



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Currently, in the neighborhood there are several large homes and properties for sale. For each parcel there are many possible uses. In some cases the homes are larger than one would want to maintain as a single family residence or the location doesn't merit the money needed to turn the building back into a single family. The problem then becomes one of: should the property be demolished, and something else to replace it, or is there an alternate use. What will the zoning allow? Etc. We should begin to think of ways in which we can help find solutions, in this case, especially if we are to grow and maintain a sustainable community.

Does our growth and sustainability include a business district? If it does, what would you like to include in this district. We as a neighborhood should be willing to support whatever develops. Often, we have ideas that are different from those proposed whether it's housing or some other form of development. But, have we as a neighborhood ever been in conversation with the seller? With the surrounding neighbors? Too often we think we have clear solutions, without considering other possibilities for the property. This will require some additional effort to get this kind of participation, but it would well be worth it. We should begin to establish values which reflect all of the neighborhood, and align ourselves with these values to help to create a sustainable neighborhood for all of the North Avondale residents!

John W. Jones

**DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, CONTINUATION OF MARY KARTAL'S ARTICLE IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MONTH**

### "HAIRSPRAY": JOIN NANA FOR A NIGHT AT THE THEATER By Gerry Kraus

NANA has reserved a block of tickets for the December 10 evening performance of "HAIRSPRAY", "Broadway's new musical-comedy phenomenon" at the Aronoff Center. This award-winning musical was chosen as a NANA project because it is so-o-o North Avondale! While the show takes place in 1962 Baltimore and is about racial integration, new attitudes about ethnic diversity and a celebration of people who are fat, it could be the story of North Avondale in the 60's. It asks the question, "Can a big [teenage] girl with big dreams - and even bigger hair!"  
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### COUNCIL CANDIDATES ANSWER NANA'S QUESTIONS

At the NANA General Meeting on October 11, each City Council Candidate had five minutes to answer three questions: The first dealt with the proposed zoning code and the balance between being developer-friendly and protecting residential neighborhoods. Comments were relatively the same stressing the following: needs to be a balance; in favor of a new Zoning Code but there is no hurry to pass it; glad it was slowed down; zoning is the power of a neighborhood; the key is to have an open process; timeline should be driven by residents.

The third question dealt with the continuation of curb-side recycling in which everyone supported it but many warned that finding the money in the budget will be a challenge.

The second question asked what the three most important priorities facing the city are. The priorities listed are condensed and abridged and in speaker order (because of the time limit, all candidates did not cover all of the questions.)  
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**2003 NANA DUES**  
Thank you to the 353 Households who have paid their 2003 NANA Dues  
For the rest of you PLEASE remember to send in your 2003 dues NOW! so we can reach our goal. Thank You

100% = 2789 Households
⇨ 353 Households

NANA GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER  
11<sup>TH</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
NORTH AVONDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

- "HAIRSPRAY" VIDEO
- ZONE CHANGES (SEE PAGE 2)
- I-75 INTERCHANGE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING - COUNCILMAN JOHN CRANLEY
- NSP REQUEST FOR 2004 (SEE PAGE 3)



## NEW ZONING CODE UPDATE

By Gerry Kraus

As part of the proposed new zoning code approved by the Cincinnati Planning Commission on October 17, 2003, development of the Gershuny commercial property (Reading Road between Avondale Avenue and Barry Lane) will be less restrictive than under its present zoning. Among the uses that will now be permitted under its new zoning (CN-M: commercial neighborhood mixed) are drive-through restaurants such as McDonald's and gas stations. Eliminated is the R-T (Transitional Zoning) in the rear of the Gershuny property which required a development plan approved by the Director of Buildings and Inspections who must hold a public hearing with notice to adjacent property owners and the appropriate community council. In place of the restrictions under the T-Zone is a requirement for a 10 foot wide (1 foot wider than a parking space), 6 foot high buffer to separate this commercial property from adjacent residential properties on Avondale Avenue and Barry Lane.

Other North Avondale T-Zone districts eliminated in the new code include: the lot separating Antonio's Pizza (Reading/Paddock Roads) from adjacent homes on Paddock Road; the lot on W. Mitchell separating the newly constructed motel from homes on Kessler Place; and several properties on S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle separating one and two family homes from the adjacent high density multi-family apartment buildings on Chalfonte Place.

The proposed new zoning code will be sent to City Council for final approval. **A public hearing before the Neighborhoods & Public Services Committee of Council has been scheduled for December 2, 2003.** NANA is part of a coalition of neighborhoods who have formed the Cincinnati Zoning Task Force (ZTF). The ZTF is developing a list of recommended changes in the new code to make it more neighborhood (rather than development) friendly for presentation at the December 2 public hearing. Residents who have questions/concerns about this proposed new zoning or who want to try to change this zoning are urged to attend the November 11 monthly meeting of NANA.

### NANA NEIGHBORS

**Jim Amatulli** (Winding Way) is the producer, writer, and director of the movie **Artworks** (filmed in some of North Avondale's homes). It premiered in Cincinnati at the Cincinnati International Film Festival on October 11, 2003 and is receiving prestigious awards at film festivals around the country.

**Catherine Starr** (Avondale Ave.) is one of the 16,000 semifinalists nationwide named in the 49th annual National Merit Scholarship.

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**North Avondale's Ropin' Rockets** who this summer took 6th place out of 67 teams at the United States National Jump Rope Competition and won 21 gold, silver and bronze medals is in need of practice space. Anyone who knows/has space close to NAM can contact Coach Christine Emerson at the school at 363-3900.

### BLOCK WATCH



Avon Fields  
Beechwood  
Red Bud  
Betula  
Rose Hill

The neighborhood Block Watch for Rose Hill, Beechwood, Betula, Red Bud and Avon Fields announces their first annual **Winter Luminary Stroll on Sunday, December 7 starting at 6:00**

**p.m.** The luminary will form a continuous path of light along the sidewalks of the neighborhood and should make for a beautiful winter evening walk, with stops along the way for food and drink courtesy of neighborhood volunteers.

This luminary stroll builds on previous summer passeggiatas and winter walks hosted by this neighborhood group. Homeowners have purchased luminary kits, consisting of candles, sand and bags, to place on the frontage of their property, through our affiliation with the Wyoming Women's Club, to light your way through the neighborhood.

All proceeds from this event have been earmarked for the Ruth Lyons Children's Fund and North Avondale is pleased to have made a generous donation of \$840 to this cause, above and beyond the purchase of the luminary kits.

All neighbors are invited to join in this wonderful evening and stroll through this part of our North Avondale neighborhood. To purchase luminary kits for your house or street, visit the Municipal Pool and Tennis Courts lot in Wyoming on Springfield Pike on December 6 from 9 - 4 or on December 7 from 12 - 4.

Committee chair is Jolene Struebbe (221-4018) Beechwood Ave. and other committee members include Judie Bingham, Red Bud Place; Vanessa Wayne, Beechwood Ave.; Deborah Ginocchio, Beechwood Ave.; Alison Paradise, Betula; Terry Lacy, Avon Fields; Judy Harmony, Rose Hill; Bobbie Paul, Avon Fields Lane; Tracie Conway, Rose Hill; Cindy Robinson Red Bud; and Valerie Williams, Rose Hill. Block Watch captain was Marilyn Smith, Rose Hill Ave.

Last spring during heavy rains some homes **flooded bringing raw sewage into their basements**, if you had this problem and have not notified NANA **PLEASE** do so by calling the NANA office at 221-6166 or email at [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net) It is very important that you do so before the December 4 Consent Degree is voted on by the County Commissioners

**Alicia Reese:** (1) Health (2) Neighborhood Development and (3) Economics

**David Crowley:** (1) Police Community Relations. (2) Education. (3) Repeal of Article of #12 that allows for discrimination against gays and lesbians.

**Laketa Cole:** (1) Unity Building. Bring people together, issues over Neighborhood Development, and implement some 400 plans. (2.) Crime

**Tom Jones:** Safety Issues: helping kids, parents & the victims of murder and unsolved murders; protect victims & witnesses of violent crimes.

**Damon Lynch III:** (1) Community Economic Development and using resources of people in the community. (2) Will vote to repeal issue 12. (3) Rebuild our community.

**Leslie Gilz:** (1) Supports education (2) Improve public safety (3) Adopt a zero tolerance policy with drugs & guns.

**Nick Spencer:** (1) Community relations (2) Repeal Article 12 (3) Improve race relations. Implement Collaborative Agreement and Economic Growth.

**Pat DeWine:** (1) Keep people in the city (2) Make it easier for people to own a home.

**John Cranley:** (1) Safety (2) Growth

**Brian Garry:** (1) Eliminate the economic disparity (2) Repeal article 12 (3) Eliminate racism through economics.

**David Pepper:** (1) Safety (2) Schools (3) Continue to fix the political broken system.

**Howard Bond\*:** (1) Economics (2) Crime (3) Clean and Safe Neighborhoods.

**Larry Frazier:** (1) Administration is biggest problem (2) Gain access to public property - like the stadium (3) We all have an equal right to protection under the law.

**Christopher Smitherman\*:** (1) Racial reconciliation (2) Economic development while enforcing zoning codes (3) Community relations with police.

**Chris Monzel:** (1) Safety, quality of life is important. (2) Streetscape plan needs updating. (3) Smart economic development.

**John Schlagetter:** (1) Lack of private sector economic opportunity (2) De-population (3) Re-creation, develop a tourism economy

**Pete Witte** (1) Safety, with police part of the communities they serve (2) Neighborhood representation (3) Be a bigger player in

regional solutions to our regional problems.

**Marilyn Hyland** (1) Vibrant Downtown & Thriving Neighborhoods (2) Open Accessibility & fairness - Repeal Issue 12 (3) Public transportation - a regional rail system

**James Tarbell** (1) Public Safety (2) Bring economy, stability & community back to neighborhood business districts. (3) Economic development and planning

**John Connelly & Sam Malone** arrived too late from other community council meetings to speak to the group.

**Alan Coleman's** sister Vicki spoke on his behalf to represent him in his race for Cincinnati Public Schools.

**ZOO Levy Issue 17:** Thane Maynard from the Cincinnati Zoo presented the case for renewal of the levy. The cost is reduced from 4.2 mil to 4.0 mil and funds for 31% of operating budget.

**\*Live in North Avondale**

**NSP 2004 FUNDING**

NANA is in the process of deciding how to spend \$10,000 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) funds in 2004. The City of Cincinnati has for the past 20 years allocated \$10,000 per year to each of its 52 neighborhood groups for projects and activities that enhance the quality of life in each neighborhood. In past years NANA has spent their \$10,000 on: publishing the *NANA NEWS*, membership development, beautification - including our 22 adopted flower beds, & a paid coordinator to follow up on issues of safety, code enforcement, land development and zoning.

Our categories are: Newsletter, Clean-up & Beautification, Land Development & Improvement, Environmental Affairs, Law Enforcement & Safety, Membership and Seniors & Youth Projects. The Executive Committee will propose the dollar amounts for each category to present to the general body. We will discuss and vote on the final 2004 NSP proposal at the NANA November 11 General Meeting.

Each year NANA would like to use some of its NSP money for new projects or activities. If you have an idea for improving North Avondale that you would like included in the 2004 NSP request, call the **NANA Office at 221-6166** or **send an email to [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net)**.



- change the world...." And the authentic North Avondale connection is that one of the producer's of this Broadway musical hit is Rick Steiner (Rose Hill Avenue).

Tickets for this performance of *"Hairspray"* are \$50.00 each. If there is enough interest, NANA will rent a bus so we can all ride downtown together from the North Avondale Community Center. If you would like to join in this NANA extravaganza, complete this application. The limited number of tickets NANA has will be sold on a first-come basis.

**There will be a 10-minute video promotional about "Hairspray" at the November 11 NANA meeting.**

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @\$50.00 per ticket for the December 10, 2003 evening performance of *"Hairspray"*.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would prefer to bus to the Aronoff Center (at no extra cost).

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like to go to get dinner or desert after the play

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to N.A.N.A. and send to NANA, 617 Clinton Springs, Cincinnati, OH 45229

**Senior Events**

**November 6**, Wednesday: T. B. A.  
**7**, Friday: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**14**, Friday: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**21**, Friday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Showcase Cinemas  
 Monthly Business Meeting  
 Games Day  
 Golden Lamb Antique Shops

**Youth Programs**

**November 7**, Friday: 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**10**, Tuesday: 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**13 & 14**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All-Day Mini-Camp  
 Veteran's-Day Mini-Camp  
 Children's Play "ANNI"

**Special Events**

**November 4**, Tuesday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**20**, Thursday: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**27 & 28**,

Voting Day  
 Advisory Board Meeting  
 Thanksgiving Holiday - Closed



**North Avondale Montessori School**  
 363-3900

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



**North Avondale Community Center**  
 961-1584

**November 14, Taste of NAM**  
**17 - 21, Bicentennial Oratory Festival**  
**26, Grandparents' Day**



**NANA CALENDAR**

- Saturday, November 1, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper
- **Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- **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
- Tuesday, January 20 7:30 p.m. **Rose Hill Area Block Watch Meeting** 4018 Beechwood



VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4th

NANA GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 11

*Current Resident Or*

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