

# NORTH RIVERSIDE NEWS

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

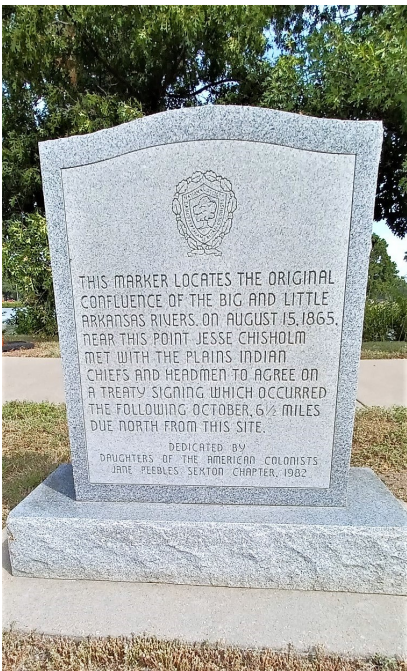
December 2023/January 2024



## NOVEMBER 14TH POT LUCK DINNER

We recently held our annual Thanksgiving Get-together.

We had a great turnout as we gathered with old friends and made new ones. The food was scrumptious and the entertainment spectacular. The Knocknasheega were back "by popular demand." This band plays a mix of traditional folk and modern favorites from Ireland, Scotland, where ever Celts roam. Some of their tunes are hundreds of years old. Plus three of the musicians are our neighbors! You can catch their next performance December 30th at the Artichoke! Special thanks to John Todd for arranging for the turkey purchase from Dillons, to Barbara Hammond for help with the decorations, to all the great cooks who shared their creations, and to the many neighbors who washed dishes and cleaned up the meeting room. It was another successful group effort. We are also grateful for our partnership with Woodland United Methodist Church. They generously provide our meeting spaces, participate in our neighborhood projects, and create out-reach opportunities for all in our community.



## HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS MARKER?

I'm curious if it has been there but I had not noticed it. Do you know how long it has been there? Please let me know.

If you don't know where this is located, can you find it?

The inscription reads:

"This marker locates the original confluence of the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers. On August 15, 1865, near this point Jesse Chisholm met with the Plains Indian Chiefs and headmen to agree on a treaty signing which occurred the following October, 6 1/2 miles due north from this site."

It was dedicated by Daughter of the American Colonists in 1982, so maybe it has been there since that dedication. I'm glad I finally saw it; it is a good thing to know. *Claire W*

MARK THE DATE

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

No meeting in December, but MARK YOUR CALENDAR- Our Neighborhood gathers **Monday, January 15th**, 7pm at Woodland Methodist Church, 1100 W 15th. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** We are working to schedule an entertaining and educational program. Watch your email and/or our Facebook page for more information.



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### NRNA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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**STAY CONNECTED, JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE** and watch for neighborhood events, questions and updates:

### Wichita's North Riverside Neighborhood

### JOIN US IN MAKING 2024 A BANNER YEAR FOR NORTH RIVERSIDE!

Volunteer to represent our neighborhood by serving on the WIN Board– Wichita Independent Neighborhoods is an organization of neighborhoods, businesses, property owners, and renters that come together to pursue common interests and community goals. WIN strives to give our member neighborhoods and individuals a voice and an advocate as they work to make their area a great place to live!

Help with our main fundraiser– our GARDEN STROLL. Can you open your garden for the tour, or help with organizing and/or working during the event this summer?

Participate in neighbor meetings and events; offer your ideas for activities or improvements. Stay involved!

**REMINDERS: As the holidays approach, please be mindful of boxes put out for recycling or trash. You don't want to advertise to anyone what goodies are in your house.**

**THIS NEWSLETTER** is delivered by your neighbors, **but we need your help.** We walk six times a year and we have delivery routes of various lengths available. Call Claire to volunteer at 990-4407.



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Free dinner from 5:30 – 6:30 Free Hobbies and Skills (HAS) class from 6:30-7:15

HAS Class Topics:

- 6-Dec Make an Evergreen Swag Decoration
- 13-Dec Czech Wine Cork Wood Turning Demonstration
- 20-Dec NO CLASS
- 27-Dec NO CLASS
- 3-Jan Command Spanish
- 10-Jan Command Spanish
- 17-Jan Command Spanish
- 24-Jan BridgesICT Presentation
- 31-Jan First Aid/CPR Class from Sedgwick County EMS

**13TH WAS NOT ALWAYS AN ARTERIAL STREET**

September 19, 1923

8. City Manager Elliott will recommend to city commission the condemnation of property between Garland and 13th street north of Oak Park, and the Little River bank in that area, to allow the joining of 13th with Garland and the River Boulevard.



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**27 DECEMBER, 2023 1 P.M.**  
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 IN RIVERSIDE PARK  
 720 N. NIMS



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## Blood Drive Benjamin Hills/Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall  
 2555 N Hyacinth Ln  
 Wichita, KS 67204

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To make your lifesaving appointment call 1-800-Red Cross, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or download the Blood Donor App. Search sponsor code: BenjaminHills

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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### Join Us for Worship Sundays

St. Paul's (English) – 10:00 a.m.

Mision San Juan de Dios(Spanish)12:30pm.

Mid-week Advent Worship

7:00 p.m. November 30, December 7, 14

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

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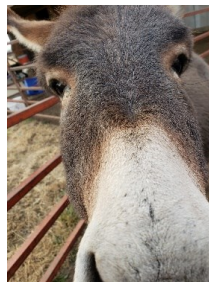
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## BARNYARD CHRISTMAS

On December 17 from 1:30-3 p.m., Woodland United Methodist Church will host its annual Barnyard Christmas on the church lawn. During this guided tour, folks will encounter several characters from the birth story of Jesus, get to pet and feed some furry friends, and make a souvenir Christmas ornament to take home.



Refreshments will be served, and cookies will be sold by our United Methodist Women's group to help with their Missions Fund that provides help to those in need. The tour will start on the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Payne by the Woodland sign, and tour guides will provide directions from there. The event is free and open to the public.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in Fellowship Hall or canceled, so be sure to check our Facebook page on the 17<sup>th</sup> to confirm the event and its location.



# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



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**DEC 11- DAB MEETING 6:30pm** in person at Evergreen Community Center, 2601 N Arkansas. Watch live via Zoom and on the [District 6 Facebook page](#). Visit the [District 6 web page](#) for the most up-to-date info.

**JAN 8- DAB MEETING 6:30pm** in person at Evergreen Community Center, 2601 N Arkansas. watch live via Zoom and on the [District 6 Facebook page](#).

**JAN 15– Martin Luther King Day**

**JAN 15– NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING 7pm– 8pm**, Woodland Methodist Church 1100 W 15th. Meet with your neighbors, community police officer , and make new friends.

**JAN 29– Kansas Day–** Our state is 163! Fly a flag, display your sunflowers, or celebrate anything Kansas!

**Next North Riverside News Deadline  
January 15, 2024**  
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## **77th ANNUAL CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
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Saturday, January 27, 2024  
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**\*WELCOME 2024 \* BE CONSIDERATE\*  
CELEBRATE SAFELY**

On January 29, 2024, Kansas will celebrate its 163rd birthday!

## **KANSAS DAY—JANUARY 29TH**

Kansas entered the Union as the 34th state on January 29th, 1861. Do something special for our state's birthday– wear a sunflower, visit a museum, read a book on Kansas.



## **Did you know??**

Kansas makes more airplanes than anywhere else on earth. Over 250,000 aircraft have been made in Kansas since 1919.

It would take one train stretching from western Kansas to the Atlantic Ocean to carry all the wheat grown in Kansas each year. That wheat could bake 36 billion loafs of bread.

Kansas is in the top 10 in the United States for producing beef, sunflowers, flour, hay, corn and soybeans.

The Sunflower has between 1000 and 2000 individual flowers joined at the base. The large, yellow petals are individual flowers that do not develop into seeds.

Kansas averages 300 sunny days a year.

There are three astronauts from Kansas - Joe Engle, Ron Evans and Steve Hawley. Evans even went to the moon.

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#### Meet the Kansa

*The state of Kansas is named after the Kansa. The Kansa are American Indians who once lived in eastern Kansas. Today they call themselves the Kaw. Some Kaw live in Kansas today.*

**How did they live?**

A Kansa house was made from a frame of wooden poles that formed a circle. The poles were stuck into the ground at one end. When the poles were tied together at the top, they created a dome. This wooden frame was covered with animal skins, tree bark, and woven grass mats. The Kansa houses were big enough to house two families.

The Kansa gathered food from the plants near where they lived. They also grew corn, beans, pumpkins, and melons in gardens near their homes. For meat the Kansa liked buffalo. They also ate deer, rabbits, and other small animals and fish.

Twice a year the Kansa left their villages to hunt buffalo in central and western Kansas. When they were on a buffalo hunt they lived in tipis that could be carried with them.