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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish I had something profound to say about the events that occurred in our city this past month, but I don't. I'll have to leave that to greater minds than mine. I will say however that what occurred only reinforced my belief that North Avondale is an remains Cincinnati's best address.

People of different race, economic status, religion, sexual orientation and ethic background often times don't live in the same neighborhood. They don't want to be neighbors. They don't want to interact with each other or become friends. That is not the case in North Avondale. By Cincinnati standards North Avondale is a uniquely diverse neighborhood. North Avondale is a neighborhood where people of different race, religion, economic status and background live. Those of us living in North Avondale are a diverse group of people who have made a CHOICE to become neighbors and friends. That is what makes North Avondale Cincinnati's best address.

Our Annual Meeting is the 20th of May. Please attend and vote for a new NANA Board. Before a new Board is elected I want to say thank you to the current NANA Board members and Committee Chairs. As President this past year I saw first hand how hard each NANA Board member and Committee Chair worked. I want to say a special thanks to Jean Wilson, Linda Grayman, and Marianne Knue. All three have been longtime NANA Board members and are now going to take a well deserved break. Enjoy the rest.

John

NANA Nominating Committee comprised of Ursula Hassel, Marianne Knue, Eva Roberson, Tommie Lewis, Barbara Henshaw & Ruth Watts is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers.

2001/2002 NANA Board of Trustees.

- President: **John Delaney**
- 1st Vice President: **Mary Piper**
- 2nd Vice President: **Toni Ward**
- 3rd Vice President: **Eva Roberson**
- Corresponding Secretary: **Barbara Henshaw**
- Recording Secretary: **Jim Obergefell**
- Treasurer: **John Jones**

NANA ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY
MAY 20, 2001
3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
AVON FIELDS GOLF COURSE
4081 READING ROAD

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND
A NEIGHBORHOOD
OPEN HOUSE**



**AT 727 S. FRED
SHUTTLESWORTH CIRCLE
SATURDAY MAY 12TH
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
GREEN-UP DAY
SATURDAY,
MAY 12, 2001
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

***We will be painting, mulching & planting
Seasongood, Martin Luther King
& Dana Triangle***

*Come to Seasongood park for donuts & juice & your
job/area assignment. Then NANA will provide pizza
for a well earned lunch.*

*The support of the community is essential to
preserving the quality of Cincinnati Parks.*

727 UPDATE
By John Angelo

The renovation of 727 S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle is an example of a vital community project offering a high return on investment to all involved. I applaud North Avondale's efforts and am proud to offer the city's support of their endeavors.

—Charlie Luken, Mayor of Cincinnati

Two years, 2,000 volunteer hours and \$225,000 (in dollars and contributions) later, we're finally there...the finale of the renovation of 727 S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle. Mark your calendar for a Neighborhood Open House with an unbelievable "Before" Gallery of Photographs courtesy of Norton Photography: **Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**

The NANA Board has determined the details for the listing of the house. The listing price will be \$189,900, and there will be three NANA-required caveats:

The house must be owner-occupied.

The house must remain single-family.

Though the house is located in an R-3T zone, its use (particularly related to home business) must conform to the standards of an R-1 property.

The sale of the house will be managed by **Erik Zimmerman & Geoffrey Barnes** of Comey & Shepherd, 321-4343. NANA will begin accepting contracts/offers Friday, May 11th.

And of course, where there's a finale, there's a final cleanup. So it's all hands on deck for one last blast of NANA's volunteer SWAT team on **Sunday, May 6 from 11:00 - 3:00.** Sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, spritzing windows and polishing sink bowls, tip to stern, top to bottom. Please call me at 281-6644 to let us know you're coming (it's rumored pizza and pop will be served).

North Avondale has to be the most on-the-move, fix-it-up community in all of Cincinnati. Since I've begun sharing stories about the great contractors we've found through our project at 727, I've been inundated with requests for roofers, painters, tilers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters and repairmen. I'm considering charging a commission! Here's the deal... I will prepare a listing of all the contractors who worked on the renovation of 727 S. Fred Shuttlesworth, what they did and how to get in touch with them. The listing will be available at the Neighborhood Open House Tour on May 12th and through the NANA office after that.

And of course, in closing, I must share a couple more kudos for our latest partners:

David Mukasa and his team at KM Network, Inc. have performed miracles in reworking every window in the house... ropes, pulleys, weights, frames, panes, the works. David has helped us keep the integrity of the original double-hung, wood-frame windows while restoring function and insulation. **Andrea Stewart** from Interior Design Concepts and her partners from Finishing Touches Hardwood Floors have created sheer brilliance on every throughout. The hardwood floors of the entry, living room and dining room have been taken back a hundred years. Who would have thought such nice wood was

REALLY NEEDED:

Gardeners interested in helping North Avondale stay beautiful by volunteering to help plant, weed and work in our community garden beds. The Beautification Committee is gearing up to garden in our NANA beds and could use whatever help or time you could offer. Anyone interested in helping call the NANA Office at 221-6166

Clean up Volunteers

Ruth Johnson, Betsy Gotwals & Barbara Henshaw

ICE CREAM TRUCKS

The Police must have a complaining witness willing to testify in court in order to prosecute city ordinance 910-7. When you are bothered by loud noise coming from ice cream trucks and are willing to testify, call the police at 765-1212 IMMEDIATELY. Write down the truck license plate number and time of day. It helps to also have another witness.

910-7 Loud Noises: No person, firm or corporation shall operate or cause to be operated any whistle, rattle bell, gong, clapper, hammer, drum, horn, radio, phonograph or other sound-producing or sound-amplifying instrument so as to emit loud and raucous noises or in any other way create noise or sound, or permit the creation of noise or sound in such manner as to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or as to interfere with the transaction of business or other ordinary pursuits.

hidden under decades of paint, tile and carpeting? And on the upper floors, Andrea was able to source a dynamite Berber carpet with donations from her suppliers. David, Andrea and Joe, on behalf of NANA, thanks for going the extra mile.

CLEAN UP A GREAT SUCCESS

By Gerry Kraus

If you drive or walk down the main streets of North Avondale, you will notice that they are unusually litter free. We can thank the 64 volunteers (listed below) who took 1 to 2 hours out of their busy lives to participate in North Avondale's commitment to the Great American Clean Up on Saturday, April 21. In addition to the main streets (Reading Road, Clinton Springs, Mitchell, Dana, Washington, Paddock), the volunteers cleaned up Seasongood Square and Martin Luther King Jr. parks, the areas around the Burton School and the North Avondale School/Recreation complex.

At noon the anti-litter brigades were rewarded with NANA's Great American Grill Out organized by chef Spencer Konicov. John Schlagetter donated a delicious salad and Gerry Kraus provided her famous Boston baked beans. Judging from the amount of food and drinks consumed and the people lingering on until 1:30 p.m. it appeared a good time and a neighborly time was had by all. The drinks, as well as clean up supplies, were supplied by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. The North Avondale/Paddock Hills Business Association (NAPHBA) donated \$50.00 toward expenses. And NANA provided whatever else was needed. Special kudos go to NANA Coordinator Charlene Morse and her son Ryan who drove around the neighborhood providing additional supplies to volunteers, collecting filled trash bags, bagging the "Gershuny" mattress that had been hidden in the rear of his property and generally providing the glue that made this clean up such a success.

WE ALL CAN HELP – STILL

In order for us to continue to keep our corner of Cincinnati beautiful throughout the spring and summer, I am asking all residents to 1) refrain from that urge to toss your trash out of your car window or to drop candy or cigarette wrappings from your hand to the ground; 2) take along a grocery bag when you do your aerobic walks or jogs to pick up litter you may encounter along your way; and 3) all property owners, especially those who live along a main thoroughfare, to check their property at least once a week and to remove any accumulated litter. Let's show the rest of the city that North Avondale cares about its neighborhood!

Editors Note: Major kudos to Clean Up Chair Extraordinaire Gerry Kraus

Ardmore

Albert Andrews
Wilbur Jones

Avondale

Mary Piper

Avon Fields Lane

Jennifer Pudoff

Barker

Barbara Allen

Beechwood

Lou Ginocchio
Sam Ginocchio
Rachel Plowden

Burton

Ernestine Sanderson

Burton Woods Lane

Linda Hill
Ryan McGinnis
Vanessa Wayne

Clinton Springs

Bill Daily

Ruth Johnson

Dakota

Pauline Daly

Glenwood

Burton School

Principal Wylly &
his two sons &

Students

Ledgewood

Mark Schuller

Lenox Pl.

Adrian Brush

Colin Brush

Grace Harten

Dave Harten

Paul Harten

Michael May

Merzen Ct.

Lester Freeman
John Schlagetter

Mitchell

Logan Brookbank
Tim Yosmali

Paddock

Barbara Cramer

David Cramer

Shashi Kant

Reading

Rebecca Maljak
Ron Maljak
Byron Stallworth

REVERSE THE BLIGHT

By Pauline Daly

At the April NANA General Meeting Robert Harris from the National Council of Community Injustice spoke about the community dialogue that they can facilitate, as described in the April NANA News.

Twelve people have signed up for it. Anyone interested is welcome. There can be more than one group. In North Avondale we often feel we have made more progress in racial understanding than many other neighborhoods because of the diversity of our residents. That is true but we have a long way to go. Understanding does not happen simply because there are equal numbers of white and black neighborhood residents, committee members, and equal balance in our public face. It requires listening to each other and sharing thoughts and feelings.

We live in social and economic segregation and view the rest of the neighborhood with suspicion. People who benefit from the system as it is do not rock the boat. They don't recognize that they benefit because of injustice to someone else. White parents do not experience the fear that black parents do that their sons will be harmed because of their race. People who have experienced discrimination often have quit talking because they feel they are not being listening to.

Considering we have these problems in North Avondale, how much more progress needs to be made in neighborhoods that are not as diverse.

To get a background on Cincinnati, race issues, and poverty read these books:

- "Race and the City" edited by Henry Louis Taylor, Jr.
- "Changing Plans for America's Inner Cities"
by Zane L. Miller and Bruce Tucker

To effect a change in Cincinnati everyone, black and white, affluent and poor, must speak up and be part of the solution. The comment was made during the last election that one must move out of their comfort zone in volunteering. If we want to solve our racial problems we will need to move out of our comfort zone.



Clean Up Participants

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Ardmore | Burton | Principal Wylly & his two sons & | Lester Freeman | Julie Stallforth | Rachel Smith |
| Albert Andrews | Ernestine Sanderson | Students | John Schlagetter | Red Bud | Brian Starr |
| Wilbur Jones | Burton Woods Lane | Ledgewood | Mitchell | Cindy Koo-Robinson | Cindy Starr |
| Avondale | Linda Hill | Mark Schuller | Logan Brookbank | Chandler Robinson | Judith Titchener |
| Mary Piper | Ryan McGinnis | Lenox Pl. | Tim Yosmali | Troy Robinson | Stratford Pl |
| Avon Fields Lane | Vanessa Wayne | Adrian Brush | Paddock | Rose Hill | Gerry Kraus |
| Jennifer Pudoff | Clinton Springs | Colin Brush | Barbara Cramer | Meredith Balgley | Marvin Kraus |
| Barker | Bill Daily | Grace Harten | David Cramer | Erik Bendix | Victory Parkway |
| Barbara Allen | Ruth Johnson | Dave Harten | Shashi Kant | Michael Babcock | George Brockman |
| Beechwood | Dakota | Paul Harten | Reading | Ardelle Duffy | Winding Way |
| Lou Ginocchio | Pauline Daly | Michael May | Rebecca Maljak | Betsy Gotwals | John Delaney |
| Sam Ginocchio | Glenwood | Merzen Ct. | Ron Maljak | Barbara Henshaw | John Helmick |
| Rachel Plowden | Burton School | | Byron Stallworth | Beverly Neff | Bev Konicov |



**North Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

Teen Lounge Opening - Sometime at the end of May.

The Center will be closed May 28 for Memorial Day

For Registration for Summer Day Camp call the center (961-1584) for a registration appointment.

Prom for ages 5 to 12 on Friday, May 18 from 6:30-8:30 p. m. \$7.00 per person, catered dinner, photo, door prizes & fun!

Classic Seniors Schedule every Friday: 10:00-2:00

- May 10** - Lacomidia, Meet at Center at 9:30 a. m. sharp
- May 11** - No Meeting
- May 18** - Art & Humanities
- May 25** - Covered dish lunch for Bond Hill Seniors at North Avondale
- June 1** - Monthly Business Meeting



**North
Avondale
Montessori
872-7290**

School Calendar

Wednesday, May 2, 6 p.m.

PTA meeting

Friday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

LSDMC meeting

Friday, May 9-11

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Wednesday, May 16, 6 p. m.

Pre-Primary Parents Organization

Friday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 22

Operacadabra

Monday, May 28

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, May 31

Sixth Grade Recognition

NANA CALENDAR & CINTAS LARGE EVENTS (to help avoid the traffic)

- Saturday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., **RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD & GENTLY USED SUITS**, 615 Clinton Springs, behind the North Avondale School
- Sunday, May 6, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **727 FINAL CLEAN UP -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **GREEN-UP DAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **727 NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE** (See page 1 & 2)
- Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Xavier University Graduation
- Sunday, May 20, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **NANA ANNUAL MEETING, Avon Fields Golf Course** 4081 Reading Road
- Thursday, May 31, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Oak Hills High School Graduation
- Saturday, June 2, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER & FLOPPY DISKS, SURRY SQUARE**



NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| President: John Delaney_____ | 221-1044 | Beautification: Ursula Hassel_____ | 751-4546 |
| 1 st VP: Jean Wilson_____ | 221-7437 | City Liaison: Gerry Kraus_____ | 861-3939 |
| 2 nd VP: Marianne Knue_____ | 281-5860 | Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly_____ | 751-8334 |
| 3 rd VP: Mary Piper_____ | 961-1080 | Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus_____ | 861-3939 |
| Corresponding Sec.: Linda Grayman_____ | 281-6138 | 727 Renovation: John Angelo_____ | 281-6644 |
| Recording Secretary: Toni Ward_____ | 559-1221 | Welcome: Judith Titchener_____ | 281-1107 |
| Treasurer: John Jones_____ | 281-2596 | NANA Coordinator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse_____ | 221-6166 |

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