

N O R T H L A N D F O C U S

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE NORTHLAND

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This Month at NNI

Tuesday, January 8 - 9:30 am at NNI
1st District Problem Solving

Wednesday, January 9 - 9:00 am at NNI
Senior Workshop

Wednesday, January 16 - 2:00 pm at NNI
Neighborhood Round Table

Monday, January 28 - 6:00 pm at NNI
Meet your Council Person

Thursday, January 31 - 3:00 pm at NNI
NNI at Work Task Force

If you have any questions about the events listed above please contact us at (816) 454.2000 or visit www.nni.org for additional information

2018 was great and 2019 will be even better!

Nothing kicks off the new year like coming up with resolutions! This year we encourage you to think about your community when coming up with your New Year's resolutions.

Here are some Suggestions:

Meet New Neighbors

Meeting and talking with neighbors is an important part of creating a more connected community. There is a growing body of research that suggests that a more connected community has more active citizens, greater happiness, and more resilience in the face of crisis.

Go On Neighborhood Walks

Walking your neighborhood is simple, but at the same time can be very intimate and illuminating. Walking is much slower than driving, giving you an opportunity to take everything in. This is also a great way to meet new neighbors.

Pick Up Litter

This is a simple step in keeping your neighborhood looking great. If you want to take a step further you can organize or take part in a neighborhood clean up event, and invite neighbors to come clean up a specific section of the neighborhood.

Attend a Neighborhood Meeting

This is another great way to meet new neighbors, as well as get more involved in your community.

With the help of residents like you we are looking forward to creating better housing, better communities, and better lives in the Northland for many years to come.



**Better Housing.
Better Communities.
Better Lives.**

FOCUS Vivion Road

Looking Forward to the New Year

Over the last two years the FOCUS Vivion Road Committee has seen a lot of changes along the corridor, like the opening of the renovated Country Club Shoppes in late 2017, and the remodel of the Foxwoods Shopping center this last year. There was also the completion of the Gorman Pool!

Looking forward to the years ahead there will be planning for roadway improvements for both vehicles and pedestrians, and creating a streetscape plan giving Vivion Road an identity.

Our Vivion Road committee meets on the second Wednesday each month at 4 pm at NNI.

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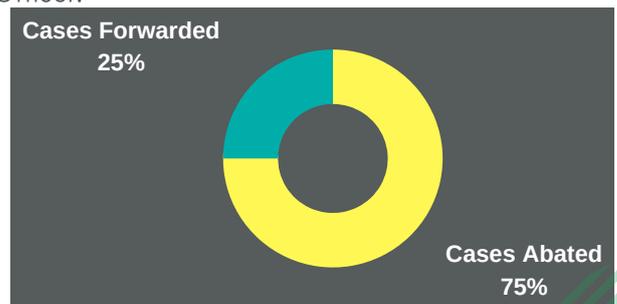
NNI at Work

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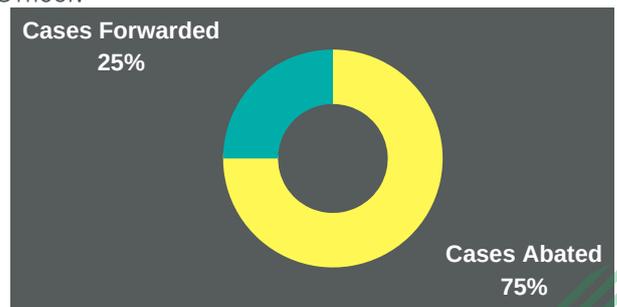
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FOCUS North Oak

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The FOCUS North Oak Committee is just over one year old and focuses on business, and neighborhood along the North Oak Corridor. This committee works to addresses safety issues, vacant properties, and is working to create an identity for the North Oak Corridor.

Just this year we have seen the beginning of the North Oak Roadway reconstruction, and seen over \$100,000 invested in business facades along the corridor.

Our FOCUS North Oak committee meets on the second Thursday each month at 1 pm at New Hope Church of the Nazarene.

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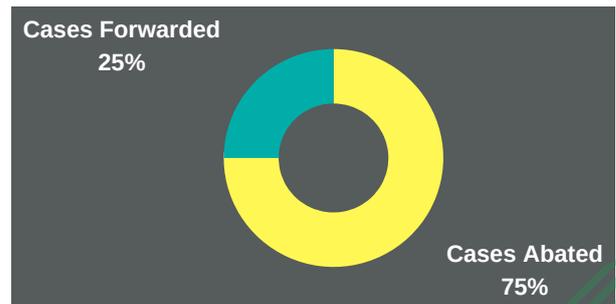
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