



NORTH AVONDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Dear Neighbor,

As a North Avondale Resident (NANA member) you are expected to:

- Financially contribute to NANA
- Volunteer for the betterment of our neighborhood
- Supply NANA with your email address so we can communicate

This gives you the opportunity to be involved in: protecting zoning regulations; crime prevention; demanding more City services; working with investors and planning personnel to improve our business district; fighting blight of the community to protect against loss of property value and home investment; reducing the ongoing litter problems; beautification of the many adopted flower beds and planters; communicating through the *NANA NEWS* and the NANA website; and participating in efforts to enhance our children's future! Yet, who is NANA? You are, if you live, work or own property in North Avondale. All of these projects need peoplepower to accomplish and there is no doubt that with support of some monetary assistance, these efforts can be improved.

NSP Grant monies from the City have dwindled over the years! Several years ago, NANA, like other Cincinnati communities, received as much as \$12,000 in one year. Annual NSP monies have steadily decreased and this year NANA will receive \$2500. As you can see, the entire NA population owes much to Enrolled (dues paying) Members. It should be recognized that NANA is restricted from many worthwhile projects, as some neighborhoods have, because of our limited funds---many projects can only be done with money!

We have cut back on the hours of our Administrator by over 50%. We no longer mail out the NANA Newsletter except for once a year (included in this mailing). We have moved up our mailing date for dues solicitation so we could combine it with our Annual Meeting notification we place in our yearly mailed *NANA NEWS*. We continually look for manners to reduce costs but **NO ORGANIZATION CAN BE TOTALLY EFFECTIVE WITHOUT MONEY!** Believe me when I say that the NANA Board and Chairs appreciate your dues and the generous donations that are made by some. But, a final note to you is also most important! Repeatedly, requests have been made to the membership to supply their E-mail address to our Administrator, Charlene Morse. I personally appeal for you to provide your E-mail addresses so NANA can do more for you. Your E-mail addresses will be kept totally confidential and shared with no one!

We are aware that many of you do volunteer everyday to make this neighborhood a better place and thank you. Again, please send your dues and donations as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Stevens
President, North Avondale Neighborhood Association