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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anything I might have to say about our neighborhood this month seems boring compared to what our neighbor Jim Amatulli (Winding Way) has going on in North Avondale. Therefore this months President Message is being temporarily replaced by <u>THE PRESIDENT'S NEIGHBOR'S</u> <u>MESSAGE.</u> (By the way Jim, I have been told that I am very photogenic) John

So You Wanna Be in Pictures? Well, What About Your House?

After a number of years in development, I am moving forward on a decades-long dream, to produce a feature film. (I won't say how many decades!)

As a 10-year resident of North Avondale, I continue to admire the diverse architecture that exists and how the residents pride themselves on maintaining homes that simply couldn't be built today. As a filmmaker, I see the potential to shoot a major portion of the film in our neighborhood, minimizing costly company moves to multiple locations.

But first, here is a short synopsis of this romantic/heist drama, ARTWORKS: In this character-driven story, a police chief's daughter, sales manager for a home security firm, meets a serious art dealer, content with his small, elite gallery. They share an interest in art, but also find they share envy and

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GLENWOOD AVENUE NAME TO REMAIN By Gerry Kraus

On January 9, 2002 a sympathetic City Council voted 8-0 (Council Member Paul Booth was excused from voting) to change the name of the street that was voted on November 28, 2001 to be called Rev. L. Venchael Booth Avenue back to Glenwood Avenue. After hearing ALL the facts and the circumstances that led to the November name change, particularly the fact that Glenwood Avenue residents had no opportunity to testify, City Council took this January action.

A Committee of Glenwood Avenue residents (Ivie Jan Bell, Henry McCollom, Herbert Mitchell, Sharon Serra), assisted by NANA Coordinator Charlene Morse, met with several Council Members to explain why they objected to the name change. They said that while they had no problem with the City honoring Rev. Booth – in fact, the group listed 26 possible

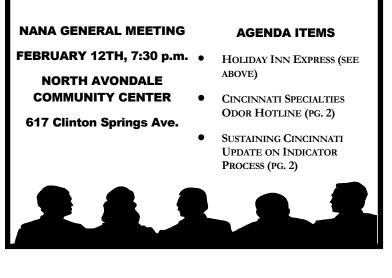
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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AT W. MITCHELL REQUEST A VARIANCE FOR A SWIMMING POOL

On September 25th 2001, NANA received notice of a hearing on October 11th for a written administrative decision for Holiday Inn Express at 130 W. Mitchell. The applicant was seeking approval of a variance to the number of required parking spaces upon the subject property located in a B-4 General Business District. They were requesting to be allowed to remove 3 parking spaces from the required 54 spaces (determined by the number of rooms in the motel) for the construction of a pool. NANA delivered a flyer to neighbors with property abutting or near the motel informing them of the hearing and asking for their opinions. Most did not object to the pool being placed in the front of the motel but some objected to the motel owners spending the money for the pool when some neighbors had not been paid for damages they had received during the original construction of the motel. At the October NANA General meeting several of the neighbors attended and though there was support and praise for the motel itself and an understanding of the need for a pool, it was thought that the neighbors who had damages needed supporting. As a result a motion that NANA oppose the variance for implementation of a swimming pool on the hotel premises that would also eliminate parking spaces. was passed.

At the October 11th hearing, William Langevin, CBO, Director instructed the neighbors, neighborhood association and owners to meet and come to an agreement before reconvening. On October 30th we met at the motel, had an impressive tour, met the attorney, Gary Franke, representing the owner Jiten Patel, and discussed the situation. Mr. Franke asked that anyone

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SUSTAINABLE CINCINNATI INDICATORS UPDATE By Teresa Harten

NANA is a steering committee member of the Sustainable Cincinnati Indicators Project. The group, which is made up of over 60 member organizations representing social services, political, business and many other sectors of the Cincinnati community, has been developing a set of indicators to point Cincinnati in the direction of economic, social and environmental sustainability. Over the past year the group has developed a set of over 80 potential indicators. The next step is to arrive at a list of the best 10-20 indicators. At a January 12 meeting the group brought the list to just under 30 top candidates and will have another meeting February 8 to further narrow the list. Examples of the top indicators include "percent of population employed at a livable wage," "violent crime rate," "distribution of wealth (gap between the lowest 20% and the highest 20%)," "percent of land in region devoted to people habitat, car habitat, and wildlife habitat," and "pounds of solid waste per capita." Although it is often difficult to categorize the indicators as strictly social, economic, or environmental, a rough breakdown of the potential indicators yields about 25% economic, 35% social, and 35% environmental (environmental also includes land use and health).

Teresa Harten is NANA's representative in the Sustainable Cincinnati Indicators effort. At the NANA meeting on February 12 she will present the current list and receive input from the neighborhood on their importance.

Their web site is www.sustainablecincinnati.org



CINCINNATI SPECIALTIES COMES TO NANA FEBRUARY MEETING By Sherry G. Roth, Operations Manager

To aid their investigation of odor issues, Cincinnati Specialties' will bring samples of materials and introduce their "Odor Hotline" to the group.

They have been working with their Community Advisory Panel, and now seek additional input from other interested neighbors.

IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Raymond L. Sturm, weekly celebrant at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church (3626 Reading Rd.), died Thursday January 3, 2002 of cardiac arrest at The Jewish Hospital. He was 79. "Father Ray" will be missed.



ANA is forming the Nominating Committee to select the slate of elected officers for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association 2002/2003. We welcome any neighborhood individuals who are interested in serving on this committee or perhaps being an officer. If interested, please call the NANA Office at 221-6166.

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having a problem with unpaid damages send the information to him and he would get to the bottom of it. He further explained that it was the contractor who caused the damages. They were currently in litigation with the contractor. The consensus seemed to be that if the damages the neighbors had sustained were paid for, there would not be an objection to the pool

At the December 13th hearing, a new plan was presented where the pool would be enclosed and put in the back of the motel in a R3T zone with the assumption that a variance would possibly not be necessary. A (T) transitional zone is placed between a residential zone and another zone that is less restrictive (in this case a B-4 General Business District) in which a variance is required to put things that would not be allowed in the more restrictive zone if it goes more than 25 feet into the T zone. As this was all new to NANA, we asked for and were granted a continuance.

Unfortunately by the January 24th hearing, the city still had not received site plans, which would determine if the structure was more than 25 feet into the transitional zone and needed a variance. The results of the geotechnical report requested by the city were also unknown. NANA did know received only one fax from the that Mr. Franke had neighbors alleging damages. Mr. Langevin, though sympathetic to the neighbors alleged damages, maintained that this hearing was not the place to solve those problems. More importantly, was the future impact on the abutting homes if the pool was built and which location (front or back of the motel) would have less impact on the homeowners. NANA asked for and was granted a continuance to allow NANA time to develop a position on this matter

NANA now knows that the pool will go an additional 40 feet into the transitional zone therefore requiring a transitional use hearing to request a variance to go beyond the 25 feet allowed to 72 feet 135 from the rear property

ANYONE (abutting neighbors especially) interested please attend a meeting at the motel on Sunday, February 10th at 5:00 p.m. to see the site and discuss the situation. A vote will be taken on the neighborhoods position at our February 12th General Meeting to be presented at the reconvened hearing on February 14th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 312, City Hall. If you have any questions, comments and cannot attend any of the meetings, please call the NANA office at 221-6166.

> **HELP WANTED** FRONT DESK WORKER HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS Call 242-1010 for more information

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contempt for their clients' motivations for collecting artworks. They hatch a plot to steal overlooked but valuable paintings from her wealthy clients. Although very reluctant at first, she becomes obsessed and, as her motives shift, pushes for more thefts. Complications force her to make decisions that jeopardize their ultimate plans, to be together.

Our film has a rare, mature, strong female lead role. Together with the male lead character, she explores opportunity, risk, dreams, fate, decisions and consequences, all in an artistic backdrop.

The targets of their heists live in stately homes, which need to be of varied styles. Generally, this cannot be found in one area, but, in North Avondale, we can find everything!

Here's what we need:

- •10-15 home exteriors as establishing shots, most will be shot from the street during the day.
- •5-8 home exteriors will be shot in the evening.

Each of the following will require $1^{1}/_{2}$ to 2 days:

- •5 home interiors will be shot in the evening.
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Our production schedule is mid-April through late May 2002, depending on the actors' schedules.

As a low budget, independent film, we have limited resources, but will carry insurance and will treat every property like it was our own (which most likely will appear).

If you have an interest in making the big screen, want more details and/or have questions, please e-mail me at artworks@amatulli.com or contact Janice Amatulli, my very understanding wife, at 281-7730. If you get the voice mail, please leave your name, address, and phone number. Once we have reviewed the responses, my producers will be in contact. We will keep your information confidential.

(For those who like adventure, information regarding our investment package is available.)

My producers and I will be available to answer questions at the next NANA meeting.

Thanks to John, our considerate, thoughtful neighbor, (and NANA president) for allowing me to "pitch" my idea. (He has a great house, but I think he really wants a part.)

By Jim Amatulli



If interested, please call Julie Zimmerman at 7 751-3199.

•Set your trash out <u>after</u> 5 p.m. <u>the evening before</u> your regular

collection day.

•You may include up to three (3) bulk items such as furniture, mattresses, bundled & tied carpet (excluding sofa-beds & metal).

•Call **591-6000** up to 12 noon the day before* your scheduled collection day for removal of:

•Christmas trees (do not put in plastic bags)

•Yard waste (between November until 1st week of April the rest of the year it is part of the regular collection process in properly marked cans or paper bags)

•Metal items/appliances (up to 3 at a time)

•Tires (up to 4 at a time)

•Sofa-beds

Dead animals

- *it is best to call days before since items need to be scheduled may not be able to be scheduled for the next day but you will be given a date for the pick-up when you call)
- To avoid unsightly items sitting curbside for days on end, **first please call 591-6000**, receive your pickup date and wait until the night before to put out your items.
- If on your regular collection day an item you have placed out for trash removal is not removed please immediately call 591-6000

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ways to honor Rev. Booth – they did not feel that changing the name of their street was the way to do it.

ROZ FULTZ HERO

Working furiously behind the scenes was Roz Fultz (Greenwood Avenue). Everyone agreed that without Roz's extraordinary efforts the name change back to Glenwood would not have happened. Roz sent letters and emails to many public officials. She called many people and encouraged the Glenwood residents to organize and fight for their rights. She helped to convince the Avondale Community Council to oppose the name change – NANA had already gone on record in opposition to this name change. She contacted the media to make sure that the public would be informed about this issue. Roz was a real ball of fire!

Thanks also go to the many North Avondale residents who called or emailed members of City Council to voice their opposition to the name change. This total community effort really made a difference. It re-affirms Sociologist Margaret Mead's declaration to "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Editors note: It was erroneously reported in the NANA January Announcements "that this name change was even opposed by the Zion Baptist Church where Rev. L. V. Booth had been pastor" The Zion Baptist Church never voted or took an official position either for or against the name change.



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

- Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m. **MEETING AT HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS,** 130 W. Mitchell Ave.
- Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. George Washington Men's basketball game Saturday, February 16, 8:00 p. m. St. Joseph's Men's basketball
- Thursday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. LaSalle Men's basketball game Saturday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. Massachusetts Men's basketball game
- Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. NORTH AVONDALE, RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER, 615 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, March 9, Answer the Call (est. 8,000)

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• Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.

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NORTH AVONDALE MIXED PAPER* RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR 2002:

615 Clinton Springs, behind North Avondale School Every Three Months on the <u>Second</u> Saturday March 9, 10:00-2:00 • June 8, 10:00-2:00 • September 14, 10:00-2:00 • December 14, 10:00-2:00

*Mixed paper is cardboard, cereal boxes, beverage cases, junk mail, magazines, office paper, or newspapers.

