



Midtown Moments

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July Concert Set for 25th; Donations Accepted for UNA

Although the weather was not cooperative in June, life goes on for July's Concert in the Park series, set for the 25th in Washington Park.

In its 9th year, the series features local talent and a great atmosphere for residents and visitors alike to enjoy music in the park.

July features the HonkyTonk Renovators, a new sound and band for the series. Band members include: Steve Newman-lead guitar and vocals; John Wynn, Jr- fiddle, mandolin and vocals; Steve Graham-snare, brushes, washboard and vocals; and Jack Pearman-dog house bass fiddle.



As part of this year's concerts, donations will be accepted at the event for local charities. July will feature the Urban Neighborhoods

Alliance, a non-profit designed to help five center city neighborhoods, one of which includes Midtown.

"The Midtown Board thought this would be a great way to attract new

people to the Concert in the Park series as well as raise funds and awareness about organizations/programs that impact Midtown," commented Midtown President Janet Dankert.

The final concert, set for August 29, will feature Glen McKenzie and the Road Kings and the charity of choice will be the Midtown/Boyd Garden.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 25—Concert in the Park—6:00 pm—Washington Park
August 27—Boyd Back to School Neighborhood Night Out
6:00 pm—Washington Park
August 29—Concert in the Park—6:00 pm—Washington Park

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



Neighbors,

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the 20th annual Midtown 4th of July Parade and Celebration a success! I hope you all were able to enjoy the parade—the only 4th of July parade in Springfield—and the gathering at the Washington Park. This is just one of the many events and activities that the Midtown Neighborhood Association sponsors throughout the year.

The next big event is our annual Boyd Back to School Social/Neighborhood Night Out in August. Because of its focus on bringing the entire neighborhood together, the large number of collaborative partners who supported it, and the large number of neighborhood residents who attended last year, this event is one of the main reasons that Midtown won 2nd place in the Neighborhood of the Year Awards from NUSA. Let's build upon that honor this year!

Also remember that if you have an issue or just want to share information about what's going on in Midtown, please feel free to contact any member of the Midtown Board. We want to make sure we are connected to you and our neighborhood!

Janet Dankert

President

40+ Entries Highlight Midtown 4th of July Parade

Over 2,000 lined the streets of Midtown to enjoy the 20th Annual Midtown/Springfield 4th of July Parade & Celebration held on Sunday, July 4th in Midtown. Over 40 entries competed for yearly bragging rights and festivities continued in Washington Park after the parade.

A special thanks to Zone 1 Councilman Nick Ibarra for serving as grand marshal and the following judges for the event: Linda Leicht, News-Leader; Paul Adler & family, KY3; and Dave Hines, US97. Sponsors for the event included Hiland Dairy, Pepsi-Cola and Jeff Ansell/Murney Associates.

Category winners in the parade were:

- Best Youth March Unit—Cub Scout #410
- Best Adult Marching Unit—Midtown Victorian Ladies Drill Team
- Best Youth Float—Central Wrestling
- Best Adult Float—Richard Craigmyle
- Best Theme Interpretation—Midtown Victorian Ladies Drill Team
- Best Political Entry—Chuck Purgason for US Senate

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Don't forget about the services that are offered by the Urban Neighborhoods Alliance. Every month that we receive a large shipment from Home Depot, members of the Midtown Neighborhood Association are able to come to the Tindle Mills warehouse on the third Thursday of the month between 3 and 5 pm and get products that are donated. Also, consider joining the ToolBox for only \$10 for MNA members and have access to over \$4,000 worth of tools. Visit the UNA website at www.unaonline.org, come by the office at 1475 N. Benton or give us a call at 417-865-4774.



Midtown School Garden Growing Strong!



Many of you may have noticed the garden that is taking shape in the green space behind the Caring Communities Neighborhood Resource Center and the Midtown House. This garden is a partnership between Boyd Elementary School, Pipkin Middle School, Springfield Urban Agricultural Coalition (SUAC), Caring Communities, the Midtown Neighborhood Association, University of Missouri Extension 4-H, Drury University and CoxHealth Systems.

The Midtown School Garden is a learning, working garden. Students from Boyd and Pipkin will use the garden as a classroom during the school year. Families in Midtown are encouraged to volunteer to help with the garden and plant their own produce or flowers. Anyone who works in the garden has the opportunity to pick the produce and use it in their own kitchens.

In the future, we look for this garden to offer us the opportunity to bring fresh produce into Boyd's cafeteria, as well as a chance to bring nutritional cooking classes to the Midtown community with the help of CoxHealth Systems.

We are always looking for folks who are willing to give some time in the garden. If you are interested in helping out or just would like some more information, please contact Danell Vaughan with Caring Communities at 888-2020 ext. 121 or dnvaughan@spsmail.org.



Boyd Back to School/Neighborhood Night Out Set for August 27th At Washington Park

It's that time again! The annual Boyd Back to School Social /Neighborhood Night Out is just around the corner, and we are looking for your help. Planning for the 14th year of this event, which will be held Friday, Aug. 27th from 6-8 p.m. at Washington Park, has already begun but we need volunteers to make the evening a success.

Last year, more than 600 people attended this special kick-off to the new school year. The event includes a free cookout, live music, a dunk tank, children's games and other fun activities. The Midtown Neighborhood Association, Caring Communities and Boyd Elementary are partnering with Drury University, the Springfield Police Department and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board to create an evening of fellowship and celebration.

If you would like to volunteer, we have a variety of options available. Please contact Janet Dankert at 832-9261 or jdankert@commpartnership.org or Danell Vaughan at 888-2020 ext. 121 or dnvaughan@spsmail.org. We look forward to working with you to make this year's event better than ever!

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Midtown July/August 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"