



# Midtown Moments

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**Midtown Neighborhood Association**

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## Central Senior Jeremy Petrich Awarded Midtown Scholarship

Jeremy Petrich has been chosen as the recipient of the Midtown \$1,000 scholarship for the 2009-10 school year.

Petrich, a recent graduate of Central High School, ranks 53rd in his class of 296 at the school. He plans to attend Drury University and enroll in the physical therapy program. He would like to get his PhD after graduating from Drury at MSU, MU or SLU.

In his scholarship essay, Jeremy noted the many community activities in which he is involved. "Relay for Life, as you may know, is the largest fundraiser for cancer in the United States," Jeremy noted. "This is a really unique event because it brings all of the high schools in the area, both public and private, together for one event. This year I was a team captain which means I bring together 8-10 other students and basically guide them through the process of registering and raising the minimum of \$100 each."

Jeremy is also involved in his church's youth group. He participates in activities like going around the neighborhood and raking up leaves, commonly known as Rake and Run. He helps with the kids from

3rd through 8th grade at Camp Arrowhead doing fun activities, helping to cook for the campers.

Jeremy was also involved in the Central High School Wind Ensemble all four years at Central.

Congratulations to Jeremy Petrich—a truly deserving winner of the Midtown scholarship.

### C-Street Jam Set For June 26th— Purchase Tickets Through Midtown

Right in the heart of the Commercial Street Historic District, the C-Street Jam is a day-long celebration of local, live music. This year's Jam will showcase some of the best talent in the region including Ha Ha Tonka, Cornbelt Chorus, Truett and the Traitors and more!



Date: Saturday, June 26

Time: 3pm to 10pm

Location: Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Pavilion

Purchase your tickets in advance from your fellow Midtown Neighborhood Association members for \$6 in June!

[www.itsalldowntown.com](http://www.itsalldowntown.com)

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### 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



Once again we had a successful Midtown Spring Clean-up on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of your neighbors volunteered to pick up brush and bulky household items, and others brought their items to the dumpsters in the parking lot of Cox North, leaving Midtown a much cleaner place than before the event. We appreciate all the people who donate their time to make this such a success.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you're interested we have a very big event coming up in July: The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Midtown Fourth of July Parade. The theme is "Midtown—History in the Making". This year because the holiday falls on a Sunday, the parade will begin at 1:00 pm. Ice cream and water are provided, along with music and events for the children. If the weather cooperates, many parade-goers bring a picnic and enjoy their lunch in Washington Park. We always anticipate a large public turnout and we could use your help. Please call me at 865-1096 to volunteer. Any help will be very appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Phyllis Holzenberg*

President

## Neighborhood Watch Growing In Midtown

Midtown's Neighborhood Watch program is growing! Increased participation has resulted in a number of new Neighborhood Watch signs popping up around the area. We're definitely on the right track, sending a visual message that we're serious about safety here in Midtown. Some of you have volunteered to be active Block Captains and Block Watchers and it is helping promote the program. I am receiving information about the neighborhoods almost on a weekly basis. Some of you are really working hard to keep our neighborhoods and community safe by observing and passing information, and it shows! The keys to a strong Neighborhood Watch are: OBSERVATION, COMMUNICATION and TRAINING. Let's keep up the good work.

Our next meeting which I encourage everyone to attend will be: June 9th, 2010 Scared Heart Church - 1609 N. Summit - 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Topic: "Beating the Burglary Game" & Guest Speaker, David Webster—"Pepper Spray and Conceal & Carry". This meeting is open for ALL Midtown residents. Hope to see you there!

Randy H. Greer  
Midtown Neighborhood Watch Coordinator  
(417) 831-5911



### Midtown Corporate Sponsor



Cox Health is presenting a program called "Get Fit Springfield" and will include six weeks of fun, outdoor fitness activities for the people in Midtown! These events will take place on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. beginning June 21. Participants can take a circuit-type class with stations set up so they can do a different exercise at each station. Instructors from our Fitness Center will be there to demonstrate each activity and answer questions. We'll also be offering incentives to participants who want to join the center. The good part about these activities is they are FREE to Midtown residents. Call the fitness center for more details at 269-8882.



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# Boyd School Year Comes To A Close

by Principal James Grandon

*Boyd Elementary School, in partnership with our community and parents, inspires students to become lifelong learners and responsible, globally minded citizens.*

Our mission statement has come to life this school year. If I had to summarize our year into one word it would be "Collaboration." We have continued to see an amazing outpouring of dedication from our community - and all for our children.

We began the school year with our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Neighborhood Night Out at Washington Park. The Midtown Association, Caring Communities, the Urban Neighborhoods Alliance, Drury University, and Central Christian Church put together a wonderful evening for the whole community. We look forward to August 27<sup>th</sup> for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual social and hope all will feel welcome to join us in this exceptional tradition.

For the first time this year Boyd Elementary hosted Pipkin Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> graders for a study of worldwide cultures. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders took that study to the next level in their Exhibition as they discovered how they can make a difference in the needs of children around the globe. It was an inspiring evening!

It is a delight through the year to see the students who are recipients of so many blessings, like the Christmas gifts delivered by Central Assembly,

Boulevard Baptist, and the City Utilities Credit Union, become donors. Boyd Elementary students collected thousands of pounds of food during the holidays and hundreds of dollars in the spring to donate to Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

The Midtown Carnegie Library welcomed Boyd Elementary students for a new partnership this year with Library Nights for the students. I have heard many thrilled expressions of how easy it is to use a library card and open up lifelong learning.

Another new venture for our students this year came from a collaboration of our afterschool Green Team Club, 4H Club, and The Urban Roots Farms with Caring Communities, Drury University and Cox North to build a school garden for the students of Boyd Elementary

and Pipkin Middle Schools. Feel free to stop by the area behind the Midtown House and the Neighborhood Resource Center to see our newest 'sprouts' at work. The educational connections and life learning in that space will continue to be a growing benefit.

The old saying about it taking an entire village to raise one child could not be more true in our global society and in our excellent Springfield community. Thank you to everyone for keeping our children as one of the best of priorities - for they are our brightest future!



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## Midtown May/June Church Schedules

**Benton Avenue AME Church**  
510 E. Central—(864-8815)

**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)  
Tuesday-Friday 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.  
Wednesday Mass @ 6:00 pm  
Thursday 12:00 noon.-Healing Services



**Solid Rock International**  
1040 N. Sherman—(830-2092)  
Sunday School Begins At 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Services At 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

**Timmins Temple Church of God in Christ**  
934 E. Webster—(831-1484)  
Sunday School: 10:00 am  
Sunday Services: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
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 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & "Children Hanging With Jesus"