



# NNI NEWS

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## EXCEL Program

### 2011 neighborhood leadership program postponed until February

NNI's EXCEL Neighborhood Leadership Program will begin its fourth year in February 2011. There is still time for interested persons to complete an application.

The 6-month training program includes sessions on Leadership skills, State and Local Government, Community Infrastructure, Economic Development, Public Safety and much more. Past participants praise the program for the quality of its curriculum and the positive

experience of working with fellow participants on realistic neighborhood issues. Persons interested in enrolling should contact Jim Rice at 816-454-2000 or [jim\\_rice@nni.org](mailto:jim_rice@nni.org). Cost to participants for the entire program (includes training, materials, meals) is \$100. Scholarships are available.



2010 EXCEL Graduates

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## Learn about Roberts Rules

Roberts Rules of Order are an essential tool for non-profit boards.

Is there mass confusion during your neighborhood meeting because several people are trying to speak at once? Are your neighborhood meetings chaotic, with no sense of order? Then we have just the right workshop for you. Roberts Rules of Order are an essential tool for maintaining order, civility and accountability in conducting the work of non-profit (and for-profit) boards of directors. That is why NNI, in cooperation with of Missouri State Association of Parliamentarians, will offer a workshop on Thursday, January 27, 6-8 p.m. at NNI. Teresa Dean, Registered Parliamentarian, will present Basic Parliamentary

Procedures including: Agendas, Order of Business, Types of Motions, Rules of Debate, and duties of the Presiding Officer. Handouts will be provided, but bring your Robert's Rules of Order Revised if you have one.

Parliamentary procedure defines how groups of people, no matter how formal or informal, can most effectively meet and make decisions in a fair, consistent manner and make good use of everyone's time. Even a basic background in parliamentary principles can help you and your organization

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## Attention!

### Platte County storm water grants available

Applications for Platte County's 2011 Stormwater Grant Program are now available. The program assists established Platte County homeowner associations with stormwater improvements. Applications can be obtained online at [http://www.co.platte.mo.us/county\\_offices\\_departments/planning\\_zoning.html](http://www.co.platte.mo.us/county_offices_departments/planning_zoning.html) or by calling Nate Baldwin, Platte County Engineer at 816-858-3473. Applications are due by January 28, 2011.

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hold more efficient meetings. Parliamentary procedure also defines the duties of those who are elected as the president, secretary, or treasurer of an organization.

For those interested in going beyond this introductory workshop, a Membership Study Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6 to 8 p.m., January through April. The location is Community America Credit Union at 9310 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, Missouri (off 152 Hwy & North Oak Trafficway). For more information, contact Joy Freeland, Professional Registered Parliamentarian 816.478.2449 or [joyfreeland@gmail.com](mailto:joyfreeland@gmail.com).

## Directory of services available at NNI

- 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, Cop Talk meetings, 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, dangerous building officer
- CAN (Community Action Network) Center
- Monthly "Meet Your Councilpersons" meetings
- Monthly "Roundtable" and communications workshops
- Clearing house for economic development projects that impact neighborhoods
- Neighborhood newsletter printing

### Register to vote at NNI!

Elections for the Kansas City Mayor and Council are February 22, 2011 (primary) and March 22, 2011 (general). Northland voters need to be heard. You can register to vote at NNI. It's quick and easy, so do it today and add to the Northland's voice.

# Neighborhood Clips

Some brief-but important-announcements and information that might be helpful to neighborhoods in the Northland.

## **January senior workshop offers fun, brain teasers, and more**

Alicia Scott, Kendallwood Hospice, will be on hand Wednesday, January 12, 9 a.m. to help chase away those winter blahs. You will hear about her latest activities at Kendallwood Hospice's Recycled Treasures and the upcoming Honor Flights for 2011.

## **January Cop Talk to focus on property crime**

Sgt. Daniel Graves, KCPD Property Crimes Unit, will be at NNI Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m. Sgt. Graves, a Northlander, has extensive police experience in the Northland, having worked regular patrol duty as well as several special units. He has a reputation as a problem-solver. Part of his presentation will deal with new strategies to reduce property crimes.

## **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.

## **Healthy Homes program can help fight allergies**

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 Larry Washington at NNI, 454-2000 to see if you qualify.

Other home repair programs available from NNI include the ENCORE program for qualified residents in the North Oak Corridor, the Custom Solutions program for qualified residents in the Kansas City, Missouri portions of Clay and Platte Counties, and

the Clay County Senior Services small home repair program. Contact Larry Washington or Cheryl Ray at 454-2000 for more information.

## **Upcoming Neighborhood Roundtables:**

*January 25:* Councilwoman Jan Marcason will discuss Kansas City's upcoming \$2.5 billion water and sewer improvements program.

## **Neighborhood Open Forum offers a new opportunity**

Beginning February 22, 6 p.m., NNI will sponsor a new regular meeting every fourth Tuesday of the even numbered months. Called the Neighborhood Open Forum, the meeting will give participants an opportunity to brainstorm solutions in small groups and then share the solutions with the larger group. Topics for future sessions will be selected by participants with a likely focus on topics noted in the neighborhood leader interviews conducted by NNI's Neighborhood Relations Committee over the past year. The topic for February will be community involvement.

## Board of Directors

**Events in January 2011: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our website for latest information\***

### Officers

Dick Davis, President  
Dan Fowler, Vice President  
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Angela Betts, Secretary

### Board Members

Charles Chamberlin  
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Dave Dunlop  
Richard King  
Trish Martin  
Anita McWilliams  
David Mecklenburg  
Keith Nelson  
Elaine Olvera  
Marty Schuettpelz  
Beth Sullivan  
Dennis Tedford

### Wednesday 1/5

Forward Kansas City/Candidate Slate  
**7:00 p.m.**

### Wednesday 1/12

Senior Workshop  
**9:00 a.m.**

### Monday 1/17

NNI Board Meeting  
**6:00 p.m.**

### Tuesday 1/18

1st District Problem-Solving  
**8:30 a.m.**

### Tuesday 1/18

Greenhaven Neighborhood  
**7:00 p.m.**

### Wednesday 1/19

Cop Talk  
**6:30 p.m.**

### Monday 1/24

Meet Your Councilpersons  
**6:00 p.m.**

### Tuesday 1/25

Neighborhood Roundtable  
**6:00 p.m.**

### Thursday 1/27

Roberts Rules Workshop  
**6:00 p.m.**

\*NNI provides meeting space for any organization that provides a legitimate civic or public purpose. An organization's use of NNI meeting space does not imply any approval or endorsement of that organization's positions on any public issues.

**Save the date:** Tuesday, February 22  
Neighborhood Open Forum  
**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**