

This Week at NNI



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

Sustainability is a favorite buzz word in government, foundation and neighborhood circles these days. The idea is to promote programs and projects for non-profits that recharge their own batteries, giving gifts that keep on giving year after year. Energy conservation is a good example of a sustainable program. At NNI, we try to include energy saving improvements and appliances in every home repair project. But the most sustainable program is *education*. With programs like our senior workshops, Neighborhood Roundtable, Cop Talk, and our EXCEL Leadership program, NNI has set the pace for sustainable education programs. This spring, we'll take our programming up a notch with our first ongoing program for training entire neighborhoods to become strong, sustainable organizations.

The curriculum will be practical, cutting-edge, and fun. Here's an advance look:

- Defining your vision and mission statement
- Setting objectives and forming your neighborhood team
- Managing effective meetings
- Building capacity to get things done
- Growing and sustaining partnerships and funding
- Communications: old fashioned and high-tech
- Building effective relationships with governmental agencies
- Activism: voter registration, issue advocacy and more

If your neighborhood is interested in taking advantage of this new training opportunity, call me or Jim Rice at 816-454-2000. Be one of the first neighborhoods to get on the waiting list. The wait won't be long.

News Bites

- Exterior demolition of **Antioch Mall** began big-time January 30. Crews gutted the building interiors last week. The waiting list for the proposed 98-unit senior apartments now totals 34. Add your name to the list by calling Jim Rice at NNI, 454-2000.
- The **Chouteau Parkway** project cleared two more hurdles this past week. The gaping hole reminders of old underground storage tanks have been backfilled. And, construction bids came in below budget and contracts will be awarded in time for a spring 2012 construction start.

NNI Calendar for January 30 - February 20

2/8/12	9:00 a.m.	Senior Workshop (Dr. Paul Hilpman will explain how you can improve storm water drainage at your home without spending your life savings.)
2/14/12	8:30 a.m.	1 st District Problem Solving Meeting
2/15/12	6:30 p.m.	Cop Talk
2/20/12	6:00 p.m.	NNI Board Meeting