

# NORTH RIVERSIDE NEWS

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

April/May 2024

## TRANSMISSION AND SUBSTATION UPGRADES IN WICHITA'S MIDTOWN AND RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS

Evergry is evaluating options for upgrading outdated and aging transmission lines and substations in Wichita's Midtown and Riverside neighborhoods, and later through the Riverside Park system to the Plaza Plant next to the Keeper. They will upgrade this electrical infrastructure to ensure the equipment meets modern standards for reliability and safety. **AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC APRIL 16 BETWEEN 5 AND 7 P.M. AT THE MINISA SHELTER HOUSE.** They will share preliminary design information for the transmission line rebuild between the substation at 17th Street and Emporia to the substation at 11th Street and Jefferson or line rebuild between the substation at 11th Street and Jefferson to the substation at 777 West Central Avenue.

This rebuild will be done in phases. **This open house will address the segment along 11th Street only.** Attendees can review tentative plans, including preliminary pole types, pole size ranges and approximate pole locations, and provide feedback, which will be considered as final designs are developed. A near-final design will be shown at a second open house prior to construction.

After evaluating options, they have determined that the preliminary design for that transmission line rebuild will follow the existing route. Surveyors have requested right-of-way access from homeowners to perform soil testing to gather information crucial to determining the design of the line. This project is currently planned for 2026. **Please plan to attend April 16th. These upgrades will eventually effect all of us.**

### Chairman Baty's top ten objectives/area of interest for Sedgwick County in 2024:

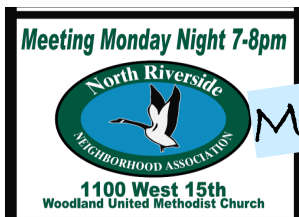
1. Staffing Stability and Compensation Enhancements especially in public safety sectors
2. Property tax reform and reduction of county dependence on tax revenue
3. Homelessness plan development
4. Community paramedic model
5. Fire District unification
6. Functional consolidation opportunities to counter growing coast of government
7. Juvenile corrections campus
8. COMCARE collaboration – how to best position COMCARE to meet growing behavioral health issues
9. Annexation clean up
10. Northwest Expressway- a project in discussion for 30+ years

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



<https://winwichita.org/north-riverside/>

Estamos ofreciendo nuestro boletín en español y en inglés. Al escanear este código QR, se le vinculará a una página de North Riverside en el sitio web de Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN). Nuestros boletines más recientes se pueden encontrar aquí.



**MARK THE DATE**

**North Riverside Neighborhood Association**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- Our Neighborhood gathers **Monday, May 20th**, 7pm at Woodland Methodist Church, 1100 W 15th. Our guest speaker is Ryan Baty, chair of the Board of County Commissioners for Sedgwick County, and our representative for the 4th District. Ryan was born and raised in Wichita, graduating from Wichita Northwest High School in 1999. From there, Ryan received an athletic scholarship to play baseball at the University of Kansas where he studied Strategic Communications and History. He earned a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Newman University in 2014. Some of the issues of interest to Ryan are listed above. Bring your questions and suggestions for our County Commissioners. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



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### ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR?

Choosing to live in a neighborhood is an important decision that comes with responsibility. Being a responsible neighbor helps keep the community clean, safe, attractive, and a good place to live.

**The following is a property self-evaluation provided by the City:**

1. My trash can be seen from the street (not on pick-up day).
2. I have building material, furniture, and/or appliances in my yard, which can be seen from the street or my neighbor's property.
3. **I have a vehicle parked in the grass in my front yard.**
4. I have a car that does not work, or isn't legally tagged, parked on my property or on the street.
5. My grass is more than 12 inches high.
6. I have broken windows.
7. The outside of my house has peeling paint, missing siding, or rotted wood.
8. My fence is falling down or has boards missing
9. There are unfenced areas around my swimming pool.
10. My roof has missing or lifted shingles.
11. I have trash, cans, twigs/tree limbs and other debris in my yard.
12. My house numbers are covered with untrimmed vegetation or are not visible from the street.

**If you answered YES to any of the statements, you are in violation of the City of Wichita Municipal Code. Please make corrections so North Riverside can continue to be a safe and beautiful neighborhood. If you need assistance please don't hesitate to reach a NRNA Board member at the numbers listed. If you have a neighbor that is struggling to maintain their property, ask how you can help and also contact a NRNA board member. Together, we can make a difference.**

## Join Us!

**Sunday Mornings  
@ 11 a.m.  
1100 W 15th St.**



The 'Free Little Pantry' in the parking lot of Woodland United Methodist Church is always in need of donations for the needy in our neighborhood. Items that are always welcome are canned goods of all kinds, boxes of cereal, crackers, ramen noodles, and granola bars. Protein sources such as canned milk, tuna, and Spam are always appreciated. Basically anything that is non-perishable. Also paper products like toilet paper and paper towels. You may make your donations directly to the box, or during office hours you may bring them into the church.

**STAY CONNECTED, JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE** and watch for neighborhood events, questions and updates:  
**Wichita's North Riverside Neighborhood**

# MAY GATHERING—

Be sure to join us for our next neighborhood meeting when our speaker will be our County Commission Representative, Ryan Baty. This is your opportunity to hear about his priorities and challenges, and to ask your questions and offer your suggestions for improving county government.

Monday, May 20th,  
Woodland Methodist  
Church, 1100 W 15th.  
7pm. Everyone is invited.



# MARCH GATHERING

At our March 18th NRNA meeting we were treated to a delightful and very educational presentation by our guest speaker and North Riverside resident, Dr. Lisa Gilbert. She shared her experiences "Growing up in Africa" and from her subsequent trips to numerous African countries on medical missions. She is a very inspiring speaker and we are very fortunate that she has chosen to join our neighborhood.

Officer Jesus Soto was also present to update us on area activity and to answer questions.

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# EARTH DAY UNITED

A family friendly event, to create environmental awareness and foster oneness in our community.

Are you passionate about preserving our planet and building a sustainable future for all? Grassroots organization 316 United invites you to join us for Earth Day United, a vibrant celebration of Mother Earth and promoting sustainable practices within our Wichita community. We will have exhibits, speakers, social action groups, crafts and activities and community networking!



**APRIL 20TH  
1-4 PM**



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[Open Streets ICT - WSU & Shocker Neighborhood](#)  
April 14 | 12-4pm 17th Street from Oliver to Grove  
[Open Streets ICT - NoMar](#)  
May 5 | 12-4pm  
21st Street from NoMar Market to Woodland Park





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**Weekend Worship**

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**Free Community Breakfast**  
**2-5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Food Pantry (Non-perishables)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

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# CENTURY II NEW ROOF CELEBRATION APRIL 18



The beautiful new roof deserves celebrating! You are invited to a free public event on Thursday, April 18 at Mary Jane Teall Theater, Century II, from 5:30 – 7:30pm. There will be cake and refreshments to celebrate the new roof! A panel of Modernist architecture experts will speak.

The keynote speaker is “Mr. Modernism”, George Smart, from North Carolina. He is one of the few to be bestowed and Honorary AIA by the American Institute of Architects. A passionate advocate for Modernism, George is one of the nation’s leaders in raising awareness in preserving this important architectural movement.

Design Specialist Robert McLaughlin will talk about the former Central Public Library and its AIA award winning Brutalist architecture. Architect Dean Bradley will highlight Modern architecture in downtown buildings. Entrepreneur Bill Warren will be on the panel for a Q&Q discussion on updating Century II. If possible, RSVP at <https://centuryiiinewroofcelebrati.rsvpify.com/> so we have enough cake.



## Ark River Cleanup 2024

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER EVENT

Saturday, Apr 27, 2024 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Parking Lot at 1st and Waco](#)

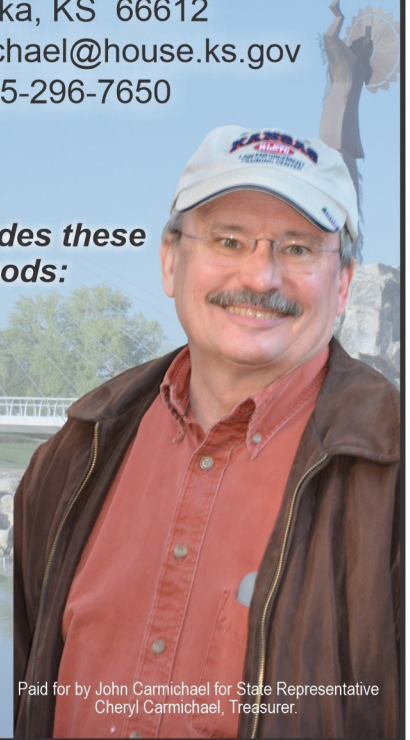
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### Join us for Wednesday Evening Ministries at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1101 N River Blvd.

Free dinner from 5:30 – 6:30

Free Childcare and Classes for all ages from 6:30-7:15

Hobbies and Skills (HAS) class topics

April 3: Breakthrough; Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Mental Illness, presented by Rachel Newell & Andy Houlberg

April 10: Kansas Wildlife Exhibit; Get up close and personal with some of our wild neighbors from the original “Riverside Zoo”, presented by Todd Volkmann

April 17: Beauties and Beasts Dog and Cat Rescue will bring a canine friend to visit as they share about their organization and how to become a foster, presented by Sarah Johnson

April 24: Riverside Bicycle Tour; Come out for an evening ride around Riverside and take in the beauty of spring. Bring your own bike, or if you prefer to borrow one from Riverside Bicycle Repair, they are free to use, thanks to proprietor Albert Pasquan. Presented by Bruce Swenson & Ryan Schober.

*We are hosting a Supply Drive for Beauties and Beasts. If you'd like to donate, please bring any of the following items to HAS Class on April 17<sup>th</sup>, or drop them off at Gloria Dei during business hours.*

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Paper towels       | Dish washer detergent | Dog treats of any kind    |
| Bleach             | Cat litter            | Chicken free dry dog food |
| Fabuloso           | Cat pellets           | food                      |
| Disinfectant Spray | Dog and Cat wet food  | Dry cat food              |
| Lemon Pine Sol     | of any type           |                           |
| Room Spray         | USA made jerky treats |                           |

# NRNA TRIANGE GARDEN

## Our landscape garden NEEDS YOU!

Volunteer to be on the maintenance crew. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am to noon, beginning on April 13th. We also have a volunteer watering group who work on a rotating schedule.

The Triangle Garden is at McKee/Coolidge/Woodrow Ct. and it provides a colorful and cheerful amenity for our neighborhood and our visitors. If you would like to join us, drop by, or contact any of our board members listed on page 2.

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**APRIL 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](#). Visit the [District 6 web page](#) for the most up-to-date info.

**DISTRICT 6 COFFEE-- Sat April 27, 9-10am** at Evergreen Community Center, 2601 N Arkansas. This event brings community engagement with meaningful conversations about local projects and issues and the opportunity to share your valuable feedback.

**MAY 13- DAB MEETING 6:30pm** in person at Evergreen Community Center, 2601 N Arkansas. Watch live via Zoom and on the [District 6 Facebook page](#).

**MAY 20-- NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING** 7pm-- 8pm, Woodland Methodist Church 1100 W 15th. Interact with our guest speaker, Sedgwick County Commission chair and our representative, Ryan Baty, meet with your neighbors and community police officer, and make new friends.

**MAY 27--MEMORIAL DAY & SWIM POOLS OPEN**

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**Minisa opens May 27th** Pool hours: 1-5pm and 6:30-8:30pm  
Mon.-Thurs. 1-6pm Fri.-Sunday  
Free Swim Saturday July 27th Minisa Pool phone— 838-9694  
Wichita Park & Recreation has partnered with the American Red Cross with a goal to reduce the number of drownings in communities by teaching children to be competent in the water. Therefore, the American Red Cross is offering scholarships to individuals to Learn To Swim.  
Starting April 23, apply for a scholarship to take a swim lesson for free at Wichita Public Swimming Pools.

**Congratulations to Alice Price, the new Riverside Citizens Association President.** Other officers remain the same: Lynn Thonet Gross, Vice President, Frankie Nordick, Media and Communications, Duane Nordick, Treasurer, Laura Elliott, Recording Secretary

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Classes are available to assist you in your quests.  
**Genealogy:** 2nd Tues. 1:30pm; 3rd Tues. 1:30pm  
**Photo Mysteries** (unlock those dated questions!); 4th Tues. 1:30pm **Daughters/Sons of the American Revolution.**

No fee for classes. Bring your questions/photos and let us help you with answers. Visit us online if you wish. In Feb. MHGS had 2,453 visitors from both direct links and search engines.

And we'd like to meet and visit with you, in person, any Tues/Sat. Come see us!!!

Wichita maintains a paved network of more than 5,200 lane miles (more than Denver and Baltimore)  
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The majority of reported potholes are patched in less than 24 hours



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