

NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

*Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.
Tenth Anniversary
1996-2006*

National Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off set for July 29

Some 600 people are expected to attend NNI's second annual National Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off on July 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Gladstone's Oak Grove Park, 76th and North Troost. Law enforcement partners include the Kansas City, Liberty and Gladstone police departments, and the Clay County Sheriff's Department.

According to NNI's Janet Shaffer, the first step in crime prevention is "getting to know your neighbors,



Neighbors gather for the 2005 Kick-Off at Penguin Park.

so expect ample amounts of food, door prizes, crime prevention information, and just having a great time." The Kick-Off includes booths on identity theft and personal safety, the FBI's exhibit on security and weapons of mass destruction, demonstrations on securing your home, DARE trucks, emergency response vehicles, the police show car, bomb and arson squad, and much more.

There will plenty of interest for kids, too, with Ident-A-Kid, clowns, McGruff, Pewie the Skunk, snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy. Spray from a fire department pumper truck will keep the kids cool and happy. A lineup of skits and bands will entertain children of all ages.



Officer Markus Smith assists a young lady with her Ident-A-Kid fingerprint.

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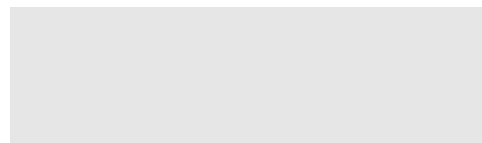
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NEIGHBORHOOD BEHIND.**



Dates to Remember
JULY 2006

Tuesday	7/4	4th Holiday - Office Closed	
Monday	7/10	Carriage Commons Neighborhood meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	7/11	Connections	6:30 p..m.
Wednesday	7/12	Seniors Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Monday	7/17	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	7/18	Greenhaven Neighborhood meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday	7/24	Meet Your Councilperson	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7/25	Neighborhood legal issues	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	5/26	Vrooman Acres Neighborhood meeting	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	7/29	Night Out Against Crime "Kick-off"	6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Clips

Connections: Speakers, topics lined up for July, August and September meetings

Judy Hadley with the City's Regulated Industries Division (formerly Liquor Control) will be at NNI on July 11. Judy will discuss how her division tries to balance business and neighborhood concerns related to liquor licenses.

Michael Schumacher, head of Kansas City's Animal Health and Safety Division (formerly Animal Control), is the *Connections* guest for August 8. This is a chance to hear about this important City service.

Dennis Murphey from the City's Environmental Management Office, will speak at the September 12 *Connections* meeting. Dennis will address issues ranging from trash collection to preservation of natural resources.

Connections meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at NNI. The meetings update neighborhood leaders on important issues and programs affecting neighborhoods, the city and the region.

Senior Seminar focus on brain food

Did you know that brain and memory health ranked second only to heart health as the greatest medical worry of those fifty-five to sixty-four years old? Scientists are rapidly identifying ways that "eating smart" can provide protection against dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Glenda Kinder, nutrition and health education specialist with the University of Missouri Extension, will show you how to boost your mind's defenses through proper diet. So, get smarter by attending the July 12 seminar at NNI at 9 a.m.

File of Life" could save your life

Imagine that you are injured and temporarily unable to communicate effectively with emergency personnel. Without information about your medical situation, how quickly will they be able to provide you with the correct care?

Without knowing what medicines you take, how will paramedics know which drugs they can safely administer to you?

Finally, without contact information, how will the police let your relatives know what has happened?

Clay County Senior Services now has refrigerator magnets and personal wallet size cards for recording vital medical information. Clay County seniors 60 and older can obtain the files of life, free-of-charge, at all fire stations in Clay County and at the Clay County Senior Services offices at 4444 N. Belleview, suite 209. Many local churches and health care professionals are also distributing the files.

The mini-medical history contained in a red plastic sleeve includes emergency contacts, medication information, and advance directive and living will information. This helps paramedics, hospitals, doctors and family more accurately and quickly care provide life-saving care. Seniors interested in the File of Life program may call 816/455-4800 for more information.

Quick Clips...

JULY 25, 6-7:30 P.M. AT NNI

Legal Aid attorney Jeff Williams will explain Missouri statutes on zoning, codes, abandoned housing and receivership.

AUGUST 16, AUGUST 17 AT NNI

University of Missouri – Columbia State Extension Specialist Stephen Jeanetta will hold workshops on important issues that arise within neighborhood or homeowner's associations. Stay tuned for more information.

THIS FALL

Gladstone Emergency Manager Chuck Duddy will hold a 10-week program for anyone interested in the Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The program is designed to train individuals on how to respond to a disaster when they are cut off from emergency personnel. Teams are trained to extinguish small fires, detect natural gas, first aid and CPR, assess structural damage, and much more. Contact Jennifer Presberry at NNI, 454-2000 for more information.

North KC Schools hails NNI as “Point of Pride”

Strong neighborhoods and strong schools make a strong community. The partnership between North Kansas City Schools and Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. was spotlighted at the June 13 school board meeting when NNI received the district’s Point of Pride award.

In presenting the award, district officials highlighted the NNI Board’s support of the 2005 school bond and levy issues, a new Police Athletic League (PAL) unit and youth fitness center at Eastgate Middle School, a proposed Neighborhood Youth Advisory Council, the conversion of the former Eastwood School into the Chaumiere Place senior apartments, and collaboration with the district’s Interior Design faculty and students on the Irene Jacobs home, a partnership that also included Habitat for Humanity.

“We deeply appreciate the Point of Pride award,” said NNI executive director Jim Rice. “It is all the more special that it comes from a school district that I regard as a paragon of excellence,” Rice said.



Looking proud at the “Point of Pride” presentation were Jim Rice, NNI Executive Director, Jan Kauk, School Board President, and Tom Cummings, NKCS D Superintendent



Pictured are the newly elected directors of the NNI Board following the June 26 Annual Meeting. Representatives of NNI’s 79 member neighborhood organizations voted unanimously for the NNI slate of candidates, which included Misty Dawn Casey, Dan Fowler, John McNerney, Tom Schweitzer and Mike Duffy. Mr. Duffy fills the seat of Kay Fugate, who completed her second term in June. Kay will remain Chair of the Neighborhood Relations Committee. Mike Lewis remains on the Board, but stepped down from the President’s post. The Board elected officers for the 2006-2007 term. Executive Director Jim Rice gave highlights of the NNI Annual Report and presented plaques to Mike Lewis on his retirement as Board President and to Kay Fugate on her retirement from the Board.

NNI Board of Directors

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Mary Jo Burton
President

Bill Sanders
Vice President

Misty Dawn Casey
Secretary

Tom Schweitzer
Treasurer

Board Members

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Stan Cunningham
Mike Duffy
Dan Fowler
Gene Hankins
Mike Lewis
Park Lightfoot
John McNerney
Kevin Masters
Mario Mayorga
Marty Schuettpelez

*Not pictured