



# NANA NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Members,

It is my perception that all of us have become comfortable in our own enclave within the neighborhood and seldom do we interact with others. We see crime, for example, or some one else's problem, until we become victim of it ourselves. It mystifies me how we can blind ourselves to the fact that any problem in the neighborhood affects the property value and quality of life for all of us. The same is true for zoning violations, insurance red-lining, and a myriad of other issues.

NANA is the organization you created to represent you in addressing these problems. Unfortunately, NANA draws its strength exclusively from your participation in its activities. I urge, implore, and beg you to become more involved in this organization so that the organization can be strong enough to help all of us.

Sincerely,  
Rick Bailey

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **GLAD BAG-A-THON LITER PICKER-UPPERS APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON.** CALL PAULINE DALY 751-8334 OR THE NANA OFFICE AT 221-6166
- **LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INTERESTS: MORNING AND EVENING WALKING GROUPS, GROUP DOG WALKS, OPEN-AIR MOVIE SHOWS IN THE PARK, CARD, BOCCI OR CHESS TOURNAMENTS IN THE PARK.** CALL THE NANA OFFICE AT 221-6166
- **GARDENERS TO HELP WITH NANA GARDEN PLOTS** (SEE ARTICLE PG.3, COL.1)
- **GREEN-UP DAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>,** CLEAN UP AND PLANT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS (221-6166)
- **BURTON SCHOOL NEEDS TUTORS.** CALL CATHY LUTTS, 872-7200, BURTON FACILITATOR FOR READING & MATH



### PROPOSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NANA'S 1998-1999 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**President - John Angelo**

**1<sup>st</sup> V. Pres. - Gerry Kraus**

**2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres. - Yvonne Brown**

**3<sup>rd</sup> V. Pres. - Goldie Edwards**

**Recording Sec. - Pam Smitherman**

**Corresponding Secretary - Carol Kroft**

**Treasurer - Mary Piper**

### AGENDA FOR APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 NANA GENERAL MEETING AT 617 CLINTON SPRINGS AVE.

•VOTE ON CINCINNATI COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS, 1999-2000 (ARTICLE PG.2)

•ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (ECO) AND CINCINNATI CITIZEN ACTION TO EXPLAIN HOW! THE 1990 CLEAN AIR ACT REQUIRES COMPANIES USING CHEMICALS TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR A "WORST CASE SCENARIO" CHEMICAL ACCIDENT (SEE ARTICLE ON PG. 3 COL. 1)

•REPRESENTATIVES FROM XAVIER TO SPEAK ON THEIR SPRING CHARITY FESTIVAL - APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

•DAVE LOCKHORN FROM BUILDING & INSPECTIONS ON ENFORCING CITY FINES



## CITY HALL BEAT

by Gerry Kraus

**Community Budget Requests, 1999-2000.** In accordance with City Council policy community councils have been asked to submit up to five funding requests for city services and/or capital improvements to be considered for inclusion in the city's 1999-2000 Biennial Budget. At its April 14 meeting NANA will solicit recommendations for budget requests for the betterment of North Avondale. These requests can range from street resurfacing, increased police patrols or air pollution monitoring or park improvements to expansion of the North Avondale Community Center. Even if a previous budget request has not been funded, it can be re-requested. It took 20 years of persistent requests before the city provided curbs for North Crescent Avenue. If you would like a particular city service or improvement April 14 is the time to tell NANA so it can be included in its CBRs to the city.

**New Business - Too Many Signs.** Many of us may have noticed a new business, Showcase Furniture, that replaced Wilcox Auto Parts at 4030 Reading Road (opposite the Fire Station). This business is distinguished by the many signs affixed to the building. These signs violate the provisions of the city zoning code and the North Avondale business district's Environmental Quality - Urban District (EQ-UD) Plan approved by the city in 1994.

At a public hearing on March 11, 1998 City Hearing Examiner Steven Kurtz reviewed a request from business owner, Troy D. Gillespie, to approve these signs. Speaking in support of strict enforcement of the zoning code and against this request were NANA President Rick Bailey, NAPHBA (North Avondale/Paddock Hills Business Association) President Tom Harten, NANA Coordinator Charlene Morse and Marvin & Gerry Kraus. The applicant, Troy Gillespie, was not in attendance at this hearing. Mr. Kurtz decided that the signs are not in accordance with the zoning code and "that approval would be contrary to the public interest and the intent and purpose of the code and would be injurious to the properties in EQ-UD-7." Mr. Gillespie was ordered to remove all signs immediately, except the one identifying the name of the business may remain for 30 days, and thereafter if it is revised to be in compliance with the zoning code.

**Dakota/Marion Avenues Traffic Calming.** There will be a "median circle" installed at the intersection of Dakota and Marion Avenues this spring to control speeding and to reduce cut-through traffic, thanks to the persistence of Deb Corwin (Dakota Ave.) who spearheaded the effort, starting about two years ago. This project was approved by City Council on March 4, 1998. The "median circle" is a raised and plantable concrete circle in the center of the intersection. It requires motorists passing through the intersection to slow down and maneuver around the center circle. While this traffic device has been common in eastern United States and England (where it is called a round-about), it is unique to Cincinnati. The city will prepare the center of the circle for planting. However, volunteers are needed to help plant and

maintain flowers and other landscaping apparatus. Call Deb Corwin at 751-4780 if you wish to help.

**Paddock Road Speed Limit Update.** On January 9, 1998 the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) sent a letter to City Traffic Engineer Steve Bailey rejecting the city's request to lower the speed limit on Paddock Road between Stratford Place and Reading Road from 40 mph to 35 mph. ODOT stated that this section of Paddock Road was "too short to be considered for a reduction on its own." There was no comment by ODOT about the 30 plus accidents that have occurred along this segment since February, 1997; or that the curve in this section had been incorrectly constructed with a negative embankment making it prone to accidents; or that a similar one block length of roadway along Paddock Road between Carolina and Laidlaw Avenues in Bond Hill has a speed reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph. Mr. Bailey has requested that ODOT reconsider its decision. ODOT has requested that the appeal be transmitted in writing. ODOT's involvement in this speed setting decision derives from the fact that Paddock Road is a state route (S.R. #4). NANA has also asked ODOT to reconsider its decision.

**NANA Extends its Condolences to the Family and Friends of Mr. David R. Berry, Physical Therapist and CEO of Gold Crest Nursing Home (Reading & S. Crescent)**

### BLOCK WATCH MEETING

Neighbors from Red Bud, Leyman, Warwick, Dickson and Clinton Springs met on Tuesday, March 24, with neighborhood Police Officer, Jana Cruse, and Police Captain Twitty, to organize a NANA Block Watch Club for the area around the North Avondale school.

Discussion centered on lack of constructive activity for our youth, leading to some acts of vandalism, rock throwing, congregating on streets, and loud boisterous behavior. The second meeting will be held at the North Avondale Community Center on **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.**

Our neighborhood officer and Community Center staff will be there to meet with neighbors who want to help the Block Club. Streets included in this Block Club are including and between Mitchell and Clinton Springs Ave.

As the teenager at the meeting said "It takes a village to raise a child."

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**The North Avondale Montessori PTA would like to invite NANA to attend a slide show of the art & architecture of Cincinnati Public Schools. It will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium (enter through the front door of the school).**

**Robert Flischel, a Cincinnati Photographer, has assembled these photos and presents them accompanied by music. It's a wonderful appreciation of our old Cincinnati Public School Buildings and the sculptures, rookwood fountains, murals, etc. that can be found within.**

**Refreshments will be served after the presentation.**

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## NUISANCE ODORS CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH

As warm weather approaches and windows are opened and outside activities increase, we are reminded by periodic offensive odors that we live downwind from many industries. Among the companies that emit offensive, sometimes harmful, emissions is Cincinnati Specialties (formerly PMC Specialties) in St. Bernard - remember PMC's emission of Tolytriazole a few years ago that left white spots on cars and outdoor furniture. Toxic chlorine releases from this plant occur at least once a year. Cincinnati Specialties is among Hamilton County's largest producers of toxic wastes - 2,752,789 pounds in 1995 of which 120,877 pounds were emitted into the air; the rest was disposed of via discharges to the sewer or transported off-site to a landfill or unaccounted for. \*

North Avondale residents can now do something about Cincinnati Specialties emissions. Speakers from the Environmental Community Organization (ECO) and Cincinnati Citizen Action will be at the April 14 NANA meeting to explain HOW! The 1990 Clean Air Act requires companies using chemicals to prepare a plan for a "worst case scenario" chemical accident and make this plan available to the public. This requirement can encourage companies to reduce generation of toxic waste through methods of pollution prevention. And the public has a role to play.

\*Data is from the Ohio EPA's latest available Toxic Release Inventory (TRI).

## Gardens at Dana Triangle Need Your Help



For many years the neighborhood gardens at Dana Ave. and Victory Parkway have been a hallmark of North Avondale's beauty. Four of the eight gardens are now in need of a caretaker - a garden-loving person willing to spend an hour or two each summer month weeding a mostly-perennial flower bed. The commitment is relatively small, but the rewards - splashes of summer color - will benefit all who pass by. If you have perennials you can share, or if you would like to adopt a bed, please call Betsy Gotwals (281-6795) or Cindy Starr (221-7567). We will pick up donated plants and will help new gardeners get their beds launched this spring.

### APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Again under the annual Neighborhood support Program(NSP) guidelines, NANA is accepting applications for the position of coordinator; a part-time, paid position for one or more independent contractors. The coordinator assume 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 Rick Bailey (221-8652)

### VENDOR APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

NANA is accepting applications from vendors wishing to:

- desktop publish nine issues of the NANA News and at least six flyers, in three days or less turnaround time;
- print 2,350 copies of the NANA News and 2,350 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

THE DUMPSTER AT THE CMHA APARTMENTS ON WINDING WAY WILL HAVE A FENCE ENCLOSURE AROUND IT AS SOON AS THEY REDO THE PARKING LOT THIS SPRING

## RECYCLERS PRESERVE TREES, SAVE TAX DOLLARS



Thanks to all who brought their paper (newspapers, junk mail, cereal-type boxes, magazines and corrugated cardboard) to NANA's March 7<sup>th</sup> recycling drive. Your efforts saved a minimum of 34 trees, 8,204 kWh of energy, 14,000 gallons of water, 120 pounds of effluent, and 6 cubic yards of landfill space.

If you haven't recycled scrap paper with NANA, now is a great time to start. Because the Elda Landfill in Winton Place has closed, the city is now transporting garbage to Rumpke's more distant landfill in Colerain Township. Greater travel means higher cost! The more we reduce, reuse and recycle, the more tax dollars we preserve for resources other than garbage disposal.

Many thanks to our March volunteers: Bill Burchell, Jan and Cindy Johnson, Marvin and Gerry Kraus, and Cindy Starr. If you have a question about recycling or want to volunteer for 30-60 minutes at a future drive, please call Cindy at 221-7567. Our next drives will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 2 and July 11 behind the North Avondale Montessori School. We will be collecting paper at both drives. We also are in the process of selecting a date for scrap metal collection and will keep you posted

## NANA NOTATIONS

**Kudos to the City's OEM (Office of Environmental Management) Director Dennis Murphey** and staff who have adopted Mitchell Ave. between Vine St. & Spring Grove Ave. to clean up and beautify as part of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's (KCB) "Adopt-A-Block" program. If you and/or your neighbors wish to adopt a block, call KCB at 352-3711. Remember, clean, litter-free streets discourage crime.

**Kudos to North Avondale resident Karyn Cotton**, Director of Catherine Booth Child Development Center in Avondale, has been elected to the board of the Cincinnati Association for the Education of Young Children as vice President for Support Services.

**The Cincinnati Table Tennis Club** is sponsoring a tournament on Saturday, April 11. It is a round-robin format and is open to everyone of any skill level. An officially sanctioned tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 23. Both tournaments will be held at the Xavier University Armory/Fieldhouse on Winding Way. For more information visit their web site at:

<http://members.aol.com/cincytt/club.html> or contact Bill Meriwether at: 371-4403 for registration information.



**North Avondale  
Community  
Center**  
961-1584

**New Weekend Hours**, Saturday & Sunday - 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Spring Mini Camp** April 3<sup>rd</sup> & April 6 - 10, 7:15 - 5:45. ASDC - Free, Non-Day Campers - \$50.00 for the week.

**Congratulations to Karen Smith & Lisa Thomas** now appointed as Temporary Community Center Director 1's in the N/Avondale/Hirsch Service Area.

**Classic Seniors' Schedule for APRIL** - 10:00 to 12 noon every Friday

10:00-11:00am Coffee with your neighbors

3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30am Eye screening

11 :30am-12 Noon Music Hour/Social Hour - Jazz music, Luther Vangross

10<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Senior Focus Group meeting (TBA)

11:00-11 :30am Gymnasium walking

11 :30am-12 Noon Weight room demonstration

17<sup>th</sup> 11:00-11:30am Line dance country western style (on video) with Brenda

24<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Computer demonstration and hands on training with Doug

**MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** Trip to the Downtown Public Library - Transportation "Free".

### NANA CALENDAR

- Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. S & N Crescent, Greenwood & Burton **Block Club Meeting** Bethlehem Baptist, 760 N. Crescent. Questions - call Kevin Waizenhofer at 281-5646 or Pauline Daly at 751- 8334 .
- Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> , 7:00p.m. Bond Hill Community Center, **Public Hearing on Keeping Jails out of Neighborhoods.**
- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. **NANA GENERAL MEETING** at N.A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs.
- Friday , April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. **SLIDE SHOW AT NORTH AVONDALE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**, Auditorium, 615 Clinton Springs (enter through front door). (see article pg. 2)
- Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **GLAD Bag-A-Thon**, pick up litter along the Reading road Corridor.
- Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. North Avondale School Area **Block Club Meeting** at the Community Center (see article page 2).
- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00p.m. until dark **Earth Day** at Sawyer Point.
- Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 to 10:00 p.m. **Xavier Spring Charity Festival.**, on the Xavier's Academic Mall
- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. **MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD RECYCLING**, 615 Clinton Springs.(article pg. 3)
- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> , 8:30 to 12:00 noon **GREEN-UP DAY**

### NANA Executive Board & Committee Chairs

President: Rick Bailey	221-8652	FACT Coordinator: Pauline Daly	751-8334
1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Larry Harris	221-0440	Beautification: Pat Hinkley	281-1164
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Pat Hinkley	281-1164	& Kevin Waizenhofer	281-5646
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP: Jewel O'Neal	751-8182	Directory: Teresa Cohen	477-0010
Treasurer: Gerry Kraus	861-3939	Senior Citizens' Needs: Catherine Stocks	281-6006
Recording Secretary: Pamela Smitherman	281-5076	Welcome: Karen Clark	221-8652
Corresponding Sec.: Liza Smitherman	559-1963	Education: Linda Grayman	281-6138
Legal Chairperson: Marvin Kraus	861-3939	Fundraising: Patricia Baxter	861-2266
NAPHBA Representative: Michael Daly	751-8334	<b>NANA Coordinator &amp;</b>	
Safety & Zoning: John Angelo	281-5646	<b>NANA News Editor: Charlene Morse</b>	<b>221-6166</b>

**\*\*\*\*\*MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD RECYCLING SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 10 TO 2\*\*\*\*\***

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