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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having Xavier as a neighbor can be both good and bad. It was good the other night when Xavier had midnight madness at the new Cintas Center. I had company over and we walked to the Cintas Center and enjoyed watching Xavier basketball. No parking or traffic hassles.

It's bad when some Xavier students speed down my street exceeding the 25 mph speed limit by 15 to 25 mph. I think that those students view the speed humps as a challenge rather than a neighborhood's attempt to keep the street safe. Is it because they don't live here that they don't care that my neighbors have young children and pets? Because of their speeding the moms on the street are afraid to let their kids play or walk on the side walk. I wonder if they drive that fast when they go home to the neighborhoods where they grew up. I doubt it.

November is the month North Avondale will begin to feel the true impact of Xavier's Cintas Center on our neighborhood. Cintas Center has been open for months. However in November Xavier has many events, that for the first time, will fill the Cintas Center to capacity. In November there are four Xavier basketball games (Nov. 18, 22, 28, 30) Attendance at each will exceed 10,000. Two other events expect attendance of 8000 (Nov. 3 & 9).

Xavier has made an honest effort to minimize the negative impact the Cintas Center will have on our neighborhood. Maximum demand for parking on and around Xavier's campus will occur when Xavier has both weeknight classes and a sell-out event at the Cintas Center. According to Xavier's calculations, in maximum demand conditions, Xavier needs appropriately 4,000 parking spaces for students and Cintas Center visitors. To meet the Cintas Center maximum demand for parking, Xavier created 2,200 new parking spaces and made arrangement to use 470 parking spaces for event parking. The new spaces added to the existing 1,800 spaces on campus provides a total 4,470 parking spaces available for maximum demand conditions at Xavier.

Parking is not the only negative impact the Cintas Center will have on North Avondale. Large event traffic could be a real problem. Xavier and Cincinnati Traffic Engineering are trying to find solutions. Xavier and the City have agreed to close Ledgewood at Victory and Winding Way at Dana to all but local traffic one hour before the start of events when attendance is expected to exceed 5000 or 6000. I think it will be necessary to also close Ledgewood at Asmann and Avondale at Reading. Xavier and the City disagree so for now those streets will not be closed and restricted to local traffic only. Xavier has added two new access roads to the Cintas Center. The Dana-Herald connector and Webster Drive.



THANK YOU NANA ADOPT-A-BED VOLUNTEERS

Fall is definitely here and I, as I'm sure you have been enjoying the beautiful NANA flower beds. The spring bulbs, the summer flowers and the fall mums have certainly enriched our lives. All of this does not happen by magic. A lot of time, effort, & people are necessary for this successful project.

None of this would be possible without the deft handling of NANA Beautification Chair Ursula Hassel. She also received a lot of help from Dana triangle chair Betsy Gotwals. They have had numerous people especially Carol Kroth & Sharon Zerkel, who have helped with weeding & planting projects on "work days" This Saturday October 28th young men from the group home on Dana helped plant the day lilies & daffodils from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Thank you to: Caleb Clifford, Ross Clark, Duriel Crenshaw, D'wan Davis, Cory Dillard, Mike Johnson, Chris Lane, Ronald Martin & Chris Tolliver.

Natorp's has donated copious plants for our numerous beds. A sprinkler system was added on the Dana Triangle. Our goal is to have all our beds with sprinkler systems (see article page 3).

Thank you to our adopt-a-bed volunteers:

Victory Pkwy & Rockdale: Gerry & Marvin Kraus;
in the median: Marian Miller.

Dana Triangle: 1- Cindy Starr; 2- Mary Piper; 3 (on Dana)- Cindy, Bill & Brian Starr; 4- Vanessa Wayne; 5 (on Victory Pkwy)- Pat Paul & Julia Irwin; 6- Gerry & Marvin Kraus; 7- Ursula Hassel; 8 (the point)- Group effort.

Marion circle: Ursula Hassel.

Seasongood Park: each side of Clinton Springs & Reading
(2 beds)- Betsy Gotwals;

Reading & N. Crescent: Gerry & Marvin Kraus.

Avon Fields park entrance: Mel Gale.

Red Bud pillars: Patric & Judith Denicola.

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AGENDA

NOVEMBER 14TH, 7:30P.M.

NANA GENERAL MEETING

**NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

617 CLINTON SPRINGS

- NSP 2001 PROPOSAL
- XU PARKING & TRAFFIC
- 545 CAMDEN DECK WAVIER PROPOSAL

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RECLAIMING 727 SHUTTLESWORTH - PART 3

By John Angelo

October was a big month for 727 S. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle. As a committee, a board and a community we were able to pull together and navigate our way through special financing which will take the project to a new level... one well beyond anyone's original expectations. Most importantly, we were able to do this with a limited non-recourse agreement. Major kudos to North Avondale residents Marvin Kraus (NANA legal counsel) and Jeanne Gollhofer (Director of the Cincinnati Development Fund), as well as Steve Schreiber (Cincinnati Development Fund legal counsel) for their extreme patience and professional services.

The entire city is talking about the project. In addition to Channel 12's up-lifting coverage and the Cincinnati Post's very positive editorial, Channel 9 featured the project as a role-model for the city's neighborhoods to rebuild and revitalize themselves. Rumor has it that Cincinnati Magazine also may be considering a feature on the project and a profile of North Avondale. Special thanks to Charlene Morse, Ryan McGinnis, Stuart Tennison, Allan Pray, Mary Piper, John Jones and S. Fred Shuttlesworth resident Eddie Thompson for contributing time to assist with the Channel 9 coverage.

In November, we move from the infrastructure repairs to the cosmetic enhancements. The exterior of the house will be painted. The bathrooms will be remodeled. The kitchen will be installed. The landscaping will be overhauled. And the interior of the house will be prepared for a complete repainting.

Special kudos to King Container for their very generous contribution of a second roll-off container for the disposal of debris. Their immediate community support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer on the project or you know of a company which might be interested in participating as a partner, please contact me at 281-6644.

**Parkland is for everyone to enjoy.
Please don't dump your yard waste on parkland.
Remember the city collects yard waste. Just mark your
trash can "yard waste," put in the yard waste & put out
with your regular trash. It's easy and it doesn't infringe on
other peoples space.**

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How large events at Cintas Center will effect the neighborhood is unknown, but we are about to find out. Ten-thousand plus people coming into the neighborhood several times a month is bound to have an impact. Although Xavier and the City appear to be committed to working with North Avondale to protect the character of our neighborhood it is really up to those of us who live here to do that job. If problems arise when large events occur at the Cintas Center, report them to NANA, Xavier & the Cincinnati Police. If the problems continue; be prepared to get involved with NANA, so as a group we can find a solution. It is up to all of us living in the neighborhood to insure that North Avondale remains Cincinnati's best address.

John

NANA HONORED BY OHIO CITIZEN ACTION

By Gerry Kraus

The North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA) has been chosen by Ohio Citizen Action to receive its Civic Leadership Award. The award will be presented at Ohio Citizen Action's 25th Anniversary celebration on December 2, 2000. NANA was chosen "to honor the great work of the Association and to especially highlight those who formed NANA's Clean Air Committee over 10 years ago." Not only was the Clean Air Committee part of the team that stopped Ohio's greatest polluter, Phthalchem, Inc. (W. Mitchell Ave.) from continuing to defile the air in our neighborhood, but it was also instrumental in getting Cincinnati Specialties, Inc. (formerly PMC, Inc.) in St. Bernard to install a thermal oxidizer on its stack to reduce toxic chemicals from being emitted into the air. It also worked with other neighborhood groups to reduce odors emanating from Proctor & Gamble Co. Today the Clean Air Committee, like the Maytag repairman, remains alert to any environmental conditions that may pollute the air in our neighborhood.

Many of NANA's Clean Air Committee members are also active in Ohio Citizen Action's Campaign for Safer Neighborhoods coalition which has been focusing on Cincinnati Specialties. In February, 2000 this company agreed to make additional changes at its facility, including the building of a chlorine containment building to house the 2-3 large tank cars of chlorine it regularly keeps on its site. "Members such as Bob Frankel, Walter Grayman, Marvin & Gerry Kraus and Mike Rieck (official liaison for NANA) are cornerstones of our coalition's campaign at Cincinnati Specialties as well as other ongoing activities," states Rachael Belz, S.W. Ohio Director of Ohio Citizen Action.

Ohio Citizen Action's December 2nd celebration will take place at the Carnegie Center of Columbia Tusculum, 3738 Eastern Ave., Social Hour will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the awards presentations at 8 P.M. and a Bluegrass band and dancing to follow. Individual tickets are \$25, if you wish to attend call Rachael Belz at 221-2100.

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Kessler Memorial: Betsy Gotwals.
Clinton Springs Strip: Marian Miller &
Rita Stevens.
Dickson West: Barb Slavinski.
Dickson East: Talli Flanigan.
Clinton Springs & Washington: Marian Miller
& Ferrial Lanton.



As you may have noticed some volunteers do more than their share of work making North Avondale beautiful. The Kraus's maintain not only three beds but help with many of the beds when needed

But this year simply the magnitude of the beds has forced us to name **MARIAN MILLER: VOLUNTEER GARDENER EXTRAORDINAIRE** She has tackled the most challenging beds that no one wanted to tackle. Marian has found creative solutions and found more free or almost free plants to start filling the huge beds at Washington & Clinton Springs.

We need more volunteers to help with weeding & planting. If interested please call the NANA office at 221-6166

**UPDATES ON:
ICE CREAM TRUCKS, MOBILE MARKETS
ABANDONED VEHICLES &
710 S. SHUTTLESWORTH/CRESCENT**

On Tuesday October 24th Tom Jones, Pauline Daly, Charlene Morse, LeRoy Euvard (Mt Auburn) & Willie Stevens (Winton Woods) went to Councilman Paul Booths Neighborhood & Public Works Committee to ask for help in regulating **mobile businesses** be it ice cream trucks or mobile markets (on Burton). The concerns were:

1. Hours of Business (should a business serving children be out after dark?)
2. Should there be a limit on the amount of time a vehicle should be stopped in one location?
3. Should there be a requirement that the truck be located where visibility is not restricted?
4. Should the mobile business be responsible for the trash it generates?
5. When located to attract students as they leave school, how close to the school can the truck be? What if its location results in children having to cross the street without a crossing guard?
6. The effect on the neighborhood from noise, litter, the running of a business all day from a parking spot.
7. Safety of children.
8. How can zoning protect a residential neighborhood from businesses when zoning doesn't seem to apply to vehicles parked on streets.

Some possible solutions were suggested:

1. Requiring owners to hire someone to pick up trash, or offer money back on products (i.e. the vendor charges \$1 for a juice jug for which they used to charge 50 cents then give 50 cents back if they turn in the empty plastic jug)
2. Require the ice-cream truck to use a flashing light instead of music after dark or after a certain hour.
3. There is a switch in the ice cream truck that when switched on automatically turns off the music when the vehicle is stationary for more than a few minutes. An easy solution for the times when trucks sit for 15 or more minutes playing the same music over & over would be to require the switch always be on.

The response from the committee was very positive with a commitment to look into it and work with us in this process.

On Wednesday October 25, at the initiative of CNAS team J (Cincinnati Neighborhood Action Strategy) in which North Avondale is a member, a meeting at Hirsch Center was held to discuss and find solutions for the **abandon/junk vehicle** problem. There were representatives from the Roselawn & Mt Auburn community, the Health Department, Recreation, Building Inspections, Police; Neighborhood Officers, Cincinnati Parking Enforcement, Impoundment, Officer Mike Hill, & our NANA Coordinator. The meeting was very informative and productive. The committee will meet again on November 21 to look over a draft for the community councils to present to City Council for possible solutions to this growing & complicated problem. Look for an update in next month's newsletter.

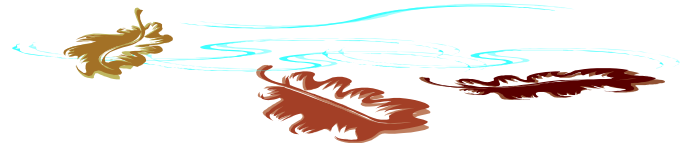
After the threat of criminal prosecution the church at **710 S Shuttlesworth/Crescent** (October Reverse the Blight) got busy and have promised to clean up the debris by the end of the week. Channel 9, after reading the NANA News article, did a news story on the Sunday October 22nd 6 p.m. newscast.

**AVONDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AIDS IN BEAUTIFICATION
by Gerry Kraus**

At its October 17 meeting the Avondale Community Council (ACC) voted unanimously to pay for the installation of a sprinkler system at the large triangular flower bed at Victory Parkway/Rockdale Avenue. The group also voted to pay for sprinklers at the small bed (with two large rocks) on the same traffic island that the ACC had developed under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Martin. In addition ACC voted to install a plaque at this latter flower bed in memory of Mrs. Martin who recently died. And with the completion of the automatic sprinkler system for the eight (8) flower beds at Victory Parkway/Dana this past September, all those who drive, jog or walk along this stretch of the Parkway can look forward to beautiful floral displays undaunted by the heat and/or drought of summer weather.

New Volunteers Needed

NANA needs 6-8 new volunteers to help maintain the neighborhood flower beds next year. This will give relief to some of our volunteers, who have been taking care of the flower beds for many years. The responsibility would include initial planting of flowers, plus 1 to 2 hours of weeding per month during the season (April - September). Weeding can be very relaxing, even therapeutic! If enough people volunteer we can have teams maintaining each bed. If you love floral beauty in the neighborhood and can contribute 1 to 2 hours per month, please call Ursula Hassel at **751-4546** or call & leave a message at the NANA Office at **221-6166**.



NSP 2001 FUNDING

NANA is in the process of deciding how to spend \$10,000 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) funds in 2001. The City of Cincinnati has for the past 18 years allocated \$10,000 per year to each of its 52 neighborhood groups for projects and activities that enhance the quality of life in each neighborhood. In past years money has been spent on publishing the NANA NEWS, membership development, beautification - including our 22 adopted flower beds, & a paid coordinator to follow up on issues of safety, code enforcement, land development and zoning.

At this time, as in the past, the categories are: Newsletter, Clean-up & Beautification, Land Development & Improvement, Environmental Affairs, Law Enforcement & Safety, Membership and Seniors & Youth Projects. The Executive Committee will propose the dollar amounts for each category to present to the general body. We will finalize the NSP proposal at the NANA November General Meeting on November 14th.

Each year NANA would like to use some of its NSP money for new projects or activities. If you have an idea for improving North Avondale, call the NANA Office at 221-6166 before the November 14 General Meeting.



New & Exciting Programs Added This Fall The CRC "Arts For All" program is involved at North Avondale offering 3 new programs:

- Literacy Arts (7 yrs & Over) using the computer lab Mon. 3 to 5 p.m.
- Puppetry Program (5 & 6 year olds) 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- African Dance & Drum Group (7 yrs & over) 3 to 5 p.m.
- SUMA Program Art activities for 9 thru 13 yr olds Tues. 3 to 5 p.m.
- Cooking Classes with Cindy Burning (Walnut Hills H. S. Volunteer) Fri. 3 to 5 p.m.
- Computer Classes with Ben Wiggershaus (Walnut Hills H. S. Volunteer) Wed. 3 to 4 p.m.
- Computer Classes with Byron Moody (U. C. student volunteer) Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 3 to 5 p.m. Wed. 4 to 5 p.m.
- Instructional Basketball League for Kids (5 - 7 yrs old) Mon. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- (8 & 9 yrs) Pony League Mon. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sign Language (12 & under) Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 3 to 5 p.m.
- (Teens & adults) Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 to 8:15

Center will be closed Nov 10 for Veterans Day & **Nov 23 & 24** for Thanksgiving

Fall Play "Fella" Thursday November 16 & Friday November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Admission Fee: Adults \$2.00; Seniors, Teens, Children under 12 - \$1.00; Children under 12 with center membership .50

Senior Schedule: 10 to 2 M-F *Addition to last month: No internet yet & Thursday Computer 10 to 12 - must have basic knowledge.

Classic Seniors Schedule every Friday: **Nov. 3**, Old Historical Washington & Luncheon, Mainville Kentucky. Yellow bus leaves from center; **Nov. 10, Center Closed**; **Nov. 17**, 10:00 a.m. Business meeting Refreshments served; **Nov 24 Center Closed**; **Dec. 1**, 10:00 a.m. Business meeting.

NANA CALENDAR

- First Thursday of Every Month, 6:30 p.m., S. & N. Fred Shuttlesworth Circle, Greenwood & Burton **Block Club Meeting** at Bethlehem Baptist, 760 Nth Fred Shuttlesworth Circle Questions - call Pauline Daly at 751- 8334
- Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., **MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD RECYCLING**, 615 Clinton Springs
- Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., **NOVEMBER NANA GENERAL MEETING**, 617 Clinton Springs

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