This Week at NNI



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NNI a soldier in the battle against the heat

NNI is dueling with Mother Nature this summer and she has proven to be a serious adversary. The sweltering heat of June 30, the day of our ABOP household hazardous waste drop-off, did not deter more than 740 citizens who disposed of waste items in a responsible way. Nor did it stop the several dozen volunteers who directed traffic, sorted paint and chemicals, unloaded tires, and hustled bales of brush.

Next came the 2nd Annual Hot Trot Run/Walk on July 21. The event was true to its name as temperatures soared into a triple-digit inferno that lingered into the evening hours. Still the runners ran, the walkers walked, and the volunteers made sure they did it as safely and as comfortably as possible. Thanks to the volunteers for all they do summer, fall, winter and spring. Thanks to the runners who gave their stamina and running skills to help NNI raise needed funding. Thanks to the citizens who took the time to do the right thing in disposing of household hazardous waste responsibly.

Special thanks to the City of Kansas City, MO for their invaluable partnerships. We couldn't have pulled off the Hot Trot without Parks and Recreation. On top of her amazing help planning the event, Shannon Dooley still braved the heat and came out for the event. ABOP would not have occurred without Public Works, Household Hazardous Waste, and KCPD. Thank you!

NNI is helping residents cope with summer's challenges in several ways. As part of its home repair program, NNI installs energy-efficient air conditioning units and provides energy-efficient improvements with modern windows, siding and insulation help keep homes cool in summer and warm in winter. And the resulting utility bill savings put precious extra dollars in the pockets of struggling families and seniors on fixed incomes.

NNI reminds you to check on family and neighbors, especially the elderly and those who live alone, at least twice a day during the heat.

Northland Cooling Centers

Kansas City North Community Center

3930 Northeast Antioch Road Kansas City 64117 (816) 784-6100

Salvation Army Northland

5306 N Oak Kansas City, MO 816-452-5663

The Community Center

1600 South Withers Road Liberty, Mo. 64068 (816) 439-4360 The Community Center lobby will be open as a cooling center when temperatures reach 90 degrees or greater during regular hours.

Line Creek Community Center 5940 N.W. Waukomis Dr. Kansas City, Mo. 816-513-0760

Greater Kansas City YMCA

All YMCA of Greater Kansas City locations are open to the community during excessive heat warnings. Anyone may cool off at the Y for free on that day, just be prepared to show a photo ID when you arrive. Centers have different hours and pool availability, so check your nearest center first. (816) 561-9622.

Hours and programs vary, call the center first. Call 311 if you need a ride to a cooling center.

Don't miss important meetings and programs at NNI!

Check us out at http://cal.nni.org/