

# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Your NANA membership delivers a lot of value for the modest investment when you consider all of the concerned people working on your behalf. Since postage and printing over 2940 newsletters are major expense items and NSP (see article in the next column) will only cover \$4,000, our ability to communicate is directly related to the number of people who support our Neighborhood Association. If you've already sent in your membership dues this year, I want to thank you very much for your support. If not please consider sending your tax deductible gift and help NANA help you.

I also want to thank those from the Cincinnati Police department who assisted our North Avondale Citizens on Patrol by taking us on our police "ride-alongs." Mine was a Friday late power shift which was rainy, cold but nonetheless full of domestic calls to service, traffic stops, car wrecks and all the other stuff that many of us take for granted. It was definitely a great opportunity to get a peek into the work of our local police officers.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving and see you at the Luminary Stroll December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Tim Yosmali*

### 2006 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

### NSP 2007 FUNDING

NANA is in the process of deciding how to spend the \$7,000 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) funds for 2007 for projects and activities that enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood.

The categories in which we place our projects & activities are: Newsletter; Clean-up & Beautification; Land Development & Improvement; Environmental Affairs; Law Enforcement & Safety; Membership; and Seniors & Youth Projects. Though we can propose new categories, the majority of projects that are proposed to the Board, fit within these categories.

The Executive Committee will recommend the dollar amounts for each category based on the proposed projects to discuss and vote on the 2007 NSP proposal at the NANA November 14 General Meeting.

Each year NANA would like to use some of its NSP money for new projects or activities. If you have an idea for improving North Avondale that you would like included in the 2007 NSP request, call the **NANA Office at 221-6166** or **send an email to [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net).**

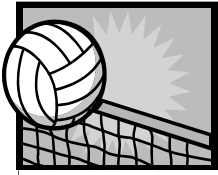
Thanks to the volunteers who helped on **Make a Difference Day** on October 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs); Sean Brown (Greenwood); Dorothy Gary (N. F. Shuttlesworth); Edie Gaudio (Winding Way); Deborah & Louis Ginocchio (Beechwood); Betsy Gotwals (Rose Hill); Paul Harten (Lenox Pl); Teresa Harten & Carol Newbauer (Lenox Pl); Barbara Henshaw (Rose Hill); Grace & Brian Hill (Burton Woods); Laurence Johnson (E. Mitchell); Gerry & Marvin Kraus (Stratford); Russ Martin (Marion); Shanyl Martini & Johnathan Shroyer (Clinton Springs); Laura Pray (Red Bud); Buzz Scannella (Leyman); Miles, Tyler & Olivia Wolf (Lenox Pl) and their friend Sophia Lamb; Elsa Zum Brook (Dakota). A special thanks to Barbara Smitherman (who had to be out of town) who organized the Litter Action Team to help out. We cleaned along Reading, Dana, Burton, Mitchell, Clinton Springs, Asmann, Marion and in the parks. The good thing was that there was less litter than in the past which either means we are all littering less or our good neighbors are picking up litter as they walk in our neighborhood. Either way, thank you.

NANA GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE RECREATION CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

#### AGENDA

- NSP Proposal for 2007
- Get involved!



As Geno Caldwell has officially retired, Julie Fatora has been promoted to the Service Area Coordinator for the Hirsch and North Avondale Recreation Community Centers. Congratulations!

Both Centers are closed in observance of Veteran's Day, Fri. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Both Centers will host Holiday Mini Camps (Dec. 20 – 22 & Dec. 26-29).

#### **NORTH AVONDALE • 961-1584•**

Registration (as well as practices) for the upcoming basketball season has begun. Please see or call Coach Tim 2pm – 8:30 Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

##### **Seniors & Adults**

**\*Free with Membership**

Head to Toe Exercise T & Th 10 am – 11am \*

Line Dancing Mon. & Wed. 10 am – 11:30 am \*

Senior Classics Meets on Friday's 10am call for activity schedule

Tai Chi Thursday 6 pm – 7 pm \*

Yoga Mon & Wed 6 pm- 7 pm \*

Weight Room Mon –Fri 9:30 am -8 pm, Sat. noon - 2.

\$10 per quarter

Walking Club T & Thursday 11:15am – 12ish \*

Sauna Same as weight room hours. Please call ahead. \*

Knitting & Crochet Mon. 11 am – 2 pm \*

##### **Special Events For November**

Nov. 11 People Working Cooperatively brings in Duke Energy folks whom volunteer around the neighborhood from 8am -1pm.

Nov. 17 **Teens Til Ten Pizza Party** (6pm – 10pm)

(Non Members) \$3 buys you a membership card and pizza.

(Members) Show your membership and \$1 buys you pizza

New Teen Activities Schedule will be announced and the organization of the teen council.

#### **HIRSCH CENTER • 751-3393 •**

Senior Activities:

Exercise Class M, T, Th & F 10am - noon

Yoga T & Th 9:30am -1130am

Call the Center for basketball registration and practice times in Mid November.

Nov. 17 Elder workshop 11am -2pm

Sat. Dec. 2 Cricket Succeed and Play Basketball Camp 11am -2 pm

### **NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES**

~The **2006 North Avondale Luminary Stroll** will take place on Sunday **December 3rd, at 6:00 p.m-9:00 p.m.** (rain date the 10th) *No Late Orders will be accepted.*

~Check out the **NANA website:** [www.northavondalecincinnati.com](http://www.northavondalecincinnati.com).

~**Sugar & Spice** is now serving until 8 p.m. (breakfast items included!). It is a great asset to have in the neighborhood for those nights when you don't want cook..



#### **BURTON SCHOOL**

▪ **363-9700 • 876 Glenwood Ave**

We have recently realized that crime is in our neighborhoods, threatening our safety. Poverty and joblessness are here also, fueled by a public school system that is still failing the most vulnerable.

CPS wants to close Burton School, North Avondale's neighborhood school, which is performing academically better than the other neighborhood schools in this area.

What is the choice for parents who are looking for academic performance in their child's school? A task force is working to **save Burton School**. For more information contact LSDMC Chair Pauline Daly at 751-8334.

#### **THE NEW SCHOOL**

• **281-7999 • 3 Burton Woods Lane**

Fall at The New School is celebrated with originality, intellect, history, and heart. On October 27, the school hosted its annual "Who Am I?" Halloween celebration. Elementary students dressed up as a character from history or literature and attempted to stump fellow students and teachers alike who had only five clues as to the student's persona. On the following day, The New School hosted an Underground Railroad Tour open to students, families, and friends. In November, the elementary students will reconvene for a "Giving Thanks" celebration. In past years, this has included songs, poetry, and art, created and shared in the spirit of gratitude. For more information about The New School, you may visit our website at [www.thenewschool.cc](http://www.thenewschool.cc) or contact Barbara Gray, Assistant Director. Open houses will be held at the school on November 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. and February 4 from 2 - 4 p.m. The New School wishes you peace this holiday season!

#### **NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

• **363-3900 • 615 Clinton Springs Avenue**

"On The Banks Of The Ohio"

"The North Avondale Montessori School choir performed at the opening day ceremonies of the "Tall Stacks Music & Arts Heritage Festival." Students showcased historic choral musical renderings accompanied with artistic mural scenery by North Avondale students. The performance narrated river history through songs about the Ohio River and river expeditions of Lewis and Clark. A mural scene illustrated historic Ripley, Ohio an abolitionist town and the river home site of John P. Parker, a former slave, inventor, and freedom conductor who assisted over 900 African American slaves to freedom via the banks of the Ohio."

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Ralph G. Krebs** (Kessler Pl) 72, a long time resident and supporter of North Avondale passed away October 20. Our condolences to his wife Virginia (Ginny) Pfaffenberger Krebs, and children and grandchildren: David, Jean, Amanda and Madeline Krebs (Kessler Pl) and Linda and Frank Holden (Kessler Pl.).

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

It was bleary that night as we stumbled into the windowless underground meeting room. Oh, we were neighbors, but strangers really, called together for many reasons. Some were retired, some fully employed; others did community stuff, raised kids, and some just did crafts.

It was a wait and see meeting; no one in charge until a striking young woman, sporting a bouncy blond ponytail, a figure to die for, and an eager smile strode into the room with a huge box in her arms. Patrol Officer Terri Windeler, immaculately dressed in a fitted police uniform, shiny badge and all, eagerly plopped that box onto the table flipped open the top. You would have thought she was The Music Man handing out band uniforms! Suddenly, we were no longer strangers, we weren't even strange neighbors – we were **CITIZENS on PATROL**. We wiggled into our bright blue shirts and slick windbreakers, donned a baseball hat, threw out our arms and twirled in circles as we asked each other, "How do I look?"

Officer Windeler kept the energy flowing as Sergeant Eric Franz gave mighty speeches to this fledgling assemblage and shuffled us around the inner sanctum of District 4. We were awed, like first graders at their first auditorium assembly.

So now North Avondale has a mighty Citizens on Patrol Squad, and we are trained. Please salute North Avondale's EYES and EARS for District 4.

Avon Fields Ln: Bobbie Paul, Richard Turner, Joyce Turner

Barry Lane: Bob Novak

Burton Woods: Charlene Morse, Rosalie Van Nuis

Clinton Springs: Michelle Baxter, Darren Baxter, Colleen Daley

Eaton Lane: Sulayman Bajo

East Mitchell: Tim Yosmali

Lenox Place: Katherine Boniface, Sheila Boniface, Daryl Hodnett

Leyman Drive: Duane Keller, Buzz Scannella

Marion Ave: Shelagh Larkin

Red Bud Ave: Carolyn Gillman

Rose Hill Ave: Robin Kowalski, Marilyn Smith, Beth Wayne, Jan Yates

Stratford Place: Marvin Kraus

Our sincere thanks to all of the trainers at the Police Academy, and to Officer Terri Windeler who personally walked house to house in North Avondale to recruit these folks.

Yea, we were a rag-tag bunch – but no longer. After stomping around in the bone-chilling rain last Thursday, we are no longer a collection of strange neighbors. Led by our fearless trainer Sgt. Franz, we were joined by Councilman Cecil Thomas (Clinton Springs), who trudged arm-in-arm in our initiation walk. It was a wet, but very proud evening.

*Marilyn Smith*

## STREET AND RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING AS PART OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

By Amy Harten

Last month we presented information that addressed concerns and provided information regarding the lighting of personal property. Within that framework we are following up with information on street lighting. The multifaceted efforts of a number of the Action Committees in North Avondale to address crime prevention in the neighborhood, along with longstanding group efforts such as Block Watch programs, are ultimately the most effective way to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Lighting of personal property and street lighting are only one part of those important efforts. Observing and reporting suspicious activity during the day as well as at night are primary to effective crime prevention. We encourage you to participate in the many activities in the neighborhood that are organized around this goal.

After much study, research and discussion with professionals, the Lighting Action Team as determined to support the following:

1. To keep the gaslights - though increase maintenance and cleaning (call 859-727-1331 - Cincinnati Gaslight for repairs)

- There are no conclusive studies that point to a reduction in crime through increased, higher intensity levels of street lighting.

- They are already in accordance with the IESNA standards.

- The City of Cincinnati Department of Traffic Engineering states. "While gas lights do not produce a significant light output, they are historically significant and are seen as the "standard" for those streets with gas lighting."

- A change of the gas lighting requires the participation of a significant majority of residents of any given street, through petitions for field studies and, eventually, signed agreements to pay for the replacement fixtures, installation, maintenance, and their operation i.e. energy costs, if other than cobra lights are chosen.

- The only streetlights that are paid for by the city as an option to the existing gaslights are wooden pole mounted overhead cobra lights. Installation of such lights requires removal of all existing lights and cutting many of the mature trees to accommodate.

- There is no assessment on individual property owners to pay for the gaslights or for their operation.

2. For neighbors to focus on appropriate lighting around the home

- Carefully choosing fixtures, and their placement with appropriate wattage bulbs, photocells, and motion sensors (can be retrofitted to any fixture), provides illumination of areas that need light.

- Those areas would be walkways, points of entry in the home, garages, and in some cases selective landscape lighting.

- Abundant low-level lighting provides a more even level of illumination, lighting the actual areas where crimes typically occur.

- Another option is to install architectural lighting and landscape lighting to cast soft overall illumination on your house and landscape. This provides both light on all points of entry as well as backlighting for neighbors to easily observe any activity.

- This avoids fixtures that flood large areas with bright light and the resultant deep shadows compromise the night vision of pedestrians, police and drivers and are counterproductive to safety.

- Bright, unshielded floodlights, especially those angled out and across your property, intrude on neighboring property and create light trespass, decreasing the quality of life for the neighborhood.

We will host another architectural lighting demonstration & information session. with a landscape architect. He will offer suggestions and can provide individual lighting plans to be installed

For more information contact: [aharten@fuse.net](mailto:aharten@fuse.net)

**Pay your NANA Dues Today!**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear North Avondale community: As you know Paddock Point, LLC sold their interest in the former Antonio's Pizza Restaurant in June of this year. It was with mixed emotions that we sold the building, as we had originally planned a state of the art, touch less automatic car wash for the location. However, after spending tens of thousands of dollars in design and legal fees in making our dream to bring a viable business to North Avondale a reality, we simply got worn out by a few in the community that seem to not want new business of any kind. Our back up plans to open a pay day loan business in the location was well under way when we got an offer to buy our building. The offer we accepted was similar to the deal we offered to some North Avondale residents that expressed an interest in the property. But, we still heard rumblings of why we did not sell to the neighborhood.

Now, several months later we are still getting notices (that obviously no longer pertain to us) of sign violations as they result to window signs and the more temporary inflatable K sign. Shortly after we sold the building there were complaints of construction debris and high weeds. And another complaint concerning the grand opening signage, that as the city inspector noted, was no different than the signage at any other Crickett Wireless store in town.

Sadly, the North Avondale community has bigger concerns to worry about then constantly giving this new business a hard time. I think the Crickett store (though not as nice as my car wash would have been) is a wonderful improvement to the closed pizza restaurant. Perhaps the North Avondale sign police should put away their tape measures and sign ordinance booklets and channel all this energy into the bigger issue facing the community. It might not be a bad idea to welcome the Crickett store to the neighborhood, perhaps they'll even want to become (if they haven't already) active supporting members of NANA.

Charles Pescovitz, Paddock Point, LLC (Former owner of the former Antonio's Pizza Restaurant)

## NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

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2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown	861-4108	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones	281-2596
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: Heather Herr	861-8180	Quality of Life Issues: Marilyn Smith	221-4039
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Environmental: Mike Rieck	961-6563	<b>Request A Recycling Bin</b>	242-4401
Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly	751-8334	<b>Report Air Odors 24/7</b>	946-7777

GET INVOLVED!  
NANA MEETING NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
PAY YOUR 2006 NANA DUES

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## NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs
- Monday, November 27, 9:00 a.m. Court Watch, Room 300 Hamilton County Courthouse
- Sunday December 3, at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. 2006 North Avondale Luminary Stroll (rain date the 10th)