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The monthly **“Meet Your Councilperson”** event is Monday, October 25, 6 - 7 pm at NNI. The Leaders meeting will be held at a date to be announced.

**The NNI Board of Directors will meet October 18 at 6:30 pm.**

### **NNI Meetings in October**

Tues.,	October 5	Holiday Hills Neighborhood Meeting	7:30 pm
Tues.,	October 12	County Question 1 Forum	7 pm
Wed.,	October 13	NNI Senior’s Workshop	9 am
Wed.,	October 13	Cold Weather Rule Informational Meeting	7 pm
Thurs.,	October 14	Greenhaven Neighborhood Association	6:30 pm
Mon.,	October 18	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Wed.,	October 20	Door-to-Door Solicitations Meeting	7 pm
Thurs.,	October 21	Town Hall Meeting - Golden Oaks School, 3100 NE 46th	7 pm
Mon.,	October 25	Meet Your Councilperson	6-8 pm
Tues,	October 28	Winnwood/Sunnybrook Neighborhood Meeting	7 pm

# Kit Bond secures Senate committee approval for \$900,000 in federal funds to repair 200 Northland homes

On September 22, U.S. Senator Kit Bond notified Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI) that he has secured \$900,000 for home repair in targeted Northland neighborhoods.

“By working together we can bring vitality back to urban Kansas City one neighborhood at a time. By investing in this important project we are investing in our communities,” said Senator Bond. “We can create the conditions for economic development and revitalization through key federal investments. I will continue to secure federal dollars like these to make this possible.”

Bond secured the funds through

the Senate Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Sub-committee, which he chairs. The spending bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee September 21. Before being signed into law the bill must be passed by the full Senate and reconciled with the House of Representatives bill.

The \$900,000 in federal funds will provide repairs to 200 older, low to moderate income homes. This will expand the home repair strategy NNI pioneered with help from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines and, more recently, with the Chouteau Housing and

Maintenance Program (CHAMP), made possible by tax increment financing bonds from the Chouteau Crossings TIF Plan.

Jim Rice, NNI Executive Director, said, “In the older neighborhoods of Kansas City’s Northland, home repair has proven to be a sound strategy for true neighborhood turnaround. The \$900,000 grant made possible by Senator Bond will provide 200 households with new roofs, driveways, energy-efficient siding and windows, and other improvements. More importantly, it will bring new hope to neighborhoods that too often have been left behind.”

- 2. Heat cut-offs, NNI seniors, Free concert, Door-to-door solicitations, Tax forum**
- 3. Town Hall meeting, Police ATVs, Vote in November**
- 4. Calendar**

## Missouri alters rules for heat cut-offs

There have been many changes to the Cold Weather Rule which goes into effect November 1, 2004.

Join Kevin Kelly and Warren Wood of the Energy Department, Missouri Public Service Commission at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm to learn the new rules and how they apply to you.

The new rule will reduce the number of people who will be threatened with utility shutoffs during the period of November 1 to March 31.

These changes prohibit the disconnection of heat to registered low-income, elderly or disabled customers who make certain minimum payments.

For more information, contact Janet at 454-2000.

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## Soak up some nostalgia at free concert-dance

Bring a friend and enjoy the free second annual concert and dance at Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion Road, Saturday, October 9, 2-4 pm.

Featuring the Don Accurso Orchestra with Ann Atkin, vocalist, this is the music of the 40's...the way it used to be.

To make reservations or for more information, call 453-2623.

## NNI Seniors: Make a difference in your community through volunteering

Join Alicia Scott, Living History Coordinator (part of the Community Education Services through NKC Schools), Youth Friends representatives Pam Polsom and Stephanie Reynolds, and a representative from Meals on Wheels to learn how you can make a difference in your community.



They have opportunities available for volunteers who are willing to share a little time and their life experiences.

For more information, contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.

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## Door-to-door solicitations in the Northland

Please join the Kansas City Police Department and Claybrook Homes Association on October 20, 7:00 pm at Northland Neighborhoods for a special presentation regarding door-to-door solicitors in the Northland.

Many neighborhoods have expressed a strong concern over solicitors due to associated property crimes such as theft, fraud and burglary. Learn how to protect yourself from becoming a crime victim from door-to-door solicitors and participate in a discussion with a KCMO city attorney on possible legislation to deter this activity.

For more information, contact Officer Jim Silke at 437-6230 or Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.

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## Forum slated on County Question 1

A public forum is set for Tuesday, October 12, 7 pm at Northland Neighborhoods concerning County Question 1 that will appear on the November ballot.

If approved, County Question 1 would enact a 1/4 cent sales tax to be levied over the next 12 to 15 years. The tax would improve the sports complex and assist arts programs in communities throughout the metropolitan area.

There will be a brief presentation followed by questions and answers.

## Special Town Hall Meeting

*Understanding terrorism...  
Preparing your neighborhood*

On Thursday, October 21, 7:00 pm, at Golden Oaks School, 3100 NE 46th, Kansas City Missouri Police, Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., NKC School District and the Missouri Highway Patrol are partnering to bring a special presentation on terrorism to the Northland.

- Is there possible terrorist activity in your neighborhood?
- Do you know how to detect terrorism?
- Why do terrorists hate us?
- Do you know how to report possible terrorist activity?
- Does your neighborhood have an active block watch and neighborhood association?

In an effort to educate neighborhoods about terrorism, Sergeant Sid Conklin, an expert in terrorism from the Missouri Highway Patrol, will give a presentation on domestic and international terrorism. Kansas City Police will address special issues involving the Northland.

For more information, contact Officer Jim Silke at 437-6230 or Officer Dan Watts at 437-6236.

## Wanted: New ATVs for special police Unit

The Kansas City Police Department's North Patrol Division is asking for help in purchasing two all terrain vehicles (ATVs) for specialized patrolling in the Northland.

Northland parks create a unique challenge for both KCMO Police officers and Park Department personnel. Northland parks contain thousands of acres of densely wooded areas with limited access. Some of these parks are as large as 1,200 acres. These remote areas provide temptation for illegal dumping, stolen and abandoned autos, poaching of wildlife, underage drinking parties, other illegal activities, and lost or injured people.

ATVs are an important part of promoting safe Northland parks. They provide access to rugged terrain that other vehicles can't access. They deter illegal activity currently occurring in parks and other remote areas.

The ATVs will cost \$12,000. With help from corporations, businesses and the general public, North Patrol can continue to develop ways to promote safe and enjoyable park areas. The Parks Department and Police Department want to continue to use this innovative ATV unit to fight disorder.

If you are interested in making a



donation to help purchase two ATVs, please contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000. Help keep the parks safe for their intended purposes.

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## Deadline set to register to vote in November election

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 2 general election is October 6. With the November election looming, remember that Northland Neighborhoods is a voter registration site for Clay and Platte Counties. You can register Monday through Friday from 8 am - 5 pm at the NNI office, 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway.