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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 resume 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."

NNI Annual Breakfast set for October 17; Anita Gorman heads list of honorees

Planning is already underway for Northland Neighborhoods' 3rd Annual Breakfast. Due to strong attendance at the 2007 breakfast, this year's event will move to the Intrigue Park Place Hotel in the "near northland" at 1601 N. Universal Avenue (off Front Street). The date is Friday, October 17, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. As in past years, individual seating is \$25, table of 10 is \$250. Sponsorships range from \$300 to \$2,500.

Highlighting the 2008 breakfast are awards to four Northlanders who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. The Larry McManus Good Neighbor

Award recipient is **Charles Lamb**, longtime Habitat for Humanity team leader and community volunteer; the Outstanding Public Service Awardee is **Dave Mecklenburg**, insurance executive and civic leader; the Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement honoree is **Anita Gorman**, one of the Northland's most accomplished civic leaders, known throughout the metro area and the state for her many years of distinguished service.

Sponsor letters will go out in early August, but individual seating and tables are available now. Call NNI at 454-2000 for information.



Members of th inaugural EXCEL class work on a team project.

Volunteer of the Month

August 2008

Jan Ford

Janice Murphy Ford (better known as Jan) was born and raised on the Murphy family farm southeast of DeKalb, Missouri, where she attended DeKalb grade and high schools. She attended Northwest Missouri State Teachers College in Maryville and Kansas State University. Jan has 2 grown children and is very proud of grandchildren Connor and Camryn McDonald.

was also a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant for 20 years and taught cooking classes in 4-H Club for 15 years.

At Gower Christian Church Jan serves as Sunday School teacher, chairs numerous departments, works with Christian Women's Fellowship, and assists with Meals on Wheels. She currently attends Fairview Christian Church in Gladstone. Jan is a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority in Kansas City, volunteers at NNI, serves as a Friendly Visitor with Shepherd Center of the Northland, and is an active

member of the North Kansas City Hospital Auxiliary.

Her hobbies include reading, water aerobics, walking, volunteering, music, spending time with her grandchildren, visiting the elderly, lunches with friends, movies, trips and just enjoying life. How she finds time to enjoy life is an open question, but one can surmise that she finds much enjoyment in serving others.

Jan has been a bright light for Northland Neighborhoods by volunteering monthly with newsletter mailings, special mailings, attending

monthly senior workshops, always with a smile on her face. NNI appreciates her time and her smile.



Jan Ford takes a moment at NNI to plan her next volunteer gig.

Jan's diverse work history includes babysitting, banking, the Gower Convalescent Center and Trans World Airlines, retiring in 1997. She

Briarcliff-Winnwood area plan off to a good start

The Briarcliff-Winnwood Area Plan got off to an enthusiastic start July 8 at the Plan's first community meeting. The event at Golden Oaks Education Center drew 52 community members representing neighborhoods in an 18 square-mile area of southern Clay and Platte Counties. After introductory presentations, participants broke into small groups to take a first run at identifying issues in the neighborhoods and laying out visions for the future. Common themes and issues included:

- Protect and enhance parks and open spaces
- Provide choice through multi-modal transportation alternatives
- Promote quality infill development and new development
- Maintain and enhance housing

- Promote neighborhood identity and a sense of pride
- Improve basic infrastructure
- Revitalize existing commercial corridors
- Economic development

When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for future development, land use, neighborhoods, housing, transportation and other infrastructure improvements.

The next public input meeting will be August 25 at the Golden Oaks Education Center, 3100 NE 46th Street, and will focus on neighborhoods and housing issues. 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.



Neighborhood Clips

“Let’s Clear the Air” at August senior workshop

On August 13, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., D.W. New-comer’s Sons will conduct a seminar about what to look for in a prearranged funeral plan or policy and how each type of prearrangement works. Since there are many options to choose from, consumers need to know which option best suits their needs, and how their investment is protected. A representative will share some questions you need to ask to help make a comfortable and knowledgeable decision about pre-arrangement planning.

Wanted: Section 3 Contractors

NNI seeks qualified contrac-

tors to work for 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.

work. During the past year, NNI did the following . . .

Applied for 29 grants, and was awarded 8 grants

Completed 201 home repairs

Conducted 178 meetings and

workshops, with 2,205 people attending

Logged 1,024 volunteer hours on various projects

Hosted 171 visits to the Neighborhood

Computer Center

Responded to 13,361 phone calls

Printed 233,112 pages of neighborhood newsletters

Referred 319 people to government and social service agencies

Encore for household hazardous waste disposal for Platte County communities

Residents of Iatan, Farley, Houston Lake, Kansas City, Lake Waukomis, Northmoor, Parkville, Platte City, Platte Woods, Riverside, Tracy, Weatherby Lake and unincorporated Platte County may take antifreeze, batteries, motor oil and paint to Platte Ridge Park, 17130 Highway 371, on August 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. The City of Parkville will host a repeat collection site on October 4. For more information, call Daniel Erickson, Platte County Planning and Zoning Director, at 816-858-3368.

North Patrol to offer terrorism training

The North Patrol Division, in partnership with the Kansas City Police Department’s Homeland Security Office and Zona Rosa, will offer training on the prevention, deterrence and response to terrorism. Time: 7 p.m. September 9. Place: Zona Rosa Improv

Comedy House, 7430 NW 87th .

While a sagging economy and skyrocketing gas prices may have dimmed the public’s focus on terrorism, KCPD wants to update citizens, business leaders, and schools on the current threat of terrorism. The presentation will provide a basic training course on terrorism prevention, deterrence and response. The goal is to form a partnership between police and the community to help prevent terrorism. The training will explore:

- Indicators of terrorism
- Domestic and international terrorism
- Criminal behavior vs extremist behavior
- Weapons of mass destruction
- How to make our community safer
- Who can you notify when you observe something suspicious

Zona Rosa Shopping Center will host this presentation and provide free Zona Rosa coupon books and a chance to win a \$100 Zona Rosa gift certificate. To reserve your seat please call the North Patrol Division Community Relations Office at 437-6231.



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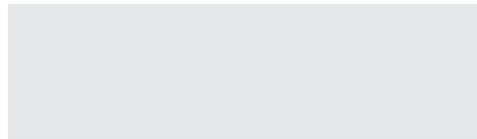
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Public Meetings at NNI August 2008

Saturday	8/2	Night Out vs Crime Kick-Off, Oak Grove Park	5-8:30 p.m.
Thursday	8/7	Block Watch Training	6:00 p.m.
Monday	8/11	Northland Trails and Greenways	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8/13	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	8/19	1st District Roads Update	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	8/19	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8/20	Cop Talk at NNI	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8/21	Workforce Housing Public Input	6:00 p.m.
Monday	8/25	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.

There will be no NNI board meeting in August.