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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year. In a groundbreaking partnership with the City, the neighborhood shut down a retched drug house on Shuttlesworth Circle. Xavier began aggressive development of the Victory Parkway greenspace and neighbors began aggressive opposition to the development. Tremendous gaps were bridged as communication strengthened between N. A. residents and Xavier students living in student houses. NANA night at the Rose Hill Designer Show House was a smashing success, raising almost \$1,000 for the Lighthouse Foundation. And to top it all off, my administrative assistant, Heather French, was crowned Miss America...well that was exciting for me.

We had some real highlights in the year, including Muse's performance and Jack Rouse's Riverfront Development presentation at the NANA annual meeting in May.

And speaking of Muse, I'm told by our holiday party committee that *Sister Friends*, a sub-group of Muse will be performing at our December 14th's NANA gathering. If you can...be there. You won't want to miss these incredible voices. Special thanks to Amy Yosmali and Judith Titchener for their hard work in developing this year's Holiday Party. They have made a tremendous effort lining up entertainment, getting a host of tasty treats and developing plans for decorating...they've even roped me into making spiced apple cider, again. Last year we had about 75 guests at the party...let's top the 100 mark this year!

On a personal note, I've greatly enjoyed the energy and commitment of this year's board and the residents active in NANA. I'm looking forward to our challenges and successes in the coming year. And who knows what lies ahead in 2000?

On the west side: Will a shiny new Walgreen's replace the heap of rug rags and scrap cars currently gracing our community's Mitchell/Vine Streets entrance?

On the east side: How will the Xavier University park development ultimately shape up? (A hot topic for our January meeting... mark your calendar) Will student relations with long-term residents continue to improve?

On the south side: Will the community rehabbing of 727 S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle (S. Crescent Avenue) prove to be the turning point in south North Avondale's revitalization?

On the north side: Will North Avondale's business

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DECEMBER 14TH, 7:00P.M.

NANA HOLIDAY PARTY

WITH FOOD, SONG, & GOOD COMPANY

NANA GENERAL MEETING

617 CLINTON SPRINGS AVE.



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THE ANNUAL NANA HOLIDAY PARTY

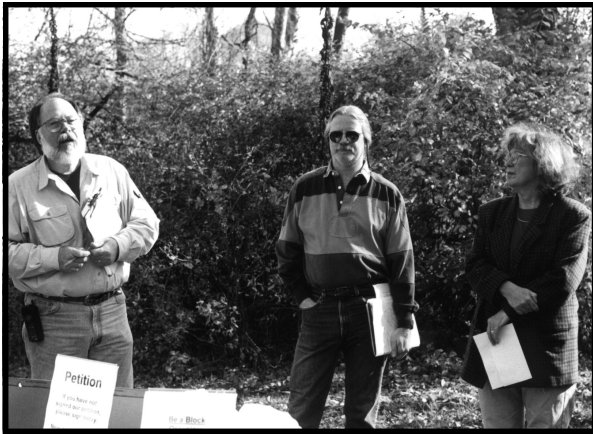
By Amy Yosmali

Come join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment and refreshments. Dale Johnson (Betula) will be tickling the ivory's, the North Avondale Montessori Choir will be sweetly singing, MUSE's own *Sister Friends* will add to the harmony and Noah Bendix Balgley (Rose Hill) will help round out the evening with a few selections on the violin. The air will be filled with the smells of sweet treats and hot cider – and warm wishes from your neighbors to make the season that much brighter! If you would like to join your neighbors (Camargo Baking Co., Queen City Center Kroger, Tom Shessler, Ann Startz, Ursula Hassel & What's For Dinner) and bring a baked item to the party please contact the John Angelo at 281-6644 by December 11th. Now would be a great time to ask your new neighbor to join in on a fun filled community event. Bring your best talents and holiday cheer to the North Avondale Community Center on December 14th at **7:00 p.m.** As we welcome the season and raise our voices in holiday songs.

NANA'S NEW WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Amy Yosmali

NANA is forming a new welcoming committee, which will meet sometime after the first of the year. The purpose of the committee is to help welcome new people into the North Avondale community. If you know of a new neighbor that has recently moved into the area, please notify the NANA office so a welcome post card can be sent to them. Also, if you would like to be on the committee please call committee chair, Judith Titchener at 281-1107.



VICTORY PARKWAY UPDATE *by Gerry Kraus*

On Saturday morning, November 13, about 35 neighbors gathered on Victory Parkway to protest against any further clear-cutting to make way for Xavier University developments and to get ideas on what to do about the perceived damage already done. Those gathered formed themselves into the *ad hoc* Victory Parkway Action Committee (V-PAC) to be co-ordinated by George Brockman, Jim Faulkner and Gale Howe (pictured above). The committee agreed to ask City Council to:

- prohibit any further clearing of the barrier strip that was designed to block the view of the planned sports field and tennis courts;
- require additional plantings to screen the Cintas Center from view;
- require the planting of tall mature trees to fill in the gaps created along the buffer zone;
- eliminate the nature trail which, if developed, will further thin the buffer zone;
- eliminate the 8-foot wide paved walkway into the area from Victory Parkway at Ledgewood Drive;
- provide for follow-up to insure Xavier fulfills these obligations and maintains and replaces the green growth as needed.

These requests were presented to City Council's Neighborhood, Small Business & Environment Committee on November 16. Among the North Avondale residents speaking were Darryl Brown, Gale Howe, Marvin Kraus, Jim Faulkner and Glenna Kennedy. Also speaking were John Cole, an XU graduate from College Hill, who called for a city-wide review of green space preservation as Mt. Airy is experiencing similar green space loss in Mt. Airy Forest and Norwood resident Sonia Simpson who stated that the green space loss along Victory Parkway was also adversely affecting Norwood. Xavier University Vice President John Kucia stated that Xavier had met with the community for over two years in developing this project; that Xavier has continued to work with residents, NANA and the Park Board to address additional concerns raised by its construction activities; and

that Xavier is committed to making the Victory Parkway buffer thicker and taller to minimize the negative visual impact residents are complaining about. Park Board representative Dave Prather said that a preliminary revised landscaping plan has been prepared to address many of the neighborhood concerns expressed at a meeting held on November 9 with Cincinnati Park Board staff, Xavier University representatives and North Avondale residents. At that meeting the group had worked through several issues. All agreed that:

- no additional tree clearing would occur with the exception of mulch removal;
- Xavier's developer would prepare a new Buffer Plan concept that would include recommendations to screen out the views from Victory Parkway to the Cintas Center, the Cohen parking area and its hill, the drainage area between the Cohen lot and Webster Avenue and the commercial buildings on Webster Avenue - also the new buffer plan would include consideration of lighting issues;
- Xavier will reallocate funds to introduce larger plant material in key areas to screen the exposed views listed above;
- an update on the status of the sewer would be obtained from MSD (Metropolitan Sewer District);
- there would be a follow-up meeting, organized by Park Board staff and to take place after Thanksgiving, to review the new Buffer Plan concept.



Still unresolved to date were issues regarding maintaining the honeysuckle in the buffer zone along Victory Parkway, having a paved entrance through the buffer zone to the recreational development and the construction of a nature path within the buffer zone. The Park Board has agreed to maintain 90% of the honeysuckle within the buffer area but the residents want 100% of the honeysuckle to remain. Also the residents do not want the buffer zone to be breached with any entryway along Victory Parkway or along Ledgewood Drive, which would further exacerbate current parking problems in the neighborhood. Xavier is agreeable to reducing the width of the nature path from 7 feet to 3 feet but the residents do not want any nature path constructed within the buffer zone.

A follow-up meeting with the Park Board, Xavier and neighborhood residents is scheduled to take place on

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December 7 at which time the new proposed Buffer Plan will be reviewed. A report on this meeting, as well as any possible further actions by NANA, will be on the agenda at NANA's monthly meeting on January 11.

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district grow and develop into a valuable asset to the neighborhood...enhancing the quality of life for all residents?

Inquiring minds want to know. Stay tuned. We've got a whole new millennium ahead of us. (For all you die-hards who humbug about Y2K being the start of the millennium, I know the counting is not exact... but look at it this way... it's kinda like getting excited when your odometer flips to 100,000 miles... it's just fun to watch all those digits change!)

Warm Holiday Wishes - *John*

Found: a set of keys by the mail box at Rose Hill Avenue and Rose Hill Lane. For more information call 281-6795.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Again, due to the annual guidelines of the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP), NANA is accepting 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; preparing and mailing flyers and other communications; maintaining the membership and office; assisting volunteer officers and chairpersons on issues involving land development, land use, safety, and environmental affairs; assisting chairpersons in the implementation of special projects; initiating or developing with interested persons (and with NANA approval) new and creative projects that will enhance the livability of North Avondale. These responsibilities can be assumed by one person or by more than one person. Payment for services will be negotiated. Interested persons should call NANA President John Angelo (281-6644).

VENDOR APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- print 2,750 copies of the NANA News and 2,750 flyers at least six times;
- supply discounted plants, bulbs, and mulch.

If interested, write the NANA Office at 617 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, or call 221-6166.

REVERSE THE BLIGHT

By Pauline Daly

This month we have been dealing with raccoons and would like to share what we have learned. The biggest attraction for raccoons is garbage and it is necessary that you make it so difficult for them that they will go somewhere else. By law the garbage cans should have tight lids. You may need to put something heavy on the lid so these animals can't lift the lid off. They will rip open garbage bags that contain food scraps.

If raccoons are in your building, usually in the attic, repairs will need to be made to keep them out. Ammonia soaked rags placed in the space they enter can discourage them from staying. Take action as soon as you are aware of the raccoons or you may find you have a colony living there. Raccoons can be dangerous and could have rabies. Avoid either people or pets who have been in contact with them.

Update: Problems involving student housing near Marion and Dakota have improved with the cooperation from the neighbors, Xavier, the police, and the students. Some Norwood residents have expressed an interest in the process and the Resident's Packet. We were glad to share it with them. Home owners on Dana have also been given this information. Remember if you don't voice your objection to disorderly behavior, it is considered permission to continue. NANA asks that all student residents behave as you would in your parents' neighborhood.

P.S. We had an example of childish, acting out behavior the weekend of Nov. 12/13. Mum plants were pulled out of the circle at Marion and Dakota and dropped in the street to die.



NANA NOTATIONS



NOVEMBER RECYCLING DRIVE

Thank you to helpers Linda Grayman, Gerry & Marvin Kraus, Ryan McGinnis, Mary Piper, & Cindy Starr, as well as all the people who brought their paper for recycling. **Recycling Dates for 2000 have yet to be determined by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, citywide coordinator.** The dates will be announced on the the NANA answering machine at 221-6166 as soon as they are set.

Dr. Myrtis Powell (Beechwood) was elected to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation Governing Board. Dr. Powell is Vice President for Student Affairs at Miami University. She was the recipient of: the 1998 Great Rivers Girl Scout Council Woman of Distinction, the 1991 Cincinnati Enquirer's Women of the Year award and the Cincinnati YMCA Black Achiever award in 1991.

**North
Avondale
Community
Center**

961-1584



Tony Webb (Rec. Program Director) has been transferred to Lincoln Rec. center. Tony worked at the North Avondale center for nine years with the after school day camp and also was the basketball coach for a number of boys and girls in the neighborhood. The children and parents alike will miss him.

The 2000 membership cards will be on sale at the beginning of January. **Everyone must** have one in order to participate in **any activity in the center.**

The center will be closed Christmas Eve, December 24 as well as the 25 & 26 and New Years Eve, December 31 as well as January 1 & 2

AGENDA

JANUARY 11TH, 7:30P.M.

NANA GENERAL MEETING

617 CLINTON SPRINGS AVE.

- PROBLEM PROPERTIES
- VICTORY PARKWAY UPDATE (SEE PG. 2)
- MEET THE NEW RESIDENTS OF 990 DANA AVE.

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NANA CALENDAR

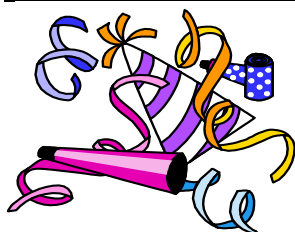
- First Thursday of Every Month, 6:30 p.m. S. & N. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle, Greenwood & Burton **Block Club Meeting** at Bethlehem Baptist, 760 Nth Fred Shuttlesworth Circle Questions - call Pauline Daly at 751- 8334
- Tuesday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING** at N.A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs **HOLIDAY PARTY**
- Tuesday, January 11th, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING** at N.A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs



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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year
From The North Avondale Neighborhood Association

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