

# NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

## CD2000 goes south (of the river); NNI gearing up to fill \$144,000 funding gap



In April 2006, Northland Neighborhood's budget will drop by \$144,000 because funds are being shifted from an important city-wide community development program called CD2000 to a new program, NeighborhoodsNOW. Seven Kansas City neighborhoods have been designated for NeighborhoodsNOW; none are in the Northland.

CD2000 is part of the Kansas City Community Development Initiative (KCCDI). It was launched six years ago as a way to help community development corporations develop better business practices and more in-depth administrative capacity. KCCDI was originally funded by local foundations, corporations and the City of Kansas City to the tune of more than \$36 million. NNI has subscribed to CD2000 from the inception of the program.

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Under CD2000, community development corporations prepared annual strategic plans, reported progress each quarter, and received a grade card based on their performance in reaching strategic objectives. If grades went up, so did financial support from CD2000.

NNI managed to improve its grade three years in a row. Jim Rice, NNI executive director, feels the demise of CD2000 is more than a financial loss. "The strategic planning and the rigorous discipline of the reporting process were central to NNI's progress over the past three years," Rice says. "We all knew the program would not last forever, but I think it needed a few more years to achieve what it set out to do."

Despite the challenge presented by the fading of CD2000, Rice and his Board leadership are optimistic about NNI's future. "We will aggressively seek additional foundation and corporate support," says NNI Board President Mike Lewis. "Northland businesses and institutions have a real stake in the health of our neighborhoods. This will be their opportunity to stand up and be counted."

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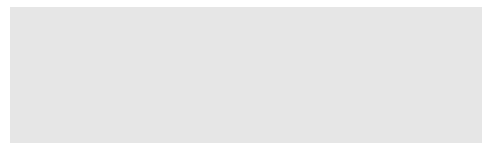


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**WE WILL LEAVE NO  
NEIGHBORHOOD BEHIND.**



*Dates to Remember*  
**DECEMBER 2005**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

Tuesday	12/6	Holiday Hills Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12/14	Seniors Christmas Party	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	12/15	Auburn Hills Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	12/20	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	12/20	Winnwood/Sunnybrook Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday	12/26	Office Closed for Christmas Holiday	

NOTE: There will *not* be a Meet Your Councilperson meeting in December.

## Looking for a worthy year-end tax deduction? Keep it close to home by donating to NNI

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, so donations to the Northland's only community development corporation are tax-deductible. If you like what NNI is doing to make neighborhoods strong and sustainable, if you like how NNI's Custom Solutions program is helping desperately poor Northland families cope with emergency home repairs, or if you like the way NNI is working with developers to help with neighborhood needs, consider a contribution of \$100, \$200, \$300 or more.

Make checks payable to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. and send them in the enclosed, self-addressed return envelope. You won't have to wait to see how your donation is being used. Just watch this newsletter every month for up-to-date reports on a series of important and effective programs that are making the Northland a better place to live and work.

## Planning underway for 2006 Snake Saturday Parade



It's time to begin planning for the 2006 Snake Saturday Parade float. Last year NNI took first place with the winning prize of \$7,000 that was shared among 7 neighborhoods.

If your neighborhood is interested in being involved in the 2006 float you must attend the first planning meeting on Thursday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. at NNI.

For more information or if you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.



The NNI staff extends best wishes to all the great neighborhoods of the Northland. (left to right, sitting: Mark Morales, Yvonne Herrick; left to right, standing: Jenny Ellis, Jim Rice, Janet Shaffer, Christy Harris, Lola McCloud, James Cianciaruso.)

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLIPS

### **Connections: Speakers on board for January and February meetings: no meeting in December**

**Tom Cranshaw**, executive director of Tri-County Mental Health Services will speak on January 10, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at NNI. Cranshaw will outline the many programs and services offered by Tri-County, and provide some insights on how recent federal and state budget cuts are impacting Northland residents.

The February 14 meeting will feature the University of Missouri Extension's EXCEL (Experience in Community Enterprise and Leadership Development) program. NNI will use EXCEL to address training needs for both staff and neighborhood leaders. The program is a fit with NNI's overall strategy of empowering neighborhoods to sustain themselves on a long-term basis.

Connections meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. at NNI and are open to the public. The meetings update neighborhood residents on important issues and programs affecting neighborhoods, the city and the region.

**Due to the holidays, there will be no Connections meeting in December.**

### **NNI Seniors Second Annual Christmas party slated for December 14**



Join NNI Seniors on Wednesday, December 14, 9 a.m., to celebrate the holiday season.

The second annual festivities will include bingo with prizes and lunch. Join NNI in showing appreciation for Northland senior citizens.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.

### **Formularies available at NNI for Medicare Part D**

The list of drugs available for many companies participating in the Medicare Part D program are available for you to review at NNI.

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

### **Action Center opens for Saturday hours**

The KCMO Action Center is now open for telephone, fax and email assistance on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. In addition, the Monday through Friday hours have been extended to 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

### **NNI's Halloween safe trick-or-treat alternative a huge success**



Northland Neighborhoods and KCMO Police - Shoal Creek Division partnered on October 31 to provide a safe Trick-or-Treat experience for kids 12 and under.

More than 1,400 parents and kids attended and everyone had a wonderful time!

The event consisted of various games, a coloring contest, a storytelling witch, and drawings for door prizes. Prizes were donated by various businesses in the Northland.

NNI is looking forward to making the event bigger and better next year.

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