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NNI newsletter moves to weekly format in January 2012

Neighborhood organizations are in the information business. They need information about city services, updates on the redevelopment of Antioch and Metro North shopping centers, progress reports on projects like Chouteau Parkway, and many other issues. One of NNI's most important roles is

to provide information to neighborhood associations so they can spread the word to their residents. "Northland Neighborhoods uses e-mail, public meetings, and our newsletter to keep our neighborhoods informed. And we're always looking for ways to do our job better. That's why we are going to a weekly newsletter," says NNI CEO Deb Hermann.

Starting Monday, January 2, and every Monday thereafter, NNI will e-mail a one-page (2 pages if necessary) newsletter with all the week's news, meeting schedules and special announcements. Persons who do not have access to a computer may request a printed copy. NNI will hone its journalism skills to be sure that every article is crisp, immediate and easy to read. As in the past, NNI is interested in getting articles from neighborhood newsletter editors when they have stories that would be of interest to other neighborhoods. Editors need to get the articles to NNI by Wednesday prior to the Monday publication date.

If you're looking for year-end tax deductions

NNI can help!

It's that time of year when folks start scrambling to maximize income tax deductions as they prepare for the annual 1040 ritual. **It's not too late** to help NNI provide better housing and better neighborhoods for Northland families and snag an extra deduction at the same time. With winter fast approaching, NNI needs your help in assuring that elderly citizens will have safe, energy-efficient furnaces and water heaters in their homes. And that struggling young families will have sound roofs over their heads and decent windows to keep out the rain and cold. You can help NNI meet those critical needs by sending your tax-deductible contribution today to: Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., 3015 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, MO 64119, 816-454-2000, www.nni.org. **NNI now also accepts donations through VISA, Master Card and Pay Pal.** On behalf of NNI and all the people we serve, thank you!

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Antioch Crossing gets TIF Commission blessing

work begins

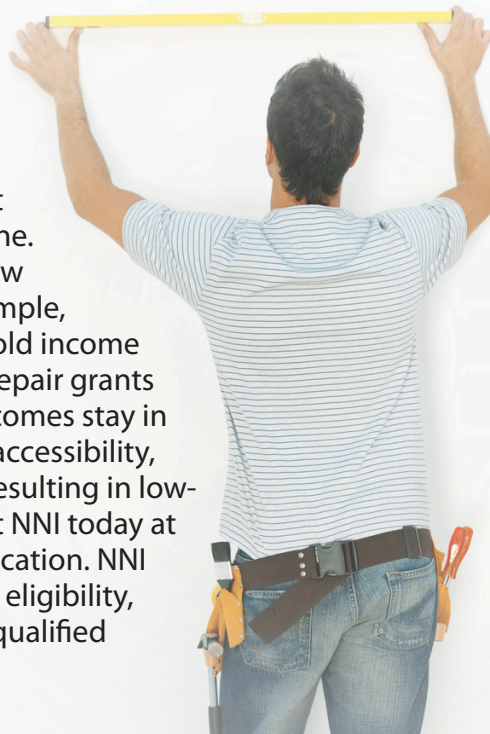
Redevelopment of Antioch Mall is on its way. The project won approval of the Tax Increment Financing Commission on the morning of November 9 and, by late afternoon, construction fencing was in place and utility relocations began. Environmental cleanup has also begun and will be completed by December 9. In the meantime, ARP, the owners/developers of Antioch Crossing, are preparing to go before the City Plan Commission and on to the City Council, the final

step in the approval process.

When the utility work is completed, Phase I site work, which includes demolition of the Mall south of the Burlington Coat Factory, should begin immediately. Exterior demolition will not be visible from the street until after January 1, 2012. Projections for completion of the demolition and abatement of this section of the old shopping center are still set for spring 2012.

Home repair grants available for eligible homeowners

If you are a Northland homeowner and need a new roof, windows, heating and cooling systems, siding, a driveway or other repairs, NNI has grants that can get these needed repairs done. Household income must be below 80% of median income. (For example, a family of 2 with a total household income of \$46,300 qualifies.) The home repair grants can also help seniors on fixed incomes stay in their homes, remove barriers to accessibility, and improve energy efficiency, resulting in lower household utility bills. Contact NNI today at 454-2000 for a home repair application. NNI will help determine your income eligibility, plan the repair work and assign qualified contractors to make the repairs.



Chouteau Parkway project moving at a crisp pace

Most of the recent work on the parkway project is underground, but don't be deceived. Things are happening. While utility crews are busy with relocating cables, environmental hazards are being removed from the structures that remain standing. By mid-January, the remaining demolition will be completed and bids will be opened for the actual parkway construction. Barring a prolonged winter, construction should begin by spring 2012.

Neighborhood Clips

Some brief-but important-announcements and information that might be helpful to neighborhoods in the Northland.

Take a holiday break at NNI's December Senior workshop

NNI will hold its traditional holiday senior workshop December 14. This special holiday agenda includes bingo starting at 9 a.m. followed by lunch and socializing. NNI thanks the St. Patrick Church's Nottingham Society for helping with the lunch this year.



Attention Platte County Homeowners Associations

Applications for Platte County's 2012 Stormwater Grant Program are now available. These grants assist established homeowners associations in making stormwater-related improvements. Applications can be obtained online at http://www.co.platte.mo.us.county_offices_departments/planning_zoning.html or by calling Platte County Engineer Nate Baldwin at 816-858-3473 or nbaldwin@co.platte.mo.us.

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.

Volunteers always needed at NNI

Volunteers are essential to NNI's mission. Annual events require many volunteers to assist in planning and executing the events. NNI also needs volunteers to help with mailings and reception work at the NNI office. If you are interested in volunteering in ways that genuinely help your community, NNI can match your talents and interests with a volunteer opportunity. Call today for a volunteer application form.

NNI can help fight home-based allergens

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 NNI at 454-2000 to see if you qualify.

Events in December 2011: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our website for latest information*

Tuesday, 12/13

1st District Problem-Solving
8:30 a.m.

Thursday, 12/15

NNI Holiday Party
5:00 – 9:00p.m.

Tuesday, 12/20

Greenhaven Neighborhood
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 12/14

Senior Workshop – Holiday Edition
9:00 a.m.

Monday, 12/19

NNI Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Monday, 12/26

NNI offices closed for Christmas

**Meet Your Councilpersons not held in December
No Cop Talk in December**

*NNI provides meeting space for any organization that provides a legitimate civic or public purpose. An organization's use of NNI meeting space does not imply any approval or endorsement of that organization's positions on any public issues.



**NNI'S
1ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 15**

Friends and supporters of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. are invited to drop by NNI on Thursday, December 15; 5 – 9 p.m. There will be a festive buffet of food, beverages and holiday cheer. The party is a personal gift from Deb Hermann, C.E.O of NNI to all the people from all parts of the metro area who intersect with NNI during the year.

Casual Dress, no need to R.S.V.P.