

# Northland Neighborhoods News



## EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR NOVEMBER 12 AWARDS BREAKFAST

Friday, November 12 promises to be a great day for those attending Northland Neighborhoods' Annual Awards Breakfast. The event features awards to Northlanders who have made extraordinary contributions to the community: The Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award to retired University of Missouri Extension community development specialist **Charles St. Clair**. The Ruthanne Harper Outstanding Public Service Award to KCMO Fire Chief **Richard (Smokey) Dyer**, and the Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement Award to NKC Hospital President **David Carpenter**. New this year is the Richard Noll Excellence in Government Award. This award will be presented posthumously to **the late Rich Noll**, Assistant City Manager, who died on August 25, 2010. The award will be accepted by his wife, Patty. The second annual awards for **Best Neighborhood Newsletter**

and **Best Neighborhood Newsletter Article** will also be presented at the breakfast.

Sponsorships are available at the \$2,500, \$1,500, \$750 and \$350 levels, as well as single tickets for \$35. Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$350. "NNI's awards breakfast is a great way to recognize and thank people who have made the Northland a better place to live and work," says Jim Rice, Northland Neighborhoods CEO. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites KCI, 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, and end promptly at 9 a.m.

All contributions are tax-deductible (less the actual cost of the breakfast meal). Checks can be made payable to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., 3015 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, MO 64119. MasterCard and Visa are also accepted. For more information, call Northland Neighborhoods at 816-454-2000.

## ANTIOCH MALL GETS NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Finally, some good news about the Antioch Mall. Antioch Development Partners are the new local owners and developers. They have a good track record with similar projects and have pledged to work with NNI and neighborhoods adjacent to the mall as they develop a new plan for the venerable shopping center. They have also promised to accelerate the de-

molition of the mall as soon as they can get the necessary permits and approvals from the TIF Commission and City Hall. In meetings with the developers, Council members Deb Hermann and Bill Skaggs have stressed the importance of making the site attractive even during the demolition phase. Look for an update in the November edition of NNI News.

## Annual Awards Breakfast 2010



## 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.

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## 2011 EXCEL CLASS NOW FORMING

**N**NI is looking for participants in the EXCEL Neighborhood Leadership Program. The highly successful EXCEL neighborhood leadership program will launch its fourth class in January 2011.

The 6-month training program includes sessions on:

- Discovering the Leader Within You
- Demographics and Community Analysis
- State Government
- Local Government
- Community Infrastructure
- Community Information Management
- Public Education
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- A City Hall Project

Cost to participants for the entire program (includes training, materials, meals) is \$100. Scholarships are available. Persons interested in enrolling may contact Jim Rice at 816-454-2000 or jim\_rice@nni.org.

## GRAND OPENING FOR LORIE'S HOUSE SET FOR OCTOBER 26

**L**orie Perdieu beamed with excitement as she took a preview tour of her nearly completed house on September 29. You can see her excitement firsthand on Tuesday, October 26 at 10 a.m. at Grand Opening ceremonies at the new, handicapped-accessible home at 4413 N. Kensington. Lorie Perdieu is an articulate and tireless worker for the disabled who has been disabled since birth. Owning her own home is a big milestone for Lorie and you can make the moment even better by attending the brief ceremony. The house is a collaboration of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI), the Christian Carpenters, and the Fuller Center for Housing. Financing is supported by a HUD grant, cash and in-kind contributions from the Christian Carpenters, and donations from the community (which are still being accepted and will help put the finishing touches on the home).

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## Say NO to Proposition A

- The initiative would eliminate 42% of Kansas City's general fund – over \$200 million annually.
- That cut is larger than the entire budget of the Kansas City Police Department, so it is no wonder the initiative is opposed by police officers, fire fighters, city leaders, and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.
- The initiative would likely impose tax increases on lower- and middle-income families by forcing them to pay more in property and sales taxes to make up for the revenue it eliminates.

Get more information at [www.SayNoToA.org](http://www.SayNoToA.org)

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLIPS

### October senior workshop is all about do-it-yourself remodeling

Antonina Heath, herself a senior citizen, will share her wealth of experience with do-it-yourself remodeling. She has completed several major remodeling jobs at her own home. She will share before and after pictures and encourage seniors who would like to get in the act themselves. Date/Time: October 13, 9 a.m.

### 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.

### Upcoming Neighborhood Roundtables:

**November 23:** KCMO Housing Prosecutor Todd Wilcher

**January 25:** Councilwoman Jan Marcason and the upcoming water and sewer improvements program

### Directory of services available at NNI

- Neighborhood organization, by-law and board development, neighborhood cleanups, including a tool library
- EXCEL neighborhood leadership program
- Space for neighborhood meetings
- Monthly senior citizen health, education and recreation workshops
- Crime prevention training programs, Cop Talk meetings, and Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off
- Comprehensive code enforcement (4 KCMO code officers are based at NNI)
- Neighborhood Computer Center
- Comprehensive home repair programs
- FOCUS Center: voter registration, pet licensing, code enforcement, animal control satellite, notary public, KCPD Office of Community Complaints, CAN (Community Action Network) Center
- Monthly "Meet Your Councilpersons" meetings
- Monthly "Roundtable" and communications workshops
- Clearing house for economic development projects that impact neighborhoods
- Neighborhood newsletter printing



## Safe Trick Or Treat Event Debuts at Metro North

NNI's Safe Trick or Treat event has a new venue this year: Metro North Mall at Highway 169 and Barry Road. The young and young at heart, along with your favorite ghosts and goblins, will converge on the temporarily haunted Metro North Mall from 5 to 9 p.m.

## REGISTER TO VOTE AT NNI!

Important elections will occur in November 2010, followed by the Kansas City Mayor and Council elections in February and March 2011. Northland voters need to be heard. You can register to vote at NNI. It's quick and easy, so do it today and add to the Northland voice. **Of special importance on the November ballot is Proposition A, which would seriously jeopardize Kansas City's earnings tax and put \$200 million in basic city services at risk. NNI urges neighborhoods to vote "No" on A, a destructive ballot issue.**

## FALL GARAGE SALES

### October 1 & 2

#### **Claybrook Homes Association**

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

#### **Sherwood Estates Homes Association**

Both Sides of Chouteau Tfwy - Vivion Rd to 46th St.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
*Friday & Saturday*

### October 2

#### **Greenhaven Neighborhood Association**

Walrond & Vivion Road  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*Saturday*

### October 8 & 9

#### **Carriage Hill Estates**

Shady Lane & N Spruce off N Brighton  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
*Friday & Saturday*

### October 15 & 16

#### **Sherwood Estates Homes Association**

Both Sides of Chouteau Tfwy - Vivion Rd to 46th St.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
*Friday & Saturday*

## NEED TO GET RID OF GARAGE SALE ITEMS?

**S**ynergy Services accepts these items at its Thrift Store. Synergy Services is a non-profit organization that helps families in crisis. It has shelters for children, teens and women in the Northland. Many donated items go directly to these individuals in need. The rest is sold through the Thrift Store and the profits go back into the agency to help run the shelters and other programs. For more information contact 468-0404.

## NNI Public Meetings and Events

### October 2010

Wednesday, 10/13	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 10/13	A Vision for Antioch Mall	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 10/18	NNI Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/19	1st District Problem-Solving	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 10/19	Greenhaven Neighborhood	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/20	Cop Talk	6:30 p.m.
Monday, 10/25	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 10/25	Lorie's House Grand Opening	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 10/26	Editors Resource Exchange	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10/31	Safe Trick or Treat - <b>Metro North Mall</b>	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.