



# NNI NEWS

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## Sears stalls Antioch legal roadblock delays demolition

Kansas City Business Journal reports that Sears filed a restraining order

The July 29 issue of the Kansas City Business Journal reports that Sears has filed a restraining order halting the planned start of demolition on Antioch Mall. "News of Sears' action, filed June 27, came just weeks

after Antioch Redevelopment Partners learned that it had won Missouri brownfield tax credits, which would help defray the cost of demolition," the Business Journal stated. Jim Rice, NNI's Senior Associate for Planning and Development, stated in

the article that he was "elated by one piece of news and then taken down by the other piece of news. They're (Sears) hurting the neighborhood. By holding this up, they're just allowing the cancer to metastasize. And it is. You can see it day by day."

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## NNI to launch Home repair blitz

Two recent grants will allow NNI to establish a long-needed home repair revolving fund that will expedite contractor payments and KCMO reimbursement for NNI's home repair expenses. NNI CEO Deb Hermann has set new production goals that will mean more opportunities for eligible homeowners to get needed repairs. To be eligible, you must be a homeowner residing in Kansas City, Missouri and household income must be below 80% of median income. (For example, a family of 2 with a total household income of \$46,300

qualifies.) Kinds of repair include heating and cooling repair and replacement, siding, windows, electrical, flatwork (concrete), flooring repair, plumbing, exterior painting, bathroom repairs, barrier removal, handicap accessibility or any other type of repair or replacement service that is not considered essentially cosmetic. NNI will also look for opportunities to make energy-efficient repairs that can lower household utility bills.

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## Be a good neighbor; check for code violations

### At your own house

NNI is borrowing a program used by the Gracemor-Randolph Community Council to nip code violations in the bud. The form below (now available at NNI) can be used to inspect your own property. The form is simple and non-technical, but it can help you identify real or potential problems. This simple self-inspection can help maintain your property value and spruce up the neighborhood at the same time. Checking “NO” may mean that you are in violation of a Kansas City ordinance. Violations can result in expensive inspection fees and fines of up to \$1,000. This is not a complete list of possible ordinance violations. If you have questions about specific ordinances, call 3-1-1 or (816) 513-9010.

- | YES                      | NO                       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exterior surfaces are in good repair, clean, and free of peeling or chipping paint.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gutters and downspouts are in good repair and appropriately fastened to the structure.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Doors and windows are in good repair. There are no broken windows or torn screens.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The roof has no missing or deteriorated shingles.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no trash or brush present.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Only yard tools, yard furniture, neatly stacked firewood, and toys are stored in the yard.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no stagnant water present or discharge of wastewater.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All vehicles, including recreational vehicles, are appropriately licensed.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no disabled vehicles, including recreational vehicles, present.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parking areas are impervious and connected to the street. Gravel is not permitted.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vehicles, including recreational vehicles, are parked on parking areas – not in the yard.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A recreational vehicle is not being used for storage.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A recreational vehicle is not being used as a dwelling.                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A recreational vehicle is not connected to utilities.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are not more than three recreational vehicles present. (Trailers, boats, campers, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Boats are appropriately covered and not allowed to collect water.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Grass and weeds are less than ten inches tall.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Branches from trees and bushes are at least 7.5 feet over the street or sidewalk.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dead trees and bushes have been removed.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fence row is clean, free of weeds and overgrowth.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no sewage leaking from the building or sewer line.                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sidewalks are in good repair and free of vehicles and debris.                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I do not own over four cats or four dogs or combination of both.                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dogs are not allowed to roam and are properly immunized and licensed.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is not excessive noise emitting from property, including barking dogs.                  |

*Did you know . . . ?  
NNI is a convenient place  
to get your pet licenses.*

# Neighborhood Clips

Some brief-but important information that might be helpful for neighborhoods in the Northland.

## **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 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 NNI at 454-2000 to see if you qualify.

## **Get fired up about safety at August senior workshop**

Kevin Beck, Kansas City Fire Department, will be on hand August 10 to inform and remind attendees about important fire and safety issues and how we can keep our homes safe and sound. There will also be door prizes and a visit by the singing firefighters. You can't miss on this workshop. It has something for everyone. It all begins at 9 a.m., Wednesday, August 10 at NNI.

## **Home repair blitz** continued from Page 1

As part of NNI's "Aging in Place" initiative, seniors will be given preference on home repair applications. This initiative is based on evidence that seniors remain healthier, physically and mentally, when they can stay in their own homes and neighborhoods. Neighborhoods also benefit from the stability, experience and knowledge of their senior residents.

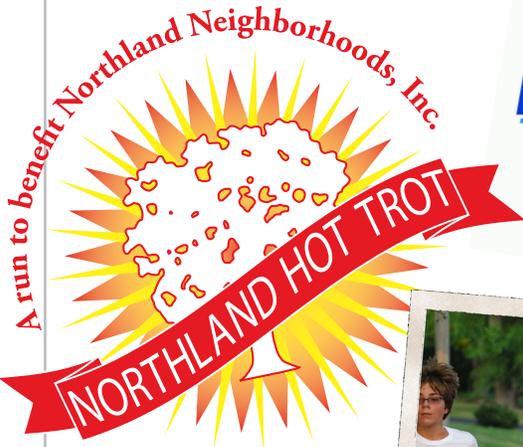
If you need home repair, you should contact NNI today at 454-2000 for a home repair application. NNI will assist in determining your income eligibility and planning the repair work.



## Night Out and Hot Trot Run defies record heat

Men, women and children braved blistering heat to take part in NNI's July 30 Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off. As the sun started to set on Night Out, about 50 of the 72 registered runners and walkers heroically hit the streets to compete in NNI's first 5K Run/Walk, appropriately called the Northland Hot Trot. The Night Out event is NNI's way of promoting crime prevention in a family friendly picnic atmosphere. The Kick-Off was again held in Gladstone's Oak Grove Park, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. NNI wishes to thank the many volunteers who made both the Kick-Off and the Hot Trot a success. Gratitude is also extended to Hot Trot sponsors (Gold) Bayer CropScience and The Wheel Cyclery; (Silver) Zona Rosa, Briarcliff Development Company; (Bronze) Hunt Midwest, Mercer, Northland Health Care Access, and Tri-County Mental Health Services. Thanks also to Target, Harley Davidson, M&I Bank, Crestview Homes Association, Sherwood Homes Association, Dycon Security and Walmart for sponsoring the Kick-Off and to the many Northland law enforcement agencies for their indispensable participation.

Photos courtesy of  
[www.SeeKCrun.com](http://www.SeeKCrun.com)



Attention:

## Neighborhood Newsletter Editors!



NNI encourages newsletter editors to use articles in the NNI newsletter for your own newsletter. So, feel free to borrow directly anything you see here, or call us at 454-2000 to arrange to have another format of the article e-mailed to you. We would appreciate it if you would include NNI's name on any stories that come from NNI. Just a line at the end: "Article courtesy of Northland

Neighborhoods, Inc."

Likewise, if you have stories of your own that might be of interest or benefit those outside your neighborhood, please send them to NNI for consideration. We would like to publish some of these articles in the NNI News or possibly make them available to others.

## Volunteers

### always needed at NNI

The recent Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off and the 5K run both demonstrated the importance of volunteers to NNI's programs and services. These events would not be possible without a small army of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering

in ways that genuinely help your community, NNI can probably match your talents and interests with a volunteer opportunity. Call today for a volunteer application form.

## 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
- Comprehensive code enforcement (4 KCMO code officers are based at NNI)
- Dangerous Buildings Officer 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,
- CAN (Community Action Network) Center
- Monthly "Meet Your Councilpersons" meetings
- Monthly "Roundtable" and communications workshops
- Clearinghouse for economic development projects that impact neighborhoods
- Neighborhood newsletter printing

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

**Monday, 8/8**

Northland Trails

**7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, 8/15**

NNI Board Meeting

**6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 8/17**

Cop Talk

**6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 8/10**

Senior Workshop

**9:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, 8/16**

1st District Problem-Solving

**8:30 a.m.**

**Monday, 8/22**

Meet Your Councilpersons

**6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, 8/11**

Neighborhood Tourism Development

Fund

**6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 8/16**

Greenhaven Neighborhood

**7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 8/23**

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.

## **August PIAC hearings Citywide**

Friday, August 19: Committee Room, City Hall  
414 E. 12th Street, 10th Floor, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23: Gem Theatre  
1616 E. 18th Street, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24: Hillcrest Community Center  
10401 Hillcrest Road, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 25: Northland Cathedral  
101 NW 99th Street, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.