1584) has been forwarded to a mobile phone during our usual hours of operation (M - Th 9am - 8 pm/ F 9am-6pm)

▪The CRC's "Girls Only" Program offers girls ages 9-15 the opportunity to participate in activities that are strictly for them. Upcoming activities are Softball clinic, Cincinnati Reds Game, Jump Rope presentation, Biking and Skate at Sawyer Point, and Hiking and Frisbee Golf at Woodland Mound all before the end of the school year. Call Randy for more information at 961-1584.

▪A new CRC's Boy's Club outings via North Avondale Recreation Center includes Capture the Flag at Burnett Woods, Cincinnati Reds Game, Fishing at Parky's Farm, Biking and Skating at Sawyer Point and Bowling all before the end of the school year. Call Randy for more information at 961-1584.

▪Art Show will be held at Hirsch Center on Friday, May 8th 5-7

▪Registration is on going for Summer Camps:

Summer Day Camp Cost: \$695
(membership and pool token included)

▪Opens at 7 AM - Concludes by 6 PM

▪Includes; weekly field trip, daily education hour, nature activities, weekly swimming, swim lessons, sports and games as well as art and crafts.

Sports Camp Cost: \$510
(membership and pool tokens included)

▪Opens at 9 AM - Concludes by 5 PM

▪Includes a variety of sports, (baseball, golf, fishing...) and sports related fieldtrips!

Drop In Programs Cost: \$5
(membership included)

▪Opens at noon - Concludes by 4 PM

▪Includes; Lunch, Arts and Crafts and Activities in the game room, gym and on the play ground.

HIRSCH CENTER
•3630 Reading Road • 751.3393

Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

▪12 under indoor soccer coed Thursdays 4-6

▪Open Gym Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00

▪Senior activities daily 9am-1pm

▪After school program 2:30-6:00

▪After school snack program 2-6

▪Summer camp sign ups \$565.00 for 10 week program

▪Theater camp sign-ups \$400.00 all day \$200.00 half day

▪Hirsch center is available for rentals call for more information



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI

•363.3900 • 876 Glenwood

• www.namrockets.org




Greetings from North Avondale Montessori School,

We are anxiously awaiting the building of our new school. If you have not driven up or down Clinton Springs recently, do so the old school is no longer there. We are very excited because it means we are closer to getting back to our old location. The school year has gone by fast, and we are hoping the next year will go as fast. We have been told that the construction is on schedule. So we are looking forward to August, 2010 to returning to 615 Clinton Springs. I know that some of you will also be glad to have the Recreation Center open back up so that you can get back to exercising, dancing and socializing.

Our students have been busy getting prepared to excel on the Ohio Achievement Tests. I am hoping that our school rating will move up to Excellent or remain as Effective. Thanks to all of the community volunteers who come to our school to help students with reading and math. You have been a real asset to our students! Thanks again for all that you do for North Avondale Montessori School

Carmen Hull Principal

▪Flower Sale: Thursday & Friday May 7 & 8 

▪On **Saturday, May 16, from 8 am to 12 noon**, the North Avondale Montessori Dads Group will be presenting the 2nd annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST and USED BOOK SALE. (\$3 per person/ \$12 per family) The Pancake Breakfast will be served in the cafetorium of North Avondale Montessori, which is now at 876 Glenwood Ave. (in the building which used to be Burton Elementary School). The Used Book Sale will also be in the cafetorium (Please keep the syrup on the pancakes and off the books!) and will include two to three thousand high quality books for all ages and interests. Fiction and non-fiction, hardback and paperback, coffee table books, history, art, science, biography, literature, mystery, sci-fi, how-to, cookbooks, and many other categories. GREAT BOOKS, GREAT PRICES.

Dan Zaron "Dan the Book Man"

NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI

•281.7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane

•www.thenewschool.cc

Teachers Matt Goebel and Robby Lewis plan our extended day program during after-school hours. As they supervise recess and extended day activities, they follow the tenets of Maria Montessori who said, "Growth comes from activity, not from intellectual understanding." Matt and Robby allow the children to discover properties of friction, force, and gravity as softball-sized orange fruits are rolled down slides and acorns are crushed to see what's inside. Huts are constructed with twigs and sticks that at first fall down without so much as a "huff and a puff." We marvel as the children organically become more experienced builders, discovering the laws of science on their own, one wrecked hut at a time. Some children choose to spend their time working cooperatively on an over-sized artist's canvas that a TNSM parent recently donated. With each brush stroke, cracked acorn, and well-placed stick, the students have many opportunities to work, create and learn together in harmony.

Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director

YOUR NEIGHBORS

Donald K. Anthony (Ledgeswood) 40 year resident of North Avondale and NANA President from 1981-1983 was extended a special recognition for his innumerable contributions to the community by the members of the Senate of the 127th General Assembly of Ohio. The proclamation stated: "You are a remarkable individual, combining civic concern and dedication with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in the Greater Cincinnati area."

FUN AROUND TOWN

- On Saturday, May 9th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) will present "Upstairs, Downstairs," a guided historic house tour featuring architecturally significant properties in the Beechcrest-Madison Road area of East Walnut Hills. Advance reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 for CPA members and \$30 for guests. Visit www.cincinnati-preservation.org/housetour. To make a reservation or receive an invitation, call 513-721-4506 or email info@cincinnati-preservation.org.
- 30th Annual MainStrasse Village Maifest, May 15 (5:00-11:30), 16 (noon - 11:30pm) and 17 (noon - 9:00pm). The German park-like atmosphere is backdrop for the variety of appealing food, drink and works by nearly 100 artisans and craftsmen. And be sure to visit the Kinderplatz, full of adventures and rides for the small children and the Amusement Midway filled with fun for the "older" kids.
- The 31st Annual Taste of Cincinnati returns to downtown Cincinnati over Memorial Day weekend, May 23 - 25. As the nation's longest running culinary arts festival, this year's Taste will feature more than 40 local restaurants on Memorial Day weekend, May 23 - 25.
- Summerfair, 42nd annual fine arts and crafts fair with more than 300 artists, returns to Coney Island May 29 (2-8), 30 (10-8), 31 (10-5). Tickets are \$10.

IN MEMORIAM

- Michael (Mick) Dennison (The Belvedere) was born July 1, 1942, and died at age 66, April 24, 2009. Michael was the retired Volunteer Administrator of the Cincinnati Symphony (1996-2009) and previously served in numerous positions for the symphony as well as a member of the Trumpet Section of the Orchestra (1968-1989). He also served as Director of Operations at the Cincinnati Ballet (1990 - 1995). Mr. Dennison graduated from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with a B.S. in Music Education (1964) and a M.M. in Music Performance (1966) and was also a member of the Trumpet Faculty. A private burial was held. An informal "Farewell Gathering" will take place in June, 2009.
- Evelyn McQueen (Rose Hill) passed on March 27 2009.
- Dr. Lawrence C Hawkins Sr. (formerly of Wess Park), 90, departed April 4, 2009.

GREEN-UP DAY &

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

Was held on SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009
from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



We cleaned up the neighborhood by picking up litter. on: Reading Road and 50 feed onto any streets off of Reading, Dana Ave, Burton, Asmann, Vine & Mitchell, parts of Clinton Springs & Washington.

We beautified the neighborhood by preparing the parks for the busy summer season. We weeded, raked up leaves, mulched trees, flower beds and playgrounds at Seasongood, Martin Luther King & Dana Triangle and Clinton Springs and Washington.

Thank you Volunteers!

Abington: Walt Woolfolk; **Avondale:** Mary Piper; Phil & George Wirte **Burton:** Gary Carter; Seth Owen **Burton Woods:** Dawn, Ryan & Alexa Grace; Grace & Brian Hill; **Clinton Springs:** Michelle Baxter; Marissa McGinnis; **Dakota:** Deb & Colin Corwin; Ursula Hassel **Glencross:** Mary Newman; John Kachuba **Lenox:** Frank & Carol Newbauer & Teresa Harten; Olivia & Maura Wolf **Leyman:** Buzz Scannella **Marion:** Emily Harten; Vanessa Sorensen & George Farnsworth **Reading:** Jane Stillet **Red Bud:** Leslie & Liam Druley; Grace Richey; Ken & Mary Pray **Rose Hill:** Sarah Koucky; Clare Stillet; Dan, Becky & Bob Zavon; Tyra Scales; Caroline Carr **NF Shuttlesworth:** Fred Fegan **Spring House:** Cathryn Lovely; Jack & Shirlee Sherman **Winding Way:** Edie Gaudio **The North Avondale "A's":** Are Monday Bared; Vernell Ellery; Erica & Jared Flagg; Jordan, Michael Jr. & Sr. Gaines; Paris Hill; Elijah Jane; Kevin Lewis II; Ronald Oglesby; Mark & Angela Rhodes; Antonio & Saven Watts; Laura White; Stephen Williams; Barry Wilson; James Favors **Park Staff:** Angela Carless; Pamela Miller; Lynn Hudson **The Avondale Youth Council.**

North Avondale Fathers and School children cleaned along Glenwood and around the school.

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 2,990 copies of the ten NANA News and flyers
- supply discounted plants, bulbs, and mulch, sprinkler system maintenance.

If interested, write, call or email the NANA Office at 221.6166 or clmorse@fuse.net

Every year, due funding guidelines, NANA is required to accept applications for the position of coordinator; a part-time, paid position for one or more independent contractors. The coordinator assumes the following responsibilities: writing & editing the NANA News newsletter; flyers and other communications; maintaining the membership and office; assisting the NANA Board and all volunteers on issues involving land development & use, safety, beautification, youth & senior activities, membership development and environmental affairs to enhance the livability of North Avondale. Interested persons should call NANA President Frank Newbauer (751.5897).

From City Hall...

A Motion dated 4/24/2009 was submitted by Councilmembers Ghiz and Harris that the \$1,306,822 Byrne Justice Assistance Formula Program Grant (JAG) Spending Plan be modified in the following manner: 1. That \$461,700 be used to lease 75 electronic monitoring units (EMUs) with GPS capabilities. 2. **That \$315,659 be used to hire two additional Assistant City Solicitors for two years to help combat blight and nuisance issues in Police Districts 3 and 4, the communities with the highest level of these issues.** The work of these Assistant City Solicitors will model the work of the "Zone Initiative Team" in Columbus, which assigns an attorney to work with residents in a specific district to address those issues through criminal and civil litigation. 3. That the Administration re-prioritize their requests for the remaining \$529,463 and report back to Council with the new spending plan.

A master email was sent to North Avondale residents and the Board on this motion which resulted in the community supporting the motion. Originally sent to the Finance Committee Monday where it was postponed until May 18, it was placed on the Law & Public Safety agenda Tuesday. At that time three common pleas judges testified of the need for more jail space and how this motion would help safety in the community. As a result, the motion passed the Law Committee (4-0) sending it on to Council Wednesday. The speed of this was necessary because the stimulus proposals deadline date is May 18th.. The vote at council for the call for administrative consideration was No's: Bortz, Cole, Crowley, Qualls, Thomas., Yes's Berding, Ghiz, Harris, Monzel.

Having the Assistant City Solicitor assigned to District 4 was vital to our community as it would bring accountability to negligent landlords who have plagued parts of our neighborhood. As Gerry Kraus said, "Whatever the city is doing now to stop slum landlords from deteriorating North Avondale livability is not working. We need new and different initiatives and programs like that in proposed motion to try to keep these landlords from destroying our neighborhood." We thank Ghiz and Harris for their attempt to do so, for Berding and Monzel their support. We would also like to thank the NANA residents for all their letters and support.

Charlene Morse & Michelle Baxter

UPDATE ON CHRONIC NUISANCE

By Michelle Baxter

As many residents are aware, NANA established a tracking system in 2006 shortly after the tragic murder of Phillip Bates. This tracking system was designed to identify problematic buildings, where violent crime and disorder were occurring on premise. NANA identified known hot streets, addresses and repeat offenders within these buildings. This tracking system obtains the facts and criminal analysis for our community. It was designed to coerce negligent landlords into being held accountable and most importantly cleaning up the problematic buildings plaguing our community.

NANA has had a huge impact on the new police revision process to CMC 761. It is nice to see that after two years the new technology and tracking system is in place at the district level. North Avondale's was the 1st District in 2008 to receive a dedicated Chronic Nuisance Officer, Officer Jana Cruse. Landlord Accountability will continue to partner with Police meeting on a monthly basis to oversee this vital process of working with Landlords to reduce crime and disorder.

REVISION TO PROCEDURE 12.372, CHRONIC NUISANCE PREMISE, AND CREATION OF CHRONIC NUISANCE DATABASE

This procedure has been revised to remove the reference to Cincinnati Strategic Intervention Target Effort (CINSITE) when investigating potential chronic nuisance locations. An addition has been made to reference entering chronic nuisance premise information into the newly created Chronic Nuisance Database.

The Chronic Nuisance Database has been created as a way for district Neighborhood Units to track chronic nuisance premises. The database allows the entry of all pertinent information relevant to each location so that all districts can have access to the information. A photo from the Hamilton County Auditor's webpage can also be entered into the database. This new database has been installed on one computer desktop in each district. There is also a tutorial manual available online. This revision is effective immediately. Personnel should review the procedure in its entirety. The revised procedure is available on the Intranet and on the Department web page.



NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

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2nd VP: Sulayman Bajo	290.8781
3rd VP: & Landlord Accountability: Michelle Baxter	475.0441
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Recording Secretary Nikki Kittrell	281.5646
Treasurer: Fred Fegan	861.8378
Beautification: Ursula Hassel	751.4546
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus	861.3939
Education & Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly	751.8334
Legal Chairperson:	
Master Plan: Tim & Amy Yosmali	641.1244

Neighborhood Issues: John Jones	281.2596
Welcome: Grace Hill	gracehill@fuse.net
NANA Administrator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse	221.6166
City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000
Police District 4	569.8600
Paul Graves Neighborhood Officer: Paul.Graves@cincinnati-oh.gov	569.8654
Nonemergency Police	765.1212
To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960
Request A Recycling Bin	242.4600
Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	Crimereports.com
Track property code violations	http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/

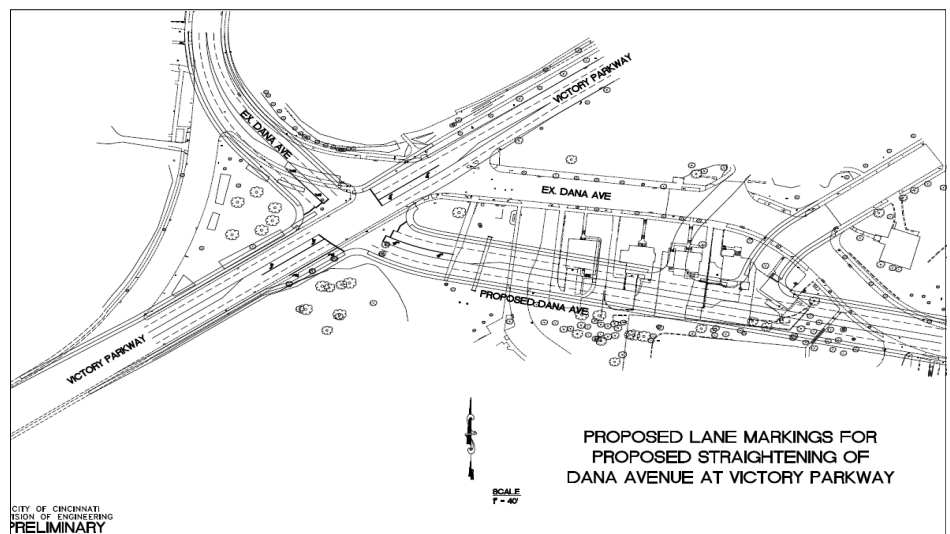
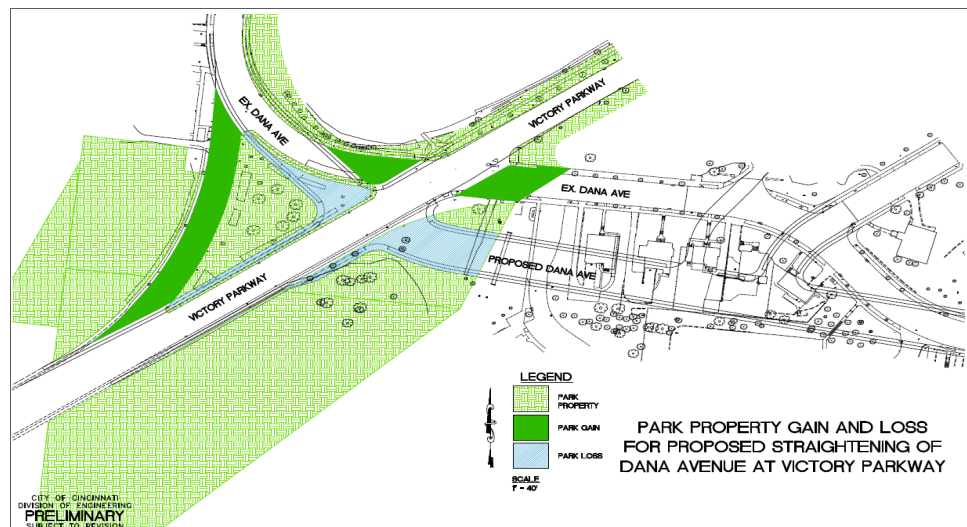


UPDATE ON THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA APARTMENTS

The NANA Executive Board met with Scott Gehring, Vice-President Program Development Volunteers of America (VOA) Ohio River Valley at its May 5th Executive meeting hosted by Scott at the VOA apartments on the corner of Reading and Clinton Springs. It was a good meeting where future communication between Scott, his staff and the Board was established.

The five apartments are to be rented to mentally challenged adults who are referred by Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD). Presently two apartments (a two bedroom & one bedroom) are rented to three individuals.

A landscaping service has just been hired to maintain the grounds. Scott apologized for the delay and promises more improvements.



NANA CALENDAR

- First Thursday of each month at 1:30pm, **Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Sunday, May 17, 3:00 to 5:00pm, NANA ANNUAL MEETING The Belvedere**, 3900 Rose Hill Avenue
- Wednesday, May 27, District 4 Resource Meeting, 6:30pm Police Station, 4150 Reading Rd.
- **Tuesday, June 9, NANA General Meeting**, 7:30 North Avondale Recreation Center, 917 Clinton Springs

