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Northland Neighborhoods News

NNI Board election coming June 25; Board candidate forum set for May 21

NNI's Annual Meeting is June 25, 6:30 p.m. at a new location: Golden Oaks Education Center, 3100 NE 46th Street. On the agenda is the annual report covering the period June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007, and election of Board members. Each NNI member neighborhood association is eligible to cast one vote in the election.

The NNI Nominating Committee has recommended 2 qualified candidates to run for the open seats on the NNI Board of Directors. These seats are currently held by Mike Lewis, who will reach his two-term limit in June, and Virjean Burton, who

opted to retire after her first term.

Running for election to second terms are Mary Jo Burton, current President of the NNI Board of Directors; Stan Cunningham, who is retired and lives in the Chaumiere Neighborhood; Kevin Masters, a Deputy Chief of the Kansas City Police Department who lives in the Coves North Neighborhood.

NNI will host a Candidate Forum May 21, 7 p.m. at the NNI offices, 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway. Individuals interested in running for election to the NNI Board of Directors should complete an application for Board membership prior to May 11.

According to the NNI bylaws, "only individuals who represent organized and certified neighborhood organizations, or because of their professional status or expertise have a legitimate interest in the success of the Corporation and its programs shall be eligible to serve as a Director."

Applications may be obtained by calling NNI at 454-2000, by dropping by the NNI offices at 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by requesting an online application form. Names of eligible candidates for the Board of Directors will be placed on the June 25 election ballot.

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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.

*NNI Board of
Directors*

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Mary Jo Burton
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Stan Cunningham

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Mike Lewis

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John McNerney

Kevin Masters

Mario Mayorga

Marty Schuettpelz

Neighborhood Clips

Final Connections meeting set for May 8

On May 8, **Jeff Spivak** of the Kansas City Star will make a presentation on the Star's Neighborhood Project, which named the "Briarcliff" group of neighborhoods as Kansas City's top neighborhood area. Spivak will be the final presenter for the *Connections* series.

On May 29, NNI will launch the Neighborhood Roundtable. These meetings will be held on a regular basis after the initial May 29 pilot (see related story on page 3) is evaluated. The *Connections* series is being dropped due to sparse attendance. The Roundtable series will continue to update neighborhood leaders on important issues and programs, but will also include a roundtable discussion of best practices led by neighborhood leaders themselves.

Bid farewell to the yucky stuff; A.B.O.P.T. arrives again May 12

A.B.O.P.T. stands for antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint, and tires, really hard-to-get-rid-of stuff taking up space in your garage or basement. Once again, thanks to cooperation from area municipalities, Northland Neighborhoods will sponsor a household hazardous waste collection site from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 12 in the east parking lot (Chouteau Trafficway side) of Antioch Shopping Center. This is a first come-first served opportunity to dispose of environmentally sensitive materials in a safe, responsible way.

New this year, NNI will go beyond the old A.B.O.P.T. (antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint, tires) event. Also accepted will be household cleaners, personal care products, expired medications, fuels, other auto fluids, aerosol cans,

pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, thermostats, fluorescent light tubes and small, one-pound propane cylinders.

The service is free to residents from Kansas City, MO; North Kansas City; Gladstone; Excelsior Springs; Kearney; Liberty; unincorporated Clay County; Orrick; Parkville; Platte City; Pleasant Valley; Riverside; Smithville; and Weatherby Lake. Residents from outside these municipalities must pay a disposal fee of \$75. There is a 300-car limit, so don't delay! A free tire drop off and leaves and brush dumpsters will also be available on the site.

Cop Talk

The May edition of "Cop Talk" is Wednesday, May 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. at NNI. "Cop Talk" is an open forum where residents can meet with staff from both Northland police stations to discuss crime and other disorder issues.

(Clips continued)
Chaumiere garage sale May 18-19

It's spring clean-up time in the Northland, and the Chaumiere neighborhood gets in the act Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on each day. The fun (and work) begins at 3502 NE Parvin Road.

Wet weather fairs set for May 1, 3 for Northland locations

Kansas Citians may be asked to spend billions on sanitary and storm sewers during the next few years. "Wet weather fairs" will be held across the city to inform residents about this very important issue. Fairs scheduled in the Northland during May

include:
 Line Creek Basin: May 1, 7 to 9 p.m., Mid-western Baptist Theological Seminary-Koehn Myers Center, 5401 North Oak Trafficway
 Northern Watersheds: May 3, 7 to 9 p.m., Northland Cathedral, 101 NW 99th Street.



NNI Goes Broadway's chorus line finale included (left to right) NNI Executive Director Jim Rice, NNI president Mary Jo Burton, vocalist Andrea Pope, NY trip winners Paul and Annette Harrell, vocalist Angelo Cilia.

Excercise and blood sugar testing on tap for May senior workshop

Check out the May 9 senior workshop for a double dose of good health. Staff from St. Luke's Northland Hospital will conduct Blood Sugar Level tests and answer questions about diabetes. Simultaneously, Carolyn DeLaMare from Clay County Public Health Center will encourage seniors to put on their sneakers and get active as the weather turns warmer. The workshop starts at 9:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Roundtable to debut at NNI May 29

On Tuesday, May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m., NNI will present its first Neighborhood Roundtable meeting. Jennifer Presberry, NNI's manager of community development, says the May 29 Roundtable will be a great opportunity for neighborhood leaders to hear experts present on neighborhood beautification projects. "There will also be ample time to talk with fellow neighborhood leaders to discuss the challenges and victories that often arise when working on these projects," Presberry says. Don't miss this opportunity to be a charter member of the NNI Roundtable. Send your RSVP to Jennifer Presberry at Jennifer_presberry@nni.org or call her at 454-2000.

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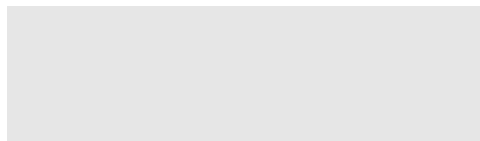
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Public Meetings

Tuesday	5/8	Connections – Jeff Spivak	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	5/9	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	5/12	ABOPT hazardous waste drop off	8:00 a.m.
Monday	5/21	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday	5/21	NNI Board Candidate Forum	7:00 p.m.
Monday	5/28	Memorial Day - NNI office closed	
Tuesday	5/29	Neighborhood Roundtable	6:00 p.m.

Meet Your Councilpersons cancelled due to Memorial Day