

NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

GROUND BROKEN FOR SENIOR APARTMENTS; WAITING LIST FOR THE 35 UNITS GROWING



Councilwoman Deb Hermann presided at the September 8 groundbreaking for the Chaumiere Place Senior Apartments at the site of the former Eastwood School, 4140 N. Walrond. Elected officials from Kansas City and the State of Missouri attended, along with residents of the Chaumiere neighborhood, where the development is located.

Construction is now underway to convert the Eastwood School site to affordable senior housing. Chaumiere Place will be financed by \$5.5 million in federal and state tax credits obtained through the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

Architects for Chaumiere Place are Gastinger Walker Harden Architects of Kansas City, Missouri. Oakview Construction of Red Oak, Iowa, is the General Contractor. The apartment village will be owned and operated by a limited liability company composed of Cohen-Esrey Development, LLC and NNI Development, LLC, a subsidiary of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. Construction is expected to take ten months.

While Chaumiere Place is not a subsidized housing project, rents are very affordable and tenants do have to meet federal income guidelines. Seniors interested in renting one of the 35 apartments (twelve are patio homes on the grounds of the former school) should call NNI at 454-2000 for more information on how to qualify for one of the apartment units.

APPLICATIONS FOR SMART PROGRAM COMING IN FAST

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. launched the Sustainable Maintenance and Renewal Today (SMART) program August 30. More than 130 applications for \$900,000 in federal home repair grants have already been filed with NNI. Those applications will be processed as soon as NNI gets the green light from the HUD regional office, which must sign off on the environmental review.

The SMART target neighborhoods are Sunset-Dixon, Crestview, Walnut Ridge, Russell Manor and two neighborhoods in Gladstone, Stormy Acres and Evanston Place. The program is closely modeled after the Chouteau Housing and Maintenance Program (CHAMP). Residents of the target neighborhoods may qualify for the \$4,500 home repair grants if they own their own home and provide proof of income and meet income guidelines. For more information about the SMART program, contact Christy Harris or James Cianciaruso at NNI, 454-2000.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CLIPS

Connections: Speakers on board for October and November meetings

Mike Herron, Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department - North Region, will give yet another encore presentation at the October 11 meeting. On November 8, Todd Ashby, Assistant Director of Transportation for the Mid America Regional Council (MARC), will present Transportation Outlook 2030. It describes how the region will manage, operate and invest in its multimodal transportation system over the next three decades. Transportation planning is especially crucial to the future of the Northland.

Due to the holidays, there will be no Connections meeting in December.

Connections meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. at NNI. The meetings are designed to provide neighborhood leaders updates on important issues and programs affecting neighborhoods, the city and the region. Plan to attend. And, bring a friend.

Flu clinic at NNI: Give it a shot!

The Clay County Health Department will provide flu shots at NNI on November 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. Please take advantage of this important service and help guard yourself from unpleasant—and sometimes dangerous—bouts with seasonal flu.

Meet Your Councilpersons meetings cancelled for October and December

A great number of civic events are normally held in October. Councilpersons attend many these events. The month of December is filled with numerous holiday events. Recognizing the heavy time commitment faced by our City Council representatives, NNI has cancelled the meetings in October and December that are normally held on the 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Workshops set for North Oak Corridor

The first public workshop for the North Oak Corridor Plan was scheduled for September 29, 6-8 p.m. at Crestview Elementary School, 4327 N. Holmes. A second workshop is scheduled for November 15, 6-8 p.m. at Harmony Vineyards (formerly Northland Cathedral), near Vivion and North Oak. The public workshops are an opportunity to be updated on the corridor project and to actually participate in the planning process.



Winnwood-Sunnybrook to mix bingo and magic brew October 14



The Winnwood-Sunnybrook Neighborhood Association will offer a double dose of fun and games October 14 with its Bingo and Magic Show. The fun lasts from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Eastgate School, 4700 NE Parvin Road. Doors open at 6:30. A \$3 donation per person at the door includes a door prize ticket, 10 games of bingo, and entertainment by Jason Dean, magician. Donations will help a deserving family during the holidays.

Sunset Dixon Lights Tour

Sunset Dixon will host a Chocolate & Champagne Lights tour, on Saturday, December 10. The event begins with a reception at the American Inn. The tour bus will depart from there at 5 p.m. and return around 10 p.m. Participants will see the Plaza, downtown and even spend an hour strolling around Crown Center. Tickets are \$25, seats are limited, and the deadline for reservations is November 10. For more information, please contact Pam 454-9502 or pamelarae@att.net.

Parent Alert: Kansas City has a curfew law

Under Kansas City's curfew law (Ordinance No. 50.237), it is unlawful for any person under age 18 to loiter, wander, stroll or play in public streets, parks, public buildings, and other public places 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and Midnight to 6 a.m. Friday through Saturday unless supervised by an adult. The adult must have lawful authority to be at such places during the curfew hours. Parents are urged to cooperate with police if their child violates the curfew.

SENIOR SEMINAR

Join Jim Silke from the Kansas City Police Department's North Patrol Division on, Wednesday, October 12, 9 a.m. for a discussion of mediation and verbal skills. He will cover how seniors can use these skills to avoid being intimidated or conned.

For more information, call Janet at 454-2000.

Irene Jacobs and one of her children watched the August 30 demolition of her old home from the porch of her brand new home where the family now lives.



NNI FOCUS CENTER CAN SAVE YOU TIME AND TROUBLE

Need a pet license? Need to register to vote? Have you been cited for a code violation and need to talk to a codes inspector? Do you want to report a possible code violation? Have you observed or experienced an incident with the police that you may think warrants an official complaint? Are you experiencing disorder in your apartment complex?

You can find answers to all these questions at NNI, which is an official FOCUS Center for the City of Kansas City. Call 454-2000 for more information.

HAPPY ENDING FOR NNI'S "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" STORY



JUMP ABOARD THE NNI BANDWAGON

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. That means your donations are tax-deductible. NNI relies far too much on governmental funding. This funding was difficult to obtain this year, and next year looks even more difficult. If you or your business likes what NNI is doing to make neighborhoods strong and sustainable, if you like the way NNI's Custom Solutions program is helping Northland families cope with dire emergencies, and if you like the way NNI is working with developers to consider neighborhood needs...please consider a contribution of \$100, \$200, \$300 or more. Make checks payable to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. and send to the address on the back of this newsletter. You will know how wisely your money is being used by reading this newsletter in the months ahead.



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Dates to Remember
OCTOBER 2005

Monday	10/3	Carriage Commons Homeowners	7:00 p.m.
Monday	10/10	Valley Brook Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10/11	Connections	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10/12	Seniors Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	10/13	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday	10/17	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	10/20	Auburn Hills Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.

NOTE: There will *not* be a Meet Your Councilperson meeting in October.