

NORTH RIVERSIDE NEWS

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

February/March 2024



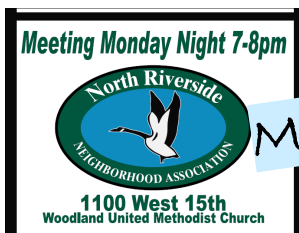
NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING

JAN 15, 2024

We had a great turnout as many neighbors braved the cold to meet with our city council representative. Our guest, Maggie Ballard, is also our newly elected Vice-Mayor—congratulations to Maggie! We were updated on several issues and discussed our concerns and questions.

Some of the topics included Delano parkway, affordable housing initiatives, city tree policy and tree planting in “hot” spots, plans for new fire station placement and the move from temporary station at 13th/West back to Coolidge/21st, initiatives to fill our fire and police department vacancies, and neighborhood safety. Vincent Hancock, and representatives from WIN also joined us to listen Maggie and to our concerns as a neighborhood. Vince brought current plans for the upcoming Delano pike/park pathway that he and Maggie + others have been working on diligently. Officer Soto also presented an overview of activity in North Riverside during the past two months and was available for other questions and comments.

Thank you to our guests and neighbors for your participation!



MARK THE DATE

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- Our Neighborhood gathers **Monday, March 18th, 7pm** at Woodland Methodist Church, 1100 W 15th. Our guest speaker is North Riverside resident, Dr. Lisa Gilbert who will tell us about **“Growing up in Africa.”** Dr. Gilbert is a Family Medicine physician on faculty at Via Christi Family Medicine Residency Program in Wichita, KS. Although born in Springfield, Missouri, she grew up in Kenya and Togo. She has worked in rural full spectrum practice in Lakin, KS for 3 years, along with medical work in Niger, Liberia, Cameroon and Egypt. She recently relocated to Wichita to join faculty and equip family medicine residents as they serve locally and around the world. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

LOVE BUGS AT KANSAS WILDLIFE EXHIBIT

Sunday, Feb. 11 at 1pm.

Join the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit, Riverside and McCormick School Museum for creatures, crafts and cookies at this Valentine's Day themed event in Central Riverside Park! Sponsored by Retreat to Joy.



This is a RETEST!

We are working toward offering our newsletter in Spanish and in English. By scanning this QR code, you should be linked to a page for North Riverside on the Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN) web site. Our most recent newsletters can be found here.



Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN) is an organization of neighborhoods, businesses, property owners, and renters that come together to pursue common interests and community goals. WIN strives to give member neighborhoods and individuals a voice and an advocate as they work to make their area a great place to live!



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IT TAKES A NEIGHBORHOOD



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WOODLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DECEMBER

Photo by John Todd

NRNA is so thankful for the support of this neighborhood church. The doors are always open for our meetings, staff and members participate in our events, and the church has many programs that reach out to our families and schools. Woodland Methodist Church is an amazing asset for our community. Thank you!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS - SUNDAY, MARCH 10

and the good news....

SPRING STARTS (VERNAL EQUINOX)- TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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Wichita's North Riverside Neighborhood

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'Snow Diggity' Track the Hilariously Named Wichita Snow Plows

WICHITA GAVE SOME TRULY CLEVER NAMES TO THEIR SNOW PLOWS, what's your favorite?

by Thomas White, Posted in The Wichita VOICE

New to Wichita this year are names for the city's over 70 snow plows, salt & sand trucks that clear the roads for area drivers. The city gave some rather comical names to the trucks with names like "EisenPlower," "William Scrape-speare," and "Every day I'm Shovelin." Residents can also track the plows and their progress in clearing roads on the city's website at wichita.gov. Here's a full list of the real names for Wichita's snow fleet, and hats off to Megan Lovely, Communications Manager with the City of Wichita for the word play:



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 No More Mr. Ice Guy
 Not Snow Fast
 Only Have Ice for You
 Ope, Just Gonna Plow Right Past Ya
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 Snow Place Like Home
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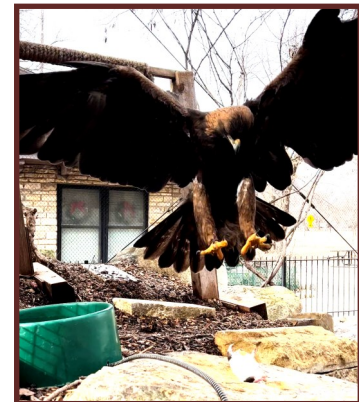
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A WICHITA TRADITION

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Saturday, March 16. We're back for 2024!



All day fun from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The itinerary includes:
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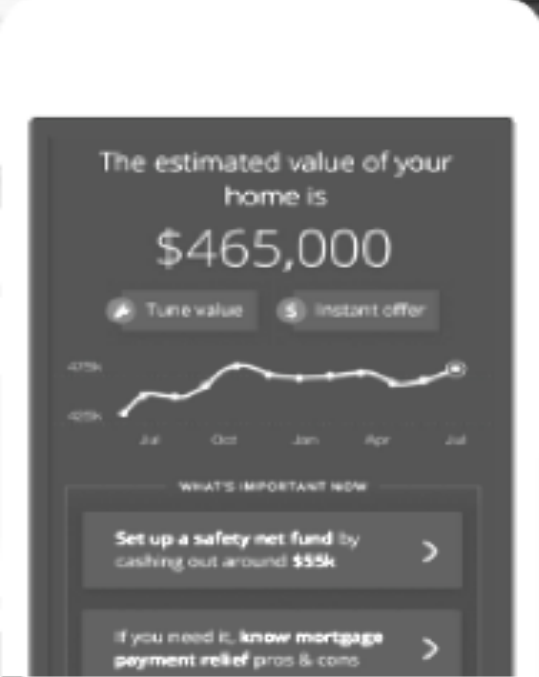
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Groundhog Day

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A LEAP DAY OCCURS IN A LEAP YEAR,

which is a year with an inserted period of time. Leap days are necessary because an astronomical year—the time it takes for Earth to complete its orbit around the Sun—is about 365.25 days, while a calendar year is 365 days. People born on Leap Day are called 'Leaplings'. There are only about 5 million people in the whole world who were born on February 29, with the odds of being born on Leap Day standing at about 1-in-1,461.





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ICT TREES IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION IN WICHITA, DEDICATED TO OUR COMMUNITY'S TREE CANOPY.

Their next event will be 2024 Urban Tree Fest on April 27, the day after Arbor Day, at L. W. Clapp Park. The tree being hugged can be found there! Watch our April newsletter for more information.

KSNW— The City of Wichita will be planting over 1,000 trees to tackle heat islands across Wichita.

Council member Maggie Ballard held a public meeting on Wednesday afternoon at [Emporia Park](#) to discuss how the lack of an extensive tree canopy contributes to the area being identified as a heat island by NASA.

After extensive outreach and public input, the Wichita City Council approved a tree policy for the city on Tuesday. "Our goal for the tree policy is to lessen the effect of heat islands across our community," said Ballard. "Implementing a tree policy isn't just about creating a nice green backdrop for our city, although that's a bonus. It's about setting up our community for a better, healthier future. By planting more trees, we're not just making the city look prettier. We're also fighting climate change and making sure we all breathe a bit easier."

City of Wichita Arborist Gary Farris says from East Central Avenue and North Broadway Street, up to East 21st Street North and North Grove Street is the most significant heat island, or with the least tree canopy out of the 17 in the city. "We chose this area to plant over 1,000 trees, I believe it's 1,382 trees in that area. To help increase the tree canopy overall," said Farris. Farris is also encouraging homeowners in the area to plant trees.

The City of Wichita is partnering with Seeders, Inc. to not only plant the trees but care for them for the next two years. City arborist: 'Planting rates are not keeping up with our removal rates'. We did remove about 2,000 trees last year from street right-of-way and the parks. Efforts to increase the number of trees planted are already under way. However, the City of Wichita can plant in only about 10% of the land in Wichita, and there are other constraints such as utilities and specific land use. The rest of the land in the city is privately owned, which means that private property owners are encouraged to plant trees as well.

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MORE ABOUT BALD EAGLES

BALD EAGLES ARE BIG. Adults measure from 30 to 40 inches from head to tail, with a **7-8 foot wingspan**, and weigh from 8 to 14 pounds. The female is larger than the male.

THEY MATE FOR LIFE, building huge nests in the tops of large trees near rivers, lakes, and other wetlands. The adults will often return to the same nest year after year making additions to the nest each year. Some nests can reach up to 10 feet across and weigh up to 2000 pounds. According Dan Mulhern, USFWS, the majority of eggs are laid in February in Kansas. Wintering eagles arrive here in December with concentrations peaking in January and February. Eagles are most active between 7am to 9am and 4 pm to 5 pm.

THE DISTINCTIVE WHITE HEAD AND TAIL FEATHERS appear when the eagles mature at 4 or 5 years old. Bald eagles are believed to live 30 years or longer in the wild.

BALD EAGLE POPULATIONS STARTED TO DECLINE IN THE LATE 1940'S coinciding with the introduction of the pesticide DDT. Breeding pairs dropped to about 450 in the lower 48 states. They were designated as an endangered species in 1978. The banning of DDT and other recovery efforts have helped the bald eagle to recover. In 2007, the bald eagle was removed from the federal list of threatened and endangered species. A wintering population survey of North America in 1997 resulted in a count of 96,648 individuals, with about 75% occurring in Alaska and British Columbia. **KANSAS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE 137 BREEDING PAIRS IN 2024.**

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RIVERSIDE IGA

This grocery store was located at 810 W 13th, where the Electrical Training School is now. I found this “shopping list” in a desk drawer recently, and wondered who else remembers the store. We shopped there and I remember walking there as a child to pick up a last minute item. When it closed contents were auctioned, and we ended up with the large maple butcher’s chopping block in our kitchen.

NORTH RIVERSIDE CALENDAR

FEB 11- JOIN THE LOVE BUGS AT KANSAS WILDLIFE EXHIBIT, 1PM

FEB 12- 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.

MARCH 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](#).

MARCH 18- NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING
7pm- 8pm, Woodland Methodist Church 1100 W 15th. Interact with our guest speaker, Dr. Lisa Gilbert, meet with your neighbors and community police officer, and make new friends.

**Next North Riverside News Deadline
March 15, 2024**
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WHAT HAPPENS AT DAB MEETINGS?

The DAB receives staff reports from the Wichita Police Department, Fire Department, Wichita Park and Recreation, and the Public Library; hears presentations from City staff and community partners; and votes on zoning cases. Meetings are open to the public, and resident feedback and questions are encouraged. The meeting agenda includes links to upcoming presentations and staff reports, and it is posted on the city website the Wednesday prior to the meeting.



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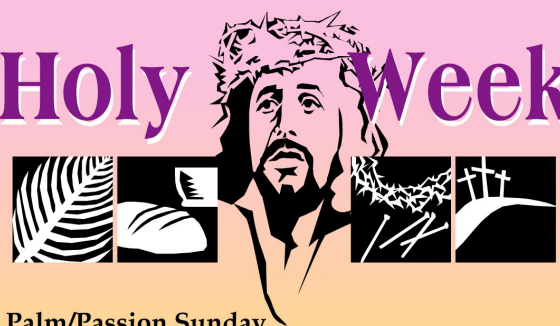


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Ash Wednesday
February 14, 12 noon & 7pm

Holy Week



Palm/Passion Sunday
Saturday, March 23, 5pm
Sunday, March 24, 10:30am

Vigil of Easter Saturday
March 30, 7pm

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 7pm

Easter Sunday
March 31
9:15am Brunch
10:00am Egg Hunt
10:30am Eucharist

Good Friday
March 29, 7pm



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