



# NEIGHBORHOOD ink

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## Super Samaritan Search

**East Chicago** ~ NI is pleased to announce another community-building project in East Chicago aimed at recognizing excellent neighbors. The Super Samaritan Contest, sponsored by Foundations of East Chicago, encourages residents to nominate fellow East Chicagoans whom they believe have displayed acts of kindness or neighborliness. The good deeds must have taken place within the past three months.

The details of the contest are as follows:

- A panel of Calumet Region residents will choose a winner each month
- A maximum of 15 nominations will be considered per month until the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Nominees will be recognized at a monthly ceremony. Recognition will be given to all nominees and a grand prize to a single monthly winner
- Contest will run through December 2012
- Nominations may be submitted in English, Spanish or Polish
- Maximum of 300 words – or one 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper

Entrants must include ALL of the following information or the nomination will not be accepted:

- Your name, address, email and daytime telephone number
- Complete name and address of the East Chicago resident you are nominating. Provide phone number if possible
- Detailed description explaining why this neighbor deserves this honor and example(s) of what she/he has done for you or another East Chicagoan

Nomination forms can be acquired via the following methods:

- Visit NI's Facebook page
- Call NI at 219.398.9121 to request a form to be mailed, faxed or emailed
- Stop by our office at 6340 Kennedy Ave., Hammond, IN 46323

Once completed, send the form via mail, fax or email to:

Neighborhoods Inc.                      Bessie Owens Center  
 6340 Kennedy Ave.                      c/o Neighborhoods Inc.  
 Hammond, IN 46323                      4001 Alexander Ave.  
 FAX: 219.844.3275                      East Chicago, IN 46312  
 Email: [events@neighborhoodsinc.com](mailto:events@neighborhoodsinc.com)



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## The Best House Contest® is Back

**Calumet City** ~ Fifth ward Alderman Roger Munda has tapped NI to bring the ever-popular Best House on the Block Contest® to his constituents. Beginning in March, homeowners will be encouraged to enter this contest aimed at promoting exterior home improvements.

The contest originated in the state line area of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> wards of Calumet City in 2004. Since then, the contest has been operated in Highland, Burnham, East Chicago and other areas of Calumet City and Hammond. These are the before and after photos of a winner in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward in Calumet City.



This patented contest works as follows: homeowners in the target area are mailed entry forms which explain the parameters of this friendly competition. They must state on their forms what their exterior home improvement project is and send the form back. NI then visits the property to take "before" photos. Each entrant is offered a free, professional consultation which consists of expert tips and advice on how to further enhance their project. The contest period generally lasts from April/May through September. After the project completion deadline, staff visits each property and takes "after" photos. Winners are selected based on the **degree of improvement** from the before and after photos, not by NI staff, but by residents of communities other than the community in which the property exists. An awards ceremony is held for participants to fellowship and accept their prizes.

## 2011 Annual Report is Hot Off the Press!

NI staff has just completed its 2011 Annual Report, and it is available to all our supporters! For the past two years, NI has been designing and printing its most important document in-house through the use of its state-of-the-art Konica copier.

If you would like either an electronic or hard copy of our annual report, call 219.844.1876. We are happy report our hard work to those who support our mission of building neighborhoods in the Calumet Region.