

THE MIDTOWNER

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The Official Newsletter of Historic Midtown Citizens Association

Midtown Losing Its Marbles

A project to improve North Broadway from Central has begun.

One lane of traffic in each direction on Broadway will be maintained during the \$500,000 project, which is scheduled to be completed in June. Cornejo & Sons is the project contractor.

There was a time when some street corners in this area of Midtown were marked with "marbles" in the curbs. As this is being written, the southwest corners of 8th and Broadway and 9th and Broadway still have these marbles (see photos).



Kathy Morgan, Historic Preservation Officer, reported that some of the marble corners will need to come out, but others may be saved.



It is HMCA's hope that those that need to be removed can somehow be preserved someplace. They're pretty unique.

Flowering Quinces

Have you noticed all of the beautiful red-dish/pink flowing quinces that are blooming all over the neighborhood? Do you know why Historic Midtown has so many of these bushes?

Many years ago, St. Francis Hospital and Historic Midtown worked on a neighborhood beautification project that involved tree planting.

Each year the hospital bought trees for Midtown to plant in the public right-of-way areas of the neighborhood. People signed up for the trees, dug their holes, and on Tree Planting Day, a crew drove the area delivering the trees to the home owners for planting. Many of these trees are the ones that now provide wonderful spring flowers followed by welcomed shade during the hot summer months.

After several years of the tree planting project, orders were declining rapidly as those who wanted trees had already gotten them. HMCA approached the hospital to see if we could change from trees to a signature bush for the neighborhood as long as the bushes were planted in people's front yards. The hospital agreed and the HMCA board picked the flowering quince as the signature bush. Most of the big beautiful flowering quinces that you see today are a result of this wonderful partnership.

Midtown Community Resource Center (MCRC) Hosting a Community Clean Up

MCRC (1150 N. Broadway) is having a community clean up on June 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. The clean up will be along Broadway and Topeka Streets from 9th to 13th. The MCRC Board and tenants are striving to keep our neighborhood and community litter-free, and they need your help to do that. To volunteer for this event, please register at www.midtowncrc.org. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs of refreshments for the volunteers, please call Drew Brenner or Jo Bogan at 264-4636.

The MCRC is a 501 c 3 organization that opened as a community center in 1999. MCRC's mission is: Providing and supporting education, programs and resources which value diversity and enhance the lives of individuals, families, and the community. Our neighborhood group, Historic Midtown Citizens Association (HMCA) and Via Christi are active partners of the MCRC, and have been since its founding. MCRC is looking for Board members. If you're interested, give them a call: 264-4636.

Park Elementary School News

It has been a busy and fun spring here at Park Elementary! So far we have finished up assessments in reading, math and science. For the third year in a row, Park teachers, students, and families participated in the Link 4 Life Run to Prevent Suicide on Saturday, April 17 at the Sedgwick County Zoo.

Teachers started a running club to help prepare participants for the race. The running club met every Monday and Wednesday after school for about 3 ½ weeks. 40 students participated in the running club and about 80 students and staff members ran in the Link for Life Race. A Senior Graduate parade from North High came for a visit on April 21. Our fifth graders will be celebrating their own graduation from elementary school on May 25.

Community partners at the First United Methodist Church will be hosting the 5th grade graduation celebration.

Fairview Apartments - 206 E 18th Street

This apartment building was recently nominated to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

A rise in population during the booming 1920's resulted in multi-family apartment construction in Wichita. Built in 1924, this conventional low-rise apartment has 16 units on each of the first and second floors. The building is U-shaped and features buff brick walls with patterned brickwork at the cornice and a flat roof with a shaped parapet. There are elements of Craftsman architecture applied to this multi-family building. The building was nominated as part of the Residential Resources of Wichita - 1870-1957 multiple property listing for its architecture.

(From Kansas Preservation, Winter 2010)

Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society Library

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May 8 Program

"Organizing Your Papers: Finding What you Found"
Midwest Historical & Genealogical Library; Saturday, May 8, 1pm. A foolproof way to keep papers under control, easily retrievable; eliminate duplicate efforts; know where to start after you stopped. Good for beginners - advanced. Free. Presenter: Margaret Lucas, Librarian. Pre-register: visit the library, Tues &

Sat, 9am-4pm; 316-264-3611 316-264-3611. Class size limited.

June 12 Program

"Ten Best Websites for the Beginner" Midwest Historical & Genealogical Library; Sat, June 12, 1pm. Subscription & free data bases to help the Beginner (or Experienced) Genealogist work thru the maze of sites! Free. Presenter: Margaret Lucas, Librarian. Pre-register: visit the library Tues & Sat, 9am-4pm; 316-264-3611 316-264-3611. Class size is limited.

Bike Month

Wichita will be celebrating Bike Month in May. The Health and Wellness Coalition of Wichita is sponsoring a comprehensive effort to get neighborhoods, businesses and schools to increase their biking during the month of May.

The Coalition has developed information guides showing organizations how they can develop their own program to promote biking during the month of May. Bike to Work Fridays, Bike to School, Bike Rodeo and Neighborhood Bike Expo are part of the plans to get Wichita moving. As an example, the Old Town Farmers Market plans to have a drawing for gift coins for free produce when people "bike to the market". The Coaster Bike Club and Tom Sawyer Bicycle Shop are teaming up to sponsor the Bike 'Round Town Tour. Bicycle X-Change Shops will offer "pit stop checks". The Oz Bicycle Club has numerous bicycling activities including weekly "fun" rides and competitive events. Other local bike clubs and bicycling business have joined the efforts and are working with the Coalition to promote safe riding. The Coalition is also asking the Mayor of Wichita to declare May as Bike Month for the city. And the entire city will be asked to participate in Million Mile Month, working to log one million miles during the month of May.

The Health and Wellness Coalition of Wichita is asking all organizations planning a bike event to register with the Coalition www.hwcwichita.org so a comprehensive list of events and activities can be placed on the web-site. To register, send your biking information to Debbie Williams debbie.williams@ymcawichita.org. For an information guide or to find out about other biking events in Wichita go to the Health & Wellness Coalition web-site.



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING (E-CYCLING) AT STARKEY

Starkey accepts a variety of electronic waste for recycling, including computers, peripherals such as hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers, copiers, VCRs and DVD players. At Starkey, individuals with disabilities disassemble these electronic items and sort the parts for recycling companies. Items such as monitors that are considered hazardous waste are packaged and removed as whole units.

Starkey is the exclusive electronic recycler for the Wichita school district and receives donations from the general public. Starkey's e-cycling program processed 91 tons or 182,000 pounds of materials from electronics in 2007. According to the EPA, electronic waste is growing 2 times faster than any other waste stream.

Electronic items are accepted at Starkey's main facility at 4500 W. Maple, Wichita, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. People wanting to recycle should come to the north door of Starkey's warehouse and ring the bell. Companies with many items should call in advance at 316-512-4243.

(from Starkey, March 2010)

Dunbar Neighborhood Community Garden

There is a new garden sprouting at 9th and Indiana on the Dunbar School Campus. This is a community garden with a partnership between

residents of the area and the Wichita Public Schools AmeriCorps Growing Responsible Achievers in Schools Program (GRASP). Families in the Dunbar community are welcomed to help with the garden and food raised will benefit the families in the community. Last year they were able to provide food to over 200 families. As good neighbors, residents of Historic Midtown can assist with donations of vegetable seeds or plants, hoses, gardening tools, items for compost (including grass clippings) and other garden maintenance items. They also need volunteers to help plant, water and weed the garden. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact: AmeriCorps GRASP, 923 Cleveland, Room 5 or 7, 316.866.8185.



Special Notice

There will be a brief HMCA business meeting after the June 12 Tri- Neighborhood Picnic (see calendar for information) to approve proposed revisions to the By-laws. All Midtowners are encouraged to attend.

Visit us at:
www.midtownwichita.org

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Alley Maintenance Needed	268-4060
Animal Control	268-8351
Building Permits	268-4461
Evergreen City Hall	303-8042
Gang Activity Report Line	267-7228
HMCA Information	264-2988
Housing Assistance Programs (weatherization/emergency repairs/other)	462-3700
Midtown Community Resource Center	264-4636
Neighborhood Action Line	529-9999
Neighborhood Inspector (To report deteriorated properties, trash junk, tall grass/weeds, graffiti, parking in yards. ect.).	268-4481
North Police Station & Community Police	688-9500
Park Department	268-4361
6th District City Council	268-4331
Storm Sewer Stoppages	268-4090
Street Lights Not Working	268-4448
Street Maintenance Needed	268-4071

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Municipalidad (Evergreen)	303-8080
Línea de Informes de Actividad Pandillera	267-7228
La Misión de la Asociación Histórica de Midtown (HMCA)	264-2988
Programas de Asistencia para Vivienda	462-3700
El Centro de Recursos de Midtown	264-4636
Línea de Acción del Vecindario	529-9999
Inspector del Vecindario (para reportar propiedades deterioradas, basura y cesped)	268-4481
Estación de Policía del Node y Policía Comunitaria	688-9500
Departamento de Parques	268-4361
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Fairview Christian Church

On Sunday, May 16, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., Fairview Christian Church, 1650 N. Fairview, will host a Fund Raising Organ Concert which will be performed by three of our city's finest organists. Admission is free, however, a free-will offering will be taken to help raise funds to complete the installation of an organ that was recently donated to the church. Artists will be:

David Josefiak, Senior organist at First Presbyterian Church in Wichita. David will be playing several classical pieces and will close his portion of the event with two old-favorite hymns, which will be sung by the congregation.

Our own organist, Ken Wilson who will perform the organ parts of several piano & organ duets of well known hymn tunes, accompanied by David Josefiak at the piano.

Brett Valliant, Senior organist & Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in Wichita. Brett will perform several of his own arrangements of popular music.

A reception will follow in the Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is Welcome!

VBC with a Tilt

Fairview Christian Church has started a new program that might be a help to your elementary kids. It's called Bible School with a Tilt. We meet every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 6:45. We start with a light, kid friendly meal. It's Bible School with a Tilt because we will work with Bible stories, but will also work with kids in the areas of reading and math, and will even help kids with their homework. The program

is free, and we hope you'll bring your kids. Fairview is at the corner of 16th and Fairview.

Remember the Homeless

If you have clothes (particularly men's), shoes, backpacks, etc. which you need to get rid of, Fairview Christian Church would be glad to receive it for the homeless. They have truly appreciated your offerings in the past. Thank you!

We offer a neighborhood breakfast, which includes the homeless, from 8:30 to 10:00 AM on the 1st Saturday of each month. The office is open to take calls each work day from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The phone number is 263-9332.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 925 N. Waco is busy this spring and is looking forward to summer activities. The English classes at St. Paul's which meet M-Th. 9:30 - 12 continue through the summer. The school needs volunteer teachers, both continuing and for the summer. (Contact Leon Rausch at 263-0810.) Kid's Kingdom Learning Center for children ages 3-5 has openings (Contact Dixie Learned at 263-2433). Their hours are M-F from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday May 23 will be a special Pentecost celebration and the worship time will be 9:45 a.m. and that time will continue through the summer.

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School will be June 7-11 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The theme will be High Seas Expedition. People can call the church to be sent a registration form. No charge but donations accepted. There are pre-session activities from 8-9 a.m. for early arrivals.

St. Paul's is on the web at stpauls-wichita.org and at www.stpauls.libsyn.com St. Paul's says "Come and See!"

Midtowner Newsletter Information

The Midtowner is the official newsletter of the Historic Midtown Citizens Association.

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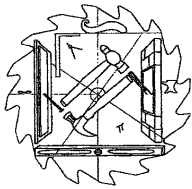
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New Visioning Sustainability Alliance

Visioning Wichita, in partnership with the City of Wichita, Green Biz Wichita, and several other local agencies has formed a new Alliance in order to take effective steps toward building a healthier environment for Wichita and the region. During the first meeting, the group brainstormed about what the group should be. We discussed best practices, national standards, achieve early successes together, information resources, common goals, community education and connecting and networking.

At the group's second meeting on April 7, we discussed a draft mission statement, goals/objectives and funding opportunities. The draft mission statement at this point is: Promote sustainability in the regional area by facilitating collaboration and integrated solutions among individuals and organizations and serving as a resource, a catalyst, and an advocate for environmental, social, and economic sustainability. The draft goals statement is: Lead the Wichita Metropolitan Area to become a sustainable community which preserves and restores its environment, nurtures healthy communities and maintains a vital self-reliant economy for generations to come.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping to start moving this alliance forward to attend the next meeting. The next Alliance meeting is Thursday, May 6, 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Board Room, 455 N. Main, First Floor, Southwest corner.

WIRE

The Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita through an Environmental Protection Agency grant called Community Action to Renew the Environment and locally known as the Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE) convened 51 discussion groups and spoke with over 1500 residents (mostly through WIN Neighborhood Associations) to determine the community's environmental issues and concerns, 19 issues were identified. These issues and concerns were then taken back out to the community for prioritization. The community was asked to rank the 19 issues in terms of risk to environment, health, community interest and economic impact. In order to make a stronger connection to the community the local WIRE project also has established a 25 member citizen's Environmental Leadership Council (ELC) to assist in the prioritization process. Through the efforts of the ELC and with the input of the community it was

determined that the top three environmental issues for Wichita are:

- ◆ Air quality deterioration from automobiles, trucks and other "mobile sources" of pollution.
- ◆ Arkansas River pollution from storm water run-off.
- ◆ Trash management regarding collection, recycling and disposal of household waste.

Through WIRE and the ELC these issues have been refined and focused into three project areas as part of a second grant submittal to the Environmental Protection Agency for a CARE Level II grant in the amount of \$300,000. The goal of the Level II CARE proposal is to reduce environmental risks identified in the risk prioritization process of CARE Level I. Four objectives were identified to assist KUSM-W and the ELC to achieve this goal and are included in the grant proposal:

- ◆ Reduce the risk of mobile air emissions through automobile, truck and bus idling reduction projects with local government and the school district.
- ◆ Reduce the risk of storm water run-off in the Arkansas River by construction of demonstration projects that will minimize the flow of soils, pesticides and bacteria entering the Arkansas River.
- ◆ Reduce the risk of solid waste pollution/greenhouse gases emissions by utilizing waste reduction strategies for businesses and encouraging recycling, re-use and reduction of waste.
- ◆ Develop the capacity of the ELC to ensure it is self-sustaining and will continue to provide a voice from the community on environmental matters in Wichita.

If you have an interest in environmental matters and are interested in serving on the Environmental Leadership Council please contact Barry Carroll at 262-6122 or barrycarr@aol.com for more information.



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Basham and Carlisle Houses

The "Basham House" was originally at 824 N. Emporia. In 1975, the house was to be torn down or moved to make way for an office building. In January 1977, the Basham House was purchased by Urban Renewal, and a new location at 1215 N. Emporia was chosen. Plans were made to demolish the house that was at that location, the "Carlisle House." However, the Carlisle House was being considered for local landmark status. That house, built in 1887, was the only remaining house in Wichita with vaulted ceilings and large plaster rosettes. Then the house was set on fire by vandals, and the next morning, Midtown volunteers frantically mopped and sponged the hardwood floors in an effort to minimize water damage from putting out the fire.

Finally it was decided that the Carlisle House would be saved at its present location, 1215 N. Emporia, and the Basham House would be moved to 1063 N. Market.

David Walker Basham was born in Kentucky in 1854. He moved to Wichita in 1902 to practice medicine. At the time, there were only seven physicians in Wichita. Dr. Basham gave radio talks on medicine and medical matters. He was a founding member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Board of Surgery. His library was the largest in the state and was considered one of the best in the country. His contributions to the community and the medical profession were many. He worked until the day he died in 1940 and at the time of his death, he was the oldest practicing physician in the state. How fitting that his house has been preserved and is a part of Midtown.

(From The Basham House Story, by Norma Scheall, written in 1986)

Wichita Eagle Advertising Supplement Complaints

In response to complaints received regarding the Wichita Eagle's delivery of newspaper advertisements to non-subscribing households, the City of Wichita has obtained the following information:

Citizens who do not want the advertisements may contact the Eagle to stop delivery. The Eagle has an "opt out" phone number of 1-800-200-8906. Neighbors or neighborhood groups can also call directly to the Circulation District Manager at 268-6425 to report properties where the papers are piling up, either because the house is unoccupied or because the occupant never picks up the paper.

The ads delivered by the Eagle contain one news article. Because the ads are not solely "commercial speech," the City is limited on what restrictions may be placed on these publications due to First Amendment protections. When Eagle officials were contacted about the

complaints, they indicated that they were directing delivery staff to pick up any publications that are not picked up by the home owners. Additionally, the Eagle advised that residents could "opt out" from having the publications delivered to them by contacting the Eagle.



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- Foods, including alcohol, aged cheese, caffeine, chocolate, artificial sweeteners and seasonings (MSG).
- Hormonal changes, related to a drop in estrogen levels, which may occur before a woman's monthly period. Birth control pills and hormone replacement therapy can also trigger migraines.
- Medications
- Stress
- Too much/too little sleep
- Weather changes or changes in time zone or altitude
- External factors, such as bright lights, certain smells (perfume) or second-hand smoke

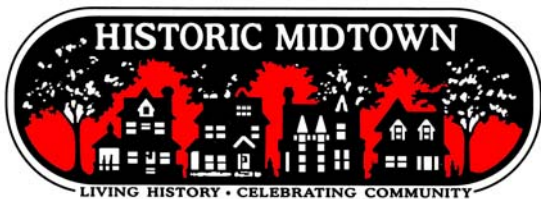
Typical medical treatment for migraines is prescribed preventive and symptom-relieving medication.

A number of research studies have examined the effects of chiropractic care on the frequency, intensity and duration of migraine headaches. One such study, conducted for six months at the Chiropractic Research Center of Macquarie University in Australia, involved 177 participants who had migraine headaches for an average of 18 years. The results of the study were impressive; most of the participants experienced positive outcomes. Seventy-two percent had substantial reduction or noticeable improvement in their symptoms, including a drop in the frequency, intensity and duration of their migraines, and a decreased need for their migraine medications.

If you or someone you love suffers from migraine headaches, or any other type of headache, please consider all-natural, conservative chiropractic care. *(Paid advertising for Howell Family Chiropractic)*

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Upcoming Events

Monday, May 24, HMCA Board of Directors Meeting, 11th & Broadway, 6:30 pm.

Saturday, June 5, Neighborhood Clean-up, Contact Cindy Galstad: 263-1389 or 641-1118.

Saturday, June 12, HMCA, Riverside and North Riverside Citizens Associations sponsor the annual Tri-Neighborhood Picnic at the Minisa Park Bldg, 5:30 - 7:30. Bring covered dish to share. Drinks provided.

Saturday, June 19, MCRC Organized Clean-up, Contact Jo Bogan at 264-4636.

Saturday, June 26, Gala Benefit for MCRC, Silent Auction, Entertainment,

Sunday, July 4, Pancake Breakfast & Children's Parade in Central Riverside park. Organized by Riverside Citizens Association.

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