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NAME CHANGE ANGERS GLENWOOD RESIDENTS by Gerry Kraus

The residents of Glenwood Avenue are angry...and they feel betrayed by their City government. Why? Because on November 28, 2001, at the last meeting of the previous City Council, without any notice to residents, Council passed a resolution (5-3) to change the name of Glenwood Avenue to L. Venchael Booth Avenue. When the renaming of Glenwood Avenue first came up last February, 2001, the City's Committee on Street Renaming surveyed the Glenwood Ave. residents, businesses and churches to determine how those most affected by this proposed name change felt. Six hundred and ten (610) survey post cards were sent to the 480 dwelling units, businesses and churches on Glenwood Avenue. Of the 211 responses (that's 35% response to a survey in which a 10% response is supposed to be good), 86% opposed the name change. Based on this overwhelming opposition the Committee on Names issued a report recommending against changing the name of Glenwood Ave. In addition, over 250 names were collected on petitions and sent to City Council opposing the name change. In addition, two of the residents called Clerk of City Council every Friday to find out if the renaming proposal would be on the agenda the following week. They, as well as NANA Coordinator, Charlene Morse, were assured that when the renaming of Glenwood Avenue was scheduled to be discussed by City Council or its Committees, these individuals would be informed.

Despite all assurances and despite the fact that this name change was also opposed by the Avondale Community Council, opposed by NANA – NANA President John Delaney was told by City officials last spring that it was "a dead issue" – and even opposed by the Zion Baptist Church where Rev. L. V. Booth had been pastor, the name change was brought up again on November 27th at Council's Committee on Neighborhood & Public Works, chaired by Paul Booth. A report from the City administration (dated August 1, 2001) which had recommended against changing the name of Glenwood Avenue was discussed. This report was forwarded to the November 28th City Council calendar without recommendation. On November 28 this report against changing the name of Glenwood to Rev. L. Venchael Booth was disapproved and filed. Subsequently, a motion to change the name of Glenwood was introduced, voted on and summarily approved without any notice to any of the Glenwood Avenue residents or opportunity for them to address City Council. Interestingly there were 6 proponents,

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NANA HOLIDAY PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

The December NANA Holiday Party was on December 11th. The food was delicious with donated cookies from Camargo Baking Co. (Debby Gerber & Ethan Schatz - Dickson) a donated cheese tray from Queen City Kroger, hot cider made by Amy & Tim Yosmali while we listened to beautiful music on the keyboard played by Rebecca King (available for Parties etc. at 721-2094) None of this would have been possible without NANA's great volunteers. Thank you to Committee Members: Judith Titchener, Jennifer Gibson, John Arthur & Marilyn Smith as well as their friends, families & NANA Board Members who helped set-up & clean-up: Jim Obergefell, Sophia Vidas, George Smith, John Delaney, John Angelo, Frank Neumann & John Jones.

PAPER RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR 2002:

North Avondale

615 Clinton Springs, behind North Avondale School
Every Three Months on the Second Saturday

March 9, 10:00-2:00

June 8, 10:00-2:00

September 14, 10:00-2:00

December 14, 10:00-2:00



Surrey Square Mall

Montgomery Rd. Behind Thriftway

Every Month on the First Saturday 9:00 to noon

January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4,
June 1, July 13, August 3, September 14, October 5,
November 2, December 7

**Mixed paper is cardboard, cereal boxes, beverage cases,
junk mail, magazines, office paper, or newspapers.**

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT

COME TO THE

NANA GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 8TH, 7:30

NORTH AVONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER



GREATER CINCINNATI COMMUNITY SHARES

By Mary McCoy

Residents of North Avondale recently gathered in the home of **Bob and Kathy Laufman, 3953 Red Bud**, to learn about Greater Cincinnati Community Shares. This local federation of 21 nonprofit organizations was founded in 1996 to provide an opportunity for organizations which are not funded by United Way to conduct payroll giving campaigns with employees in workplaces.

According to Mary McCoy, Community Shares' executive director, "While United Way funds many worthy organizations, there are great groups they don't fund. Among these are organizations that provide services such as affordable housing, reproductive health care, alternative forms of education, environmental protection, and advocacy for equal rights." (See box for list of organizations.)

Community Shares conducted campaigns with employees of more than 50 workplaces this year, including the federal, state and city governments, the University of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Public Schools, numerous nonprofit organizations (including all the Community Shares members), several businesses and several law firms. In its first five years, Community Shares raised \$700,000 for its member organizations.

Unlike United Way, Community Shares distributes donations based on donors' designations. "We encourage employees to give to the organizations of their choice," said Ms. McCoy. "It gives them more satisfaction in giving, and it fits our philosophy of people making choices to create changes in the community. It's a very democratic way to give."

Community Shares also receives funds from people outside the workplace who invest in the federation as a whole. These contributors support the growth of Community Shares and the services it provides its member organizations. These services include fund-raising, promotion, networking, training, and volunteering.

Bob and Kathy Laufman have been supporting Community Shares since 1997. Bob gives through his law firm. Said Kathy, "We invited our neighbors over to hear about Community Shares because the federation provides valuable options. It supports strong organizations, and it provides donors with an easy and effective way to give."

To learn more about Community Shares, visit their website at or call them at 513-475-0475 and ask for a copy of their recent newsletter which features their member organizations' work with youth. To send a tax-deductible contribution, write them at 103 William H. Taft Road, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

Center for Peace Education Drop Inn Center	Northern Kentucky Housing and Homeless Coalition
ECO: Environmental Community Organization	Over the Rhine Housing Network
First Step Home	Planned Parenthood
Grailville	Power Inspires Progress
Imago	Prison Reform Advocacy Center
Justice Watch	ReSTOC
League of Women Voters of Cincinnati Education Fund	Sickle Cell Parent and Family Network
Madisonville Education and Assistance Center	Stonewall Cincinnati
Mill Creek Restoration Project	Woman's City Club
MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir	Women's Research & Development Center

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YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE HELPING & SO CAN YOU

THE AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION

Can you name a warning sign for a stroke? If the answer is no, it's not good, considering that someone in America experiences a stroke every 53 seconds! The American Stroke Association (ASA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to researching ways to prevent and treat stroke. **Caroline Eady (944 Marion)** has just joined one of the new awareness programs sponsored by the ASA. As part of the Train to End Stroke team, Caroline will run a 26.2 mile marathon on June 23, 2002, in memory of Daniel Crowley, a friend who died from complications of a stroke. Aside from the physical training, this group will hold community events to raise awareness of stroke, and fundraise to reach the ASA goal of \$100,000. This breaks down to \$4700 per participant. If you would be interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to further research, please contact Ms. Eady at carolsue4@hotmail.com or 513-703-5154. Remember, every dollar counts! She would also be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program or add a name of a stroke victim to the list to which the team will dedicate their efforts.

Warning signs of stroke: 1) Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side 2) Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding 3) Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes 4) Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination 5) Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The **New School**, at 3 Burton Woods Lane, will hold its annual **Open House** on Sunday, **February 3, 2002** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Parents and children are invited to tour the classrooms and school grounds, meet the teachers and learn about our programs. The New School provides all-day Montessori education, including an extended day program, for children ages 3 through 12. Call the school at 281-7999 for more information.

JAZZERCISE AT XAVIER OPEN TO NORTH AVONDALE RESIDENTS

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to get in shape, you can keep that resolution without leaving the neighborhood! Jazzercise classes are now being held in the O'Connor Sports Center at Xavier University and everyone is welcome to attend.

Jazzercise is the number one dance fitness program in the world. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. There are two payment options available: Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is \$28 per month which in addition to the Xavier classes includes class options in Oakley and Blue Ash. A six week pass that covers all the Xavier classes is \$56.

The first class is always free, so stop down and try out the class any Monday, Wednesday or Friday night. Jazzercise is for people of all ages and fitness levels. For more information, call the instructor, Kelly Leon at 751-3075.

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none of whom lived on Glenwood Avenue, to speak in support of the name change at the Committee and City Council meetings on the 27th and 28th. The residents feel that the way City Council voted to change Glenwood Avenue's name without providing Glenwood Avenue residents the opportunity to be heard is "an insult to the democratic process and is a disservice to City Council members." One opponent of the name change perceptively observed: **"In a sad, ironic and hypocritical twist, the renaming of Glenwood Ave. has been accomplished by the very political arrogance and institutional blindness that Rev. Booth, together with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, fought against during the height of their activist careers."**

In order to have an opportunity to be heard, residents of Glenwood Avenue are asking City Council to either reconsider the renaming of their street, or to issue a 90 day moratorium on implementation of the motion to rename. If neither of these is possible, they are asking that Council introduce a new motion renaming L. Venchael Booth Avenue back to Glenwood Avenue. Among the reasons residents oppose the name change are that the street has been named Glenwood since 1868. They consider Glenwood a beautiful and historic name and for the many long time residents the name has great sentimental value. There are also costs and great inconvenience to residents when a street name is changed. There are also logistical considerations regarding maps and official identification by public bodies when a street name is changed.

While opposing the renaming of their street, residents and others have suggested alternate ways to honor the Rev. L. V. Booth. These include an honorary corner such has been done for Rev. James Milton (at Reading Road/Lexington Ave.) and Cincinnati's Number One booster, Danny Ransohoff (at Reading Road/Morgan by the United Way/Community Chest Building). Another suggestion is to follow the example of Chicago which has replaced "renaming of streets" with "Honorary Streets" where the street name stays the same but under it there may be a sign that says Honorary with the person's name; i.e., L. Venchael Booth Avenue, added.

NANA is in support of these efforts of the Glenwood residents. NANA has been opposed to the renaming of streets to honor individuals because it is disruptive, antagonistic, costly and ultimately ineffective. If you are opposed to the renaming of Glenwood Avenue, or if you believe the residents of Glenwood Avenue should have an opportunity to be heard by City Council, NANA urges you to contact members of City

Council by telephone or email and tell them so:

Supporters of the name change: Mayor Charlie Luken, 352-3250 or <charlie.luken@rcc.org>
Minette Cooper, 352-3220 or <minette.cooper@rcc.org>
John Cranley, 352-5304 or <john.cranley@rcc.org>
Chris Monzel, 352-4683 or <chris.monzel@rcc.org>

Opponents of the name change: Vice Mayor Alicia Reece, 352-3638 or <alicia.reece@rcc.org>
Pat DeWine, 352-4649 or <pat.dewine@rcc.org>
James Tarbell, 352-3621 or <james.tarbell@rcc.org>
David Crowley, 352-2453 or <david.crowley@rcc.org>

New councilmen:
David Pepper, 352-2440 or <david.pepper@rcc.org>

Abstaining:
Paul Booth, 352-5314 or <paul.booth@rcc.org>

PARKWAY FLOWERS WILL BLOOM AGAIN

by Gerry Kraus

The eight (8) flower beds at the Victory Parkway/Dana Avenue Triangle Park will continue to bloom next spring and summer, even more gloriously, thanks to the wonderful response in the November NANA News for "Help Wanted" to adopt 3 of the beds, lest they be plowed under and returned to grass by the Park Board. The volunteers came from all corners of the North Avondale community. NANA is grateful to the following volunteers who will nurture the beds next year (starting at the triangle point and going clockwise):

- Bed #1 George Brockman (Victory Parkway) & Ethan Schatz (Dickson Ave)
- Bed #2 LADD (Victory Parkway)
- Bed #3 Mary Piper (Avondale Ave.) – a continuing volunteer
- Bed #4 Cindy Starr (Avondale Ave.) – a continuing volunteer
- Bed #5 Ursula Hassel (Dakota Ave.) – a continuing volunteer
- Bed #6 Larry Blackwell (Chalfonte Place) & Jim Gerwe (Vine Vista Ave.)
- Bed #7 Marvin & Gerry Kraus (Stratford Place) – continuing volunteers
- Bed #8 Diane Ivy (Avondale Ave.)

Additional volunteers who agreed to help out at the Parkway on call are Deborah Grigsby (The Park Lane on the Parkway), Kate Anthony (Paddock Road), Gloria Turner (Abundant Life Church on Dana Ave.) and Dick Menke (grounds keeping department at Xavier University). Thanks to you all!

Kudos again go to the volunteers who have continued over the years to beautify our neighborhood by adopting other neighborhood flower beds. In addition to the above continuing volunteers they are

- Marian Miller (Red Bud Ave.) – beds at Clinton Springs/Washington Ave., on Clinton Springs between Leyman and Red Bud & the long thin bed at Victory Parkway/Rockdale
- Betsy Gotwals (Rose Hill Ave.) – 2 beds at Reading Road/Clinton Springs & the Kessler Memorial on Clinton Springs
- Barb Slavinski (Sturgis) – Clinton Springs/Dickson (west side)
- Talli Flanigan (Dickson) – Clinton Springs/Dickson (east side)
- Patrick & Judith Denicola (Betula) – Red Bud/Mitchell pillars
- Melvyn Gale (Red Bud Ave.) Avon Fields/Red Bud park entrance

And special Kudos to NANA's Beautification Chair Ursula Hassel who coordinates the horticultural work of all these volunteers and makes sure that flowers bloom all over North Avondale each spring, summer and autumn.



January

New Membership Prices for North Avondale Community Center 2002 (Starting January 1)

YOUTH (5-12 years old) \$5.00 TEENS (13-17 years old) \$5.00

ADULTS (18-49 years old) \$15.00 SENIORS (50 & up) \$5.00

FITNESS CENTER \$20.00/3 Months

All participants must purchase a 2002 membership card and bring it every time you come to the center
Program Registration begins January 2nd. Programs begin the week of January 14th.

We are recruiting new members for the Seniors' Yoga class on Monday and Wednesday from 9:15 - 10:30 and the Seniors' Computer time from 10:00 - 1:30. Please contact Ann James at 961-1584 for more details.

Center & School Closed on January 1 & January 21st (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday)
School Closed Friday, January 18 for In Service Day **Center** will open early for In Service Day Camp.
Contact Center for more info.

January 29 NA School Hassle Free Parenting, 7:00-8:30



**North
Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

**North
Avondale
Montessori
School
872-7290**

CHANGING RACISM: A PERSONAL APPROACH TO MULTICULTURALISM WORKSHOP

Multiculturalism refers to the process of recognizing, understanding, and appreciating one's own culture as well as the culture of others. It stresses an appreciation of the impact of differences – race, gender, class/status, age, sexual/affective orientation, religion, military experience, language, ethnicity, country of birth and physical ability.

Friends and colleagues: please attend yourself or refer someone to attend this excellent training workshop on **Tuesday, February 5 - Friday, February 8, 2002** in Cincinnati, Ohio, and experience the visions model for multicultural change. Past clients have reported outcomes, such as: significant personal and leadership development, and an increased energy/skills for supporting organizational change efforts.

Using race as a target variable, participants learn concrete strategies to:

- Identify personal prejudice and misinformation
- Identify institutional racism & other forms of systemic oppression & discrimination
- Change dysfunctional intra-racial & inter-racial behavior
- Understand the personal effects of systemic oppression in both whites and people of color; sexism in both men and women, etc.
- Incorporate information regarding current issues, problems and methods important to exploring multicultural issues

The workshop integrates TA/Gestalt theory and techniques with other personal and community change models.

Cost of the workshop is \$700.00.

Limited scholarships/barter opportunities are available.

To register online visit our website at www.visions-inc.com

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