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FINAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my final message as the President of NANA I want to say thank you to some people who have work hard throughout my time as President to insure that North Avondale is Cincinnati's best address. NANA and the residents of Glenwood Ave. were able to stop the City from renaming Glenwood Ave. to L. Venchael Booth Ave. Council-men **David Crowley** and **David Pepper** were instrumental in preventing the City from renaming Glenwood Ave. over the objection of the street's residents. I want to thank both Davids for their help and ask the residents of North Avondale to remember at election time that it was council-men Crowley and Pepper who joined **Pat DeWine, Alicia Reece and Jim Tarbell** in helping us to force the City to respect the wishes of the residents of North Avondale (all council members finally voted not rename the street)

I want to thank the entire NANA Board and Committee Members. Being on the Board and the Committees is hard work but without the efforts of all these people North Avondale would not remain Cincinnati's best address. I want to recognize and say a special thanks to Marvin and Gerry Kraus. Their dedication to this neighborhood is amazing. They are the backbone of NANA and have been for years. No one has ever worked so hard for so long to preserve the quality of life in this Neighborhood than Marvin and Gerry. Everyone living in North Avondale has benefited from the Kraus' efforts. Thank you Marvin and Gerry.

Charlene Morse, NANA's coordinator, also deserves special recognition. Charlene's position is a paid position but Charlene's work performance and the hours she puts in far exceed the amount of money NANA pays her. If you are out around mid-night sometime and see some lady on a ladder pulling down illegally posted signs on utility poles, its Charlene. That's the level of her commitment to this neighborhood and for that I want to thank you Charlene.

I want to thank the people who have agreed to serve on NANA's Board this coming year. They are Jim Obergefell (President), John Jones, Eva Roberson, Barbara Henshaw, Mike Walton, Chris Smitherman, and Marilyn Smith. All of you have agreed to take on a lot of work. Thank you. And to the outgoing members who have finished their terms, Toni Ward and Mary Piper a well deserved thank you.

Finally, I want to thank all the residents of North Avondale. North Avondale is Cincinnati's most diverse, most open minded and most accepting neighborhood. We welcome everyone, but insist that they respect the neighborhood and those who live here. Thank you North Avondale for allowing me to be NANA's president for the past two years. It has been a lot of work but it has also been a blast.

John

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NANA Nominating Committee comprised of John Delaney, John Jones, Marilyn Smith, Michael Walton and Amy Yosmali, is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers.

2002/2003 NANA Board of Trustees.

- President: **Jim Obergefell**
- 1st Vice President: **John Jones**
- 2nd Vice President: **Eva Roberson**
- 3rd Vice President: **Michael Walton**
- Corresponding Secretary: **Barbara Henshaw**
- Recording Secretary: **Marilyn Smith**
- Treasurer: **Christopher Smitherman**

NANA ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY

MAY 19, 2002

3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

THE NEW GALLAGHER

STUDENT CENTER

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

GREEN-UP DAY

SATURDAY,

MAY 18, 2002

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



We will be preparing the parks for the busy summer season by painting, mulching & planting at 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.

UPDATES ETC.
By Gerry Kraus
Environmental & City Hall Liaison

FAIR SHARE FOR PARKS UPDATE: The Fair Share for Parks Committee has been trying to get the Hamilton County Park Board to share the \$18 million annual income that it will receive if a levy to replace the current county parks levy, Issue 4 on the May 7 Primary ballot, passes. Not one penny of the current park levy (which presently yields \$12 million per year) goes to city parks. City parks are funded by the City of Cincinnati general fund. NANA voted to support the mission of this Committee at its March meeting. Since the Hamilton County Park Board has been unwilling to share any of the revenues to be raised by this tax levy, the Fair Share for Parks Committee formed another Committee called: **NO SHARE – NOT FAIR – VOTE NO ON HAMILTON COUNTY PARK LEVY (ISSUE 4) COMMITTEE.** The Committee is asking voters who believe some small portion of the Hamilton County Parks levy should help support city parks to vote **“NO” on Issue 4** to send this message to the Hamilton County Park officials. Even if this replacement levy fails, the County Parks will continue to receive its \$12 million as the current levy does not end until the end of 2003.

NEW ZONING CODE UPDATE: On April 24 NANA representatives Marvin & Gerry Kraus attended a meeting to give input into the draft new zoning code proposals. Marvin stressed the importance of maintaining the current mandatory requirements in the present code for residential zoning. He also stressed the importance for maintaining current zoning requirements for group homes as well as the need for meaningful enforcement of the zoning code. Gerry pointed out that the proposed zoning code did not address issues of Environmental Justice. Neighborhoods that are/or could be impacted with land uses that disparately and adversely affect that neighborhood should be protected. She offered some suggested language to address this important issue. NANA will follow closely the final recommendations for the new zoning code and how this code will affect North Avondale.

MONITORING THE OZONE COUNT IN NORTH AVONDALE: Environmental Defense and ECO: (Environmental Community Organization) are looking for volunteers to help conduct an exciting ozone (smog) monitoring project in Cincinnati neighborhoods. These neighborhoods will be chosen, if there are sufficient volunteers, for measurements to be

taken every weekday afternoon during the summer (June thru August) of the smog levels around them to determine if certain neighborhoods have a higher smog/ozone level than the average reported for Greater Cincinnati. Newly developed state-of-the-art monitoring technology will be used. Smog and bad air quality can exacerbate asthma and other respiratory diseases. The American Lung Association reports that over 17.7 million people (including over 5.6 million children) have asthma, and the disease is the leading cause of childhood hospitalization. Participation in this ozone-monitoring project will determine if extra measures need to be taken to minimize adverse affects of bad air in our neighborhood.

NANA seeks 5 volunteers (one for each weekday) to participate in this project. The time commitment is two five minute time periods, one hour apart, on weekday afternoons, at a time period to be determined – either between 2 and 3 PM or 3 and 4 PM. If we have at least 5 volunteers, we can exchange days when one volunteer goes on vacation. Volunteers will be trained. If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, call the NANA Office at 221-6166 or Gerry Kraus at 861-3939.

ARE WE MAKING OUR CHILDREN SICK? “Kids And Chemicals” is a special Bill Moyers report about how environmental toxins affect America’s children. Across America growing numbers of children are suffering from asthma, childhood cancers like leukemia, as well as learning and behavioral disabilities. There is a growing body of research to suggest that everyday environmental toxins – what kids eat, drink and breathe – may put them at risk. This Bill Moyers Special Report will air on:

Friday, May 10 at 9:00 PM on PBS (check local listings)

SWIMMING YEAR-ROUND
AT THE NEW HIRSCH POOL
By Pauline Daly

Funding has been approved by the Otto Armleder Foundation for an aquatic size swimming pool (zero inches to four feet rounded pool) at Hirsch Center. The money may not be available for a few years, however, according to the legal conditions.

The question has been asked, “What would it cost for it to be a standard size indoor pool?” The answer is, \$3,300,000 in addition to the \$1,200,000 that has already been promised

Now is the time to consider whether to there is a need to pursue an regular indoor pool. It would not make sense unless there is enough interest in using it to make it worthwhile. Both North Avondale and Avondale residents, as well as other people who use Cincinnati Recreation Services and find the location convenient would use it.

What do you think? Would you use it? What are your reasons?

It will take the demonstration of real need, commitment, and cooperation from the neighborhoods for funding to be considered.

Call or preferably write the neighborhood councils.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The Harten Family, Phillip Harten, died in a car accident on Friday, April 12th two days before his 21st birthday. Though he grew up in Clifton as the son of **John and Emily Harten** many will remember him from the Clinton Hills Swim Club or running around our neighborhood visiting his grandparents, **Dave & Carol Harten** (Lenox Pl), or his many aunts, uncles & cousins: **Teresa Harten & Frank Newbauer** (Lenox Pl), **Paul & Amy Harten** (Lenox Pl), **Sarah & Walter Koucky**, (Rose Hill), **Tom & Annamarie Harten**, (Marion), **Maura & J. Miles Wolf** (Redway), **Christopher & Allison Harten** (Valley) and **Vanessa Hof & fiance Dave Wong** (Mitchell).

Jana Cruse (Victory Pkwy) NANA’s Neighborhood Officer on the death of her mother, Oukreda Harrison.

Minette Cooper (Washington) on the death of her father Curtis Norris, on Sunday, April 21 at the age of 88.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP A GREAT SUCCESS

Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked very hard to clean up our neighborhood on Saturday April 27th from 10:00 to noon. Gerry Kraus superbly organized the event. At noon the anti-litter brigades were rewarded with NANA's Great American Grill Out where chef Spencer Konicov grilled chicken, hamburgers & franks while Herb Smitherman served his delicious bean soup. Other neighbors: Mildred Nichols, Sue Spears & Jan Johnson brought cookies & brownies. The drinks, as well as clean up supplies, were supplied by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. The North Avondale/Paddock Hills Business Association (NAPHBA) donated \$50.00 toward expenses. And NANA provided whatever else was needed.

In the meantime, let's keep the neighborhood clean by picking up around of our homes and when we take walks and NEVER LITTERING!

Clean Up Participants

Ardmore	Ed Martin
Wilbur Jones	Landon Purdie
Avondale	Steven Roberts
Mary Piper	Weandell Williams
Beechwood	Redway
Deborah Ginocchio	Dr. Hilda M. Jeffries
Vanessa Wayne	Herb Smitherman
Betula	Rose Hill
John Arthur	Betsy Gotwals
Jim Obergefell	Barbara Henshaw
Burton Woods Lane	Randy Johnson
Brian Hill	Jan Johnson
Grace Hill	Chris Koucky
Charlene Morse	Nick Koucky
Clinton Springs	Sarah Harten Koucky
Bill Daily (Com. Center)	Walter Koucky
N. Fred Shuttlesworth	Brittinee McQueen
George Courtemanche	Evelyn McQueen
Ledgewood	Shunia McQueen
Mark Schuller	Georgia Moore
Lenox Pl.	Marilyn P. S Smith
Paul Harten	Judith Titchener
Teresa Harten	Kab Walker
Carol Newbauer	Stratford Pl
Christopher Smitherman	Gerry Kraus
Losantiridge	Marvin Kraus
Spencer Konicov	Sturgis
Marion	Barbara Slavinski
John W. Jones	Kathleen Slavinski
Mitchell	Matt Slavinski
Dorothy Glass	Monica Slavinski
Reading	Rick Slavinski
Mavis Lackey	Tony Slavinski
Lighthouse Volunteers:	Xavier
Mike Todd (Case Manager)	Janelle Duda
Robert Cooley	Michelle Edwards
Tyshawn James	Taylor Edwards
	John Marino

If you are interested in attending & representing NANA at the **Day of Dialogue** on **Saturday, June 1, 2002**, sponsored by the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission and run by the Greater Cincinnati Study Circles Work Group, call the NANA Office at 221-6166.

NANA NEIGHBORS

Michelle, Nicole & Renee Bertolone (Clinton Springs) will walk from Kenosha, Wisconsin to Chicago for a 3-day 60 mile walk to raise money for Breast Cancer (each walker needs to raise \$1,900 to participate). They are walking in memory of their Aunt Bea who died from Breast Cancer. If interested in donating call 861-6175.

Noah Bendix-Balgley (Rose Hill) a 17 year old senior at Seven Hills School is this year's first place winner of the youth orchestra concerto competition. He will be performing the Violin Concerto Number 5 of Henri Vieuxtemps with the joint Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra at Music Hall on Wednesday, May 8th. The concert begins at 10:15 a.m.. Tickets are still available.

Andrea Cheng (Redbud) had published this May her third children's book *When the Bees Fly Home*, which allows readers to see that artistic and sensitive boys have their own special place. **The Blue Marble** at 3054 Madison in Oakley will feature Andrea for a talk & book signing on Saturday, May 11 from 12 to 2.

Ursula Hassel (Dakota) & **Barbara Henshaw** (Rose Hill) NANA Board Members won a silver from the Cincinnati Horticulture Society for their NANA Window Box Exhibit entry "Our Community - North Avondale, It's Simply Mauve-alous," in which, "the diversity of plant material reflects our community."

Karla Irvine (Redbud Place) & **Kimya Moyo** (Mitchell) will be honored at the YWCA 22nd Annual Salute to Career Women luncheon on May 21st as Women of Achievement. Karla is the executive director of Housing Opportunities Made Equal & Kimya is district math curriculum manager at Cincinnati Public Schools.

Karen Smith (Dickson) received the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission award for Dedicated Community Service for work as Community Relations Monitor.

The New School Hosts International Student Guests
This past month, The New School was delighted to host a group of Japanese students & their instructor, Miyoko Kawakita Wordell, owner & director of the Montessori International School in Yokkaichi, Japan. Miyoko & four of her students attended The New School for ten days in order to experience an American Montessori classroom.

In Japan, Montessori education stops at Kindergarten. Miyoko is working hard to promote Montessori at the elementary level by offering a Saturday program for Japanese students in 1st - 6th grade. She hopes that these students will be among the first parents to support Montessori for elementary students. The New School students benefited from lessons in Origami, spending time with the Japanese visitors & learning about life in Japan. During the winter break next year, Miyoko hopes to again return with her students.



**North
Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

CENTER

May 7 - Election Day - 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Room. No Senior Programming.
May 23 - Youth Art Show and Auction - Experience the art then purchase it at a reasonable price.
May 27 - Memorial Day - Center & School will be closed in observance.
May 31 - Last day of After School Day Camp - **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER & SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**
 The "**Classic**" **Seniors Club** will have various day trips throughout May. Please call the center for details at 961-1584. While you're at it, come in and participate in the Yoga, Fitness or Computer programs!
 The **Cincinnati Human Relations Commission** presented awards for Dedicated Community Service for work as Community Relations Monitors to: (N. Avondale) Karen Smith (Dickson Ave.), Bill Bailey & Will Starks; (Hirsch Center) Gene Caldwell, John Wilson & Eddie Morgan



**North
Avondale
Montessori
School
872-7290**

SCHOOL

May 8th 9th & 10th Flower Sale
May 13th thru 17th Book Fair Week
May 30th Sixth Grade Recognition Ceremony

● **May 9th** Spring Concert 12:30 & 7:00
 ● **May 29th** Last Day for Preschoolers
 ● **May 31st** Last Day of School

Avondale/North Avondale Education Town Meeting at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church corner of Harvey & Washington Breakfast 9-930 Program 930-1130 Come meet the principals of the 4 elementary schools and be prepared to ask everything you've wanted to know about your schools.

NANA CALENDAR & XAVIER LARGE EVENTS (to aid in avoiding the traffic)

- Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. to Noon **SURREY SQUARE**, Btw. Huber Lumber & Thriftway **RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER**
- Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **GREEN UP DAY**
- Sunday, May 19, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **NANA ANNUAL MEETING**, Gallagher Student Center, Xavier University
- **2002 High School Graduations At Xavier University CINTAS Center** 4:00 (doors open 2:30) 7:30 (doors open 6:00) 8:00 (doors open 6:30)
 - Friday, May 24, 4:00 p.m. SCPA; 8:00 p.m. ABLE/GED
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 - Wednesday, May 29, 4:00 p.m. Western Hills; 8:00 p.m. Woodward
 - Friday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. Milford (3,500)
 - Sunday, June 2, 2:00 p.m. Fairfield (5,000)
 - Tuesday, May 28, 4:00 p.m. Taft; 8:00 p.m. Hughes Center (5,000)
 - Thursday, May 30, 4:00 p.m. Aiken; 8:00 p.m. Walnut Hills (8,000)
 - Saturday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. Oak Hills (8,000)
 - Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m. Norwood
- **Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. NORTH AVONDALE, RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER**, 615 Clinton Springs



NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Jim Obergefell	961-4717	Treasurer: John Jones	281-2596
Jim Delaney	221-1044	Beautification: Ursula Hassel	751-4546
1 st VP: John Jones	281-2596	City Liaison: Gerry Kraus	861-3939
2 nd VP: Eva Roberson	751-2446	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly	751-8334
3 rd VP: Toni Ward	559-1221	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus	861-3939
Corresponding Sec.: Barbara Henshaw	961-5275	727 Renovation: John Angelo	281-6644
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