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NI Website Gets An Extreme Makeover

Hammond ~ NI is proud to announce that its new website is up and live! After two months of preparations, our website now has an updated, fresh look. New customers can get a thorough understanding of all our projects, past and present, and will even be able to sign up for our programs with just a click of a mouse. Supporters are recognized and can continue donating much-needed resources securely online. As before, all of our annual reports are available for viewing.

Go to www.neighborhoodsinc.com and check it out!

Please leave us a comment about both of the following details regarding the new site and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card!

1. What new feature on the site do you like the best?
2. What did you learn about one of NI's programs that you didn't know before?

The drawing will be held on August 17th. The winner will be notified by phone and recognized in a future edition of the newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OUT OF THE BLUE

Thanks to volunteer Jim Premeske, NI was able to complete the new paint job on the north side of the building. Mr. Premeske, who just happened to be visiting the NI office, saw that NI was having trouble with its chainsaw. He offered to bring his own and in a matter of a half hour assisted with the removal of a tree that was blocking an area that needed to be painted.

THANKS AGAIN, JIM!



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Friendly Neighborhood Competition!

Calumet City ~ The Best House on the Block Contest® in the 1st and 5th wards of Calumet City is going strong! With 37 entrants total, the properties in the eastern part of the city are being improved and beautified with each passing day.

If you have driven in Calumet City recently, you may have noticed purple and white yard signs that read "CONTEST ENTRANT." These are the homeowners who have signed up to make exterior property improvements through this contest, sponsored by Aldermen Eric Schneider and Roger Munda.

East Chicago ~ On Tuesday, July 10th participants and families of the 4th of July Decorating Contest in Sunnyside gathered in Sunnyside Park for an awards ceremony to reward their efforts. Participants were treated to cold drinks, fruit salad and ice cream as they enjoyed the beautiful weather and conversed with one another about their projects.

Sponsored by the Foundations of East Chicago, the 4th of July Decorating contestants competed for cash rewards up to \$250 for showing their patriotic colors and draping their homes in red, white, and blue. Residents decorated their homes with bunting, streamers, lights, flowers, flags and lawn ornaments.

The small close-knit community enjoyed a little friendly competition and around every corner you turned in Sunnyside you could see the decorations. Contestants received compliments and even shared that neighbors started decorating as well, motivated by their efforts.

The winners of the 2012 Sunnyside 4th of July Decorating contest are:

- 1st: Ruby Perry, 4130 Hawthorne Ave.
- 2nd: Jesus De la Cruz, 2501 E. 141st. Place
- 3rd: Jeanette Bramer, 2507 E. 141st Place



Left: Sandy Wojtaszek and EC Precinct 30 committeeperson Stacy Winfield present the winner Ruby Perry with her award.

Right: 1st place winner: 4130 Hawthorne