

NNN COMMUNITY DATES

The Local Cup Pay-It-Forward Coffee Shop at 1009 Portage Avenue is Open:

FRIDAY 9AM-1PM
SATURDAY 9AM-1PM
SUNDAY 1-4 PM
WEDNESDAY 5-9 PM (ending August 29)

EVENTS

TLC at 1009 Portage is hosting an Art Opening for *Janice Lampos* entitled "**Urban Life at The Local Cup**" on September 9, 1-4 PM

Michiana Community Male Chorus is holding a concert, September 15 at 5:30 PM In the Community Center. All are welcome

Self Defense Training with Paul Wiles is happening September 20 at 5:30 PM in the Community Center

Arts Café is September 30, 11-5 around the Community Center and through the Neighborhood

The last day to **Register to Vote** in the Fall Election is October 9. Register at the 4th floor of the County City Building, 227 W Jefferson or online at indianavoters.com. November 6 is this year's General Election Day

ONGOING

Yoga Classes in the Mary Grace Room with Anne Clark

Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00-5:15 PM

Drawing & Painting with David Allen

Fridays, 10 AM-12 PM

NNN Community Center, \$10 per session

Zumba with Carlos Centellas in the Community Center

Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-7 PM, \$5.00 per session

Argentine Tango Classes

Tuesday Evenings in the Community Center, 7-9 PM, \$10 per class

Hoop Embodiment Classes

6:15-7:15 PM in the Community Center, Wednesday evenings, \$ Fee

Urban Garden Farmers Market

Saturdays through October 27, 2018 in the 1006 Portage Parking Lot

NNN 55+ Group, Monthly Potluck Dinner

Kids Time in the Community Center or Mary Grace Room, 10-11:30 AM will start again in the fall, dates TBD

REGISTRATION REQUIRED EVENTS

Please Call the office for additional information

Girl Scout Troop 51006 Meets Monday Nights

Michiana Community Male Chorus meets Thursday evenings

Real Services periodically holds classes in the NNN

Spinefulness classes are held off and on at the NNN

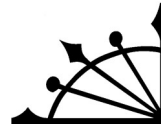
Photography Classes for the Home Schooled

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Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc.

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Faith in Action

By Carolina Serrano

On June 2018, a group of neighbors from the Near Northwest Neighborhood attended weeklong training in Rochester, Minnesota, led by Faith in Action, an organization that focuses on organizing people to act collectively towards racial justice and economic equity. Throughout the week, 120 people across the Midwest intentionally began to weave relationships based on the values of inclusion and equity.

We re-affirmed that real and transformational power resides in the quality of our relationships and our disposition to meet neighbors. We participated in workshops ranging from conducting one-to-one meetings to strategic planning for public actions. We learned that effective community organizing is not about recruiting people to join our cause but rather, it's about the ability to organize with others around our self-interest and invite people into relational power.

Here in the NNN, neighbors are uncovering their own self-interests, from keeping children healthy by addressing the issue of lead poisoning, to violence prevention and treatment for family members suffering from substance abuse. If we work together, if we stick together, we will generate real power to make actual change.

Come join NNN neighbors as they organize for change at the upcoming Town Hall Meeting and Public Action of the St. Joe County chapter of Faith in Indiana on Saturday, August 18th, 11AM-12:30PM at Holy Cross Parish gym, 1050 Wilber St.

Would you like to be on the NNN ListServ and be in contact with your neighbors about Community information and announcements? Please email or call us with your name and email address to nnnassistant@nearnorthwest.org or 232-9182. Ask us how to use our shared space, or find more information at <http://www.nearnorthwest.org/neighborhood-projects/community-space-use/>

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New home construction in the NNN

Neighbors, you've already seen some new homes "sprouting" up in the NNN, and we want to share with you the news of more projects in the works, that you can look out for soon. We're encouraged by the variety of partners and neighbors interested and involved in revitalization of the NNN!

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Build, with Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County, is currently underway in the NNN with four new homes in the Shetterley Triangle (bounded by California/DeMaude/Woodward). These homes are unique, utilizing a building system geared toward minimizing energy use, and where possible adding sustainable energy options such as solar panels. The building system aims toward producing a "Net-zero" energy household. Some of these homes are still available, and anyone with interest should contact Habitat for Humanity at 574-288-6967 or learn more at: www.hfhsjc.org/homeownership.

Soon, in the same block, Thrive Michiana will be building an additional two homes to be sold at market rate, utilizing the same building system. Inquiries can be made at 574-514-2096.

The NNN is pleased that through federal HOME funds and through the support of the Project Reinvest: Neighborhoods grant, that we will be building three newly constructed homes in the NNN over the course of the fall. Two of these homes will be in the 1000 block of Cleveland Ave, across the street from Muessel School, and one home will be built on vacant land at the corner of Portage and Scott Avenues. These homes will be sold at market rate to income-eligible families. Please ask us about owning these homes! Eligibility information can also be found on our website at www.nearnorthwest.org

Additionally, but without a currently known timeline, neighbors should be aware that Kingdom Life Cathedral and Holy Cross Parish have established a partnership called Cross Communities to explore the possibility of bringing additional new housing to areas of the NNN, particularly the Sherman and Lindsey area. People who want to apply for the housing can call Kingdom Life at (574)360-6630 or go to www.kingdomlifecccc.org.

2018 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter
Habitat Home on the Shetterley Triangle



Architect's
rendering
of 2018
NNN New
Home



The Art of Neighboring

*Thoughts from your "Neighborhood Networker"
André Gingerich Stoner*

The Latin word for power is *poder*. It means "to be able." A child experiences a sense of power when she learns to tie her shoe, or learns to ride a bike.

In our neighborhood, we are building relational power. More than eighty people have been trained in one-on-one relational meetings, and we have had hundreds of these conversations – building relationships, learning what people care about, what they are good at.

These relationships help us do things together-to mobilize for a neighborhood clean-up, small "research actions" with public officials, large public gatherings for education, conversation to make "asks" of decision-makers, or for a huge neighborhood party like the Arts Café.

There are different kinds of power; "power over others," or "power with others," for example. And power is used for different things: to benefit the few or to address problems in ways that serve the common good.

We are just discovering the possibilities of building a base of power with each other to make this a community where everyone has a chance to flourish and enjoy the good gifts of life. Be in touch if you want to get in on this work!

2018 Arts Café

Sunday, September 30 from 11 AM to 5 PM bring your family and friends to the 2018 NNN Arts Café.

It's a block party on caffeine and you can choose from so many activities: Artists and Artisans showing and selling their creative work with the neighborhood; live amped music outdoors and acoustic music indoors; home tours of recent NNN and Partner projects; neighborhood hay rides; and food and beverages of many kinds.

You will also find the Urban Garden Farmer's Market selling the goods of the season, a Kid Zone at the corner of Sherman and California with fun activities and crafting and all-over mixing and mingling with neighbors, new and old

We of course, rely on volunteers to make this all possible. Please call the office (232-9182) if you would like to be a participant or to volunteer to set up or take down, home sit, or assist with the other details of this happy, happy day!

Two Interns join NNN Team this Fall

Aminata Karim and Peter Anderson are joining the NNN team for this fall season as NNN interns. They will be involved in various community building and organizing projects, and we hope that you get to meet them.

Aminata is interested in making connections that align with her area of study of Social Justice for Women, while Peter will be working on a restorative justice program with youth.



Aminata Karim



Peter Anderson

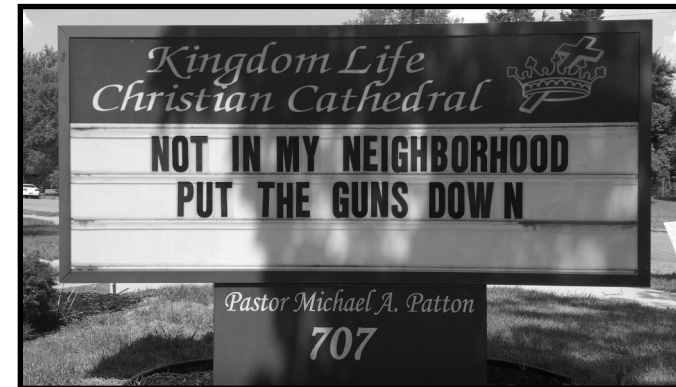
Aminata is a graduate student at the Keough School of Global Affairs at Notre Dame. She is from Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa and worked there through the United Nations with rural and urban poor women to help give them voice. She writes, "My experience as an outreach worker both in rural and urban setting fires me up to serve in a neighborhood program like the NNN, and gives me the opportunity to serve and learn in a different cultural context."

Peter is a student at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, where he is studying theology and peace studies. A native of nearby Bremen, he has previously worked with youth as a pastor in Chicago. Most recently Peter lived in London, UK where he partnered with churches, mosques, and neighbors to develop interfaith dialogue and community projects. Peter is passionate about helping people grow in compassion and empathy for the purpose of creating thriving, healthy communities.

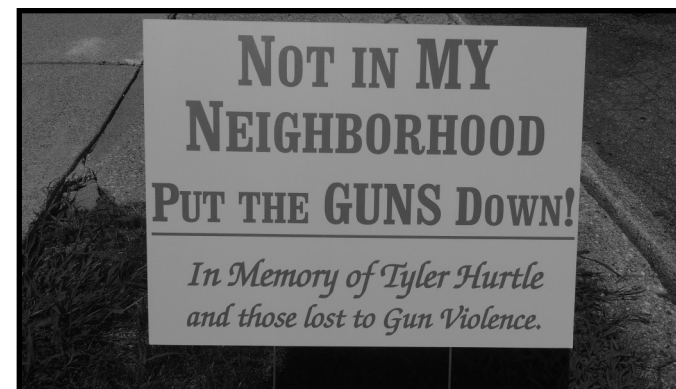
Please introduce yourself to Aminata and Peter when you see them in the office or around the NNN!



Churches Speak Out on Gun Violence



In July, Rev. Michael and Tina Patton, at Kingdom Life Christian Cathedral at Sherman and Lindsey put up this church sign and invited other churches to join in the messaging



So far, Holy Cross Catholic Church and seven other churches have taken up the message: "Not In My Neighborhood, Put the Guns Down." If you want a yard sign, contact Rev. Patton at mpatton2@comcast.net.

Funds Available to Remove/Abate Lead

If a child under the age of 6 or a pregnant woman lives in your household, and you are low or moderate income (Medicaid eligible), you may qualify through a state grant for lead-related home improvements such as new windows, paint or siding.

You can be a home-owner or a renter and qualify for these grants. Call the NNN at 232-9182 and ask to speak with a member of our Community Outreach Team to learn more or get forms to apply.

Seeking contributions for the *Common Ground: News You Can Use*. Feel free to write 100-300 words about your non-editorial neighborhood happenings. Subject to editing and space available, we welcome your contributions. Call the office for more information.

Fighting Lead Poisoning

Our Community Outreach Team – Kim Brantley, Kim Clowers and Emily Dean – have almost completed going to door in Census Tract 6 (west of Portage) introducing themselves and meeting neighbors. Soon they will start doing home visits to support families with small children who are facing challenges with lead exposure. Please call the office (232-9182) if you would like to meet with Team members and they missed you in their door-to-door visits.

The NNN is not only providing neighbors information and resources about the problem of lead contamination, but we are also impacting programming and priorities for the city and county!

At the May NNN members' meeting, Suzanna Fritzberg, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Mayor, pledged to the hundred and ten neighbors who had gathered, that the city would diligently pursue becoming a Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) compact city. This would involve a study of gaps in services, coordination of efforts, and concerted focus on the problem. GHHI, when fully implemented, is a proven way to eliminate lead poisoning in municipalities.

As the NNN joined with stake and power holders on the issue of lead poisoning in our community, it was clear to all that the St. Joseph County Health Department status quo was not up to the task of eliminating this health problem. Concerned neighbors started attending Health Board meetings to monitor progress on the Health Department's Lead Action Plan. In June, the NNN sent a letter to the Board of Health and County officials expressing our frustration. The South Bend Tribune ran several articles highlighting problems. In July, the Board of Health announced that it is hiring Dr. Mark Fox as part-time Deputy Health Officer as well as hiring a full-time epidemiologist to work on lead and other public health issues!

We strongly welcome and encourage the Health Department to take a transformative leadership role. This is all good news for neighborhoods and children impacted by lead poisoning.

