



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The other day I got nostalgic and began thinking about some of my friends in high school. So, I got on the internet and found one of those "Memory Lane" sites. Quickly I was able to look at the list of those who graduated from high school with me. I was staggered by the number of those who had "In Loving Memory" written by their name. But, the big shock was viewing recent pictures of some of my friends with whom I graduated. These people have really aged---and I mean, "REALLY". I told my wife how sad it was about my friends and how fortunate I was that I continued to look the same, year after year. Rita said, "Bill, your cataract operation was a failure"...whatever that means. Anyway, maybe my hair does show a "trace of white" but I don't think any of you refer to me as "the old guy" who lives on Red Bud Avenue---do you? I love North Avondale people! They are kind to their neighbors---Thanks.

The September 13<sup>th</sup> NANA General Meeting with our guest, Cincinnati Police Chief Craig was really enjoyable. (pictures on page 5) The turnout was not gigantic but it was respectable. However, the atmosphere and the diversity of the people attending made it a neat evening. Chief Craig projected a very relaxed and straight forward approach in exchanging firm and committed comments about crime prevention. Self admittedly, he is "still getting his feet on the ground" but I liked many of his comments and his professionalism was most apparent. I feel we built a firm platform for the future to work with him directly when we need his involvement. I will definitely remember that he welcomed COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT in reducing crime.

We are indebted to Chris Kearney. He has worked long and hard on efforts to compile and analyze up-to-date crime stats in North Avondale. The presentation by Chris, Michelle Baxter and Charlene Morse at the General Meeting was a nice overview of our community that made everyone present aware of why we are proud of NA. But, also it highlighted our ongoing concern about criminal activities. The stats that Chris prepared leave no doubt that the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance is not being enforced. The "numbers" revealed true evidence that enforcement is being ignored. With Chief Craig present, along with District 4 Captain Isaacs and other police representatives, this community's cry for assistance is loud and public. I'm anxiously waiting to see how our information is used.

On October 11<sup>th</sup> the NANA General Meeting will hear from candidates seeking office in the upcoming elections as well as issues. Please come and listen to what they have to say. Don't

forget how present members of City Council have received our requests for neighborhood assistance! I'm looking for candidates that we can count on to listen and take action when we come to them. The manner in which some members of City Council treated NANA at last month's Cincinnati Public Safety Committee Meeting was disgraceful! I will remember that in the voting booth.

On a more pleasant note, in September I enjoyed helping deliver the NANA Newsletter to those who choose to have a "hard" copy in lieu of receipt by the internet. Without exception I was most impressed by the well maintained and attractiveness of the homes I visited. Thanks for being a NA resident...you cannot hide pride of ownership.

*Bill Stevens*



**NANA General Meeting**  
**North Avondale Recreation Center**  
**NAM Cafetorium**  
**617 Clinton Springs**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.**

**-Candidates & Issues Night**



### 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

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## YOUR NEIGHBORS

William Crutcher (Lenox Pl.) was driving home from his job at Children's Hospital when he saw a 12-year old girl being attacked on Gholsen (off of Reading) by a pit bull. He stopped, fought the pit bull, and saved her life.

The **Starr family** (Avondale Ave.) has been working the last five years to clear invasive honeysuckle and euonymus off their property. The result is an emerging forest of oaks, maples, sassafras and, in one area, hundreds of redbud saplings that need thinning. If you would like one or more small redbud trees (12-24 inches), please send the number requested with your e-mail and phone number to [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net), and Cindy Starr will get in touch with you about delivery or pickup later this fall.

**Alan Edward Crutcher** was born July 16<sup>th</sup>, second child to Reg (NANA Recording Sec.) and Kristin on Lenox Place, and eighth grandchild to Reg's parents Keith and Jennifer, also on Lenox Place

In their second year, **Sasha Hart** (Valley) and Sandy Kesner have been secretly creating evenings of sumptuous food and stimulating conversation for small dinner parties to entertain 10 guests of diverse backgrounds. They have created an underground restaurant called "**It's a Secret**". Sasha and Sandy are interested in the farm - to-table movement, and the interaction and creativity between each other as chefs. They strive to create a unique dining experience by bringing different people together for the first time. This combination is a great recipe for a very special evening; the menus and guests are secrets! The evening begins at 6:30 with a cocktail and signature hors d'oeuvre. The dinner opens with an amuse bouche to tantalize the eye and palate before proceeding with the next four courses, all paired with exceptional wines. The location alternates between Sasha's and Sandy's homes. Dinners occur monthly and the seasons dictate the menus. They accept a \$ 60 donation per person for the evening. To learn more about "**It's a Secret**" or make reservations, contact Sandy @ 513.533.0637 & [skesner@nuvox.net](mailto:skesner@nuvox.net) or Sasha @ 513.861.0666 & [sashahartdance@gmail.com](mailto:sashahartdance@gmail.com).

Also, check out our recent feature article in Soapbox: [www.soapboxmedia.com/features/091311undergroundrestaurant.aspx](http://www.soapboxmedia.com/features/091311undergroundrestaurant.aspx)

J. Miles Wolf (Lenox Pl) has 12 photographs on display at the Cincinnati Art Museum in the ART DECO: Fashion & Design in the Jazz Age. The show runs through the end of the year.

## FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Restavek Freedom Foundation (<http://www.restavekfreedom.org/>) is a Cincinnati based NGO created in 2007 with a mission to eradicate child slavery in Haiti. 300,000 Haitian children (nearly one out of every 15 children) live in restavek, a modern day form of child slavery. Children of poor parents are given to families slightly better off, in the hopes that those "host parents" will provide schooling and a better life. Instead these children, known as restavek, will become domestic slaves working exhausting hours, isolated from friends and family and often abused. RFF's 28 Haitian staff members work with over 60 local partners in three locations in Haiti to advocate for the education and better treatment of children in restavek. RFF uses three different strategies to improve the lives of restavek children: Advocating for children, Influencing the behavior of adults and Mobilizing people in Haiti and around the world to stand up for freedom. Please join us for a fundraiser dinner, **Haitian Art Auction** and discussion on **Tuesday, November 8, 2011** at Schiff Banquet Center (Cintas).

### Sponsorship

\$1000 per table of 8 (\$125 per person)

\$150 individual ticket

**Reservations:** e-mail: [www.restavekfreedom.org/event/novdinner](http://www.restavekfreedom.org/event/novdinner)

address: 11160 Kenwood Road Cincinnati, OH 45242 (513) 475.3710

For the RFF event organizing committee: Maria Krzeska, 3993 Rose Hill Ave, 45229 e-mail contact: [maria.siskin@gmail.com](mailto:maria.siskin@gmail.com)

## FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Apartment or carriage house wanted for my artist friend who splits her time between Cincinnati (winters) and Colorado (summers). (She could rent for the entire 12 months, but would only be here for 6). Looking for good light to work/paint by and someplace which is dog friendly for a responsible owner. I can highly recommend this person and would be happy to preview your place in anticipation of her arrival/need of November 1. Please contact me, Jolene Struebbe, Beechwood Ave. at [jolenestruebbe@fuse.net](mailto:jolenestruebbe@fuse.net) or at 221-4018. Thanks!

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

3938 Ledgewood Drive, Adam Leahey  
3953 Red Bud Avenue, Peter Landgren & Judith Schonbach  
3987 Rose Hill Avenue, Angel & Hilda Lopez-Candales





**NORTH AVONDALE (NAC)**  
**617 Clinton Springs**  
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The Cincinnati Recreation Commission has been in the business of teaching swimming for over 50 years. Our Cincinnati "I CAN SWIM!" project began in 2009. We have received two \$5000.00 Make A Splash grants from USA Swimming in 2009 and 2011. Our program is modeled after the Josh Project in Toledo Ohio, started by Josh's mother after he drowned at age 17. All young people can come to our CRC "I CAN SWIM!" program to learn to swim, regardless of their ability to pay.

We taught over 1300 youth this past summer. Unfortunately, we did not have the opportunity to teach the Jeff brothers, Cameron (age 10) and Bryce (age 8) and they drowned in a back yard pool in Bond Hill. They are already making a difference, because a schoolmate of theirs and her mother are learning to swim on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at our Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Mt Auburn Indoor Pool. As we know from this tragic story it is also important that adults know how to swim. The nearby adults could not swim to rescue these brothers. We want all children to be able to swim, so they can enjoy the outdoors and be safe in and around the water for their entire lives. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is in the business of saving lives, one swimmer at a time. With the help of our Cincinnati Recreation Foundation and The Jeff Family, we will continue to make this a reality.

Beginning in September 2011 we were honored to dedicate our, "I CAN SWIM! Project to Cameron and Bryce Jeff, whose lives will continue to always make a difference. Please get the word out about this opportunity to save a life, by making sure all children know how to swim in deep water and get to safety! We expect hundreds and we hope thousands of children in Cincinnati to learn to swim.

You can help by providing a tax deductible donation to: The Cincinnati Recreation Foundation at [cincinnati-recreationfoundation.org](http://cincinnati-recreationfoundation.org) click to donate and in the name space, after your name, type I CAN SWIM! You may also send a check to Cincinnati Recreation Foundation, note "I CAN SWIM!" and mail to: The Cincinnati Recreation Foundation, 805 Central Avenue, Suite 800, Cincinnati, OH 45202. If your organization offers donation through Community Shares, you can choose The Cincinnati Recreation Foundation. All funds go directly to getting more children in the water. Please pass along this information for the Cincinnati "I CAN SWIM!" project dedicated to Cameron and Bryce Jeff who attended North Avondale Montessori.

*Dina S. Hanks*



**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI**  
**•363.3900 • 615 Clinton Springs**  
**www.namrockets.org**

**NAM Father's Group Rocks!**

The North Avondale Montessori School Father's Group hosted their fourth annual camping trip this past weekend at Stonelick Park. Although the temperatures reached record lows on Saturday and Sunday, over 100 NAM families enjoyed the festivities. Students and adults were engaged in many activities building teamwork and community.

"The Father's Group does a great job organizing events for our families. Students and parents were engaged in many fun activities this past weekend. Not only did the fathers organize activities but they also prepared breakfast! Building community is a constant theme at NAM and the camping trip is just one of many outstanding events our Father's Group sponsors," said Principal Lewis.

In addition to the camping trip, the Father's Group hosted a Dad's and Doughnuts breakfast on Thursday, October 6 at NAM. "Our goal is to provide students and parents an opportunity to do activities with their children. We had over 100 people attend breakfast and this is an awesome way for the dads to interact with their child and each other," said Robert Dyehouse, event organizer and member of the Father's Group.

The Father's Group will also assist the NAM Parent-Teacher Organization with the upcoming Fall Festival that will be held at NAM on Friday, October 21 from 5 PM to 8 PM. Games and activities for children from ages 3 to 12 will be available along with food and drinks.

If you are interested in being a member of the NAM Father's Group, please contact the Main Office at 363.3900 for information. "We are always working to recruit new members," said Michael Patton, Father's Group recruiting chair.

*Roger R. Lewis, Principal*

- October 14 End of first Quarter
- Saturday, October 15 Kindergarten Lottery Application Period
- Friday October 21, 5:00pm to 8:00pm Fall Festival

**SOUTH AVONDALE SCHOOL**

**•363.5500 •636 Prospect Place, •savondale.cps-k12.org**

Why doesn't SOMEBODY do SOMETHING about the VIOLENCE?

Chief Craig says a lot of the young people involved in violence don't have hope. He says, arresting people is not the solution, but getting more people involved at a grassroots level is.

In a recent article Krista Ramsey pointed out how Dr. King's words from the Birmingham jail apply now in Cincinnati. These words, referring to people "fighting a degenerating sense of nobodiness" can be applied to the youth in Cincinnati who pick up a gun to be "somebody".

Children start at an early age to be aware of themselves and others. The neighborhood elementary school can influence

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this view despite their experience outside of school. By getting involved with the children at South Avondale School we can begin to understand the young children in our neighborhood. The streets are often where they grow up, each age group observing the older groups. On the streets there is little constructive adult guidance and many examples of how to make the wrong choices.

Many children need to see there are caring people who want them to succeed. The opportunities are endless.

*Pauline Daly*

North Avondale Neighborhood Association has adopted a Kindergarten class at South Avondale (North Avondale's neighborhood school). The teacher is Charmaine Morton and there are 25 students, most of whom have not attended preschool. NANA Vice President Diana Noyes is overseeing this project. Anyone in North Avondale who would like to volunteer for one or more of these times, is welcome. Just email Diana at [noyesdi@gmail.com](mailto:noyesdi@gmail.com) or call the NANA Office and leave a message at 221.6166.

Our scheduled volunteer dates so far are:

October 21<sup>st</sup>

November 18<sup>th</sup> (career day)

December 9<sup>th</sup> (the holiday celebration)

All of these dates start at 1 pm at the school and go for about an hour to hour and a half. Activities include: reading, flash cards, counting, writing numbers, letters, reading books.

The students also have supply needs

Here is the "wish list" that Ms. Morton gave for her class:

Folders (heavy vinyl ones)

Pencils (the fat ones)

Crayons

Books (gently used or new children books)

Hats & gloves (again gently used or new)

Socks (new) 6X size



**THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI**  
●281.7999 ● 3 Burton Woods Lane  
[www.thenewschool.cc](http://www.thenewschool.cc)

TNSM art teacher Robin Hartmann is a member of the *Bombshells of Cincinnati*.

These artists, donning blond wigs and sunglasses, were honored at the Reds game last month and are responsible for decorating the city in yarn and fabric. TNSM children used colorful skeins of yarn in their tropical-fish creations. Their work was displayed on Central Parkway in front of the School for the Creative and Performing Arts. Many of the children toured downtown with their families to see the city dressed in its finest. It was amazing for the children to be part of this important public art installation and to have their work displayed along with other Cincinnati artists.

There was a bit of a chill in the air for our Harvest Moon Festival this fall, but we donned hats and mittens and enjoyed the day together with alumni, friends and

families. While the delicious potluck dishes kept us warm, the live -jazz music kept us cool as we visited with new and old friends alike. We're glad some of you joined us in the weekend festivities and we hope you'll come to one of our upcoming Open Houses.



**If you've always wanted to see inside the Mitchell Mansion or have wondered what a Montessori education is like, we hope you'll visit us at one of our Sunday Open Houses on November 13 or January 29 from 2-4PM.** Teachers, staff and board members will be on hand to answer questions and share what a New School Montessori education has meant to them and to their families. We hope you'll stop by and join us.

*Ann Baumgardner Development/Marketing Director*



✂Xavier University has improved lighting in a number of places on campus, including the parking lot next to the Joseph Building on Dana near Winding Way and the steps which lead from Elet Hall to O'Connor Sports Center. Dense brush and trees have also been removed in that area to increase visibility and improve safety.

✂The men's basketball team kicks off the 2011-12 season with its home opener on Saturday, November 5 against Bellarmine University. For more information on Xavier athletic schedules visit [www.goxavier.com](http://www.goxavier.com)

✂Xavier Players present *Pirates of Penzance* October 21-23 and November 4-5 at the Gallagher Student Center Theater. Visit [www.xavier.edu/players](http://www.xavier.edu/players) for more information.

*Debora Del Valle*



## IN MEMORIAM

✂**Dr. William R. Boniface**, (Lenox Pl) age 84 deceased Sept. 24, 2011, beloved husband of K Boniface & the late Joan Boniface, devoted father of Andrew Boniface, Zoe Boniface (Eric Feigelson) of State College, PA, George Boniface (Helene Frankel) of St. Louis, MO & Tsvi (Sheila) Boniface. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Multiple Systems Atrophy c/o American's Parkinson's Disease Assoc., Special Olympics or Temple Sholom would be appreciated.



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

On September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm, Step Up, a group that gathers high school volunteers to do projects in the neighborhoods, came to our neighborhood. We were supposed to and planned for 48 volunteer students. For whatever reason (weather - that was the week it rained all week!, ACT's) only 400 out of the usual yearly 1,000 students showed up. Therefore, we only ended up with 8 students and 2 chaperons. Fortunately some of our great neighborhood volunteers came to the rescue. We had originally arranged for them to serve as chaperons but they ended up working extremely hard and even longer than the students.

This is what they accomplished:

- Marion Triangle Flowerbed - weeded and mulched, Trees - mulched
- Seasongood: 3 Flowerbeds weeded (front one mulched)
- Reading Rd
  - Streetscape area weeded, roundup used, trees weeded and mulched
  - Litter picked up from Seasongood to Asmann
  - Business area really cleaned
  - Trees weeded and mulched down to Sonny's
  - Spilled hard cement by Cricket mostly pried up and removed (complaints were made to the City by NANA and the Cricket owner for 6 months to have it removed)

Thank you to the student's Maddie Carpenter, Alex Cooley, Katie Meyer, Abby Rollinger, Courtney Schira, Austin Swanger, Rachel Watkins, Christa Woelfel and chaperones Courtney Cooper and Bryan Heiser. A special thank you to Maura Wolf who worked and helped gather most of the neighborhood volunteers: Paul & Emily Harten, Stephen Harten, Tyler Wolf, Kim Hubbard, Beth Ewing, and Mary Ann Knoop.

Thank you to the Clinton Hills Swim Club and Marla Barone for lending us the potted flowers to put at the Reading Rd. streetscape. (see picture)



**September  
13 NANA  
General  
Meeting  
with Chief  
Craig**



## NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, October 11, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm Candidates Night** North Avondale Recreation Center, in the NAM Cafetorium, 617 Clinton Springs
- **Thursday, October 13 at 1:30pm, NANA Rental Housing Meeting**, District 4 Police Station 4150 Reading
- **Tuesday, November 8, NANA General Meeting, 7:00pm** North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs

### IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS/EMAIL/WEBSITES

City Complaint/Request Hotline	591.6000 <a href="http://5916000.com">5916000.com</a>	Truancy Hotline	363.0003 Call if you see school age children during school hours.
NA Neighborhood Officer Kandice Roper-Issa	569.8654 Kandice.roper-issa@cincinnati-oh.gov	To learn about Crime in Cincinnati visit:	<a href="http://Crimereports.com">Crimereports.com</a>
Police District 4	569.8600	Track property code violations:	<a href="http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/">http://cagisperm.hamilton-co.org/cpop/</a>
Nonemergency Police	765.1212	Request A Recycling Cart	591-6000
To just make a crime report (no police visit)	352.2960	Report Air Odors 24/7	946.7777
		Where to Recycle Different Things	<a href="http://earth911.com/">http://earth911.com/</a>

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### NANA GENERAL MEETING SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

~October 11<sup>TH</sup> 7:00pm~

~PAY YOUR 2011 NANA DUES~

Officer **Kandice Roper-Issa** is North Avondale's new Neighborhood officer. Her phone number is **569.8654** and her email is [Kandice.roper-issa@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Kandice.roper-issa@cincinnati-oh.gov). She replaces Officer Paul Graves.



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 Halloween in Cincinnati is on Monday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Every year our neighborhood is popular because of its reputation as a safe place with great candy. Lights out means you are not participating or have run out of candy. After some problems last year, a suggestion was made that we all say with a smile, "Sorry but no costume, no candy" and this may cut down on the older teens who sometimes cause problems.  
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