



NANA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Two years. It's hard to believe it was nearly 24 months ago that Rick Bailey completed his term as president of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association and I began mine. Now, it's my turn to step down... just in time to tackle the garden and start repainting the house... so much for that extended vacation!

I've immensely enjoyed the experience of representing North Avondale and helping to navigate our community's course. It's been an eye-opening experience... one which has stretched my capacity to appreciate the diversity of our neighborhood, taught me the value of networks, and in some cases exposed me to the finer points of conflict management.

Along the way, I've had the privilege of working with a tremendous team of neighbors and partners who have contributed their time and talents. Most notably, my board members of the last two years... Gerry Kraus, Jean Wilson, Yvonne Brown, Ginger Edwards, Mary Piper, Marianne Knue, Linda Grayman, Pamela Smitherman, Carol Kroth, Marvin Kraus, Pauline Daly, Ursula Hassel, Judith Titchener, Patricia Baxter and, of course our NANA coordinator, Charlene Morse.

To the residents who shared with NANA their concerns, their time and their energy... people like Tommie Lewis, Dorothy Rose, Fred Fegan, John Jones, Kaleel Skeink & Nancy Bertaux, Robert Payne, Bernice Marshall, Deb & Jim Corwin, and Amy Yosmali... thank you.

We've worked our way through barking dogs, student housing, park developments, abandoned cars, the threat of a fast food restaurant, the closing of a crack house, F.A.C.T. marches, endless newsletters, countless board meetings, and my personal favorite... the monthly general meetings. We've hosted a wonderful array of guests, including: Roxanne Qualls, Jim Tarbell, Minette Cooper, Jack Rouse and the musical ensemble, Muse. But most of all, we had fun and success along the way.

I look forward to the new stewardship of North Avondale, and to settling back in the next NANA meeting to listen and contribute from a slightly less conspicuous seat.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

John

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NANA ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 21, 2000

AT THE QUARKER HOUSE

3960 WINDING WAY

SUNDAY, 3 TO 5 P. M.

GUEST: MAYOR LUKEN

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: BILLY LARKEN

Proposed Slate of Officers

2000/2001 NANA BOARD OF TRUSTREES

- President: John Delaney
- 1st Vice President: Jean Wilson
- 2nd Vice President: Marianne Knue
- 3rd Vice President: Mary Piper
- Corresponding Secretary: Linda Grayman
- Recording Secretary: Toni Ward
- Treasurer: John Jones

GREEN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2000

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

***We will be cleaning up, mulching & planting
Seasongood, Martin Luther King
& Dana Triangle***

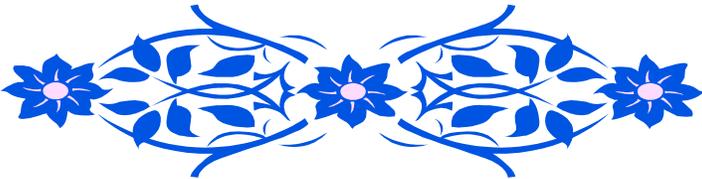
Come to Seasongood park for donuts & juice & your job/area assignment. Then NANA will provide pizza for a well earned lunch.

The support of the community is essential to preserving the quality of Cincinnati Parks. Through this event we are inviting all Cincinnatians to take a personal role in beautifying their parks and neighborhoods.

XAVIER/VICTORY PARKWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Attending the Park Commissioners' April 20 Board meeting were Victory Parkway residents Jim Faulkner and Glenna Kennedy and NANA Coordinator Charlene Morse. Charlene presented the NANA Motion from the General Meeting on April 11 which states "That there be no Nature trail and no steps over the sewer" (28-3-0). Even though XU last told NANA that they did not plan on building a nature trail at this time, NANA felt "at this time" was too open ended and prompted the need for the above motion. She further explained that the neighborhood objected to the steps because it would encourage individuals to explore the area and that it would impair NANA's "keep it natural" position. Jim & Glenna each explained again why they opposed development of a proposed nature trail at the Xavier University development along Victory Parkway and the steps. Jim also stressed the need for the sewer system to be fixed (the proposed steps are to go over a damaged sewer).

Mr. Ach moved "to approve the recommendations of staff to eliminate the nature trail" It was seconded and all commissioners were in favor.



I was not going to get on my soap box this year but the appearance of a new dreaded flag on the lawn of one of the last resisting neighbors made me change my mind. In fact I was looking out the window, noticing how thick and green our lawn was without the help of any poison, when I notice the little sign forbidding pets and children from what should be their natural playing field. Perhaps kids don't play outside because of the dangers looming in the environment and not because they'd rather play on computers and play stations as I always surmised. The fact remains that Nature/God never intended monoculture and in our effort to eradicate all non-conforming grass we will end up eradicating ourselves. Then Mother Nature will reclaim her rights.

Last year I offered to provide an authoritative article on the danger of artificial lawn care to whomever would ask for it. I understand that some of you asked for it after I had already left for Europe and never got it. Please ask again but remember that we have a daughter to marry in July; so ask NOW! A terrible thought just crossed my mind: perhaps our lawn is so lush this year because we are down hill and all the neighbors' pesticides have been washed down on our lawn. Yuck!

Patricia Baxter, M.A., M.P.A.
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NANA WELCOME COMMITTEE By Amy Yosmali

I don't know about you, but I sure do have a long list of things to do now that the weather is nice. Included on my list of spring projects, right next to painting the house, is getting to know my neighbors. Now is the perfect time while the weather is nice and everyone is outdoors to take that five minute break from your outdoor project and walk over to your new neighbor and introduce yourself and maybe even invite them to the next NANA meeting.

Speaking of introductions, NANA would also like to welcome our new neighbors as well. The NANA Welcoming Committee has been working hard on a NANA welcome package, which includes a "welcome to the neighborhood post card" that they can present at the next NANA meeting to receive a directory of area businesses and points of interest in North Avondale, coupons, and gift certificates. But that's not all, thanks to Scherpies Produce & Deli; they can redeem their post card for a free fruit basket as well!

If you or someone you know has recently moved to North Avondale please contact the NANA office at 221-6166 so that we can welcome them to our neighborhood.

Good luck with your spring projects! -



MAY 6, 10 A.M. TO 2 P. M. PAPER RECYCLING

(Cereal Boxes, all types
of paper, boxes, etc.)
615 Clinton Springs
(behind the North
Avondale School)



The Farmers Market by Lunken Airport will be opening soon

Last year I bought fresh, delicious tomatoes there in November! I asked one of the farmers when they would start up again and he gave me his number which I called this week to find out that:

Native Strawberries will be available the last weekend of May!

Directions: Take Linwood to the Beechmont Levy & turn right on Wilmer, go past the playfields & Lunken Airport over the little hill and right past the airport on the left is the Farmers Market. If you come from Kellogg turn right while going east onto Wilmer. This is at the light where the United Dairy Farmers (UDF) is on the corner. The Market is on the right past UDF.

Hours:

Saturday, May 27, 9 to 3 or 4 (and every Saturday until the summer schedule begins)

Maybe on Sunday (weather & sales permitting)

In the Summer starting sometime in June ;

Weekdays 2 to 6

Saturday 9 to 3 or 4 depending on sales

***Hours will be updated in the next newsletter**

REVERSE THE BLIGHT By Pauline Daly

Update on issue of mobile businesses:

Charlene Morse, Tom Jones, Officer Cruse, and Pauline Daly met with the owner of the Mini-Minute Market on Wheels. It was agreed that there is a perception, perhaps a stereotype, that these businesses are connected with illegal activity. The owner is motivated by profit and an arrest and conviction would end her business. All present felt that mutual cooperation would be most beneficial.

The concerns the neighborhood presented were: 1. The safety of children; 2. Damage to grass and trees in the park; 3. Trash; 4. Attraction for loitering and crime.

We suggested she park the van across the street from the park. This makes it less likely children will cross the street to go to the van. Also, there should be less damage to the park from the customers. The owner is paying a neighborhood resident to pick up trash daily. The owner and the neighborhood need to work together to make loitering and illegal activities less comfortable in the vicinity of the truck. Illegal activity needs to be reported to the police.

Together we considered regulations for mobile businesses that we will discuss with the city. These were: 1. Hours of business (Should a business serving children be out after dark?); 2. Should there be a limit on the amount of time a vehicle is stopped at one location?; 3. Should there be a requirement the truck locate where the visibility is not restricted?; 4. Should the mobile business be responsible for the trash it generates?; 5. When located to attract students as they leave school, how close to the school can the truck be? What if its location results in children having to cross the street without a crossing guard?

We have had contact with Madisonville and Winton Terrace to work on these concerns. We would welcome other communities who wish to be involved. If you have additional ideas or suggestions, call NANA at 221-6166.

WANTED: NEIGHBORS TO HELP PLANT & WEED OUR SOON TO BE BEAUTIFUL FLOWER BEDS

**COME TO GREEN-UP DAY,
MAY 20**

FROM 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

OR

**CALL URSULA HASSAL
(NANA BEAUTIFICATION
CHAIR) 751-4546 TO HELP
WITH OUR FLOWER BEDS.**



**WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP
NORTH AVONDALE BEAUTIFUL**

Congratulation to:

Itaal Shur (formerly of Red Bud, & his parents are still there) won a **Grammy** for writing the best song of the year "Smooth" sung by Rob Thomas & accompanied by Carlos Santana. We look forward to many more songs & awards.

Marcia Smart, (Hale) wins the Lighthouse Youth Services Meritorious Award

Fun Around Town:

MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir

17th Annual Spring Concert • Take Heart: Her Songs Rise • House of Joy • 5910 Hamilton Avenue • Friday, May 19th, 8:00 • Saturday, May 20th, 8:00

Job Opportunities:

New web-site brings together job seekers and employers. Log on to www.ohioworks.com and find a free, new web-site. It's easy to access and use, and provides helpful job market information by county, region and state. Site visitors can find job titles and salaries, assistance in creating a resume or posting a job, and referrals to services that are key to successful employment.

Helpful information

Its Spring, windows are open and hopefully the air is springtime sweet. If not and you are instead smelling stinky industry odors, join your neighbors and help us crack down on the stickiest facilities. **To report an odor, call the County's 24-hour odor hotline: 946-7777.** Then please **call Citizen Action at 221-2100** and tell them you've reported an odor: (if after hours, please leave a message with your name and phone number).

Fluorescent Lamp Recycling Fluorescent lamps can be recycled to reclaim 100% of the glass, aluminum and other metals. They recycle the aluminum end caps, glass, the phosphor, & the mercury. The city of Cincinnati does not accept spent fluorescent lamps in its "green bin" curbside recycling program. Cincinnati households wishing to recycle fluorescent lamps can take them to: **USA Lamp & Ballast Recycling, 5366 Este Ave. (Winton Hills/Winton Place).** Call 651-4155 to verify hours of operation and to get advice on the proper way to safely transport a small number of fluorescent lamps.

Suppose your family had a Holocaust Era Insurance Policy and you just didn't know about it? If you are a Holocaust survivor or heir of a Holocaust victim the opportunity may exist for you to receive payment. For more information visit the website www.icheic.org or call 1-800-957-3203.



**North
Avondale
Community
Center**

961-1584

Spring Play: Forty-five North Avondale After School Day Camp & drop-in children 12 years old and under will be performing a musical called "Emily's Gift," on May 25 & 26 at 6:30 p. m. at the North Avondale Community Center. There will be a charge of: children 12 & under—\$1.00; Seniors—\$1.00; Teens & Adults—\$2.00; All Center Members 50 cents.

Summer Day Camp: The North Avondale Center has started registration for Summer day camp. Cost is \$525.00 for 10 weeks—June 12 to August 18. For more information contact Mrs. Harris at 961-1584



THANK YOU "GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP" HELPERS

On Saturday April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon (actually longer for some of us) 20 of your NANA Neighbors helped clean up your neighborhood. Volunteers picking up trash walked up & down Reading, Marion, Dana Roads, parts of Clinton Springs, Gholson, F. Shuttlesworth C., and all of Seasongood & Martin Luther King Parks. Thank you to Colin Brush, Pauline Daly, Teresa Harten, Ursula Hassel, M. Louise Knight, Marianne Knue, Gerry & Marvin Kraus, Carol Newbauer, Marian Pitcairn, A.J. Stokes, Jacqueline Williams, & Elsa Zum Brook for doing a fabulous job in making North Avondale liter free.

Citywide 50+ communities utilizing 10,000 volunteers collected 5,000 tires and 250 Tons of trash!

NANA CALENDAR

- First Thursday of Every Month, 6:30 p.m., S. & N. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle, Greenwood & Burton **Block Club Meeting** at Bethlehem Baptist, 760 Nth Fred Shuttlesworth Circle Questions - call Pauline Daly at 751- 8334
- Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., **MIXED PAPER & CARDWOOD RECYCLING**, 615 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **GREEN-UP DAY**, meet at Seasongood Park
- Sunday, May 21, 3:00 to 5:00 p .m., **NANA ANNUAL MEETING, QUARKER HOUSE 3960 Winding Way**



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