

NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

*Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.
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Antioch Mall redevelopment wins City approval; All eyes now turn to Jefferson City for state TIF

The Kansas City Council's Plans, Zoning and Economic Development Committee reviewed and approved the plan March 1, followed by full City Council approval March 2. However, a technical problem sent the ordinances back for a second review by the Council on March 22 and 23, and the plan received final approval at the City level. Council members Deb Hermann, Bill Skaggs, Bonnie Sue Cooper and John Fairfield all strongly supported the plan. The Council's action could mean \$3 million in neighborhood improvements and public infrastructure if the plan passes muster in Jefferson City, where a "State Supplemental TIF" is under review.

Thanks to the hard work of District 33 State Representative Jerry Nolte, real progress is being made on securing the State Supplemental TIF. Nolte has worked for months to persuade Missouri House and Senate leaders that the Antioch Mall redevelopment meets the strict requirements for the State support. His efforts will pay off in nearly \$6 million in neighborhood-related improvements if the legislature blesses the project later this year. Work cannot begin on the demolition and reconstruction of the Mall until the State approval is secured.

Annual Town Hall Meeting set for April 26

NI's third annual Town Hall Meeting is April 26, 6 p.m. at the Doolin Conference Center, 1900 NE 46th Street in the North Kansas City Schools administrative complex. Agenda includes "year in review" reports by Kansas City Council members from the Northland and presentation of the annual "Neighborhood Champion" awards to neighborhood leaders, business people and government officials who have gone the extra mile for their communities. Refreshments will be served during a social time at 6 p.m.

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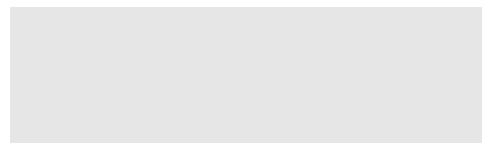
This architect's drawing gives a glimpse of the future Antioch Mall.

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Dates to Remember
APRIL 2006

Monday	4/3	Valleybrook Neighborhood	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4/4	Holiday Hills Association	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4/11	Connections	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	4/12	Seniors Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Monday	4/17	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	4/18	Greenhaven Neighborhood	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	4/18	Winnwood/Sunnybrook Board Meeting.	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4/19	Clay-Platte Baseball	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	4/20	Claybrook Election Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	4/22	Youth Service Day	10:00 a.m.
Monday	4/24	Maple Woods Association	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4/26	Town Hall Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	4/27	Community Scouts Training	6:30 p.m.

There will not be a "Meet Your Councilperson" meeting in April.

Neighborhood Clips

NNI Annual Meeting slated for June 26

NNI's member neighborhood associations will gather June 26 to elect NNI Board members for the 2006-2007 year. As in past years, NNI's Annual Meeting will be held at the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at North Oak and Vivion Road, starting at 6:30 p.m. NNI's annual report will also be distributed at the meeting. The main order of business will be to elect a slate of candidates for five Board positions. Incumbent Board members standing for re-election are Misty Dawn Casey, Tom Schweitzer, John McNerney and Dan Fowler. One open seat is up for election because Kay Fugate is completing her second term in June.

NNI will conduct a Candidate Forum May 15 at 7 p.m. at the NNI offices at 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway. Persons interested in running for the open seat should contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000 by May 1 to obtain an application for Board membership.

Immediately after the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors will meet to elect officers for the 2006-2007 year.

Connections: April meeting to feature Rain Gardens Program

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.



NNI senior workshop set for April 12

Tina Uridge, executive director of Clay County Senior Services, will discuss a variety of programs and services for seniors at the April 12 senior workshop. The session begins at 9 a.m. at the NNI offices. Uridge will focus on the "File of Life" program, which provides a prescription bottle labeled with vital medical information. The bottle, placed in a prominent spot in a senior's kitchen, can provide life-saving information for emergency personnel.

Spring curbside leaf/brush collection underway



The annual curbside leaf and brush collection began March 27 for Monday trash collection. The remaining schedule: Tuesday collection – April 3, Wednesday collection – April 10, Thursday collection – April 27, Friday collection – April 24. Leaves and brush, bound by twine or rope (no more than 20 bags or bundles per household) must be out by 7 a.m. on trash collection days. For more information, call the Action Center at 513-1313.

Edy's to sweeten summer block parties

Bad news: for several years the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance (KCNA) funded block party grants, but budget shortages have curtailed that program. Good news: Edy's Slow Churned Ice Cream is dishing up some sweet fun with ice cream block parties.

Edy's will award 1,500 neighborhoods a "Two Scoop Neighborhood Salute" this summer, to coincide with National Ice Cream month. Winners will receive a doorstep delivery of Edy's Slow Churned Light Ice Cream with all the fixings for an easy-to-organize party.

To nominate your block for a Two Scoop Neighborhood Salute ice cream social, enter online at www.Edys.com.

NNI seeks volunteer “Community Scouts”

Northland Neighborhoods often receives complaints about neighborhood nuisances, safety and crime issues, absentee landlords, and code violations. Unfortunately, the City of Kansas City consistently lacks funding to stay ahead of the complaints. This is why NNI and the Safe City Initiative are partnering to provide training and education so Northlanders can strap up their boots and solve some problems.

Courses will be offered at NNI to help neighborhoods become active partners in community policing, joint problem-solvers, and effective reporters of code violations. An introduction course will be offered at NNI on Thursday, April 27th, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. For more information, call James Cianciaruso at 454-2000.



NNI's float was selected by Pete Hall as the **The Grand Marshall's Choice**.

NNI's Snake Saturday float takes 13th place in crowded field of strong competitors

If attention to detail, creative costumes, and enthusiastic theatrical performances were judging benchmarks, NNI's entry in the annual Snake Saturday Parade should have been a big winner. As it happened, the top prizes went to other worthy organizations this year. But that did not dampen the fun and satisfaction of the volunteers who created—and performed in—NNI's 2006 1950s malt shop float.

The Sunset Hill, Sunset Dixon, Maple Park, Ravenwood/Summerset, and Chaumiere neighborhoods joined with NNI for the 2006 event that took place in downtown North Kansas City March 11. True to the parade theme, “Shake Your Shamrock,” NNI's entry sported vintage malt shop decor and waiters and waitresses decked out in 1950s attire. Several waitresses even donned roller skates to serve up burgers and shakes. Prize money will be divided among the participating neighborhoods.

Chaumiere Place racing toward completion



Progress on the Chaumiere Place Apartments was evident on March 22 as construction crews completed exterior work on the 12 patio homes. Completion of the apartments in the former Eastwood School is set for early May and completion of the patio homes will occur in late May. Applications for the apartments are now available at NNI.