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Annual Awards Breakfast features stellar lineup

Friday, October 28, 2011 is the date of the Northland Neighborhoods Annual Awards Breakfast. It begins at 7:30 a.m. at Embassy Suites KCI, 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, and ends promptly at 9 a.m.

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NNI CEO Deb Hermann says support of the Annual Awards Breakfast helps NNI carry out its mission to build a stronger Northland community by helping neighborhoods help themselves. "We have an excellent group of awardees and it will be great to have a large audience to recognize them," Hermann said.

Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

"Presenting" - \$5,000
"Community" - \$2,500
"Neighborhood" - \$1,500
"Block" - \$750
"House" - \$500
Individual tickets are \$40.

All sponsorships include a table of 10 and prominent table placement.

The 2011 Award recipients are:

- *The Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement Award:* retired Hunt Midwest executive and long-time civic leader **Lee Derrough**
- *The Ruthanne Harper Outstanding Public Service Award:* former Kansas City Councilman and Missouri State Representative **Bill Skaggs**
- *The Richard Noll Excellence in Government Service Award:* Kansas City Parks and Recreation Director **Mark McHenry**
- *The Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award:* neighborhood leader **Park Lightfoot**
- And, new this year, *the President's Award:* business woman and volunteer **Heather Jordan**



Good news on Antioch Mall

Sears pledges cooperation in rebuilding the iconic shopping center.

A top Sears official came to Kansas City August 24 to work out issues that had earlier led the giant retail firm to file a restraining order halting the planned start of demolition on Antioch Mall. The talks went so well that the filing was withdrawn. Friendly settlement of the dispute sets the stage for action by Antioch Redevelopment Partners (ARP) on the demolition. The permit application process began on August 25. ARP will provide NNI a general timeline for the demolition. NNI will share the timeline with Northland residents and businesses as soon as it is available.

Home repair blitz underway eligible homeowners urged to apply now

NNI has received a series of government and foundation grants that will speed up home repair production. To be eligible, you must be a homeowner residing in Kansas City or Clay County, 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. The home repair grants can help seniors on fixed incomes stay in their homes, clear up code violations, and improve energy

efficiency resulting in lower household utility bills.

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, plan the repair work and assign qualified contractors to make the repairs.

Attention: Neighborhood Newsletter Editors!

Newsletter/Article contest underway

Included in the awards lineup at NNI's Annual Awards Breakfast (see story on page 1) will be awards for best neighborhood newsletter and best article. All entries must be from neighborhood groups that hold current membership with NNI. Each neighborhood group is eligible to submit an entry for each of the two contest categories.

Applications must be submitted between September 1 and October 1. Mail or drop off at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., 3015 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, MO 64119. Applications must be received or post marked no later than October 1, 2011. Entries must have been produced within the preceding 12 months of the application. Each entry must include 4 copies of the newsletter and/or article to be judged. Request an application by contacting NNI at 816-454-2000 or check with the reception desk during business hours. Winners will be recognized during the October 28 Annual Awards Breakfast at Embassy Suites-KCI.

Other news for editors

NNI encourages newsletter editors to use articles in the NNI newsletter for your own newsletter. So, feel free to borrow directly or call us at 454-2000 to arrange for an online version. If you have stories of your own that might benefit those outside your neighborhood, NNI would like to publish these articles in the NNI News.

Neighborhood Clips

Some brief announcements and info that might be helpful to neighborhoods.

NNI's home repair programs can help seniors stay in their homes; the September senior workshop will tell you how

NNI staff will be front and center at the September 14 senior workshop to let you know about valuable home repair grants and how you can apply for them. You will learn about NNI's new Aging in Place home repair initiative, designed especially for seniors. This program will help remove physical barriers to accessibility, produce energy savings, and get you over the financial hump on home repair that just can't wait. The workshop begins at 9 a.m. on September 14.

Crime Watch training slated for September 8

The Shoal Creek Patrol Division and the City of KCMO will offer neighborhood and block watch training Thursday, September 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Regional Police Academy. The academy is located at 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road. The training will be held in the Auditorium, just off the main lobby entrance.

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.

Volunteers always needed at NNI

Volunteers are essential to NNI's mission. Annual events require many volunteers to assist in planning and executing the events. NNI also needs volunteers to help with mailings and reception work at the NNI office. If you are interested in volunteering in ways that genuinely help your community, NNI can match your talents and interests with a volunteer opportunity. Call today for a volunteer application form.

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.

MAKE A NOTE: Changes in Animal Control coverage at NNI

Due to turnover of Animal Control Officers, the officer formerly based at NNI is covering a larger territory and will no longer have an office at NNI. This change involves no reduction in Animal Control services. Officer Robert Shafford is still available by phone (816-335-5524) or e-mail at Robert.shafford@kcmo.org. Officer Shafford is available to meet with citizens or groups at NNI. Just contact him to set a date and time.

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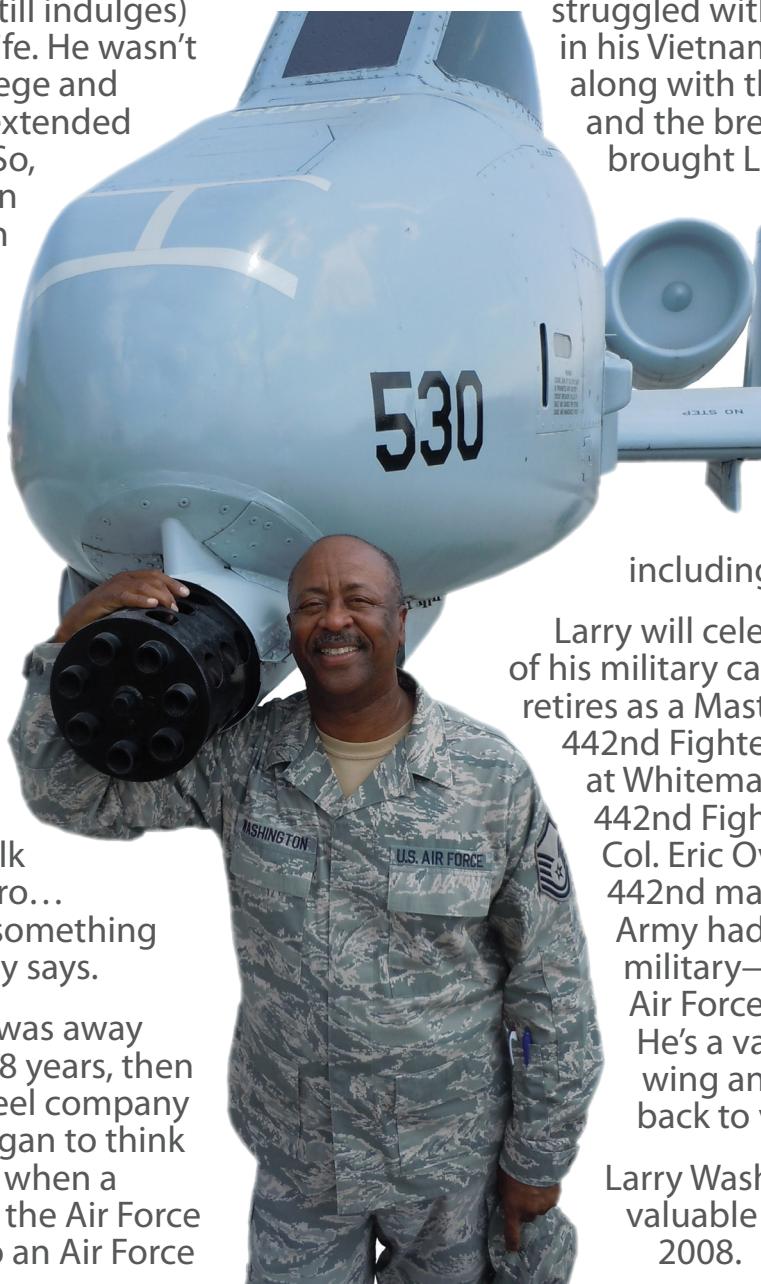
Larry Washington

closes Air Force career

Like many young men of draft age in 1972, Larry Washington wasn't overly excited about joining the army. He would have preferred to pursue his passion for race cars (which he still indulges) and get on with his life. He wasn't yet interested in college and could not afford an extended vacation in Canada. So, Larry found himself in Vietnam serving with a U.S. Army field artillery unit.

In the August 2011 issue of the 442nd Fighter Wing magazine, Larry talks about his time in Vietnam. "I had really good friends that I lost over there. It got to where I didn't want to get close to anybody. I feel like it's a dishonor to their memory for me to talk about it as if I'm a hero... because I'm not. It's something I'd like to forget," Larry says.

After Vietnam, Larry was away from the military for 8 years, then got laid off from a steel company in Kansas City. He began to think about college. That's when a friend who served in the Air Force urged Larry to talk to an Air Force



recruiter. He did and, in 1983, became a photojournalist for the 442nd Fighter Wing at Richards Gebaur Air Force Base. While serving in the Reserve and attending college,

struggled with alcoholism acquired in his Vietnam days. That problem, along with the death of his sister and the breakup of his marriage, brought Larry to some life-changing decisions.

He quit drinking and smoking and "the blessings just started pouring in," Larry says. His religion became a central force in his life and it "changed everything," including his Air Force career.

Larry will celebrate the closing of his military career this month. He retires as a Master Sergeant with the 442nd Fighter Wing reserve unit at Whiteman Air Force Base. As 442nd Fighter Wing commander Col. Eric Overturf says in the 442nd magazine article, "the Army had to drag him into the military—and 39 years later, the Air Force had to drag him out. He's a valuable asset to this wing and one we hope comes back to visit—often."

Larry Washington has been a valuable asset to NNI since 2008.

Check out your own house for code violations

This form (now available at NNI) can be used to inspect your own property. This simple self-inspection can help maintain your property value and spruce up the neighborhood at the same time.

YES NO

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

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

Thursday, 9/8

Crime Watch Training
at Police Academy
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/14

Senior Workshop
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 9/14

Urban Agriculture meeting
6:00 p.m.

Monday, 9/19

NNI Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/20

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

Tuesday, 9/20

Greenhaven Neighborhood
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/21

Cop Talk
6:30 p.m.

Monday, 9/26

Meet Your Councilpersons
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/27

Neighborhood Roundtable
6:00 p.m.

Garage Sales in September

September 9 & 10

Carriage Hills/Ellington Estates

60th - Old Antioch & Indiana - Mersington
8:30a.m. - 3:30pm
Friday & Saturday

Announcements

- NNI occasionally 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.
- To submit an item for the newsletter, please e-mail or deliver to NNI's office no later than the 15th of the month preceding the issue in which you would like to have your item appear. For neighborhood-wide garage sale listings please include the following information: dates, name of neighborhood/homeowners' association/organization, boundaries, time, and contact information (we will not publish contact information).
- NNI is not able to loan tables and chairs for use outside of our office. Unfortunately, they are being damaged from such heavy use.