

# This Week at NNI



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

### **Gladstone Farmers Market: Local, Fresh and Fun!**

Do you know where your food comes from? Our friends at the Gladstone Farmers Market do know, and they are happy to share their knowledge. They invite you to shop the fastest growing farmers market in the Northland. You may be surprised at what you find: heirloom vegetables, fruits, cut flowers, eggs, nuts, herbs, honey, beans and baked goods. According to Gladstone's Becky Jarrett, the market lot is teeming with new vendors this year as well as traveling vendors who rotate each week. They offer homemade lotions, soaps, wood art, herbs, houseplants, wind chimes and many more surprises.

New vendors like K & V Farms, Ida Belle Farms, and Wandering Pony Organic Farm join Gladstone's returning vendors: Sellers Baked Goods, Tom's Green Thumb, Goosefellow Gardens and S & J Heirlooms. The names are as colorful as their vegetables, fruits and craft items. The Gladstone Farmers Market is one of several farmers markets located in the Northland. So, there is no excuse for not stocking up on fresh foods and unique craft items this spring and summer. The Gladstone market has a weekly calendar with previews of next week's items. You can also "like" the market on Facebook to check out what the growers are bringing in the day before. Located one block of North Oak on NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. May 2 to September 26.

### **News Bites**

#### **Last chance for renewal!**

NNI members will vote on NNI board members and bylaw changes at the June 25 Annual Meeting. To vote, your organization must submit its new or renewal application by May 18. Go to: <http://www.nni.org/associations/association-application.html> to renew on-line. Or call Jim Rice at 454-2000.

#### **Time for ABOPT!**

Saturday, June 30, at Metro North will be the 2012 ABOPT. More details to follow. **Volunteers are needed!**  
**Call 816-454-2000.**

#### **Gladstone Farmer's Market**

Wednesdays, 2 – 6 p.m.  
Located one block east of N. Oak  
Trafficway on NE 70th Street.

#### **License your dog at NNI!**

Call 816-454-2000 for more information.

### **Calendar for May 21 – June 25**

5/21/12	6:00 p.m.	NNI Board Meeting
5/21/12	7:00 p.m.	Candidate Forum for NNI Board Candidates
5/28/12		<b>MEMORIAL DAY: Meet Your Councilpersons CANCELLED</b>
6/12/12	8:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> District Problem-Solving Meeting
6/13/12	9:00 a.m.	Senior Workshop
6/20/12	6:30 p.m.	Cop Talk
6/25/12	6:00 p.m.	NNI Annual Meeting
6/25/12	7:00 p.m.	NNI Board Meeting