

NORTH RIVERSIDE NEWS

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

April/May 2016

2016 Support Local Law Enforcement

Community Parade

April 23rd, 2016

500 N. Main St. Wichita, Ks.



For more information visit us at: supportlewichita.org

2016 NORTH RIVERSIDE GARDEN STROLL

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 18th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is the date for the 6th North Riverside Neighborhood Association's Garden Stroll. This is our main fund raiser for neighborhood projects. Committees have been busy organizing for this years tour and it promises to be another great one.

North Riverside is blessed with majestic shade trees and fertile soil. We have so many unique and beautiful plantings and garden settings that it is a pleasure to share them. We have gardens with perennials started with grandmothers' seeds to those with the newest hybrids on the market. Also we will be highlighting information on honeybees, monarch butterflies and backyard birds. Five home owners are making their yards and talents available for our project, and the ticket price is \$5.00 for the tour of all five gardens.

Johnson's Garden Centers has been a special friend to NRNA for years and again this year they will help with tour promotion and production. Tickets will be for sale early at Johnson's, at Seasonal Decorating- 2828 W 13th, and on the day of the Stroll, at each featured home.

The administrative costs of the Stroll do not come from the profits. Thanks to donations from our neighborhood businesses, we are able to apply all profits to Garden Projects to improve North Riverside. These businesses will be featured in a special flier in the June NRNA Newsletter.

We are still looking for additional volunteers, if you are able to help, contact our co-chairs, Teresa Stumpf

teresa.stumpf@sbcglobal.net 993-3949, or Teresa Hammer jetskihammer@yahoo.com 648-0361.

MINISA SWIMMING POOL- CLOSES IN 2021 FOR MORE PARK SPACE/RIVER LAUNCH SITE

The city has allocated \$18 million to spend on designing and making pool improvements through the end of 2023. In an updated aquatics plan recently presented at a City Council workshop session by the Park and Recreation Department, 5 neighborhood pools are proposed to be closed. From 2019 to 2023, pools at Boston Park, Linwood Park, McAdams, and Orchard Park would be demolished and replaced with water playgrounds (splash pads) which may combine large fountains, slides and jungle gyms. Pools at Evergreen, Alley and Edgemoor would receive significant improvements. College Hill and Harvest pools would get improvements if money was available at the end of the wave of capital projects.

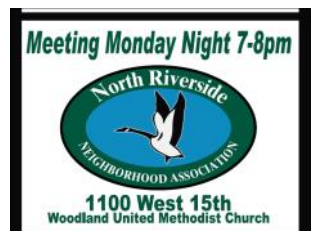
Minisa pool would be demolished and converted into park space or a recreation area tied to the Little Arkansas River in 2021. As several city council members noted, this leaves the neighborhoods in the city center without convenient access to a city swimming facility.

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NORTH RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS— PLAN TO JOIN US!

April 18 Kelly Spencer CPDT-KA, with Family Dog Training & Behavioral Center, LLC, will provide unique information about Therapy Dogs. Kansas recognizes emotional support and medical alert dogs as service dogs, protected by the ADA. Dogs who lessen the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are also recognized as service dogs. Family Dog Training & Behavioral Center can help you find a suitable dog to be trained, or assist in training your dog to be a certified service dog. Kelly specializes in dogs with complicated and sometimes challenging behavioral issues. She has been training dogs since 1998 and owns four dogs, two of which are certified Therapy Dogs, one in training to become a Therapy Dog the other practicing at being the boss of them all! "There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face." *Bern Williams*

May 16 Jackie William, Assistant Attorney General from the office of Kansas Attorney General, will bring information regarding Consumer Protection! In particular, she will share Senior Scam warnings with our group. You'll also pick up some tips on "Being a Smart Consumer!", something to help us all. Bring your questions on these and other areas regarding consumer protection and we can all leave this May meeting more alert to how we live and work in our community!





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We are looking for more Volunteers to help with Neighborhood projects and are hoping you can help us.

Our **Community Vegetable Garden** needs a small committee to organize and manage it. Matt Starkey and John Ruder have donated land and we have some hardscaping in. It is time to get the ground prepared, weeds controlled and soon we will be planting. The garden is open to all and is a great service for those who have limited sun in their yard, or need fresh vegetables. Herbs, peppers, tomatoes, beans and more— anything you want to plant and harvest. We need your help!

June 18th is our North Riverside GARDEN STROLL. Plan to join us with our preparations and to help during June 18th during the stroll.

Volunteer opportunities are a great way to get exercise, make new friends, and improve North Riverside. Call Claire 990-4407.

MINISA SWIM POOL CLOSING The five pools that are being closed were chosen because they had the least usage. Some of us are concerned that these are also the neighborhoods that need these amenities the most for water safety training, swim lessons, and the exercise a swim pool can provide. Plans are for Minisa to be gaining more park land and a river dock facility. (Yes, we have a dock at North High and another just north of 18th-both need upgrades).

The Aquatic plan will be brought to the City Council in April or May, and now you can voice your support, questions or concerns to council members or the Park and Rec Department. Do get more information, let your voice be heard and follow this issue.

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HOT at our last meeting

If you missed the program at our March meeting, it was great. Officer Nate Schwiethale described how the Wichita Homeless Outreach Team was formed and has become an award winning model training similar units across the country. Primarily due to his experiences patrolling downtown and through his efforts, this four man team was organized to provide more successful methods to deal with rising homelessness.

We were advised to choose not to provide handouts to the homeless, but to put them in contact with HOT. It is an amazing program. I would encourage you to learn more about the Homeless Outreach Team.



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Fresh Air Baby Camp, WINTER UPDATES

Work on the restoration of the Fresh Air Baby Camp/Girl Scout Little House continues, thanks to the work of many volunteers and support of local professionals and businesses.

*We received the warranty for the roofing tile from Ludowici.

*Final city inspection for the roof and support structure and all building plans have been approved.

*IES- The Illuminating Engineering Society – has donated \$500 toward purchase of LED lighting fixtures, which have been ordered with the help of Accent Lighting.

*Westar completed a design plan for a new electric pole at the East edge of the park. Thanks to Shane Price of Westar, David McQuire, Warren and Jason and others from city park maintenance, and volunteer electrician, Arnold Ozols, the trenching and installation of underground electric service has been completed. Mr. Ozols is working to bring the electric cable into the building and Westar will be installing a new pole, transformer and meter soon.

*Jayne Sanders is almost finished re-construction of our transom windows, which will be replaced over the doors.

*Thanks to volunteers from the Catacombs Youth Ministry, and Steve Jacobs, our triple-hung windows and supplies have been moved to a new location and are ready for restoration to be completed.

*COMING SOON – finish work on the windows, and interior work constructing partition walls for utility closet, restroom and foyer. Volunteers are needed! Contact Claire Willenberg for more information, 267-6080, clairew@weigand.com.

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CROWDFUNDING FOR NEW KANSAS WILDLIFE EXHIBIT SIGNAGE

The Wichita Parks Foundation (WPF) a volunteer-led 501(c)3 , and the volunteers with the Friends of the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit, have begun an online crowdfunding campaign to raise money for new educational signage at our “Little Zoo” in Riverside Park.

The signs will be durable, all-weather, full-color and vandal-resistant. Sign content will include information and illustrations about each of the exhibit’s animals, as well as additional signs celebrating the 114-year history of the zoo and the importance of our native animals.

“This is a major step in the long-term improvement plan for exhibit”, said Brent Thomas, Wichita Parks Foundation chairman. “In 2015, a large donation allowed us to address security and exhibit needs, so for this improvement, we’re asking for the community’s help. These signs will greatly enhance the educational aspects of the exhibit and increase appreciation for our native Kansas animals”.

A goal of \$35,000 has been set for the crowdfunding site. The project fundraising page can be found at www.GoFundMe.com/KWE-signage. We need your help! Please visit our site and pledge your support.

NORTH RECEIVES GOLDEN FOOTBALL

North High School received a commemorative Golden Football from the NFL as a part of the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll. The award recognizes schools and communities for their contributions to Super Bowl history.

The NFL Golden Football is in honor of Curtis McClinton, a graduate of North High School and former Kansas City Chiefs football player. McClinton was a member of both Chiefs Super bowl teams during Super Bowl I and IV, and was inducted into the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame in 1995. McClinton was also the first AFL player to score a touchdown in a Super Bowl. The Wilson Golden Football is on display in North High School’s new gym.

Please join us:
April 23rd 2016
 Parade Start 12 Noon
 500 N. Main St



Support Local Law Enforcement Community Parade

Pre-Parade Activities begin at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for Worship at

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church ELCA
 925 N. Waco 263-0810 stpauls-wichita.org



Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

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 Mon.-Fri. a.m. to 6 p.m. Year round.

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**Please come and enjoy a Spring day of Art!
Riverside musicians are welcome to come and perform!**

Browse and purchase a wonderful piece of artwork and enjoy yummy food provided! For more information, call 263.0668.



Wichita's Veterans' Memorial Park

by: Francene Sharp 316-262-5780
Just west of 2nd and Waco, this park is one of the best veteran's parks in the U.S. Visitors from other states tell us this! The park is constantly changing with new memorials

and upgrades to its walkways and grounds.

The current memorial being established is the Revolutionary War Memorial, located near the head of the park (east end) and close to the Flag Pavilion. Without this War, the United States of American would *not* be as it is today.

To date the base for the centerpiece is set, capstone has been placed on the surround wall, the bas' relief has been designed, salt-fired and placed on the wall, and 8'x8" tiles already ordered are being etched for placement on the wall. There are many more tiles available for a donation of \$100. Each tile has about 7 lines to be etched commemorating any of the following: family member involved in the War as military or volunteer, skirmish, bridge, etc. Any thing or anyone who assisted in any way can be honored, and the name of the honoree can also be placed on the tile.

Look at www.amrevwm.com for more information and take the opportunity to visit the park soon! Donate and/or purchase a tile to help us complete this 501(c)3 project backed by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. If you need help in finding one of your ancestors who might have helped in some way during the Revolution, *Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society library*, 1203 N. Main, will be able to help you. Volunteers are at the library Tues/Sat, 9am-4pm.

**TEST YOUR STREET SMARTS
WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING
ARE CITY CODE VIOLATIONS?**

- Leaving your trash container curbside
- Parking "off street" in your front or side yard
- Raking leaves and debris down the storm drain
- Not keeping your sidewalks clean/clear

ANSWER: *all of the above*

AT THE ZOO All six of the elephants (one male and five females) have settled in nicely. They are all eating and drinking well. The keeper staff has also been providing them tree branches and logs, in addition to their regular diet. The elephants are really gobbling them up.



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April 3 In the Beginning ... Seed Sunday
April 10 In Our Place ... Carpool Sunday
April 17 In This Crisis ... Recycle Sunday
April 24 In the Meantime ... Share Food Picnic at 12 pm!

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Street Safety: For Driving & Bicycling in Wichita

For People Driving

THE DOOR ZONE When opening your car door, you are required to make sure that it is safe to do so and that it can be done without interfering with the movement of other traffic, including people bicycling.

THREE-FOOT LAW People driving are required by law to pass people bicycling with a clearance of at least 3-feet.

BIKE LANES A pavement line and bike lane symbol (bicycle with single arrow) indicate that the portion of the roadway has been designated for preferential or exclusive use of people bicycling. People are not allowed to park motor vehicles in the bike lanes. In some locations bike lanes have been painted green to increase awareness and visibility of the bike lane.

Solid Bike Lane Line When the bike lane is marked with solid lane lines, then motor vehicles should only travel through the bike lane when accessing a driveway or parking space. When the bike lane at the intersection is a solid lane line, then motor vehicles should make a right turn from the travel lane to the left of the bike lane. People driving should be aware of their surroundings, look for people in the bike lane, and yield to people bicycling straight through the intersection.

Dashed Bike Lane Line When the bike lane is a dashed line, then motor vehicles can transition through the bike lane to access a designated right turn lane.

Shared Lane Markings Shared lane markings (sharrows) are pavement marking symbols that indicate an appropriate bicycle positioning in a shared travel lane. They are carefully placed to guide bicyclists to the best place to ride on the road, avoid car doors and remind drivers to share the road with cyclists. Unlike bicycle lanes, sharrows do not designate a particular part of the street for the exclusive use of bicyclists. They are simply a marking to guide bicyclists to the best place to ride and help communicate to motorists that they should expect bicyclists on the roadway. In some locations sharrows have been installed with green paint underneath. The green paint is used to increase visibility and awareness of the sharrow.

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LITTLE ZOO DAY, Friday, April 8th, 5:30-7:30pm. 700 Nims

Come and support this neighborhood gem. Ask questions and learn about the Kansas critters that live here. See our recent improvements and learn about plans for the future. Animal Crackers and Lemonade will be available for the children. Hope to see you there!

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NORTH HIGH CARDBOARD REGATTA Teresa Coons, North Star Reporter

Students in Mr. Owens AP Physics class put their skills to the test on February 2nd. Each student was given six rolls of duct tape and could use any cardboard that they could get their hands on. The students took what they learned about buoyancy, Archimedes' Principle and fluid dynamics to create small boats. The grade the students get is determined by how the boat survives, as they make their way down the pool and (hopefully) back again. Although some projects didn't complete their voyage; the class was able to learn from what they did.



DID YOU KNOW?

A boat dock for kayaks and canoes was created about two years ago by volunteers from the Ark River Coalition, spearheaded by Hoyt Hillman. It is located on the Little Arkansas just north of St. Pats and across from North Woodland Park

IT'S TIME FOR A GOOD SPRING CLEANING...

After the cloudy winter months now the sun is reappearing; all of the litter and debris seem to jump out. It appears that Wichita has more than a fair share of trash! Now that is warm enough to enjoy a walk, take a break and stroll around the neighborhood with a trash sack and pick up as you walk. Repeat often!

NORTH RIVERSIDE CALENDAR

APRIL 4- DAB Meeting- 6:30pm Evergreen Park clubroom, 2700 N. Woodland. Hear issues coming before City Council that impact our area.

APRIL 18- NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING- 7:00pm Woodland Methodist church, 15th & Payne. Learn about dog training and Therapy Dogs!

APRIL 23- Support Local Law Enforcement Parade: 12pm Downtown, Join us in walking to show our support for WPD.

APRIL 23- District 6 Coffee, Meet with our City Council rep., Janet Miller, at Downtown YMCA in the Community Room 9-10:30am. Discuss local city projects/issues.

MAY 2—DAB Meeting- 6:30pm Evergreen Park clubroom, 2700 N. Woodland. Issues coming before City Council that impact our area.

MAY 16- NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING- 7:00pm Woodland Methodist church, 15th & Payne. Jackie William, Assistant Attorney General will share information on Consumer Protection.

MAY 21 - District 6 Coffee with Janet Miller

JUNE 4— TRI-NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

JUNE 18—NRNA GARDEN STROLL!

MAY 30 - MINISA POOL OPENS

Next North Riverside News Deadline

May 15, 2016

Contact Claire W, 990-4407

National Bike to Work Day May 20

40% of all trips in the U.S. are less than two miles, making bicycling a feasible and fun way to get to work. With increased interest in healthy, sustainable and economic transportation options, it's not surprising that, from 2000 to 2013, the number of bicycle commuters in the U.S. grew by more than 62 percent.

CELEBRATE SPRING! Walk with your team!

Kansas Trails, The Best Hiking, Biking and Riding in the Sunflower State will be featured at the opening day of the Kansas –grown Farmers Market, 21st & Ridge Road on Saturday April 2, 8am to noon. Jonathan Conard writes about great places he researched throughout Kansas.

And walking across Kansas, or similar distances in our own neighborhoods and parks, is the theme of Walk Kansas, an annual walking program by KSU Extension. Locally that's Sedgwick County which also encourages walking for fun, safety and health in neighborhoods and parks. Form a 6-person team online at www.walkkansas.org to walk between April 3 and May 28. More information is also at the Walk tab of www.Bikewalkwichita.org.

North High Riverfest

is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th, 2:30-6pm and features food booths and club floats.



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LITTLE ZOO DAY In Riverside Park

700 Nims

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