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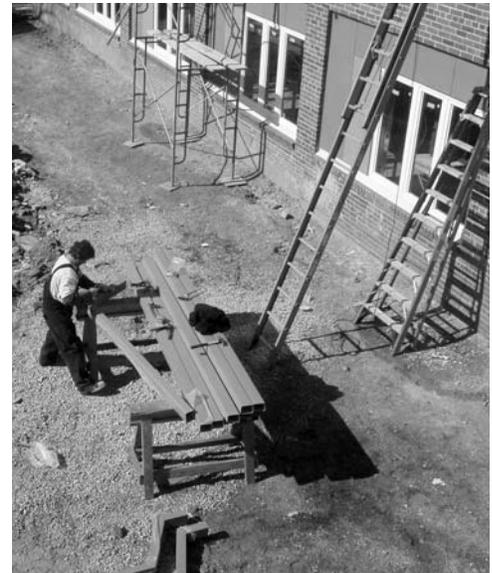
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Chaumiere Place moves toward finish line; application process now underway

Construction on the \$5.5 million Chaumiere Place Apartments is 55% complete. Completion of the apartments in the former Eastwood School is set for early May 2006 and completion of the patio homes will occur in late May 2006. The senior living village, located at 4140 North Walrond in the heart of the Chaumiere neighborhood, includes restoration of the Eastwood School into 23 apartments and construction of 12 new patio homes on the grounds. The project is a partnership of NNI and Cohen-Esrey Development.

Chaumiere Place is located on 4 acres and close to bus lines, shopping, and churches. All units meet "Universal Design" standards including extra-wide doors, and light switches and appliance controls accessible from a wheelchair. The apartments are all-electric and include stoves, refrigerators, washer-dryer hookups, microwave and garbage disposal. All units are cable and computer ready.

Residents will enjoy a 2,300 square foot activity center (formerly the school gymnasium). It will feature regular educational and recreational programs, plus computers for e-mailing and Internet exploring, and regular social events.



Construction is more than half completed on the new senior living village on the former Eastwood School site. Above, a workman fashions new guttering for the main apartment building.

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at NNI. When applications are completed, a representative from Cohen-Esrey will schedule a personal appointment at NNI with each applicant.

Rental prices are \$450 for one-bedroom units, \$520 for two-bedroom units, \$580 for patio units. Chaumiere Place is not a government-subsidized project, but applicants must qualify under federal guidelines for low and moderate income. Applications for the apartments are now available

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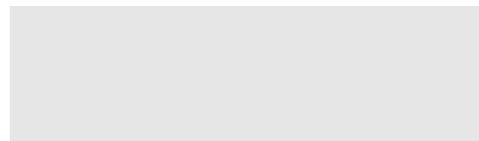
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Dates to Remember
MARCH 2006

Tuesday	3/7	Stoneridge Neighborhood Association	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3/8	Seniors Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	3/11	Bridging the Gap	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday	3/14	Connections	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	3/16	Riverfront Development	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/16	Auburn Hills Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday	3/20	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	3/21	Winnwood/Sunnybrook Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	3/21	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday	3/27	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLIPS

Connections: Speakers set for March and April meetings

On March 14, attorney **Jim Bowers** will discuss tax increment financing (TIF) and the Eminent Domain law. Bowers is an experienced development attorney and always provides a lively and entertaining presentation. Whether you are for or against TIF, this is a “don’t miss it” meeting.

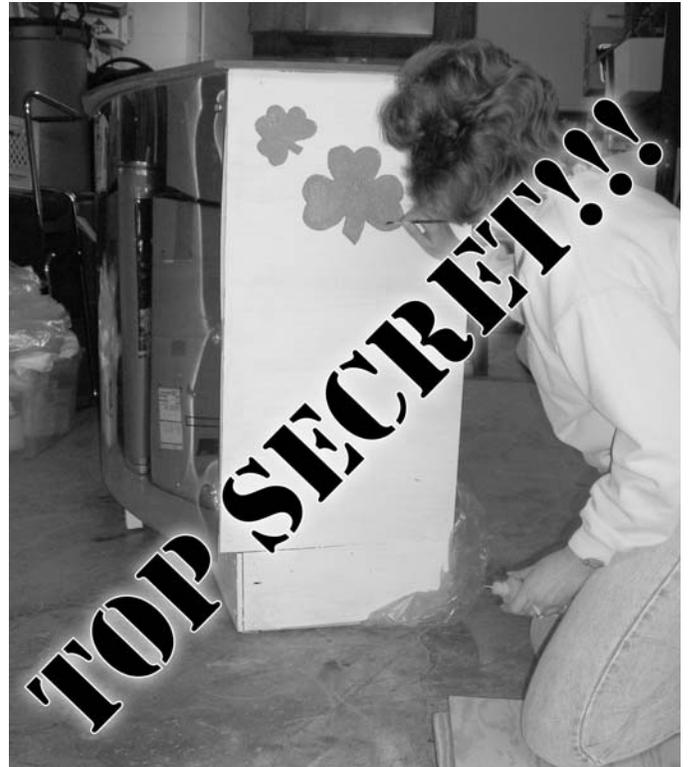
Representatives from the “**10,000 Rain Gardens for Kansas City**” program will be at NNI on April 11 to explain this exciting initiative to help protect neighborhoods from the ravages of storm water. This Connections session will explain how you can participate with your own rain garden.

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



Is your house without numbers? You need to “address” it.

The Fire Code (Chapter 26 of the Kansas City Code of Ordinances) requires all buildings to have addresses “placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.” Failure to comply with this code can result in a citation and fine. Addresses are important for postal delivery and emergency providers. Don’t get caught with your address down. Address numbers and lettering are available at most hardware and home improvement centers. Numbers must contrast with their background and must be a minimum of 4 inches high.



What’s she doing? Find out at the March 11 Snake Saturday Parade.

Snake Saturday hits NKC on March 11; NNI goes for the gold green again

Working under a veil of competitive secrecy, a small army of NNI staff and neighborhood volunteers are crafting what they hope will be another prize-winning float for the annual Snake Saturday Parade.

Last year, NNI’s float swept the field with 1st place and “best of parade” awards. The Sunset Hill, Sunset Dixon, Maple Park, Ravenwood/Summerset, and Chaumiere neighborhoods joined with NNI for the 2006 event that takes place in downtown North Kansas City March 11 starting at 11 a.m. While details on the float design remain top secret, the theme of the event is “Shake Your Shamrock.” As in years past, the prize money will be divided among the participating neighborhoods.

NNI makes good start on 2006 fundraising

During January and February 2006, NNI's 2006 fundraising campaign yielded \$96,400 toward the \$1.5 million goal. This includes \$1,400 in Stakeholder contributions and \$95,000 in grants.

NNI Executive Director Jim Rice says NNI currently has pending grant requests that total \$627,000. "We will soon develop new grant applications that will bring our pending requests at least up to the \$1.5 million fundraising goal. The goal is ambitious, but I believe it is quite doable," Rice says.

While grants make up the largest dollar amounts, the Stakeholder campaign for local businesses and individuals is very important, according to Jim Rice. "The individual contributions may be relatively small, but they point to an increasing recognition of NNI's importance by the business community, and they provide the discretionary funds needed to build our capacity to administer the grant programs," Rice says. From 2004 to 2005, the number of Stakeholders making cash contributions increased from 2 to 24.

Special events during NNI's 2006 10th Anniversary year will offer more opportunities for individuals and businesses to get involved with NNI. The date for the 10th Anniversary Breakfast Celebration has now been set for October 20, 2006. Other special events are in

the planning stage. Watch future editions of the newsletter for more details.

Tax-deductible Stakeholder contributions should be made payable to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway, KCMO 64119. Contributions of any amount are welcome and needed.

Area youth flood NNI with energy, ideas and commitment

Thirty-five young people from all parts of the Northland spent the day at NNI on February 21. They listened attentively to a series of speakers from area social service agencies and businesses, engaged the speakers in lively discussions of community issues, and pledged themselves to community service. The day-long event was part of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program. The program is co-sponsored by Kansas City Power and Light Company, Platte Valley Bank, Park University, Metropolitan Community College/Maple Woods, and the City of Kansas City's Youth Advocacy Office. At the end of the day, sixteen members of the group told NNI's James Cianciaruso they were ready to go to work. Cianciaruso will assist the group in forming an NNI youth advisory council and coordinate volunteer efforts on community clean-ups and home repair projects.

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