

Did You Know?

From 1999-2005 there were 157 college age alcohol-poisoning deaths per year, doubling from 18 in 1999 to 35 in 2005. The victims were 18-23 years of age, with 83 under 21 years.

Did you know of the following facts?

- One practice - drinking 21 shots on a 21st birthday - is especially lethal, resulting in the deaths of 8 college students during that time.
- Sleeping while drunk will likely prevent any awareness of a fire in the building.
- From January 2000 to April 2008 Campus Firewatch identified 129 campus-related fire deaths, with 83% occurring in off-campus housing.

Will College Students be Able to Use the Education They Have Worked So Hard to Get? Or will their families be planning their funerals instead of a graduation?

Frequent fire risks: Candles; Careless smoking; Overloaded extension cords; Space heaters with combustibles nearby; Dirty, grease coated stove; Attached garage; Rubbish stacked against house; Clutter, lack of cleanliness; Nonfunctioning smoke detectors; Outside electrical problems; Building without 2 unobstructed ways out; Grills – next to the building (legally must be 14 feet from building), on balconies or Fire Escapes (obstruction may prevent lowering of fire escape)

How does this affect the neighborhood?

Objectionable behaviors appear to be connected to drunkenness. They consist of underage drinking, public urination, vandalism, frolicking naked in the front yard, trespassing, littering and, above all, noisy, rude and disrespectful behavior toward the neighbors from people attending the parties. The neighbors of the off-campus party houses in North Avondale are committed to changing the pattern which has repeated year after year.

The residents in our community *reject* the idea that everyone else should move out and give these areas over to student housing. **We expect all residents to respect each other and not to disturb people who live nearby.** The NANA Rental Housing Committee is working with residents and collaborating with the police to change this pattern.

What the neighborhood is doing?

The committee will work with the residents and the police to make the landlords accountable for the tenants they accept and continue to retain.

We will work with Xavier University to make all involved understand that respect and consideration for each other are required of all of us who share the neighborhood. We support arrests for behaviors that warrant it.

Residents are urged to call the police to alert them when there are signs of the beginnings of a party such as bringing in a beer keg or large quantities of alcohol.

- **Cincinnati Police (765-1212)**
- **Xavier Campus Police (745-1000)**
- **Inform Dr. Luther Smith, Dean of Students (745-3202) of the information you would like Xavier to know.**

Do not be put off if the person answering the call does not take your complaint seriously. Ask their name and report it to the committee at 751-8334 and to their supervisor if you choose.

The neighborhood cares about you and hopes you care about us.

**North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA) Rental Housing Committee
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