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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, its hard to believe that the summer is already over, but when you live in a neighborhood as beautiful as North Avondale time just flies by. Charlie Hinkley and Yohance Fegan are the two winners of North Avondale's essay contest. Both of them wrote great essays on why they like living in the neighborhood. Their essays are printed in this Newsletter. (page 3). I think you will enjoy reading each of them. The winners will each receive a \$50.00 cash prize.

I love this City, but I hate all the litter in it. Nothing detracts more from the City's beauty than all the littering that occurs. I am not originally from Cincinnati and I have lived in several different parts of the county. Nowhere have I ever seen as much littering as I do in Cincinnati. NANA recently, in writing, requested that the Cincinnati Police strictly enforce the City's litter laws in North Avondale. NANA promised the Police they would have our full support if they would begin issuing citations or tickets to people who litter in North Avondale.

Of course, the Police cannot really solve our littering problem. The truth is people do not usually litter when the police are watching. So it is up to those of us living here to take action. I realize that I am preaching to the choir. Those of you reading this probably don't litter, but if by chance some of you do PLEASE STOP IT RIGHT NOW. For those of you who don't litter, I'd like to ask you to continue picking up the litter of others. Every day or so I look around and pick up the litter I see on my street. It gets really old picking up after others but if we don't do it North Avondale will not remain Cincinnati's best address.

Thanks for your help,
John

NORTH AVONDALE TEEN TO BE IN WORLD COMPETITION By Christine K. Emerson

Marcus Taylor (15), a member of the Cincinnati Ropin' Rockets demonstration team coached by Chris Emerson (physical education teacher and coach of the Rockets at North Avondale Montessori Elementary) has had a busy summer. He won four gold medals at the regionals in Indianapolis, which enabled him to advance to the Nationals. There he became the Grand National Champion after winning two trophies at the National Jump Rope Competition June 21-25 at Disney World. Marcus won a trophy in the Triple Unders (the rope must go under your feet 3 times for each jump) breaking the National record with 102 Triple Unders in one minute. His second trophy was for the Single Rope One-minute Speed Competition, in which he jumped 333 times in one minute, also breaking the National record. In the 15-17 year-old age group, he also won golds in his Freestyle routine and Single Rope One-Minute Speed and a silver medal in Three-Minute Speed.

He went on to compete July 7th in the Grand Master Pan American Jump Rope Championships in Greeley, Colorado and won the Gold Medal for the most points earned for four events; 30 Second Single Rope Speed, 3 Minute Single Rope Speed, Triple Unders (as many as you can do, no time limit) and his 45-75 second Single Rope Freestyle Routine. Marcus broke the World Record in 3 Minute Single Rope Speed with 872 jumps and broke the National Record in Triple Unders with 170 Triple Unders.

Marcus is now qualified to be one of the top 5 male jumpers to be a part of the United States Jump Rope Team to represent the United States in the World Rope Skipping Tournament in Seoul, Korea in October, 2001. If he does well there he could be picked to be on the international rope-jumping team.

Marcus is an enthusiastic, persistent and hard working young man. He started jumping in first grade at North Avondale Montessori but didn't become a serious jumper and join the team until fourth grade. He lives in North Avondale with a single mom. The trip to Korea will cost about \$4000.00 in order for him to be able to participate in this wonderful experience of a life time event.

Sponsorships are needed for this talented young athlete to attend the World Competition in South Korea. The Ropin' Rockets have raised money by jumping at schools and many other events throughout the Cincinnati area. All donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent to **The Ropin' Rockets, c/o Chris Emerson, 615 Clinton Springs, Cinti., Oh 45229**. If you have any questions you may call Chris t 513-872-7290.

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 7:30

NANA GENERAL MEETING

**NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

- HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT UPDATE ON PROGRAMS & PROJECTS
- SUSTAINABLE CINCINNATI PRESENTATION (PAGE 3)
- OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY LAND DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 2)





LITTER LAW: Ordinance 714-3 Litter in Public Places No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the city except in public receptacles or in authorized receptacles for collection.

Penalty, Sec. 714-99A A violation of any provision of this chapter is a minor misdemeanor if it is a first offense.

LITTER REALITY: Someone's child while walking home was hit by a bottle someone else's child threw out of a passing car slicing his hand which resulted in a hospital visit. Not only is litter unsightly, it can also be dangerous.

Please don't Litter.



NANA NOTATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS

John Angelo (S [Crescent] F. Shuttlesworth) & **Barbara Henshaw** (Rose Hill) on being named to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce latest class of Leadership Cincinnati

To the **Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church** (Washington) on their ground breaking ceremony (August 5) for the Shiloh Education Center an exciting addition to the North Avondale Community.

George H. Greene, (Clinton Springs) received a Best Of Show Rosette in the Hobbies & Crafts division at the recent Hamilton County Fair. The award winning piece was a Wall Hanging consisting of 20 photos of greater Cincinnati pigs transfers to cloth and quilted on a dark green cloth. Mr. Green received assistance from his wife Christine & brother-in-law Bobbie Page of Chicago.

THANK YOU

To **Amy Miller** (Victory Parkway) of the Cincinnati Art Museum for donating over 200 free Museum admission tickets (good until September 2) to NANA.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

All girls grades 3 - 5 in the North Avondale Neighborhood who would be interested in joining a Junior Girl Scout Troop at North Avondale Montessori School, please contact Victoria Evans at 641-0642. Come join the Girl Scouts where girls grow strong!

HELP NEEDED

Eva Roberson (Gholson) the President & CEO of SUCCESS Inc. a non-profit located at 3770 Reading Rd. (on the corner of Dana) is looking for your help. SUCCESS was created to help individuals in job readiness programs that are ready to enter the job market but do not have the proper dress attire or self-confidence to do so. Eva wants to expand by buying the empty nursing home on the corner of Reading Road & S. Crescent/F. Shuttlesworth and putting in a day care center for both children and seniors in addition to SUCCESS. She needs help in making this a reality. If you are interested in helping or donating/investing money, call Eva at **961-7593**

QUO VADIS: The Armory? By Gerry Kraus

How do you want the Ohio National Guard Armory property at 4100 Reading Road redeveloped: housing, if so what kind? business, if so what kind of enterprises? What kinds of uses do you definitely **NOT WANT** to see at this site? As was reported in the last *NANA News*, the Ohio National Guard will be closing this facility and moving to Woodlawn when construction on its new building is completed (in a year or two). City Council Member Paul Booth has asked NANA how the neighborhood would like to see this property used after the National Guard leaves. Neighborhood response to Council Member Booth will be discussed at the **September 11 NANA meeting**.

NANA held a brainstorming Charette on April 29 to identify possible future uses that would be compatible with our neighborhood for this large tract of land. A list of suggestions derived from this session and printed in the Summer 2001 *NANA News* will be available at the September meeting. NANA needs your input to determine a comprehensive neighborhood plan to relay to Council Member Booth.

IN MEMORIAM

Izella Kendrick (Clinton Springs) 83, died of heart failure July 26. She was founding director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer and Foster Grandparent programs in Cincinnati. She received commendations from Presidents Jimmy Carter & Richard Nixon. She was President of the Senior Classics at the Community Center and a supporter of NANA for over thirty years.

Adriana Pastoor (Belvedere) 89, died August 17 of cancer. Originally from Utrecht, Holland, she and her husband during World War II hid two Jewish teenagers in their attic for a year in Nazi-occupied Holland. Months after emigrating to Cincinnati her husband died suddenly leaving her alone to raise her four sons. She was the first beautification volunteer at the Belvedere.

NANA offers condolences to both families especially our North Avondale neighbors: Flora Katherine Kendrick Young and Dirk & Marcia Pastoor

**“WHY I LIKE LIVING IN NORTH AVONDALE”
ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

My name is Yohance Fegan and I am nine years old. I have lived in North Avondale for seven years.

The Cincinnati Zoo is close to us. They have my favorite animals. The Festival of Lights is held at the zoo each year. The zoo is for everyone!

I enjoy living near people of different races. I get along with White and Black neighbors. It's good to have peace with different races.

I like having tennis courts near me. I take tennis lessons every week. I can walk because the courts are within walking distance.

I appreciate living near a park. When I played soccer for the North Avondale Rockets, practice was down at a park, two minutes away.

Living near the Avondale library is cool. I love the programs and books. Kids should always try to read and learn new things.

North Avondale is a great place to live!

Yohance Fegan (N. [Crescent] F. Shuttlesworth)

I like living in North Avondale because my best friend lives right across the street and my school is kind of near our house. I like going to watch a Xavier Baseball game, and there are lots of places to ride my bike and scooter. We also have some woods in our back yard. I have a fort in the woods and sometimes go down there and have a look around. In winter I get my sled out and sled down the street - yahoo! We have a lot of trees growing around our houses so in Autumn I make a big leaf pile and jump in it. In Summer Josh (my best friend) and I take long bike rides some to Xavier.

North Avondale is a really neat place from the highest tree-top down to the smallest blade of grass.

Charlie Hinkley (Avondale) 9 years old

**XAVIER'S IGNATIAN SERVICE DAY
A GREAT SUCCESS**

Thank you to our **Xavier Alumni** volunteers who worked from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on our flower beds on Clinton Springs & Washington. We planted flowers & plants donated by **Natorps** and planted grass seed and mulched. **Home Depot's** Ron Henlein (Xavier alumni) arranged their donation of grass seed, a very long hose to help us get water to the beds and over 60 bags of mulch. They even made two trips on the day of the event because we discovered around noon that we had greatly underestimated how much mulch we actually needed - they brought us 40 more bags. NANA thanks Xavier volunteers: Mary Ritter (Day Chairperson & class of '76), Mary Marero ('81), Peter Marrero ('82), Clare & Kate Marrero & their friend Ellen, Scott Morrow ('80), Teresa Morrow ('84), and Dan Shaw. Also NANA thanks your Nana neighbors Ursula Hassel (NANA's Beautification Chair) and Marian Miller (flower bed adoptee) who worked very hard, as always!

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**REVERSE THE BLIGHT
By Pauline Daly**

A group from North Avondale met four times this summer to participate in a community dialog facilitated by the National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ). We discussed diversity issues, the different types of racism, oppression, and superiority/inferiority. We shared our own experiences as well as discussed articles on the subject. We got to know each other on a different level and understood prejudice on a different level.

We observed the uniqueness of North Avondale and the history. Forty years ago the freeways were being built in downtown Cincinnati, displacing low income tenants. Laws were changed to quickly allow zoning downgrades. Incentives encouraged property owners to create multi-family housing for low income people.

NANA was started mostly by parents of North Avondale students to halt the destabilization of the neighborhood. Diversity and integration were welcomed. All people who would be good neighbors were accepted. The boundaries of North Avondale School at that time were chosen as the boundaries for North Avondale. These boundaries are unclear even now to many people, with maps differing according to year of origin and purpose.

NANA fiercely resisted downgrading the zoning in any part of the neighborhood. This protected property values in North Avondale. Values dropped in other neighborhoods where little or no resistance was met.

North Avondale has expensive homes as well as low income rentals. As a neighborhood, there is a feeling of separateness despite the diversity. The Clinton Springs Swim Club and North Avondale School are examples of systems that separate the neighborhood. But separateness mostly happens in minds and hearts when we feel we can't trust each other.

The first dialog group expressed the wish that we be a community where people care about and appreciate each other. We would encourage others to form a group or groups. NCCJ would be willing to facilitate. We might then wish to meet with the groups together. If interested call the NANA office at 221-6166.

North Avondale has made more progress in diversity than many Cincinnati neighborhoods. Will we continue on this journey or wait for everyone else to catch up?



SUSTAINABLE CINCINNATI

We are seeking community input on what would be good economic, environmental, and social indicators of a sustainable Cincinnati. Teresa Harten (Lenox PI) will be giving a presentation at the **September 11 NANA meeting** about the overall city effort and how NANA can be involved?



**North Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

September 11 is the final audition date for the fall play *Back in the Day* - open to children aged kindergarten through 12 years old with a membership (\$1.00) Questions? Call Ann James at the center

SENIOR CLASSICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Friday, September 14 at 11:30.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE BOOKS will be out in mid-September. Classes scheduled are: Arts & Crafts, Theater, Sports, Computer Lab, Cooking & Movie Day.

LIBRARY'S WEB SITE ADDRESS IS NOW www.CincinnatiLibrary.org changed from www.plch.lib.oh.us, but if you've bookmarked the old address, it will automatically redirect you to the new one. Check out the dozens of extensive databases 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from any computer anywhere, if you have a Library card. You can order books, check your own library records and renew & reserve books - all from home. *In the Spotlight* showcases new material in the collection and highlights some of the many services offered to readers. For children; check out the Kidsp@ce section of the site. *Sensational Cyber Sites* has something for kids of all ages, including *Sesame Street Central* and *Nickelodeon* for preschoolers and toddlers, *Pokemon World* and *Sports Illustrated for Kids* for school-aged children.



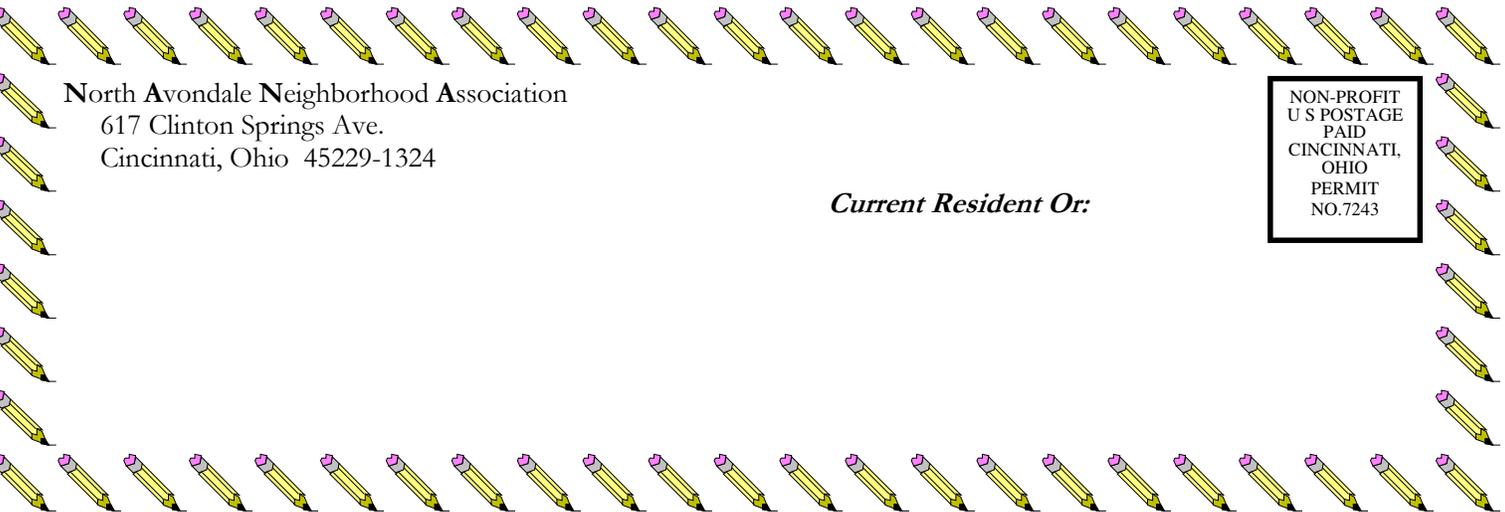
NANA CALENDAR & XAVIER LARGE EVENTS (to help us avoid the traffic)

- Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **SURRY SQUARE, RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER & Halloween Costumes**
- Sunday, September 16, 4:30 p.m. Spirit Celebration
- Tuesday, September 11, **VOTE & ATTEND THE NANA MEETING**
- Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs Ave.
- Saturday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **SURRY SQUARE, RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER & Winter Coats**
- Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs Ave. **Candidates Night**
- Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., **RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD & CANNED GOODS**, 615 Clinton Springs, behind the North Avondale School



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