

This Week at NNI



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Deb's Desk (a weekly update from CEO Deb Hermann)

Is there a vacant house in your neighborhood? Is it becoming an attractive nuisance for vandals or thieves? Or a convenient clandestine hangout? As we at NNI know all too well, the Northland has not been immune from the prolonged recession and the housing foreclosure crisis. Remember, foreclosures can occur in any neighborhood, north or south, rich or poor.

Fortunately, Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. has some special programs to help cure this blighting disease. In fact, we have already acquired several houses that will be rehabilitated and re-sold to qualified buyers. As the houses are resold, proceeds will be used for additional rehab and re-sale. Unsightly and sometimes dangerous vacant houses will once again become assets for the neighborhood rather than liabilities.

But we need your help. If you know of a vacant house, contact Larry Washington at NNI, 454-2000, or e-mail him at Larry_washington@nni.org and give him the address. Your call will be treated as confidential. We'll take it from there. NNI will contact the owner of public record, do an on-site inspection of the house, and negotiate a fair acquisition price. Rehab will begin shortly after the sale closing. Search for a qualified buyer will begin while the rehab construction is underway.

NNI's Purchase-Rehab program is one more example of how we are working to keep neighborhoods strong and healthy.

News Bites

Kudos to Ralph Davis, manager of the **Chouteau Parkway** project. Right-of-way has been cleared, storage tanks removed along with toxic soil from leaky tanks. All right on schedule. Favorable construction bids were received and the job has been awarded to a qualified contractor. Construction should be underway in March.

Looking for a house? NNI will soon have several houses for sale. **(See Deb's Desk article to the left.)** As part of our Purchase-Rehab program, NNI acquires and repairs houses for resale. Each house has been inspected for code violations and structural problems. These issues are addressed in the rehab along with upgrades to kitchens and bathrooms as needed. Call Larry Washington at 454-2000 to have your name placed on a waiting list.

NNI Calendar for February 21 - February 27

2/21/12	6:00 p.m.	NNI Board Meeting
2/21/12	7:00 p.m.	Greenhaven Neighborhood
2/22/12	6:00-8:00 p.m.	KCMO Budget Hearing, Park Hill Education Center, 7703 NW Barry Road
2/25/12	10:00 a.m. to noon	KCMO Budget Hearing, Regional Police Academy, 6801 Pleasant Valley Road
2/27/12	6:00 p.m.	Meet Your Councilpersons