



# NANA NEWS

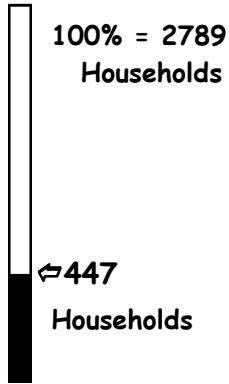
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### 2002 NANA DUES



Thank you to the  
**447 Households** who  
 have paid their  
 2002 NANA Dues  
 For the rest of you  
**PLEASE** remember  
 to send in your  
 2002 dues **NOW!** so  
 we can reach our  
 goal. Thank You

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently discovered some significant properties in North Avondale are on the market, and I can't help but think they're great opportunities for our neighborhood. 990 Dana is currently used as a group home and has been the cause of many problems in the neighborhood. If you haven't seen this property, take a look – it's a beautiful brick home with prominent stained glass windows. 916 Dana, at the corner of Dana and Reading, is used as a theological school. This large stone house must have been a showplace in its day, although as long as I've lived here, it's appeared vacant.

What would I hate to see happen to these properties? Three things immediately come to mind that our neighborhood has too many of - group homes, low income rental properties and churches. Mind you, I respect everyone's right to religion, however, it seems that too much of our neighborhood is owned by religious organizations, and unfortunately, though they may not be bad neighbors many of them are not involved in the neighborhood and don't always prove to be good neighbors. Also, home ownership needs to be encouraged in Cincinnati, and from a purely aesthetic viewpoint, too many of our historic homes have already been destroyed by conversion to rental units. Possibly worse than either of these would be for the properties not to sell and to end up vacant, creating more problems and lowering property values. I would also hate to see either property torn down and replaced with something else; these buildings are part of what makes our neighborhood what it is, and North Avondale would suffer

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### HOLIDAY CRYSTAL FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT NANA & THE COMMUNITY CENTER

DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
 ANYTIME BETWEEN 2:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M.  
 ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM  
 NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER  
 617 CLINTON SPRINGS AVENUE

- PRINCESS HOUSE CRYSTAL & GIFTWARE
- BEAUTIFUL TABLEWARE AND COLLECTABLES THAT MAKE EVERY OCCASION SPARKLE
- HOME ENHANCEMENT PRODUCTS
- COOKWARE
- BASKETS
- FRAMES
- CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND ACCESSORIES
- LEAD CRYSTAL ANIMAL COLLECTABLES
- CANDLES
- BABY & WEDDING GIFTS
- SOME SALE ITEMS
- DOOR PRIZES
- GIFT GIVING & ENTERTAINING IDEAS
- GIFTS IN EVERY PRICE RANGE:  
 FROM \$9.95 TO \$223.00

**15% OF TOTAL SALES GOES TO NANA & THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

ORDERS TAKEN THAT DAY WILL BE READY BY CHRISTMAS

FOR EVENT INFORMATION:  
 CALL THE NANA OFFICE AT 221-6166.

FOR PRODUCT INFORMATION:  
 CALL LINDA GISONDI TOLL FREE AT 1-877-515-0490

### NANA GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTER

617 Clinton Springs Ave.

### AGENDA ITEMS

- RENT- A KID  
REFERRAL SERVICE

SHERYL MAZION

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## READING ROAD STREETScape

At the November 12th NANA Meeting, Jeff Stine from the City Office of Architecture & Urban Design spoke on the proposed Reading Road Streetscape Improvements. The streetscape boundaries are based on the Reading Road business district/EQ-UD therefore confining the project on Reading Rd. from Dana/Shuttlesworth to Debbie Lane. The plans include:

- New clay brick paver collector strip 4' wide between the curb and the sidewalk
- New 6' concrete sidewalk
- New street trees & tree wells
- New ornamental/pedestrian light poles
- New trash cans
- Landscaping
- New benches
- New gateway elements

At NANA's request, on Thursday November 21 Jeff met with a smaller group interested in giving further input on the streetscape project. In attendance were: Rosalind Fultz, Ursula Hassel, Amy Hines, Dirk Hines, Gerry Kraus, Marvin Kraus, Charlene Morse, Marilyn Smith with Mark Jones, City of Cincinnati Community Development and Jeff Stein. The tasks that came out of the meeting were:

1. Design a traffic plan for Dana and Clinton Springs- with the possibility of adding a crosswalk on the north side
2. Develop new plans for the Gateway at Dana and Reading – duplicating the park entrance/Bus Stop Design at Shuttlesworth and Reading
3. Research and report to committee information regarding street lighting costs (*there will be an assessment placed on the property owners for the new lighting*)
4. Develop a symmetrical plan for the four corners of Reading and Clinton Springs
5. Complete report on the above four items by middle of January 2003.

If you have questions, possible ideas or would like to be on the committee, please call the NANA Office and leave a message.



### NANA NEIGHBORS

**Sonya Eagan Ricard-Brock**, (Clinton Springs) is showing her recent paintings of Spain, **'Walk On The Water'** November 29 - December 27 at the Modern Design Gallery, 1409 Main Street, 723-1097. Gallery hours: Fridays 6-10 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays 12 noon - 4 p.m.

**Anita Cory Weimer**, (Mary Lane) was appointed as development director at the Taft Museum of Art.



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should they be lost.

I would love nothing more than for 990 Dana to be renovated and converted back into a single-family residence. With increased on-campus housing at Xavier, I expect that demand for off-campus student housing is dropping; this is an opportunity for one of the grand homes of Dana Avenue to regain its former glory. When one property improves, it has a ripple effect on its neighboring properties and everyone benefits.

Since 916 Dana sits in the heart of North Avondale, what better location for a business? Our neighborhood lacks a good business district, and I, for one, would love to see a developed business district along Reading Road. Possible uses for this property? I can think of many, such as a restaurant or café, coffee shop, bookstore, gallery, unique retail shop(s), just to name a few. This property comes with the adjacent lot, so parking wouldn't be an issue. There's also a bus stop just steps away, making it easy for those without a car to reach the business.

I've also heard a rumor that the Talbert House on Reading may be on the market as well. Another potential beautiful home or yet another opportunity for development of our business district. With the Belvedere just a few steps away, not to mention all the homes and rental units within walking distance, any business locating here or at 916 Dana would have many potential customers. I would love to have the ability to walk to businesses in North Avondale, and I'm certainly not alone in that regard.

What can we do? Spread the word about these properties to your friends, family and co-workers. Maybe one of them is looking for a new home or a business opportunity. If you're able, buy one of the properties and invest in our neighborhood. Share any knowledge or information you have about redevelopment with NANA – we can always use the skills and ideas of our neighbors. Anything we can do to help improve these properties impacts all of us as residents of North Avondale.

Jim

## RENT-A-KID REFERRAL SERVICE

The Rent-A-Kid Referral Service is an entrepreneurial program for school age youth 14-16 years old. The program links participants with homeowners and businesses within their own neighborhood.

Rent-A-Kid participants are paid \$5.50 per hour, must work a minimum of 2 hours and are to be paid upon the completion of the job assignment.

### TYPES OF JOBS PERFORMED

- Raking leaves
- Snow shoveling
- Light duty housecleaning
- Cleaning basement/garages
- Decorating your home for the holidays (inside and/or outside)
- Helping with dinner parties
- Collating/Filing/Stuffing Envelopes

If you are interested in hiring a Rent-A-Kid or enrolling as a Rent-A-Kid or for more information, please contact

Sheryl Mazion  
Rent-A-Kid Referral Service  
(513) 632-5200  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

*Sheryl will be at our December NANA meeting to present more on this program*



### GOOD MORNING AND "GOD BLESS YOU"

THE ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH GREETES YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE LOCATED AT 946 DANA AVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH AVONDALE. WE ARE A NONDENOMINATIONAL (INTERDENOMINATIONAL) WORSHIP CENTER PLACED HERE TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY. WE TEACH THE UNCOMPROMISED WORD OF GOD. DECLARING THAT GOD'S VICTORIOUS KINGDOM CAN BE EXPERIENCED TODAY. OUR WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES ARE WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M. & SUNDAY MORNING AT 11:00 A. M. OUR OPEN DOOR PRAYER TIMES ARE TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 12:00 NOON & 6:30 P.M.. WE BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS PLACED US IN THIS COMMUNITY TO HELP BRING FORTH A PRODUCTIVE & EFFECTIVE CHANGE.

## Holiday Health Fair Saturday, December 14

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Michael and All Angels

3626 Reading Road

(next to Hirsch Recreation Center)

St. Michael and All Angels is having a **FREE** Holiday Health Fair with:

- cooking demonstrations with free samples
- blood pressure and cholesterol screenings
- representatives from local health agencies
- special presentation about violence prevention
- on site mammogram van
- great door prizes will be given away throughout the day!

For more information, call 221-2306.

## LEAD POISONING

What is the #1 environmental hazard to children's health? Lead poisoning. Kids are being poisoned by the places where they live and play from old and deteriorating lead paint. Lead poisoning can silently rob children of normal development, causing behavioral problems, learning disabilities and lowered IQ levels. Children with lead poisoning are seven times more likely to drop out of schools.

The major cause of lead poisoning is dust caused by friction from windows and doors. Renovation on old housing stock can also play a major role. More than 600 Greater Cincinnati kids are affected each year, and the local rate of elevated blood lead levels in children under the age of six are three times higher than the national average, yet few people realize its dangers.

At CLEARCorps we provide a range of free services aimed at making homes lead safe.

- Personalized house visits to assess lead risks in the home.
- Wide-ranging educational programs for adults and children.
- A free HEPA vacuum loan program.
- These services and much more are offered **FREE** of charge to the residents of your community.

CLEARCorps is just one of many programs offered by the Better Housing League, which offers housing counseling and homeownership services – and support for foreclosure, predatory lending practices and reverse mortgage.

To contact CLEARCorps call: 513-281-6850

To contact The Better Housing League call: 513-721-6855



**North  
Avondale  
Community  
Center  
961-1584**

**December**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - NAM School Winter Concert
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> NAM School BookFair all week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> - School Closed
- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> 7:15 a.m. – 5:45 p.m., Center Holiday Mini-Camp
- 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, Center Holiday closings

**January**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday)- **Center & School Closed**
- 17<sup>th</sup> **School Closed** for In-Service Day **Center** will open early for In-Service Day Camp

All participants must purchase a **2003 membership card** and bring it every time you come to the center  
Program Registration begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Programs begin the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>.

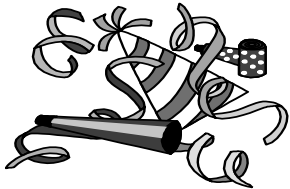
**Seniors:** We are always accepting new members for the Seniors' Yoga class on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 - 10:30



**North  
Avondale  
Montessori  
School  
872-7290**

**NANA CALENDAR**

- Tuesday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER**
- Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. **Rose Hill Area Block Watch Meeting** 3986 Rose Hill



**Happy Holidays & A Happy New Year**  
From The North Avondale Neighborhood Association



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