



# The Connection



**Northland Problem Solving**

June 7, 9:00 am

**Senior Workshop**

June 8, 9:00 am

**Focus Vivion Road**

June 8, 4:00 pm

**Neighborhood Roundtable**

June 15, 2:00 pm

**Memorial Day Observance**

NNI Offices Closed

May 30

**Jay B. Dillingham**

**A Kansas City Treasure**

**(NNI Fundraiser)**

June 17, 5:00—7:00 pm

All events at 5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway, Call 816-454-2000 for more information

Kansas Citians are compassionate – always ready to help someone in need. But sometimes helping can hurt. Services are available that provide housing and supportive services for homeless individuals and families. When you see someone who appears to be homeless on a street corner asking for money, you may be tempted to give.

*It's okay to say no to panhandlers.*

But there are better ways to help. If a person can manage their homeless-

ness by panhandling, that is one more day that they will be homeless, rather than getting permanent help.

Please be generous and make a Real Change. These are a few of the many worthwhile, effective homeless service providers in Kansas City.

- Shelter KC, Men’s Center  
1520 Cherry Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108
- Shelter KC, Women’s Center  
2611 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64127
- City Union Mission, Men’s Center  
1100 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106
- City Union Mission, Women & Family  
1301 Wabash  
Kansas City, MO 64127

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# Welcome

## P.O. Travis Corum

From kicking the soccer ball off the goalposts at Happy Rock Park, or the garage door on his family's home in Fox Woods growing up, the new face for Kansas City Police Department's community engagement efforts is no stranger to the surrounding neighborhoods.

KCPD's new Community Interaction Officer Travis Corum's Northland charm fits in with a community he's always called 'home.' Corum attended Ravenwood Elementary School, Maple Park Middle School, and graduated from Kearney High School.

"I know my way around here. I am very familiar with the area I patrol," said Corum, a 17-year veteran most



P.O. Travis Corum

recently in the K9 Unit. "I love what I do. I love interacting with the public. I love being involved."

Many officers regard the K9 Unit as the best gig in the department. Corum loved training with his furry, four-legged partner, who he later

adopted when the Dutch Shepard retired. Now Corum sees the immediate effects of his efforts, rather than waiting potentially a year for a case to be solved.

"It's rewarding because of the results. They are positive interactions," said Corum. "What I do now gets instant results."

Corum's inspiration to serve our community is his wife of 14 years and their two children. All of whom enjoy playing soccer, watching KC Chiefs, and fishing at the lake. His humble hopes is to make the Northland neighborhoods one percent better than before he inherited his new role.

## Don't Be This Neighbor



If your home was built after annexation, vehicles must be parked on an impervious surface (concrete, blacktop, etc.). Parking in your yard is prohibited by city ordinance. Vehicles must also be appropriately licensed and operable.

# Block Watch Works!

Block Watch is one of the most effective ways **to prevent crime and reduce fear**. Criminals operate by creating fear and isolating neighbors - Block Watch brings neighbors together and fights the fear, as well as improving relationships between communities and police.

In partnership, KCPD and NNI will provide the training and support for your neighborhood group to equip your neighbors with the strategies and simple techniques to improve and maintain the quality of life that you deserve.



Contact your Community Interaction Officer TODAY!

North Patrol  
P.O. Jeffrey Krebs  
816-437-6230  
Jeffrey.Krebs@kcpd.org

Shoal Creek  
P.O. Richard Jones  
P.O Travis Corum  
816- 413-3440  
SCPD\_Community@kcpd.org



## Sick 'n Tired of this View? Us too!

The closed and abandoned Kmart on Vivion Road has long been a blighting influence in the area and a cause for much consternation from neighbors.

As we have related to the many of you who have contacted the NNI office about this property over many years; we were working on it. We know this had to sound like hot air and you may have given up at times. (We almost did!)

However, many years of effort have paid off and change is coming! On May 20th, the Ride KC Development Corporation led efforts to purchase the property for KCATA. Redevelopment planning will begin in the near future for a new Transit Oriented Development (TOD). TOD's develop vibrant, livable, sustainable communities. It is the creation of a compact, walkable, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use community.

No details are available yet because the surrounding businesses and

neighborhood leaders will participate in building the detailed plans. YOU will be the planners!

Special thanks to these leaders for their support of this project:

Councilman Kevin O'Neill  
Councilwoman Heather Hall  
Former Mayor Pro Tem Scott Wagner

Please be patient as a planning process is put in place. We hope you are excited for the future of this property, we certainly are!



Frank White, III, Ride KC Development Corporation, will be at the **Northland Problem Solving meeting on June 7, 9:00 a.m.** to talk about the Kmart property acquisition and the future planning process.



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*Remembering and Celebrating  
the Life and Legacy of*

**Jay B. Dillingham**

Join us for appetizers and drinks

Friday, June 17, 2022 5:00—7:00 p.m.



Keynote Speaker Congressman Emanuel Cleaver

Call 816-454-2000 or email [info@nni.org](mailto:info@nni.org)  
for ticket information.