

The Near Northwest Management District & GIP - A growing partnership in 2010

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The partnership between the Near Northwest Management District and Greater Inwood Partnership made great strides last year and we are looking forward to furthering that partnership in 2010.

These two organizations work together to report problems in our area to 311 so that we can maximize city services in our area. A group of GIP volunteers patrol the area regularly and record what they see and pass that information on to the District so that we can log it and report it to the City through 311. Working together we have had over twenty street lights replaced so that our community is well lit after dark. All residents should report problems to 311. The squeaky wheel absolutely gets the grease in Houston.

We also work together on security issues. The District is asking all GIP residents to report any suspicious activity through www.crime-track.com, all residents can use the guest log in to make reports, so that our Constables can proactively investigate these incidents. We also encourage residents to sign up for Nixle to receive security updates at www.nixle.com.

We are looking to increase our joint efforts in 2010 so that we can continue to improve the area. In March, the Near Northwest Houston Weed & Seed Grant will be hosting a Health and Safety Fair to bring services to those in the Weed & Seed area that will help them improve their health and get the help they need to improve their lives. We will need volunteers to help run this fair. Any GIP residents wishing to be involved should contact Carla McGowen at 713-895-8021.

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