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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'm going to use my message this month to talk some trash. Specifically the City's requirements regarding trash removal. Based upon my personal observations I think there is a fair amount of confusion in the neighborhood over what trash can be put out, when it can be put out and how it can be put out for curb side removal.

Trash collection days in North Avondale, depending on where in the neighborhood you live, are Tuesdays and Thursdays. All trash left for collection must be in cans or trash bags. There is no limit to the number of cans or bags you may leave for collection. Trash put out in boxes or simply piled up on the curb will not be removed by the trash collectors. Trash can not be put out earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before trash collection day. Trash cans must be retrieved from curbside no later than the morning after trash collection day. Additionally each household may put out for collection up to three pieces of furniture per week on trash day without making prior arrangements for it's pick up.

If you need appliances, air-conditioners, tires (off the frame only and no other auto parts allowed) or furniture with metal frames (sleeper sofas) removed you must call Litter Patrol at 564-1750 one week in advance to arrange the pick up of the item. There is no charge, but it will not be picked up if you do not arrange for it in advance.

Yard waste removal will begin the week of April 2, 01. The waste must be in a trash can clearly marked "yard waste only" or in bundles and tied with twine. If you need yard waste removal prior to April 2 call Litter Patrol and arrange a pick up date.

If these regulations are violated Litter Patrol can issue a fine. I was told by Litter Patrol if a violation occurs they would request it be corrected within two hours. If it is not a fine can be issued.

I am not suggesting residents of North Avondale start reporting each other to Litter Patrol. I am suggesting that we all try harder to adhere to the regulations concerning trash pick up. Putting trash cans out early and taking them in late makes the neighborhood look dirty. The longer the cans are out at the curb the more likely it is they'll be knocked over and their contents will litter the neighborhood. Appliances left sitting at curb for weeks degrade the appearance of the neighborhood. If you set something out at the curb for pick up on trash day and it is not removed simply leaving it there is not a solution. Call Litter Patrol and arrange for it's removal.

North Avondale is Cincinnati's best address, lets keep it that way. By observing these City regulations concerning trash removal we can keep our neighborhood clean, beautiful and a great place to live.

John

NANA is forming the **Nominating Committee** to select officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2001/2002 Board of Trustees. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee or perhaps serving on the Board. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166.



North Avondale is a neighborhood made up of people who care about each other, their homes and their neighborhood. That takes a lot of work and sometimes we work at different rhythms and speed and even sometimes we don't see eye to eye on what defines a "quality lifestyle." But I have noticed that rarely, if ever do we disagree out of malice and truly only wish to raise the quality of life in North Avondale. Remember it is the little things that matter. So as a good neighbor try to remember to:

- As Spring nears rake up those dead leaves left over from fall & pick up all the litter.
- Remove dead branches & trees.
- Clean up after your dog, both at home & when you walk.
- Keep you dog from barking too much.
- Paint you home, fix your roof & drains.
- Keep your yard neat & mowed.
- Get rid of old vehicles you don't drive anymore.
- Respect the zoning ordinances
- If you park on the street be aware that others would like to easily back out of their driveways without hitting your car.
- Try and keep the noise down & remember everyone doesn't get up at the crack of dawn on Saturdays, so try to keep lawn noises to a minimum in the early A.M.
- Make your home nice to look at for your neighbors

And if some of these things are too hard or expensive to accomplish ask NANA for help. Believe me North Avondale is made up of friendly and caring people who would much rather help paint your house than look at your peeling paint. If you would like to help your neighbors or if you need help call the NANA office at **221-6166**.

AGENDA

MARCH 13TH, 7:30 P.M.

NANA GENERAL MEETING

NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER

- OHIO ELECTRIC CHOICE SPEAKER (ARTICLE PAGE 4)
- SUSTAINABLE CINCINNATI (ARTICLE PAGE 2)
- THE FUTURE OF THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY (ARTICLE PAGE 3)



SUSTAINABLE CINCINNATI - THINK GLOBALLY ACT LOCALLY!

By Teresa Harten

Sustainable Cincinnati: A Regional Indicators Project is an effort begun by the League of Women Voters and joined now by over 55 private and public organizations within the Greater Cincinnati area to develop a set of indicators that will help the region move to sustainability, across environmental, economic and social fronts. At this month's NANA meeting we will discuss the potential for NANA to become a part of this effort. The project asks for a commitment from organizations that join as follows:

"... To support and participate in the development of a regional indicators project to bring about improvements in the economic, environmental and social health of the metropolitan Cincinnati region and commit to the following goals:

- Enable decision makers and the public to identify key problem areas based on sustainability indicators, to focus community response, and to test decisions within the region based on sustainability criteria;
- Provide a means to identify key indicators of community health and promote community awareness;
- Integrate sustainability indicators into planning and decision making process;
- Establish collaborations to address issues of environmental, economic, and social health of the community."

Examples of indicators other communities have chosen include: environmental, e.g. air and water quality; economic, e.g. income distribution and joblessness; social, e.g. home ownership and crime statistics. These are just examples – each community must come up with its own set of indicators that are tailored to its vision of sustainability. The goal of the Cincinnati indicators project is to decide on a set of 10-20 indicators that will provide a baseline of how our community is doing and guide efforts to improve the scores towards increasing sustainability. Please come to NANA meeting March 13 to discuss this effort further.



CLEAN SWEEP

March 9 through April 6

Every Friday, District 4 will have 7 wreckers available to tow abandon vehicles from public property.

Please call the police to report any abandon vehicles (must have been parked in the same spot for 48 hours) to District 4 at **352-3576**. You must be able to give the:

- location (exact address),
- license plate number
- a description of the car (color, make, type)

Please help rid North Avondale of unsightly junk cars.

NANA OPPOSES LIQUOR LICENSE

By Gerry Kraus

On December 13, 2000 City Council voted unanimously to support NANA's opposition to an application by K & TS Mini Mart, 3917 Reading Road (in Lenox Garage) for a liquor license. Council also asked that a public hearing on this application be held in Cincinnati. That hearing was held on February 16 at City Hall. Seven people testified in opposition to this application including Police Specialist Leonard Labrecque, Donna Howard from Lighthouse Youth Services Inc., as well as NANA coordinator Charlene Morse, NANA Vice President Marianne Knue, NANA Legal Counsel Marvin Kraus, Julie Zimmerman and NANA City Hall Liaison Gerry Kraus. The applicant, Gwendolyn F. Harris, was also at City Hall, but left before the hearing started.

Among the objections stated were that having a license to sell beer would encourage littering, loitering and crime. Charlene presented a map showing the location of nearby establishments to the north, east and west of K & TS Mart that sell liquor. Only to the south of this applicant's Mart are there no readily available liquor establishments. But to the south (in the vicinity of Burton, M. L. King Jr. Park, North & South Fred Shuttlesworth Circle) is where most of the criminal activities in the neighborhood take place. Police Specialist Labrecque confirmed the high crime statistics in the Burton Avenue area.

Since there is no parking accessibility at K & TS Mart, most of the sales would be walk-in customers who would then seek out convenient spots like the Gershuny lot across the street to drink their beer. Lighthouse Services representative Donna testified that several of the occupants of their live-in facility at 4059 Reading Road, come with drug and/or alcohol problems and having an establishment that sold beer within walking distance would be counter productive to Lighthouse programs for alcohol and drug treatment. Marianne Knue and Julia Zimmerman feared that granting such a license would increase the litter, crime and vandalism perpetrated by the walk-in trade. As avid walkers they felt their feeling of safety would be compromised. Gerry Kraus presented a letter from the Rose Hill Condominiums, located across the street from K & TS, stating their opposition. Exposure to vandalism of condo residents' cars, already a problem, would increase.

Marvin Kraus explained that the precinct where K & TS Mini Mart is located was voted dry in 1969 for all liquor except beer because of problems with the Sha Rah Lounge located next to K & TS. If the Ohio Department of Liquor Control chose to approve this license application, he testified it was likely that the residents would vote the precinct dry for beer in November. After hearing testimony from those present, the Hearing Examiner stated that a decision would be made in about one month.

NANA NOTATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS

The New School raised \$1,961 for the American Heart Association. Forty-six students collected pledges for the "Jump Rope for Heart." The money raised will be used for heart-health education in the schools & to fund medical research at local hospitals.

THINGS TO DO AROUND NORTH AVONDALE

Barbara Henshaw of Rose Hill was just elected a new trustee of the Cincinnati Preservation Association. She thought this item might be of interest.

On **Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, 2001**, Cincinnati Preservation Association will present **THE OLD HOUSE FAIR**. This event will be held at historic Old Saint George at 42 Calhoun Street. The fair will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person for adults, free for children twelve and under.

The OLD HOUSE FAIR is a marketplace of 40-plus exhibitors – a "home and garden show" for the owners and potential buyers of old houses. The event is designed to showcase restoration contractors, suppliers, architects and craftsmen. It will also feature a full schedule of workshops on restoration techniques.

Allen Temple Senior Center (7030 Reading Road, Swifton Commons Mall) opened Sunday February 4. The center is a warm & comfortable place to spend some time with your friends & Christian family. The center offers: games, pool tables, table games, cards, reading materials, TV & music, putting machine, computers (training classes available) & exercise equipment. They also offer workshops, day trips, lunch & lecture series & much more. For more information call Jean Wilson at: 731-0100 or 221-7437

Humana ChoiceCare Heart Mini-Marathon 24 to benefit the American Heart Association, is March 24 & 25, 2001.

On the 24th there is a free Fitness Clinic at Cincinnati Convention Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On the 25th there is a 5k HeartRun at 9, 15K Mini-Marathon at 10, a 10K & 5K HeartWalks at noon, & 2K Kids' Mini-MaraFun at 12:15. Call **281-4048** for more information & to register (\$25.00) or go on www.cinheartminmarathon.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Camelot Care Centers Need Foster Care homes. The number of children needing foster care has increased by more than 50% in the past ten years, while the number of foster homes has dropped by 15%. Contact the Family Development Specialist at 960-5900.

A child is waiting

NANA'S GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 21

Save the date – and be part of the solution to the problem of urban litter. NANA joins Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) in cleaning up and beautifying our neighborhoods. The daffodils and daylilies 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 spring clean up. The success of our neighborhood Clean-Up will depend on the number of North Avondale residents who volunteer.. More details will be in the next NANA NEWS.

REVERSE THE BLIGHT

By Pauline Daly

The decision for the School Reform Model was made by the Burton parents. 300 ballots were returned, 150 votes for the Comer School Development Program, 75 for Direct Instruction, and 75 for Edison Schools. The parents are to be commended for making their voice heard. The Comer SDP is a process where if they choose, all adults in the community can have a voice. The teachers will be part of the decision making. Without taking away the authority or responsibility of the principal and the administration, decisions will be made by consensus, no-fault and collaboration. We look forward to becoming involved in this process and see it as a model that would be useful district-wide.

Then, the Burton LSDMC went through the CPS process of choosing the principal. It is done by an Interim LSDMC in which the present principal and teachers are replaced by selected non-Burton teachers, a representative of facility management, and a clerical representative. They joined the other eight members (parents/guardians and community members) of the Burton LSDMC in choosing the principal. Three candidates were interviewed. All were good candidates. Phillip Wyly, the present principal, was selected as the person who could best lead the school toward the vision we have in mind. The CPS representatives who were part of the Interim LSDMC were helpful, informative, and listened to our concerns and opinions. On the day the decision was to be made, the CFT president opposed Mr. Wyly due to a different view than that of CPS of the reason for the Redesign Process. The LSDMC voted 11-3 for Mr. Wyly with certainty. We followed up with a visit to the School Board Meeting where we asked that the CPS policy be followed. We learned that the administration and the board supported our decision.

Another neighborhood issue: **Impending Sheriff's Sale for 3859 Reading Road.** For further information, call NANA at 221-6166

ARMORY LAND DEVELOPMENT

By Gerry Kraus

In response to NANA's concern about use of the Ohio National Guard Armory land, 4126 Reading Road, which will be available after the National Guard builds a new facility in Woodlawn, Council Member Paul Booth introduced a motion on January 18, 2001. The motion, which was passed unanimously, asked the City Administration to begin dialogue promptly with the State of Ohio, the Ohio National Guard, North Avondale Neighborhood Association and Hartwell Improvement Association – their armory will also close when the Woodlawn facility is completed – to acquire and control the usage of the Armory properties. Council Member Booth stated that "it is critical to start discussing the future plans for these sites now to avoid a scenario similar to the proposed Juvenile Jail site in Bond Hill."

In the meantime NANA representatives Teresa Harten and Gerry Kraus have been in touch with Carla Chifos who teaches community planning at the University of Cincinnati, Department of Art, Architecture and Planning (DAAP). Carla suggested that NANA sponsor a charrette to discuss possible uses of the Armory land. A charrette brings together professional designers/planners and citizens to inform interested neighbors about the details of the Armory property; to provide 'training' in neighborhood development concepts and to create two to four ideas for reuse of this property.

Anyone interested in participating in such a charrette or any other activities related to re-use of Armory property should leave your name at the NANA Office (221-6166).



NANA welcomes Bill Bailey as Recreation Program Coordinator. Bill received his BA & Masters of Education from Ohio State. He then taught Physical Education in middle & high school in Riverside, California. He came to Cincinnati & began working with the Recreation Department in 1993 as a Center Director at Camp Washington and later became Center Director at the Corryville Center. When not teaching Physical Ed. in the Reading schools or working at the Center, he lives in Loveland with his lovely wife & three children. Bill says, "I am truly ecstatic to have the opportunity to work in the North Avondale Center.

"No Home Like The Hood"- Center Play March 29 & 30, 6:30 - 8:30 Admission Fee: Adults \$2.00; Seniors, Teens, Children under 12- \$1.00; Children under 12 with center membership .50. Also available T-shirts, caps & bake goods!

Classic Seniors Schedule every Friday: 10:00-2:00

March 9, Cleota Wilberkin, Designer 10:30 p.m.

March 23, Cincinnati Symphony, Tickets \$14.25 or 16.50. Van leaves from center at 10:00 a.m.

March 30, "Half Past Autumn the Art of Gordon Parks," Art Museum 1:30 - Van leaves 1:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT THE
MARCH CINCINNATI
MAGAZINE
In the At Home Section
for an article on
727 South Fred Shuttlesworth

Ohio Electric Choice is the state's consumer education campaign to provide the tools and information necessary for customers of Ohio's investor-owned electric utilities to become informed about making a choice of electric suppliers. Electric choice became official in Ohio on January 1, 2001, although competition is developing at different speeds in different areas of the state.

What is Electric Choice?

With electric choice, you can choose the company that supplies your electricity. Just as you can shop for other products and services, you may also be able to choose an electric supplier

A guest Speaker from Ohio Electric Choice will be at the **NANA General Meeting on March 13**. Or check out their website www.ohioelectricchoice.com

NANA CALENDAR & CINTAS BIG EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., **MIXED PAPER & SCRAP METAL RECYCLING, SURRY SQUARE**
- Saturday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., at XU - Girl's District HS Basketball Championships
- Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., **MARCH NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, April 24, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at XU Catholic Men's Fellowship -Answer the Call
- Sunday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., **MIXED PAPER & SPORTING EQUIPMENT RECYCLING, SURRY SQUARE**
- Saturday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., **MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD & GENTLY USED SUITS RECYCLING**, 615 Clinton Springs



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