

# NANA NEWS NOVEMBER 1997

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Members,

I hope all of you are planning on attending the Symphony with us on November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have your tickets yet, call and get them today. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the concert.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank all of those who participated in Xavier's Community Action Day - your work on behalf of the neighborhood is greatly appreciated, especially the Xavier students. We planted bulbs at the Dana triangle, cut down bushes at N. Avondale School, spread mulch at Washington & Clinton Springs, cut & removed bushes at the top of Red Bud, pulled dead bushes on Clinton Springs and picked up trash all along Dana, Reading, Greenwood, S. Crescent and more.

In response to concerns by members about policing, I am planning our general meeting in December to focus on policing issues...particularly police responses to crimes against property. We will be asking elected representatives, police commanders, and others to attend and discuss.

Finally, I hope you will also attend the November meeting on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>. I want you to set the agenda for the organization to execute during the next year. If you have issues or projects which you wish to have pursued, please bring them with you to the meeting. Everything is up for discussion, as far as I'm concerned and I really want to have what you consider to be the most important needs in the neighborhood addressed. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Sincerely,  
*Rick Bailey*

## NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> NANA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- Guardianship Assistance Program (see article pg. 4)
  - ⇒ Maggie Rice, LSW Guardianship Assistance Program Manager
- Possible Changes for Reading Road for 1998
  - ⇒ Jon Childress from Cincinnati Traffic Engineering will bring diagrams for the proposed changes
- Goals for 1997/98
- "I Would Like To Discuss....."



## NANA CALENDAR

- Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 **NANA GENERAL MEETING** at N.A. Comm. Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. Tamaki Kawakubo, violinist, Music Hall/ Cincinnati Symphony
- Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> **Xavier University 1997 Homecoming** (see article pg. 3)

## NANA SOCIAL CALENDAR

- November 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 7:30 p.m. Tamaki Kawakubo, violinist, Music Hall/ Cincinnati Symphony
- February 6<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 8 p.m. Aronoff Center, The Temptations/Four Tops
- March 15<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 3 p.m. "The Princess and the Pea," Memorial Hall
- June 20<sup>th</sup> 8 p.m. Playhouse in the Park, "Champs" A Musical
  - ⇒ Bus service from the N. A. Comm. Center
  - ⇒ For more details call Karen Clark 221-8652

**Excerpts from NANA Meeting**

**October 14, 1997**

**Candidates' Forum** was held and several candidates or their representatives presented their campaign concerns.

Candidates included:

City Council:

Forrest Buckley  
Minette Cooper  
William Gaz  
Phil Heimlich  
Rep. for Bryn Lewis  
Roxanne Qualls  
Bobbie Sterne  
Rep for Dwight Tillery

Municipal Court Judge

Kim Burke  
Cheryl Grant

Cincinnati Public School Board of Education

Neil Aquino  
Rep. for Rousseau O'Neal  
Harriet Russell  
Herb Smith  
Sally Warner

**Ohio Consumers' Counsel representative**, Vern Magard, spoke on the deregulation of natural gas transportation. Individuals may now choose their natural gas suppliers. For a free fact sheet call 1-800-282-9448.

**Motion was passed** to approve the \$10,000 budget proposal for 1998 NSP funds. 15-0-0.

**Motion was passed** to spend up to \$600 for a new printer for use by the NANA Coordinator to increase efficiency of printing labels for mailings and the quality of outgoing correspondence. 18-0-0.

**New Service Area Coordinator** for N. Avondale Community Center, Gene Caldwell, was introduced and welcomed.

**District 4 representatives of the Cincinnati Police Dept.** reported petty theft crime statistics increased and 80% of them could have been prevented by concealing personal items and valuables in the car. After much discussion it was suggested that the December general meeting be primarily dedicated to safety.

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**FACT OCTOBER SCHEDULE**

- **Nov. 5, 7:00 p.m.** Thursday, N. Avondale Starts at God's Bible School
- **Nov. 7, 8:00 p.m.** Friday, City Wide March starts in Mt. Auburn - Bus leaves from God's Bible School at 7:45 p.m.

- **Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m.** Wed., N. Avondale Starts at God's Bible School
- **Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m.** Thurs., N. Avondale Starting at God's Bible School
- **Nov. 25 7:15 p.m.** Tuesday, City Wide March, starts in Avondale - Bus leaves from St. Michael/All Angels Church at 7:00 p.m.

For more information call Pauline Daly at 751-8334 or FACT - 531-0717

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**THANK YOU & WELCOME**

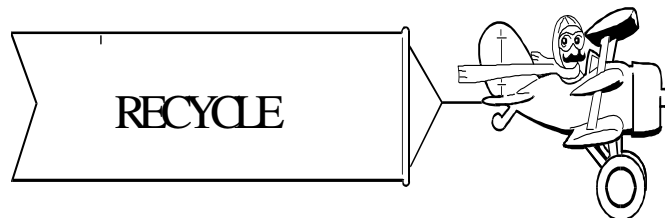
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WELCOME New Neighbors:

Mr. Will Cooper, Ms. Louisa Foye, Ron Majjak,  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen C. Stone, Mr. Gregory D. Crowell,

- **Many thanks** those who brought scrap paper and cardboard to NANA's October recycling drive behind the North Avondale School, The biggest load came from North Avondale resident Jeff Knoop via his Northside business, Midwest Community Fundraising.



NANA also wishes to apologize for its failure to offer scrap metal recycling after announcing the service in the NANA News. Our heartfelt thanks to the good samaritans -- especially Michael Romanos, Winnie Hammond and Maurice Koch-- who transported metal left at the site before the drive officially opened. NANA will do its utmost to provide metal recycling in the future. Those who do not wish to wait can take ferrous and non-ferrous metals to Garden Street Iron & Metal, 3411 Spring Grove Ave. (541-4660).

**City Hall Beat**

By Gerry Kraus  
NANA Governmental Liaison

**Paddock Road Speed Reduction**

On October 15, 1997 City Council unanimously passed a motion asking the City Manager to "immediately forward a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to reduce the speed limit on Paddock Road from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. between

Reading Road and Stratford Place. Among the reasons to be relayed to ODOT are that this section of Paddock Road contains a blind curve, the road is improperly surfaced with a negative embankment through the curve and there has been an inordinate number of accidents - 22 accidents to date in 1997 - many ending up in the front yard of the Paddock Apartments. While the speed limit for this section is 40 m.p.h., with a "suggested" speed reduction to 25 m.p.h. through the curve, cars, trucks and even buses have been clocked at speeds of 50-60 m.p.h.

This action started by City Council is the result of a concerted effort last March, 1997 by the Paddock Apartment Association to get the city to reduce the speed limit along this stretch of Paddock Road. After listening to testimony from Association Chair Bernice Marshall, apartment resident Gerry Warren and Stratford Place residents Marvin and Gerry Kraus at the Public Works Committee meeting on October 13, 1997, Committee members Todd Portune, Bobbie Sterne and Charles Winburn proposed the above motion.

*Note: Based on a conversation I had with City Traffic Engineer Steve Bailey on October 28 "immediately" may not be as soon as one would expect. GK*

**Mayor's Zero Tolerance Initiative - Phase II**

On September 17, 1997 Mayor Roxanne Qualls presented to City Council 27 motions to implement her Zero Tolerance Initiative; A Campaign to Take Back Our Neighborhoods - Phase II. Clearly the Mayor has listened to the concerns of neighborhood groups because her Phase II initiative; deal with conditions that they have complained detract from the livability of their neighborhood: slum landlords, vacant buildings and lots, violations of the building code, litter, graffiti, dumpsters, junk cars and front yard parking. NANA has followed up on complaints from North Avondale residents on all of the above. These are also conditions that encourage more serious criminal activity because their presence sends a message that residents don't care about their neighborhood. The proposed initiatives include:



- posting the name, address and phone number of slumlords in front of their slum property or abandoned lot as well as publishing this information in the two daily newspapers
- working with HUD to report Section 8 (low income) buildings that do not pass city inspection so HUD can withhold rent payments to landlords for units that do not meet code
- transferring all litter, illegal dumping and weed control enforcement to one agency. Presently responsibility for enforcement is scattered among the Health Department, the Building Department, Highway Maintenance and Sanitation making it confusing for citizens to report violations
- increasing the Litter Patrol to seven employees to provide 24 hour enforcement of litter and illegal dumping laws
- requiring screening of garbage dumpsters to keep them out of view
- requiring that public festivals like Taste of Cincinnati be "litter free" events through the use of recyclable cups, plates, etc.
- strengthening the junk car laws so police can tow junk cars off private property

Key to the success of Zero Tolerance - Phase II will be the cooperative teamwork between citizens who have a strong desire to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods and city employees who know how to get things done. Part of this team effort will include training interested citizens on a regular basis about the laws and regulations to combat junk vehicles, dilapidated buildings, litter, graffiti; tall weeds, front yard parking, drug houses, etc. and also training city employees with details about each of the programs that deal with these quality of life issues.

The 27 Zero Tolerance motions have been referred to the city administration for review and for report back to City Council with recommendations to implement these initiatives. NANA will follow the progress of these initiatives and work to have them approved and implemented.

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**North Avondale Community Center**

- **Senior Planning Meeting** Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. - Refreshments served.
- Starting Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, **Ballet** will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Cost is \$50 to \$60. For more information call Kim Hightower at 351-3338.
- North Avondale Center will be getting a **Hammer Strength Fitness Room** sometime in 1998. Stay posted for more information.
- We have just a few openings for **After School Day Camp**. Hours are 1:45 to 5:45pm for just \$85 per month, call for more information 961-1584.
- **Youth basketball teams** are now forming, ages 17 and under, boys and girls. For more information call Tony Webb at 961-1564

**NANA NOTATIONS:**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS**

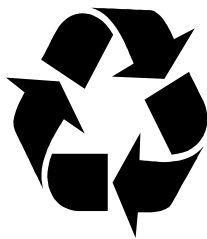
There will be on November 12, 1997 the Guardianship Assistance Program Training -1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Cincinnati Area Senior Services, 644 Linn St., tenth floor conference room. **Volunteers are needed** to act as legal guardians for indigent citizens over age 60 who can no longer protect their own interests due to physical and

mental decline. It takes only 2-3 hours a month, but the difference it can make in these persons' lives is immeasurable. Most reside in nursing homes or other long term care facilities. Our volunteer guardians do not assume responsibility for financial matters. There is a critical shortage of kind people to fill this need, **particularly in the Avondale/Bond Hill/Walnut Hills area.** For additional information, directions or to R.S.V.P for the training (by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>), call Cincinnati Area Senior Services at 721-4330 and ask for Maggie or Shelley. Social Worker C.E.U.'s available at a cost of \$10.00.



**USED SOFTWARE BENEFITS PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**

If you've recently upgraded your computer or favorite applications....don't pitch that box of used software collecting dust in your basement. United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cincinnati has designated Cyber Exchange as a collection station for donations of used software. UCP is in need of software that can be used for business and educational purposes: word processing, database and spreadsheet programs, as well as financial software and games. Take your used software (include manuals, original disks, documentation, and original packaging) to Cyber Exchange at its Kenwood store and make a donation to United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cincinnati. Cyber Exchange will help you determine the value of your donation and forward the software to UCP. Then UCP will acknowledge your tax-deductible, charitable gift. For more information about the Cyber Exchange donation program, or UCP's programs and services, contact UCP at 221-4606 or Cyber Exchange at 794-4488.



**GREAT THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND NORTH AVONDALE**

**Soup Kitchen at St. Michael/All Angels Church**

St. Michael/All Angels Church at 3626 Reading Rd. operates a soup kitchen every Thursday from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to donate food or money call Father Clifton Wednesday through Saturday at 221 2306.

**Xavier's 1997 Homecoming & Street Closure**

Xavier University invites the North Avondale community to the 1997 Homecoming festivities on Friday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Friday, there will be the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and the XU Players presenting "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward, University Center Theater, 8:00 p.m. Saturday, starts off at 9:30 a.m. with a Pancake Breakfast at the O'Connor Sports Center. This is followed by the 11:00 a.m. All for One Classic 5K Race and the 11:05 a.m. Xavier Homecoming Parade. There will be a post-parade Cookout on the residential mall (\$5 a person) and at 2:00 p.m. the Xavier men's basketball team vs. the Akron Zips at the Cincinnati Gardens. **Reservations need to be made for all of the events except for the parade, even though some of them are free.** To make reservations, please contact the Xavier University National Alumni Association at 745-3337.



Some streets will be closed one to one and a half hours during the race and parade. Street closure for the Parade Line-up will begin at **9:30 a.m.** for Victory Pkwy at Dana south to Rockdale Avenue. *The parade will travel north on Victory Parkway to Ledgeswood, turn right onto Ledgeswood.* The following streets will be closed at 10:45 a.m. for the "All for One" 5K Race: Victory Pkwy. to Sherman Avenue, Ledgeswood to Avondale, Avondale to Winding Way, Winding Way to Dana, Dana to Ledgeswood, and Ledgeswood to Herald. They will reopen at **12 Noon.**

**RECYCLED LATEX PAINT - NOW AVAILABLE**

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**Xavier Piano & Guitar Series**

- Classical Piano - November 9<sup>th</sup> - Stewart Goodyear
  - November 16<sup>th</sup> - Kemal Gekic
  - Jazz Piano - November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Harold Mabern
- For prices & more information call 745-3161



**TIPS FROM THE  
SANITATION DIVISION**

Tires are the only automobile parts collected by the Sanitation Division. On the regular collection day, four tires can be set out for collection. If the tires are not collected within 24 hours, call the Customer Service Center on 591-6000. Sanitation also collects dead animals within the city limits. To have dead animals collected, citizens should call the Customer Service Center with the specific location. Look for an address, intersection or landmarks that will aid in finding the dead animal. Both tires and dead animals are collected separately from the metal and solid waste collections.

**CNAS UPDATES**

CNAS (Cincinnati Neighborhood Action Strategy) is working hard to help our neighborhood. Our neighborhood area is made up of Avondale, Mt. Auburn, North Avondale, Paddock Hills and Walnut Hills. The CNAS team is made up of Cincinnati City representatives from Building & Inspections, City Planning, Police, Fire, Public Works, Neighborhood Services, Economic Development, Health, Recreation and neighborhood representatives. Our NANA representative is Coordinator Charlene Morse. The CNAS team meets every other Thursday. To report eyesores & problems call Charlene at 221-6166.

Some of the things CNAS is presently working on:

- improving the x-walk at Marion & Clinton Springs with new yellow reflector and side mounted signs.
- junk cars being removed from many locations
- problems with the Reading Rd. construction
- getting lots & lots of weeds cut down & getting litter picked up

**NANA Executive Board & Committee Chairs**

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