



Participating in the groundbreaking were, from left, Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners Vice President Michael Rader; Chief Darryl Forté; board treasurer Angela Wasson-Hunt; Capt. Lonnie Price; Maj. Sharon Laningham; incoming city councilwoman Heather Hall; city architect Eric Bosch; incoming city councilman Dan Fowler; city councilman Ed Ford; and incoming city councilwoman Teresa Loar. - Courtesy KCPD

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Community notes for Northland

Police break ground

The Kansas City Police Department broke ground July 17 for a new North Patrol Division Station at 11000 N.W. Prairie View Road, Kansas City, North.

The facility will replace the existing building at 1001 N.W. Barry Road near Metro North and is expected to open spring 2017.

The other KCPD North Patrol station is Shoal Creek Patrol at 6801 N.E., Pleasant Valley Road.

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Immunization clinic for kids

Clay County Public Health Center is hosting a back-to-school immunization clinic weekdays through Aug. 19 at 800 Haines Drive, Liberty.

The clinic is offering extended hours, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Appointments are recommended, although a limited number of walk-ins will be accommodated as time permits.

The immunization clinic is offered for clients with Medicaid and those who do not have insurance that provides for vaccines. Clients should bring all past immunizations records with them. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

A \$21 fee will be assessed for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Make an appointment by calling 816-595-4355.

For information on recommended 2015 immunizations for schools go to:

<http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations>

Addiction and Recovery group

The Aug. 5 Family Support Group at Tri-County Mental Health Services will discuss co-occurring disorders.

“Co-Occurring Disorders: What This Means for our Loved Ones,” will be led by Lori Byl, director of Adult Community Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Tri-County.

A question and answer session will follow.

The meeting is 6 to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 5, and will be held in the Tri-County offices at 3100 N.E. 83rd St., Kansas City, North.

Everyone is welcome.



citizens and business owners interested in learning about the sheriff’s office and its operations.

The deadline to apply for the academy is Aug. 14.

“The citizens of Platte County are an essential part of law enforcement in our community. The Citizen’s Academy provides a hands-on learning experience designed to give you, the citizen, a better understanding of the role and function the Platte County Sheriff’s Office plays in our community,” said Sheriff Mark Owen in a press release.

The nine-week academy begins Sept. 8 and will be held on Tuesday evenings 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 9.

Class size will be limited to 20 people. Individuals must be over 18 and have no felony or serious misdemeanor convictions.

To enroll, or for information call 816-858-2424 or go to plattesheriff.org/sheriffs-citizens-academy.

Gladstone Youth leagues

Gladstone Parks and Recreation has opened registration for fall sports for children, youth and adults including:

- Start Smart Soccer for children ages 3-5. This coed program teaches basics and sportsmanship. Fees are \$40. Practices begin Aug. 24.
- Star Smart Flag Football for ages 4-6. Monday or Tuesday leagues begin Aug. 24. Register by Aug.14. Fees are \$40. Practice begins Aug. 24.
- Youth Flag football for fourth through eighth grades. Fees are \$65. Registration ends Aug. 21.
- Youth Fall Soccer, for age 5 through eighth grade. Register through Aug. 7. Practice begins Aug. 18. Fees are \$50.

- Developmental Youth Volleyball for grades fourth through eighth grades. Fees are \$65. Registration ends Aug. 21 or when leagues are full.
- Competitive Youth Volleyball for youth fifth through eighth grades. Youth should have above-average skill levels. Fees are \$79. Registration closes Aug. 21.
- Adult Flag Football for men 18 and older. Register through Aug. 8; fees are \$450 per team.
- Gladstone Open Tennis tournament for all ages. Register Aug. 3-Oct. 8. Tournament is Oct. 9 and 10. Fees are \$20 for first event and \$7 for second event.

Register online at www.activityreg.com, at the Gladstone City Hall, 7010 N. Holmes, or Gladstone Community Center 6901 N. Holmes. Registration forms are at www.gladstone.mo.us.

Call 816-423-4087 for info or email jodyh@gladstone.mo.us.

Grandfamilies Support Groups

The Northland Grandfamilies Support Groups will discuss “Time for Sharing” and “Grandparents’ Legal Rights Concerning Their Grandchildren” during their August meetings.

Grandparents and other relatives raising children are invited to attend either meeting.

The day program meets at 10 a.m., Aug. 12 at North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 N.E. Vivion Road, Kansas City, North, for a “Time for Sharing.” Group members will have the opportunity to share personal experiences.

During the evening program, at 6 p.m., Aug. 26, participants will learn about “Grandparents’ Legal Rights Concerning Their Grandchildren.” The meeting is held at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods.

The evening program provides daycare for those who have arranged it ahead of time by calling 816-407-3490.

Jennifer Wettstein, family law attorney with the Noland Law Firm, in Liberty, will discuss the legal process of obtaining guardianship and adoption and review the rights of grandparents.

For more about the Northland Grandfamilies Program, call the University of Missouri Extension Office at 816-407-3490.

Annual Hillcrest tournament

Hillcrest Platte County will host its annual Charity Golf Tournament Aug. 21 at Tiffany Greens Golf Club, Kansas City, North.

The non-profit’s mission since its founding in 2002 is to offer housing and supportive services for families who are homeless or insecurely housed to provide life-long independence and sustainability.

“Forty-three families moved from homeless to self sufficient in 2014,” said Donice Mahan, Hillcrest Platte County director. “I love that it’s measurable.”

Often families that come to Hillcrest Platte County are living in small, crowded apartments, in unsafe situations or sleeping in their cars, she said.

“So many times in those cases you don’t really have the skills to be self sufficient. Through our budgeting, life-skills classes, community living activities, and case management, we are able to give the skills necessary for folks to be self-supporting.”

Tickets for the golf tournament are \$125 each. Golfers may register as a four-person team. Corporate sponsors are welcome. For information or to register go to hillcrestplatte.org and click on Golf Tournament.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the tournament. Those interested in volunteering should call 816-587-9037.

Senior Resource Fair

Author C.W. Gusewelle will be the guest speaker at the Dog Days of Summer Senior Resource and Wellness Fair Aug. 14 in the Northland.

The free resource fair, for older adults, caregivers and their pets, is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Salvation Army Northland Corps and Community Center, 5306 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, North.

Gusewelle, who writes a column for The Kansas City Star, is scheduled to speak at 9 a.m.

The resource fair will offer health screenings, answers to Medicare questions and animal training tips. A number of organizations will be on site to provide information to seniors. Entertainment and drawings are planned.

North Kansas City Hospital will give a "Know Your Numbers" blood screening to the first 100 people requesting it between 9-11:30 a.m. The screening will show fasting cholesterol and blood sugar levels. Those interested should fast after midnight the night before, only drinking water. The results will be available in 10 minutes.

A fitness screening, blood pressure checks, skin screenings and hearing screenings also will be offered.

Greg Fisher of the Missouri Veteran's Commission will speak on Veteran's Benefits, Crossroads Hospice is offering a class on grieving pet loss, and Oak Point Assisted Living will address the question: What is assisted living?

The Dog Days of Summer Senior Resource and Wellness Fair is sponsored by the Northland Shepherd's Center and Salvation Army.

For information call Northland Shepherd's Center at 816-452-4536.

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