

# Northland Neighborhoods News



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## GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR NNI'S BIDS AND BREWS EVENT



Northland Neighborhoods spring fundraiser is called "Bids and Brews." That's shorthand for an event that includes a silent auction, beer tasting and a mouth watering hors d'oeuvre buffet. "Bids and Brews" debuts Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Embassy Suites – KCI. Prices are \$30 a ticket and \$300 for a table of 10, a reduc-

tion from 2009 prices. Sponsorships are available at the following levels: Presenting - \$5,000, Stout - \$2,500, Ale - \$1,500, Lager - \$750.

Dave Mecklenburg, co-chair of the Beer Tasting, wants a strong neighborhood presence at the event and plans to bring his neighborhood pals with him.

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## SEVENTH ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING SLATED FOR APRIL 21

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. will host its seventh annual Town Hall Meeting April 21, 2010 at 6 p.m. at NNI, 3015 NE Vivion Road. After brief remarks by the NNI chief executive officer and Northland Council members, the evening will conclude with presentation of the annual Neighborhood Champion Awards.

The Neighborhood Champion awards are given annually to neighborhood leaders, business people and government officials who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities.

### *Here are the 2010 awardees:*

- Harold Foster, Cooley Highlands
- Ben Hallauer, Pizza Hut
- Tammy Kenney, Harrah's
- Vern Linscott, Cooley Highlands
- Celeste Michaelson, Highland Gardens
- Tamara Mills, KCMO Code Officer
- John Mink, Harley-Davidson Motor Company
- Dana Nelson, Volunteer
- Gail Orth-Aikmus, DARE Officer, Clay County
- Diane Simpson, Principal, Southeast Elementary School
- Jack Swanigan, Applebee's
- Jeff Williams, Legal Aid

## 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.

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## NNI OFFERS WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES

- Neighborhood organization, by-law and board development, neighborhood cleanups, including a tool library
- EXCEL neighborhood leadership program
- Space for neighborhood meetings
- Monthly senior citizen health, education and recreation workshops
- Crime prevention training programs and Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off
- Comprehensive code enforcement (4 KCMO code officers are based at NNI)
- Neighborhood Computer Center
- Comprehensive home repair programs
- FOCUS Center: voter registration, pet licensing, code enforcement, animal control satellite, notary public, KCPD Office of Community Complaints, police-community interaction
- Monthly "Meet Your Councilperson" meetings
- Monthly "Roundtable" and communications workshops
- Clearing house on economic development projects that impact neighborhoods
- Neighborhood newsletter printing

## BIDS AND BREWS EVENT

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"We have neighbors who regularly enjoy an evening out together. Bids and Brews is a perfect opportunity for getting together and helping NNI at the same time," Mecklenburg says. Neighborhood organizations can also get their names in lights by donating auction items. Business firms can invest in the event by rewarding employees with tickets and donating auction items.

Everyone who attends Bids and Brews can count on a wide and plentiful variety of auction bargains, a tantaliz-

ing line-up of unusual beers to taste, a tasty buffet and a keepsake beer glass designed just for Bids and Brews. Call Northland Neighborhoods at 454-2000 to reserve your tickets or tables.

NNI Board member ElizaBeth Clayton again serves as Auction Chair. Board members Dan Fowler and Dave Mecklenburg co-chair the beer tasting. Board Secretary Mary Jo Burton coordinates the overall event. Reserve your tickets and tables today by calling NNI at 454-2000.



### LORIE'S HOUSE

Lorie Perdieu was delighted to visit the site of her future universal design home. When she arrived she found that in spite of the cold and hail, a group of volunteers were hard at work moving the project forward.

## VIVION ROAD PLAN REACHES ANOTHER MILESTONE

From Riverside to Claycomo, Vivion Road (also known as Missouri State Highway 69) showcases the Northland Fountain, Anita Gorman Park, the new North Oak Village shopping center, and the regionally popular Penguin Park. Former stars in the Vivion Road galaxy, such as Antioch Mall, have faded but show promise of brightening when long-awaited redevelopment finally gets underway.

The Vivion Road PIEA (Planned Industrial Expansion Authority) Area includes commercial development opportunities on Vivion Road, from Antioch Road to Hardesty. At its March 29 meeting the PIEA Board approved a Blight Study and General Development Plan. The plan will now go to the City Plan Commission and then on to the City Council for final approval. NNI is the plan's sponsor.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLIPS

### Vacant lot inspection training slated for April 20

Persons interested in becoming volunteer code inspectors for vacant lots in the Northland should attend a training session at NNI on Tuesday, April 20 at 5 p.m. The volunteers must supply their own digital camera and transportation, but will receive a fee for each abated code violation on vacant lots. Common violations include overgrown weeds, abandoned vehicles and dumping. The training session is free and will last no longer than 2 hours.

### Newsletter editors alert: Resource Exchange is April 27

April 27, 6-7 p.m., is the next "Editors' Resource Exchange," an opportunity for newsletter writers and editors to brainstorm newsletter topics and exchange ideas on how to spruce up their publications. Editors' Resource Exchange will be held on the 4th Tuesday of even numbered months from 6 to 7 p.m. at NNI. The program will alternate with the Neighborhood Roundtable which is held on the 4th Tuesday of the odd numbered months.

### Heads up! ABOPT coming June 5

NNI's annual drop-off and pick up of household hazardous waste is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 8 a.m. to noon at the Antioch Shopping Center. ABOPT stands for Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil, Paint and Tires.

### April Senior Workshop: combating stress and finding inner peace

Have you ever had heartburn, tension headaches, sleeplessness, moodiness, or aching backs appear out of nowhere? You know you have not lifted anything heavy, or had anything spicy to eat, so where in the world did these symptoms come from? Could it be stress? Join ElizaBeth Clayton, Volunteer Supervisor at Care Alternatives Hospice, for a discussion of the causes, symptoms, dangers, and prevention of stress and finding inner peace. Date: April 14 Time: 9 a.m.

### Upcoming Neighborhood Roundtable:

May 25: David Warm, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Executive Director

July 27: Pat Klein and the Kansas City PIAC Process

September 28: Kansas City's Neighborhood Advisory Council

### 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. more information.

### Upcoming Garage Sales

Friday and Saturday, April 16, 17  
Maple Woods Estates, 78th & North Park  
8 a.m.

Friday and Saturday, April 23, 24  
Brooktree Homes Association,  
Brooktree Lane in Gladstone  
8 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 24 & 25  
Ravenwood-Summerset Neighborhood,  
56th Place and N Brighton  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday only, May 1  
Misty Woods Neighborhood,  
Paradise Valley and 49th Street  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Villas at Kensington,  
Bennington Rd & Parvin Rd  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8  
Carriage Hill Ellington Estates,  
60th & Antioch  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday and Saturday,  
Rain Date May 14 and 15  
Holiday Hills Homes Association,  
N Brighton and 44th St  
8 a.m.

Saturday only, May 8  
New Mark Homes Association, North  
Oak - N Woodland/Maplewoods Pkwy  
8 a.m.

Saturday only, May 15  
Davidson Elementary PTA,  
5100 N Highland  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
River Forest Neighborhood Association,  
Prather N Chippewa  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## NNI Public Meetings and Events April and May 2010

<b>Wednesday, 4/7</b>	<b>Chouteau Parkway Plan</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 4/14</b>	<b>Senior Workshop</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, 4/19</b>	<b>NNI Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 4/20</b>	<b>1st District Problem-Solving</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 4/29</b>	<b>Volunteer training for vacant lots</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 4/20</b>	<b>Greenhaven Neighborhood</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 4/21</b>	<b>NNI Town Hall Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Cop Talk cancelled for April; will resume May 19, 6:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Monday, 4/26</b>	<b>Meet Your Councilpersons</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 4/27</b>	<b>Editors Resource Exchange</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, 5/8</b>	<b>Bids and Brews – Embassy Suites</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 5/12</b>	<b>Senior Workshop</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, 5/17</b>	<b>NNI Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, 5/17</b>	<b>NNI Board Candidate Forum</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 5/18</b>	<b>1st District Problem-Solving</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 5/18</b>	<b>Greenhaven Neighborhood</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 5/19</b>	<b>Cop Talk</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 5/25</b>	<b>Neighborhood Roundtable</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>