



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbor, This summer, Mayor Mallory released the results of the "Shop 52 DrillDown study." The study is an initiative to help gain dependable market information and measure key economic indicators in all of Cincinnati's 52 neighborhoods. The purpose is to help attract private market/retail investment and development with the focus on our city's most underserved neighborhoods. The information from this study has been made available to community organizations and meetings are being held with the city to help neighborhoods better utilize this information.

You can see the study results yourself, by going to www.mayormallory.com This page on the City of Cincinnati's website has a link to the Shop52 Data Tables and "Shop52 Drill Down Report"

- The Data Tables link is the one with all 52 neighborhoods (including US ! - North Avondale and Paddock Hills are listed together)
- The Drill down report has the 27 neighborhoods that are the lowest income of the city. Avondale's in there, so still a lot of good info I think.

Just a side note: this is also the study where Mallory found the extra Population in the City to go against what the last census said.

It's my hope that we can use this data to our benefit to help attract viable businesses to our neighborhood that everyone would like to see/use !

Stay safe and have a great November !

Tim Yosmali

BENGALS VOLUNTEER IN SEASONGOOD PARK

Who Dey! For the second year in a row the Cincinnati Bengals have chosen a Cincinnati Park for their Hometown Huddle volunteer project! On October 16 the Bengals Hometown Huddle was happening in Seasingood Square, one of our neighborhood parks in North Avondale. In pouring rain, the players and 300 community volunteers installed a new youth fitness course and spruced up the park by tackling several maintenance projects. This volunteer effort is valued at \$230,000 with park improvements designed to promote healthy life styles for children of all ages.

Bengals team members along with a team of playground experts installed the fitness play equipment. This equipment is designed to enhance a child's physical, social and academic abilities. The fitness course and play set provide a safe but challenging place to promote learning opportunities and develop the total child. Regular play on the fitness course and playground will help children fight obesity and enhance their physical abilities by strengthening muscles to improve balance, coordination, and movement. Children can learn social skills as well as help them through every developmental stage of life. Social skills such as problem solving and learning teamwork are just some of the benefits. In addition, with more physical activity children often improve their academic readiness. Just think, by playing outside more many children raise their achievement levels, heighten understanding, accelerate learning times, promote concentration, and expand creativity!

The volunteer team also be spruced up the park with projects such as mulching trees and shrubs; bench and picnic table installation; painting; brush clearing; stonewall removal and repair; and planting of trees, shrubs, and perennials. The Cincinnati Park Board and the Cincinnati Bengal's encourage all children be active, develop, and grow through a lifetime of learning and giving back to the community.

The Park Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the Marvin Lewis Community Fund, United Way, Home Depot and the many other companies and friends participating in this year's Hometown Huddle. Who Dey!

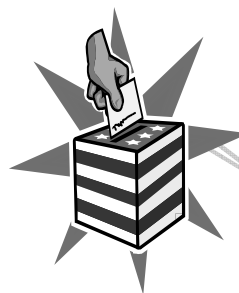
Pay your NANA Dues Today!

NANA General Meeting
Tuesday, November 13
7:30 p.m.

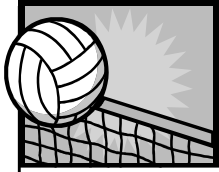
North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs

AGENDA

- **NSP for 2008**



Vote On November 6



NORTH AVONDALE

●617 Clinton Springs ● 961-1584
northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov

HIRSCH CENTER

●3630 Reading Road ● 751-3393
Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov

NEW!!! Free Snack Programs are now available for school age children (5-17 year olds) at both sites!

Hirsch serves at 2:30 P.M. and N. Avondale serves at 3 P.M.
NO MEMBERSHIP NEEDED!!!!

Hirsch Center - Theater class for 10 year olds and up. This is a *multicultural and multigenerational program to teach nonviolence and tolerance through theatre. They will tentatively be performing a play in November.*

Avondale and Hirsch Recreation Centers

Oct. 27 **Do Right!** Campaign Launch (Hirsch) 12-3pm health screenings and information, what classes are offered in the area of health and fitness around Avondale. Free Food!

November:

2 Family Night -Mexican Potluck (pre-registration at N. Avondale) **(NO MEMBERSHIP NEEDED!!!!)**

3 Hirsch Center will host the City Wide Chess Tournament. Registration 10am-10:45am. Matches - 11:00am- 3:00pm

7-9th Hirsch Play (Hirsch)

16 Dancing Under the Stars - Senior and Teens Dance (pre-registration; Hirsch & N. Avondale)

22 Hirsch Center is hosting a neighborhood **Thanksgiving Dinner** from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. All are welcome. **FREE!!!** Call Center for more details.

December:

14 Teen Outing (N. Avondale)
Teens Til Teen (N. Avondale)

Holiday Day Camp Hours at North Avondale

Week 1

Week 2

Mon. Dec. 24 7am-4pm Mon. Dec. 31 7am-6pm

Tues. Dec. 25 closed Tues. Jan. 1 closed

Wed. – Fri. Dec. 26 -28 Wed. – Fri. Jan. 2 -4
7am-6pm 7am-6pm



NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

●363-3900 ● 615 Clinton Springs Ave. ●
nams.cps-k12.org

On October 24, speakers John Lehr and Herb Heilbrun were fantastic. They spoke about their life serving their country in WWII and how that affected their lives. These two wonderful men were third graders together at North Avondale Elementary in 1928. The students, staff members, parents, and community people were mesmerized with their presentation. The assembly was featured on Channel 12.

The **North Avondale Bookfair** will be December 3-7. Come and do some holiday shopping and give the Gift of Reading!!!

THE NEW SCHOOL

●281-7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane ●www.thenewschool.cc
Nana News – October 23, 2007

“The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth.” - Maria Montessori
At The New School Montessori, we truly revel in the outdoors. Boots and extra clothing are kept in cubbies so children can explore the wonders of their imagination. Our wooded play areas and Peace Gardens are enjoyed each day by bird, butterfly and child alike.

Our community of current families, staff, and alumni celebrated The Harvest Moon Festival outdoors to the drumming beat of our student drummers. After an evening of good food, play, and connecting with friends, we were aptly guided to our cars by cricket calls and the light of the harvest moon.

Please join us from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 14 for our Open House where perspective parents and students can visit with teachers and learn more about us.

BURTON SCHOOL

●363-9700 ● 876 Glenwood Ave ●

burtoncougars.cps-k12.org/

Can You Help Our Neighborhood Children
Connect to Science?

A North Avondale family sponsored a team of 10 girls at Burton School for the First Lego League. The girls were so excited and thrilled at this opportunity. Since girls are often overlooked, the intent was to give the opportunity to girls. The boys were so upset and pleaded their case so well that Mrs. Hopkins, the Resource Coordinator has agreed to find funds for a boys' team. This is the kind of opportunity that does not usually happen for these children.

The girls' kit has arrived and the students have already learned a lot. Their usual method of looking at the last page and trying to put it together did not work, so they had to start at the beginning and follow the directions. Two girls were instructed on how to work the robot by the mentor from UC and they are guiding the group. There are many Lego things to build and it requires math and concentration, with work and input needed from all.

There is a special table needed to make this all work. It is being made by the husband of Lynn Collins, the science teacher. It can be used by both teams. The boys are looking forward to the arrival of their kit.

The students answered my questions about their activities. I learned that the computer is in the robot and they will be required to have it do certain tasks. They work on it for 2½ hours twice a week and are reluctant to leave.

The plan is to use these kits again next year. The cost will be less then. While Burton is closing we will give them to another school where (1) the children are in need of this inspiration and (2) there is a commitment to academic achievement from the principal and the teachers involved.

Marina Hopkins is seeking donations for the kit for the boys' team. Your gift will be an investment in our neighborhood youth, promoting motivation, cooperation, and decision making for their better future and ours. If you can donate - any amount - contact Marina Hopkins at Burton School, 363-9747; hopkinm@cpsboe.k12.oh.us.

NSP 2008 FUNDING

NANA is in the process of deciding how to spend the \$7,000 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) funds for 2008 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 at the NANA November 13 General Meeting with a final vote on the 2008 NSP proposal at the NANA December 11 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 2008 NSP request, call **President Tim Yosmali** or send an email to tim.yosmali@fuse.net

At The NANA October Meeting: Candidates & Issues for the November Election

The following Candidates seeking support for their candidacy were in attendance during the NANA October meeting: (*North Avondale past & present Neighbors are **Bolded***)

Running for City Council

Melanie Bates, Jeff Berding, Chris Bortz, Laketa Cole, John Cranley, David Crowley, John Eby, **Brian Garry**, **Leslie Ghiz**, Greg Harris, Joan Kaup, Sam Malone, Chris Monzel, Charlie Winburn

Running for Hamilton County School Board:

Rick Williams

Issue 27: Amos Robinson: - supporting

Judge; Hamilton County Municipal Court; District 2

Rosalind Florez

They took the time to come to our NANA meeting take the time to learn about them at: www.smartvoter.org/oh/hm/

- Part time gardener wanted. Call 861-1434
- The apartment building/stores at Vine & Mitchell is for sale. Lets be proactive and turn that property into a beautiful gateway. Call NANA for more info.

Editors Note: There was some negative feedback from the October website article on the choice of www.trulia.com.

•The boundaries are incorrect (Avon Fields & the Mitchell/Vine/I-75 triangle were left off) (they have promised to fix this) • All properties for sale are not necessarily listed and there was some question about the order in which they were listed.. **Remember this site is not a substitute for contacting realtors. They have the best information.* Unfortunately my motherboard is fried so I can not remove it from the website for a while. Let us know your thoughts.

YOUR NEIGHBORS

• **Vanessa Sorensen's** (Marion Ave.) first book, *Zen Kitty*, is coming out November 15th. *Zen Kitty* is a gift book with haikus and illustrations about cats. This book celebrates the beauty and profundity of the simple lives of cats and illustrates how we might learn from them on our journey towards enlightenment. *Zen Kitty* is the perfect gift for all cat-lovers and is available now at Amazon.com.

• **Bryon White** (Marion Ave.) was recently named associate vice president for Community Engagement for Xavier, overseeing an area that will support the Community Building Institute.

• **North Avondale CPOP Team** was awarded an Outstanding Community Efforts in CPOP award.



• **Under the City Municipal Code, raking leaves into the street or right-of-way is prohibited and is PUNISHABLE BY LAW.**

• Please compost yard waste at home whenever possible. Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags, trash cans CLEARLY MARKED "YARD WASTE" or 90-gallon carts. Plastic bags are not accepted at composting facilities.

LUMINARY

Did you know:

- Luminary is not a NANA event. It is a grassroots event run by volunteers from the neighborhood.
 - NANA assists only with treasury duties.
- Everyone is invited to participate.
- Street captains are most important in making this event successful. They pass out flyers and collect checks. They then help put the kits together and distribute them.
- Above them are the area Captains. Presently there three captains over three large areas

Luminary has three primary purposes.

- It is a fund raiser. Last year the proceeds went to the Phil Bates Alumni Scholarship Foundation Fund.. This year the proceeds will go to the **swing set at Martin Luther King Park.**
- It brings neighbors together. Bring us out into the neighborhood to walk around and visit with one another which is the foundation for a safe, vibrant neighborhood.
- To bring a little beauty and calm into our busy lives

On December 2nd, at 6:00p.m to 9:00p.m. the "Luminary Stroll" will begin! The streets that will participate in this event are: Avon Fields, Beechwood, Betula, Rose Hill, Part of Clinton Springs, Burton Woods, Red Bud, Leyman, Part of E. Mitchell, Spring House, Barry, Winding Way, Marion, Dakota, Ledgewood, North & South Fred Shuttlesworth & Eaton Lane.

Neighbors can enjoy taking a Luminary stroll throughout the neighborhood.

There is no religious significance associated with this event.

Procedures for Neighbors to Make a Complaint about Xavier Off-Campus Disturbances

1. Complaints should be called into Xavier's Department of Campus Police to generate a complaint record (745-1000).
2. Xavier Officers will respond to complaints assuming (a) there is sufficient police coverage on campus, and (b) there is not an emergency on campus to which they must respond. Xavier Officers will also respond when requested as back-up by Cincinnati or Norwood Police. The role of a Xavier Police Officer is to observe, make a record of the incident and to advise. When mutual aid is requested, Xavier Police Officers have arresting authority off-campus.
3. When making a complaint, please furnish as much information as possible. Xavier Officers should know the address of the house at which the disturbance is taking place, or license plate numbers if there are parking violations involved.
4. Complaints should be registered with Xavier's Department of Campus Police at the time the disturbance is occurring. Depending upon the nature of the complaint, you may also wish to call either Cincinnati Police at 352-3576 or 765-1212. **(The police were informed at the October District 4 Resource Meeting concerning a problem at 990 Dana and are helping with this situation. So, please also inform the Cincinnati Police of problems to generate a record there also.)**
5. When a complaint has been registered and recorded by Xavier, actions will be taken as stated above. Normally, if they respond to a disturbance they will speak to responsible parties at the address and advise them a complaint has been received. At the Officer's discretion, and if warranted, a request may be made to terminate the event.

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Tim Yosmali _____	641-1244	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
1 st VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
2 nd VP: Frank Newbauer _____	751-5897	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
3 rd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Quality of Life Issues: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039
Corresponding Sec.: Tom Nickell _____	281-0283	NANA Administrator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221-6166
Recording Secretary & Landlord Accountability: Michelle Baxter _____	475-0441	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
Treasurer: Fred Fegan _____	861-8378	Police District 4 _____	569-8600
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	24 hour Neighborhood Officer _____	569-8654
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Nonemergency Police _____	765-1212
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
Education & Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777



PAY YOUR 2007 NANA DUES

**GET INVOLVED! ATTEND:
AT THE NOVEMBER 13TH NANA MEETING**

Current Resident Or:

NON-PROFIT
U S POSTAGE
PAID
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OHIO
PERMIT
NO. 7243

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

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NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs
- Sunday December 2, 6:00-9:00 p.m. "Luminary Stroll"
- Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 Clinton Springs