

This Week at NNI



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Deb's Desk (a weekly update from NNI CEO Deb Hermann)

Dwight Sampson is a long-time leader in the Greenhaven Neighborhood. He's also past president of the Shepherd Center of the Northland, a member of the Silver Haired City Council, a revered mentor of countless Boy Scouts, NNI's 2006 McManus Good Neighbor Award recipient, and much more. So, it is with great pleasure that I welcome Dwight to this week's Deb's Desk!

Greenhaven sends kudos to Parks Department

Dumpster Day for the Greenhaven Neighborhood was Saturday, April 28. The neighborhood-wide cleanup also covered the greenway along Chouteau between 53rd and 54th Streets. (The greenway became part of the park and boulevard system after it was deeded to the Parks Department by the previous owners of the Antioch Mall.) It contains a fairly dense forest as well as a spacious strip of grassy area. The forest contained many large dead trees. Our Greenhaven stalwarts can do many things. But big tree removal is clearly outside our job description. At a planning meeting with Parks, we struck a deal. We would clear the area of trash if Parks would handle the trees. Well, early Saturday morning, Parks was there with heavy equipment, trucks and workers. As promised, the trees were removed. And, as promised, we took care of the litter and brush. Two days later, Park crews returned, unsolicited, to mow the area.

Here is a city department that has suffered serious budget cuts over the past three years. They could have begged off on helping Greenhaven. Instead they gladly came through for us. Because the Parks Department was willing to stretch its very limited resources, not only Greenhaven, but everyone who walks or drives along this section of Chouteau Trafficway is a winner. We applaud the Parks Department staff for their great work and their terrific spirit of cooperation!

– Dwight Sampson

News Bites

LeaderWorks!

A must program for current and future neighborhood leaders. Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m. Topic is "Compliance with Property Maintenance Codes."

Time for ABOPT!

ABOPT. That's anti-freeze, batteries, oil, paint and tires, and they can be dropped off Saturday, June 30, 8 a.m., south across Barry Road from Metro North shopping center. More details to follow. **Volunteers are needed!**
Call 816-454-2000.

NNI FOCUS Center:

- **License your dog**
- **Register to vote**
- **Talk to a code inspector**
- **Get helpful information**

Call 816-454-2000 or drop by NNI at 3015 NE Vivion Road.

Calendar for May 23 – June 25

5/23/12	7:00 p.m.	LeaderWorks
5/28/12	MEMORIAL DAY: Meet Your Councilpersons CANCELLED	
6/12/12	8:30 a.m.	1 st District Problem-Solving Meeting
6/13/12	9:00 a.m.	Senior Workshop
6/20/12	6:30 p.m.	Cop Talk
6/25/12	6:00 p.m.	NNI Annual Meeting followed by Board Meeting at 7 p.m.