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Victorian Christmas Homes Tour Celebrates 20 Years

Preparations are well under way for this year's 20th annual Victorian Christmas Homes Tour to be held the first weekend in December. It's Midtown's opportunity to shine, and shine it does, when the lights go on for our popular Friday night tour.

Introduced in 2004, the evening tour officially welcomes in the holiday season aglow in the lights, sights, and sounds of Christmas. The Uptown Girls and Central High's Ensemble will again be filling the air with joyous sound as they carol their way throughout the neighborhood both Friday and Saturday, and Drew Holt will play the Ozark harp in a special musical performance at the Drury Diversity Center on Saturday.

If you haven't purchased tickets in advance, please stop by the Diversity Center at 803 Drury Lane to get your official ticket book/tour guide during posted tour times. A free shuttle service is available for pick-up and drop-off at each of the tour stops. Or, use our tour map and visit the stops at your own pace. Whatever your preference, you won't want to miss even one of this year's great homes!

In addition to a collection of some of Midtown's most stately homes, Drury University's historic Stone Chapel will be featured on the tour for the first time this year, and Sacred Heart Church will be hosting their 6th Annual Vendor & Craft Sale so don't miss these special stops! We who live here like to claim that Midtown, Springfield's largest residential historic district, isn't just a location....*it's a lifestyle!* And the Victorian Christmas Homes Tour has proved year after year to be the greatest venue we have to showcase the past, the places, and the people that make 'Midtown' our 'Hometown'. Thanks to everyone who helps to make this event a smashing success!

Submitted by Mary Jo Greer

Midtown Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

To promote and preserve the character and quality of living in the Midtown Neighborhood, including Springfield's largest nationally registered historic district.

President's Message



I want to thank everyone who attended the annual Oct. chili supper at St John's, and a big thanks Betty and Father Jerry for hosting it. We asked a number of city officials to "our" town meeting. We wanted to open a dialogue on a number of subjects concerning neighbors, including crime, increased traffic, speeding, and parking on residential streets. Harold Millirons (our PAR officer), Chief Williams, Jonathan Gano (Public Works), Nicholas Ibarra (City Council), and representatives from Drury all came to speak, listen and hopefully come up with some solutions. I applaud all these City departments for getting out into the neighborhoods and working with the people. During the meeting, Randy Greer received much praise from citizens and the police for his strong leadership and hard work in Midtown's Neighborhood Watch program.

We are forming a committee made up of Midtown residents, Drury and City of Springfield Public Works to address the subject of traffic around Drury. If you live in the area between Division and Central, Benton and Sherman and would like to serve on this committee, please contact the Midtown Board at midtown.sgf@gmail.com. This committee will be led by Kent Brown.

Midtown Board elections are Nov. 17 @ 7pm at St John's. You must be a paid member to attend this meeting; you can become a member at the meeting.

Oh by the way, have you visited the new bakery on C-street, Sisters in Thyme? I do recommend it!

M. Dee Hackett Ogilvy—President
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Midtown Needs You!

November is the Midtown annual meeting and board election time and we need you.

**November 17th @ 7pm
St John's Episcopal Church**

The board meets every second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. The board term is 3 years, and board members also serve on sub committees and volunteer at neighborhood events.

You must be a current paid Midtown member to serve on the board or vote.

You may become a member at the meeting.

Have questions or want to serve on the board? Please write us at
midtown.sgf@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Fall Brush Clean-up Saturday, November 19th
8:00 am-Noon
Cox North Parking Lot

20th Annual Victorian Christmas Homes Tour
Friday, December 2nd 5:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, December 3rd Noon-5:00 pm

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Boyd Fall Festival

On October 15th, Boyd Elementary held their first ever Fall Festival. The event, planned by the Boyd PTA, included carnival rides, bounce houses and other blow-up games, pony rides, face painting, a dunk tank, and prizes donated by local organizations and businesses. In total, over 200 people attended this event. A special thank you goes out to the following partners for making this event possible:

Boyd PTA Members
Boyd Elementary Teachers
Drury Education Students
Bigbee Farms
Askinosie Chocolate

Pizza Street
Sonic
Caring Communities
Drury Basketball
Lamberts

Fazoli's
Sam's Club
Mike's Amusements
Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Central Christian Church



Caring Communities Corner by Andrew Foell



What's Happening at Drury...



Historical Stories: Objects

Group Exhibition, Curated by Jacqueline Warren
November 4-28 • Opening Reception: Friday November 4, 6-9 pm • Pool Arts Center

Panther Basketball – University of the Ozarks (Exhibition Game)

7:00 p.m. • Monday, November 7 • O'Reilly Family Event Center

The Drowsy Chaperone

Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar; Music and Lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison
8:00 p.m. • November 9-12 • Wilhoit Theatre

Convocation Series: Glenn Croston, "Starting up Green"

11:00 a.m. • Thursday, November 10 • Clara Thompson Hall

Ozark Mountain Daredevils 40th Anniversary Bash

7:00 p.m. • Friday, November 11 • O'Reilly Family Event Center

Panther Basketball – Hendrix College

3:00 p.m. • Saturday, November 12 • O'Reilly Family Event Center

Charlie Daniels Band

7:00 p.m. • Thursday, November 17 • O'Reilly Family Event Center

Panther Basketball – Texas A&M University - Commerce

3:00 p.m. • Saturday, November 19 • O'Reilly Family Event Center

Panther Basketball (Women) – Washburn University

7:00 p.m. • Tuesday, November 22 • O'Reilly Family Event Center

Have an idea for an article? Please email Midtown Moments editor at Anndchambers@gmail.com and give us your ideas!



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YOUR NEIGHBORS AT
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THEM

SUNDAYS AT 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY AT 12:00 NOON

LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF BENTON & DIVISION
TELEPHONE: 869-6351



**Midtown Neighborhood
Fall Clean-Up
Saturday, November 19th 8:00am-12:00pm
Disposal Location: Cox North Parking Lot**
(Please enter parking lot on Benton Avenue)

Accepting: Brush (smaller than 4qlong and 2+in diameter) and Leaves

Curbside pick-up is available for Midtown members who don't have a truck or aren't physically able to get leaves/brush to Cox North. However, this must be prearranged by calling Dale Chambers at 872-8188 before Friday, 11/18 at 5:00 pm. There will be a \$15.00 charge for non-Midtown members for curbside pick-up.

Without pre-approval, items left on curb will not be picked up.

If you are interested in volunteering during the clean-up, please contact Janet Dankert at 832-9261

Bring this flyer as proof of residency in the Midtown neighborhood



*Victorian Christmas
Homes Tour 2011*

Enjoy the popular festive evening tour:
Friday Evening, December 2, 5-9 pm
or delight in our traditional day tour:
Saturday, December 3, Noon-5 pm

FREE Parking & Shuttle
Drury Diversity Center—803 Drury Lane
Advanced Tickets \$10 Tickets Day of Event \$12
Tickets available at Maschino's, Enterprise Park Lanes,
Holiday Lanes, Sunshine Lanes,
& The Medicine Shoppe at 811 E. Division.
For ticket information, call (417) 873-7149.

Sacred Heart Church at 1609 N. Summit in Midtown will hold its 6th Annual Vendor and Craft Sale on Friday, December 2nd from 5:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Come browse & shop. We will have many local crafters with great Christmas gift ideas. Also available will be our famous Holiday Cookies by the pound. This event is being held in conjunction with the 20th annual Midtown Victorian Homes Tour.

Contact person: Sue Frey 619-5308

Caring for Your Pets in the Winter

- ✦ Burr! The leaves are changing and the weather is starting to get cold. As we approach winter, we do not want to forget about our beloved animals. Our pets require special care when it comes to winter weather. Here are some tips on keeping your pets happy and safe during the cold weather.
- ✦ Make sure your dog/cat has plenty of water available. In the winter, water freezes in their dish. Make sure it is clean and available just like you would in the summer months.
- ✦ Outdoor animals need cover. It can be a dog house with straw, or your garage. Just make sure they have shelter from the outside elements.
- ✦ During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on

the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

- ✦ Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
- ✦ Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.



What's Happening at the Midtown Carnegie Library?

Midtown Carnegie Library

Boredom Busters

Event Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dates: Weekdays M-F (except Thursday of Thanksgiving) all through November
For grades 6-12. Schools out, so now what? Go to the Library! Every day we'll provide something to cure those midday blues including games, crafts, movies and special events.

Crafty Crafters

Event Time: 5:30 p.m.

Dates: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 - Tuesday, November 08, 2011

For adults. Want to learn a new craft or have a craft project to finish? Bring in your scrapbooking, knitting or other art projects you have been putting off for months.

Rockin' Saturdays

Event Time: 2:00 p.m.

Dates: Saturday, November 12, 2011 - Saturday, November 12, 2011

In the upstairs meeting room for all ages. Enjoy live music at the Library featuring a variety of styles including bluegrass, gospel, punk and rock. "Fun with Lou LeBrun and Her Accordion."

ACT (A Council for Teens)

Event Time: 3:00 p.m.

Dates: Monday, November 14, 2011 - Monday, November 14, 2011

For grades 6-12. Act now and get involved in making the Library a better place for teens!

Gobble Gobble Story Time

Event Time: 10:00 a.m.

Dates: Friday, November 18, 2011 - Friday, November 18, 2011

For all ages. Join us for a special Thanksgiving story time. Listen to stories and sing songs about Thanksgiving and make a paper turkey craft.

Introduction To Yoga

Event Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dates: Saturday, November 19, 2011 - Saturday, November 19, 2011

Location: Midtown Carnegie Branch Library - 397 E.

Central Street - Springfield, MO 65802 -

Admission: FREE

For more information: <http://www.thelibrary.org>
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Midtown November Church Schedules

Center City Church

1700 N. Benton—379-1100

Sunday Morning Prayer- 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Gathering- 10:30 am

Central Christian Church

1475 N. Washington—(869-7241)

Sunday Worship Services 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Follows At 10:45 a.m.

Crimson House Ministries

1616 N. Robberson

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1609 N. Summit—(869-3646)

Monday-Thursday Weekday Services 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
PSR Classes 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Spanish Mass Sunday 12:30 p.m. & 6:00 pm



St. John's Episcopal Church

515 E. Division—(869-6351)

Sunday Services 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Monday-Wednesday Mass @ 6:00 pm
Thursday 12:00 noon.-Healing Services

Solid Rock International

1040 N. Sherman—(830-2092)

Sunday Services At 10:00 a.m.

Timmins Temple Church of God in Christ

934 E. Webster—(831-1484)

Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Service: 11:00 am
Noon Day Prayer- 12:00 pm Wednesday
Bible Study & Children Minstry- 7:00 pm Wednesday

Washington Avenue Baptist

1722 N National—(866-2750)

Sunday School begins At 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Services Follow At 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Activities
7:00 pm- Bible Study
6:30-8:00 pm Children Hanging With Jesus+