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The NNI Board of Directors will meet March 21 at 6:30 pm.

NNI Meetings in March

Tues.,	March 1	Sunset Hill Sewer Program	5:30 pm
Tues.,	March 8	“Connections” - KCPT Public Affairs Director Nick Haynes	6:30 pm
Wed.,	March 9	Senior Citizen Workshop - “Are You Safe?”	9 am
Thurs.,	March 10	Greenhaven Neighborhood Association	6:30 pm
Mon.,	March 21	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Thurs.,	March 24	Auburn Hills Neighborhood Meeting	7 pm
Mon.,	March 28	Meet Your Councilperson	6-7 pm

NKC Schools seek bond and levy approval for growing schools

Plan calls for a fourth high school, new science labs, additional gyms for high schools, and more teachers

Students attending North Kansas City School District's three cramped high schools would gain elbowroom, smaller class sizes, state-of-the-art science labs, more gym space, and additional teachers if voters approve two school funding questions on April 5.

The school board is seeking a total of \$140 million in capital improvement bonds and a 39-cent operating levy to manage

its growing student population and sustain its aging school buildings. The two ballot issues combined would have an average cost impact of less than \$7 a month for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

"We must maintain a quality educational program for our students," said Superintendent Tom Cummings. "To do so, we need classrooms that are well

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Jacobs fund needs help to meet goal

NNI is trying to furnish the new home being built for the Jacobs family by Northland Habitat.

A special fund has been established to purchase furniture, appliances and housewares. To date, \$1,600 has been contributed toward the \$10,000 goal. Contributions of new or very good used furniture items will also be considered.

NKC Schools Interior Design students and instructors are assisting the family in adding special touches to their house.

Cash donations should be made payable to the Northland Neighborhoods, Inc./Jacobs Fund, 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway, KCMO 64119. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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NKC School levy *(Continued from page 1)*

equipped, but not crowded, and they must be staffed by a highly qualified teacher.”

The school district is growing at a faster rate than at any time in the past decade, and the three high schools (North Kansas City, Oak Park and Winnetonka) are at or above their instructional capacities. The district projects that its high schools will exceed their instructional capacities by more than 400 students next year.

The cost to build a fourth high school (to be located north of Staley Road and east of Woodland Road) would be approximately \$53 million, and the remaining \$87 million would be used to do major facility improvements in other schools across the district.

The new high school would open in time for the 2008 school year. The improvements planned for the existing schools could begin as early as this summer.

The proposed operating levy increase would buy new textbooks and library resources, fund annual school repair projects, and add more teachers to keep class size from increasing. It also would help bring teacher and support staff salaries up from the bottom half of the metro pay scale to a more competitive level.

For more information about the school funding ballot issues, go to www.nkcsd.k12.mo.us or call the school district Communications Office at 413-5049.

NNI seniors: Are you safe?



Join Officer Markus Smith, Shoal Creek Patrol, Community Interaction Officer, on Wednesday, March 9, 9 am, for a presentation and the “Are You Safe” quiz.

Most Americans feel that they are generally cautious and are aware of their surroundings, so they must be safe. Northlanders have felt safe in their neighborhoods for a long time, but are slowly adjusting to the increase in violence and crime that often follows increases in population.

Does this mean the Northland has become a crime-ridden world? The answer is absolutely NOT. However, citizens can make themselves less likely to become a victim by sharpening awareness. The “Are You Safe” presentation and quiz is not a cure-all, but has information that leads to a safer city.

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

Connections:

**Nick Haynes of KCPT
Tuesday, March 8
6:30 pm**

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Attention Seniors: Chaumiere Place could be your place

Chaumiere Place senior apartments will begin construction in June 2005. The \$5.5 million project, a partnership of NNI and Cohen-Esrey Development, will convert the former Eastwood School and its 4-acre site at 4140 N. Walrond into a 35-unit apartment village.

The school building will contain 23 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 homes with attached garages will be constructed on the remainder of the site.

The apartments will be managed by Cohen-Esrey, one of the Midwest's largest property managers. All units will be affordably priced for qualified tenants. Free financial planning meetings will be held at NNI in March and April for persons interested in qualifying for this exceptional senior living opportunity.

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Neighborhood Clips

Connections: Speakers set for March, April, May meetings

On March 8, KCPT (Channel 19) Public Affairs Director Nick Haynes will share his unique perspective on American media. Nick is the host of Channel 19's Kansas City Week in Review.

Mike Herron, head of the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department's North Region, will headline the April 12 Connections meeting with a review of Northland parks projects.

Kansas City Aviation Director Mark VanLoh will speak at the May 10 meeting. VanLoh, originally scheduled for the February 8 Connections meeting, will update the group on current plans and activities at the two Kansas City airports. The February 8 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Connections meetings, held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at NNI, are designed to connect neighborhoods with people, information and resources that will strengthen and enhance the Northland community.

CHAMP receives coveted Cornerstone Award

The CHAMP (Chouteau Housing And Maintenance Program) received a Cornerstone Award at a VIP reception

February 17 and was recognized at the February 22 annual luncheon of the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City.

CHAMP revitalized 240 houses in the Chaumiere and Winnwood-Sunnybrook neighborhoods using funds from the Chouteau Crossings Shopping Center tax increment financing plan. The Cornerstone Awards recognize economic development projects that have contributed to the growth and stability of Kansas City's economy.

Maple Park recognizes neighborhood volunteers

Maple Park Neighborhood Association recognized individuals who volunteered time during the past year to help the neighborhood.



Larry, Jo and Julie Houser received certificates from Maple Park President, Pat Hosler.

Projects included clean-ups, block parties, helping neighbors abate code violations, distributing newsletters and fliers, assisting senior citizens with house painting, and removing trees damaged by the ice storm.



Maple Park President Pat Hosler presents appreciation award to Ron Baldrige.

These volunteers made a huge difference in the Maple Park Neighborhood and NNI joins in thanking them for their commitment and dedication.

Neighborhood Clips would like to recognize activities of individual neighborhoods.

Activities include clean-ups, volunteer recognition, block parties or other examples of people working together for the good of the entire neighborhood.

If you would like to have your neighborhood projects recognized, please contact Janet at 454-2000. Please remember to take pictures so they may be included.