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**Northland Neighborhoods News**

**NNI promises memorable evening for *Broadway at Riverport* attendees**

**O**n Saturday, February 17, 2007, Northland Neighborhoods will present Broadway at Riverport. According to NNI executive director Jim Rice, the event “is a fundraiser that won’t seem like one. There will be no speeches, no awards. Just an unforgettable evening that will help NNI provide critical services to Northland families and neighborhoods.”

Channel 9’s Kris Ketz is Master of Ceremonies for the event, which features hors d’oeuvres in a cabaret atmosphere, attendees decked out in cocktail attire, and the music of Broadway sung by Andrea Pope and Angelo Cilia. “Andrea and Angelo have

magnificent voices you will not soon forget,” Rice says. “And when they sing the best of the Broadway musicals, the experience will be magical.” The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at Cerner’s Riverport (formerly Sam’s Town Casino), 6711 NE Birmingham.

Underwriting sponsorships are available at the \$5,000 “Presenting” level, \$2,000 “Star” level, \$1,000 “Producer” level, and \$700 “Director” level. Non-sponsor seating is \$50 per ticket or \$500 per table. Each ticket also entitles the holder to a drawing for 2 nights in New York at the Manhattan Hilton in the theatre district, airfare for 2, and 2 tickets to a Broadway show. Contributions are tax-deductible. For more information about Broadway at Riverport, call NNI at 454-2000.

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**NNI’s mission:**

To improve the quality of life in the Northland by collaborating with residents, businesses and institutions to empower neighborhoods to build and maintain their own healthy communities. We join with them in absolute dedication to finding solutions and, in that collective spirit, we will leave no neighborhood behind.

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**Neighborhood Clips**

**Connections:  
Meetings set for  
January, February  
and March**

**Frank Pogge**, Director of the Water Services Department, will be at NNI January 9, to explain the planning underway for a multi-billion dollar program to deal with Kansas City's storm drainage issues and the upcoming federal mandate to separate storm and sanitary sewers.

Representatives from **Forward Kansas City** will be on hand February 13 to discuss the upcoming Mayor and Council elections. Forward Kansas City screens and endorses candidates for KC Mayor and Council, with emphasis on races that impact the Northland.

**Steve Rhoades**, of Patti Banks Associates, will be at NNI March 13 to discuss **MetroGreen**, a metropolitan plan for trails and greenways.

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.

**NNI Senior workshop set for January 10**

Clay County Prosecutor Dan White will be at NNI at 9 a.m. January 10 to discuss how easy it is to discover private information about an individual on the Internet. He will demonstrate Internet searches and ways criminals can locate such personal information. This workshop can help senior citizens protect themselves from identity theft.



**Emergency  
response training  
begins**



KCMO's Division of Emergency Management and Security will hold a 5-week training series, beginning January 18, for the Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT). This is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that trains individuals how to respond in the event of a disaster if they are cut off from emergency personnel. Teams are trained in various lifesaving skills, including how to extinguish small fires; how to detect natural gas, how to administer basic medical assistance, how to assess structural damage, how to conduct light search and rescue, and much more. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jennifer Presberry at 816-454-2000.

## Parkway concept for Chouteau Trafficway gets nod from state, federal highway officials

A pilgrimage to Jefferson City paid off for advocates of a parkway treatment of Chouteau Trafficway from Interstate 35 to Missouri Highway 210. Representatives from the Winnwood-Sunnybrook and Chaumiere neighborhoods, the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Northland Neighborhoods, and the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department traveled to the capitol December 18, to push

for the parkway concept. State Representative Trent Skaggs and Councilman Bill Skaggs added important political clout to the meeting.

MODOT and Federal Highway Administration representatives went on record in support of "Alternative 1-A," which calls for reconstruction of Chouteau Trafficway as a parkway. Both agencies stressed that their support was contin-

gent on an environmental impact statement that would take up to a year to complete. The plan calls for acquisition of properties along Chouteau to provide space for the parkway. MODOT and the Federal Highway Administration would pay for construction, and the City of Kansas City would pay for right-of-way acquisition. A November resolution by the NNI Board urged MODOT and FHWA to "revisit their position, renew their spirit of inter-governmental cooperation and seek a suitable compromise in the design and construction of the Chouteau Parkway." On December 18, they did just that.



## MOCSA looking for a few good volunteers

The Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA) is looking for compassionate individuals to provide advocacy and support to victims of sexual assault in the Northland. MOCSA has worked more than 30 years to lessen the ill effects of sexual assault and abuse through prevention, education, intervention,

treatment, and advocacy. MOCSA volunteer victim advocates provide emotional support, information, resources/referrals, and problem solving to victims of sexual assault. Those interested can visit [www.mocsa.org](http://www.mocsa.org), or contact Lindsay Benson, Volunteer Coordinator, at [lbenson@mocsa.org](mailto:lbenson@mocsa.org) or 816-931-4571 x 276.

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# Public Meetings

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/9</b>	<b>Connections</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/10</b>	<b>Seniors' Workshop</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>Cop Talk</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/17</b>	<b>Heartland Community Connection</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/18</b>	<b>CERT training</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/22</b>	<b>Meet Your Councilpersons</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/24</b>	<b>KCNA Self-Help Grant</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/25</b>	<b>CERT training</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

**January NNI Board meeting cancelled**