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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Okay, okay, okay. Not everyone joined yet. We need you to join. We're asking you to join. The form is down below. Sign it. Put money to it. Send it to Charlene. The city is cutting budgets like crazy – and neighborhoods like ours could seriously be affected – and I do mean seriously. It's coming down to money folks. If you haven't joined NANA yet

DO IT NOW!

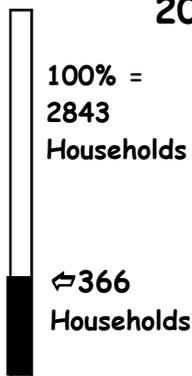
Houses got fixed up over on South Fred Shuttlesworth, and then Dotty's joint got started up on the corner, and we have a street crossing on Reading Road. There are block watches and street parties all over the place and for the second year there's Luminary walk down Rose Hill, Beechwood, Avon Fields, Red Bud and Betula! NANA has done so much this year – in the schools, in zoning issues, in environmental and safety.

It's going to cost if we have to send another mailing out to solicit memberships – so we're not. Come to the holiday party - our NANA meeting – 2nd Tuesday in December at the North Avondale Community Center. COME – enjoy – eat – bring money – join NANA.

And that's all I have to say about that.

Marilyn Smith

2004 NANA DUES



Thank you to the 366 Households (down from 423 last year) who have paid their 2004 NANA Dues For the rest of you PLEASE remember to send in your 2004 dues NOW so we can reach our goal.

Thank You!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ name _____ date _____

Address _____

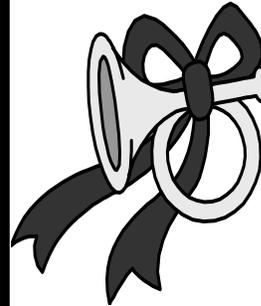
Email Address _____

Annual Dues \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 or \$ _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to NANA.

(1)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH,
7:30P.M.



NANA HOLIDAY PARTY

WITH FOOD, SONG, & GOOD COMPANY

NANA GENERAL MEETING

2004

617 CLINTON SPRINGS

NANA MEMBERS TESTIFY AT THE 2005/2006 CITY BUDGET HEARINGS

Testimony by Charlene Morse at the College Hill Public Forum
Monday, November 29, 2004

I am here to talk about cutting Recycling to an every other week pick-up - something that affects everyone in this city. We all know that:

- Recycling saves natural resources and conserves energy.
- Recycling diverts materials from the landfill, increasing its lifetime, and keeping disposal costs down.
- The City of Cincinnati is proud to have the **oldest and largest curbside recycling** program in the state.
- Cincinnati's curbside recycling contract is an integral part of the local recycling economy. Rumpke Recycling's presence in our community puts more than \$3.4 million in direct wages back into the community.
- It provides more than 100 Cincinnatians with jobs, ranging from recycling truck drivers, to marketing representatives and operations managers.

But did you know that:

- For every ton of recycled material, the City of Cincinnati gets \$25 through a grant from Hamilton County. This money is used to subsidize the cost of recycling to the residents. The more you recycle, the more money the city gets back.

Last year this grant brought in approximately \$244,150

And did you know that:

- Historically when you go from weekly to biweekly pick-up the recycling goes **down 30%** and will start a spiraling downward trend toward less recycling.
 - Taking that figure into account with the cuts, the city stands to lose **\$73,245** this year.

And did you know that:

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- The city is charged **\$24** a ton for trash taken to the **landfill**.
 - Taking the 30% no longer being recycled and putting into the landfill would **cost** the city an extra **\$70,315**.
- So our “budget cut” of \$315,000 is already \$143,560 less equaling \$171,440. Add into that:
- The monetary effect on the 50/50 newspaper rebate the city shares with Rumpke. Last year the city received \$520,000 from all grants & rebates.
 - The added costs for transporting the additional non-recycled refuse (the landfill is out of the city whereas the Rumpke single stream sorting plant is right off Vine Street in St. Bernard.)

This budget cut may end up costing us, not saving us money.

Now is the time to encourage and promote recycling. With the new single stream sorting technology (which you all need to go see):

- I now weekly recycle more than I send to the landfill.
- It is easier than ever to recycle (no separating).
- More materials than ever **can be recycled**.
- The potential is there to increase the materials recycled in the city which will bring into the city **more revenue**.

Take a ton of potentially recyclable material. If recycled:

- The city **gets \$25** from the grant and a percentage of the 50/50 newspaper rebate

If not recycled it becomes trash to fill the landfill:

- The city **pays \$24**

Which means for every ton of recyclable materials we don't recycle it costs the city **\$49** (\$25 it doesn't get & the \$24 it has to pay)

This drives home the point that now is not the time to make cuts in recycling.

The **budget cut doesn't make:**

- financial sense
- logical sense
- environmental sense
- and chips away at one of the few shining programs that places Cincinnati above other cities.

Testimony By Gerry Kraus

On behalf of the North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA) and as a concerned citizen, I ask that the **NSP (NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM)** funded budgeted for 2005 be re-instated to a least \$10,000 per neighborhood (\$5,000 x 52 neighborhoods = \$260,000) of the \$12,000 that was allocated to each of the 52 city neighborhoods in 2004. I do not see how you can **NOT** fund this worthy project that has successfully provided hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours to the benefit of the city during the 22+ years it has been in existence. How can NSP be adequately funded? Let me count the ways:

1. from the \$340,000 Neighborhood Business District (\$10,000 x 34 NBDs = \$340,000) proposed allocation for

2005. I don't understand why this newly funded (started in 2004) and unproven program should have precedence over the tried and true and very successful 22+ years the NSP program has been in existence; or

2. from the \$6,350,000 “Strike Force” Economic Development Fund in the **CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET** for 2005 which includes such item as a) \$1,700,000 for new hangar development; b) \$100,000 unspecified retail/commercial opportunities; c) \$650,000 downtown housing development; d) \$3,000,000 Fountain Square/Fountain Square garage; or

3. from the \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000/yr. that would come from **TAXING STOCK OPTIONS** as Councilmember Chris Smitherman has been advocating; or

4. from the approximately \$2,500,000+ that would come from **NOT ROLLING BACK the Real Estate Tax** from the 5 mills in 2004 to 4.98 mills proposed for 2005...or from the approximately \$6,000,000+ (and going up) per year if City Council adopted the 6.1 mill levy on Real Estate permitted by the City Charter; if gross annual property tax to the city is to be held constant as an Ordinance passed in October 2004 decrees, what is the economic point of encouraging development in the city! ...or

5. What ever happened to the **Anthem** monetary windfall? How much is left in this fund and why can't it be used to fund NSP or the City Manager's “Strike Fund” (#2 above).

If you fully utilize the Real Estate tax rate available to the City (#4 above), you will then in addition to NSP, be able to also appropriately fund **SNOW REMOVAL, RECYCLING,** as well as **TELEVISIONING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES,** and many other services that the public wants to see continued. Gerry Kraus, NANA City Liaison and Concerned Private Citizen

Testimony by Marvin Kraus

I could not believe what I saw in the 2005-2006 operating budget booklet – that City Council had frozen the City's share of real estate taxes at \$29,000,000.00 in 2004! So the City doesn't benefit from any additions to the City's tax duplicate from new construction or improvements to our homes but all County Tax levies do such as the Hamilton County Park District, Mental Health and Drake Hospital.

I urge you to DEFROST the \$29,000,000 freeze, increase the City's share to the 6.1% allowed by the City Charter. That will produce about \$7,000,000 more annually. It will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home - \$120.00. A small price to pay for the restoration of weekly curbside recycling, snow removal on residential streets, NSP, a basic service back to \$12,000 and cable broadcast of Council and Council committee meetings into the homes of those who cannot in person see you in action.



**NEW ZONING FOR READING ROAD BUSINESS
DISTRICT RECOMMENDED**

By Gerry Kraus

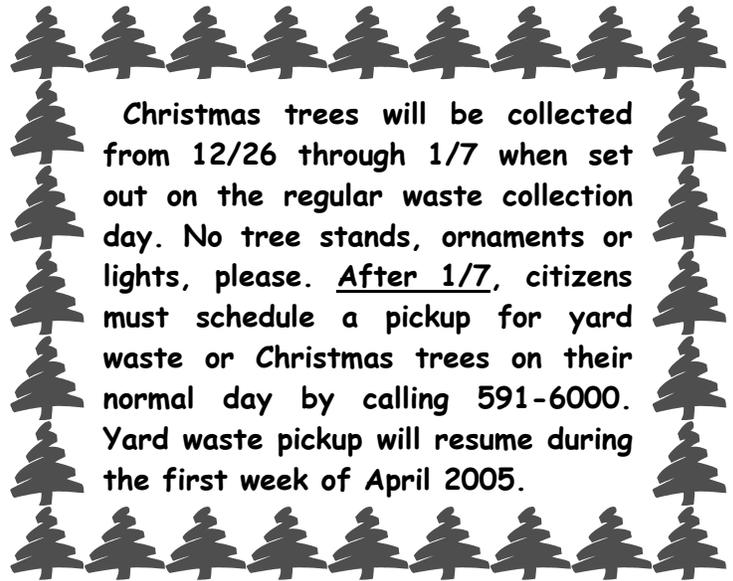
The City's Planning Department is recommending that the zoning of businesses along Reading Road in North Avondale be changed from CN-M (commercial-neighborhood mixed) to CN-P (commercial neighborhood-pedestrian) to restrict developments with drive-thru operations. The properties include most of the Gershuny lot on Reading Road between Avondale Avenue and Barry Lane, the Donald & Stewart Funeral Home, part of the former Antonio's Pizza Restaurant and the Fire Station just north of the Reading/Paddock Roads intersection. When the city's new zoning code was adopted in February 2004 City Council placed an IDC (Interim Development Control) overlay where there were Transitional (T) zones until the best zoning classification for these sensitive properties could be determined. Then in June at the request of NANA this IDC was expanded to include other vacant or potentially vulnerable properties along this business corridor.

The Gershuny property consists of 5 parcels. The parcel fronting on Avondale Avenue, adjacent to a single family home and formerly zoned single family transitional (R1-T) will remain zoned single family residential (SF-10). The Pizza property consists of 3 parcels. It has been recommended that the parcel fronting on Paddock Road, formerly zoned R1-T, and adjacent to a 2 family home be now zoned multi-family medium density residential (R-1.2). Also reviewed was the zoning of the Sickel Cell Awareness Office (3770 Reading Road), the Baptist Seminary (3800 Reading Road) and the Ohio National Guard Armory (4100 Reading Road). City staff recommends that these properties remain multi-family residential as they are presently zoned.

These recommendations will now be reviewed at a planning staff meeting on December 6. If approved at this meeting, the recommendations will then be sent to the City Planning Commission and to City Council for approval.

**North Avondale Montessori School
363-3900**

- 12/6 - 12/10 Book Fair
- 12/10 Kids Nite In -- gym, 6:30 pm
- 12/15 Winter Concert
- 12/20 - 1/3 Winter Recess (school closed)
- 1/4 Market Day Pickup, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Hot Lunchroom
- 1/7 Taste of NAM
- 1/10 6:00 am, Begin early enrollment period
- 1/14 Records Day - end of 2nd Quarter (no students)
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Day (school closed)
- 1/22 1st annual "LET'S CELEBRATE NAM" at Hebrew Union College on Clifton Avenue
- 1/24 5:00 am, Begin general enrollment and in-quadrant enrollment (for magnet elementary schools)
- 1/25 Schools of Choice Fair, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cintas Center, X.U.
- 2/1 Market Day Pickup, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Hot Lunchroom
- 2/1 and 2/2 Annual Fund Drive
- 2/4 PTA Pizza and Game Night 6:00 - 8:30 pm



Christmas trees will be collected from 12/26 through 1/7 when set out on the regular waste collection day. No tree stands, ornaments or lights, please. After 1/7, citizens must schedule a pickup for yard waste or Christmas trees on their normal day by calling 591-6000. Yard waste pickup will resume during the first week of April 2005.

CROSSWALK ADDENDUM

For those who may be concerned about traffic slow-down when the crosswalk at Reading Road/Clinton Springs is installed, be informed that there will be a pedestrian button at this intersection. Traffic will be delayed only when there is a pedestrian who activates this button to cross Reading Road.

By Gerry Kraus

NANA NEIGHBORS

At the Cincinnati Preservation Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 14th, former NANA President, **John Angelo** received the **2004 Preservation Award for his renovation of 727, 731 and 732 South Fred Shuttlesworth Circle**. Congratulation! We've always known John was an award winning individual. It is nice to see others know it too!

Bridget & Ronald Jones (S. Fred Shuttlesworth & owners of the RAJ Nail & Wellness Center) won a trip to Jordan at the Cincinnati Art Museum's One World Wednesday party on November 3. The trip was awarded as part of a membership incentive program. Amsterdam is the next giveaway trip.

One World Wednesdays is a party series that highlights through art, music, food and wine different world cultures on the first Wednesday of each month. Admission to each One World Wednesday is \$6; \$3 for Enjoy the Arts Members, and free for Museum members.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Every year, due to the annual guidelines of the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP), NANA is required to accept applications for the position of coordinator; a part-time, paid position for one or more independent contractors. The coordinator assumes the following responsibilities: writing & editing the NANA News newsletter; flyers and other communications; maintaining the membership and office; assisting the NANA Board and all volunteers on issues involving land development & use, safety, beautification, youth & senior activities, membership development and environmental affairs to enhance the livability of North Avondale. Interested persons should call NANA President Marilyn Smith (221-4039).

VENDOR APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 2,920 copies of the ten NANA News and flyers at least six times;
 - supply discounted plants, bulbs, and mulch, sprinkler system maintenance.
- If interested, write the NANA Office at 617 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, or call 221-6166.

North Avondale Community Center • 961-1584

2005 Membership Costs:

\$5.00-Youth (5-12 years), **Teens** (13-17 years), **Seniors** (50 & older); **\$15.00 Adults** (18-49 years); **\$25.00 CRC Multi-Center Pass**; **\$3.00 Replacement Card - Daily User**; **\$10.00 Fitness** (3 months)

Senior Events

Thurs. Dec. 2 Showcase Theater
 Fri. Dec. 3 Senior Classics Business meeting (Quarters schedule to be determined)
 Tues. Dec. 7 Yoga Breakfast
 Fri. Dec. 10 Christmas Party
 Fri. Dec. 17 Jungle Jim's
 Wed. Jan. 5 Yoga Breakfast
 Thurs. Jan. 6 Showcase Theater

Center Activities

Fri. Dec. 4 Boys Basketball League begins (Basketball games on Sat., Sun., Mon.)
 Sat. Dec. 5 Girls Basketball League begins
 Sun. Dec. 6 Instructional Basketball League begins
 Dec. 21 – 23 & Dec. 28 – 30 Holiday Day Camp • Tues. Jan. 4 Volleyball League begins.

Youth Programs

Programs are Monday through Friday 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. They are free unless a fee is listed.
 Arts and Crafts (\$15), Art / Jewelry, Ceramics (9 – 12 yr old) (\$20), Cooking (\$10), Floor Hockey - (Practice) & (Games - starting Feb), Game Room, Gym Games, Home Work Help, Karate (\$28 Instructional, plus additional fees), Theater (\$20).

NANA EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & IMPORTANT NUMBERS

President: Marilyn Smith _____	221-4039	Environmental: Mike Rieck _____	961-6563
1st VP: Michael Walton _____	961-8850	Landlord/Tenant Relations: Pauline Daly _____	751-8334
2nd VP: Barbara Henshaw _____	961-5275	Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus _____	861-3939
3rd VP: Ellen Epstein _____	304-6703	Master Plan Implementation: Bob Novak _____	751-2161
Corresponding Sec.: John Arthur _____	961-4717	NANA Coordinator & NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse _____	221-6166
Recording Secretary: Steve Kenat _____	242-3492	Neighborhood Officer Jana Cruse _____	Jana.Cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov _____ 352-3902
Treasurer: Heather Herr _____	861-8180	City Complaint/Request Hotline _____	591-6000
Beautification: Ursula Hassel _____	751-4546	Request A Recycling Bin _____	242-4401
City Liaison: Gerry Kraus _____	861-3939	Report Air Odors 24/7 _____	946-7777



NANA MEETING DECEMBER 14
 REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR NANA DUES!

Current Resident Or:

NON-PROFIT
 U S POSTAGE
 PAID
 CINCINNATI,
 OHIO
 PERMIT
 NO. 7243

Happy Holidays & A Happy New Year
 From The North Avondale Neighborhood Association
 North Avondale Neighborhood Association
 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1324



NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. NANA HOLIDAY PARTY/GENERAL MEETING, N. A. Community Center
- Thursday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. CPOP Meeting at District 4 Police station Reading Road
- Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs