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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

He was nine at the time – skinny – mostly elbows and knees but my son Chris loved to swim and looked great in his Speedo! We went to the pool most every day and Chris watched the big boys do “cannonballs” off the high board. It was late in the summer when Chris asked, “Mom, can I go off the big board?” Looking at the ten-meters with a hesitant heart, I said, “Okay, if you think you’re ready.” Oh, boy was he ready! Eyeing the big boys behind him, he dashed to the ladder and proudly stepped to the top. Wow, a whole different look ten meters up and eyeballing the water at that height - suddenly pride was no longer an issue. Chris decided to take the ladder down when a lifeguard announced that once he was at the top – there was only one way down. You know when kids get cold at the pool they stick their knees together, clench their hands against their lips and shiver? Well, Chris was a picture of shivers. Inching to the edge, he leaned over the water and shot a terrified look in my direction. By this time, all of the pool moms were standing in silent witness to a kid that may need therapy for the rest of his life. Watching him, I was torn between giving the lifeguard a good tongue lashing, and physically flying to rescue my baby. I did neither. Still holding his hands to his lips so his teeth wouldn’t fall out, Chris sat on the end of the board and peered down. The distance remained the same. There was no choice. Closing his eyes, he threw his arms spread eagle, and descended into the most catastrophic belly flop I had ever witnessed. I thought he was dead. Through tears I struggled to the pool ladder as he ascended to the edge. I was prepared for the worst, when this little nine-year-old looked into my watery eyes and asked: “Mom, can I do it again?”

And that’s how it feels moving into the presidency of NANA. I promise to keep my shivering to a minimum. Thanks for the opportunity!

Marilyn Smith

NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM

Introduction From Councilmember Laketa Cole

As Chair of the Neighborhood & Public Services Committee, I believe that city government should accommodate the needs of the citizens, and not the other way around. That’s why I initiated the Neighborhoods in the Neighborhood (NIN) Program to further my goal of a more responsive city government. The NIN program allows community councils to host one Neighborhoods Committee meeting per month.

Program Objectives

- **Increase interaction and communication** between Neighborhoods Committee members and neighbors.
- **Give people who ordinarily can't make neighborhoods committee meetings a chance to be heard**, or attend.
- **Councilmembers will spend more time out in the communities** and less time behind their desks at city hall.

Who Can Attend














Anyone from any community can attend just like a regular committee meeting, but obviously we are trying to cater to the residents of the particular neighborhood we are visiting.



Can Anyone Speak at These Meetings?



Anyone is welcome to speak on any subject at these committee meetings. However, this is not intended to be an open discussion. Speakers will need to fill out cards and we will follow normal committee procedure. **We will try to deal with topics that are of particular concern to the community that we are visiting**, but this may not always work out perfectly.



What Is the Desired Outcome of the NIN Program?














- The desired outcome is to **make city government more accessible** to community residents by holding the committee meeting at a time and place that is more convenient to them than city hall during work hours.
- It is also hoped that Neighborhoods Committee members will **get a better feel for concerns that are specific to the community**, and that this will facilitate solutions to the community's problems.



NANA will have a new webpage



active on Monday, June 7. The web



address will be www.nananews.org.


<p>NANA MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 8th, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER 617 Clinton Springs Ave.</p>	<p>AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITY OF CINCINNATI NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM (NIN) - COUNCILMEMBER LAKETA COLE (SEE ARTICLE ABOVE)
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MY EXPERIENCE AT CITY HALL By Ben Dwertman

In the winter of 1947, a young Massachusetts congressman arrived at Washington. Despite his youth, he would make his first manipulations upon the cultural landscape of the nation. Idealistic and progressive, the congressman encountered the complex political mechanism which operated the international and domestic affairs of a postwar America, attempting to extract an intelligible thread of truth from the vibrant tapestry of American democracy. As an intern with Councilman Christopher Smitherman, I make a similar attempt in the Spring of 2004.

For three months, from February to May of 2004, I served the Councilman at City Hall, acquainting myself with the elements of local politics which manage Cincinnati. My duties were based on a variety of administrative tasks. I would be asked to open mail from residential and corporate interests, file documents, or create the binder the Councilman would use during each Wednesday meeting. Such travail allowed me to understand the political processes necessary to execute the affairs of such a large infrastructure. While it might seem that local politics plainly consist of the rhetoric of our leaders and the brief accounts of daily events in newspapers, the affairs of the city are in fact guided by the small details which individual Cincinnati agitate for resolution. And it is the attention to the minute, the minor, and an ensuing conclusion, which allows individuals to achieve a greater quality of life in this city, increasing the collective happiness of our citizens. This is the role of the politician: to manipulate the unfortunate factors of our landscape; a community disturbance, a sanitation issue; and correct the impediments, fostering a communal harmony within the city.

Yet, perhaps the most enlightening episode of my experience at City Hall was gained through the meticulous process of organization of the office's extensive volume of files and documents. While at times mundane and trite, as my hands lethargically drifted from sheet to sheet, the action eventually graced me with an epiphany. I conjectured that these very papers, while subject to a completely different political interpretation, existed in another Councilmember's office: John Cranley, Alicia Reece, or perhaps Pat DeWine. These papers, addressing a variety of issues which confront our city, are of an equivalent concern to the other leaders of Cincinnati. However, a degree of political pain persists, accompanying each resolution. This allowed me to realize that it is imperative for our city to unite geographically, in order to progress; for, regardless of our political sentiments, our culture, or our street name, we have a similar goal.

We must agitate for the dissolution of the geographic barriers which have been erected over the years. As residents of Walnut Hills or East Walnut Hills, the West End or the West Side, Avondale or North Avondale, we must harvest our hopes under a collective vision, intending to forge a favorable reality for all interests. As Cincinnatians, we must be concerned with the expansion of Lunken Airport. As Cincinnatians, we must be concerned with the allocation of

city finances throughout the region. As Cincinnatians, we must be concerned with progress; for only as one, one united body can we create a future which will please ourselves and ensuing generations.

My experience at City Hall educated me on the functions of the political complex in a more thorough account than any textbook, news report, or speech. I was able to experience and observe the mechanics required to operate the city, and gain an personal interpretation of the democratic system which had previously been confined to inanimate text. In this empirical vision, this political placement, I can feel confident that I am supplemented with the knowledge of democracy prerequisite to a complete citizenship. And just as the young Massachusetts congressman would discover in 1947, later to glorified in American history as John Kennedy, one individual can impress a vision of hope, of progress upon the geography of the nation; to soothe the maladies of the past, and enrich a nation and its people.

Ben was chosen by NANA to intern for Councilmember Christopher Smitherman. Part of the conditions of his internship was that he write an article about this experience for the NANA News. He has recently graduated from Walnut Hills High School and will be a Freshman at American University next fall majoring in International Studies.



"THE SHUTTLESWORTH TRIO" By John Angelo

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us as Cincinnati shines the spotlight on North Avondale. Vice-Mayor Alicia Reece and Former Mayor Roxanne Qualls will help mark the occasion. It's a wonderful opportunity to make a great showing and demonstrate our tremendous community spirit. We expect all the major networks and newspapers to be on hand. Let the city know, North Avondale really is Cincinnati's Best Address!

727, 731 & 732 S. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH CIRCLE

Three historic homes rescued from the brink. It takes a village to save a street... Eventures, The City of Cincinnati's Department of Community Development, Liberty Savings Bank, Fannie Mae, the North Avondale Neighborhood Association, and the Cincinnati Development Fund invite you to a special ribbon cutting celebrating the rebirth of 731 S. Fred Shuttlesworth; – from derelict eye-sore to neighborhood show house.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Tuesday, June 15 • 10:00 AM

Home Tours with "Before" Photo Galleries of all three projects
Light Refreshments & Honored Guests:

Cincinnati Vice-Mayor Alicia Reece
Former Cincinnati Mayor Roxanne Qualls
Fannie Mae National Legal Counsel
Liberty Savings President

RSVP by June 14 to AngeloJohn@AOL.com or 513.289.8300

731 S. Fred Shuttlesworth is located off Reading Road
2 blocks south of Dana Avenue

STOP THE VIOLENCE, CHANGE OUR THINKING
By Pauline Daly

Burton School has committed to a long range plan for creating a positive school culture. Behavioral expectations are being taught by modeling behavior and defining expectations which are teachable, acknowledgeable, and observable.

Research findings show that exclusion and punishment, the most common responses to problem behavior in schools, are ineffective at producing long-term reduction of these behaviors. In fact, punishment without a proactive support system is associated with increases in aggression, vandalism, truancy, and dropping out.

Think then, about how the way schools deal with children's behavior has an impact on neighborhood safety and our quality of life. The schools are left to teach children life lessons that they do not get anywhere else.

We all determine the quality of life in Avondale/North Avondale by how we deal with the problems we see each day. There are many children in our community who are in desperate need of additional adult involvement in their lives. Burton is our community school and can use whatever time you can give to help a child. Your efforts will be an investment in the future of your neighborhood.

Call Janice Pitts, Burton Principal, at 363-9700 or Pauline Daly at 751-8334.

BAD ODORS BOTHER YOU? – CALL 946-7777
By Gerry Kraus



On April 28, 2004 City Council re-instated its Clean Air Act (Title X) thanks to the dogged efforts of a coalition of neighborhood groups, including NANA, and coordinated by ECO – Environmental Community Organization.

Council Members David Crowley and John Cranley spearheaded these efforts at City Hall. The purpose of this Clean Air Act is “to promote the public welfare, and comfortable enjoyment of life, property, and recreation of the people of Cincinnati.” Companies or other sources that emit offensive odors that interfere with the “comfortable enjoyment” of your life – you no longer have to prove substantial injury to your health – can be held accountable and fined or can be criminally prosecuted – and the odor will be stopped. The threshold for enforcement action by the City is seven (7) documented complaints traced to a specific facility, or four (4) documented complaints traced to a specific source (a specific operation within a facility), or one (1) documented complaint related to an emission that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the public, or that causes injury or damage to property. So it is very important to call the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (DOES) **HOT LINE (946-7777)** who investigates odor complaints. The HOT LINE is available 24 hours/7 days.



IMPORTANT STUFF

Update on the Carwash

The appeal (see May NANA News) before the Zoning Board of Appeals is on June 21, 2004. Call the NANA office answering machine to find out time & place.

2004 Street Rehabilitation Program:

- Asmann Ave.
- Avon Fields Lane & Avon Fields Place
- Dana Bypass
- Kessler Ave. (Mitchell to Wuest)
- Lowry Ave.
- Parker Place
- Red Bud Ave. (Clinton Springs to Rose Hill Lane)
- Valley Lane

GARAGE/YARD SALES: Ordinance 843-11 No person, firm or corporation shall conduct a home sale (yard, garage, patio) within the city of Cincinnati in violation of the following requirements. (a) No home sale will be permitted **for more than two consecutive days** and shall be permitted only during daylight hours. (b) **It shall be unlawful to conduct more than two home sales at any residential premises during any calendar year.** **Penalty:** Whoever violates the provisions of Section 843-11 shall be **fined** not more than **\$100** for the first violation of said section and not more than **\$500** for any subsequent violation of said section and the costs of prosecution.

Avon Woods Summer Adventure & Art Camps

Ages 4-6, 7-9, 7-12 & 10-13
Call 861-3435 or 321-6070 or www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

Nature Next Door, 10:00 to 2:30, Thursdays, June 17 through August 5, Martin Luther King Park. Free Cincinnati Park program of fun, games, crafts & hikes. Call 321-6070.

Come to the **Home Buyers Fair** at the Montgomery Inn Banquet Center on **Saturday, June 12** from 10a.m.-3p.m. Over 30 housing professionals to help you achieve the American Dream of Home Ownership. Don't forget to check out the free classes and entertainment! For information call The Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors at 842-3011 or The Home Ownership Center at 961-2800 ext. 20 Major Sponsor: Winton Savings & Loan

Parkinson's Research Fundraiser • July 30 and 31, 2004
Volunteers Needed

If you have a family member or friend with Parkinson's disease, or are just looking for a grassroots project to get involved with, we have a great opportunity for you to get involved with a fundraiser which will help accelerate ground breaking research at The Neuroscience Institute at the University of Cincinnati. Volunteers are needed to help with both a dinner and auction downtown on July 30 and a 62 mile bike ride around Loveland on July 31. All volunteers are most welcome and any and all help will be greatly appreciated. To learn more how you can get involved, please contact Jolene Struebbe, Beechwood Ave., at 221-4018 or by email at jolenestuebbe@fuse.net

Free Men's Health Conference
June 26, Jordan Crossing, 7030 Reading Rd.

To improve the health status of African-American men. For more information: Contact Wendell Walker at 621-2728, ext 202 or email to wwalker@wehc.org



**North
Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

Bill Bailey was promoted to Service Area Coordinator which unfortunately for us means he will be leaving the North Avondale Center and going to the Over The Rhine Center starting June 7. We wish him well.

Day camp starts June 7 and ends August 20. For more information call Ms Harris

Summer Schedule

Summer Hours:

June 1-3, only evening programs

June 4, Center closed

Starting June 7:

Daytime hours

Day camp 7:15 a. m. to 5:45 p.m.

Free lunch program 11:30-12:00

Drop in 11:30-3:00

Evening:

Monday through Thursday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday close at 6:00 p. m.

Monday & Wednesday 6 to 8 - Open gym
Aerobic & karate hours same as usual

"Classic" Seniors Club Activities (50 & over)

Yoga:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Line dancing

Wednesday 10:30 to Noon

Senior Walking 11:30 to Noon - Every day

Senior Weight Room: 8:30 to 1:00 - Every day



NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs
- 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, 7:00-9:00 p. m. National Night Out, Seasongood Park at Clinton Springs & Reading



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