



Northland Neighborhoods News

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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.

Neighborhood leader training to start in September

The highly successful EXCEL neighborhood leadership course will encore September 5 with a welcome reception and dinner. Persons interested in enrolling should contact Jennifer Presberry at 816-454-2000 or Jennifer_presberry@nni.org. Cost to participants for the entire program (includes training, materials, meals) is \$100.

The 8-month training program includes sessions on:

- Demographics and Community Analysis
- State Government
- Local Government
- Community Infrastructure
- Poverty Simulation
- Education
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- A City Hall Project

According to EXCEL Coordinator Jennifer Presberry, “participants will gain knowledge, experience, power, confidence and networking skills” from EXCEL. “EXCEL graduates will be equipped to help their neighborhoods and communities develop a common vision and mission.”

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you: Briarcliff-Winnwood area planning to begin July 8

The Briarcliff-Winnwood Area Plan will officially launch at a July 8 community meeting at Golden Oaks Education Center, 3100 NE 46th Street, from 6 to 8 p.m. The plan area encompasses 18 square miles of Kansas City’s Northland, from Pleasant Valley Road and the city limits of Gladstone on the north to Missouri Highway 210 and the City of North Kansas City on the south, and from the western city limits at Briarcliff to the east side of the I-435 corridor. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for future development, land use, neighborhoods, housing, transportation and infrastructure improvements.

As with other community planning initiatives, the BW plan will be a hybrid of technical urban planning, existing studies and data, and most importantly, input from area residents, institutions and businesses. The consultant team, led by Bucher Willis & Ratliff, brings a wide variety of community planning experience and technical expertise to the project. Their efforts will be supported by Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. and Kansas City’s Planning and Development Department.

Planner Kyle Elliott of the City

Planning and Development staff, says the Briarcliff-Winnwood Area Plan comes at a critical time for Kansas City. “We are confronted with a series of major issues, such as opportunities for light rail and mass transit, a massive water and sewer improvement plan, and a 50-year backlog of infrastructure needs in the Northland. The Area Plan will attempt to put these and other issues into a neighborhood framework,” Elliott says.

Residents of the Briarcliff-Winnwood project area are urged to participate in the series of community meetings that will provide the grist for the planning team’s mill. For more information about the project and the community meetings visit www.nni.org and click on the link to the Area Plan web site. To receive notices of community meetings via email or phone, contact Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. at 816-454-2000.



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Volunteer of the Month July 2008 Linda Cochran

Some say the world is comprised of givers and takers. Linda Cochran is a giver. Just ask anyone in the Ravenwood-Summerset neighborhood.

Born and raised in Prairie Village, Kansas, Linda has lived in the Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood for 30 years and currently resides with her dogs Walter and Winston and 2 cats Brandie and Kahula. She is employed at a local casino where she is the safety committee representative. In her spare time, Linda enjoys gardening, reading, traveling, walking and working with her neighborhood.

As president of the 550-home Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood, Linda spearheaded painting house numbers on the curbs and placing "No Solicitation Stickers" on front doors.

She has championed welcome baskets for newcomers to the neighborhood and writes the quarterly newsletter. She was interviewed by KCWE reporter Kris Ketz about the roll away billboard her neighborhood

uses to publicize events. A veteran of organizing neighborhood garage sales and block parties, currently Linda is working on "Emergency Send Help" signs with information on flat tires, what to carry for emergency kits and what should be stored in your car compartment in the event of accidents.

Linda has big plans to introduce The Ali Kemp Educational (T.A.K.E.) Foundation's self-defense classes and the up-and-coming sewer changeover for the Revenwood-Summerset Neighborhood.

Linda Cochran has been a key ingredient in the success of the Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood Association, but gives equal credit to her Council members for their hard work and dedication. Linda Cochran makes a positive difference in the Northland.



Linda Cochran was a well-dressed volunteer at NNI's Safe Trick-or-Treat event.

NNI Annual Meeting yields bylaw changes, new and renewing directors

At its June 23 Annual Meeting, the Northland Neighborhoods members approved bylaw amendments and five new or renewing directors. The bylaws changes included changing the executive director's title to chief executive officer and several housekeeping updates. New to the NNI Board is ElizaBeth Clayton from the Green-

haven Neighborhood. Launching a second 3-year term will be Park Lightfoot from Holiday Hills. Elected to their first full term on the Board were Charles Chamberlin, Crestview Neighborhood; Marty Schuettpezl, Sherwood Estates; and Juan Rangel, Foxwoods Neighborhood.

Neighborhood Clips

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Jenny Ellis
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Pearl Brown
Administrative Support

Pat Estes
Housing Assistant

Lola McCloud
Special Projects

Don't forget: July senior workshop to focus on memory



Make a note. Put a string around your finger. Tape this newsletter to the fridge. But don't forget to attend NNI's senior workshop Wednesday, July 9, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Carolyn Delemare, Clay County Health Department, will discuss exercises and other ways to improve memory as we age.

Talk trash at July 29 Roundtable; Clock is ticking on area landfills

Let's talk about trash. Our region's landfills have less than 20 years until they close. What can we do to lengthen their lifespans? One KC Voice, a nonprofit program that works to include citizen input in local decisions, wants to hear your ideas. Your feedback will be used by the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District, which serves as a regional solid waste planning agency for local governments in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri. For more information, visit www.onekvoice.org or call 816-474-4240.

How's this for a "green solution?"

A.B.O.P.T. reaps huge harvest of unwanted stuff. A.B.O.P.T. (antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint, and tires) scored big on June 7 as hundreds of area residents disposed of that hard-to-get-rid-of stuff in a safe, responsible way. Here's a run-down of the harvest:
Paper shredded - 4,000 lbs.
Metal recycling collected - 3,920 lbs.
Tires collected - 440 (360 auto tires, 52 auto tires on wheels, 13 motorcycle tires, 10 truck tires, 5 mower. Household Hazardous Waste - 6,051 pounds of materials.

The June 7 A.B.O.P.T. was the biggest household hazardous waste clean-up in the history of Kansas City. NNI staff who helped make it so were Janet Shaffer, Gina Hopkins, Christy Harris, Pat Estes, Jenny Ellis, and Lola McCloud. They were assisted by five KCPD officers and 27 volunteers.



July Garage Sale
Cooley Highlands
Neighborhood Garage Sale
Saturday, July 26
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
N Antioch, Chouteau,
Parvin and 210 Hwy

Coming soon: Night Out Against Crime "Kick-off"

Plan to attend NNI's annual Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off on Saturday, August 2 from 5-8:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Park in Gladstone. There will be food, games, entertainment and a "Prize Cube" where people can win door prizes. It's great fun for the whole family ... and you will learn how to keep your neighborhood and your family safe.

Wanted: Section 3 Contractors

NNI seeks qualified contractors to work for our Home Repair Programs dedicated to low and moderate income Northlanders. We are requesting qualification proposals from Section 3-eligible contractors to conduct home repair services in the following categories: Heating and Cooling (HVAC) System, Roofing, Windows and Doors, Gutters, Plumbing and Water Heaters, Code Violation Remediation, Siding, Removing Barriers to Access, Weatherization Activities, Lead Testing and Abatement, Flatwork/Concrete, and General Contracting. Please contact Christy Harris at (816) 454-2000 if you are or know a contractor interested in earning money while helping improve the quality of life for individuals and the community.



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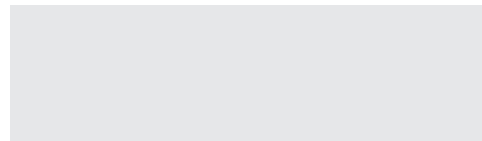
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Public Meetings at NNI July 2008

Friday	7/4	Holiday - NNI office closed all day	
Wednesday	7/9	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Monday	7/14	Northland Trails	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7/15	1st District Roads Update	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	7/16	Cop Talk at NNI	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	7/17	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday	7/21	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday	7/28	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7/29	Neighborhood Roundtable	6:00 p.m.