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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Tuesday, January 25 and outside, the thermometer reads 9°! A new furnace would be nice, The Australian Open's on ESPN. Jennifer Capriati leads Ai Sugiyama 3-0. Players are coping with the humidity and heat... 90°! A new air conditioner would be nice. Perspective. It's sobering sometimes to think about how we can have totally different perspectives. Of course we don't have to be half a planet apart to see life differently. Capriati slams a forehand winner... 4-0.



In fact, sometimes we need only travel one block or even one home to find such a difference. Take Dickson Avenue. Oversized work vehicles periodically parked in front of 3955 have plagued the street for a year. Residents have battled relentlessly to purge Dickson of what appears to be an illegally operated home business at the root of the eye sores and safety hazards. Short-term fixes came and went, and each time the vehicles returned. Apparently, the owner doesn't appreciate the perspectives of his neighbors. Now, NANA has pledged its support to coordinate efforts with all city departments and legal authorities to orchestrate swift and final resolution. Another forehand winner, Capriati 6, Sugiyama 0.

On the other side of North Avondale, a recreational park will be constructed on Victory Parkway between Asmann and Ledgewood. Not new news, but new views. As construction of the park continues, neighbors to the project have quickly developed new perspectives. They're concerned about the future of the project... the views from their homes and the side-effects of new activity as students and N.A. residents begin using the park's facilities. Unlike life on Dickson, however, the parties have come together and are openly talking about their perspectives and actively searching for middle ground. 6-0, 2-0.

The result: \$240,000 in landscaping budgets to beautify the park and restore the "buffer" of foliage along the Victory Parkway roadside. Three phases of restoration beginning immediately with the strategic planting of large trees (averaging 30 feet in height at installation). Relocation of the south-west entrance to reduce impact of North Avondale residents coming to and going from the park. Communicating, working together, making concessions, the adjustments to the project continue where possible to ensure all-around success. A serious overhead smash, 6-0, 3-0.

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AGENDA

FEBRUARY 8TH, 7:30 P.M.

- RICK WILLIAMS NEW CPS PRESIDENT (SEE PG.3)
- MEET THE NEW OWNERS OF DRB HEALTH CARE
- VICTORY PARKWAY PARKLAND DEVELOPMENT VOTE
(SEE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & PG. 2)

NANA GENERAL MEETING 617 CLINTON SPRINGS AVE.



NANA is forming the **Nominating Committee** to select officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2000/2001 Board of Trustees. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166



NANA Paper & Cardboard Recycling Center Saturday Dates For 2000

February 5	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
May 6	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
August 5	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
November 4	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**615 Clinton Springs
(behind the North Avondale School)**

We could use some new volunteers during our recycling drives. The job requires greeting recyclers and helping them sign-in, unloading their cars & loading the recycling dumpster while making sure that nothing unsuitable for recycling is mixed in (plastic bags, metals, non-paper items, etc.). It is relatively easy and also a fun way to see you neighbors. It is also a good opportunity to volunteer with your children. If you would like to volunteer for an hour shift at any of the Recycling drives, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166

VICTORY PARKWAY PARKLAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

by *Gerry Kraus*

A new revised plan for the Xavier University/Cincinnati Park Board Victory Parkway Development project was presented to the community at NANA's January 11, 2000 meeting by Steve Schuckman (Acting Director of Parks) and Dave Prather (Manager, Planning & Design Services). Many of the concerns of nearby residents were addressed. Additional large trees will be planted at strategic locations within the development site to reduce the visual exposure of Xavier's Convocation Center, XU's parking lots, the rip-rap drainage canal and the commercial buildings on Webster Avenue. The asphalt-paved entry to the playfields and tennis courts was moved from Victory Parkway south to Ledgewood Drive closer to Xavier's campus. Ninety percent of the honeysuckle in the buffer zone will remain. The woodland ecology trail was moved further back from Victory Parkway but sections of the trail are still located within the 100 foot buffer zone of greenery.

Implementation of the revised landscaping plan is to occur in three phases: initial Victory Parkway buffer enhancement (strategic screening) will take place between January - February, 2000 (phase #1); full park landscaping and specimen tree installation is planned for Fall, 2000 (phase #2); final Victory Parkway buffer enhancement (incorporation of indigenous flowering plants) is scheduled for Fall, 2002 (phase #3).

NATURE TRAIL STILL AN ISSUE

The original plan called for a bicycle & fitness path and a 12-foot wide woodland ecology trail. The bicycle path has been eliminated and the ecology trail reduced in width from 7 feet to 2 to 3 feet. Much discussion took place about whether or not to have a nature trail at all. Those opposed to the trail believe it will erode the screening effect of the buffer. A vote on a motion for NANA to oppose development of the trail was deferred until NANA's February 8 meeting to give all North Avondale residents notice that this motion will be voted upon. In the meantime NANA passed a motion (24-14-7) that this nature trail not be in the buffer zone. Acting Park Director Steve Schuckman offered a suggestion that the question of the nature trail be deferred until all the additional landscaping, tennis courts and playfield are in place so the impact of having the nature trail could be better assessed. This suggestion was not acted upon.

NANA urges all residents who have an interest in the development of the Victory Parkway parkland attend its February 8th meeting when the remaining issue: whether or not to have a nature trail at all will be voted upon.

Welcome to Gwen & Mable Harris, two sister-in-laws who have opened **K & T' Mini-Mart** (formerly Harris' Groceries) at 3917 Reading Road (751-3700). The new North Avondale store is open Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p. m. K & T stands for Gwen & Mable's grandchildren Kyria & Tyler. They have remodeled and are carrying brand name items, milk, eggs, penny candy, medicine, greeting cards, and much much more. Come and support our neighborhood store

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At the next NANA meeting, we will need to seek additional perspective on the question of whether the neighborhood should continue support of a nature trail in the park. Some residents fear the impact of a three foot wide, natural wood-chip nature trail which would wind through the interior side of the buffer of trees and shrubs along Victory Parkway and into the thicker brush towards Asmann. They are concerned that the trail will limit the effectiveness of the buffer to block views of buildings and roadways behind the park. Additionally, concerns surround the privacy of the residents on the other side of Victory Parkway when visitors to the park use the nature trail.

To these concerns, Dave Prather of the Cincinnati Park Board has stated that the trail would not affect the screen, and by placing it toward the interior of the buffer zone visitors would also be hidden from the residents' view. Additionally, Xavier and the Park Board have offered to defer construction of the nature trail through the area in question until fall. Their plan would allow for reforestation of the area, completion of the construction, and then an opportunity to reassess the impact, if any, of incorporating the nature trail.

Why all the detail? Perspective. A bit over one year ago, during a NANA meeting, we polled residents from across the neighborhood to determine what amenities they most desired in the park. Far and away, the number one response was the nature trail. Obviously, if a motion has been made to consider not supporting the inclusion of a nature trail, we again need to hear from the entire neighborhood.

Options? Support the nature trail. Oppose the nature trail. Defer decision on the nature trail until fall. Come to the February NANA meeting with your perspective. Think long term. Think about amenities. Think about quality of life. Let's work together to bring final resolution to the development of the park. and then work together to set the project through with Xavier and the Cincinnati Park Board as our partners.

6-0, 4-0. I don't yet know how the match will come out, but right now I prefer Capriati's perspective. Stay focused and work hard to hit winners.

-John



Noah Bendix Balgley



Dale Johnson, Charlene Morse, John Angelo,
Judith Titchener & Amy Yosmali



THE ANNUAL NANA HOLIDAY PARTY

Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers and neighborhood businesses who helped make our NANA Holiday Party a great success. Delicious food was provided by Camargo Baking Co., Ursula Hassel, Mecklenburg Gardens, Queen City Center Kroger, Tom Shessler, Ann Startz, Judith Titchener, Amy & Tim Yosmali, & What's For Dinner. Beautiful music was provided by the North Avondale Montessori Choir (introduced by Principal Mitza Costantini), Noah Bendix Balgley (Rose Hill) on the violin, Dale Johnson (Betula) on the piano, and new & long-standing neighbors singing holiday songs. Thanks to the NANA Board of Trustees & their families for decorating and cleaning-up. NANA commends co-chairs Amy Yosmali & Judith Titchener for a job well done!

The GrassRoots Leadership Academy

A Community Program For Community Minded People

Is currently accepting registration for their
Eight Week Spring Accelerated Course

Classes will begin on

February 29, 2000 and will conclude on April 20, 2000

**Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday
from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Leadership Topics will include

*Public Policies vs. Public Issues * Grant Writing * Strategic Planning
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This Program is **Free** to any resident of the City of Cincinnati.
Childcare is provided.

For additional information contact:

Rodney Brown at (513) 487-4562

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NANA NOTATIONS

•Two of the three **1999 Great Living Cincinnatians** selected by a Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce live in North Avondale. **Bobbie Sterne** (Rose Hill) & **Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth** (North Fred Shuttlesworth Circle/North Crescent) were honored for spending their lives tackling challenges that appeared insurmountable.

Mrs. Sterne (80) was honored for managing to do the work of the people and maintain her dignity during a 25-year career as a member of an increasingly raucous Cincinnati City Council.

Rev. Shuttlesworth (77) was honored for his lifelong and on-going fight for civil rights even though repeated attempts were made on his life.

•**Rick Williams** (Beechwood), was unanimously elected President of the Cincinnati Board of Education. Rick will speak at our February 8th NANA General Meeting.

•**Kathleen S. Clark, RN, BSN** (Beechwood) was appointed to the Cincinnati Board of Health to fill the unexpired term (to expire 12/31/2000) of Dr. Jeanette Spero.

•**Roscoe Fultz** (Greenwood) was appointed to the Board of Park Commissioners to fill a six year term.



**North Avondale
Community
Center**

961-1584

Membership Fees are due. If your North Avondale Membership Card does not have the year 2000 on it than you do not have a valid membership card. **All participants** must have a current membership card to take part in the center activities. **Youth: 17 years & under - \$1; Adults: 18 to 49 years - \$12; Seniors: 50 years & over- \$5 (Senior Club dues are extra as is the Weight Room which is an additional biannual charge of \$20)**

If you are over 50 years of age you are invited to the **North Avondale Classic Seniors' Soiree** on Friday, February 11, 2000 from 10:30 a. m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. For more information call 961-1584.

Hirsch Center re-opened with some programming on January 18, 2000. The Rededication and Open House will be held on Thursday February 24, 2000, from 5 to 7 p. m. Come and see the brand new roof, gym floor, new youth fitness equipment, new lights, ceiling tiles, new fitness room, air hockey table, foosball game and freshly painted walls throughout.. A computer lab is planned for the near future. Come every Tuesday at 1:30 to **"Learn How to Help a Child to Read"** for parents or other interested adults.

**REVERSE THE BLIGHT
By Pauline Daly**

In December I had problems getting gym shoes removed from the overhead wires. While we can't be sure what the perpetrator intends, the understanding on the street is that gym shoes advertise drugs for sale nearby. Residents who don't want this message on their street need to get them removed.

In the past a call to Cinergy Customer Service got quick and positive results, but not this time. Though management was very cooperative in seeking a solution, whose wires the shoes were on needed to be determined. There are three levels of wires. The lowest belong to the cable companies and, therefore, usually catch the shoes. The middle wires belong to the phone company. The highest wires are Cinergy's. Because of liability, no one wants to tamper with another company's wires.

If you wish to report gym shoes on wires, these are the numbers: Cinergy - 421-9500, Cincinnati Bell - 566-5050, Time Warner Cable - 469-1145 (Repair).

NANA CALENDAR

- Saturday February 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., **MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD RECYCLING**, 615 Clinton Springs
- 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
- Tuesday, February 8th, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING** at N.A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs



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