



# Northland Neighborhoods News

## Annual Awards Breakfast slated for October 16, 2009

**H**ighlighting Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.'s (NNI) October 16 breakfast are awards to Northlanders who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. The 2009 Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award recipient is neighborhood and school volunteer Terri Wolfe; the Ruthanne Harper Outstanding Public Service award recipients are Platte and Clay County Presiding Commissioners Betty Knight and Ed Quick. The Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement honoree is Ray Brock, long time civic leader and Chairman of Curry Investment Company. New this year are the Reta Jo Mitchell awards for Best Neighborhood Newsletter and Best Neighborhood Newsletter Article.

The breakfast buffet begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Intrigue Park Place Hotel, 1601 N. Universal Avenue in Kansas City, and the entire program will end 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.

NNI, located at 3015 NE Vivion Road, is a nonprofit community development corporation established in 1996 for the improvement and revitalization of neighborhoods in the Northland. All contributions to NNI are tax-deductible.

NNI Board President Kevin Masters says the event is "an opportunity for neighborhood, business and government people to join in celebrating Northlanders who have made extraordinary contributions to the Northland and to the community at-large." Masters says proceeds from the event will help NNI maintain its public service programs and continue its comprehensive services to Northland neighborhood organizations and residents. For more information, call Northland Neighborhoods at 816-454-2000.

## NNI Board endorses Platte sales tax renewal

**I**n August 2000, residents of Platte County approved a one-half cent sales tax for parks and storm water improvements, with a sunset date of 2010. Over the past decade, Platte County officials came through for voters with more than \$60 million in parks and storm water improvements. The Northland Neighborhoods Board of Directors, at its July 20 meeting, endorsed renewal of the sales tax at the August 4 election.

Improvements over the last ten years include: 5 new parks, 35 baseball and soccer fields, and 6 new playgrounds; 15 miles of walking trails, 2 community centers; an aquatics center in partnership with Kansas City, Missouri; \$2 million in park grants to cities, schools and neighborhoods in Platte County; more than \$4 million to repair bridges, culverts and other storm water infrastructure; and nearly \$2 million in storm water grants to neighborhoods and cities to address flooding and erosion problems and promote water quality. Renewal of the one-half cent sales tax will continue these improvements for the next ten years.

NNI Board Vice President Dick Davis says "renewal of the sales tax will build on the superb management and phenomenal success of the Platte County parks and storm water program over the past decade. The renewal will enable and enhance the proper growth and development of Platte County over the next decade."



## YouthWorks lives up to its name in Northland for second year

2009 was the second year YouthWorks volunteers came to Kansas City and NNI to serve people in need. Every week, from June 15 through August 6, 130 young people dispersed throughout the city to work with children and seniors painting homes, cleaning up yards and sorting food at pantries. YouthWorks' purpose is to provide life-changing, faith-centered youth mission opportunities. They create extraordinarily fun and significant mission adventures, targeted to the

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needs and capabilities of youth ages 12-19. This year was an incredible year for Northland families YouthWorks served, creating memories for themselves and improving the lives of the persons they helped.



## 2009 Kansas City Beautiful competition underway

Each year, the Kansas City Beautiful Awards are given to residences, businesses and institutions that make best efforts to beautify their properties. The program is sponsored by The Kessler Society (named for legendary landscape architect George Kessler) and the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Four properties will be recognized from each of the 6 City Council Districts (Northland is District 1 and 2). One property will receive the Commissioner's Choice Award. Applications will be judged on the overall appearance of the property, best use of plants and landscaping, and overall aesthetic contribution to the surrounding community. Interested persons may contact NNI for an application. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible, but NO LATER THAN AUGUST 12, 2009.

## Neighborhood Clips

### August senior workshop to focus on poison control

Daling McMoran of the Poison Control Center will discuss the increasingly common issue of older adults poisoning themselves. Medications, chemicals and/or gases can be toxic for any age. Daling will cover such topics as: What is a poison center and how does it work? Who should I call if I have taken too much medication? Poison prevention when children are around. Protecting yourself, and much more.

The mission of the Poison Control Center is to serve the citizens of the Greater Kansas City area by providing accessible poison and medication-related emergency treatment advice, referral assistance and comprehensive information on poison and toxins 24 hours a day.

### 2010 EXCEL leadership class now forming

Enrollment for the 2010 EXCEL Neighborhood Leadership Program is now open. Class sessions will run from January to June 2010. Class size will be limited to 15, so interested persons should obtain an application by contacting NNI at 454-2000. This will be the third year for the EXCEL program. Graduates of EXCEL praise the program for its quality and usefulness. The intense course equips participants with knowledge, skills and experiences that enable them to lead their neighborhoods to success.

### Neighborhood garage sales continue

August 13, 14, 15: Crestview Homes Association, N Oak and NE 44<sup>th</sup> Street, 8 a.m.

September 12, New Mark (First Pool) and surrounding subdivisions, New Mark Drive and N Oak, 8 a.m..

September 18 & 19, Maple Woods Estates Neighborhood, 78th & North Park, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If your community is planning a garage sale and you would like the information mass e-mailed and/or posted on NNI's website, please contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000 or [jshaffer@nni.org](mailto:jshaffer@nni.org)



### NNI seeks qualified low-income home repair contractors

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. needs qualified low-income contractors to do home repair work including: Heating and Cooling (HVAC) Systems; 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 Larry Washington or Yvonne Herrick at 816-454-2000 for more information.

### FREE health checks for your child and your home now available

The Kansas City Safe & Healthy Home Partnership will review your child's health, and the health of your home. The home environmental assessment includes checking indoor air quality and ventilation, dust and allergen levels, moisture and mold, a household chemical survey, a home maintenance survey, and a home safety check up. You can enroll today by calling 816-235-6331 or contact Yvonne Herrick at NNI, 454-2000 to see if you qualify.

### Community Leadership Program to launch in August

The Community Leadership Program, co-sponsored by the City of Kansas City's Neighborhood and Community Services Department and the Mid-America Regional Council, runs from August through November. Program includes tracks on problem solving, community building and relationship building. NNI is one of three sites where the program will be offered, beginning August 4 with relationship building. All classes meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact: Beverly Wilson, 816-701-8216, [clp@marc.org](mailto:clp@marc.org), [www.marc.org/clp](http://www.marc.org/clp)

# NNI Public Meetings and Events

## August & September 2009

Saturday	8/1	Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	8/6	MARC Community Leadership	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8/12	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	8/13	MARC Community Leadership	6:30 p.m.
Monday	8/17	NNI Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8/18	1st District Roads Update	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	8/18	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8/19	Cop Talk at NNI	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	8/20	MARC Community Leadership	6:30 p.m.
Monday	8/24	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	8/27	MARC Community Leadership	6:30 p.m.
Monday	9/7	Labor Day - NNI offices closed	
Wednesday	9/9	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	9/15	1st District Roads Update	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	9/15	Greenhaven Neighborhood Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9/16	Cop Talk at NNI	6:30 p.m.
Monday	9/21	NNI Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9/22	Neighborhood Roundtable	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	9/24	MARC Community Leadership	6:30 p.m.
Monday	9/28	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.