



Midtown Moments

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June 26th Concert in the Park Features FourFront As 10th Year Commences

June 26th marks the kickoff of the 10th year of Concerts in the Park for Midtown and a way to come together to enjoy some music on a Sunday evening.

Held the fourth Sunday in June, July & August, this annual event is anticipated by Midtowners as well as others throughout the community.

Specializing in most styles of modern Jazz & Swing, FourFront is the perfect entertainment choice for parties, weddings, restaurants, clubs, and corporate events. *FourFront* performs

jazz standards, bossa novas, sambas, funk-styled tunes, and originals and can usually accommodate most requests.

July will feature Eddie Gumucio, and August will be Glen McKenzie and the Road Kings.

Lemonade and water will be provided. Our neighbors from Sacred Heart Church will once again provide hot dogs for attendees to the event, so bring a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy the music.



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Midtown Central High School Student Wins Car for Attendance Performance

Twenty-five high school students gathered at Youngblood Chrysler Kia in hopes of winning this year's new car in the 11th annual Youngblood giveaway. Youngblood sponsors this event each year to reward students who maintain perfect or near perfect attendance. Students, grades 9-12, can have their name entered in their school lottery once by achieving 95% or better attendance during the school year. Perfect attendance earns a student two chances to win. Five finalists are then drawn to represent each Springfield high school. Fifteen year old Central High freshman, Alisha Greer, was one of 25 hopefuls on hand when her name was picked randomly from a fishbowl to win a 2011 Kia Soul, valued at approx. \$14,000.

Alisha's parents, Randy and Mary Jo Greer, were shocked at the outcome. "I can't believe she won the car" said Randy Greer. He went on to add that Alisha has always been motivated to have perfect attendance at school.

Alisha will be ready to hit the road when she turns 16 this fall and plans to use her car throughout high school and college. She is a member of Central High School's band and is very active in the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield. Ask her what she thinks of Youngblood Kia and she'll tell you, "What a place!"

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 love Midtown in the summer. The flowers falling from those bean trees, the sweet smell of my neighbor's garden, the sky at dusk over Cox. Evening walks and talks with the neighbors. Folks on their porch swings, that's a great sight, seeing a beautiful historic home with its owner relaxing and enjoying a good book, folks riding bikes or playing on the Boyd playground. Sometimes I think we take all this for granted, and we shouldn't, we have such a unique community. We have two farmer's markets within walking distance, Thursday evening's downtown or C-Street on Saturday mornings, it's great to take a stroll with neighbors to find homegrown vegetables, eggs, wonderful breads, you might even find an interesting craft item or a little chotchkie from a distance time or land. Maybe after supper a walk downtown to enjoy a gelato or cupcake and there's always walking to Cardinals games. Taking a walk is a perfect way to get to know your neighbors, knowing your neighbor is a great way to keep down crime on your block.

Just this weekend I walked over to Woodland Heights to their garden and homes tour, a very pleasant afternoon with our neighbors just to the north. What a joy to live in an area where we can still get out and enjoy a walk with so many pleasant possibilities.

Don't forget we have Concerts in the Park coming up, as well as our Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade and Celebration. So whether you walk, bike, roller skate, skateboard, or pull a wagon full of kids, get out and enjoy the good life in Historic Midtown.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE by Randy Greer

Midtown Watch is still very much alive. I have spoken to Block Captains who have expressed some concerns about some drug activity on the east side of Midtown. If you're on that side of town, please drive through the neighborhoods. Remain vigilant and report all suspicious activity to Law Enforcement officers. Our next meeting will be in August.

"Evil can only exist when good men do nothing."—unknown author.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

June 26—Concerts in the Park 6-8 pm
FourFront

July 4—21st Annual Midtown
Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade & Celebration
10:00 am

July 24—Concerts in the Park 6-8 pm
Eddie Gumucio

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Loan Program Available for Home-Based Businesses

Through the CDBG Program, income qualified residents now are able to apply for a home-based business loan from the City of Springfield.

Maximum loans for this program are \$15,000 and the business must meet the permitted homes occupation as allowed by the zoning ordinance. These loans are designed to assist home-based businesses within the area with working capital, inventory, equipment, furniture & fixtures and other start-up costs.

The minimum amount for these loans is \$2,500 and the maximum is \$15,000. The loan will have a 10 year maximum term with a 5% fixed rate. There will be "interest only" payments years 1-2 with a minimum of \$50 per month.

For more information, call the Urban Districts Alliance office at 831-6200.



Lead & Learn Presents City University

Caring Communities and the City of Springfield are excited to announce City University 2011 – a unique opportunity for you to learn about the inner workings of the City of Springfield. Each event will run from 6-8:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Locations are TBA, and the calendar is subject to change. Call Melanie at 417.888.2020 for more information.

- **June 27:** Financing and Health Department — Dollars & Sense Financing, Health
- **July 25:** Public Safety — Overview & tour of Police Department
- **August 22:** Public Safety — Overview & tour of Fire Department
- **September 26:** Connecting with the Public — Overview of Public Information Office, Informational Systems, & Code Compliance



A Lead & Learn Event

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MIDTOWN LIBRARY

Monday, June 20 —One World, Many Animals—10 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room for preschool-grade 5. Meet interesting new animals from around the world visiting with our friends from the Dickerson Park Zoo. A 2011 Summer Reading Program event.

Monday Munchies—2:30 to 4 p.m. for grades 6-12. Love food? Want to improve your culinary skills? Help us make a tasty creation and eat it! We'll fix something new every Monday.

Tuesday, June 21 Tween Tuesdays 2:30 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday in June for grades 3-5. Dashing adventure and dazzling exploration await you! Come on a journey with us as we try a new and intriguing activity each week.

Friday, June 24 —Storytime—10 a.m. for ages 1-6. Introduce young children to books and reading with engaging stories, songs and activities. Our interactive storytimes teach parents how to foster early literacy skills to prepare their children for learning to read.

Monday, June 27 —A World of Art with Rich Davis 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room for preschool-grade 5. Draw and create with Rich Davis, professional artist and illustrator of "Firefighters to the Rescue" and "Tiny on the Farm." A 2011 Summer Reading Program event.



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Midtown June/July 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 Ministry—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"