



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the NANA membership for electing me president of NANA for another year. The vote counting at the annual meeting was a real nail biter, however when it was over I had successfully beat the challengers(!) and was re-elected president. In addition we elected a new NANA Board which has several new faces. I want to welcome all the Board members and thank them for volunteering their time to ensure that North Avondale remains Cincinnati's best address.

This newsletter is a great community asset. It is part of what makes North Avondale a neighborhood. It allows us to know what is going on in North Avondale and to communicate with each other. I would like to see more people in the neighborhood contributing articles for the Newsletter. Please think about contributing an article on news or events that would be of interest to North Avondale for publication in the Newsletter. Contact Charlene Morse with your ideas.

In an attempt to get North Avondale kids involved in the Newsletter we are having a **contest**. All children who live in North Avondale are eligible. The rules are as follows:

1. The children are to submit an essay on **"Why I like living in North Avondale."** It can be no longer than 500 words.
2. There are two age groups 8 to 12 and 13 to 17.
3. NANA Executive Board will pick a winning essay from each age group. Each winner will receive a **\$50.00 prize**.
4. Each of the two winning essays will be published in the NANA newsletter.
5. Deadline is **August 1, 2001**.
6. Either mail it to the NANA Office at: 617 Clinton Springs, 45229 or Email to [clmorse@fuse.net](mailto:clmorse@fuse.net)

I am looking forward to reading lots of contest entries. Enjoy the summer everyone,  
*John*

### AGENDA

- JULY 10TH, 7:30 P.M.**
- CINCINNATI HISTORICAL SOCIETY (ARTICLE PAGE 2)
  - CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM (ARTICLE PAGE 3)
- NANA GENERAL MEETING**
- NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**



### NANA CHARETTE ON OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY By Gerry Kraus

On April 29th NANA met at the National Guard Armory at 4100 Reading Road to have a Charette. Below is a summary of suggestions from the brainstorming session.

#### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ARMORY PROPERTY

- A. If Buildings are demolished**
  1. Market Rate Housing
  2. Mixed Use/Housing
  3. Retail/Community Business & Housing
- B. If Buildings remain**
  1. Sports Center
  2. School
  3. Sound Stage/Recording Studio
  4. Arts Center/Multi-Media
- C. Definitely DO NOT want**
  1. Big Retail (Single User)
  2. Fast Food Operation
  3. Bar/Club/Dance Hall
  4. Manufacturing/Warehousing Uses
  5. Jail/Correctional Institution
  6. Vehicle Storage/Maintenance/Auto-oriented uses

#### GUIDELINES

1. Good Streetscape/Street Front (no strip parking in front)
2. Not a noisy trash-producer
3. No Nighttime Partying
4. "Alien" (not compatible) with the neighborhood not allowed
5. Maintain Green Areas
6. No Xavier University Uses
7. Preserve Slopes
8. No traffic increases on neighborhood streets
9. Aesthetically pleasing
10. Stick with current zoning
11. Prefer "green development" (ecological emphasis)
12. Keep in character with neighborhood (any housing use should be racially integrated)
13. Even if privately developed, community should have some access to uses
14. NANA & Paddock Hills Assembly should be part of use/development decision process

#### SITE ASSETS

1. Great View
2. 40,000 sq. ft. in existing building
3. Green areas/buffers
4. Gateway to community: A Destination

**FYI: NORWOOD PAPA JOHN'S RUDELY REFUSED TO DELIVER PIZZA TO GREEN UP VOLUNTEERS AT SEASONGOOD PARK -**



**LAROSA'S OF ST. BERNARD SAVED THE DAY!**

On May 12th hungry and tired volunteers looked forward to pizza and were shocked when after two phone calls to Papa Johns in Norwood no pizza was forthcoming (we weren't in their area! -sounds suspicious to me since they deliver to my home & I'm two blocks further away). Fortunately LaRosa's in St. Bernard came through & delivered 4 pizzas at a great price!

**NANA NOTATIONS**

**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME**

**Erik & Julie Zimmerman** (Redway) on the arrival of their first child, a son **Oscar**, on May 17, 2001.

**Avon View Apartments** (3616 Reading Road) had its grand opening ceremony on Thursday, May 24. We are pleased to welcome the 50-unit affordable housing and independent living facility for seniors into our neighborhood.

**CALL TO ACTION**

**To report an odor, call the County's 24 hour odor hotline: 946-7777.** Then follow up by calling Citizen Action & tell them that you've reported an odor: 221-2100.

**Our Library Funding Is Threatened.**

I am writing to thank you for your support of public library funding and to update you on the status. In the State Biennium Budget passed on June 6, the Library and Local Government Support Funds (LLGSF), which provides 95% of our Library's funding, remains frozen for two years. In addition, the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) will be funded through the LLGSF, further reducing the total amount of funding available for public libraries. While we are disappointed and will be operating on reduced revenue, public libraries did escape the more severe cuts imposed on some other state programs.

Due to the strong support demonstrated for public libraries throughout the state by you and other committed citizens, two amendments to the budget were adopted that should help.

The Cincinnati Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped did not fare as well. It is housed in the Main Library and serves the southern 33 counties of Ohio. As a line item of the budget of the State Library of Ohio, general revenue funding for this program was cut by almost 5.5%.

Finally and fortunately, it would appear that the income tax replacement funds (\$3.7 million for our Library this year) will be included in the LLGSF distribution for the next two years.

The bottom line is that, although we all worked very hard to preserve our Library's funding, we will be operating on decreased income for the next two years. Work has already begun on positioning libraries for the next phase of funding discussions through communication and lobbying efforts at the local and state level. We hope that we can count on you to help by taking every opportunity to voice your belief in the importance of strong funding for libraries.

**Amy Banister**

Head, Public Relations  
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County

*Editors Note: For Amy's complete Email call the NANA Office at 221-6166 & I will forward her email to your email address.*



**GREEN UP DAY & NANA ANNUAL MEETING  
A GREAT SUCCESS**

Thank you to our volunteers who got the work done on Green Up day (May 12) to get our neighborhood ready for summer. At Seasongood Park the trees & playground were mulched, the circular flower bed and old comfort station were weeded and mulched by George Courtemanche, Teresa Harten, Spencer Konicov, Ryan McGinnis and Kush Moyo. At the Dana Triangle Gerry & Marvin Kraus worked on their adopted bed while Janet Banks, Ursula Hassel, Pat Paul & Sue Spears planted annuals at the end of the triangle. Meanwhile Marian Miller worked on some of her numerous beds. On the following Saturday George Courtemanche, Ursula Hassel, Ryan McGinnis and Kush Moyo finished mulching the Dana flower beds. I think we can all agree that the neighborhood looks a even better!

Thank you to the Executive Board & friends of NANA who helped make the Annual Meeting lovely and a success & Ann Startz who gave a wonderful speech honoring James Paradise to the fifty plus attendees.



**CINCINNATI PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION  
VISITS THE NANA JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

As we all know, North Avondale has outstanding historic architecture, which gives it a great sense of place and attracts homeowners who care for their homes. But can we take this architectural oasis for granted? Our recent experience with a house on Reading Road reminds us that we shouldn't.

How can we protect the historic character of our neighborhood? Beth Sullebarger, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Preservation Association, will discuss this when she visits NANA on July 10<sup>th</sup>. She will cover listing in the National Register of Historic Places and local designation as well as preservation easements. A preservation easement provides permanent protection from unsympathetic new construction, alterations and demolition and can qualify you for a charitable contribution on your federal income tax.

The Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) was established in 1964 as the Miami Purchase Association for Historic Preservation (MPA) and renamed in 1992. CPA is a private non-profit membership organization that serves the Greater Cincinnati community as the recognized resource and catalyst for the preservation of historic cultural resources through education, advocacy and technical support. CPA's public programs currently include lectures, tours, newsletter, annual awards, and technical assistance. **By Beth Sullebarger**



**GARAGE/YARD SALES: Ordinance 843-11** No person, firm or corporation shall conduct a home sale (yard, garage, patio) within the city of Cincinnati in violation of the following requirements. (a) No home sale will be permitted for more than two consecutive days and shall be permitted only during daylight hours. (b) It shall be unlawful to conduct more than two home sales at any residential premises during any calendar year.

**Penalty:** Whoever violates the provisions of Section 843-11 shall be fined not more than \$100 for the first violation of said section and not more than \$500 for any subsequent violation of said section and the costs of prosecution.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Many organizations and individuals are working hard to put campaign finance reform on the ballot this fall in Cincinnati. Designated as the Fair Elections Amendment its goal is to bring about a fair, more equitable election process by diminishing the growing influence of big money on council and mayoral campaigns. A representative of the Fair Elections Coalition will be at the July 10 NANA meeting to talk about the Amendment and to answer questions. There will be an opportunity to add your signature to the petition requesting that the Amendment be put on the November ballot.

*By Mary Wells*

### REVERSE THE BLIGHT

*By Pauline Daly*

After last month's *Reverse the Blight* we received some comments disagreeing with the article. "Most of the article was pure propaganda calling for change that isn't change, but just more of the same old same old."

In the article, the statement "White parents do not experience the fear that black parents do that their sons will be harmed because of their race." was refuted as "simply not true."

Dialogue is good. Nana welcomes your thoughts and comments.

### LIST OF 727 SOUTH FRED SHUTTLESWORTH CIRCLE RENOVATION PARTNERS

*By John Angelo*

PROJECT PARTNERS	AREA OF PARTICIPATION	CONTACT	PHONE
Acme Lock	Spindle Door Knobs	Linda Jones	241-2619
Cincinnati Development Fund	Creative First Mortgage Financing, Community Partnership	Jeanne Gollhofer	721-7211
Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority	Resourcing Partners and Contractors	Linda Thorpe	977-5704
City of Cincinnati	Transfer of Property to NANA and Renovation Grant		
Comey & Shepherd	Real Estate Services	Erik Zimmerman/Geoff Barnes	321-4343
Creative Housing Solutions	Inspections, Master Bath Designs	Don Dudrow	961-4400
Deloitte & Touche	Volunteer Labor	John Delaney, President	221-6166
Department of Neighborhood Services	Transfer of Property and Initial Renovation Grant, Strategic Planning and Partnership	Dean Watkins/Ethel Cogen	352-6135
Department of Public Works	Curb Repairs		
Department of Urban Forestry	Trees for neighbors and Trees for Street Line		
Downtown Property Management, Inc.	Marketing Contribution for Open House Food/Beverage	Satya Ramenini	961-2482
Eastern Properties	Roof, Box Gutters, Driveway, Tile Work (Kitchen, 2nd Floor Baths, Fireplaces)	John Wallen	736-4405
Eric Franke Construction	Plumbing	Eric Franke	923-3730
eVENTURES	Project Strategy, Public Relations, Graphics, Project Coordination	John Angelo	281-6644
Finishing Touches Hardwood	Hardwood Floor Restoration	Joe	232-8161
Gable Electric	Electrical Repairs, Antique Light Fixtures	Herb Gable	661-6924
Haney Custom Framing	Dry mounting of "Before" Photos	John Haney	
Home Depot (Highland Avenue)	Kitchen Design, Kitchen and Bath Amenities (Cabinets, Appliances, Fixtures), Privacy Fence	John LaRowe	631-1705
Interior Design Concepts	Carpeting—2nd and 3rd Floors	Andrea Stewart	681-4513
K. M. Network, Inc.	Window Repairs	David Mukasa	333-0400
King Container	Roll off Containers	Mike Baer	825-7300
	Color Selection, Design Considerations	Marianne Knue	
Kroger Co.	Reception Food & Beverage	Queen City Kroger	
Natorp's Landscaping	Garden Beds Design & Installation, Driveway Design	Ken Natorp	242-1375
North Avondale Neighborhood Association	Project Management, Demolition, Cleanup, Volunteerism		
Norton Photography	Enlargements of "Before" Photos	Ron Norton	281-5002
Ryan's All Glass	Glass Replacement	Lissa Coffey	771-4440
Sweeney Restoration	Drywall, Carpentry, Porch & Balcony Restoration	Steve Sweeney	471-5293
Tobias Kraus & Torchia	Legal Services	Marvin Kraus	241-8137
Tom's Quality Paint	Exterior & Interior Paint	Tom Wallen	734-7001
Wilfong Heating & Air Conditioning	Furnace/AC	Kevin Wilfong	248-1850
Xavier University	Volunteer Labor		



**North Avondale  
Community  
Center  
961-1584**

**SUMMER DAY CAMP IS UP AND RUNNING!**

North Avondale Center's Summer Day Camp has only 2 spots remaining in the 10 to 12 years old group which would give us a total of 66 campers. Some of our special events include trips to: Sports Plus, The Beach Waterpark, Sports of All Sports, The Cincinnati Museum, Golden Skates, Del-Fair Lanes, Sawyer Point, The Hamilton County Fair, Coney Island, Showcase Cinemas, Showboat Majestic and various swimming pools throughout the city.

**TEEN LOUNGE ISN'T FAR BEHIND**

The teen Lounge has received its furniture and computers. We are waiting for our electronic equipment and internet connection before we can officially say we are fully functional.

**STRIDETTES PRACTICE AT NORTH AVONDALE**

The Center has teamed up with the Stridettes, a Drill Team with members from all over the city. They will practice out of North Avondale Center and we hope that it will increase our teen memberships in the center. The Stridettes performed Saturday, June 16th at Juneteenth Wellness Walk & Pavilion in Eden Park.

**C**urb Replacement As NANA reported, North Avondale's streets are being resurfaced and NANA has been asked if the curbs will be done and when the work will be completed. Most of the streets will have 100% curb replacement but some don't merit 100% replacement. Those streets having 100% curb replacement are: **Abington, Alter Pl., Beechwood, Camden, Dana, Gholson, Merzen, N. F. Shuttlesworth, Rose Hill, S. F. Shuttlesworth and Wuest St.** Non 100% curb replacement streets are: **Ardmore 50%, Burton Woods Ln. 18%, Chalfonte 5% and Greenwood 30%.** They will put down one coat of asphalt, fix the curbs and then put the final coat down. All of this should be completed by the end of fall.

**NANA CALENDAR**

- Saturday, July 7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **SURRY SQUARE, RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER & NEW OR USED FANS**
- Tuesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Wednesday, August 1 **"WHY I LIKE LIVING IN NORTH AVONDALE" CONTEST DEADLINE** (see page 1)
- Saturday, August 4, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., **RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD & SCHOOL SUPPLIES**, 615 Clinton Springs, behind the North Avondale School
- **NO AUGUST NANA GENERAL MEETING**
- Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.



**NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: Eva Roberson_____	751-2446	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus_____	861-3939
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