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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With our Thanksgiving Celebration, we have officially begun the Holiday Season. Winding down this year and looking forward with promise as to the bounty which the "New Year," holds.

This year, NANA's executive board has had additional meetings to establish some **long range plans**. These sessions were under the leadership of Barbara Henshaw and John Arthur. We all participated in personality typing, discussing what things could/would be solidifying for the neighborhood, in which direction for the neighborhood association to proceed and what contributes in making and sustaining the neighborhood. Personally, these planning sessions have been eye-opening. I learned what activities must take place, behind the scene, in order to make a desirable neighborhood. I therefore urge all of you: property owners, renters, employees in North Avondale to become involved in the neighborhood, to learn about it and to have your say. Together we can decide the most pressing issues facing our neighborhood, and pursue solutions.

In the training, we developed our **goals** for the neighborhood. These goals fall within three areas. NANA is already doing some things within each area but we want to do more. They are: **Schools**, we have two public schools and four private schools within the neighborhood and NANA needs to be more involved in shaping our youth. Currently, NANA has representatives on both the Burton & North Avondale Montessori Local School Decision Making Committees (LSDMC); **Safety**, we all want and are entitled to safe neighborhoods, there are many facets involved in having safe environments. Presently NANA's committees' are involved with Environmental, Landlord/Tenant and Block Watches; **Appearance**, considered in this area would be how the neighborhood looks, i.e., litter control, adopting community

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CAR WASH TO REPLACE ANTONIO'S PIZZA

By Gerry Kraus

The Antonio Pizza Restaurant property at the northwest corner of Reading and Paddock Roads has been sold to Rick and Charles Pescovitz, former North Avondale residents. They plan to remove the present building and replace it with a self-serve car wash. This car wash will operate 24 hours a day and will not have an attendant on site. Since this property is currently in a Transitional Zone (T-Zone) & an Environmental Quality-Urban Design (EQ-UD), a development plan and public hearing is required.

The preliminary plan for this facility was presented to NANA at its November 11 meeting. If you want to know more about this development, please attend the December 9 NANA meeting when the developers will present their final plan and answer any questions residents may have.




PADDOCK POINT LLC
 PROPOSED CAR WASH
 VIEW FROM READING ROAD



NANA GENERAL MEETING
 2nd TUESDAY
 DECEMBER 11TH, 7:30 p.m.
 NORTH AVONDALE
 COMMUNITY CENTER
 617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA ITEMS:
 •PROPOSED CAR WASH
 (SEE ARTICLE ABOVE)
 •ZONING - NEXT STEP
 (SEE PAGE 2)



2003 NANA DUES

100% = 2789
 Households

Thank you to the 423
 Households who have
 paid their 2003 NANA
 Dues

⇐423

Households

For the rest of you
PLEASE remember to
 send in your 2003 dues
NOW! so we can reach
 our goal. Thank You

NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING ALERT!
By Gerry Kraus

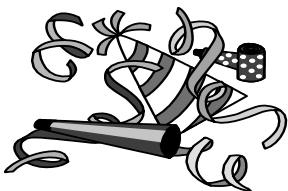
Within the next few weeks City Council plans to adopt a new Zoning Code for the city. In many ways this new code is an improvement over the present code because it is easier to read and to understand.

However, there are some changes that will adversely affect North Avondale, most important of which is the elimination of Transitional Zones (T-Zones). Without these T-Zones properties such as the **Gershuny lot** (Reading Road between Avondale Avenue and Barry Lane), the **Antonio Pizza property** (northwest corner Reading/Paddock Road), **West Mitchell** (abutting Kessler Avenue) and **part of S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle** (abutting high density housing on Chalfonte Place) will be able to be developed without any input from the neighborhood, without any public hearing and without any agreed upon restrictions between the developer and the neighbors. For example, the McDonald's Fast Food restaurant proposed for the Gershuny property a few years ago year will be able to be built. T- Zone districts were originally written into the current zoning code to protect residential property owners from incompatible developments that may adversely affect them.

There are some who believe that because North Avondale has an Environmental Quality-Urban Design (EQ-UD) overlay zoning along the Reading Road corridor, the neighborhood will be protected against any undesirable development. This is not true. The EQ-UD deals only with the LOOK of the properties within its district, not with the USES that are permitted.

NANA representatives to the Cincinnati Neighborhood Zoning Task Force (CNZTF) have been trying to get the T-Zone district designation back in the proposed new code – unsuccessfully. If you find the elimination of T-Zone districts unacceptable, call or write City Council members and tell them so! Attend the December 9 meeting to help NANA decide what to do next.

Yard waste and Xmas trees will be collected from 12/26 through 1/9 when set out on the regular waste collection day. No tree stands, ornaments or lights, please. After 1/9, citizens must schedule a pickup on their normal day by calling 591-6000.



A Happy New Year
From NANA

NEW BLOCK WATCH CLUB FORMING

On Monday, November 24 at District 4 Police Station 48 neighbors from Abington, Ardmore, Dickson, Glencross, Lowry, Mitchell, Parker, Sturgis, Warwick and Wedgewood met to discuss problems in the area. Possible solutions were: more lighting - both city lights and home/porch lights; coordinate efforts with St. Bernard Police (an officer was present at this meeting) and District 5; increase Police presence; develop activities for youth; identify problem youth; talk to their parents; start a Block Watch Club; start a Citizens on Patrol; report both suspicious activity or crimes to Police; use a video camera to identify youth. **Don't leave valuables in your car - it attracts crime** For more information or to get involved call 221-6166 or send an email to: clmorse@fuse.net.

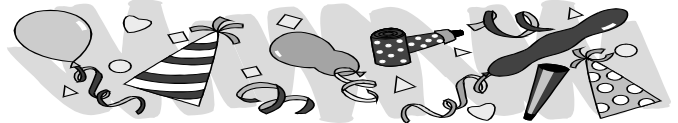


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flower beds, zoning, building code violations, streetscape, keeping and maintaining a neighborhood that is welcoming and inviting.

These are the areas your membership dues help the association pursue, we therefore urge you to support us in our efforts, and **if you haven't already sent in your membership dues**, please consider the many areas in which the neighborhood may have benefited you. These plans/goals will be presented to the general board in the upcoming months. I look forward to seeing you at NANA's monthly meetings.

And thank you for your consideration.



APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Every year, due to the annual guidelines of the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP), NANA is required to accept applications for the position of coordinator; a part-time, paid position for one or more independent contractors. The coordinator assumes the following responsibilities: writing & editing the NANA News newsletter; flyers and other communications; maintaining the membership and office; assisting the NANA Board and all volunteers on issues involving land development & use, safety, beautification, youth & senior activities, membership development and environmental affairs to enhance the livability of North Avondale. Interested persons should call NANA President John Jones (281-2596).

VENDOR APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 2,920 copies of the ten NANA News and flyers at least six times;
- supply discounted plants, bulbs, and mulch.

If interested, write the NANA Office at 617 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, or call 221-6166.

HISTORIES OF NORTH AVONDALE - PART 2 EXCERPTS FROM MARY KARTAL'S STORY

On the other side our neighbors were a gay couple. In 1960 this was not popular. They were forever on the defensive, soon the house was bought by the L family. Mr.L. was a mailman, Mrs. babysat. They had 7 kids and got an 8th one when his mother "forgot" to pick him up from the babysitter. The couple died within a week of each other. We were sad, they were such good people. I understand that the house was built for the president of HUC at the beginning of the century, and had a wonderful paneled library .

Mr. Charlie Taft, President Taft's youngest son rented the downstairs of the duplex next to them. For this reason, Burton Woods Lane got special treatment. The snow plough came through as it passed, first thing after a snow-fall, right in from Reading Road. This service stopped when Mr. Taft moved! Mr. Taft was a lovely, unpretentious man. He loved fishing. We knew Spring is here when the boat appeared on his small car, and that Fall is over when it was gone. He said he wanted his epitaph to read: "Gone fishin..." I don't know whether it does. At any rate, Mr. Taft had a hard time walking, moved out and the house was sold to the present owners.

There were many children on the street, black, white Catholic, Jewish, Protestant. They played together every day, had a wonderful time and were barely aware of the race riots, just a few blocks away. Not everything was idyllic all the time. There was a problem with the integration of the swimming pool. Another problem was the Church. The priest was obviously prejudiced against Jews and blacks. He did not object to some children playing in the churchyard, but chased the black kids off the premises and told the Catholic family not to let their children play with their Jewish neighbors. The Mitchell Mansion was a Catholic school that closed soon after we moved here. The church, the little white structure, still stayed a church for a while, but then the archdiocese wanted to sell it. There were many ideas floated about, a halfway house for young people out of jail, an AA rehab house, a house for unwed mothers, etc. Once when I casually remarked to a neighbor, that I don't really much care who does what as long as the place is well managed, the neighbor exploded:" It is easy for you, if you don't like it here, you can move, but we moved here to escape this stuff and we do not want it to follow us." I understood the point.

The New School seemed to be a good choice, but it got off to a rocky start. The campus was "open", which meant that the kids used me as a toy-lending-library. It changed after 2 girls were caught at the Greyhound terminal with \$20.00 trying to buy a bus ticket to Atlanta. Boundaries were set, rules established, and peace restored.

I do not know the history of many of the houses. I knew the owners, some very well, some superficially. I still refer to most houses by the old owners' names. I do miss the big elm trees that shaded the street and died from Dutch Elm disease soon after we moved in, but I am glad to see that the young trees are growing larger. The street is still as nice and friendly a place as it was so many years ago.

IN MEMORIAM

Catherine Stocks, (Wedgewood) died in her sleep at her home on Sunday morning November 9. She served on the NANA Board (1996-98) as the committee chair for Senior Citizens' Needs and one year was the Nominating Chair. Many of you will remember her from the NANA Meetings. She was the dignified woman, wearing a hat, asking deep philosophical questions and singing ever so beautifully at our Holiday parties. She will be missed.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT CITY HALL By Michelle Edwards

Interested in politics, want to see how city government is being run? Newly Elected Councilman Christopher Smitherman is providing Internship Opportunities

- Apply through NANA by:
 - Calling to leave a message at the NANA Office, 221-6166
 - Email clmorse@fuse.net
- Must be a high school junior or senior in good class standing
- Paid 3-month internship
- Must have reliable transportation to and from City Hall
- Please dress appropriately (no jeans, holes in clothing)
- Hours begin after school
- Required to give a 15 minute report to NANA after successful completion of their experience at City Hall

Nana will advertise in their newsletter when the presentation will happen.

"We must provide leadership opportunities for our youth"
~Christopher Smitherman

CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER TRUNK SHOW

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6-9 pm. (MEMBER'S NIGHT) & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 11-7 PM. FEATURING 12-15 ARTISANS INCLUDING A NORTH AVONDALE RESIDENT, TONIE MILES (BELVEDERE) REPRESENTING HER JEWELRY LINE CALLED WHIRLYGIRLS! CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER LOBBY - 44 EAST SIXTH STREET

COVINGTON HISTORIC LICKING-RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 (CANDLELIGHT TOUR) 5-9 SUNDAY 14, 3-5, TICKETS: \$25 PERSON (CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE) BUY TICKETS AT GEORGE ROGERS CLARK PARK & BAKER HUNT FOUNDATION, 620 GREENUP ST.

MEMORIAL HALL HOLIDAY SALE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 12 P.M. TO 4 P.M. 1225 ELM STREET (NEXT TO MUSIC HALL)



**North
Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

2004 Membership Costs*
\$5.00 Youth (5-12 years), **Teens** (13-17 years), **Seniors** (50 & older)
\$15.00 Adults (18-49 years)
2004 Additional Costs
\$3.00 Replacement Card, Daily User
\$10.00 Fitness (3 months)

- All participants must purchase a **2004 membership card** and bring it every time
- Winter Quarter starts January 5

Senior Events

December 5, Friday: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monthly Business Meeting
 12, Friday: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seniors Holiday Party
 19, Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trip to Jungle Jims

Youth Programs

5-6, Friday: 6 p. m.-11:30 a.m. Lock-In for the Theater Kids
 8, Monday: 4:30 to 9 p.m. Youth Basketball Leagues start
 19, Friday: 3 to 6 p.m. ASDC Holiday Party
 19, Friday: 6 to 9 p.m. Teen Dance
 22,23,24,29,30,31 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. (to 3:30 on 24 & 31)- Holiday Mini-Camp
 25, 26, 1, 2, 19 Center Closed for Holidays
 16, Friday: 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Records Day Mini-Camp



**North
Avondale
Montessori
School
363-3900**

<http://nams.cps-k12.org>

December
 8 - 12 **BookFair**
 17 **Winter Concert**
 22 - 5 **Winter Recess**
January
 16 & 19 **No School**
 20 - 23 **M. L. King Jr. Festival**
 30 **Pizza & Family Game Night**

NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING,** N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Wednesday, December 10, *Hairspray*
- Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, January 4, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper
- Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING,** N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, January 20 7:30 p.m. **Rose Hill Area Block Watch Meeting** 4018 Beechwood



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