

THE MIDTOWNER

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Midtown planning projects find common ground in streetscaping, stormwater flooding Upcoming meetings: May 24 and June 1

Since late last year, design teams have been looking at challenges and opportunities in the Midtown neighborhood - from stormwater flooding to streetscaping and lighting.

As the project design teams begin to put the final touches on recommendations, two of the findings appear to have some common ground. "Engineers looking at stormwater flooding have identified several potential recommendations, including porous pavement, which could be used to control the flow of water during a heavy rain storm, as well as the integration of rain gardens, which have positive impact on the environment," said City Council Member Janet Miller, who represents the Midtown area. "These two ideas also are being incorporated into designs that could improve the aesthetic look of streets and common areas."

Members of the two project design teams continue to research and model potential solutions, as well as ask businesses and residents in Midtown for their input and develop recommendations based on best practices. Miller says she anticipates the plan will include recommendations that are cost-effective, as well as those that might take considerable capital investment in infrastructure over the coming years.

"The teams are knowledgeable about the current budget restrictions and are looking at a wide range of options," she said. "We want to make this something we can start implementing in small ways sooner rather than later. It also will give us a roadmap with priorities for the future, so we can wisely invest in infrastructure improvement as funds become available."

The process seeks to develop a plan that will incorporate recommendations about stormwater flooding, traffic, streetscaping and lighting, pedestrian safety and mobility.

The final community meeting examining stormwater recommendations will be May 24. The final community meeting to discuss recommenda-

tions for traffic, streetscaping and lighting, pedestrian safety and mobility is planned for June 7. Details about the meetings will be posted on www.wichita.gov/midtown.

"It is important for Midtown residents to attend the final two community meetings to share their opinions and to see how the recommendations could be implemented," Miller said.

The final plan is expected to be complete by summer 2011. In the meantime, an online poll - with photos and maps from the planners and designers - also can be accessed at www.wichita.gov/midtown. Residents are encouraged to go online and fill out the survey.

June 25 Midtown Community Resource Center Gala

For the past 11 years there has been a Gala to support the Midtown Community Resource Center, (MCR) 1150 N. Broadway. And this year it will be held on June 25, 6-9 pm at the MCRC.

Come and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and live music while you browse among the silent auction items. We always have an assortment of items donated by local businesses, some hand-crafted items, and unusual "treasures." People have commented throughout the years that the items in the Gala's silent auction are the very best.

Plan to attend June 25, 6-9 pm. The cost is just \$25, plus the cost of any items for which you might place the winning bid.

Dyne Quik is Open Again!

After extensive renovations, Dyne Quik is now open! The food is good and a good price. And the building is one of only three "Valentine Diners" in the Wichita area. (See the article in the December 2009/January 2010 Midtowner on Valentine Diners www.midtownwichita.org.)



Summer Reading Club begins May 26

Stop by your favorite Wichita Public Library location beginning Thursday, May 26, to register for the FREE Summer Reading Club, "One World, Many Stories." Children up to age 17 are eligible to set their own reading goals and win prizes once goals are met. Teens aged 12-17 may instead enter "You Are Here," the Teens Read program, and enter to win based on the amount of time spent reading. Find complete details at your library or <http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us/kids/>. Don't miss the huge kick-off party at the Central Library on May 26!

Wanted: Horace Mann School Memorabilia

Many of our neighbors have been a part of Horace Mann through the years. We are currently collecting 'memories' from the past to put into our display case. These could include old yearbooks, trophies, pictures, athletic uniforms/shirts, or anything that you think would help our students and visitors connect to the past.

If you have anything to donate, please bring it to Horace Mann Dual Language School at 1243 N. Market. It is helpful to mark on the back your name and information about the picture or item donated. Thank you for your support!

Ken Jantz, Principal

Help Wanted Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society

1203 N. Main



Looking for something to do this summer? Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society Library needs volunteers for a few hours on Tuesday or Saturday to help in the library.

No experience necessary! All ages considered! This could be part of a Scout badge-earning program, hands-on history or library science learning, or a summer program for your home-school history. And if you want to trace your own ancestry, you would have time while you are volunteering. We can use you!

Open from 9am-4pm on Tuesday and Saturday, MHGS is possibly the only library in the USA which is all-volunteer. The building has three floors of research materials, staffed with excellent librarians and computers!

Information: 316-264-3611

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/index.html>

May 7 MHGS Program

Searching? Putting in too much time to find what you want? Are your ancestors lost and can't be found? We have the answer for you, and the answer is FREE! Not many bargains like that anymore!

Saturday, May 7, 1pm, at the MHGS, 1203 N. Main, "Working Smarter, Not Harder" will be presented by genealogist and librarian, Margaret Lucas of Leon, KS. She will be teaching how to use online tools to speed your research. Computer hookups are available. Please register by calling 316-264-3611

June 11 MHGS Program

Don't know where to start looking but want to know about your ancestors? If you are a beginner -- or still feel like a beginner -- this is for you: "Absolute Beginner Computer Class". MHGS, 1203 N. Main, is offering a free class, open to the public, at 1pm on Saturday, June 11. Register by calling 316-264-3611.

Hookups for your computer are available. Class is taught by genealogy and computer expert, Margaret Lucas of Leon, KS.

August 13 MHGS Program

Primary? Secondary? Which is best? In genealogy, it really matters! If you are searching for those long, lost ancestors and information about them, you definitely need to know which the best source for your information is.

"Evaluating Primary and Secondary Sources in Genealogy Research" will be taught at MHGS on Saturday, August 13, 1pm, at 1203 N. Main, by expert researcher, Margaret Lucas. Register for this free class by calling 316-264-3611. Computer hookups are available.



<h1>Riverside Barber Shop</h1>		behind "The Perk" 819 W. 11th call Cano @ 316-265-2124
	<h2>Free Beard Trim with Haircut</h2> <p>Must mention this ad</p> <p>Hours: Tuesday - Friday - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm</p>	

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	462-3700
(weatherization/emergency repairs/other)	
Midtown Community Resource Center	264-4636
Neighborhood Action Line	529-9999
Neighborhood Inspector	268-4481
(To report deteriorated properties, trash junk, tall grass/weeds, graffiti, parking in yards. ect.).	
North Police Station & Community Police	350-3400
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

Números de Teléfonos Útiles

Mantenimiento de callejones	268-4060
Control de Animales	268-8351
Permiso de Obras	268-4461
Municipalidad (Evergreen)	303-8080
Linea 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
Linea de Acción del Vecindario	529-9999
Inspector del Vecindario	268-4481
(para reportar propiedades deterioradas, basura y cespel)	
Estación de Policia del Node y Policia Comunitaria	350-3400
Departamento de Parques	268-4361
Municipalidad Distrito 6	268-4331
Alcantarilla de drenaje	268-4090
Luces de la Calle	268-4448
Mantenimiento de Luces de la Calle	268-4071

From a Midtown Neighbor -Feral Cats

I've lived in the Topeka & 15th area for nearly 30 years, and there's always been a relatively large population of homeless/stray cats in the area. I know for certain income levels, the idea of paying veterinary care bills to spay/neuter pets, especially in the recent economic climate, isn't high on the list of things people want to do.

However, there are resources available to help with the cost of spaying/neutering pets: Spay-Neuter Kansas provides low-cost spaying and neutering of cats and dogs for households under certain income levels:

<http://www.spayneuterkansas.com/cost.html>

Contact Friends of Felines:

<http://www.felinefriendsks.com>

for information regarding managing local wild cat populations.

From a long-time Midtowner

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We have Good News for YOU!

at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ELCA
925 N. Waco / 263-0810 / stpauls-wichita.org

Summer Worship Time 9:45 a.m.
(beginning May 22)

Vacation Bible School (Pandamania) June 6-10
9 a.m. - noon for ages 3 to finishing 5th grade

* Kid's Kingdom Learning Center for ages 3-5 at St. Paul's has openings. Full Daycare, pre-school curriculum. Call 263-2433.
Hours are Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
*English Classes for Adults M-Th. 9:30 -12.

**Don't Forget
June 25, 2011
Gala to benefit MCRC**

The next Midtown Community Resource Center (MCRC) Fund Raising Gala is coming on June 25, 2011. This is an important event for the Center because it provides needed operating dollars so that the Center can carry on its important work of serving our citizens. The Center is currently in the process of establishing a new Computer Lab. This is a vital commodity to citizens in the area who may not have computer access to complete resumes, job searches or general computer training. MCRC will launch the lab in collaboration with TRIO, our first Community Partners, in keeping with MCRC's mission: "Providing and supporting education, programs and resources to enhance the lives of individuals, families and the community."

Please plan now to attend the Gala. Tickets are just \$25/person for a wonderful evening of great food, entertainment and silent auction items. Also, if you have an item of value that you would like to donate for the auction, please call Karen Fitzgerald at 265-7178 or email her at karenfitzgerald06@gmail.com.

To advertise in the Midtowner call:
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www.midtownwichita.org

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The Mission of the Historic Midtown Citizens Association (HMCA) is to preserve, develop and promote Wichita's Historic Midtown neighborhood as a unified, vital and diverse residential community.



St. Paul's & El Mesías
United Methodist Churches
1356 N. Broadway
Wichita, Kansas 67214
316-267-3263 (English)
316-262-3323 (Español)
Pastor: Tim Jepsen

6 to 8 pm
Family Wednesday
Kidz Klub with music, games, crafts, stories, puppetry, etc.
Free Light Dinner
Miercoles Familiar
Clases de ingles ¡Gratis!
Cuidado de niños ¡Gratis!
Un club para sus niños con juegos, manualidadex, historias, titeres, musica y mas
Cena Ligera - ¡Gratis!

Sunday School Times
Tiempo Escuela Dom.
English - 9:30 am
Español - 11:00 am
Sunday Worship Times
Adoración Domingo Tiempo
Español - 9:00 am
English - 11:00 am

Be aware that it is unlawful to sweep or blow yard clippings into the street or storm drains.

Ordinances: Title 10 Streets & Sidewalks

Sec. 10.04.030. Raking or sweeping leaves, paper, etc., into gutters or drainage ditches.

The raking, sweeping or otherwise moving of leaves, dirt, paper and other debris into the gutters or drainage ditches along the sides of any street or alley in the city, without removing the same immediately thereafter, is a misdemeanor.

(Ord. No. 16-556 § 2)

Sec. 10.04.060. Permitting water to run into streets, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, permit or allow any water or waste to be discharged to or run into or upon any street, avenue, alley or public place in the City of Wichita except for storm water runoff; provided that fugitive lawn irrigation water which does not result in spraying of water from a sprinkler system onto the portion of a street used by vehicular traffic, street deterioration, mosquito breeding, excessive waste of water, odor, or other nuisance or pollution conditions may be permitted to overflow into the street. The owner and/or occupant of any premises upon or from which a violation of this section occurs shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 41-007 § 1)

Sec. 10.04.100. Sidewalks to be kept clean by abutting property owners or occupants.

It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground abutting upon any street upon which there is a sidewalk to allow earth, dirt, filth, mud, papers, stone, snow, ice, refuse and rubbish to accumulate on such sidewalk.

(Ord. No. 35-100 (part))

Sec. 10.04.105. Property abutting public right-of-way to be kept clean by owner of adjacent land.

(a) It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground abutting any street, or alley within the City to allow filth, papers, refuse or rubbish to accumulate and remain on that portion of the public right-of-way easement between the traveled portion of such street, or alley and said person's lot or piece of ground.

(b) It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground abutting any unopened street, or alley within the City to allow filth, papers, refuse or rubbish to accumulate and remain on the public right-of-way easement abutting said person's lot or piece of ground.

(Ord. No. 38-095 § 1)

Sec. 10.04.130. Obstructing streets and sidewalks by litter, goods, wares, etc.

It is unlawful for any person to obstruct any street, alley, public area, public right-of-way or sidewalk in the City by:

(a) Piling, placing or maintaining thereon any filth, litter or any goods, wares or merchandise; or by

(b) Placing or erecting any buildings or fence thereon; or

(c) Placing any benches or seats for public use thereon, except when a street closure has been approved by the City Council pursuant to Section 3.11.150 of the Code of the City of Wichita.

This Section specifically prohibits the using of any public sidewalk in the City for exhibiting goods, wares and merchandise except by special permit granted as provided in Section 10.04.131, and any person violating this Section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

For the purposes of this Section 'public right-of-way' shall mean the entire width of the area from property line to property line including that area between the roadway and the abutting private property line.

(Ord. No. 41-521 § 1; Ord. No. 47-029, § 1, 5-16-06; Ord. No. 47-048, § 1, 6-20-06; Ord. No. 48-757, § 15, 6-22-2010, eff. 1-1-2011)

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Tri-Neighborhood Picnic

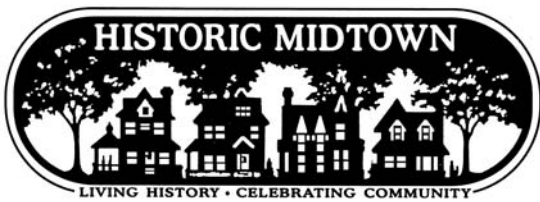
June 18, 6:00 to 8:00 at Minisa.

The dinner begins at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

This is a joint project with HMCA, Riverside, and North Riverside Neighborhood Associations.

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