

# Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. October 2007

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# Northland Neighborhoods News

## Give your kids a safe, fun Halloween courtesy of NNI, KCPD and Spirit Halloween

**N**NI, KCPD's Shoal Creek Division, and the Spirit Halloween Superstore - Antioch Mall will hold the third annual Halloween Safe Trick-or-Treat event Wednesday, October 31, 5 to 8 p.m., in the Sears

parking garage at Antioch Mall. The event, geared toward children 12 and under, is free to the community and features games, a haunted house and lots of candy. Last year, more than 1,500 children attended. NNI needs volunteers to help set up

and take down, and work at the event. Last year, more than 60 volunteers from approximately 15 neighborhoods participated. If you would like to volunteer please contact Pat Estes at 454-2000 or 453-5120.



## Annual Breakfast to showcase outstanding Northlanders

**T**ickets are still available for NNI's October 19 Annual Breakfast, but it would be wise to reserve a place by calling 454-2000 today. Highlighting the 2007 breakfast are 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.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at Finnigan's Hall, 505 East 18th Avenue in North Kansas City, and ends promptly at 9 a.m. Tickets are affordably priced 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. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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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.

## NNI moves to new office facility October 8

On October 8, Northland Neighborhoods will end a 10-year stint at the venerable Antioch Mall and move to a newer office building at 3015 NE Vivion Road (adjacent to Tires Plus). The new facility is accessible from both Vivion Road and Chouteau Trafficway, has more efficient offices,

more ample space for public meetings, and parking for 70 cars.

NNI conducted a garage sale September 28 to dispose of surplus items and ease the burden of the move, which will occur on October 6. Patrons of NNI can continue to use the Antioch Mall offices through October 5.

## EXCEL takes off with high energy launch

After 13 months of planning, the 2007-08 Northland EXCEL program launched on Friday, September 7 with a potluck dinner at NNI's offices. Participants enjoyed food and activities as well as a special presentation from Dr. Dan Kahler addressing, "What is Leadership?" On Saturday, participants attended a daylong retreat at William Jewell's Pryor Leadership Center. Presenters for the day included: Nancy Mense, University of Missouri Extension, on *True Colors*; Kevin Green, president of Kevin Green Homes, on having a vision for your community; Todd Long, Director of Leadership Training &

Development, on leadership styles; and Mary Jo Burton, Communications Director for NKC School District and NNI Board President, concerning strategic planning. "This session's participants are wonderful," says Jennifer Presberry, NNI's Community Development Manager and EXCEL program facilitator. "They have such a broad array of experiences and perspectives—everyone feeds off each other's energy. Even the speakers are impressed with how well the group interacts and engages with one another. It's going to be a great series."



**Julie Hensley, Dennis Tedford and Anita McWilliams were among the participants at the Northland EXCEL retreat September 8.**

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## Neighborhood Clips

### November Roundtable set for November 27

The next Northland Neighborhoods Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27 from 6-8 p.m. at NNI's new offices at 3015 NE Vivion Road. The topic and speakers will be announced in the November newsletter.



### Hillside offers a trip back to the Big Band heyday

Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion Road, will host a free concert and dance Saturday, October 13, 2-4 p.m. The Don Accurso Orchestra, with vocalist Ann Atkin, will perform music of the Big Band era for listening and dancing pleasure. Light refreshments will be served. To make reservations call 816-453-2623. The Accurso Orchestra has been active in Kansas City for fifty years. All who love "Music of the 40's—The Way It Used To Be" are invited to attend.

### October senior workshop to focus on financial options

On Wednesday, October 10, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., several experts will show how to plan for financial security. Janice Prezwodek, Country Insurance and Financial Services, will discuss the "529 Plan," a funding and educational plan grandparents can set up for their grandchildren. Greg Howard, Financial Freedom, will offer funding options available for seniors. Marydan Christensen, Humana, will present various Medicare supplement plans available for senior citizens.

### PIAC sales tax renewal crucial to neighborhoods

For nearly 25 years, Kansas City has funded such basic infrastructure needs as street repair and flood control through a 1-cent sales tax that pays for projects in neighborhoods throughout the city. Last renewed in 1999, the tax is due to be renewed with a special election on November 6, 2007. If approved by voters, the proposal would continue the 1-cent Sales Tax for Capital Improvements for 10 years. The ballot issue does not raise taxes; it extends a tax that has been in place for nearly 25 years. At least 35 percent of tax receipts must

be used for neighborhood conservation, maintenance, and improvements, divided equally among the six Council districts.

The 1-cent sales tax now generates \$60 million to \$70 million a year. All tax receipts must be spent as recommended by the Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) and approved by the City Council. **For more information or to schedule a presentation, please call (816) 276-5688, or visit [kcstreetsmart.com](http://kcstreetsmart.com).**

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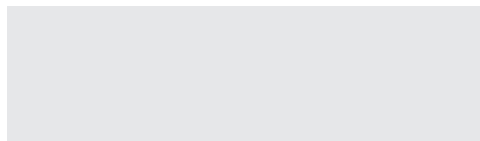


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NEIGHBORHOOD BEHIND.**



**October 2007**

**Public Meetings**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/8</b>	<b>NNI in new Facility</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>Senior Workshop</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/15</b>	<b>NNI Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>Greenhaven Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>Cop Talk</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>Annual Breakfast (Finnigan's)</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>Meet Your Councilpersons</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>Safe Halloween Event</b>	<b>5 - 8:00 p.m.</b>