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## Mission Statement

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 Goes Hollywood” set for May 10

**D**on't miss NNI Goes Hollywood!, Saturday, May 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Intrigue Park Place Hotel, 1601 N. Universal Avenue. Enjoy a fine dinner and music of the movies sung by Andrea Pope and Angelo Cilia (back by popular demand after last year's "NNI Goes Broadway"). You will have a great evening and help NNI build strong neighborhoods at the same time.

The following sponsorships are available:

- “Presenting” level at \$5,000
- “Star” level at \$2,500
- “Producer” level at \$1,500
- “Director” level at \$750

Non-sponsor seating is \$60 per ticket or \$600 per table. Contributions are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. Call Jim Rice at 454-2000 if you have any questions.

ANDREA  
pope

ANGELO  
cilia



A night to experience **incredible musical talent** and a scrumptious **dinner in the *Intrigue Park Place Hotel***. No awards. No presentations. **No speeches.** No commercials. Just pure fun, for a good cause. The event will support the programs of

### Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.

a nonprofit that supports neighborhoods and individuals in Kansas City's Northland. Tickets, tables and sponsorships are available now. Call (816) 454-2000 for information.



## Clay County comes through for NNI

**C**lay County has, for the third year in a row, appropriated significant dollars for NNI's home repair program. Once again, low to moderate homeowners in Clay County can receive grants for roofs, windows, siding, heating and

air conditioning and other qualified home repairs. “We are very grateful to the Clay County Commissioners for their continued faith in NNI to carry out this very important program,” says NNI executive director Jim Rice. “This program helps Clay

County's most needy and deserving families. Without Clay County's help, many good people would be in desperate shape.” For information on the home repair program, call Christy Harris at 454-2000.

## A browser's guide to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.

### NNI Board of Directors

#### Officers

Mary Jo Burton  
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Vice President

Misty Dawn Casey  
Secretary

Tom Schweitzer  
Treasurer

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Charles Chamberlin

Lory Daniels

Dick Davis

Mike Duffy

Dan Fowler

Park Lightfoot

Kevin Masters

Mario Mayorga

Keith Nelson

Marty Schuettpelz

#### What is NNI?

NNI, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Community Development Corporation established in 1996, is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors representing all parts of the Northland. The Board is elected by 67 member neighborhood organizations. The Board does most of its work through six committees: executive, administration and finance, neighborhood relations, planning and development, resource development, and governmental affairs.

#### What is 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.

#### Who staffs NNI?

Executive Director – **Jim Rice** (overall direction of the organization)  
Director of Administration – **vacant** (office management, accounting, information technology)  
Director of Planning and Development – **James Cianciaruso** (grants management, community development, economic development)

Director of Housing – **Christy Harris** (manages Custom Solutions and targeted home repair programs; oversees other housing programs)  
Manager, Community Development – **Jennifer Presberry** (community building programs: neighborhood organizing, leadership development)  
Community Development Coordinator – **Janet Shaffer** (member services, special events, seniors programs, neighborhood organizing)  
Housing Assistant – **Pat Estes** (home repair program contract management)  
**Pearl Brown** – Administrative Support  
**Jenny Ellis** – Administrative Support  
**Lola McCloud** – Special Projects

#### What does NNI do?

Promotes smart public and private development in the Northland.  
Builds new “infill” owner-occupied homes.  
Administers home repair grants to low and moderate income homeowners in targeted Northland neighborhoods.  
Manages innovative community policing to fight disorder in neighborhoods.  
Promotes proactive code enforcement.  
Offers regular health, education and recreation programs for seniors.

Plays a coordinating role in major Northland economic development projects.  
Serves as a Kansas City FOCUS Center that includes community policing, voter registration, pet licensing, police office of community complaints satellite, neighborhood preservation code enforcement.  
Provides neighborhood leadership, homebuyer and home maintenance education.

#### What are some volunteer opportunities at NNI?

Providing technical or professional help with the Custom Solutions program to solve home repair problems for deserving Northland citizens.  
Helping with neighborhood cleanup and fix-up projects.  
Providing educational, recreational or wellness assistance to seniors.  
Providing pro bono legal counsel on minor civil issues.  
Neighborhood advocacy with local, state and federal governments.

**NNI relies on the support of businesses, institutions, foundations and individuals who understand that investing in making neighborhoods stronger is a business decision that promotes a better economy, a better society and a better life for all.**

## Neighborhood Clips

### NNI Staff

#### Full-Time

Jim Rice  
Executive Director

James Cianciaruso  
Director of Planning and  
Development

Christy Harris  
Director of Housing  
Services

Jennifer Presberry  
Manager, Community  
Development

Janet Shaffer  
Community Development  
Coordinator

#### Part-Time and Contract

Jenny Ellis  
Administrative Support

Pearl Brown  
Administrative Support

Pat Estes  
Housing Assistant

Lola McCloud  
Special Projects

### Look for NNI at Northland Business Fair

NNI will again participate in the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Fair March 19, 2008 at the KCI Expo Center, 11730 N. Ambassador Drive. Drop in from 1 to 5 p.m. and catch NNI's booth. This will be the second year NNI has participated in this big, interesting and fun event.

### February senior workshop offers "lessons from the heart"

Valentine's Day traditionally evokes feelings of the heart: flowers, romance, fine dining and marriage proposals. But this Valentine's Day, many Americans are thinking about their hearts in a far more serious way. They're learning about heart health. Like any other muscle, the heart requires preventive care to continue to function at top form. Most people affected with diseases of the heart can point to the way they live as a contributor to their problems. Fortunately, with lifestyle changes, many of these contributing factors can be lessened or eliminated entirely. Join Cardiologist Michelle L. Dew, MD, from Saint Luke's Northland Hospital, for "Lessons from the Heart" Wednesday, February 13 at 9 a.m.

### Beginning in February: *Getting Your Financial House in Order*

Are you interested in making your money go further? Do you want to make better informed financial decisions? Beginning in February, NNI and the University of Missouri Extension will host a financial education class to help you understand your financial situation and teach practical ways to get your finances on track. This two-part series will be on February 21 and 28 from 6-8 p.m. at Avondale United Methodist Church and costs only \$10. If you would like to register, please call Jennifer Presberry at 816-454-2000.

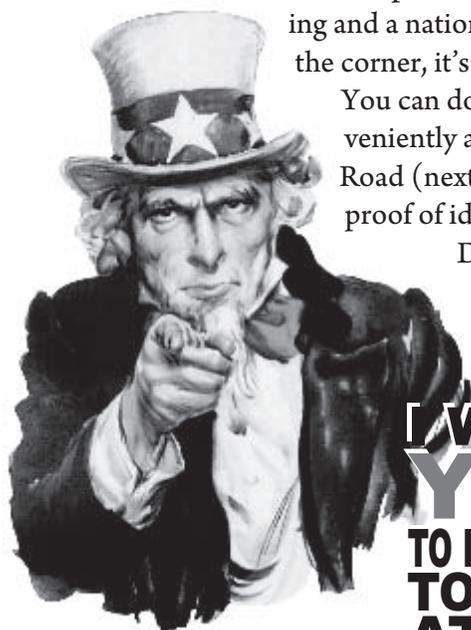
### Beginning in March: *Home Ownership Made Easier*

Is home ownership something you **dream** about, but the process sounds like a **nightmare**? Do the words "equity", "escrow," and "variable rates" sound confusing? Then you need to sign up for **Home Ownership Made Easier (H.O.M.E.)**, a three-part **homeownership class** offered by Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. and University of Missouri Extension. No matter where you live or where you *want* to live, this class will prepare you to own a home. Dates for the next series of classes are March 12th, 19th and 26th from 6-9 p.m. (A light dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m.) Cost for the series is \$25. For more information, call Jennifer Presberry at 816-454-2000.

### It's election season: register to vote at NNI

With important local initiatives looming and a national election just around the corner, it's time to register to vote. You can do that quickly and conveniently at NNI, 3015 NE Vivion Road (next to Tires Plus). Bring proof of identity and address.

Don't miss your opportunity to participate in the great gift of American democracy.



**I WANT  
YOU  
TO REGISTER  
TO VOTE  
AT NNI!**



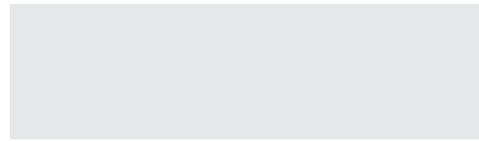
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NEIGHBORHOOD BEHIND.**



## Public Meetings at NNI February 2008

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/13</b>	<b>Senior Workshop</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/18</b>	<b>NNI Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>Northland Roads Meeting</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>Greenhaven Neighborhood</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>Cop Talk (at NNI this month)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/25</b>	<b>Meet Your Councilpersons</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>