

# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What did we the NANA board do during our summer vacation? Well, the board chose not to take the month of August as vacation, as we would normally do, rather we spend this time meeting to focus on our team building approach skills, lead by Barbara Henshaw and John Arthur. Once finished. we will then use our newly acquired skills to conduct more productive and meaningful monthly meetings as we began working as a more cohesive and effective neighborhood unit.

Forthcoming we will present to you, the NANA general body, a mission and vision statement for NANA, as is embodied in our by-laws. These will be presented during our regular general board meeting, after which we will seek input from the general body to sharpen these statements, so that they are truly reflective of the neighborhood. A neighborhood in which we all have chosen to live in.

But, we should always bear in mind that Cincinnati offers many choices in neighborhoods, all of which have unique charm and character, which appeals to your own unique sensibilities. These factors play a major part in the decision as to where we live, and those who choose to live in this neighborhood, think of it as, *'Cincinnati's Best Address.'*

The phrase, *'Cincinnati's Best Address,'* was recently put to the test. Neighbors rallied to protest the City Planning Committee's proposed re-zoning plans. These re-zoning plans had the potential to ultimately change the uniqueness and the overall charm and character of this neighborhood. Issues like re-zoning cause neighbors to really rally in support of *'Cincinnati's Best Address'.*

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard in the fight for constructive re-zoning changes. We all know that it is important that we remain constant watch guards, if we are to assure that the charm and uniqueness of the neighborhood remain.

*John W. Jones*



### "SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE PARK... WITH NANA"

Thanks to all of the "Sunday Afternoon in the Park...with NANA" Committee and all of the over 200 neighbors who attended, our event was a great success! Everyone received a free sundae from Dairy Queen and could purchase a lemonade or hot dog or mett each for a quarter. There were wares to sell, artists, musicians and lots of great people to visit with and talk to. What a beautiful day!

The whole event would never materialized if it wasn't for Chairwomen Gerry Kraus (will she ever cease to amaze us with her many talents?) and her wonderful committee:

- Amy, Dirk Hines, Carolyn (Godby), Andrea Fortwendel, Anita Mutterspaugh, and all the Hines kids provided, set-up and operated the kiddy games. (fishing game, duck pond, sidewalk art & water balloon toss)..
- Galen Bailey, "The Scribbler" who provided fabulous free caricatures. He was great! (To hire him or just communicate with him: [iscribbled4u@yahoo.com](mailto:iscribbled4u@yahoo.com))
- Jacob Kraus and Courtney Marie (who is considering opening a Bistro in N. Avondale) who dispensed the lemonade
- Ellen Epstein who not only arranged for signs and sign holders and with help of Charlene sprinkled North Avondale with friendly visual reminders, but also took care of procuring hot dogs & buns and getting the \$25 donation from Kroger's, helped set up the afternoon of and was general all-around helper and mother-hen at the event
- Allison Paradise who did yeoman (I mean yeowoman) job of checking in people for tickets and administering the NANA survey
- Velma Triggs and Spencer Konicov who worked the hot dog stand making that whole process go so smoothly
- Marilyn Smith who dished out the ice cream sundaes like a real pro, personally assisting the little kiddies with their toppings and neatly so

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NANA GENERAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER  
617 Clinton Springs Ave.



OCTOBER 14, CANDIDATES NIGHT

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## ZONING – CITY STAFF SUPPORTS SOME CHANGES REQUESTED BY NANA

By Gerry Kraus

At its July 8, 2003 monthly meeting NANA passed 4 motions which were presented to the joint meeting of the Cincinnati Planning Commission and Council's Neighborhood & Public Services Committee on July 23 by NANA President John Jones. Motion #1 asked "that the zoning of the properties on Betula and Rose Hill between Beechwood and Red Bud, the properties on Stratford Place and the east side of Paddock Road north of Stratford Place to the Avon Fields Golf Course, and the properties on Barker Road and Norway west of Barker Road be changed from SF-10 [single family zone on lot size of at least 10,000 sq. ft.] to SF-20 [single family zone on lot size of at least 20,000 sq. ft.] and that the properties on Kessler Avenue and Kessler Place be changed from RMX [multi-family zone] to SF-4 [single family zone on 4,000 sq. ft. sized lot]". Planning staff agreed stating that "at the behest of the Planning Commission...the changes requested should be made." In addition the staff changed the larger properties along Washington Avenue, Clinton Springs and Revel Ct from SF-10 to SF-20. After an earlier meeting with city planning staff several requested zone upgrades had already been approved (see July, 2003 NANA NEWS). The requests in NANA's Motion #1 dealt with requested changes in the new proposed zoning MAP.

The other motions passed by NANA were requests for changes in the TEXT of the proposed new zoning code as follows:

Motion #2 that Bed and Breakfast Homes & Child Day Care Homes and Child Day Care Center not be permitted in SF-20 & SF-10 and that no construction vehicles and/or equipment be allowed to be parked on or off the street in a residential zone unless being used in work on the property.

Motion #3: We ask that the city clarify the definition of commercial vehicles and clarify whether the following are allowed in a SF-district: trailers, RV's, Tractor (trailer and cab), pick-up trucks loaded with off site debris, oversize vehicles.

Motion #4: that the City value its' historical neighborhoods and by doing so seek to preserve the existing large homes on large lots by requiring that if a home is demolished it must be rebuilt with the same footprint or at least the same square footage and that the empty land remain empty.

The latest revised text of the new zoning code is not available as this newsletter goes to press, so it cannot be determined if the requests embodied in Motions #2, #3, #4 have been approved by the City's planning staff. The Cincinnati Planning Commission (CPC) is scheduled to meet on August 28 and will at that time determine if they should approve the proposed new zoning code or whether further public input is desirable. If and when the CPC approves the new zoning code, it will then go to City Council's Neighborhood and Public Services Committee chaired by Council Member David Pepper for consideration and ultimately to City Council for final approval.

## DANA AVE., S. SHUTTLESWORTH, ALTER PLACE, BURTON - ZONING IN QUESTION

Upon further review of the zoning map it was noted that properties on Dana Avenue, Alter Place, Burton and part of S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle (South Crescent) have been zoned RMX (Residential Mixed – 1 to 3 dwelling units, minimum land area for every dwelling unit—2,000 ft.). Since most of the properties on these streets are single family homes, NANA believes these streets should be zoned SF (single family). If you live on one of these streets, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166 and leave a message or come to the September 9 NANA meeting to tell us how you would like your street zoned.



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- Henry & Elizabeth Brown who brought the bean bag game.
- Marvin Kraus who handled the money and made sure Gerry did not forget anything!
- Queen City Krogers (Kenard) gave NANA a \$25 gift certificate
- Dairy Queen, 4437 Vine St, St Bernard (641-2100) gave us a 20% discount. (hours: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and Noon to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. It is an easy and fun bike ride to Dairy Queen!
- and last but not least our coordinator Charlene Morse (with always a great assist from Charlie McGinnis) who prepared and sent out the flyer, took care of procuring the ice cream sundaes, schlepped the tables and other equipment from the Community Center (with the help of Dirk Hines), and picked up all the loose ends.

• What a team!

Besides the volunteers:

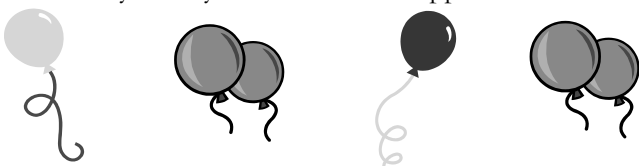
- Flutists' Heather Verbeck and Alexander Viazovstev and harpists' Kay & Trent Crutcher (see NANA NEIGHBORS - page 3 for more) provided beautiful music
- Dancers came and danced from Harmony School.

Wonderful North Avondale Neighbors brought their wares from their businesses:

- Laverne Armstead (N. F. Shuttlesworth) owns *It's About Hair*, 2811 Woodburn Ave., 751-5566, email: itsabouthair@aol.com
- Portia Cox-Walker (Burton Ave.) an artist who does Spirit Doll Workshops and brought the many healthy products she sells: *Warmspirt* self-care, well-being & prosperity products for the bath & body (www.warmspirt.com); *Pulse*, nature's perfect food; *The Brain Garden* primary nutrition foods (www.pulseparty.com/130821). For more information call Portia at 559-0098 or 751-3085
- The women with the beautiful bead jewelry who left before I could get her business card.

Even some political candidates running for City Council stopped by: Christopher Smitherman (past NANA Treasurer - Lenox Place), Laketa Cole, Howard Bond (The Belvedere) and Marilyn Hyland

If you missed it, we'll just have to do it again because it was just too fun to miss!



## SOME TIPS TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

To prevent identify theft from happening to you:

- Do not give personal information (especially your social security number) over the phone, through the mail, or over the internet unless you have initiated the contact or know whom you're dealing with. Identity thefts will pose as bank representatives, Internet service providers, and even government officials to get you to reveal identifying information
- Do not give your credit card number on the Internet unless it is encrypted on a secured site
- Shred all documents, including pre-approved credit applications received in the mail in your name, insurance forms, bank checks & statements you are discarding and other financial records.



**NANA NEIGHBORS**

**Deadra Hart** (Valley Lane) debuted her new CD, *Wherever I Go* at The Promontory Jazz Club on Wednesday, June 25th with a jazz quartet of Cincinnati's finest that included Deadra's father Jim Hart (Valley) on the piano.

**Kay and Trent Crutcher** (Lenox Place & pictured on page 1) played harp at the recent North Avondale Neighborhood picnic in Seasongood Park. They are students of their older sister, Mrs. Amber Dudley, CCM graduate. Kay is 13 years old, a member of the Cincinnati Children's Choir and will be entering 8th grade as a homeschooler, while Trent is 12 years old and will be entering Walnut Hills High School as a 7th grader, where he will participate in Senior Orchestra. They have been playing harp for three years and recently performed background music with their sister for a 50th anniversary dinner at the Mason Country Club. They have also played at a fundraiser for Laurie Riley at Harps on Main in Rising Sun, Indiana, for educational school programs as well as many local nursing homes. If you have any interest or questions about harp in Cincinnati, you can contact them at email:jlpc46@hotmail.com.

## IN MEMORIAM

LIEBSCHUTZ, William David "Bill", (Leyman) died Thursday, August 14, 2003. Not only did he grow up on Leyman Drive but many years later was able to buy the same home to live in again. Our condolences to his brother Harry D. and sister Patti Liebschutz. He was the son of the late David S. Liebschutz and Elaine Liebschutz Friedman.

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## IT'S FUN TO LIVE IN CINCINNATI

### Second Annual Hidden Treasures East Walnut Hills Historic Home Tour

**Sunday, September 14th, 2003—Noon to 4PM**

Join them for an afternoon wandering through 7 gorgeous homes and the newly renovated Cincinnati Tennis Club in the East Walnut Hills historic district. The tour is easily walked at your pace and ample parking is available. Tickets are \$15 in advance and will be available beginning August 15th at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Montags Home Furnishing Mall, The Bonbonerie, and The Wooden Nickel (Downtown location). Day of tour tickets are \$20 and will be available in Annwood Park at the corner of Annwood and Madison Road

For further information or tickets by mail, please contact Mary Farris, Fundraising Chair, at 281-1740. All proceeds benefit Mercy Connections, "The little agency with the big heart."

### Preview Party

**Sunday, September 7, 2003 1PM**

Please feel free to also join them at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Rookwood Pavilion as they have a sneak peek of the Home Tour. Special guest is Walter E. Langsam, author of Great Houses of the Queen City, who will discuss the history of the development and some of the fabulous homes in the area. In addition, they will give you a special preview of the tour, as well as tips on researching the history of historic homes. Tickets for the home tour will be available.



## BLOCK WATCH



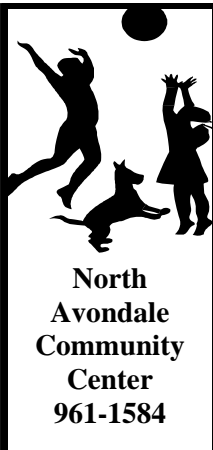
Avon Fields  
Beechwood  
Red Bud  
Betula  
Rose Hill

## BLOCK PARTY & Potluck Dinner

Sunday September 14, 2003  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mel & Lois Nizny's YARD  
3953 Rose Hill at Beechwood

- Please bring a side-dish, salad or desert to share (8-10 people)
- Hot dogs, drinks, plates & utensils provided
- BYOLC (lawn chair)



**North  
Avondale  
Community  
Center  
961-1584**

**Center closed: September 1<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Labor Day.  
Enjoy the Weekend!

**September**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday) Registration for Karate (See below\*)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday) Volleyball League starts. Call Vanessa at 352-1621  
 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Seniors Quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. There will be some Senior trips for the month added at the meeting  
 9<sup>th</sup> - (Tuesday) Punt, Pass & Kick competition 8-11 year olds at Spinney  
 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) - Punt Pass & Kick competition 12-14 year olds  
 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)- Flag-Football season starts



**North  
Avondale  
Montessori  
School  
872-7290**

**August**  
 21<sup>st</sup> - First Day of Classes  
**September**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day (school closed)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Candy Sale Kick-off  
 29<sup>th</sup> Candy Sale Tally Week

\*You are invited to join a **National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) karate program** at N. Avondale Community Center. The 7 Star Dragons Karate school at N. Avondale is the home of numerous national, regional and state champions. The program focus is on 5 major areas. These are discipline, respect, character, health, and Okinawan, Shuri-Ryu karate skills. Beginning Sept. 2, 2003 we will accept new students, ages 5 & up, until classes are full. **Classes are on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Youth beginners & Novice belts, 6:10 - 7:15 p.m. Youth Adv., teens & adults.** To join, visit during class days and time. We will give you information regarding our quality services and discuss our discounted monthly fees. You may also pick up a flyer at N. Avondale Center, during operating hours or contact the director and chief instructor, Ms. Terrell Davis, (513) 821-1745. **Mention NANA and receive a FREE LESSON when accompanied by a**

**NANA CALENDAR**

- **Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING**, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper
- **Tuesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING**, Candidates Night N. A. Community Center



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