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Vote Northland Strong

In the last election, less than 10% of the registered voters in the 1st and 2nd districts voted. To those south of the river, it looks like the Northland is content. We need to change that perception. To help increase voter turnout, an Ad Hoc committee to get out the vote in the Northland has been formed. The purpose of the committee is to provide information about City Council and Mayoral candidates, and other issues that may be on the ballot.

On April 2nd the Mayoral race will be narrowed down to two candidates. The two candidates with the highest votes will move on to the general election on June 18th.

This Month at NNI

Tuesday, March 12 - 9:30 am at NNI

1st District Problem Solving

Wednesday, March 13 - 9:00 am at NNI

Senior Workshop

Wednesday, March 20 - 2:00 pm at NNI

Neighborhood Round Table

Thursday, March 21 - 5:00 pm at NNI

Meet the Candidates

Monday, March 25 - 6:00 pm at NNI

Meet your Council Person

Thursday, March 28 - 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

In addition to the Mayoral primary, we are also voting for 6 at-large council members as well as in-district representatives. It is important that all of the candidates know what issues are important to the Northland, and that we will no longer be complacent in local elections. We can only do that by voting.

The Ad Hoc committee to get out the vote in the Northland is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" evening on Thursday, March 21st at NNI from 5 to 7 pm. Please join us to meet the candidates and pick up your VOTE NORTHLAND STRONG yard sign. See you there.



Citywide Trash Collection in 2020

In an effort to save money and improve service, the City is phasing out contracted trash collection in favor of expanding the Solid Waste Division so that City crews can pick up trash citywide when the contract expires in 2020. Contractors pick up trash north of the river and south of 63rd Street, but KCMO officials said with service complaints on the rise, it's time for a change.

"Seventy-eight percent of complaints (in the last year) related to trash and recycling collection came from the contract crews," said Michael Shaw, solid waste division manager. Shaw told council members in-house trash collection would save the city nearly \$20 million over a 10-year period.

The current budget includes about \$21.9 million for solid waste. Of that amount, some \$7.2 million is set aside for trash collection in north and south KCMO.

"The model (using contractors) that we've used for probably 40 years is coming to an end," City Manager Troy Schulte said. Not only will in-house trash pickup save money and improve service levels, Shaw said the plan allows Solid Waste to expand bulky item and leaf/brush pickups and enhance neighborhood cleanup programs. Under the plan, the Solid Waste Division will hire nearly 80 new workers and add nearly two dozen new trash trucks. Citywide in-house trash collection could begin as early as May 2020. Recycling collection is under contract until 2024 and is unaffected by the trash collection plan.

Bulky Item Pickup Delayed Until April 2019

Because of winter storm damage pickups, bulky item appointments have been suspended through March 2019. If you have scheduled a bulky item pickup recently please call 311 or (816) 513-1313 to confirm your pickup date. Any items that you are having picked up cannot be placed curbside until after 3 pm the day before a scheduled appointment. For more information please visit www.kcmo.gov/bulky.



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