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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First off, I would like to thank our outgoing President Jim Obergefell. He did a wonderful job and throughout his term I've been able to gain some small insight into the duties and responsibilities which are a part of being president of NANA. We hope that the parting gift given to Jim will not mean an end to his involvement with NANA. NANA has a rich history of involvement of past presidents, and I'm hoping that this will continue, as being president of NANA means that the shoes to be filled are pretty large.

Your new board, and I are in the process of working towards becoming an effective "team". Towards this end we are capitalizing on the expertise we have in the neighborhood. Barbara Henshaw and John Arthur, within their work organizations are involved in this "team" training. Both are in charge of training the board members, working in tandem. The initial purpose of this training is to become better organized and more effective in working on the issues facing the neighborhood organization. To make a clear distinction between what is a problem and what is an issue (an issue is an immediate problem for which we may have a specific solution, a target and a timeline.) To seek to maintain the quality of life, which we have come to expect living in this neighborhood and is after all why we choose to live here. Our second purpose is that we become more efficient in how we conduct business, or meetings. We are developing forms to help streamline this process. After all, we all have busy lives and inefficiency can cause a loss of interest in participating in the meetings, and we are in the process of trying to recruit more people from the neighborhood to participate in these neighborhood meetings. This participation can take the form of attending meetings and/or participation on ad hoc teams which may be formed to address a particular issue, on a particular street.

More on this process will follow. Meanwhile I ask that you bear with us and especially me, as we begin this process, and our strategy to be orderly (for this I will depend on Charlene) and inclusive (here Nana needs your input to help in forming and carrying out the plan).

I look forward to your participation in our meetings and to meeting you in our new venture "Sunday Afternoon in the Park...with NANA"

John W. Jones

The three numbers to call when you call the Police: Emergency - 911 (Crime in progress, fire, serous injuries); Non Emergency 765-1212; District Four Desk - 352-3576

"SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE PARK... WITH NANA"

By Gerry Kraus

"Sunday Afternoon In The Park...With NANA" is a fun event for all North Avondale residents. It is an opportunity for neighbors to stroll through and enjoy one of our neighborhood parks. "Sunday Afternoon..." will take place at

SEASONGOOD SQUARE PARK
Reading Rd. between Clinton Springs & N. F. Shuttlesworth
on Sunday, August 17 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Come and join your neighbors in this afternoon event that will include music, games (for all ages), displays and demonstrations, food and **FREE** ice cream sundaes!

NANA welcomes musicians for solo, duet or group performance or for a pick-up jam session; artists, artisans and horticulturists to display and sell their creative products; people to bring their favorite board game (checkers to chess) for a friendly round-robin; double-dutch jump ropers; Karate or Tai Chi or other martial arts demonstrations; any other presentations you care to share. It is an opportunity to do your thing...or watch others do their thing.

NANA will provide an environment – and a few attractions – to encourage neighbors to spend an afternoon with their neighbors in the park. You can either be part of the afternoon activity or just be an observer strolling through. It is a few hours to go back to a way of life that existed before television and air conditioning when walking in the neighborhood park was a regular Sunday afternoon family activity. It is a destination place to walk to and to greet and meet neighbors.

Anyone interested in joining in a musical jam session, setting up a table to display their creative output, having a demonstration by your group or whatever should call the **NANA office** or

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NANA GENERAL MEETING
JULY 8TH, 7:30 p.m.
NORTH AVONDALE
COMMUNITY CENTER
617 Clinton Springs Ave.

AGENDA ITEMS:
· N.A. CENTER BASKETBALL
COURT RELOCATION
· SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE
PARK...WITH NANA (SEE
ABOVE)



NO AUGUST NANA GENERAL MEETING

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON
PROPOSED NEW ZONING CODE
By Gerry Kraus**

The Neighborhood and Public Services Committee of City Council jointly with the City Planning Commission will hold three (3) PUBLIC HEARINGS to present a zoning update and to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed new zoning code. They will take place as follows:

Wednesday, July 16 from 7-9 PM
Westwood Town Hall (Harrison & Montana)
Wednesday, July 23 from 7-9 PM
Bond Hill Recreation Center (1501 Elizabeth Place)
Thursday, July 31 from 7-9 PM
Madisonville Civic Center (5908 Madison Road)

While the meeting in Bond Hill on July 23 is geared to those neighborhoods in the Central City, including North Avondale, residents may attend any of the above hearings.

NANA has petitions from residents living on Betula Avenue, Rose Hill Avenue (between Beechwood and Red Bud), Stratford Place and Paddock Road (north of Stratford Place) who object to having the zoning of their property changed from R-1A (lot size 20,000 sq. ft.) to SF-10 (lot size 10,000 sq. ft.) and also from residents on Kessler Avenue and Kessler Place who object to having their streets of mostly single family homes zoned multi-family. A petition to upgrade zoning (from SF-10 to SF-20) on parts of Norway & Barker was also submitted to NANA.. NANA will present these petitions and officially object to these proposed zone changes at the July 23 meeting. NANA will also voice its objection to the text of the zoning code that permits Child Day Care or Bed and Breakfast businesses in single family zoned areas. Residents are highly encouraged to attend one of the three public hearings – preferably the July 23 meeting at the Bond Hill Recreation Center – to register their individual objections to the proposed zoning code. Residents are also encouraged to submit their comments in writing along with their testimony.

If you are unable to attend any of the three meetings, NANA urges you to write, email or call the following members of the Neighborhood & Public Service Committee: Council Members David Pepper, Chair, Y. Laketa Cole, John Cranley, David Crowley, Chris Monzel; also members of the Cincinnati Planning Commission: Don Mooney, Chair, Terry Hankner, Caleb Faux, Jackie McCray, Pete Witte, Council Member Jim Tarbell, Ass't. City Manager Deborah Holston. Email addresses and/or telephone numbers of the above persons can be obtained at the Clerk of Council office, 352-3246. (City employees' & Council members email addresses are First name.Last name@cincinnati-oh.gov)

Your presence and testimony at one of these meetings is very important for maintaining the quality of life we enjoy in North Avondale.

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speak to a "Sunday Afternoon..." Committee member* for more details and to give NANA an idea of who might wish to participate.

**Committee members include Gerry Kraus, Chair, Ellen Epstein, Carolyn Godby, Amy Hines, Allison Paradise, Velma Triggs, Don Anthony and NANA Coordinator Charlene Morse.*

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Beginning Monday, June 23rd, I have been told OSHA has been on site of Cincinnati Specialties and enforcing a clean-up. I have noticed no odors this week. Wednesday, noon time I drove PAST the plant twice; today, once around the plant. Is it possible!?!? Even with a northerly breeze today, Ardmore Ave. was clean of odors.

Hamilton County Environmental Services has a separate complaint currently against them. But if you notice additional odors, let me know (961-6563). Also, continue to call the Odor Hotline at 946-7777. Thanks for all your help.

Mike Rieck, Nana Environmental Chairperson

**To Restore Clean Air Laws to Cincinnati check out:
WWW.TITLE-X.org**

Imago and the Cincinnati Earth Institute are collecting old cell phones to raise money and recycle. Imago is a nonprofit ecological organization located in Price Hill that creates tangible ways to live in harmony with the Earth (www.imagoearth.org). This initiative started on May 1st and will last for 90 days Listed below are some of the drop off locations.

Kaldi's Coffee House & Bookstore
1204 Main St. (Over the Rhine)
Habenero Latin American Cuisine
358 Ludlow Ave. (Clifton)
United Cerebral Palsy
3601 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati 45229
8:30-4 p. m., Monday-Friday
Old St. George
42 Calhoun St. (Corryville)

IN MEMORIAM

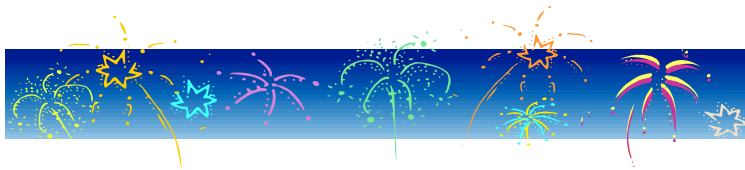
David R. Weinberg, PhD., (Beechwood) died on Friday, June 20, 2003. NANA extends condolences to his wife LaWanda W. Walters, and children Tess and Jason Weinberg.

Franklin Harkavy 77, (formerly of Redbud & Rose Hill) died June 15. The long time North Avondale resident professionally was a real estate broker whose volunteer efforts included Tender Mercies, a founder & board president & member of Cedar Village, Winners Walk Tall (at Washington Park School), People working Cooperatively and many more groups. He was a pitcher in fast pitch softball for almost 60 years. Our condolences to his wife Roslyn and family, Tamara, Matthew, Joshua, Tim & Clara, Betsey & Elan Elad.



Please be a good neighbor and always cleanup after your dog and use a leash. **City Ordinance 701-30. Dog Excrement Removal** requires the individual with a dog under his or her control to contain and remove the dogs excrement from public property or the property of another,

City Ordinance 701-2. Leash Required states that the individual with a harmless **dog**, not on the premises or in a motor vehicle, shall keep the **dog** on a leash of such length to keep the **dog** from annoying others unless the **dog** is in training, a competition, or show or on property with the permission of the property owner.



NANA NEIGHBORS

Amanda Lisa Thomas (E. Mitchell) is a personal chef who will come to your home and cook for you. In your own home she can prepare a week of food for you all ready to eat or cook for a small dinner party or event. For more information call 310-2302 or email at amandalisa.personalchef@fuse.net

A committee of your neighbors is forming as a result of the June Nana News letter to the editor concerning writing some articles about the history of North Avondale. We won't be meeting until after the summer. If interested call the NANA office.

The New School (Burton Woods Lane) Receives Dual Accreditations The New School, an independent Montessori school, is proud to announce its recent accreditation by both the Independent School Association of the Central States and the American Montessori Society. The school accreditation process involved a rigorous eighteen-month self-study by the entire school community and a three-day evaluation by an outside team of educators. As a result of these accreditations, The New School is recognized with other prestigious schools in Cincinnati. The New School is a full-day Montessori school for children ages 3 to 12, located in the historic Mitchell Mansion in North Avondale.

The New School Wins National Prize for Freedom Center Monument The New School received the top award from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center's Monument Challenge. The New School's sixth grade students designed a monument to "honor the courageous men and women who risked or lost their lives to escape slavery and persevered to reach freedom along the Underground Railroad, and to those who cooperated in assisting them." The New School's sixth graders designed a lantern to represent a beacon of light in the darkness and the symbol of safe houses for the Underground Railroad. The inscription on the lantern design reads, "Freedom Shines on Us." The students developed the design, designating materials for the monument, wrote an essay and composed a poem. The New School shared the top prize with two other schools, The Bethany School in Cincinnati, and a Wisconsin school. The winning entries can be seen at www.freedomcenter.org/freedomquests/monuments

IT'S FUN TO LIVE IN CINCINNATI By Gerry Kraus

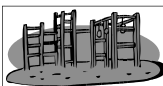
One of the nice things about living in Cincinnati is all the FREE activities that are available this summer like concerts in the Cincinnati parks:

- **The Hood Is Bigger Than You Think Tour on July 19 from 6-9 PM** at Eden Park Seasongood Pavilion. *Celebrate Ohio!* Will feature The United States Air Force Band of Flight, Bobby Bright and the Kelly Richey Band
- Musicians from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra led by Associate Conductor John Morris Russell will present a **free Classical Roots: Spiritual Heights Family Concerts for the Community**, at **Zion Baptist Church (630 Glenwood)** on **July 22 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **The Queen City Blues Fest on July 31-August 2 (Thursday and Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.)** at Sawyer Point Park on the Ohio River. There will be two stages featuring electric & acoustic blues and FREE workshops.
- **Avondale Days, August 3-5 at Lincoln Park:** Sunday Avondale churches will present Sunday school & worship services followed by a peace walk, picnic & Gospel Fest (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.); Monday is a Safety/Health Fair with free screenings, injury prevention/education, food and an evening of jazz & R & B (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.); Tuesday is National Night Out with fun activities, free ice cream & 3-Square Music Foundation talent show (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
- Stroll, bike or just sit back and enjoy the passing scene along the Ohio River at Cincinnati's newest park **The Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park** located just east of the Montgomery Inn Boathouse Restaurant parking lot (this park connects to Sawyer Point Park and the Serpentine Wall for a nice long aerobic walk or jog) or at Cincinnati's oldest park **Eden Park** with its two Ohio River overlooks as well as its renowned **Krohn Conservatory**.

Then there's the museums like

- **Lois & Richard Rosenthal Contemporary Art Center (CAC) downtown** at 6th & Walnut Sts. Did you know that this much heralded art center, including its kids **Unmuseum**, is open FREE to the public on Monday evenings from 5-9 PM?
- **Cincinnati Art Museum (CAM)** in Eden Park. In addition to its new Cincinnati Wing featuring Cincinnati artists there are exhibits this summer of Jim Borgman's (*Enquirer*) and Jeff Stahler's (*Post*) cartoons called **The Editorial Eye** and **Out at Home: The Negro Baseball League**. The CAM has been FREE to the public all opening hours since May 1.

And don't forget North Avondale's own **"Sunday Afternoon In The Park...With NANA"** on August 17 (see page 1).



HELP NEEDED. Come to Hirsch Community Center to build the new Playground on July 12 from 10 a.m. until it is finished!



**North
Avondale
Community
Center
961-1584**

Center closed: July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Have a GREAT WEEKEND!
July 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. because CG&E has to shut off the electricity to the center to set up the electricity in the school's new modules being installed this summer on the back play area.

September 1st for Labor Day

SUMMER DAY CAMP FIELD TRIPS:

July 1 st Bowling at Colerain Bowl 8 th Swimming at the Beach Waterpark 15 th Playing at Wonderpark in the Forest Fair Mall 16 th Catching a show at the Showboat Majestic 22 nd Learning at the Cincinnati Museum Center	August 30 th Experiencing the Hamilton County Fair 5 th Skatin' Place 12 th Coney Island 15 th Last Day Summer Camp 21 st First Day of After School Day Camp (To Register Call Ms. Harris)
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FREE-LUNCH PROGRAM - Monday through Friday from 11:15 to 12:00 for all children 18 years and younger. Be there by 11:15 a.m. to be counted.

Call the center for information on any other special events, programs or field trips.

SUMMER HOURS: Monday – Thursday 7:15 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fridays 7:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
June 2 through August 15 Saturdays 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NANA CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING,** N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, July 12 & August 2, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Surrey Square, Montgomery Road, Norwood, Recycling Mixed Paper
- **NO AUGUST NANA GENERAL MEETING**
- **Sunday, August 17 from 3 to 6 p. m. "Sunday Afternoon In The Park...With NANA"** Seasongood Square (see page 1)
- Tuesday, August 26, 7:30 p.m. **Rose Hill Area Block Watch Meeting** 718 Betula
- **Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m. NANA GENERAL MEETING,** N. A. Community Center, 617 Clinton Springs
- Saturday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NORTH AVONDALE RECYCLING: MIXED PAPER** 615 Clinton Springs



NANA GENERAL MEETING JULY 8

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