



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anything I might have to say about our neighborhood this month seems boring compared to what our neighbor Jim Amatulli (Winding Way) has going on in North Avondale. Therefore this month's President Message is being temporarily replaced by **THE PRESIDENT'S NEIGHBOR'S MESSAGE.** (By the way Jim, I have been told that I am very photogenic) John

So You Wanna Be in Pictures?  
Well, What About Your House?

After a number of years in development, I am moving forward on a decades-long dream, to produce a feature film. (I won't say how many decades!)

As a 10-year resident of North Avondale, I continue to admire the diverse architecture that exists and how the residents pride themselves on maintaining homes that simply couldn't be built today. As a filmmaker, I see the potential to shoot a major portion of the film in our neighborhood, minimizing costly company moves to multiple locations.

But first, here is a short synopsis of this romantic/heist drama, ARTWORKS: In this character-driven story, a police chief's daughter, sales manager for a home security firm, meets a serious art dealer, content with his small, elite gallery. They share an interest in art, but also find they share envy and

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### GLENWOOD AVENUE NAME TO REMAIN

By Gerry Kraus

On January 9, 2002 a sympathetic City Council voted 8-0 (Council Member Paul Booth was excused from voting) to change the name of the street that was voted on November 28, 2001 to be called Rev. L. Venchael Booth Avenue back to Glenwood Avenue. After hearing ALL the facts and the circumstances that led to the November name change, particularly the fact that Glenwood Avenue residents had no opportunity to testify, City Council took this January action.

A Committee of Glenwood Avenue residents (Ivie Jan Bell, Henry McCollom, Herbert Mitchell, Sharon Serra), assisted by NANA Coordinator Charlene Morse, met with several Council Members to explain why they objected to the name change. They said that while they had no problem with the City honoring Rev. Booth – in fact, the group listed 26 possible

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### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AT W. MITCHELL REQUEST A VARIANCE FOR A SWIMMING POOL

On September 25<sup>th</sup> 2001, NANA received notice of a hearing on October 11<sup>th</sup> for a written administrative decision for Holiday Inn Express at 130 W. Mitchell. The applicant was seeking approval of a variance to the number of required parking spaces upon the subject property located in a B-4 General Business District. They were requesting to be allowed to remove 3 parking spaces from the required 54 spaces (determined by the number of rooms in the motel) for the construction of a pool. NANA delivered a flyer to neighbors with property abutting or near the motel informing them of the hearing and asking for their opinions. Most did not object to the pool being placed in the front of the motel but some objected to the motel owners spending the money for the pool when some neighbors had not been paid for damages they had received during the original construction of the motel. At the October NANA General meeting several of the neighbors attended and though there was support and praise for the motel itself and an understanding of the need for a pool, it was thought that the neighbors who had damages needed supporting. As a result a motion that *NANA oppose the variance for implementation of a swimming pool on the hotel premises that would also eliminate parking spaces.* was passed.

At the October 11<sup>th</sup> hearing, William Langevin, CBO, Director instructed the neighbors, neighborhood association and owners to meet and come to an agreement before reconvening. On October 30<sup>th</sup> we met at the motel, had an impressive tour, met the attorney, Gary Franke, representing the owner Jiten Patel, and discussed the situation. Mr. Franke asked that anyone

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### NANA GENERAL MEETING

### AGENDA ITEMS

**FEBRUARY 12TH, 7:30 p.m.**

**NORTH AVONDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**617 Clinton Springs Ave.**

- HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (SEE ABOVE)
- CINCINNATI SPECIALTIES ODOR HOTLINE (PG. 2)
- SUSTAINING CINCINNATI UPDATE ON INDICATOR PROCESS (PG. 2)



## SUSTAINABLE CINCINNATI INDICATORS UPDATE

By Teresa Harten

NANA is a steering committee member of the Sustainable Cincinnati Indicators Project. The group, which is made up of over 60 member organizations representing social services, political, business and many other sectors of the Cincinnati community, has been developing a set of indicators to point Cincinnati in the direction of economic, social and environmental sustainability. Over the past year the group has developed a set of over 80 potential indicators. The next step is to arrive at a list of the best 10-20 indicators. At a January 12 meeting the group brought the list to just under 30 top candidates and will have another meeting February 8 to further narrow the list. Examples of the top indicators include "percent of population employed at a livable wage," "violent crime rate," "distribution of wealth (gap between the lowest 20% and the highest 20%)," "percent of land in region devoted to people habitat, car habitat, and wildlife habitat," and "pounds of solid waste per capita." Although it is often difficult to categorize the indicators as strictly social, economic, or environmental, a rough breakdown of the potential indicators yields about 25% economic, 35% social, and 35% environmental (environmental also includes land use and health).

Teresa Harten is NANA's representative in the Sustainable Cincinnati Indicators effort. At the NANA meeting on February 12 she will present the current list and receive input from the neighborhood on their importance.

Their web site is [www.sustainablecincinnati.org](http://www.sustainablecincinnati.org)



## CINCINNATI SPECIALTIES COMES TO NANA FEBRUARY MEETING

By Sherry G. Roth, Operations Manager

To aid their investigation of odor issues, Cincinnati Specialties' will bring samples of materials and introduce their "Odor Hotline" to the group.

They have been working with their Community Advisory Panel, and now seek additional input from other interested neighbors.

## IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Raymond L. Sturm, weekly celebrant at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church (3626 Reading Rd.), died Thursday January 3, 2002 of cardiac arrest at The Jewish Hospital. He was 79. "Father Ray" will be missed.

**N**ANA is forming the **Nominating Committee** to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2002/2003. 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.

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having a problem with unpaid damages send the information to him and he would get to the bottom of it. He further explained that it was the contractor who caused the damages. They were currently in litigation with the contractor. The consensus seemed to be that if the damages the neighbors had sustained were paid for, there would not be an objection to the pool

At the December 13<sup>th</sup> hearing, a new plan was presented where the pool would be enclosed and put in the back of the motel in a R3T zone with the assumption that a variance would possibly not be necessary. A (I) transitional zone is placed between a residential zone and another zone that is less restrictive (in this case a B-4 General Business District) in which a variance is required to put things that would not be allowed in the more restrictive zone if it goes more than 25 feet into the T zone. As this was all new to NANA, we asked for and were granted a continuance.

Unfortunately by the January 24<sup>th</sup> hearing, the city still had not received site plans, which would determine if the structure was more than 25 feet into the transitional zone and needed a variance. The results of the geotechnical report requested by the city were also unknown. NANA did know that Mr. Franke had received only one fax from the neighbors alleging damages. Mr. Langevin, though sympathetic to the neighbors alleged damages, maintained that this hearing was not the place to solve those problems. More importantly, was the future impact on the abutting homes if the pool was built and which location (front or back of the motel) would have less impact on the homeowners. NANA asked for and was granted a continuance to allow NANA time to develop a position on this matter. NANA now knows that the pool will go an additional 40 feet into the transitional zone therefore requiring a transitional use hearing to request a variance to go beyond the 25 feet allowed to 72 feet 135 from the rear property

**ANYONE (abutting neighbors especially)** interested please attend a meeting at the motel on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** to see the site and discuss the situation. A vote will be taken on the neighborhoods position at our February 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting to be presented at the reconvened hearing on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Room 312, City Hall. If you have any questions, comments and cannot attend any of the meetings, please call the NANA office at 221-6166.

**HELP WANTED  
FRONT DESK WORKER  
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS  
Call 242-1010 for more information**





**CENTER**

North Avondale "Classic" Seniors Calendar of Events for February 2002

**Feb. 1, 10:00 a.m.** Business meeting at the Center • **Feb. 7, 12:30** "Casablanca" at Showcase Cinemas

**Feb. 8, 10:00 a.m.** Black History Presentation by Edna Farley at the Center

**Feb. 15, 11:00 a.m.** Piano Concert at Music Hall • **Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m.** Games & Lunch at the Center

Ann would like to invite every Senior to her **Yoga class** on M & W from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Try it, you'll like it! As of February 1, 2002, all Senior memberships will be \$8.00. Get your new 2002 memberships NOW before the rate goes up!

The **City Floor Hockey League** starts Feb. 6 with games being played on most Wednesdays at the center from 4:00-5:30 p.m. or catch a **youth basketball game** on Mondays from 5:00-9:00 p.m. It's fantastic!

**Monday February 18** President's Day **Center & School** will be closed.

**SCHOOL**

February 4th through 8th is **Underground Railroad Festival Week**

**Feb. 8, 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out** Ropin Rockets will perform, dinner. To benefit the Ropin Rockets

**Feb. 5, 12 & 19 7:00-8:30 p.m. Hassle Free Parenting**



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Avondale  
Community  
Center  
961-1584**

**North  
Avondale  
Montessori  
School  
872-7290**

**NANA CALENDAR & XAVIER LARGE EVENTS (to aid in avoiding the traffic)**

- Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m. **MEETING AT HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**, 130 W. Mitchell Ave.
- Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- *Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. George Washington Men's basketball game* • *Saturday, February 16, 8:00 p. m. St. Joseph's Men's basketball*
- *Thursday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. LaSalle Men's basketball game* • *Saturday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. Massachusetts Men's basketball game*
- Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE, RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER**, 615 Clinton Springs
- *Saturday, March 9, Answer the Call (est. 8,000)*
- Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.



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**NORTH AVONDALE MIXED PAPER\* RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR 2002:**

615 Clinton Springs, behind North Avondale School **Every Three Months on the Second Saturday**  
**March 9, 10:00-2:00 • June 8, 10:00-2:00 • September 14, 10:00-2:00 • December 14, 10:00-2:00**

**\*Mixed paper is cardboard, cereal boxes, beverage cases, junk mail, magazines, office paper, or newspapers.**



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