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The monthly **“Meet Your Councilperson”** event is Monday, May 24, 6 - 7 pm at NNI. Following that, Northland neighborhood leaders will meet. The topic for the evening will be **Neighborhoods and Schools: Making Connections, Finding Solutions.**

The NNI Board of Directors will meet May 17 at 6:30 pm.

NNI Meetings in May

Mon.,	May 3	Neighborhood Relations Committee Meeting	6 pm
Tues.,	May 11	Neighborhood Solutions Meeting	6 pm
Wed.,	May 12	NNI Senior’s Workshop	9 am
Thurs.,	May 13	Greenhaven Neighborhood Association	6:30 pm
Mon.,	May 17	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon.,	May 17	Candidate Forum	7 pm
Mon.,	May 24	Meet Your Councilperson/Leaders’ Meeting	6-8 pm
Mon.,	May 31	Memorial Day - NNI offices closed	



NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS

We will leave no neighborhood behind

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Keep the momentum going; elect a forward-thinking Board on June 28



**By Mike Lewis,
NNI Board
President**

It's been a good year for NNI, starting in June when our Member neighborhoods elected a dedicated, hard-working board. First, we hired two key staff people to manage the organization. Our new Director of Operations, Christy Harris, wasted no time modernizing our business systems and office layout. Christy brought a welcome sense of order and professionalism to NNI. Jim Rice, our Executive Director, shored up essential funding from the City of Kansas City and the Local

Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and nailed down our contract to manage the Chouteau Housing and Maintenance Program (CHAMP). Thanks to CHAMP, we will complete repairs to 240 homes by late summer.

Working with Councilperson Deb Hermann and the City's Housing Department, we launched our first New and Rehab Housing program. We have completed two houses and two more are on the way. The Board also approved a partnership with Cohen-Esrey Development to convert the old Eastwood School into senior apartments. To tie it all together, we recently rolled out an exciting new program called NEIGHBORHOOD SOLUTIONS. It combines our neighborhood

organizing effort with our Neighborhood Information Center. Another strong staff addition, Riki Carter, manages this important program.

Yes, NNI has momentum. And, the best way to keep that positive momentum going is to elect a strong, forward-thinking Board of Directors at NNI's Annual Meeting on June 28. The NNI slate includes four current board members running for re-election, one person running for an open seat, and two recent board appointees who must be ratified by the Member neighborhoods.

I have served on the board for three years and as President since October 2003. I am running for my second term. If

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Last call for Member Certifications; Annual Meeting set for June 28

Under NNI bylaws, only certified Members may vote at the Annual Meeting. Members are defined as organized and active neighborhood associations that hold open meetings, have submitted a written request for membership, and have been admitted for membership by vote of the NNI board.

The deadline for neighborhood associations to be certified is May 17, 2004. Organizations wishing certification or individuals wanting a Board Member application form should call Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.

Neighborhood associations and groups certified to date:

1. **Barry Harbor-Hunter's Ridge** Neighborhood Association
2. **Beverly Manor** Neighborhood Association
3. **Briarcliff Hills** Neighborhood Association
4. **BridgePointe** Homeowners Association
5. **Brittany Oaks** Homes Association
6. **Carriage Hill Estates** Homeowners Association
7. **Cedar Ridge** Homeowners Association
8. **Chaumiere** Neighborhood Association
9. **Chouteau Estates** Neighborhood Association
10. **Claybrook Homes** Association
11. **Claymont North** Homeowners Association
12. **Cooley Highland** Neighborhood Association
13. **Country Club** Homeowners Association
14. **Country Downs** Homeowners Association
15. **Coventry Homes** Association
16. **Crestview** Neighborhood Association
17. **Davidson** Neighborhood Association
18. **Dundee Hills** Neighborhood Association
19. **Foxwoods** Neighborhood Association
20. **Gashland** Heights Neighborhood Association
21. **Golden Oaks** Neighborhood Association
22. **Gracemor Randolph** Neighborhood Association
23. **Green Meadows** Neighborhood Association
24. **Greenhaven** Neighborhood Association
25. **Grey Oaks Homes** Association, Inc.
26. **Highland Acres** Neighborhood Association
27. **Highland Park** Neighborhood Association
28. **Hills of Rockcreek** Neighborhood Association
29. **Hills of Walden** Homes Association
30. **Holiday Hills** Neighborhood Association
31. **Little Village** Neighborhood Association
32. **Maple Park** Neighborhood Association
33. **Maple Woods Estates** Homeowners Association
34. **Misty Woods** Neighborhood Association
35. **North Star** Neighborhood Association
36. **Old Maple Park** Neighborhood Association
37. **Park Plaza Homes** Association
38. **Patterson Highlands** Neighborhood Association
39. **Prather Hills** Neighborhood Association
40. **Randolph Corners - Winchester Woods** Neighborhood Association
41. **Ravenwood - Sommerset** Neighborhood Association
42. **River Forest** Neighborhood Association
43. **Searcy Creek** Neighborhood Association
44. **South Oakwood** Neighborhood Association
45. **Strathbury Woods** Homeowners Association
46. **Sunset Dixon** Neighborhood Association
47. **Sunset Hill** Neighborhood Association
48. **Thistle Hill Homes** Association
49. **Winnwood - Sunnybrook** Neighborhood Association

Bulky item collection clarified

There has been much confusion this year with regard to bulky item collection. Effective January 1, 2004, bulky item pickups are scheduled **every other** month and the date depends on which zone you are in.

Collections in Zones 3, 5, and 7 are in the odd months (January, March, May, July, September and November). Collections in Zones 6 and 8 are in even months (February, April, June, August, October and December).

To determine which zone you are in, you can either check the city's Environmental Management website (www.kcmo.org/enviro.nsf/web/bulkynorth) or call 513-3490.

Focus on FOCUS: Code enforcement a key part of FOCUS Center activities



Dan Livingston
Code Enforcement Officer

“Focus on FOCUS” is a new column in the quarterly addition of Northland Neighborhoods. Code violations are a huge concern and this column will answer some of your questions.

Now that Spring is here, a couple of codes reminders.

Bulky item pick-up dates have changed. Citizens are asked to place bulky items out one day before their bulky item pick-up date. Bulky items are considered trash and a violation of Chapter 48 Nuisance Code. Citizens can call Environmental Management at 513-3490 to check the new bulky item pick-up dates.

Second, the city’s cold weather policy expires May 1, 2004. The cold weather policy is done on a yearly basis. This applies to citizens who received notice and order letters dated between November 1, 2003 and April 1, 2004. Also, the cold weather policy is for painting and concrete violations only. If violations have not been corrected by May 1, 2004, and an extension is denied, a summons to court will be issued.

FOCUS Centers grew out of FOCUS Kansas City (Forging Our Comprehensive Urban Strategies). NNI is one of such centers in the city

Any weeds or noxious plants, which include grass and unattended growth over 10 inches high, are violations of Charter 48 Nuisance Code. The city requires citizens to keep their yards free from these violations. Citizens will be sent a warning letter explaining the violations and time to correct the violations. Failure to correct violations will result in a summons to court.

Finally, a brief look at the code enforcement process. First a complaint is turned into the city. A letter is sent to inform the occupant and/or the owner of the violation. The city gives a due process of time to correct the violation. A city inspector then will inspect the property in question, and determine if the violation has been corrected. If the violation is not corrected the city inspector will issue a summons to court. Reminder, the city inspector is required to continue to issue summons until all violations on the property have been corrected. If you have any questions, please call Neighborhood Preservation at 513-9000.

NNI now a designated satellite for KCPD Office of Community Complaints

Complaints against members of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department can now be made at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway.

The opening of this satellite office is a priority of the Office of Community Complaints (OCC), as well as the Board of Police Commissioners. Community members have more choices available to them on where to file complaints or to bring issues to the attention of OCC.

In addition to the NNI site, complaints can be submitted at the Office of Community Complaints, 635 Woodland Avenue - Suite 2102; MOVEUP, 3330 Troost, the Kansas City Missouri Police Department Headquarter; or any division station.

The Office of Community Complaints conducts investigations into allegations of misconduct against members of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

For information please contact Merrell R. Bennekin at 816 889-6643, or email the Office of Community Complaints communitycomplaints@kcpd.org.



Spotlight on volunteerism: Something for the boys and girls "Over There"

Phone card to call home:	\$20
Panty liners for helmets:	\$2.99
Your warm thoughts:	Priceless

by Reta Jo Mitchell

When our neighbors, the Millers, light their Stars and Stripes in the front window, we know their daughter Taryn of the 139th Logistics Group, Air National Guard based in St. Joseph, has returned to Iraq. It is glowing now.

Surfacing from my WWII memories was that plaintive ballad, "Say a Prayer For The Boys Over There," leading me to wondering if Northlanders are praying for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Wondering where are the yellow ribbons and who is conducting care package drives.

I discovered that, although we do not house a military base or a large reserve unit, Clay and Platte residents in many quiet ways are indeed remembering those troops now in harm's way.

Firefighter Robert Walker, a Marine reservist on duty in Iraq, has a new, much needed septic tank at his home on North Hardesty, thanks to fellow firemen and other volunteers. The widow of Silver Star hero Sgt. Donald Walters has the caring support of her church, Winnwood Baptist, and VFW Post 4050 in North Kansas City.

When Briarcliff Elementary School's 3rd grade teacher Jan Lamberth learned that American troops were request-

ing school supplies for Iraqi children, she organized a drive with kids collecting pencils, crayons, rulers and spiral notebooks, giving "their hearts and their enthusiasm" to the effort. In their box of over 2,700 items they tucked a disposable camera and a return address. (What better ambassadors of good will toward the Iraqi people could there possibly be?)

On the Antioch Library's bulletin board and on school walls are "Heroes Lists," displaying the names and photographs of Northlanders on active duty.

For months, ladies of the American Legion's Elmer Ellis Post 33 in Smithville have been knitting slipper socks for "Operation Toasty Toes." VFW Post 5606 in Kansas City North donates funds for phone cards and collects movie tapes, especially comedies and westerns. "You can't go wrong with a John Wayne movie," explained post Auxiliary treasurer Bertie Cooper.

As part of "Operation Support Our Troops," a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, a devoted, homefront effort is ongoing in Platte City. It involves VFW Post 4055, Auxiliary member Edith Prost, the First Baptist Church of the town and the Prost basement. On the first Thursday of each month, volunteers gather to pack a wealth of donated items for shipment to the front.

Edith and her cohorts also sew "neck coolers," a scarf filled with crystals that, when wet, provides welcome relief from the desert heat. Using Edith's pattern, Northlander Marg Merchant and even my husband are making the coolers from camouflage-pattern fabric.

All of us can do more for our servicemen and women through our churches, schools, clubs and work places. One cannot mail things directly to "a soldier in Iraq." A contact person or unit is needed. In Platte City, for instance, Edith Prost's son, an Army chaplain in Iraq, is their contact.

For suggestions and contact information, you may consult: Bud Haney, Director, VFW Military Assistance Program at 756-3390, The VFW or American Legion post nearest you, or Operation Uplink to donate for phone cards at 561-8655. To donate school supplies, contact VFW Auxiliary at 561-8655, ext. 32, or People-to-People at 913-764-5200. Or, "Operation Gratitude" on the internet. To donate your frequent flyer miles to troops trying to get home (they must buy tickets), consult "Operation Hero Miles" on the internet or call Congressman Ike Skelton.

Some items the troops need are personal care things: baby

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Meet your neighbor



Linda Cochran
Ravenwood-Summerset
Neighborhood

"Meet Your Neighbor" is a quarterly column that features a person who makes a difference in the life of our neighborhoods.

Meet Linda Cochran from the Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood. Linda was born and raised in Prairie Village, Kansas and then moved to the Northland as an adult. She has lived in the Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood for 23 years and currently lives with her dog (Walter) and 3 cats (Brandie, Kahula, & Missi Bobbit). Linda is employed at a local casino and in her spare time enjoys gardening, reading, traveling, volunteering at the Gladstone Animal Shelter, walking and working with her neighborhood.

Linda is President of the 550-home Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood. She has been involved in making street event signs for each event in the neighborhood as well as reviving the welcome baskets given to newcomers in the neighborhood and writes the monthly newsletter. .

She is very involved in organizing neighborhood activities such as the garage sale, painting fire hydrants, block party and a pancake night for Ravenwood Library donations. Also included this year are new projects: house numbers on curbs and mailboxes. Currently Linda is also working on a park bench project behind the Ravenwood Elementary School.

Linda has big plans to introduce some great programs for the Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood in 2004. A variety of speakers have been booked for all the neighborhood meetings in 2004 with topics like crime and illegal dumping, a gardening and nature sanctuary, Kansas City History and other topics important to Ravenwood-Summerset.

Linda Cochran has been a key ingredient in the success of the Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood Association and we thank her for all her hard work and effort. Linda would personally like to thank her Council members for their hard work and dedication. It's people like Linda who make a positive difference in the Northland.

NNI seniors: What makes your home a healthy home?

Join Lenore Carroll from Healthy Homes Network on Wednesday, May 12, at 9 am to discuss what makes your home a healthy home.

Many everyday items, such as pesticide and household cleaners, contain dangerous chemicals. Any time you see "Caution" be aware it could be dangerous.

Lenore will discuss the hazards of lead paint, indoor air quality, and the effects of second-hand smoke, mold, carbon monoxide and radon.

For more information contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.

Something For the Boys and Girls *(continued from page 4)*

wipes, Kleenex, toilet paper, socks, movies and games, fly swatters, and snacks that won't melt. The cost of shipping runs about a dollar per pound.

On a personal note, when our Navy pilot son was in an earlier Persian Gulf conflict, we lived with fear. Our hearts go out to the Ottawa, Kansas, family who got a letter from their son thanking them for the toilet paper, and that dreaded knock on the door the same day. Our troops deployed and their families back home need to know how much we care.

For a complete needs list or neck cooler pattern or to report your activities for the troops, call NNI at 454-2000 to reach me.

Infill House on North Jackson has proud new owners



Completed infill house at 4309 N. Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Esad Delic and their 17-year old daughter now reside at the new house at 4309 N. Jackson. This is the first house completed and sold under NNI's New Construction Purchase-Rehab program. The one and a half story, three-bedroom house became the Delic residence in March 2004.



Mr. and Mrs. Esad Delic and their 17-year old daughter

Bop over to Antioch Center for "ABOP" (Anti-freeze, Battery, Oil & Paint)

Saturday, June 12, from 8 am to Noon, Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., the City of Kansas City, and Antioch Center will provide residents an opportunity to safely dispose of household waste. Residents of Kansas City North and other participating communities may safely dispose of anti-freeze, batteries, oil and paint, (ABOP). No aerosol cans, please. **Tires will also be accepted from Kansas City residents ONLY.**

The Center is located between Antioch Road and Chouteau Trafficway at Vivion Road. The drop-off site will be on Antioch Center's east parking lot off Chouteau Trafficway.

If you would like more information, contact Janet at 454-2000.

Participating cities include: Kansas City, Kearney, Liberty, North Kansas City, Northmoor, Parkville, Platte City, Platte Woods, Pleasant Valley, Riverside, Smithville, Sugar Creek, unincorporated Clay County, Weatherby Lake and Lake Waukomis.

Identification with proof of residency is required.

Residents of nonparticipating cities will be charged a disposal fee of **\$75.00**

There will be a **300-CAR LIMIT**, so it is first-come first-served.

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re-elected, I will work hard to leave no one behind and to bring people together to find neighborhood solutions.

Current Board members Virjean Burton, Stan Cunningham and Kevin Masters were appointed to the board to serve out terms of members who resigned. They are running for their first full terms. They bring diverse experience and real dedication to the board.

Mary Jo Burton, Director of Communications for the North Kansas City School District, is running for the open seat of Wayne St. Vincent, whose second three-year term expires in June. Mary Jo is a dedicated professional who will give NNI a solid link to NKC schools.

Thomas Schweitzer is a resident of Briarcliff Estates and a retired financial officer. Misty Casey is a resident of Pine Lake and active in community and civic affairs. Both were appointed to the board in March to fill unexpired terms that run out in June 2006. Their appointments deserve approval by the Member organizations at the Annual Meeting.

**Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.
Board of Directors - Officers**

Mike Lewis	President
Doniele Kane	Vice-President
Wayne St. Vincent	Treasurer
Pam Moore	Secretary

Jim Rice - Executive Director
Janet Shaffer - Newsletter Editor
Christy Harris - Director of Operations

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Kudos go to Neighborhood Champions at NNI Town Hall Meeting

The first annual Neighborhood Champion awards were announced at a Town Hall Meeting April 20 at the Doolin Conference Center of the North Kansas City School District. The

awardees represent a cross section of neighborhood leaders, city officials and law enforcement professionals. They are:

John Baker, Sunset-Dixon Neighborhood

Linda Cochran, Ravenwood - Summerset Neighborhood

Brenda Ellis, Golden Oaks Neighborhood Association

Ron Gould, Water Services Department

Dwayne Lee, Patterson Highlands Neighborhood Association

Nathan McCommon, City Manager's Office

Jim McKeehan, Gracemor Neighborhood

Linda McPheeters, Old Maple Park Neighborhood

Reta Jo Mitchell, Historian and Writer

Kathy Monson, Crestview School

Ken Nelson, BridgePointe Homeowners Association

Evelyn Oliver, Sunset Hill Neighborhood



Nathan Paré, Neighborhood and Community Services Department

Dru Sears, Chaumiere Neighborhood

Frances Semler, River Forest Neighborhood Association

Chris Sicoli, North Patrol Division, Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Jim Silke, North Patrol Division, Community Resource Officer

Don Smarker, North Patrol Division, Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

John Still, Davidson Neighborhood

Evelyn Vandierendonk, Winnwood - Sunnybrook Neighborhood

The evening began with "Year-In-Review" remarks by Councilpersons Bonnie Sue Cooper, John Fairfield and Deb Hermann; Major John Armilio of the North Patrol Division; and NNI Executive Director Jim Rice.

NNI President Mike Lewis served as Master of Ceremonies.