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NNI Annual Breakfast

honors civic, government and neighborhood leaders

While the final count isn't in yet, more than 400 persons attended the Sixth Annual Awards Breakfast October 28 at Embassy Suites-KCI. Highlighting the event were awards to persons who have contributed to the betterment of the community.

Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement Award: former Hunt Midwest CEO Lee Derrough,

Ruthanne Harper Outstanding Public Service Award: former City Councilman and State Representative Bill Skaggs, Rich Noll Excellence in Government Service Award: Kansas City Parks and Recreation Director Mark McHenry, Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award: neighborhood leader Park Lightfoot, and the President's Award: business woman and volunteer Heather Jordan.

NNI also annually recognizes excellence in neighborhood journalism through the Reta Reta Jo Mitchell awards for Best Neighborhood Newsletter and Newsletter Article. Best newsletter Award was, for the third year in a row, The Pointe, BridgePointe Homes Association. Best newsletter article was the Timber Park Newsletter article, "Market Value, Is It Up or Down in Timber Park."

NNI CEO Deb Hermann expressed appreciation to all those who attended the Breakfast. "More than 400 people taking time from busy schedules is a tribute to our awardees and also demonstrates the widespread support NNI enjoys in the Northland."

***Couldn't get to the Breakfast?
You can still support NNI!***

If you could not attend NNI's Sixth Annual Awards Breakfast, ***it's not too late*** to help NNI in its mission to provide better housing and better neighborhoods for Northland families. With winter fast approaching, NNI needs your help in assuring that elderly citizens will have safe, energy-efficient furnaces and water heaters. And that struggling young families will have sound roofs over their heads and decent windows to keep out the rain and cold.

You can be part of NNI's mission by sending your tax-deductible contribution today to: Neighborhoods, Inc., 3015 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, MO 64119, 816-454-2000, www.nni.org. **NNI now also accepts donations through VISA, Master Card and Pay Pal.** On behalf of NNI and all the people we serve, thank you!

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Antioch Crossing project goes to TIF Commission November 9

Antioch Redevelopment Partners, LLC (ARP), new owners of the Antioch Mall, will make their case to the Tax Increment Financing Commission at a public hearing November 9. The hearing will be held at the Economic Development Corporation, 1100 Walnut, 4th Floor. Call NNI at 454-2000 if you need more information on the hearing.

Over the past several weeks, ARP has been concentrating on utility relocations in preparation for demolition and environmental abatement work. Once that work is completed, Phase I site work, which includes demolition of the Mall south of the

Burlington Coat Factory, should begin immediately. Projections for completion of the demolition and abatement of this section of the old shopping center are currently set for Spring 2012.

On October 12, ARP presented general plans for Antioch Crossing at two back-to-back meetings at NNI. Record crowds at both meetings were anxious to hear about plans for the new shopping center. Among the most frequent suggestions for the new center were a cafeteria, moderate priced retail stores, a community facility, and accessibility for seniors, especially for walking.

Home repair grants available for eligible homeowners

Does your home need a new roof, windows, heating and cooling systems, siding, a driveway or other repairs? NNI has grants that can help you get these needed repairs. 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.) The home repair grants can also help seniors on fixed incomes stay in their homes, clear up code violations, and improve energy efficiency, resulting in lower household utility bills.

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.



Neighborhood Clips

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

November Senior workshop: a conversation with Deb Hermann

Some years ago, the Gracemor CAN (Community Action Network) wanted to identify those among the neighborhood's growing senior population who needed help. At the initial meeting, the seniors politely—but quickly—took over the meeting. As it turned out, the seniors had their own ideas on "senior" issues. As one older gentleman put it, "just because we're old doesn't mean we all like gardening and babies." From this candid discussion came programs, conducted by the seniors themselves, on home delivered meals, tutoring at local schools, an intergenerational choir, and chaperoning teen recreation nights. You can hear all about the Gracemor experience on November 9, 8:30 a.m.

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.

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.

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 or call us at 454-2000 to arrange for an on-

line version. If you have a stories of your own that might benefit those outside your neighborhood, NNI would like to publish these articles in the NNI News.

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

Tuesday, 11/8

1st District Problem-Solving

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 11/9

Senior Workshop

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 11/15

Greenhaven Neighborhood

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 11/16

Cop Talk

6:30 p.m.

Monday, 11/21

NNI Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/22

Neighborhood Roundtable

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 11/24

NNI offices closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, 11/28

North Oak Design Guidelines

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 11/30

Parvin Road Corridor Planning

6:00 p.m.

Meet Your Councilpersons not held in November or December

*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.

Take your holiday meals up a notch with a smoked turkey;

NNI will benefit from your purchase!

Are you in the market for a smoked turkey for Thanksgiving? Or briskets, ribs and pulled pork for your party event, weddings, lake food, graduation parties, or just dinner at home with your family. The Kansas City Smokehouse Meat Company (KCSMC) can help. And you will be helping Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI) at the same time. Here's how it works.

With each purchase you make, the Kansas City Smokehouse Meat Company donates 6.5% of the purchase price to NNI.

For example, with purchase of a \$35 smoked turkey, NNI would get \$2.28. Here's how you pre-order your turkey for Thanksgiving: Go to www.KCSMC.com,

click the black turkey label, choose the Smoked Turkey shopping option in the shopping cart, select Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI) and check out with either a credit card or Paypal. If you don't have access to the internet, simply call 816-474-4770 and Smokehouse Meat Company will place the order for you. Then during the week of Thanksgiving your turkey will be available for pickup at Smokehouse in NKC, 1415 Burlington. The week after Thanksgiving, KCSMC will tally up the funds and hand NNI a check.

At the Smokehouse website, www.KCSMC.com, you can see the variety of smoked meats and place orders for pick-up or delivery through a "shopping cart." Pre-orders for Thanksgiving Smoke Turkey begin November 7 and last until November 10.