# Northland Neighborhoods News



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### **REGISTER TO VOTE AT NNI!**

When the Kansas City Mayor and Council elections in February and March of 2011, Northland voters need to be heard. You can register to vote at NNI. It's quick and easy, so do it today.

### NEW NNI BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

ertified member organizations of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. assembled at NNI June 28 to elect Board members, approve bylaw amendments, and get updated on NNI's past year accomplishments. Elected to their first 3-year terms were Elaine Olvera, Crestview Neighborhood; Anita McWilliams, Winnwood-Sunnybrook Neighborhood; and Beth Sullivan, Crestview Neighborhood.

Keith Nelson, North Bennington Neighborhood, was elected to a second full term. Angela Betts, appointed to the Board in September 2007, was elected to her first full term. The Board met following the Annual Meeting and elected the following slate of officers: Dick Davis, President; Dan Fowler, Vice President; Tom Schweitzer, Treasurer; Angela Betts, Secretary.

### HELP MAKE LORIE'S HOUSE A HOME

onstruction is 70% complete on Lorie's House, a new universal design home at 4413 N. Kensington in the Winnwood-Sunnybrook neighborhood. The new homeowner is Lorie Perdieu, a local advocate for the disabled who has herself been disabled since birth. Despite the many obstacles she has faced since infancy, Lorie has become an articulate and tireless worker for the disabled. Lorie's

House is an opportunity to let the world know how productive and independent disabled persons can be...with a little help.

The project is a collaboration of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI), the Christian Carpenters, and the Fuller Center for Housing. Financing is supported by a \$60,000 HUD grant to NNI, cash and in-kind contributions from the Christian

Carpenters, and donations from the
community. NNI is offering special
campaign-style buttons that say "I
helped make Lorie's house a home."
Anyone making a contribution of
\$5 or more will receive a button.
Checks should be made payable
to Northland Neighborhoods,
Inc., 3015 NE Vivion Road, KCMO
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# KCMO TO CONDUCT PET LICENSING

# PET LICENSING IS A SERVICE OFFERED AT NNI'S OFFICE, CALL 454–2000 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The City of Kansas City Animal Health and Public Safety Division will conduct weekly pet licensing enforcement throughout the City from May 5, 2010 through September 1, 2010. This initiative is part of an effort to educate residents on animal health and safety, while improving neighborhood livability.

During the enforcement period, officers will inspect targeted areas for compliance. Citations may be issued to pet owners without a current pet license. City ordinances require residents to license dogs, cats and ferrets. Failure to comply will result in a citation being issued and a minimum \$75 fine. The license fee for a pet is \$10 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$33 for an animal that has not been altered. Licensing a pet and keeping the license on the pet's collar helps ensure the pet's owner is notified should the pet be impounded by the Animal Health and Public Safety Division. Residents of the City are provided three methods for licensing a pet:

- Visit Halfway Home Pet Adoptions (the City's animal shelter), at 4400 Raytown Road
- Contact a veterinarian
- Visit Pet Data online by visiting www.petdata.com/cs/kcm/

When licensing a pet, the owner must provide a copy of the pet's current rabies vaccination certificate and proof of the pet's sterilization (if applicable). To obtain vaccination, contact a local vet or low-cost clinic such as Spay and Neuter Kansas City at 816-353-0940, or Halfway Home



Pet Adoptions at 816-921-0201. For more information about pet license enforcement or animal health and public safety, contact Patrick Egberuare, manager of the Animal Health and Public Safety Division of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department, 816-513-9009.

### NNI OFFERS VARIETY OF HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS

Several home repair programs are available for lowincome Northland families. One could fit your needs, so check them out.

#### ENCORE

Targeted home repair returned to North Oak corridor neighborhoods in June, thanks to the North Oak TIF plan. You may be eligible for a home repair grant of up to \$4,500 for improvements such as roofs, windows, siding, heating and air conditioning, driveways and other noncosmetic repairs. Homeowners above income limits can also obtain a grant, but must match it dollar for dollar. Boundaries of the benefit district are 47<sup>th</sup> Street/I-29 on the north, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street on the south, I-29/I-35/Woodland on the east, and North Main on the west.

#### **CUSTOM SOLUTIONS**

Funded by the Community Development Block Grant, Clay County, and private grants, this program provides generally identical benefits as ENCORE, but residents need not live in the ENCORE benefit area.

#### **CLAY COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES**

This program is designed for seniors who need repairs costing \$1,000 or less. Included are plumbing and electrical repairs, barrier removal and a number of other items.

Homeowners may call for information at 454-2000 or drop by the NNI office, 3015 NE Vivion Road, for an application.

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### NEIGHBORHOOD CLIPS

NNI, Police Academy to sponsor driving safety course for seniors On July 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (includes 1-hour break for lunch), AARP driving instructors will conduct a driver refresher course geared especially for seniors. The program will be held in Room 304 of the new Regional Police Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road. Here are five good reasons to take the course:

- Learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, rules of the road, and much more.
- Find out how to adjust your driving to age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time.
- Auto insurance companies in most states provide a discount to AARP graduates.
- You don't have to take a test.

The course is normally \$14 for non-AARP members and \$12 for members. However, NNI will cover the cost of the instruction and the box lunch. All you need to do register with NNI at 454-2000. When you call, please indicate whether you are a member of AARP. Seating is limited to the first 24 persons who sign up.

## Night Out Against Crime kicks off July 31

The Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off is Saturday, July 31, 5 to 8:30 p.m., at Oak Grove Park in Gladstone. Learn more about crime prevention and enjoy hot dogs, pop, ice cream, snow cones, cotton candy, chips, and the prize cube.

#### PIAC hearings scheduled

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) will hold public hearings to hear from citizens about the city's public improvement needs. The Council District 1 hearing is July 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Kansas City North Community Center, 3830 NE Antioch Road. (Another 1<sup>st</sup> District hearing was held June 29.) The Council District 2 hearings are July 8, 6:30 p.m. at Northland Cathedral, 101 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Street, and July 14, 6:30 p.m. at Park Hill Community Education Center, 7703 NW Barry Road, Room 230.

#### July senior workshop: "Coming of Age" proves senior years are the best years

Sandra Aust will talk about the new "Coming of Age," initiative. Coming of Age is a metro-wide effort, led by Shepherd Center Central, that promotes civic involvement, lifelong learning and community leadership in the 50+ population. Sounds made to order for NNI's very active seniors.

# Self defense class for seniors launches July 17

Clay County Senior Services' first Ali Kemp Senior Self Defense class is Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Liberty Middle School. Priority registration will be for seniors and their daughters, granddaughters and friends; then all ages may register if spots are still open.

#### NNI weighs in on waste

More than 550 households took advantage of ABOPT, NNI's annual hazardous household waste dropoff and pick up on Saturday, June 5, at the Antioch Shopping Center. ABOPT stands for Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil, Paint and Tires. Results:

- 32,525 pounds of antifreeze, oil, paint and batteries
- 637 tires
- Nearly 5 tons of leaves and brush
- 9,750 pounds of paper shredding
- 6,363 pounds of electronics
- 160 pounds of outdated pharmaceuticals

MCSP workers worked 69 hours at the event and NNI volunteers clocked 96 hours.

# Upcoming Neighborhood Roundtables:

July 27: Beth Seberger of Literacy Kansas City will discuss the widespread problem of functional illiteracy in the KC metropolitan area, opportunities for Northland volunteers to offer literacy education, and how Literacy Kansas City trains and assists individuals in improving the reading and writing skills of adults and older teens. **September 28:** Kansas City's Neighborhood Advisory Council **November 23:** KCMO Housing Prosecutor Todd Wilcher

# 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.

### SUMMER AND FALL GARAGE SALES

#### August 12, 13 & 14

### **Crestview Homes Association**

44th & N Oak 8:00 a.m. *Thursday, Friday & Saturday* 

Winnwood Sunnybrook Neighborhood North Brighton & 48th Street 8:00 a.m. Saturday Only

#### September 10 & 11

**Carriage Hill Ellington Estates Neighborhood** 60th & Antioch 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *Friday & Saturday* 

New Mark Neighborhood (Includes New Mark Brookings and surrounding areas) 96th -108th / N Oak & N Woodland/Maple Woods Parkway 8:00 a.m. *Friday & Saturday* 

#### September 17 & 18

Maple Woods Estates Neighborhood 78th & North Park 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. *Friday & Saturday* 

#### September 18 & 19

Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood Assn. 56th Place & N Brighton 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. Saturday & Sunday

#### October 1 & 2

Claybrook Homes Association 77th & N Antioch 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. *Friday & Saturday* 



### **NNI Public Meetings and Events July 2010**

OFFICE CLOSED JULY 5 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY		
Wednesday, 7/14	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Monday, 7/19	NNI Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7/20	1 <sup>st</sup> District Problem-Solving	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 7/20	Greenhaven Neighborhood	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 7/21	CopTalk	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7/22	Cleaning up your credit workshop	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 7/26	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7/27	Roundtable: Literacy KC	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 7/31	Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off	5 - 9 p.m.
	(Oak Grove Park - Gladstone)	