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**Northland Neighborhoods News**

**NNI to again kick off crime prevention fete**

**N**NI and area law enforcement agencies will sponsor the third annual Night Out Against Crime Kick-off on Saturday, July 28. Gladstone's Oak Grove Park, 76th and North Troost, is once again the setting for the 5 to 8:30 p.m. event.

Law enforcement partners include the Kansas City, Liberty and Gladstone police departments, Clay County Prosecutor's Office and the Clay

County Sheriff Department. Free food and soft drinks, door prizes, and a good old fashioned good time will put the crime prevention theme in a festive context.

The Kick-Off includes booths on identity theft and personal safety, demonstrations on securing your home, Ident-A-Kid, DARE trucks, emergency response vehicles, the police show car, bomb and arson

squad, and much more. Clowns, McGruff, Pewie the Skunk, snow cones, popcorn, ice cream, and cotton candy will ensure a kid-friendly experience. A fire department pumper truck spray will offer heat relief if the weather is pesky. And, if all that doesn't do it, two dance studios and a band should will entertain. Door prizes will be given away at 8:15. You need not be present to win.



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**NNI's mission:**

To improve the quality of life in the Northland by collaborating with residents, businesses and institutions to empower neighborhoods to build and maintain their own healthy communities. We join with them in absolute dedication to finding solutions and, in that collective spirit, we will leave no neighborhood behind.



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## **Neighborhood Clips**

### **July 11 senior workshop to focus on stroke prevention**

Barbara Quaney, Research Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center, will discuss stroke research the University of Kansas Medical Center is doing through the Landon Center on Aging. Quaney will also explain stroke symptoms, signs of a stroke and stroke prevention. There will be time for questions and answers. The Clay County Health Department will also do blood pressure checks from 10:30 – 11:30.

### **Use the Paseo Bridge?**

Find out more about MoDOT's project to improve the Interstate 29/35 corridor between Missouri 210/Armour Road and downtown Kansas City, to include a new Missouri River bridge. Construction will begin in spring 2008. Your input is important! Please fill out the on-line survey and learn more about the project at [www.kci-con.org](http://www.kci-con.org).



### **Cop Talk set for July 18 at NNI**

Beginning in July, Cop Talk will occur on the third Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. "Cop Talk" is an open forum where residents can meet with staff from both Northland police stations to discuss crime and other disorder issues.

### **NNI, Harrah's join forces for food drive**

NNI partnered with Harrah's HERO Program to gather food items for the St. Benedict's Pantry in Pleasant Valley and the Good Samaritan Center in Excelsior Springs. HERO, Harrah's Entertainment Reaching Out, is a community service program driven by Harrah's employee volunteers. Nearly every Harrah's owned property around the country sponsors a HERO program. Overall, Harrah's North Kansas City employees raised 3,645 pounds of canned food for the annual HERO Canned Food Drive Competition.

## Annual Breakfast slated for October 19

On Friday, October 19, 2007, NNI will celebrate its second annual breakfast fundraiser. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. at Finnigan's Hall, 505 East 18 Avenue in North Kansas City, and ends at 9 a.m. The highlight of the event will be presentation of the Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award to Bruce and Reta Jo Mitchell; the Outstanding Public Service Award to Kevin Green, the Extreme Makeover/Home Edition builder; and the Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement Award to North Kansas City Schools Superintendent Tom Cummings.

NNI has again priced tickets affordably, at \$25 per person, \$250 per table of 10. Sponsorships are available at \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500 and \$300 levels. All sponsorships include a table of 10 and special program recognition.

## Enter now for KC Beautiful competition

The race is on for the Kansas City Beautiful Awards. Jointly sponsored by the Kessler Society, the City of Kansas City and the Kansas City Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, the awards are presented to Kansas City, Missouri residences, businesses and institutions that demonstrate best efforts to beautify their property. Four properties will be recognized from each of the 6 City Council districts. One property will be selected for the Mayor's Choice Award. Joining the competition is easy. Pick up an application form at NNI and send it in prior to August 1, 2007. All awards will be announced and distributed on September 6, 2007 at a 6 p.m. ceremony at the Liberty Memorial.

## Board members elected at NNI's Annual Meeting

Voters from NNI's Member neighborhood organizations elected members to Board of Directors at the June 25 Annual Meeting at Golden Oaks Education Center. Elected as new Board members were Lory Daniels, Family Involvement Coordinator at Eastgate Middle School, and Keith Nelson, president of the North Bennington Neighborhood Association. Elected to second terms were Mary Jo Burton, current President of the NNI Board of Directors; Stan Cunningham, Chaumiere Neighborhood; and Kevin Masters, Coves North Neighborhood.

### *NNI Staff*

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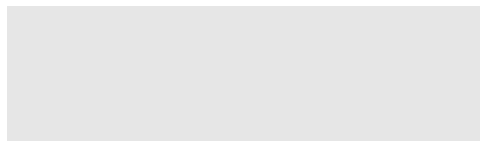
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# Public Meetings

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>NNI Office Closed</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/11</b>	<b>Senior Workshop</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/16</b>	<b>NNI Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/18</b>	<b>Cop Talk</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/23</b>	<b>Meet Your Councilpersons</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>National Night Out Oak Grove Park</b>	<b>5:00 - 8:30 p.m.</b>