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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the spring flowers start to bloom, I'm excited about the potential blooming of our neighborhood's business district. You might recall one of my prior messages concerned this topic and I'd like to give you an update. A group of neighbors has been holding brainstorming sessions and meeting with financial institutions in an effort to understand and explore the possibilities currently facing North Avondale. We have several opportunities right now, and my hope is that exciting things happen to improve our neighborhood.

A recent development at DeSales Corner in Walnut Hills has many of us excited and dreaming about what could happen in our neighborhood. If one Cincinnati neighborhood can come together with the city, banks and developers to create a new neighborhood destination – filled with retail and living spaces – why can't North Avondale? The answer is we can, and the effort to explore such a development has begun. We're just in the exploration phase, however, we're encouraged by what we've learned so far.

Other potential business locations are just waiting for the right person to make a commitment to North Avondale. The Talbert House is now for lease and would make a great location for a business of some sort. The bible college at the corner of Reading and Dana is still for sale, and this is a prime location for a business as well. Our hope is that as we explore neighborhood development, we'll make the right connections with an appropriate business that's looking for a location within the city.

As you might recall, the National Guard armory on Reading Road will, in several years, be turned over to the city after a new facility is built. This means we have the opportunity to propose a new use for the property, with the hope that the city will turn the property over to the neighborhood for redevelopment. Some ideas that have been proposed for the armory property include new housing, use as an arts/sound studio/exercise center or new retail space. Due to the timeframe on the actual transfer to the state, this project is years in the future, however, it's worth investing time and effort now to ensure that we all benefit when the National Guard vacates the property.

In order to make these dreams reality, we can use the ideas, expertise and time of interested North Avondale residents. If you have experience with development, know someone with the kind of knowledge we need, know of a business looking for a new location or are willing to invest your time helping these efforts, please call the NANA office! If we all work together, we can make North Avondale an even better place to live, and we just might see our revitalized business district celebrated in the news.

Jim

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GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP APRIL 26, 10:00 to Noon

Thanks to Jim Gerwe from Vine Vista and an array of your neighbors who offered assistance, North Avondale will again get a jump-start on cleaning up the litter that has accumulated all winter on city streets and in public parks by having the Great American Clean-up. Coordinated by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) and sponsored by too many wonderful companies & individuals to list (check out their website - www.greatamericancleanup.org) the annual spring neighborhood clean-up is bound to be a success - as long as we have you! After all, we need 50 plus volunteers.

Just show up on April 26 - it starts at 10:00 a.m. (but we will put you to work whenever you show up) at Seasongood Square Park (at the corner of Reading Road & Clinton Springs - across from the Belvedere) to receive your assignments. Volunteers pick up litter and clean out some flower beds from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Then, everyone comes back to Seasongood for The Great American Grill Out where Spencer Konicov will grill and Herb Smitherman will bring his famous bean soup and other neighbors will bring their delicacies (please call the NANA Office at 221-6166 to leave your name and telephone number if you can bring some dishes/desserts).

NEW PROPOSED CITY ZONING CODE WILL AFFECT EVERYONE

By Gerry Kraus

A map delineating the proposed new zoning designation for every property in North Avondale will be on display at the April 8th monthly NANA meeting. Information about what will be permitted in the new zoning classifications will also be available. Knowledgeable NANA Board members will give an explanation of the proposed changes and their implication and/or impact. Among the proposed changes are:

- Some R1-A (now called SF-20) zoned properties that require
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NANA GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 8TH, 7:30 p.m.
NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA ITEMS
THE NEW ZONING CODE (SEE
ARTICLE ABOVE)
CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEVY SPEAKERS



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20,000 square foot lots for a single family dwelling have been changed to SF-10, single family dwellings on 10,000 square foot lots;

- The Transitional (T) zoning classification which requires a public hearing and possible conditions for specific uses has been eliminated and the properties re-classified. In North Avondale these sensitive T zones are at the following locations:
 1. Avondale Avenue - rear part of Gershuny property
 2. Paddock Road - next to Antonio's Pizza
 3. Marion Avenue - some properties in dead-end section
 4. Clinton Springs - west of Wess Park Drive at entrance to Schuman property backing up to west side of Wess Park Drive
 5. South Fred Shuttlesworth Circle (South Crescent) - some properties in middle of street
 6. Kessler Ave. - area off West Mitchell
- Wireless communication towers are permitted in ALL residential zones as a "Conditional Use"
- It is unclear whether "Conditional" uses of properties require a public hearing as current zoning code requires.

These are some of the proposed changes that NANA Board members have identified so far as the new zoning code text is being reviewed. The proposed new zoning code will be presented to the Cincinnati Planning Commission and City Council for approval in the next 2 to 3 months. The plan is to have final approval by City Council before it goes on its summer schedule, meeting once a month in July and August.

Among the stated goals of this new zoning code are that it "preserve the character and quality of residential neighborhoods" and that it "promote the economic stability of existing land uses and protect them from intrusions by inharmonious or harmful land uses." It is important that all concerned citizens review the proposed zoning to determine if it meets these goals as to their property, properties near them and as to the North Avondale neighborhood. Zoning is everything for North Avondale to continue as a successful stable and diverse neighborhood. NANA needs to know how you feel about the proposed new zoning code so that it can properly represent your interests at City Hall hearings.

For Zoning text & maps visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/pages/-1444/

YARD & REGULAR WASTE COLLECTION INFO

Yard Waste Collection will begin again after the winter hiatus (mid-January through March) during the week of **April 7, 2003**.

All types of yard waste are accepted including grass clippings, leaves, branches and brush.

Guidelines:

- Place yard waste at your curb by 6 a.m. on your regular trash collection day beside your household trash and green recycling bin.
- Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags, trash cans CLEARLY MARKED "YARD WASTE" or 95-gallon carts.
- Purchase yard waste bags at area grocery stores and hardware stores. To purchase carts, call Premiere Waste at 281-0882 (\$49.00 to \$89.00 with free delivery) To view the carts online go to www.cincicarts.com
- Yard waste in plastic bags **will not** be collected.
- Branches and brush should be tied into bundles no larger than 4'x2' and individual tree limbs should be no larger than 6" in diameter.

Please compost yard waste at home whenever possible. Grass clippings can be left on the lawn instead of bagged. Plastic bags are not accepted at composting facilities.

Waste Collection

Remember, place cans at the curb by 6 a. m. on your regular trash collection day and **no earlier than 5 p.m.** on the preceding day. All cans should be no larger than 30 gallons and weigh no more than 60 lbs. They should have two handles and tight-fitting lids. Plastic garbage bags are acceptable. Please do not overstuff. Please do not use cardboard boxes to hold trash.

Holidays - When a holiday falls on a weekday, all collections for that day will be collected on the following day and all collections for the remainder of the week are delayed for one day. Holidays that effect trash collection are: New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King Day (third Monday in January), President's Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), Christmas Day (December 25).

Household solid waste may include:

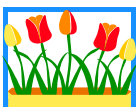
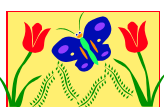
- Up to 3 bulk items, such as furniture and mattresses
- Carpet, bundled and tied in 4'x2' rolls.
- Up to 4 tires
- Wood, bundled no more than 4' long and 10 lbs maximum

Heavy metal items such as discarded refrigerators and metal furniture are collected as an additional service. An appointment is required for pickup of these items. Please call 591-6000 to schedule pick up.

Dead Animal Removal

The Department removes dead animals from the right-of-way. In addition, we are glad to remove deceased pets from the homes of our residents. Dead animals are collected 24 hours a day with pick up normally within 2 hours of the request. If we can help you please call 591-6000.

NANA Nominating Committee for 2003-2004 met at Jim Obergefell's home on March 26. The committee is comprised of Ellen Epstein (Lowry), Leslie Good (Eaton Ln), Jim Obergefell (Betula), Marilyn Smith (Rose Hill) and Sue Ann Spears (Lenox Pl).



APRIL AMNESTY FOR JUNK VEHICLES
By Gerry Kraus

Spearheaded by Council Member Pat DeWine City Council passed a Junk Vehicle Ordinance on March 5, 2003 which declares that storage of junk vehicles in public view on **residential and commercial private property to be a public nuisance.** The law provides for "the immediate removal of any illegally stored, unlicensed, inoperable or junk vehicle not abated within seven days of receiving a notice of a violation." The ordinance empowers the Departments of Health, Buildings & Inspections, Public Services and the Police to inspect and to enforce this law. The Junk Vehicle Ordinance is the latest in a series of measures by City Council to toughen laws governing "quality of life" offenses such as litter, graffiti, signs on utility poles and aggressive panhandling. "These types of things together lead to a climate that creates crime, so it's important not to tolerate disorder of any kind," DeWine stated.

To encourage people to get rid of inoperable vehicles without facing a citation or fine, City Council passed a motion on March 19 declaring an April Amnesty. During the month of April the City will remove junk vehicles FREE. After May 5 owners of junk vehicles will be cited and if not removed in 7 days, fined \$100. To participate in April Amnesty call the City or, if you want a charitable deduction, call a non-profit who provides this service:

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 CITY TELEPHONE NUMBER: 564-CARS (2277)
 or the following non-profits
 MOVING CAUSES at 821-6190 or
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL at 562-8841

WHAT CONSTITUTES A JUNK VEHICLE?

The Ordinance defines a "Junk Motor Vehicle" as any motor vehicle that meets ALL of the following requirements

1. A vehicle that has been left on private property for more than seventy-two (72) hours or left on a public street, public way, or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or highway, for more than forty-eight (48) hours;
2. A vehicle that is three (3) year old, or older;
3. A vehicle that is extensively damaged, including but not limited to any combination of the following types of damage: deflated, wrecked, or missing tires or rims; missing or wrecked body parts; broken or missing headlights, taillights, or brake lights; broken, cracked or missing windows or windshields; missing all or part of the motor or transmission; missing or invalid license plate(s); or a vehicle that is otherwise apparently inoperable;
4. A vehicle that has a fair market value of \$1,500.00 or less.

BLOCK WATCH



Avon Fields
 Beechwood
 Red Bud
 Betula
 Rose Hill

Tuesday
April 29, 7:30 p.m.
4075 Beechwood

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. James Titchener 80, (Rose Hill) who had Parkinson's disease, died March 2 at Deaconess Hospital. He was a psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, clinical investigator and writer. Dr. Titchener was a founding member of the Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Institute. His work in trauma and disasters led to his co-founding the Cincinnati Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. NANA extends our condolences to his wife, Judith (NANA Board member), his son Paul and daughters, Patricia, Jennifer and Antoinette. Dr. Titchener believed it was important in life to find something you were passionate about and work at it without compromise.

Through the course of her husband's illness, Judith has learned much about Parkinson's disease and its' care and offers herself as a resource for anyone in the community. She may be reached at 281-1107.

"Imagine the Possibilities!"....North Avondale residents & business owners, NANA desires to increase homeownership and create a dynamic central business district. There is a \$100 million loan fund created by the city and major banks to encourage development and rehabilitation of housing in the city. NANA is working to encourage developers and business owners to create mixed use developments for housing, retail and commercial along Reading Road on properties such as the large vacant parcel of land at Avondale, the Armory and other properties near Dana. The City has provided funding for attractive streetscapes, with historic lighting, benches and other features to attract customers to our wonderful neighborhood. An important component of this "vision of the possibilities" is to adhere to the principle of Smart Growth.

•More on Smart Growth in May's NANA News•

CARNIVAL FOR LIFE 2003 IN CELEBRATION OF MINORITY HEALTH WELLNESS MONTH

On April 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Greater Cincinnati will host the 2003 "Carnival For Life" at 3770 Reading Road. Children and adults can participate in health screening, consult with local health educators/organizations, take a tour of the new Sickle Cell offices. There will also be healthy snacks, face painting, prizes, raffles, giveaways, entertainment, clowns, games and even a moonwalk. Everyone is invited to partake in celebrating healthy lifestyles for our African-Americans, Latinos/Hispanic Americans, Native American Indians and Asian Americans families and communities.

In addition to the carnival activities, Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati Medical Center will be on site from 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. so that interested parties can donate blood - the gift of life. Due to blood donor guidelines, prior to the blood drive potential donors are encouraged to contact the Hoxworth's Nursing Department at 558-1304 or (800) 265-1515. All donors are required to furnish positive identification at the time of the donation and must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

(3) For questions or if you are an organization/company interested in participating in this event please call the foundation at 281-4450.



**North
Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

Program Highlights For April & Early May:

- North Avondale Community Center's Advisory Board Meeting
7:00 in the Arts & Crafts Room on Thursday, April 10th
- Summer Day Camp Registration with Ms Harris April 1st thru April 11th
\$575 if payment is completed before May 30th, \$600 after
- Spring Break Mini-Camp 7:15 a. m.-5:45 p. m. from April 14th thru April 18th
\$60 ASDC member or \$75 non-member
- After School Day Camp (ASDC) Prom in the Activity Room
from 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday, May 2nd \$5 per person 5 years and older
- For Seniors Programming, contact Ann James at 961-1584
- The North Avondale 12 & under Floor Hockey team **WON the City Championship** (tournament started with 14 teams) by finally beating the Pleasant Ridge Center team, 5 to 2 on Wednesday, March 26. Congratulations!



**North
Avondale
Montessori
School
872-7290**

- April 14 thru 18 Spring Break**
(school closed)
- 24 Bring Someone Special to Lunch
- 26 Spring Clean-Up Day
8:00 - 12:00
- May 2 Ice Cream Social**
6:30 - 8:00
- 7 thru 9 FLOWER SALE

NANA CALENDAR

- Saturday, April 5 & May 3, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper
- Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, April 26, 10:00 to Noon **GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP** meet at Seasongood Park (Reading & Clinton Springs)
- Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. **Rose Hill Area Block Watch Meeting** 4075 Beechwood
- Saturday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs



APRIL 8TH NANA GENERAL MEETING

Current Resident Or:

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