

## Annual Awards Breakfast draws record crowd

More than 460 persons enjoyed NNI's October 16 Awards Breakfast as they helped honor 4 Northland leaders and 3 high-achieving neighborhood newsletter editors and writers. The 2009 Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award recipient was neighborhood and school volunteer Terri Wolfe; the Ruthanne Harper Public Service award recipients were Platte and Clay County Presiding Commissioners Betty Knight and Ed Quick. Receiving the Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement Award was Ray Brock, long time civic leader and Chairman of Curry Investment Company.

*NNI Board Member Dan Fowler greeted Terri Wolfe as she came forward to accept the Ruthanne Harper Public Service Award.*



New this year were the Reta Jo Mitchell awards for Best Neighborhood Newsletter and Best Neighborhood Newsletter Article. The Best Newsletter-Print award went to The Pointe, BridgePointe Homes Association, Ken Nelson, Editor. The Best Newsletter-On-Line award went to Timber Park Times, Timber Park Homeowners Association, Terry Phillips, Editor. Receiving the Best Newsletter Article was Deborah Hopkins, Holiday Hills Neighborhood Association, for her tale of "A Cat with Two Tails/Tales."

## Call for applicants: 2010 EXCEL neighborhood leader class

Enrollment for the 2010 EXCEL Neighborhood Leadership Program is still open. Class sessions will run from January

to June 2010. Class size will be limited to 15, so interested persons should obtain an application now by contacting NNI at 454-2000. This will be the third year for the EXCEL

program. Graduates of EXCEL praise the intense but very enjoyable course. The program equips participants with knowledge, skills and experiences that enable them to lead their neighborhoods to success.



### Don't forget to vote on November 3

On the ballot in Clay County is renewal of a one-eighth cent sales tax for law enforcement. The NNI Board of Directors has endorsed the renewal, stating that "failure to renew the sales tax will seriously impact the ability of Clay County to sustain current law enforcement programs."

## Community center holiday parties

Again this December, the Kansas City Community Center Holiday Parties will be hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department. There will be 10 parties, one in each community center. Parks is partnering with Toys for Tots again this year. According to Parks and Recreation Commissioner Meg Conger, "these parties may well be the high point of the holiday season in the lives of families who have suffered the most from the economic recession... and we will undoubtedly have more people to serve."

Commissioner Conger, a Northlander, is asking for donations to help defray the cost of the parties. Severe budget cuts to the Parks Department put the parties at risk in 2008 and again in 2009. "The generosity of citizens made these parties possible last year, and our goal is to raise enough funds to endow the parties. That will make it unnecessary to fundraise each year, but rather to use interest generated from collected funds to pay for the parties," Conger says. Checks can be made payable to the Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department. Parks Commissioner Conger assures that all funds collected will be used for the 2009 holiday parties, and remaining monies will be placed in a trust account for future parties.

## Neighborhood Clips

### Give your nose a treat at the November Senior Workshop

What is Aromatherapy? Find out at 9 a.m. on November 11 at NNI's monthly senior workshop. Lavender, peppermint, vanilla, lemongrass and eucalyptus are some of the most common scents to which people are attracted. Not only are these scents fragrant but, when they come in the form of an essential oil, they can also relax or stimulate the body. All over the world essential oils are used to treat burns, infections, depression, insomnia and high blood pressure. Join ElizaBeth Clayton, Volunteer Supervisor at Care Alternatives Hospice, on a journey of senses and discover how essential oils are used in aromatherapy and how you can use aromatherapy in your life.

### FREE health checks for your child and your home now available

The Kansas City Safe & Healthy Home Partnership will review your child's health, and the health of your home. The home environmental assessment includes checking indoor air quality and ventilation, dust and allergen levels, moisture and mold, a household chemical survey, a home maintenance survey, and a home safety check up. You can enroll today by calling 816-235-6331 or contact Yvonne Herrick at NNI, 454-2000 to see if you qualify.

### NNI's Neighborhood Roundtable has full schedule ahead

The Neighborhood Roundtable, held at NNI every other month, features topical speakers, questions and answers, followed by a roundtable discussion of happenings in the neighborhoods. Here is the upcoming schedule:

November 24: Bridging the Gap

January 26: Smokey Dyer, Director of the Kansas City Fire Department

March 23: Nathan Pare, KCMO Neighborhood Preservation Code Enforcement

May 25: David Warm, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Executive Director

### NNI seeks qualified low-income home repair contractors

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. needs qualified low-income contractors to do home repair work including: 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 at 816-454-2000 for more information.

### Get rid of old medications safely

The Northland Coalition and the Kansas City Police Department will host "Prescription Take It Back Day" on November 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Terrace and N. Ditzler (across from the JC Penny's outside of Liberty) or November 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Zona Rosa Community Area (below Marshall's). Participating in this program will keep your medication from getting into the wrong hands or polluting the water systems due to improper disposal. For more information, call the Northland Coalition at 816-877-0498.

## Leaf, brush pickups scheduled

**T**he City of Kansas City will collect up to 20 sacks or bundles of leaves and brush (excluding grass clippings) from Northland residences during scheduled curbside collections.

If sacks and bundles are not collected on the scheduled day, residents must call the 3-1-1 Action Center within 24 hours. To report service related issues, call 311 or (816) 513-1313.

**Your collection dates depend on your regular trash day.**

Monday .....	Nov. 16 and Dec. 14
Tuesday .....	Nov. 17 and Dec. 15
Wednesday .....	Nov. 18 and Dec. 16
Thursday .....	Nov. 19 and Dec. 17
Friday .....	Nov. 20 and Dec. 18

### Here are the rules:

- Sacks and bundles should be curbside by 7 a.m. on collection day.
- No more than 20 sacks and/or bundles per household.
- Sacks and bundles must not weigh more than 40 pounds each.
- Use only paper lawn debris sacks. No plastic bags.
- If you seal sacks, use masking tape only; do not use plastic or duct tape.
- No grass clippings. No trash.
- All branches must be bundled. Branches not more than 3 inches in diameter.
- Bundles not more than 2 feet in diameter and not more than 4 feet long.
- Use twine or jute rope to tie bundles; do not use wire or plastic tape.
- If wet weather is forecast, cover sacks/bundles with clear plastic.

## NNI Public Meetings and Events November & December 2009

Tuesday	11/3	Capital Improvement Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11/4	Newsletter Training	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	11/5	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	11/11	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	11/12	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> District Roads Update Meeting cancelled for November</b>			
Monday	11/16	NNI Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11/17	Greenhaven Neighborhood	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11/18	Cop Talk	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	11/19	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	11/24	Neighborhood Roundtable	6:00 p.m.
<b>Meet Your Councilpersons meetings cancelled for November</b>			
<b>Thursday-Friday, 11/26-27 NNI Offices closed for Thanksgiving</b>			
Wednesday	12/9	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday	12/15	Greenhaven Neighborhood	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12/16	Cop Talk	6:30 p.m.
Monday	12/21	NNI Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday-Friday, 12/25 NNI Offices closed for Christmas</b>			
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