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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NANA doesn't do it alone. We seek your volunteer spirit. Call one of these fine board members. Thanks for your time.

Marilyn Smith

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I-Team (North Avondale Master Plan Implementation)

Chair: **Amy Hines** (Lenox Place)
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Thank You Green-up Day Volunteers: Carol Allen, Jan Banks, Edie Gaudio, Betsy Gotwals, Teresa Harten, Ursula Hassel, Brian & Grace Hill, Gale Howe, John Jones, Marian Miller, Marilyn Smith, Ryan McGinnis, Charlene Morse, Pat Paul, Sue Ann Spears & Cindy Starr. Seasingood Park & Dana Triangle look beautiful because of your hard, hard work!

NANA MEETING
TUESDAY
JULY 13th, 7:30 p.m.

NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA

- Hamilton County Municipal Court's Private Complaint Mediation Service (PCMS)
- CITIZEN PRIORITY REQUESTS (for both, see articles pg 3)



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 3
By Pauline Daly

At the May General Meeting, NANA approved the plan by Officer Cruse and Pauline Daly to participate in National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 3, from 5 to 8 pm at Martin Luther King Park** (corner of Burton & Reading Road.)

The Police Department will concentrate on the children, providing different offerings for younger and older children. For small children, there will be safety teachings on such issues as strangers, street smart traffic safety, bullies, at home alone, internet safety. For older children there will be, street and gun violence, teen dating, and crime prevention.

Burton School will have information on their programs and progress in helping the community through the children.

The Institute for the Practice of Peace will provide information on peace efforts in Cincinnati.

For further information or to participate, call Pauline Daly, committee chair, at 751-8334.

THE CITIZEN PRIORITY REQUEST (CPR) is a process whereby the City obtains information from Community Councils on projects that are paramount to the preservation and/or revitalization of each neighborhood. This information on communities' priority projects is reviewed by appropriate City Departments during their 2005 budget preparation. Potential funding options for the priority projects are considered and recommendations on projects are made to the City Council in the proposed budget. **Each community is asked to submit three priority projects by July 15th** If you have any suggestions, please call the NANA office and leave a message or email at clmorse@fuse.net before the NANA July 13 meeting.

VICTORY PARKWAY PARKLAND IMPROVEMENTS: Xavier will be spending \$50,300 to improve the appearance of the area between Victory Parkway & Hayden Field. The plans call for installation of 10 trees, 50 bushes and 800 plants for ground cover on the sloped area. They are also planning on removing the gravel and cinders that are prevalent in the area, installing topsoil and planting a lawn in its place.

FREE FALL RELEAF TREES: To receive information on the free trees available from the city through its Fall ReLeaf Program, call 861-9070 ext 21 and leave your name, mailing address & phone number. Orders must be submitted by the end of August and trees will be available to pick up in October to plant.

HAMILTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT'S PRIVATE COMPLAINT MEDIATION SERVICE (PCMS) provides mediation as an alternative to the formal court system for private citizens who have disputes of a criminal misdemeanor or civil "small claims" nature. Mediation allows parties to resolve their differences in a confidential setting with a trained mediator. A representative will be at the July 13 NANA Meeting to speak & pass out information

CAR WASH OUT!
By Gerry Kraus

On June 21, 2004 the City's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) reversed the decision of the City's Hearing Examiner, Steve Kurtz, and decided unanimously by a 3-0 vote that a car wash business could not be located at the corner of Reading/Paddock Roads (formerly Antonio's Pizza). Over 25 residents (including Councilmember Christopher Smitherman and some residents from Paddock Hills) were present at this hearing to support lawyers Marvin Kraus (representing NANA and Audricia and Julia Brooks who live next door to the car wash site) and Bill Rambo (representing North Avondale residents Mary Dee & Bob Novak, Janet & Bob Banks and Betsy & Clayton Gotwals) who most eloquently spoke on behalf of the merits of the neighborhood's objection to this car wash. As this newsletter goes to press the ZBA's written decision has not been completed and sent out. The Car Wash developers have 30 days from the date that ZBA's written decision is mailed out to appeal the decision of the ZBA to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. NANA will relay this information in the next NANA News.

Regarding the proposed Pay Day Loan business the ZBA stated that NANA filed its objections to the decision of Zoning Director Reginold Lyons too late. Lyons had made two decisions: one on February 17, 2004 based on EQ-UD rules and one on March 25, 2004 based on Transitional Zone (T-Zone) requirements. NANA's lawyer, Marvin Kraus, explains that the Lyons decision that NANA was appealing (and was in time) was the one made on March 25th in which, under T-Zone rules, a public hearing is required. The ZBA based its "out of time" ruling on Lyons' February 17th decision that an EQ-UD public hearing was not required. NANA was objecting to the determination by Lyons that the city did not have to conduct a T-Zone public hearing on use of the Antonio Pizza site for a Pay Day Loan because "a Pay Day Loan business is not substantially different from a Pizza restaurant!" This ZBA decision is appealable by NANA to the Common Pleas Court

To further confuse matters, the application filed by the developers with the Building & Inspections (B&I) Department to operate a Pay Day Loan business has not been approved – the B & I Dept. records show that the initial application has been denied – because no plan for the Pay Day Loan has, to date, been submitted. NANA *et al.* will also have an opportunity to object to this business at such time that a plan is submitted by the developers to B&I. It is interesting to note that while the Zoning Director determined that there was no substantial difference between a Pay Day Loan business and a restaurant, a B&I inspector wrote on the initial application that replacing a restaurant with a Pay Day Loan constituted a "change of use" of the property.

NANA NEIGHBORS

John & Sydney Wallis and Heather & Rick Wallace (S. F. Shuttlesworth) were featured in the June 8, *Enquirer Tempo* section. The two neighbors combined have 22 children with 13 adoptions. The Wallaces now live in former NANA President John Angelo's home.



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SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN:

Beautification: Neighborhood landscaping issues Beautification projects; Neighborhood Garden projects; Outreach garden and streetscape projects.

City Liaison: Zoning issues; Building permit issues; City of Cincinnati concerns.

Education: Establishing relationships with area schools; Advisory Boards for Community Center; Promoting programs and workshops for: Neighborhood preservation. Cultural issues, Neighborhood investments.

Environmental: Air & Water Quality concerns; EPA Standards; Local government agencies; Dumping; Business air emissions.

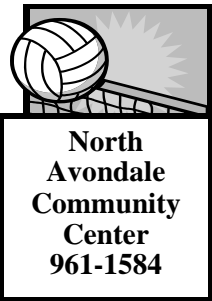
Landlord/Tenant Relations: Developing communication between landlord and tenants, Recruiting participation in NANA from apartment dwellers, Involvement in student/parent activities in Burton School.

Legal: Core legal pool to NANA concerns; Zoning, environmental; business; Development Corporation activities.

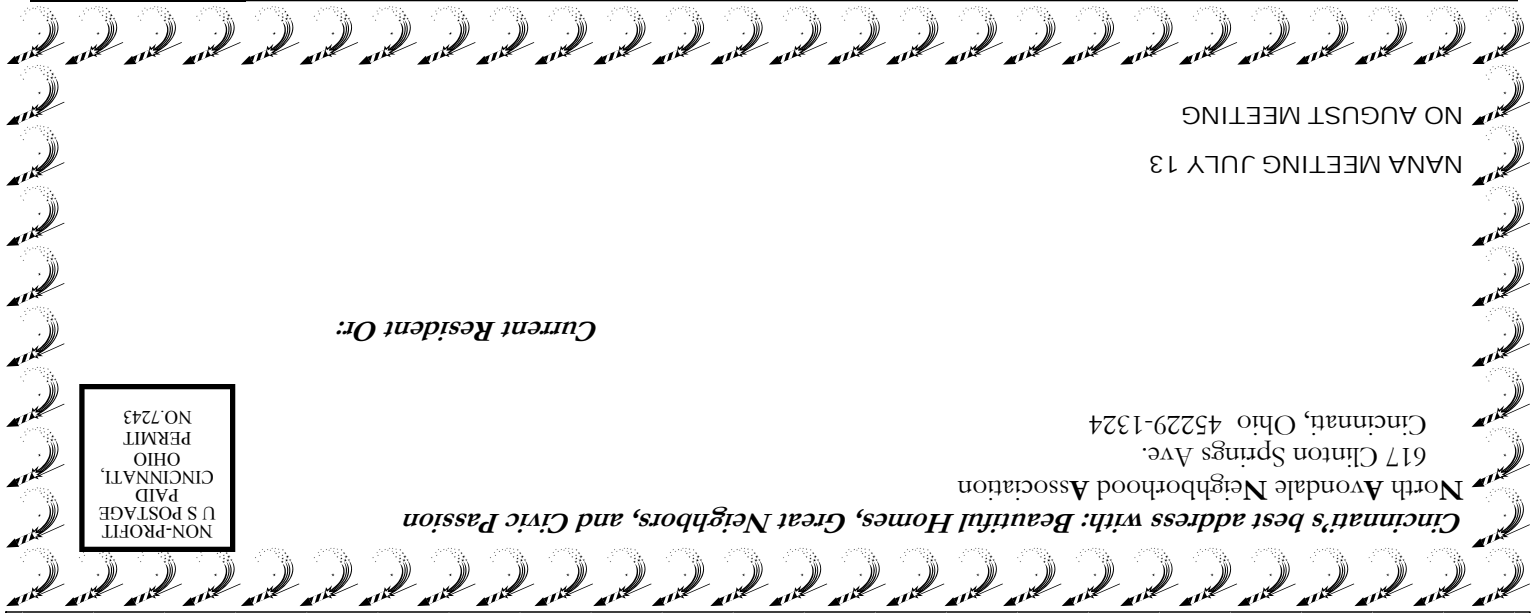
Neighborhood Appearance: Streetscape Plans; Quality of Life issues; Signs, plaques, side walks; IDC Liaison; Zoning, Beautification, Master Plan.

I-Team (North Avondale Master Plan Implementation): Marketing strategy for the neighborhood, Enhance the Business District - recruit potential investors, Work with nearby communities.

Safety - interested in curbing: Drug trafficking; Continuous vandalism/Gang related concerns; Poor lighting issues/Block Watch concerns; Neighborhood Police liaison; Trespassing problems/Car break-ins and theft; CPOP (Community Problem Oriented Policing) that meets with Community Police on the 1st Thursday of ea. Month 6:00 pm District IV, Reading Road.



- Drop-In program with free lunch is M-F, 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. Membership card required.
 - Drum Corps practice outside on Monday & Wednesday evenings
 - Senior line dancing has added an additional day. Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Membership card is required.
- If you have any questions or issues to discuss, please feel free to call the center between the hours of 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If you leave a message, please leave a name and phone number so the center can get back to you to answer the question or address the issues.



NO AUGUST MEETING
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NANA CALENDAR

- Saturday, July 10, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper
- Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, August 3, 5:00 to 8:00 p. m. National Night Out, Martin Luther King Park at Burton & Reading (see article Pg.3)
- NO AUGUST NANA MEETING
- Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, September 14, 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

