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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to use my Message this month to recruit its future author. The time is rapidly approaching when I must relinquish my position as King, oops, I mean President of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association because NANA must elect a new President. NANA is looking for North Avondale residents who would be interested in assuming the position of President, Vice President and Treasurer.

The position of President is not without its perks. The President is assisted by the lovely, charming and hard working NANA Coordinator. NANA has prime office space in the Community Center. The President receives vacation time and sick time (you are allowed to leave town and if you're sick you don't have to come to the meeting). Probably the best thing about being the President of NANA is the privilege and honor of being the President of the neighborhood that is Cincinnati's best address.

Being the President of NANA is work but it is also fun. As President you get the opportunity to see how Cincinnati government works. You have the opportunity meet the Mayor, City Council Members and City Department Managers. You can catch their ear and talk to them about what is going on in the City and North Avondale. Although being involved in NANA is a collective process, as President you can get NANA to turn its attention to the issues in the neighborhood you believe need to be addressed. In any position on the Nana Board you get to work with a group of interesting, dedicated and often funny people.

If you want to be President it is work. You must be committed to doing the job. At a minimum being President requires you run NANA's two meetings each month, you must write this article each month (I may be a hard act to follow) and there is usually a couple hours of additional stuff that comes up. There will be lots of other things you can get involved in and will be asked to get involved in, whether or not you do is up to you.

The NANA Executive Board needs some new faces. In particular it needs a new President. Please get involved. North Avondale is your neighborhood and it needs you to be involved. If North Avondale lost its strong neighborhood association its distinction as Cincinnati's best address would also soon be lost. If you are interest in being on NANA's Executive Board please call the office and leave a message. If you would like more information on the job of the President call me at home.

John

SPENCER R. CREW, OF THE NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER TO SPEAK AT MARCH NANA MEETING

Spencer R. Crew, Ph.D., the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will speak at the March NANA General Meeting. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Crew was the Director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History since 1992 and is a respected scholar of African American history. During Dr. Crew's tenure, numerous exhibitions opened, including "Piano 300," "Fast Attack and Boomer: Submarines in the Cold War," "Preserving the Star-Spangled Banner, The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem," "Within These Walls," and "The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden." Dr. Crew served as one of the curators on the "American Presidency" exhibition.

He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Brown University with a BA in History in 1971. He holds a master's degree (1973) and a doctorate (1979) from Rutgers University. After completing work at Rutgers he was an assistant professor of African American and American History at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Dr. Crew has published extensively in the fields of African American history and public history.

The Freedom Center, a member of the Smithsonian Affiliations Program, is scheduled to open in 2004. Its purpose will be to recount the powerful American story of freedom from slavery and oppression using a variety of programs, exhibits, events, interactive and simulation media, and live performances. It will use the values of courage, cooperation, perseverance, and freedom that define the saga of the Underground Railroad to inspire visitors with a renewed commitment to strengthen and promote freedom everywhere. In his role as the Freedom Center's CEO, Crew will be in charge of the final design of programs and exhibits, and leading its day-to-day operations.

Compiled from the Freedom Center web site at www.undergroundrailroad.org.

NANA GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA ITEMS

MARCH 12TH, 7:30 p.m.

**NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

617 Clinton Springs Ave.

- NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER (SEE ABOVE)

- KEEP CINCINNATI BEAUTIFUL (PG. 2)



**NANA GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 27**

Save the date – and be part of the solution to the problem of urban litter that has accumulated over the winter along the main streets of our neighborhood. NANA joins Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) in cleaning up and beautifying our neighborhoods. The daffodils and day lilies you will see in public places around the neighborhood this spring were donated by KCB and planted by neighborhood volunteers. To really heighten the beauty of these and other plantings, KCB is organizing its annual Greater Cincinnati spring clean up. The success of OUR neighborhood Clean-Up will depend on the number of North Avondale residents who volunteer. KCB representative, Kerry Crossen will speak at our March NANA General meeting about the Great American Clean-up and answer any questions you may have. More details will be in the April issue of the NANA NEWS.



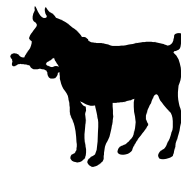
Recently I heard from a North Avondale neighbor that some children had come to her home soliciting money to pay for uniforms at The New School. We wanted all of our North Avondale neighbors to know that children do not wear uniforms at The New School and therefore, none of our students are collecting for them. If you have further questions about this, please call the school at 281-7999. Thank you,

*Barbara Gray
Assistant Director at The New School*

If you call the NANA Office and leave a message, please leave your phone number since I may need more information from you or have an update to give you.

Also, if you leave a message & no one from NANA calls you back within a week, please call back and leave another message with a good time to return your call and a very clearly & slowly spoken phone number - your messages on the machine are sometimes very difficult to understand

Thanks, Charlene



We have wonderful dogs living in North Avondale but everyone doesn't love your dog running on their property or public spaces and leaving behind their waste. Some people are afraid of dogs. Please be a good neighbor and always cleanup after your dog and use a leash. We have the following City Ordinances for good reasons.

701-30. Dog Excrement Removal No person shall allow a dog under his or her control to be upon public property or upon the property of another, absent the consent of the owner or occupant of the property, without some device for the removal and containment of such dog's excrement; nor shall any person fail to remove any excrement deposited by any dog under his or her control on public or private property.

701-2. Leash Required

The owner or harbinger of a harmless dog, not on the premises or in a motor vehicle, shall keep said dog on a leash of such length to keep the dog from annoying others. A harmless dog may be unleashed if either of the following is applicable:

- The dog is in training, a competition, or show or
- The dog is on property with the permission of the property owner.

CITY HALL NOTATIONS

By Gerry Kraus

'MAYOR'S NIGHT IN' RETURNS. Mayor Charlie Luken will begin holding regular evening office hours starting March 4. Under his "Open Door Initiative" the mayor will be available from 5-6:30 on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Just drop in; appointments are not necessary. For information or if you want to schedule a meeting with the mayor call 352-4307.

ODOR COMPLAINT HOT LINE: 946-7777

Now that warmer months are upon us and people are outdoors more you may notice noxious odors in the air in the neighborhood. Be sure to call the Odor Hot Line if these odors bother you. Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (DOES) has investigation specialists available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When you are asked if you would like a specialist to come out to verify the odor, be sure to say, "YES". Under the City's Title X Air Nuisance Ordinance four (4) verified complaints about an odor are required for the city to take action. It helps (but is not necessary) to have in mind the following information before you call:

- Nature or description of odor
- When first noticed and is it still present
- Wind direction
- Intensity of odor, strong, mild or weak
- Health effects (headaches, burning eyes, nausea, etc.)
- Is odor very, somewhat, or not objectionable

Your neighbor, Mike Rieck (Ardmore Ave.), has been given a canister to capture odors and will do so if you call him at 961-6563. For further information call Mike or Gerry Kraus at 861-3939.



Every year the Cincinnati Park Board provides **free** trees for volunteer planting on private property & public rights-of-way along city streets. Return the form below by mail or fax or email (call the NANA office at 221-6166 for the emailed form). The trees will be about 6 to 8 ft. tall when you pick them up on **Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The choices this year are: **'Magnolia'** (grows 20-30 ft. tall, 20 ft. wide, large white & pink flowers, partial shade to full sun), **'Maple'** (grows 30 to 40 ft. tall, Winged Samara fruit, light shade or full sun), **'Oak'** (grows 50 to 80 ft. tall, acorn, leaves may persist through winter, full sun), **'Ash'** (grows 50 to 80 ft. tall, 2" samaras on female trees, light shade or full sun), **'Baldcypress'** (grows 50 to 70 ft. tall, looks like evergreen but drops leaves in winter, 1.5" cones, full sun intolerant of shade).



NANA NEIGHBORS

Bella Briansky Kalter's (Lenox Lane) new book *Lilian and Athena* (Xlibris, \$18.69) was reviewed in The Cincinnati Enquirer Tuesday, February 5 section 'Books'. "Ms Kalter delves deep into the psychological make-up of Lilian, the protagonist of this highly meditative work. Within Lilian lie tensions that she deals with by an unceasing effort to complete a stage play, and long, insightful sessions with a psychiatrist. What transpires onstage, through her alter-ego Athena and offstage in a struggle to regain self-worth has the specificity of a memoir while retaining the nuance of finely controlled fiction." The cover of the book was designed and created by her son John Kalter. He is a graphic designer by profession, a graduate of Walnut Hills High School, resides with his wife and three girls and works in the Washington DC area.

Christopher Smitherman (Lenox Place) a financial planner with Lincoln Financial Advisors in Kenwood was interviewed in the Sunday, February 3rd Cincinnati Enquirer article "Tech stocks safe, if you do homework."

Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth (N Fred Shuttlesworth) will celebrate his Eightieth Birthday, his Thirty-sixth Pastoral Anniversary at the Greater New Light Baptist Church, and his Fifty-eighth year in the Ministry, March 10-17, 2002. A Gala Banquet Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 16 in the Millennium Hotel.

W. James (Jim) King (S. Fred Shuttlesworth) received The Fannie Mae Foundation's 2001 James A. Johnson Community Fellows Program Award last July. The award recognizes efforts in leadership in the affordable housing and community development areas.

Spring ReLeaf 2002 Tree Request Form

Community: _____
 Planting Location: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Address: _____
 Zip: _____
 Phone #:(work) _____
 (home) _____
 Email _____
 Name(s) of Person(s) To Do Planting: _____

FREE TREE REQUEST

Please describe the planting site below. Attach any plans or maps that provide specific planting locations. Urban Forestry staff will inspect all planting sites before approving tree requests, and will inspect afterward to ensure that the trees are planted in accordance to guidelines.

NOTE: Trees must be planted 30 ft from the right of way and visible from the street.

TREE SIZE	SPECIES	REQUEST
SMALL	SAUCER MAGNOLIA	
MEDIUM	'QUEEN ELIZABETH' HEDGE MAPLE	
LARGE	WHITE ASH	
LARGE	SHINGLE OAK	
DECIDUOUS CONIFER	BALDCYPRESS	

Planting Site Description:

(**Please attach map)

Please return this form by **March 15, 2002**

SPRING RELEAF 2002
 Natural Resource
 Management Section
 3215 Reading Road
 Cincinnati, OH 45229
 Fax: 861-8669

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____
 Site Inspected: _____
 Confirmation Sent: _____



CENTER

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

- March 1st, 10:00 a.m. Business meeting at the Center
- March 22nd Piano Concert at Music Hall
- March 6th Shelterhouse Theater
- March 28th West Chester Mosque

Youth and Day Camp Programs and Activities

- March 14th & 15th, 3 – 9 p.m. Implode Dance Company Presentation
- March 27th Center Floor Hockey League Championship Game
- March 29th, 7:15 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Records Day Mini-Camp *Free for all current members, \$15 for everyone else*



**North Avondale Community Center
961-1584**

SCHOOL

- March 5th PTA/Preschool - 6:00 p.m. • LSDMC - 7:30 p.m.
- March 28th Professional Development Day
- March 29th, 6:30 p.m. Reach For The Stars Auction
- School Closed: March 29th Records Day, April 1st thru 5th Spring Break

**North Avondale Montessori School
872-7290**

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

- 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.
- Sunday, March 17, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (doors will open at 4 p.m.) The Billy Graham Mission (est. 5,000)
- Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. to only 12:00 noon SURREY SQUARE, RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER
- Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.



NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: John Delaney	221-1044	Beautification: Ursula Hassel	751-4546
1 st VP: Mary Piper	961-1080	City Liaison: Gerry Kraus	861-3939
2 nd VP: Toni Ward	559-1221	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly	751-8334
3 rd VP: Eva Roberson	751-2446	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus	861-3939
Corresponding Sec.: Barbara Henshaw	961-5275	727 Renovation: John Angelo	281-6644
Recording Secretary: Jim Obergefell	481-7012	Welcome: Judith Titchener	281-1107
Treasurer: John Jones	281-2596	NANA Coordinator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse	221-6166

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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Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324

Current Resident Or:

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CINCINNATI,
OHIO
PERMIT
NO.7243

