



Northland Neighborhoods News

Help NNI “go over the top” at Annual Awards Breakfast

There is still time to be part of NNI’s Awards Breakfast. The October 16 event will honor 4 persons who help make the Northland such an extraordinary community. The 2009 Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award recipient is neighborhood and school volunteer Terri Wolfe; the Ruthanne Harper 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 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 \$300, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 levels. VISA and Master Card are accepted. All sponsorships include a table of 10 and special program recognition. All contributions are tax-deductible.

“The breakfast is an enjoyable and affordable way to celebrate 4 remarkable people who have given a big part of their lives to improving the Northland and the larger community,” says Kevin Masters, President of the NNI Board. Proceeds from the event help NNI maintain its public service programs and continue comprehensive services to Northland neighborhood organizations and residents. For more information, call Northland Neighborhoods at 816-454-2000.



As a cost-containment measure, the *monthly* Northland Neighborhoods News is distributed only on the NNI Website (www.nni.org). The Quarterly edition will continue to be published and distributed in both printed and online formats. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes our readers.

2010 EXCEL neighborhood leader 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 now 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, but highly enjoyable, course equips participants with knowledge, skills and experiences that enable them to lead their neighborhoods to success.

Newsletter training seminar returns for a command performance

Northland Neighborhoods' Newsletter Writing and Editing seminar will encore on October 28 and November 4, 6:30 p.m. at NNI, 3015 NE Vivion Road. The two-night seminar, conducted by Park University Journalism Professor John Lofflin, was a smash hit last April, with participants calling the seminar

“interesting, fun, and very helpful.” Neighborhood newsletters are critical components of neighborhood communication, but editors are often frustrated by the lack of basic journalistic skills. The Lofflin seminar is an enjoyable way to learn these basics or refresh long-forgotten high school and college courses.

Neighborhood Clips

Neighborhood garage sales continue

October 17

Grace Baptist Church Craft/Vender Sale
3101 NE Vivion Road
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., *Saturday Only*

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

What's the Scoop on H1N1 (Swine Flu)

With the flu season already getting an early start, the October 14 senior workshop needs to be on your calendars. Jodee Fredrick, Community Health Promotion & Planning Director at the Clay County Public Health Center, will present information on H1N1 and the difference between H1N1 and the seasonal flu. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the priorities set by CDC and ask questions about the health center's plans to get vaccine out to the community. The time is 9 a.m. at NNI. **Please note:** the health center is temporarily out of vaccine but should have new a supply in November. Watch NNI's newsletter and Constant Contact messages for details.

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.



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 at 816-454-2000 for more information.

Dog Park meeting slated for October 20

A public hearing on HiddenValley Park as a potential dog park location is set for October 20, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Kansas City North Community Center, 3930 N. Antioch Road. The park's master plan includes an area along North Bennington as a dog park area. Currently, residents of Bennington Ridge Apartments walk their dogs. Some nearby residents, frustrated by lack of improvements at Hidden Valley, welcome increased use of Hidden Valley and feel that may lead to more investment in the park. Topping the priority list for the residents is playground equipment and a shelter house.

NNI Public Meetings and Events October & November 2009

Thursday	10/1	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	10/8	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10/14	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Friday	10/16	Annual Breakfast – Park Place	7:30 a.m.
Monday	10/19	NNI Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10/20	1 st District Roads Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	10/20	Greenhaven Neighborhood	7:00 pm.
Wednesday	10/21	Cop Talk	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	10/22	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Monday	10/26	Meet Your Councilpersons	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10/28	Newsletter Training	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	10/29	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	10/31	Safe Trick or Treat Event	5-9 p.m.
Wednesday	11/4	Newsletter Training	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	11/5	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	11/11	Senior Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	11/12	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	11/17	Greenhaven Neighborhood	7:00 pm.
Wednesday	11/18	Cop Talk	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	11/19	MARC Leadership Program	6:30 p.m.

Thursday-Friday 11/26-27 NNI Offices closed for Thanksgiving

1st District Roads Update Meetings cancelled for November and December

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