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The monthly **“Meet Your Councilperson”** event is Monday, January 24, 6 - 7 pm at NNI.

The new **“Connections”** meeting will be held January 11, 6:30 pm with guest speaker Troy Schulte, Director of the Office of Management and Budget for the City of Kansas City, Missouri. “Connections” replaces the “Leaders” meeting.

NNI Meetings in January

Tues.,	January 11	“Connections” - Troy Schulte	6:30 pm
Wed.,	January 12	Senior Citizen Workshop and Christmas Party	9 am
Thurs.,	January 13	Greenhaven Neighborhood Association	6:30 pm
Mon.,	January 17	Office Closed Martin Luther King Day	
Tues.,	January 18	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Thurs.,	January 20	Auburn Hills Neighborhood Meeting	7 pm
Sun.,	January 23	Country Downs Neighborhood Meeting	2 pm
Mon.,	January 24	Meet Your Councilperson	6-7 pm
Tues.,	January 25	Winnwood/Sunnybrook Neighborhood Meeting	7 pm
Wed.,	January 26	KCNA Self-Help Fund grant workshop	6:30 pm

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Chaumiere Place project gets thumbs-up from Missouri housing agency staff



The former Eastwood School at 4140 N. Walrond will be transformed into senior apartments.

The Missouri Housing Development Commission staff has recommended approval of 9% federal and state housing tax credits for the proposed Chaumiere Place senior apartment project. The tax credits will enable NNI and its partner Cohen-Esrey Development to proceed with final design and construction planning for the 35-unit apartment village.

The project will utilize the former Eastwood School and its 4-acre

site at 4140 N. Walrond. The school building closed in 1980 and contains 29,958 square feet. This building will house 23 total units (16 two-bedroom and 7 one-bedroom apartments) and a 2,300 square foot community center in the former gymnasium. Twelve new, 2-bedroom patio units with attached garages will be constructed on the remainder of the site, complementing the single-family nature of the adjacent neighborhood.

“This project is a winner,” says NNI executive director Jim Rice. “It enjoys strong support from the Chaumiere neighborhood, our Northland Council persons, State Representative Trent Skaggs and Missouri Senator Ed Quick. Now, we need to make it happen!”

Construction of the nearly \$4 million project should begin in June 2005.

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NNI NEWSCLIPS

- **Help make this house a home**



Irene Jacobs and Jim Rice in front of Irene's new home

NNI, the City of Kansas City and Northland Habitat are building a new house for a deserving Northland family on NE 60th Street. The family needs all new furnishings. Donations are needed to accomplish the \$10,000 goal. Approximately \$1,000 has been received to date. Donations of furniture or housewares will also help. Send contributions to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc./Jacobs Fund, 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway, KCMO 64119.

In a related development, the Glenn Bolling Family Foundation Fund has made a \$10,000 contribution toward the Jacobs' mortgage on the new home. Bolling, who passed away several years ago, built several Northland subdivisions in the 1950s and 1960s. Mr. Bolling's daughters, who serve as trustees for the fund, made the contribution after reading an article about the Jacobs family in the *Dispatch Tribune*.

- **Connections Meeting:**

NNI will roll out its new Connections meeting Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. at the

NNI offices. Guest speaker will be Troy Schulte, Director of the Office of Management and Budget for the City of Kansas City, Missouri. Future meetings will be held monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at NNI.

- **CHAMP now an award winner:**

NNI's Chouteau Housing Assistance and Maintenance Program (CHAMP) has been selected as a Cornerstone Award winner. The annual Cornerstone Awards are given annually by the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City to recognize economic development projects that have contributed to the growth and stability of Kansas City's economy.



CHAMP recipients Gary and Sharon Brophy made improvements that save them more than \$100 a month in utility bills.

- **Stormwater Grants:**

Platte County will make Stormwater Grants to established Platte County home owner's associations for stormwater-related improvements.

Applications for the program can be obtained online at

http://www.co.platte.mo.us/county_dept_plan.html or by calling Aaron Schmidt or Nate Baldwin at 858-3338.

- **Northland Parks:**

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department has released a summary of Northland parks and boulevard projects completed or in progress.

Completed:

- The Anita Gorman Park Demonstration Garden
- Davidson and Golden Oaks playgrounds

Works in progress:

- Chaumiere, Englewood dam repairs and tree plantings
- Chouteau Parkway
- Clay County Veterans' Memorial
- K.C. North Community Center
- Maplewoods Parkway
- North Hampton Subdivision Park
- Penguin Park/Lakewood Greenway
- Pleasant Valley Park lighting and parking lot expansion
- Shoal Creek Parkway-Hodge Park to NE 96th Street
- Shoal Creek Parkway lighting
- Winnwood Park Walking Trail
- Anita Gorman Park Pedestrian Bridge
- Maplewoods Parkway Alignment Study
- The Shoal Creek Living History Museum

These projects are funded by the sales tax for capital improvements program, commonly known as "PIAC." The projected price tag: nearly \$16,500,000.

Senator Bond secures \$900,000 for NNI home repair program



Senator Christopher (Kit) Bond has secured \$900,000 for the NNI's next home repair initiative.

"Northland Neighborhoods is a tremendous organization doing outstanding work to better our community," said Senator Bond. "It is exciting to play a role in expanding their ability to assist families in home ownership."

The funding will assist NNI in repairing homes in targeted, older, low to moderate income neighborhoods. Northland Neighborhoods estimates that the money will provide nearly 200 home repairs, contributing to significant neighborhood stabilization and turnaround.

As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Bond secured the project's funding in the Omnibus Appropriations bill passed by Congress last week.

"We want to encourage home ownership by helping families to take pride in their home," said Bond. "By doing so, we make our communities safe and thriving for Missouri families."

NNI executive director Jim Rice praised Senator Bond for his leadership in steering the home repair program through the Congress. "Kit Bond is a great friend to Kansas City. We at NNI assure Senator Bond that every penny of the funds will be used very effectively," Rice said.

Rice said planning for the new home repair initiative should be complete in about 90 days. The target neighborhood or neighborhoods will be selected through a modified Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

KCNA, NNI to host self-help workshop

The Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance (KCNA) and NNI will host the workshop, "How to Apply for a Neighborhood Self-Help Grant" on Wednesday, January 26, 6:30 pm at Northland Neighborhoods, 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway.

"The NSHF grants are aimed to assist neighborhood associations not only secure funds for programs, but to grow their organizations," said James Prim, NSHF Administrator. "This year workshop attendance is mandatory if an association desires to apply for the grant. They must also be in good standing with past reports."

More information is available on the web at www.kcna.org or by contacting James Prim, 653-8600, ext. 1038.

NNI seniors' seminar to focus on legal issues



Join Mary McCormick, Elder Law Attorney, on Wednesday, January 12, 9:00 am to discover how to qualify for government benefit programs while protecting family savings. Learn about laws that impact caregivers and how to avoid scams which target the elderly. Also get answers to your questions about long-term care insurance, Medicare/Medicaid, and more.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a drawing for door prizes. For more information call Janet at 454-2000.

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