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The monthly **“Meet Your Councilperson”** event is Monday, August 23, 6 - 7 pm at NNI. Following that, Northland neighborhood leaders will meet.

The NNI Board of Directors will meet August 16 at 6:30 pm.

NNI Meetings in August

Mon.,	August 2	Neighborhood Relations Committee Meeting	6 pm
Tues.,	August 3	Holiday Hills Neighborhood Meeting	6 pm
Mon.,	August 9	RecycleFIRST	7 pm
Wed.,	August 11	Senior Citizen Workshop	9 am
Mon.,	August 11	PIAC Hearings	6:30 pm
Thurs.,	August 12	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon.,	August 16	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon.,	August 17	RecycleFIRST	10:00 am
Mon.,	August 23	Meet your Councilperson and Leaders Meeting	6-8 pm
Wed.,	August 25	9-1-1 What to expect	6:30 pm
Mon.,	August 30	Walnut Ridge Homes Association Meeting	6:30pm



NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS

We will leave no neighborhood behind

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Spotlight on Volunteerism:



***Saving A
Connie--
And Much
More***



by Reta Jo Mitchell

“Whatever happened to the Connies?” asked one aviation enthusiast of another. “Let’s get one, fix it up and take it to airshows,” came the reply.

Thus, the fancy of friends Larry Brown and Dick McMahon took flight, culminating in a first-class museum celebrating the era of propeller-driven airliners. We know it as “Save A Connie, Inc.”

(SAC), doing business as the Airline History Museum with one paid secretary, and everything else done by volunteers.

In 1985, a derelict Lockheed Constellation 1019 G (or H) was found in Mesa, Arizona. Price: 4,000 dollars. Weeks of volunteer labor got the “Connie” airworthy for the ferry flight to Kansas City, where restoration began in

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earnest. And SAC was born.

Formed as a non-profit organization in 1986, SAC now lists 565 dues-paying members from TWA and at least six other airlines, former military and corporate pilots and business personnel. Also teachers, blue-collar craftsmen and housewives, all united by their appreciation for aviation's exciting, and oftentimes elegant, earlier years.

Over 800 Constellations were built, but finding components to restore one is daunting. Larry Brown located two tip-tanks, making long flights again possible. From retired TWA mechanic Jim Breed's basement became a galley and a set of sleeping berths. (In those halcyon years, you could dream your way cross-country or to Europe.)

Gifts of artifacts flowed in. Museum holdings include an actual cutaway engine and old-time meal trays served on lap pillows before drop-down tables came in. Also crystal and china, logo-embossed blankets, souvenir wings for kids, and every style of uniform, including paper costume dresses flight attendants wore to depict the country of destination. The toga, for example, was the "uniform de jour" for Rome.

Volunteer curator Reba Stayton has catalogued over 1200 items, "a mere drop in the bucket."

Back on July 9, 1988, there were cheers, and tears, as Mercury Astronaut Scott Carpenter christened the fully restored 1049-G the "Star of America." Since then, the plane has flown to over a dozen airshows each year with

volunteer flight and ground service personnel.

Charles Horstgmann, once manager of operational planning for TWA, now plans the museum's tours. I took tours conducted by Pat Pendleton, a retired flight attendant, and former Park Hill teacher Bill Fitzgerald.

While Pat was directing kids in and out of the flight simulator, Bill was giving an intriguing flight history talk, from the legendary Icarus to today.

The tours cover the display rooms and the hangar where volunteer mechanics toil in the maintenance bays. On view are two more recent additions: a Martin 404 and a DC-3, first cousin of WWII's famed "Gooney Bird." Visitors can also browse in the volunteer-staffed gift shop.

A new educational offering will be an accredited course in flight theory and navigation as well as career opportunities in aviation, available as a school curriculum, true-experience adjunct.

The huge hangar has been the site of parties and other gatherings, even weddings. A rally for presidential candidate John Kerry was recently held there. SAC President FOE Geldersma explained that fees paid for such events help meet the considerable operating costs.

The Constellation is also a movie star, currently appearing in the new film about Howard Hughes, who is portrayed by Leonardo DiCaprio. Connie plays herself.

My most recent visit to the museum was on a hot July day. Yet the volunteers took their lunch break, not in the air-conditioned areas, but out in the hanger

alongside the fuselage of their beloved old friend.

The Museum of Flight is at the Wheeler Downtown Airport. Scheduled and walking tours are available each day. Admission ranges from free for kids under 6 to \$7 for adults. For more information call 421-3401.

Phase 3 of RecycleFIRST goes into effect September 1

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. is sponsoring two informational meetings on Phase 3 of RecycleFIRST, which goes into effect September 1.

The meetings will be held at the NNI offices on Monday, August 9, 7 pm and Monday, August 17, 10:30 am. Representatives from RecycleFIRST will be available to answer all your questions.

If you have any questions please call Janet at 454-2000.

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Northland Chamber issues PIAC wish list

Following a year of hard work by several committees, the Northland Chamber of Commerce has prepared a wide-ranging list of priority projects for PIAC (one cent sales tax for pay-as-you-go capital improvements) and general obligation bond funding.

Parks

1st Council District	
Pleasant Valley Park	\$ 846,000
Kansas City North Community Center	800,000
Garney Park	850,000
Englewood Park	300,000
Hodge Park	1,450,000
Hidden Valley Park	75,000
Tree Planting	100,000
Gorman Park Trail	375,000
Buckeye Greenway Trail	250,000
District 1 Regional Community Center	100,000
Lakewood Greenway Drainage Rehab	200,000
Golden Oaks Park	390,000

2nd Council District

Platte Purchase Park	2,073,200
Vaydik/Line Creek Park	550,000
Tiffany Springs Park	1,410,000
Barry Road Park	545,000
Waterworks Park	920,000
Tree Plantings	100,000
Broadway Extension Beautification	200,000
Line Creek Parkway Lighting	200,000
Line Creek Parkway ROW Acquisition	1,000,000
Clayton Park Trail	100,000
Amity Park	355,000
Waterwell Athletic Complex	305,000
Themed Play Area	1,000,000

Road Projects

N.W. Barry Road from I-29 to Potomac
 Maplewoods Parkway
 N. Oak, NE 96th Street to NE 111th
 Gower Drive/NW 68th
 N. Brighton, Vivion Road to Pleasant Valley Road.
 Briarcliff Parkway, Briarcliff Road to North Holmes
 N. Brighton from 210 to Parvin Road
 Tiffany Springs Parkway realignment
 Police Academy roadways (Design)
 N.E. Barry Road, N Highland to N Park (Design)
 Waukomis, Barry Road to NW 68th (Design)
 Prairie View, (Design)
 Green Hills Road (Design)
 N. Amity from Barry Road to industrial park at airport (Design)
 Maplewoods Parkway, Hwy. 1 to N. Brighton (Design)
 N Oak, N.E. 111th to Cookingham Road
 NE 96th Street, N Oak to Maplewoods Parkway
 NE 72nd Street, Gladstone city limits to I-435
 Pleasant Valley Road, Gladstone to I-435
 Line Creek Parkway, Stagecoach Road to Green Hills Road
 Intersection of Shoal Creek and Maplewoods Parkway
 Platte Purchase Road, NW 100th to Highway 152
 First and Second Creek Sewers
 Line Creek Parkway Water and Sewer
 Shoal Creek Parkway, Maplewoods Parkway to Line Creek Parkway

Bond Projects

N. Brighton from Vivion to Pleasant Valley Road
 Police Academy Access Roads (Design)
 N. Brighton, to Parvin Road (Design)
 Briarcliff Parkway West of N. Oak (Design and ROW)
 NW Barry Road, Stoddard to Potomac
 Waukomis, NW 68th to Barry Road (Design)
 NE Barry Road, Highland to N. Park (Design)
 Gower Drive/NW 68th (Flood Control)
 Barry Road Park Parking Lot
 Kansas City North Community Center
 Maplewoods Parkway
 Pleasant Valley Park
 Clay County Aquatic Center
 Planning
 Tree Replacement
 Platte County Aquatic Center
 Tiffany Springs Parkway

PIAC hearing slated for August 11 at NNI

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC), in cooperation with the Mayor and City Council, will hold a hearing at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m .

These hearings are being held so that the Committee and Council can hear from citizens about the City's public improvement needs. The PIAC will use information gathered through the hearings to recommend projects for funding to the Council for Year 2005-2006.

For more information contact Janet at 454-2000.



Reta Jo Mitchell honored by Clay County Commission for work on Winnwood history

Long-time Northland advocate and guest columnist for the

Northland Neighborhoods newsletter was honored July 26 for her work in preserving the memory of Winnwood Beach.

A resolution by the Clay County Commission commended Mitchell for spearheading a history of the "Atlantic City of the Midwest." The story of Winnwood Beach recaptures a bygone era embracing early 20th Century Clay County, the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression, World War II and the post-War expansion of Kansas City. The once

famous resort attraction is the present-day site of the Chouteau Crossings Shopping Center.

Among those who assisted Reta Jo on the project were Barbara Sutterby Smith, Norris Cresswell, Cheryl Barrios, Gus Leimkuhler, Mary McMullin, Bess Duston, Phillip Gates, Jackie Russell, Les Van Bibber, Jan Winn Killam, Gary Jenkins Jeff Peterson, Bruce Mitchell, Virginia Marchio, Della Mae Lakey, Barbara Shippee Larson, Margrita Merchant, Darrell Ball Jo Davidson, Barbara Kerr, Clarence Rickaman, Mary Jo Baum, Toni Fitzgibbons,

Councilwoman Deb Hermann, faculty and students at Winnetonka High School, and the staff at Northland Neighborhoods. The group was later dubbed the "Remember Winnwood Beach Group."

The project, which spanned several years, ultimately produced feature stories, paintings, photo collections, original picture post cards, Living History presentations to area school children, a display and mural now housed in the Clay County Annex, and a marker at Chouteau Crossings.

New member certification continues; annual renewals to get underway

Under NNI bylaws, only certified Members may vote at the Annual Meeting. The deadline for neighborhood associations to be certified in time for the 2005 Annual Meeting is May 2005.

Members are defined as organized and active neighborhood associations that hold open meetings on a regular basis, have submitted a written request for membership, and have been admitted for membership by vote of the NNI board. Organizations wishing certification or individuals wanting a Board Member application form should call Janet at 454-2000.

NNI currently lists 63 neighborhood associations as officially certified. These members will be contacted by NNI during the coming weeks and asked to complete a simple renewal form.



The member certification process conducted over the past year helped make the June 28 Annual Meeting a big success.



Ida Mae Willhaus and Jay Stock tally votes at the Annual Meeting.

Fighting mosquitoes: Spraying may *not* be the best way

It's the time of year for those irritating, and sometimes dangerous, pests. In the past, spraying was often considered the only option. But the Centers for Disease Control has another idea. According to them, pesticide spraying is the least efficient mosquito control measure.

Only a small percentage of mosquitoes in the targeted area are killed by spraying. Pesticide spraying cannot target just mosquitoes. Also killed are beneficial insects such as butterflies and bees (pollinators) and dragonflies (mosquito predators). Birds can be affected as well.

Mosquitoes develop resistance to pesticides. Pesticide spraying can be harmful to human health because the toxic chemicals that kill insects also impact our bodies.

There are alternatives to spraying. Integrated Pest Management includes prevention (eliminating stagnant water sources which are mosquito breeding grounds), larviciding to kill mosquitoes in their larval stage, public education and awareness, and monitoring of mosquito populations.

Here are some helpful things you can do yourself:

- Clean out gutters.
- Remove old tires or drill holes in those used for playground equipment to allow them to drain.
- Tires are very attractive breeding sites for several mosquitoes that bite humans.
- Cover stacked tires with plastic or store under a shelter to avoid rain filling them with water.
- Check boats for holding water, clear drain hole, turn over, cover or increase angle to aid drainage.
- Check tarps on boats or other equipment/items that may collect water in pockets or indentions.
- Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.
- Turn over or remove plastic pots.
- Pick up broken, unused or discarded toys that hold water.
- Pick up all beverage containers and cups.
- Replace water in bird baths and animal feeding dishes twice a week.
- Fill tree holes (hardwood trees) that hold water with sand.
- Dispose of broken or unused kiddie pools.
- Pick up plastic wrappers used for food or other products; mosquitoes can breed even in a discarded potato chip bag that has collected water.
- Don't leave garbage can lids lying around upside down. Change water in the bottom of plant containers, including hanging plants, at least twice a week.
- Fix dripping outdoor faucets that create pools of water.
- Burning mosquito coils, usually containing pyrethrin, outside can give relief in the immediate area.
- Goldfish in ornamental ponds will feed on mosquito larva.
- One tablespoon of salt or two squirts of dishwasher detergent in an automobile tire will kill the mosquito larvae.

Focus on FOCUS: Pet Licensing



Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. is now issuing pet licenses and tags. You must bring in proof of current vaccination. The fee is \$9.00 for spayed or neutered cats, dogs and ferrets and \$32.00 for unaltered pets.

It is a law that all cats and dogs in the city limits of Kansas City, MO must be licensed.

If you have any questions, please call Janet at 454-2000.

With help from Chouteau TIF, CHAMP sets new standard for urban revitalization

The Chouteau Housing Assistance and Maintenance Program (CHAMP) began in September 2003 and will wind down by December 2004. CHAMP is living up to its name-sake in the two neighborhoods adjoining the Chouteau Crossings Shopping Center at I-35 and Chouteau Trafficway.

As of July 6, 2004, Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI) has processed 214 applications, an amazing feat, considering the time and attention given to each applicant. Nearly 150 home repairs have been completed. CHAMP is a powerful neighborhood revitalization strategy in its own right. When it is combined with the other revitalization strategies targeted to the Chaumiere and Winnwood-Sunnybrook neighborhoods, it is even more powerful. CHAMP's new roofs, siding, windows and driveways have created curb appeal and energy efficiency in the two



targeted neighborhoods.

In Chaumiere and Winnwood-Sunnybrook, NNI's new construction/purchase rehab program is also underway, in partnership with the City's Housing and Economic Development Financial Corporation (HEDFC). Two new houses have been completed. NNI, in partnership with Cohen-Esrey Development, is seeking financing for conversion of the former Eastwood School to senior apartments. The school site, at 4140 Walrond, has 400-foot frontages on Bellefontaine and Walrond. This project will provide a massive aesthetic and functional

improvement for the Chaumiere neighborhood.

The CHAMP program was made possible by an innovative use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the Chouteau Crossings Shopping Center, located on the former site of the old Winnwood Beach amusement center. TIF bonds in the amount of \$1.8 million were issued based on the projected tax increment proceeds of the shopping center, with \$800,000 earmarked for area road improvements and \$1 million allocated for home repairs for households in Chaumiere and Winnwood-Sunnybrook.

Citizen Police Academy Applications being accepted

The Citizen Police Academy is a ten-week program which provides an introduction and overview of the operations of the Kansas City, MO Police Department.

The goal is to give the graduate a better understanding and appreciation of the complex nature of police work and create a partnership between police and the citizens they serve.

Upon completion, the graduate should have a greater sense of how their police department operates to serve them, their family and friends.

The session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 and will continue each Tuesday through November 16, 2004. Classes are from 6:00 pm -9:00 pm. Applications are available at NNI, 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway.

For more information call Jim Silke at 437-6230.

You must be at least 18 years old to attend, be a resident of, work in, or attend school in Kansas City, and have no prior felony convictions.

Meet your neighbor



Nancy Marcy
Foxwoods Neighborhood

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

Nancy Marcy is the president of the Foxwoods neighborhood association. She is a professional actress and a member of the Actor's Equity Association, the union for professional actors. She most recently appeared in the musical "A...My Name Will Always Be Alice" at the Quality Hill Playhouse at the Coterie in "After Juliet" and "The BFG (Big Friendly Giant)." You may have also seen her in Price Chopper and Missouri Lottery commercials, but her true love is the stage. "Most professional actors in Kansas City have a 'day job,' and I'm no exception," says the unusually shy Nancy. During the day she is the mild-mannered education director for the Coterie, a theatre for youth and family audiences located in Crown Center. Nancy loves to garden, take long walks in the peaceful greenways throughout the Northland and relaxes on her back porch with a good book and her much-loved pets.

Nancy moved into Foxwoods right before the "October Surprise" of 1996. "I discovered very quickly what a good choice I had made," she says. "People in Foxwoods really know how to 'neighbor!' That good neighbor quality has been evident any number of times. When I fell on the ice in December of 2000 and broke my leg, I had wonderful care from my neighbors. Chris and Lisa Bummett, Jamie Prestage and Annie Bellatin were there immediately to comfort and call the ambulance. They continued to bring food and good company throughout my convalescence. Other neighbors walked my dogs (and cat!) several times a week for nearly three months and also brought food, shoveled my walks, took out trash, went grocery shopping, movie and library borrowing for me. I could go on and on about their kindness," Nancy says.

"Foxwoods is filled with people who open their homes and hearts, who help bury beloved animals and who even gather together a gang to come see me in a play. I think one way I can sort of 'pay back' my neighbors is to work on the Foxwoods board to keep this neighborhood be the best in the Northland!"

NNI seniors: Verbal Judo

Many times seniors are confronted with high pressure salesmen or someone attempting fraud.

Seniors often find themselves in situations where they don't know what to say or they say the wrong thing.

In this workshop a representative from the KCMO police academy will teach assertiveness skills to use as a crime prevention technique. You will also learn the signs to look for when someone is trying to take advantage of you and how to verbally handle that situation.

For more information contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.

When to Call 9-1-1 and What to Expect:

What do you expect when you have an emergency situation and call 9-1-1? On August 25, 6:30 pm, at NNI this question and many others will be answered.

9-1-1 is an emergency number to quickly reach assistance for police, fire, or medical emergency situations. Although severe weather may cause damage or power outages, dialing 9-1-1 in all instances may not be appropriate. What is important is the answers to the calltaker's questions that determines what, if any, type of response by the police will be made.

If you have any questions please call Janet at 454-2000.