

NANA NEWS OCTOBER 2004

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So far, I know about four of them – but there's probably more. A phenomenon known as block or street parties.

- Burton Woods blocked off their street and had a ton of folks show up with salads, cheese balls, hot dogs and hookahs.
- Parker Ave. was a first and it was more than just Parker.
 There were neighbors from Ardmore, Dickson, Warwick,
 and some other "A" street along Mitchell. I showed up
 with George in tow and spotted Amy sweating over a
 grill dispensing hot dogs. George ate goat cheese and
 didn't even know it.
- Rose Hill, Red Bud, Avon Fields & Beechwood, yuk it up every year at Lois and Mel's. Some guy named Dave shows up with some great tasting home brew and the rest is probably not for news.
- To top it off a Farm Party over by Winding Way, featuring ponies, pigs, bunnies; a barnyard of happy kids, and boot-scootin' parents.

I talked with Ellen whose house doesn't face the street; Tim just back from Thailand; Charlie and his twin granddaughters; Walt, who looks like Norman Rockwell, a family from Syria, a get-out-the-vote Democrat and a 4-more-years Republican. Just neighbors, not necessarily friends, sharing a weekend respite. Neighbors, caring enough about their piece of the street to show up and meet each other.

An amazing piece of real estate – North Avondale. I love living here.

Marilyn Smith

NANA REQUESTS SEPARATE
NORTH AVONDALE LISTING IN THE
MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE
Excerpts From The Letter By Heather Herr

A letter was written on behalf of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association and several real estate agencies requesting that the Multiple Listing Service add the suburb North Avondale to area E01. This addition is requested because of documented city boundaries, city recognition, and the Hamilton County Auditor all stating a distinction between the suburb of Avondale and North Avondale.

Housing availability in North Avondale is different from housing in Avondale as proven by the sale prices and property comparables. North Avondale Neighborhood Association's motto, "Cincinnati's best address with: Beautiful homes, great

CITY'S RECYCLING SUCCESS = NANA'S RECYCLING DEMISE By Gerry Kraus

After 22 consecutive years NANA's recycling program has ended – a consequence of its own success that parlayed into the city's popular citywide recycling program. First started in August, 1982 to fill a need when a recycling project at the University of Cincinnati closed, NANA's recycling program collected newspaper, magazines, #1 and #2 plastic containers and aluminum cans for several years. Not only did this activity serve the needs of environmentally-conscious residents and provide some money to NANA, but it provided jobs for many neighborhood youth who worked at NANA's recycling station. After the city began a limited recycling program in 1989, NANA confined its recycling efforts to collecting "mixed paper". Now that the City has added mixed paper to the recyclables it will collect curbside, the NANA Board has voted to retire its recycling program and to divert money earmarked for recycling to other projects. NANA was also instrumental in getting a PERMANENT DROP OFF STATION located at the North Avondale Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs at the far end of the parking area adjacent to the soccer fields for apartment dwellers and others who do not qualify for the city's curbside recycling pick-up. The Drop Off Station is open 24 hours/7 days. Once again North Avondale has led the way initiating a service that eventually evolved into a publicly supported city service!

Editors Note: Thank you to all the NANA Volunteers who helped with this program over the years. A special thank you to the 2004 Volunteers: Janet Banks, Betsy Gotwals, Heather Herr, John Jones, Spencer Konicov, Ryan McGinnis, Cindy Starr and Mike Walton.

Added Note:

- If you shred your paper, put it in a bag, preferably paper.
- If you need a bin, call 242-4401
- If you have a lot to recycle put filled paper bags on or next to your green bin.



NANA MEETING
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 12, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

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CITY COUNCIL SAYS NO TO CROSSWALK By Gerry Kraus

By a 5 to 4 vote City Council voted at its September 15, 2004 meeting to reject a request for a crosswalk from the northeast to the northwest corners of Reading Road/Clinton Springs. Voting for the crosswalk were Council Members Laketa Cole, David Crowley, Alicia Reece and Chris Smitherman. Voting against the crosswalk were Council Members Jim Tarbell, David Pepper (he had indicated he would support the crosswalk when he attended the June 8th NANA meeting), Sam Malone, Pat DeWine and John Cranley.

This crosswalk had been requested by Dr. Dottie Shaffer to facilitate pedestrian access to her newly opened medical offices located at the northeast corner of Reading Road/Clinton Springs. This crosswalk was also requested by NANA and the North Avondale/Paddock Hills Business Association (NAPHBA) to support Dr. Shaffer's business as part of the revitalization of a quality neighborhood business district along Reading Road in North Avondale.

In rejecting the crosswalk Council Members cited a report from City Administration that recommended against the crosswalk because of safety concerns and because "installing such a crosswalk poses problems for traffic flow through the intersection." However, there were no traffic studies or accident data to substantiate traffic flow or safety concerns presented by the administration. Once again City Council has voted to support non neighborhood traffic flow over the needs of pedestrian traffic in our neighborhood business district, over the desires of the people living in North Avondale and over the needs of a new neighborhood business — even though all Council Members profess to support neighborhoods and neighborhood business districts.

NANA has asked Council Members who voted against the crosswalk to reconsider their vote and to install this crosswalk on a trial basis to see if it really does impede the flow of traffic. To date there has been no response to this request.

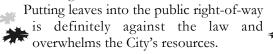
Please do not put cans out earlier than 5 p.m. on the day before trash pick up.

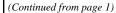
Household solid waste may include:

- Up to 3 bulk items, such as furniture and mattresses
- Carpet, bundled and tied in 4'x2' rolls.
- Up to 4 tires
- Wood, bundled no more than 4' long and 10 lbs maximum
- Heavy metal items such as discarded refrigerators and metal furniture are collected as an additional service. An appointment is required for pickup of these items.
- Dead Animals are collected 24 hours a day with pick up normally within 2 hours of the request call.

Please call 591-6000 to schedule pick ups.

 Place yard waste & leaves in biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags or trash cans marked "YARD WASTE"





neighbors, and civic passion", clearly describes North Avondale. In addition, North Avondale prides itself on unique, authentic architecture and the diverse lifestyles of our community. Most of the homes retain nearly all of the original and superior construction of earlier eras. Neighbors are very committed to retaining both physical and structural dynamics of our community and homes. Unfortunately, for many years, this grand city suburb has been passed over by potential city home owners because of a lack of exposure and knowledge.

At one of the North Avondale community meetings, we voted and agreed that a distinction in the Multiple Listing Service would provide a positive avenue for future home sales and community growth. It is proven that the Multiple Listing Service and internet are powerful tools. Roughly 85% of all homes are sold as a result. Cincinnati is comprised of 52 distinctive neighborhoods, each offering its own identity. We are requesting our neighborhood also be marketed as a unique entity, offering a variety of living and housing choices to the community.



CARWASH/PAY DAY LOAN UPDATE By Gerry Kraus

The decisions of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals on whether to permit car wash or pay day loan businesses at the intersection of Reading/Paddock Roads (formerly Antonio's Pizza) have been appealed to Hamilton County Common Pleas Courts in two separate proceedings. Oral arguments on NANA's appeal of the pay day/check cashing decision are scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, at 10:00 AM. Oral arguments on the Pescovitz appeal of the car wash decision are scheduled to be heard on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at 9:30 AM. Both proceedings will take place in Room 585 of the Hamilton County Court House. Interested residents are encouraged to attend these hearings to demonstrate to the court the public interest in these issues.

Cincinnati's Tax Amnesty Program

Please inform the citizens in your community that until November 15, 2004, the City of Cincinnati is offering amnesty for individuals and businesses who owe local income taxes. Taxpayers who take advantage of this program will be able to avoid paying interest and penalties on the amounts due.

Further information about this program is available from the City's Taxpayer Service Unit at (513) 352-2546 or on the web at: http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/city/downloads/amnestyrelease.pdf

Teresa Gilligan, Tax Commissioner

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PROGRAMS TO HELP WITH HOME **IMPROVEMENTS**

New Location: Business Development & Permit Center

3300 Central Parkway (North of Hopple Street)

Located at the Permit Center are nearly 125 technical support staff comprised of: the entire Department of Buildings & Inspections; Community Development and Planning; the Department of Transportation and Engineering; the Metropolitan Sewer District; the Greater Cincinnati Water Works; and the Cincinnati Fire Department.

The Center offers an enhanced, simplified, and streamlined building permits process for customers.

The Business Development and Permit Center is open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In order to process applications and prepare permits accurately, please arrive by 3:30 p.m. Walk-through hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Permits will not be issued after 4:00 p.m.

For more information visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/buildings or call 352-3271

Home Improvement Program (HIP)

The "HIP" loan allows homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes or rental property at interest rates 3% below the lowest rate a bank would normally offer

- Loans may be used for alteration, repair, maintenance or improvement, for code violation compliance and property upgrades. Some examples are: room additions, siding, windows, kitchen remodeling, central air, etc.
- Loans are capped at a \$50,000, 5 year term with only one outstanding loan at any given time
- Single-family and two-family properties valued up to \$300,000 (based on Hamilton County Auditor's real estate appraisal)

Participating Banks are: Fifth Third Bank - 1-800-704-2214, US Bank, Key Bank Provident & North Side (call your local branch)

For more information contact Patrick Hanrahan @ 513-946-8234 or visit www.hamilton-co.org and do a search for HIP.

People Working Cooperatively (PWC)

PWC offers home repair and emergency repair services to low income homeowners. For more information contact PWC at 513-351-7921 or www.pwchomerepairs.org



IN MEMORIAM

Julia Jose Wetterer of Sturgis Ave died Sept 7 at the age of 72. She leaves behind Ruth Ann Jose, Al Jose, and Barbara Jose Slavinski.

THINGS TO KNOW & THINGS TO DO

WHEN YOU CALL THE POLICE:

Emergency - 911

What is an Emergency?

- Crime in Progress
- 2. Fire
- Serious Injuries to Persons

Non-Emergency - 765-1212

What is a Non-Emergency?

- 1. Report Run where Suspect is not on the Scene
- Auto Accident without injuries
- Preventative Police Patrols

District Four Desk - 352-3576

When You Call District Four Desk

- 1. Phones are answered by: a. one Police Officer & one Civilian
- You would like to talk to an Officer or Supervisor
- You would like to leave a message for a particular Officer

The Douglas School Alumni Club will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary at a banquet on October 16, 2004. It will be held at the Quality Hotel, 4747 Montgomery Rd.. Donation is \$25.00. Former pupils, teachers & friends of the Frederick Douglass Elementary & Junior High School are welcome. Call 281-3823 for more information

55 ALIVE AARP Driver Safety Program

This eight hour course for 50 years and above is taught in two four-hour sessions over two days at Drake Center. Students are charged a mere \$10, and there are no tests. Upon a course completion, each student will receive a certificate that may then be presented to their car insurance agent which may result in lower rates The next programs is November 10th and 12th. To request more information or to register, please visit their web site at www.drakecenter.com or call 513-948-2544.

******************** Everyone in North Avondale would love to have a restaurant to walk to and maybe we will someday. Meanwhile, we are lucky that we have many restaurants nearby. Here are two I recently discovered.

BETTA'S ITALIAN OVEN 3764 Montgomery Road, Norwood 631-OVEN (6836) Monday - Friday 11-3 & 5-11; Saturday 5-11 Closed Sunday

Many of you may have gone to Betta's Italian restaurant in Mt. Lockout. Well, now their son has opened a restaurant in Norwood having the same wonderful food with the added bonus of authentic wood fired pizzas. Dine there or call for **carry out**. Parking is at the rear of the building. Since they are just getting started, they sometimes close early if there are no costumers.

WOK INN EXPRESS 4609 Vine Street, St. Bernard 641-2888 Monday - Closed; Tuesday - Thursday 11:00-9:30; Friday & Saturday 11:00-10:00; Sunday 12:00-9:30

Dine In, Carry-Out, Delivery - \$1.00 charge (\$10.00 minimum - Limited Area)

North Avondale Community Center ● 961-1584

Youth:

Oct 6th: Basketball Registration begins

Parent Meeting is at 6 p.m.

29th Day Camp 7:15 a.m. - 6 p.m. (CPS no school/ In Service Day)

\$15 for Drop In and Bridge Gap Program kids

No charge for After School Day Camp Program Kids

Teens:: Dodge Ball at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday nights...see Mike.

29th Ghoul night, meet at the center at 6 p.m. (have permission slip signed)

and center members bring \$1.00. (Membership \$3.00)

TBA Movie night out

Adults/Seniors: FREE TO MEMBERS!!!!

Tai Chi Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Yoga Monday – Thursday 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Walking Monday – Friday 11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
Line Dancing Monday & Wednesday 10:30 a.m. - noon
Weight Room Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(with Ann James)

North Avondale Montessori School 363-3900

10/15 Fall Festival 5-8 p.m.

10/19 Bring Someone Special To Lunch

10/17-19 Candy Sale Pick up

10/22 Picture Day

10/26 Market Day Pick up, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

10/30 Fall Clean Up Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

•The North Avondale Center will be performing "Fella" similar to Cinderella on Thursday Nov. 11 and Friday Nov. 12th at 6 p.m. The play is free of charge.

•CAN DRIVE:The goal is to collect 1,000 cans of food by Thanksgiving.

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Marilyn Smith_	221-4039	City Liaison: Gerry Kraus_
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NANA MEETING OCTOBER 12

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North Avondale Neighborhood Association

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- Tuesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
 - The sday November 2, \mathbf{VOTE} !
 - Sunday, October 24, 8:00 a.m. BREAST CANCER WALK, Yeatman's Cove, 705 E Pete Rose Way
 - Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs

NANA CALENDAR