



Northland Neighborhoods News

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Mission Statement

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.

3rd Annual NNI Breakfast a success



Charles Lamb
McManus Good Neighbor Award



Dave Mecklenburg
Outstanding Public Service Award



Anita Gorman
Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement Award

More than 350 persons trekked just across the river to the Intrigue Park Place Hotel for NNI's 3rd Annual Breakfast on October 17. The Breakfast was supported by presenting sponsor Kansas City Water Services Department and 20 other sponsors.

Highlighting the breakfast was recognition of 3 Northland neighborhood and civic leaders. Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award recipient Charles Lamb is a longtime Habitat for Humanity team leader and community volunteer.

Outstanding Public Service Awardee Dave Mecklenburg is an insurance executive and civic leader. Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement honoree Anita Gorman is one of the Northland's most distinguished civic leaders.

Keynote speaker Councilwoman Deb Hermann, chair of the City Council Finance Committee, cautioned the breakfast attendees that the faltering global and national economy would likely translate to troubling times in Kansas City. She stressed the importance of Northland businesses, institutions and neighborhoods working together to make the best of the difficult times ahead. Even amid tough times, she

said, it is possible to see dreams come true. She cited the new clinic at Crestview Elementary School, created by a partnership of North Kansas City Schools, the Local Investment Commission and Northland Healthcare Access. "The Crestview Clinic is an example of how a dream brought people together to do good for the community," Hermann said.

Neighborhood leadership program has a place for you

NNI's second EXCEL neighborhood leadership program, which will begin in January, still has several slots open. Call Jennifer Presberry at 454-2000 to receive more details and get enrolled for this comprehensive leadership program.

Volunteer of the Month November 2008 - Margaret Straub

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Margaret Straub grew up in North Dakota, just a long country walk from the Canadian border. She taught in North Dakota and Minnesota for six years before migrating to Kansas to complete a graduate degree at Kansas State University, where she served on in the Education Department for 4 years. For discerning linguists, Margaret still carries a wisp of a northern accent but, after 39 years in Kansas City, she thinks she finally fits in, language-wise and otherwise-wise.

Margaret (her nickname is Peggy) has been a Northlander all of those 39 years, the last 35 in the same house located in what is officially Squire Heights, more commonly known as the Chaumiere neighborhood. In 1969 Margaret married Wilfred Straub. Following his retirement and before his

death 3 years ago, Wilfred and Margaret often attended NNI's Senior Seminars together and participated in the Chaumiere Neighborhood Association. She continues to volunteer with both organizations.

Margaret helps with NNI's monthly newsletter mailing and worked on the first annual Halloween Safe Trick or Treat event. Treasurer of the Chaumiere Neighborhood Association for 5 years, she also serves on neighborhood association committees and walks a route delivering the monthly newsletter. Margaret is also an active member of several groups at St. Patrick Church. Holding special fondness and concern for education and schools, she likes helping in the Eastgate Middle School library 2 afternoons each week. Gardening and reading are also special interests.



Volunteer of the month **Margaret Straub** is a regular at NNI's newsletter mailing each month.

Margaret is very proud of her three sons, all electrical engineers. She considers herself very fortunate to have them and their families, including nine young grandchildren, in the Kansas City area. NNI feels very fortunate to have Margaret Straub as a friend and loyal volunteer.

Gladstone information official appointed to NNI Board

Richard W. King, Public Information Coordinator with the City of Gladstone, has been appointed to the Northland Neighborhoods Board of Directors. King will serve out the unexpired term of Misty Casey, who resigned from the Board because of time demands.

NNI Board President Jo Burton said King brings to the NNI Board "the benefits of his law enforcement and municipal service career, and his com-

munity involvement."

King played a major role in Gladstone's successful effort in winning All America City status, a national competition. NNI Board member Dick Davis, a former Mayor of Gladstone, said King's experience and energy will benefit NNI in its advocacy, resource development activities, and governmental relationships.

Neighborhood Clips

November senior workshop to feature lore of the fabled Winnwood Beach resort mecca

Reta Jo Mitchell, the Northland's resident historian, will be on hand for the November 12 senior workshop. Reta Jo is a treasure trove of colorful information about the "Atlantic City of the West." That's how the Winnwood Beach resort and amusement park was known in its heyday. The session lasts from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This is a workshop you won't want to miss. **Important Note:** Immediately after the workshop, from 10:30 to noon, the Clay County Health Department will administer flu shots. Flu shots are free if you have Medicare or Medicaid, otherwise the cost is \$20.

North Oak Christian to present Christmas musical

"Watchnight," a musical by Rick Vale, takes a quiet, celebratory look at the Christmas story. The musical recalls the childhood experience of waiting in excitement and mystery for the birth of Jesus. The musical will include favorite carols and children re-enacting the Christmas story. "Watchnight" will be performed Saturday, December 20 at 7 p.m. at North Oak Christian Church, 9900 North Oak Trafficway. It is free to the public and no tickets are necessary. The public is also invited to the special Sunday service performance December 21 at 10:15 a.m. at the church. Call 816-734-8515 for information.

NNI looking for qualified home repair contractors

NNI seeks qualified contractors to work for home repair programs dedicated to low and moderate income Northlanders. We are requesting qualification proposals from Section 3-eligible contractors to conduct home repair services in the following categories: Heating and Cooling (HVAC) Systems; Roofing; Windows and Doors; Gutters; Plumbing and Water Heaters; Code Violation Remediation; Siding; Removing Barriers to Access; Weatherization Activities; Lead Testing and Abatement; Flatwork/Concrete; and General Contracting. Please contact Larry Washington or Yvonne Herrick at 816-454-2000 if you are or know a contractor interested in earning money while helping improve the quality of life for individuals and the community.

Maple Park to sponsor musical evening

The Maple Park Neighborhood Association will host "A Special Evening of Music" with Emily Wyatt and Compass North on Friday, November 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Tower View Baptist Church, 7301 NE 50th Street. The concert will benefit a Maple Park Neighborhood Project. Tickets are \$10. For more information and to reserve your tickets, call Pat Foiles at 452-7660.

NNI FOCUS Center adds Animal Control satellite

On October 15, 2008, NNI became an Animal Control satellite for the City of Kansas City. Animal Control Officer Robert Stafford is based at NNI Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. He can be reached during those hours at NNI's main number, 454-2000. At other times, call 513-9800 for service. This new service adds to NNI's Kansas City FOCUS Center portfolio.

NNI's FOCUS Center services include:

- Animal Control
- Pet licensing
- Notary public
- Referral to social service agencies
- Voter registration
- KCPD Community Complaints satellite
- Code enforcement
- Police community relations
- Neighborhood newsletter publishing
- Referral to municipal service agencies

Quick response needed to rescue kids' holiday parties

Meg Conger, Kansas City Parks and Recreation Commissioner from the Northland, urgently needs to raise \$10,000. These funds will be used to host holiday parties in Kansas City community centers. The parties, which serve more than 3,000 children annually, are held in cooperation with Toys for Tots, and are often the only holiday celebration many kids have. The parties are so popular that children often wait outside to get into the parties due to the large crowds. Huge budget cuts in the Parks and Recreation Department have placed the holiday parties in jeopardy. To cut the Community Center parties during a time where more people than ever rely on charitable organizations would be disastrous for kids who depend on these gatherings for their only holiday celebration. Make checks payable to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners at 4600 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO, 64130. The funds will be used exclusively for the Community Center parties. NNI urges everyone to help with whatever you can afford.



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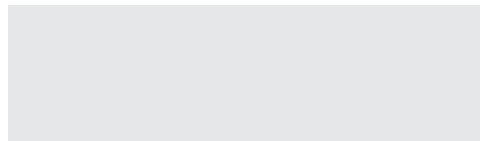
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Public Meetings at NNI November 2008

Saturday	11/1	Special NNI Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	11/8	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Monday	11/10	Northland Trails	7:00 p.m.
Monday	11/17	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	11/18	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11/19	Cop Talk at NNI	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11/25	Neighborhood Roundtable	6:00 p.m.

Thursday 11/27 and Friday 11/28 NNI office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Note:

No Meet Your Councilpersons Meeting in November or December
No 1ST District roads meeting in November or December



Happy Thanksgiving

