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Enroll Now in NNI's 2011 leadership program

NNI's EXCEL Neighborhood Leadership Program will soon begin its fourth year. 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. Cost to participants

for the entire program (includes training, materials, meals) is \$100, but scholarships are available. Completed applications can be submitted by U.S. mail or e-mail.

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8th Annual NNI Town Hall Meeting featuring Neighborhood Champions.

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. will host its eighth annual Town Hall Meeting April 14, 2011 at 6 p.m. at NNI, 3015 NE Vivion Road. After brief remarks by Northland City Council members, the evening will conclude with presentation of the Neighborhood Champion Awards. These awards are given annually to neighborhood leaders, business people and government officials who have made extraordinary contributions to their neighborhoods and the overall community.

The 2011 Champions are:

Jason Brungardt, North Patrol Division
Paul Burkhalter, North Patrol Division
Bob Chaney, Christian Carpenters
Lucy Franco, Sam's Club
Darren Hennen, Olsson Associates
Rob Kinder, Public Improvements Advisory Committee
Joe Macaluso, Macaluso's Thriftway
J.C. Sanders, Neighborhood Advisory Council
Teresa Quintero, Old Briarcliff Hills
Ace White, Contractor

On your mark, get set for the

Northland Hot Trot!

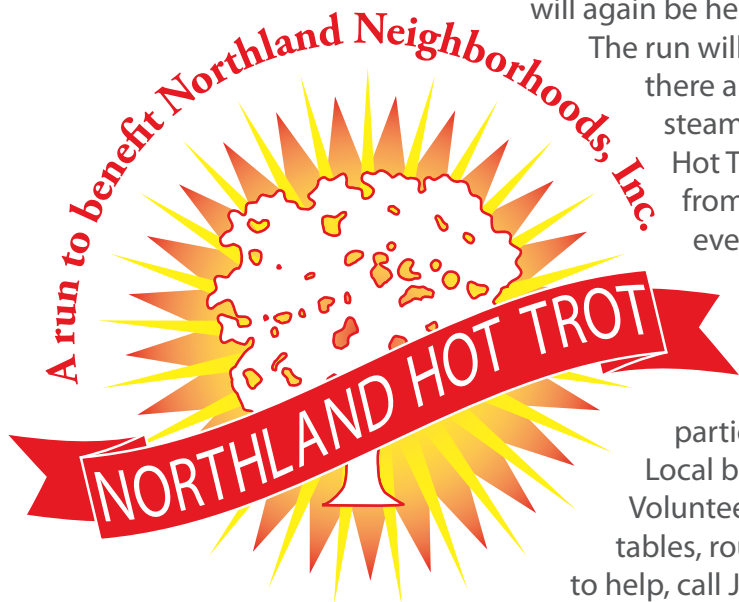
NNI's 5-K Run/Walk to debut July 30

A 5-K run/walk is the latest attraction for NNI's July 30, 2011 Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off. The Kick-Off will again be held in Gladstone's Oak Grove Park, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The run will begin at 7 p.m. in Oak Grove Park and conclude there about an hour later. In tribute to the potentially steamy July weather, the run will be called the Northland Hot Trot. Pre-registration fee is \$20 until May 1, \$25 from May 2 to July 11, \$30 July 12 until the day of the event. The Family-Friendly Fun Run is \$5 per family.

The race will be professionally timed and the route, although not finally determined, will wind through tree-shaded Gladstone neighborhoods.

Neighborhood associations will be invited to participate with runners, water stations and sponsorships. Local businesses will also be invited to sponsor the event. Volunteers are needed for packet preparation, packet pick-up tables, route-monitoring and water stations. If you would like to help, call Jim Rice at 454-2000 or e-mail at jim_rice@nni.org.



For more information, call NNI at 454-2000 or The Wheel Cyclery at 455-2453. You may also e-mail The Wheel Cyclery at info@thewheelcyclery.com.

A.B.O.P.T.

set for May 21 at new location

A.B.O.P.T., NNI's annual collection of antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint, and tires, and other pesky stuff, will happen on Saturday, May 21, from 8 a.m. until noon at 701 NW Barry Road (across Barry Road behind Best Buy and Children's Mercy Hospital). Last year's event drew more than 600 area residents who disposed of that hard-to-get-rid-of stuff in a safe, responsible way. That resulted in the biggest household hazardous waste clean-up in the history of Kansas City. The NNI staff is planning and coordinating the massive collection along with environmental specialists from the City of Kansas City, Missouri. They will be assisted by Kansas City Police officers and volunteers. Volunteers are much needed, so please call Janet Shaffer at 454-2000 if you can help.



Neighborhood Clips

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

April senior workshop will throw some sunshine on Vitamin D

Glenda Kinder, University of Missouri Extension, will conduct the April 13 senior workshop, 9 a.m. at NNI. Glenda will explore the best ways to add Vitamin D to your life.

Vitamin D is much in the news these days, and this workshop will help sort out fact from fancy. You will learn about the emerging research that shows a connection between Vitamin D, bone health, and other health issues. You will also hear how much is enough, and which is better: sunshine, food or supplements?

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.

NNI can help you fight home-based allergens

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.

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Neighborhood Garage Sales

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

April 21, 22, & 23

Prather Hills Neighborhood Sale
Prather Rd & NE 37th Street
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday

April 30

Greenhaven Neighborhood Sale
Vivion Rd & Chouteau Trafficway
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday Only

Northland Bennington Neighborhood
North Bennington & 48th Street
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday Only

May 14 & 15

Ravenwood Sunnyside Neighborhood
North Brighton & 57th Street
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday

Wednesday 4/13

Senior Workshop
9:00 a.m.

Thursday 4/14

NNI Town Hall Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Monday 4/18

NNI Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 4/19

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

Tuesday 4/19

Greenhaven Neighborhood
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 4/20

Cop Talk
6:30 p.m.

Monday 4/25

Meet Your Councilpersons
6:00 p.m.

Thursday 4/28

Neighborhood Open Forum
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.

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