



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There were so many of them! Cookies were everywhere as well as candy, plastic wrap, bows, ornaments and volunteers circling the tables, arranging and rearranging. When the powdered sugar finally settled, over twenty huge cookie trays were tenderly loaded into the back seats and vans of delivery folks. It was stunning, a delicious gift to our neighbors from our neighbors.

I helped deliver here and there, alone as probably everyone else did, but I didn't expect to be humbled, as when I stepped out of the car with my last tray.

Searching for an address, it was cold, I was bushed, and it was dark. Balancing the tray, locking & alarming the car, I clutched my purse and shivered in the darkness. Picking my way to an old apartment building, I spotted a dim porch light. Reaching for the doorbell, I spotted a dark shape approaching from the side. My tongue went dry, as a very tall, male youth, dressed in a black hoody and jeans with cuffs that danced on the pavement approached. "You lookin' for something?" he asked.

The thought flashed past my brain that

maybe I should throw those cookies at him and hightail it to my car. Instead I weakly said: "Is this the Lighthouse?" "Yes," he responded, "can I take you to the manger?" I breathed.

Inside, a delightful woman and a spotlessly clean reception area greeted me as the young man sniffed at the cookie tray. Explaining I was from NANA with home-baked goodies, the manager eagerly accepted the tray, noting our perfect timing. "You see," she said, "tonight is our Christmas dinner for all the boys who live here at the Lighthouse. These cookies are the best dessert ever!"

Relieved that my task was over, I pushed open the storm door to make a fast get-a-way when I heard a soft voice from behind. "Thank you ma'am," he said, "it smells just like my momma's".

Marilyn Smith

See page 3 for a list of where the cookies were delivered and the volunteers who helped.

Inside this thin blue line lies the heart of our neighborhood. Cincinnati's best address: with beautiful

Without this thin blue line authority and discipline, there is no best address as there is no neighborhood.

of fear well as of responsibility. Good residents will obey the law, but bad ones the former only.

homes, great neighbors and civic passion. No neighborhood can be maintained without the principle

Come celebrate with NANA
In recognition of
Cincinnati Police District 4
Share our heartfelt thanks to the women and men
who represent the
Thin Blue Line

VALENTINES DAY
February 14, 2006
7:30 P.M.
Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs
Food & drinks
for all!



NANA GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 14,
7:30 p.m.
NORTH AVONDALE
RECREATION CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA

- Valentine Celebration
- Proclamation Honoring the Thin Blue Line
- See the New North Avondale Brochure





FEBRUARY

- Sat. 4th is the **Crosstown Help Out**, The Center will have some rooms painted. Come check out our new colors.

The basketball season is under way! Come check out these games!!!!

- Sat. 11th, 2:30pm - 6:30pm is the "**Old Timers**" basketball game.
- Sat. 25th, 2:30pm - 6:30pm the **Cleveland Parker Fund Raiser Basketball Game** will take place. Come see the **WIZ & Cincinnati All Stars and Withrow and Woodward Alumni!** Admissions are \$5 and proceeds are for The Cleveland Parker Memorial which will be presented in April at the Avon ball fields. So, come and enjoy an afternoon at the North Avondale Recreation Center for a great cause.
- Feb 14 We have partnered with the Madisonville center in hosting (at Madisonville) **A Valentines Day Luncheon Dance** (11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.) Tickets are on sale for \$10 through the Senior Line Dancers. They meet at the N.A. Center on Mon. & Wed. 10:30am – noon.
- Stop in or call about our programs. Please note we do rent for parties and meetings.

**NORTH
AVONDALE
RECREATION
CENTER
961-1584**

**HIRSCH
RECREATION
CENTER
751-3393**

- **Hirsch** February Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 10-9 p.m., Friday 11:30-8 p.m.
- Will be closed on February 20, for President's Day

- Membership Prices for Hirsch Now Reduced in 2006.
- Youth, Teen, Seniors 50+ \$3.00, Adults & Fitness \$10.00 for 3 Mth.
- After school Day camp for kids 6-12 yrs. 2 to 6 p.m. \$20.00 per week Custodial Care, Emphasis on Educational Activities, Art and Cooking
- Senior programs and activities Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Aerobics Classes Every Tuesday & Thursday 5:45-7 p.m. (Free with center membership) Certified Instructor Lea Smith.
- US Women's Basketball Game Tickets for February 4th and 15th. Call Center for more details.

FEBRUARY

- 4, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Crosstown Help Out Day**
- 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tax Help Super Saturday**
- 13, 4-6 p.m. **Free Haircuts for Kids** 6-12 yrs. old (Center Members)
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 - Steve Ficklin, Licensed Barber

NANA CONDOLENCES

Julie Brooks (Paddock Rd.) passed over on Monday, December 26. Our condolences to her daughter Audricia Brooks, son-in-law Michael Reece and family.

Bruce E. Coyle (Avon Fields Ln.) passed over on Saturday January 21. Condolences to family and partner of 22 years Ron Bunt.

NEIGHBORS

Dame Babou Store (3915A Reading Rd.) recently opened the **Babou Salam Store** of African movies, music and Islamic Conference, Audio, DVD, CD & Tapes, International Calling Card, Candy, Chips & Pops. Open 1 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Knock if door is locked during those hours. Welcome to the neighborhood.

VENDOR APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 2,950 copies of the ten NANA News and occasional flyers;
- supply discounted plants, bulbs, and mulch;
- sprinkler system maintenance.

If interested, write the NANA Office at 617 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, or email at clmorse@fuse.net or call 221-6166 and leave a message.



FEBRUARY AT NORTH AVONDALE SCHOOLS

**NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL • 363-3900
615 Clinton Springs**

- January 30 to March 6 General & In-quadrant sign up
- February**
- 3 Friday Spaghetti Dinner and Ice Cream Social
- 6-10 Oratory Festival, Harlem Renaissance
- 8 Parent Information Evening – “Getting services for your “Differently-Abled” Child”
- 15 Jump rope for your heart
- 15 & 16 Annual Fund Drive
- 16 Professional Development Day - *No School*
- 20 Presidents Day - *No School*
- 22 Evening with the Principal
- 28 Market Day Pickup 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

BURTON SCHOOL • 363-9700 876 Glenwood Ave

February Theme is Caring

- 16 Presidents Day - *No School*
- 20 Brotherhood Program

THE NEW SCHOOL • 281-7999 • 3 Burton Woods Ln.

- 5 Sunday **Open House** for prospective students 2:00 to 4:00. Families are invited to meet teachers and experience the classrooms at The New School.
 - 8 Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm. **"Montessori in the Home,"** This lecture is open to all parents who are interested in learning more about Montessori education and how they can help their children be independent at home. RSVP.
 - 11 Saturday, the Children's Theater will perform at 2:30 as part of the Fine Arts Sampler Weekend.
- Interested neighbors should call 281-7999 for more information about any of these events.

In car accidents last year 71% of the individuals killed were not wearing a seatbelt.



NORTH AVONDALE 2006 LUMINARY STROLL
By Michelle Baxter

The luminary "tradition," on December 11th last year was once again a glowing success! The evening was quite magical because families enjoyed walking throughout the area creating a fun spirit and a harmonious balance. The light from the candles paved the way for family, friends and neighbors to enjoy the continuous stream of light through parts of our neighborhood. The streets North of Mitchell that participated were Avon Fields, Beechwood, Betula, Rose Hill, and Red Bud. A special thanks to Carolyn Gillman, Luminary Coordinator, and her amazing committee: Monica Blackburn; Tracy Conway; Deborah Ginocchio; Cindy Khoo-Robinson; Carol Meadows; Bobbie Paul; Judy Pennington; Jolene Struebbe; Vanessa Wayne and Valerie Williams. This was their third year in a row of achieving 100% success with illuminating their side. The streets South of Mitchell that participated were Burton Woods Lane, Part of Clinton Springs, Leyman Drive and Red Bud. Michelle Baxter, Luminary Coordinator was 98% successful for the first year on their side. A special thanks to Sue & Ben Blaney, Grace & Brian Hill, Duane & Ann Keller, Jeff & Mary Ann Knoop, Mary Ohlinger-Pray, Dirk & Marcia Pastoor, Linda & Doug Sawan and to my husband Darren for their support and energy serving on the committee. Most of all thanks to all the neighbors for their support and participation. The more neighbors get together and get involved the safer and more connected we all are.

For the residents that missed out in taking part in this festive event last year, you will have the opportunity to participate this year! It is exciting to share the news of a plan to expand the territory which will include more streets within our community. The NANA Executive Board has voted to endorse our 2006 luminary event. The purpose of the luminary is to illuminate the neighborhood, have neighbors meet and visit with one another as well as also show off our gorgeous neighborhood. There are many other positive benefits that the luminary will bring to our community by expanding the territory. Most importantly, the money raised this year will not go to the Junior Woman's Club of Wyoming to benefit their local charity but will go back into our neighborhood for NANA projects and stay within our community. The luminary can enhance safety, and may even help to decrease crimes within our community. By expanding the territory of having the luminary in North Avondale, it will also help to set up sub-committees of Block Watches that often serve as the foundation for block parties, neighborhood progressive dinners, a passeggiata and other neighborhood bonding throughout North Avondale.

In order to keep our success rate high, we must form sub-committees. We are in need of volunteers to take charge of the new territories. We need street captains, and volunteers to serve on the bag, sand and candle committees. If you are interested in serving on a luminary committee and want your street to participate this year, please contact Michelle Baxter at 475-0441 for more information on committee responsibilities. I look forward to having continued support and new ideas in making the vision of our Cincinnati neighborhood shine the brightest.

NANA is forming a **Nominating Committee** to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2006/2007. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee or perhaps being an officer. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166 and leave a message or send an email to clmorse@fuse.net.

Procedure for Neighbors to make a Complaint about Xavier Off-Campus Disturbances

It is always very important to generate a complaint record.

- Call the Cincinnati Police at 765-1212
- Call the Xavier Campus Police at 745-1000
 - Call at the time the disturbance is occurring
 - Furnish as much information as possible
 - Address of the house
 - License plate numbers
 - Number of individuals, descriptions

CAR WASH & PAYDAY LOAN COURT HEARINGS

The Ohio Court of Appeals has scheduled hearings (open to the public) on two cases involving the property at 4007 Reading Road (formerly Antonio's Pizza) at the following times:

Car Wash Appeal by Paddock Point, LLC (Pescovitz Company) vs. Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Cincinnati on **Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 9:00 AM;**

Payday Loan Appeal by Audricia Brooks, NANA, et al. vs. Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Cincinnati on **Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 9:00 AM.**

Both hearings will take place in **Courtroom A of the Ohio Court of Appeals, 12th floor, William Howard Taft Law Center, 230 East Ninth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202** (formerly Cincinnati Board of Education Bldg.)

Cookies Delivered to: Avondale Public Library, Burton School, District 4 Police (Double Delivery), Fire House – Reading Road (Double Delivery), Fire House – Forest Avenue, Golden Age Nursing Home, Hirsch Recreation Center, North Avondale Recreation Center, North Avondale School, The Lighthouse, St. Andrews Soup Kitchen, St Bernard Library, St. Michael All Angels Soup Kitchen, Washington Nursing Home.

Thanks To Helping Hands: Salayman Bajo, Barb Cook, Officer Jana Cruse, Pauline Daly, Maryellen Daston, Debbie Elkins Brown, Julie Fatora, Carolyn Gilbert, Deborah Ginocchio, Betsy Gotwals, Teresa Harten, Ursula Hassel, John Jones, Gerry & Marvin Kraus, Richard McKenzie, Lois Nizny, Bobbie Paul, Mary Piper, Marilyn, George & Mike Smith, Wil Starks, Jolene Struebbe, Beth Wayne and Vanessa Wayne.



We have wonderful dogs living in North Avondale but everyone doesn't love your **dog barking all day** while you are away just because they come out into their yard or someone walks past your home or your dog running on their property or public spaces and leaving behind their waste. Some people are afraid of dogs. Some people like to walk their own dogs but can't because your dog is free to run after their dog. **Please be a good neighbor** and keep your dog indoors (a dog kept indoors is more threatening to an intruder), always cleanup after your dog, use a leash and keep your dog secured when in your own yard. We have the following City Ordinances for good reasons.

701-27. Loud Dog No person shall harbor or keep any animal of the **dog** kind which by loud and frequent or habitual barking or yelping shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood

701-2. Leash Required The owner or harbinger of a harmless **dog**, not on the premises or in a motor vehicle, shall keep said **dog** on a leash of such length to keep the **dog** from annoying others. A harmless **dog** may be unleashed if either of the following is applicable: a. The **dog** is in training, a competition, or show or b. The **dog** is on property with the permission of the property owner.

701-30. Dog Excrement Removal No person shall allow a **dog** under his or her control to be upon public property or upon the property of another, absent the consent of the owner or occupant of the property, without some device for the removal and containment of such dog's excrement; nor shall any person fail to remove any excrement deposited by any **dog** under his or her control on public or private property.

701-33. Animals or Fowl Damaging Gardens and Lawns. No person owning or harboring one or more **cats, dogs**, other animals or fowl shall permit such **cats, dogs**, other animals or fowl to run at large so as to do damage to gardens, lawns, shrubbery or other private property.

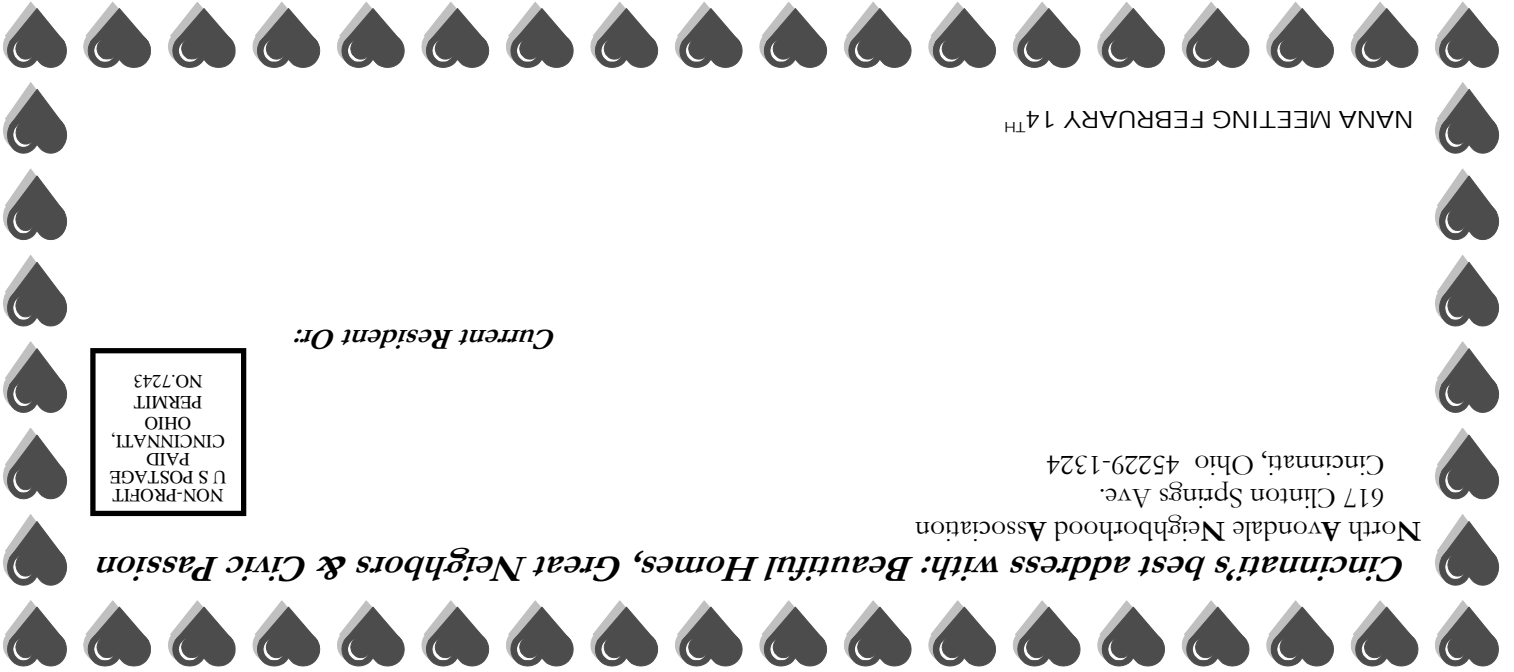
701-4. Dangerous Dog to be Properly Confined or Leashed The owner or harbinger of a dangerous **dog** shall keep said **dog**:

- When outdoors and on the premises in a securely fenced area or on a leash controlled by a competent adult
- When not on the premises, securely restrained with a leash, not exceeding six feet in length, and under the control of a competent adult.



NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
1st VP: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
2nd VP: Deborah Elkins-Brown _____	861-4108	Master Plan: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
3rd VP: Sulayman Bajo _____	290-8781	Membership: Vanessa Wayne _____	751-4367
Corresponding Sec.: Deborah Ginocchio _____	281-2262	Neighborhood Issues: John Jones _____	281-2596
Recording Secretary: Richard McKenzie _____	751-7474	NANA Executive & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221-6166
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Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777



NANA MEETING FEBRUARY 14TH

Current Resident Or:

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

North Avondale Neighborhood Association
 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

Cincinnati's best address with: Beautiful Homes, Great Neighbors & Civic Passion

- CPOP Meeting (if held), First Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. District 4 Police Station, Call NANA Office to confirm
- Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL VALENTINE CELEBRATION & MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs

NANA CALENDAR