

# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

Mikey was a planner, a philosopher, and definitely a handful. He was smart for seven, so it was no surprise when he arrived home from school one day, dragging his backpack into the kitchen. Placing his tiny elbows on the kitchen counter and dramatically sinking his chin into his palms, he announced, "Mom, my life just isn't turning out the way I planned it."

Now, I suppose life can be as tough on a seven year old just about as much as a twenty-seven or fifty-seven year old. But at seven, the world is harder to understand. That's why we have schools; to provide young minds with resources that will have lifelong endurance, good habits that time will strengthen, and an understanding that transcends pressure, prejudice, and poverty. I hear about the fine schools we have in North Avondale. Schools like the New School and our beloved North Avondale Montessori School where parents line up to get their sons and daughters registered. There's a waiting line you know.

But there's another school in North Avondale with a different kind of waiting line: Burton Elementary. The waiting line is a long one, and a young one – maybe as young as five and as old as fourteen. Minds in waiting lines, struggling to plan their own futures, but with woefully strained resources. It's a public school, not private. It takes anybody, not just tuitioned or auditioned. And just as important, Burton School produces men and women of the next generation.

Burton School needs volunteers who see the next generation as vital growing minds waiting for insight, skills, and encouragement. Specifically, we need 25 volunteer tutors who will share their ability to think straight, and challenge a young mind to exceed the expectation of hardship and succeed in humanity.

North Avondale's future walks through the halls of Burton Elementary. If you are so led, this is an opportunity to share your humanity and vision for a better North Avondale.

Call one of these fine Education Committee Members and volunteer your heart out!

- Barbara Henshaw V.P. Education 961-5275
- Pauline Daly Chair Education Committee 751-8334

Marilyn Smith

The North Avondale Community Problem Oriented Policing (**CPOP**) Team with the help of Deatra Greene, Community Outreach Worker, has submitted a Safe & Clean Neighborhood Grant to help alleviate the crime & litter at the corner of Vine & Mitchell.

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY By Dirk Pastoor

July 17th came and went and most of us would be hard pressed to remember what exactly it was we did that day. For that matter most of us wouldn't even remember exactly what day of the week that was. Not so for about 50 North Avondale friends and neighbors. Memories are still very vivid of that evening's annual summer block party held on a traffic-barricaded Burton Woods Lane. On a balmy night neighbors talked and laughed, milled about, and sat around a variety of tables placed in the middle of the street - framed by lovely green yards and the many hundred year old trees. Stories were shared, discussions took place, old acquaintanceships were renewed, and new neighbors were introduced. To Brian & Grace Hill, who again spearheaded the event and busily grilled mounds of hamburgers and hot dogs, and other organizers Linda & Doug Sawan, Julia & George Wadih and Dawn and Keith Grace, many thanks. Meanwhile kids of all ages ran, played, and rode about, adding additional peals of laughter to the merriment. That afternoon we were again reminded why we have chosen to live in North Avondale, our wonderful, beautiful, and yes, fun community. We truly are a "community" in every sense of the word and not just a happenstance collection of individuals oblivious of those about us. By the way, who were those smiling people sitting around engaged in animated discussion while happily puffing on one very ornate water pipe?

#### NANA JOINS BREAST CANCER WALK

NANA has been invited to join as a neighborhood organization to walk on October 24 for MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER. This is a 5 mile (less if you choose so) non-competitive walk to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer. This walk, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will take place in many communities throughout the United States. Hardly anyone in North Avondale has not been touched directly or

NANA MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER 617 Clinton Springs Ave.

#### **AGENDA**

 Cincinnati Board Of Education Members
 To Talk About The Upcoming Levy



#### CAR WASH, ETC. UPDATE By Gerry Kraus

The June 21, 2004 decision of the city's Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) to prohibit a car wash facility at the former Antonio Pizza, 4007 Reading Road (corner Reading/Paddock Roads) has been appealed by the owners of the property, Charles and Rick Pescovitz, to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Ely Ryder, attorney for the owners, claims that the decision of the ZBA was "unconstitutional, illegal, arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and unsupported by the preponderance of substantial, reliable and probative evidence in the whole record."

Marvin Kraus, attorney for NANA and Audricia & Julia Brooks, next door neighbors to the 4007 Reading Road property, has appealed the decision of the ZBA that denies a public hearing regarding the establishment of a Pay Day/Check Cashing business at this site to the Common Pleas Court. The ZBA had denied consideration of this issue on the basis that the case had been filed "out of time"; i.e., after the deadline date to file. NANA and the Brooks seek to establish that the case was filed in time and that a public hearing is required for the establishment of a Pay Day/Check Cashing business because part of the property is located in a Transitional (T) zone. This ZBA decision is also being appealed to Common Pleas Court by Bill Rambo, attorney for Mary Dee & Bob Novak, Janet & Bob Banks and Betsy & Clayton Gotwals.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

September 7, 2004 is the date that has been set by the Magistrate of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas for a case management conference to set a schedule for dates by which various legal briefs and motions must be filed. After all pleadings have been filed, the magistrate will set a date to hear these cases.

#### HOT LINE FOR BAD AIR ODORS **CALL 946-7777**

Residents do not have to endure bad air that either makes you sick or interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of your life. Since the City passed its Clean Air Act (Title X) on April 28, it is against the law for polluters to emit odors into the air that diminishes the quality of your life. If you are bothered by bad odors, call the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services Hot Line at 946-7777. The HOT LINE is available 24 hours/7 days. And remember your call is important because there must be 7 verified complaints called in for the City to take enforcement against a polluter. 

NANA received this alert from a NA residents that: the "Branch Manager Tree Service" (Tim Roberts) took our money and did not do the service they had promised. I called them after seeing a flyer left on our door. They agreed to remove a dead tree and several dead branches from trees on our property. They did a small portion of the work and took 200 dollars. They never returned to do the rest. I called numerous times and left messages but they never responded.

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indirectly by this disease. This walk is an opportunity of North Avondale residents to make a statement as a unified neighborhood that we want to do something about this dread disease.

The Breast Cancer Walk will begin at Yeatman's Cove, 705 E. Pete Rose Way, Sunday, October 24, 2004 at 8:00 AM. NANA has been asked to raise \$100 but payment is not required to participate. If you would like to walk as part of the NANA contingent in support of Cancer awareness, research, patient support and advocacy programs, please call Audricia Brooks (861-0583) or Gerry Kraus (861-3939), Breast Cancer Walk coordinators for NANA. If you do not wish to walk the walk, but would like to support the cause, please send a check payable to the American Cancer Society to the NANA Office, 617 Clinton Springs, Cincinnati, OH 45229 so that NANA will get credit for your donation. Thank you for your support!



#### 117,000 Pounds of Hazardous Waste Collected

Over the past three months, approximately 3,000 Hamilton County residents have safely disposed 117,000 pounds of household hazardous waste through a new program offered by the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District.

The new trial program is aimed at reducing the amount of hazardous products in homes. The average home contains 60-100 pounds of hazardous products under the sink, in the garage, or in the basement. Improper storage and disposal of hazardous products can cause accidental contaminate groundwater, injure your waste hauler, and interfere with the wastewater treatment process.

Residents wishing to dispose of their hazardous waste must call 946-7734 or visit www.hcdoes.org. to obtain a free voucher to drop off their hazardous waste at the centrally located facility. The last day for residents to receive a voucher is September 10, 2004 and the last day to drop of your items in September 30, 2004. If you receive the NANA News after the September 10th date, North Avondale residents may still call to request the voucher. The center is located at 4650 Spring Grove (corner of Winton Road), Tuesdays - Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (while vouchers last)

Acceptable Items: Automotive fluids, Batteries, Cleaners, Fire extinguishers, Lawn chemicals, Paint, Pesticides/fertilizers, Prescription Pool chemicals, drugs, Propane Solvents/thinners, etc.

This program is for Hamilton County residents only!

#### **Downtown Tour of Living** Sunday, September 12, 2004 -11 am to 5 pm

The Downtown Tour of Living is a self-guided walking tour of over 24 downtown and Over-the-Rhine homes, apartments and condominiums, as well as a preview of the latest proposed condominium developments. Tickets (\$10.00) are available at the Visitor's Center on Fountain Square in advance as well as the day of the Tour.

### SEVEN STAR DRAGONS COMPETITIONS By Terrell Davis

After competing in only four competitions, the Seven Star Dragons Competition team from the North Avondale Community Center won over 125 trophies. They traveled to Louisville, Ky., Dayton, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. Most recently they won 39 awards at the Ohio Valley Professional Karate Commission Championships. The event was held on July 31st at Wittenberg University, H.P.E.R. Center in Springfield, Ohio. Members participating were: Anna Powell, Bianca Jouett, Christian Mayo, Cinque McFarlane Blake, James Williams, Jamaal McFarlane Blake, Jasmine Powell, Jonathan Diesel, Kevin McClellan, Leslie Johnson, Marcus Riley, Mariah Riley, Owen Scott, Porsche Thompson, Ronald Burton and Zora McFarlane Blake. The team is coached by Ms. Terrell Davis.

Classes are held on Tuesdays & Thursdays at the North Avondale Center, 5:15 -6:15 p.m. Youth Beginners, & 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Youth Advance, Teens and Adults. New students are welcome beginning September 7, 2004. For more information you may contact, Ms. Terrell Davis at 821-1745.

#### **NANA NEIGHBORS**

Adrianne Pastoor, daughter of Marcia and Dirk Pastoor (Red Bud Ave.) recently made a major commitment. This past June she graduated from the University Of Cincinnati School Of Social work, after successfully completing an accelerated program leading to a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW). Three weeks later, in early July, she followed through on a plan put into motion many months earlier by joining the United States Peace Corps. Her assignment has her spending 27 months in the Kingdom of Tonga, a country comprised of a series of remote islands in the South Pacific. After completing crash courses in language and culture she will serve two years as a Peace Corp Volunteer to provide much needed services in the area of Youth Development with the National Youth Congress of Tonga. As she wrote home shortly after arrival: "Stepping off the plane I realized that I am so very fortunate. Not only because of the life I had back in the States, but because of the needs in this country and therefore the opportunity I have helping here." Much success Adrianne!

**Alexis Webster (**E. Mitchell) works for Visiting with Care which provides in-home services to the elderly and others in need. Light Housekeeping, Companionship, Assistance in Hygiene and other services are included. For free consultation please call 513-924-0095.

**Heather R. Roda-Herr** (Ledgewood) has added to her busy life as NANA Treasurer, wife, artist and mother of a two year old by becoming a realtor for Comey & Shepherd. She already has a home listed in our neighborhood at 4061 Victory Parkway!

**Andrea Cheng** (Red Bud) has published another book. The new middle grade novel, *Honeysuckle House*, came out in May and received a 2004 Parents' Choice Recommended Award. For more information go to: www.frontstreetbooks.com.

#### ROPIN' ROCKETS By Chris Emerson

Marcus Taylor won the Gold medal for the All Around in Tallebudgera, Australia in the World Jump Rope Competition, July 20-29, 2004. He won a silver medal in 3 minute single rope speed with 424 jumps (counting his right foot only). He won a bronze medal in 30 second single rope speed 85 jumps counting his right foot only, he won a bronze medal in his single rope freestyle routine, and he took 4th place with 223 triple unders. The All Around winner is chosen by ranking the jumpers. Marcus was the most consistent jumper in all 4 events thus taking the Gold Medal! We had a great time petting kangaroos, and holding koala bears.

The whole team did a great job at the **Nationals** at Disney World in Orlando, Florida during June 23-28, 2004. The team was made up of:

- Marcus Taylor (a senior at the School for Creative & Performing Arts)
  - Grand National Champion in:
    - Single rope freestyle routine
    - Triple unders
    - Double Dutch Singles
- Alyssa Mendlein (8th grader at Walnut Hills High School)
  - Grand National Championship in Double Dutch Singles
- Caitlin Janes (9th grader at Clark Montessori)
  - Grand National Championship in Double Dutch Singles
- **Ben Ghosh** (5th grader at North Avondale)
  - took 5th place in single rope freestyle in the 11 & under age group.
- Stewart Isaacs (4th grader at North Avondale)
  - Silver medal in 1 minute speed in the 11 years & under
  - Silver medal in 3 minutes speed
  - Bronze medal in the pairs freestyle routine w/Kathryn
  - 6th place in his single rope freestyle routine in the 11 and under age group
- Kathryn Hook (5th grader at North Avondale)
  - Bronze medal in the pairs freestyle routine w/Stewart
- Jillian Hassel (5th grader at North Avondale) (see below)
- Brianna Isaacs (6th grader at North Avondale) (see Below)

#### Stewart, Kathryn, Jillian and Brianna:

- won a silver medal in the 4 person 30 speed relay in the 11 & under age group.
- took 4th place in the pairs double dutch routine, in the 11 and under age group.

#### Stewart, Kathryn and Jillian:

• took 6th place in their double dutch singles routine, in the 11 and under age group.



#### CONDOLENCES

Ethelda Vidas mother of **Sophia Vidas** (Betula) died suddenly on August 25, 2004 at the age of 76.

The City of Cincinnati recently added mixed paper to it's acceptable items for curbside recycling. Because of this expanded service, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will discontinue their Beyond the Recycling Bin mixed paper drive after their August 7th date. North Avondale will have its last recycling drive on September 11, 2004

What is "mixed paper"? Mixed paper is: brown grocery bags, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, junk mail (even those with the see through cellophane), magazines, newspaper, office paper, phone books, paperboard (beverage cartons, cereal boxes), PIZZA BOXES NOT ACCEPTED - grease contaminates the paper

Get a Bin If you do not already have a curbside recycling bin, contact 242-4401.

If in the future you have lots of mixed paper to recycle you can still take it to the **Permanent Drop Off Locations**, one of which is located by the soccer fields at the North Avondale Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs Open 24/7.

The North Avondale Community Center is back to its school year schedule:

Monday – Thursday
 Fridays
 Saturdays
 Saturdays
 The Youth, Teen and Senior memberships are \$3

Adult memberships are \$8. These prices are good for the rest of 2004.

The After School Day Camp (2:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.) program fee is \$110 (4 weeks.). The Bridge Gap (2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) program fee is \$35 a month.

The Drop In (3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) program fee is a membership card (Gym and Game Room are free).

Fee classes also available (with membership) beginning at 3:00 p.m. (Cooking, Theater, Ceramics and Karate).

Senior/Adult Program

Tai Chi

Thursday

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Senior Program

Yoga

Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Senior / Adult Program

Walking

Monday – Friday

11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

**NEW PROGRAMS** 

Senior/Adult Program
Tai Chi
Thursday
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Senior Program
Line Dancing
Monday & Wednesday
10:30 a.m. - noon
Adult Program
Dodge Ball
Tuesday
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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Avondale Community Center 961-1584

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!

**NANA MEETING SEPTEMBER 14** 

9/2 Candy Sale Kickoff

9/7 Market Day pickup

9/10 Kids Nite In-gym,

6:30 pm

Development Day - no pupils

North Avondale Montessori School

363-3900

9/27 Candy Sale Prize deadline

9/24 Staff Professional

(6:30 - 7:30 pm)

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Saturday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER 615 Clinton Springs.. If the dumpster is not behind the school, always look by the soccer fields down the Community Center

NANA CALENDAR