

Presidentâ??s Message: January 2023

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Happy New Year to all our families, friends, and neighbors. Despite freezing temperatures, we enjoyed a few days of a beautiful winter wonderland. NANA and NABA sponsored a Community Social before and after the December general meeting which was well attended. The renewal of friendshipsâ??old and newâ??were enjoyed by all. The Rose Hill and Beechwood Avenue residents enjoyed a lovely evening strolling and caroling organized by a few ambitious families singing all their favorite songs. This year Candy Land Lane was so festive that many little ones were able to drop off their letters to Santa. Even the Grinch showed up to participate in the winter celebration without causing too much of a disruption. I trust our North Avondale neighbors and friends will roll into the new year with resolutions to get involved to help the future of our neighborhood. Luminaria planning will begin soon.

This year, the Law and Safety and Zoning Committees have had many successes. Recently a new stop sign was installed at the Wedgewood and Dickson Avenues intersection to slow down the traffic and keep our North Avondale Montessori students and residents safe. Itâ??s getting rave reviews. These committees were also successful in shutting down a group home on Dana Avenue. The Zoning Committee is working to resolve building code violation and zoning issues on Clinton Springs and Mitchell Ave. We are reaching out to our local council members for support and recently met with Meeka Owens, a new and fresh member of City Council. Perhaps the Mayor will be next.

More encouraging is the mutual support of Paddock Hills and North Avondale neighborhoods working together in opposing the proposed Victory Vistas, a 50 unit, four story apartment building of Income Restricted for Seniors 55 and over at the intersection of Victory Parkway and Asmann Ave. Our opposition is based on the following:

1) Environmental concerns of the property soil have been shown to be contaminated with Naphthalene, listed by the EPA as a hazardous air pollutant and a potential carcinogen. The developer, Chinedum Ndukwe is proposing a collection system from the contaminated soil and venting up through the building top and disbursing into the air.

2) The property is considered part of a Hillside Overlay District which requires additional soil testing and additional building requirements

3) Asmann and Ledgewood Avenues cannot tolerate any additional on street parking. These issues will be discussed in greater detail at the January 10th, NANA General Body meeting. Please join us for this discussion.

There are so many ways to get involved in our neighborhood. This year, we will launch our new website, begin work on the rewrite of the North Avondale Master Plan and potentially develop ways to work with each of our neighborhood schools. Please consider giving back and volunteering a few hours each month. NANA also asks that each of you add us to your yearly gift giving via the NANA website or mailing a check. We need your support to continue making our neighborhood a better place to live and raise our families.

Make an online donation here. If you prefer to send a check, mail to: NANA, P.O. Box 16152, Cincinnati, OH 45216.

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