

# NORTH RIVERSIDE NEWS

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

October/November 2024

## NOVEMBER 18th is our Community Thanksgiving Dinner



**Grab your appetite, bring your favorite side dish and your table service, and join neighbors and friends as we celebrate another year of enjoying North Riverside. NRNA provides the turkey and entertainment, you provide the conversation!**

North Riverside neighborhood residents have much to be thankful for— like the many folks who share their talents and time. We have neighbors who tend our flower gardens, who participate in clean ups and other events, who arrange for visits from the Easter Bunny and other celebrities, many who advocate with the city and state for improvements or protections which will affect our area and others who volunteer to be on city advisory boards or work with non-profit groups which enhance the quality of life for all of us. We are thankful for those who organize our neighborhood meetings and projects and to our Community Police Officer for his care and concern. North Riverside is packed with people who care for their neighbors and provide support to those who need a helping hand.

We have so many amenities in our community! We can enjoy green space at two parks that we can walk to- one with a city swimming pool. We can stroll along a walking/bike path along the river that we helped fund and create. We are blessed with mature tree canopies and abundant wildlife that can make our hearts sing.

Yes, I think we can be thankful that we chose to live or work in North Riverside.

## MARK THE DATE

**Our Neighborhood will get together on Monday, November 18th** 6:30pm at Woodland Methodist Church, 1100 W 15th. Join our mini- Thanksgiving and celebrate our neighbors, friends and family. We will start this dinner at 6:30pm and should be finished by 8:00pm. We meet on the 2nd floor of Woodland Methodist Church. NRNA will provide drinks and TURKEY! Bring your family, friends, eating utensils, and if possible, a covered dish. The most important thing is to come, see old friends and make new ones.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

## HISTORIC MIDTOWN WALKING TOUR NOVEMBER 9 & 10

Hosted by Historic MidTown Association

I am excited to share Midtown will be hosting our Walking Tour this year. The tour will be held on Topeka Ave. We will be announcing the specific houses very soon.

Historic MidTown Association has sponsored the tour since 1974! We utilize the proceeds to fund projects in our neighborhood and are grateful for the support our Wichita community demonstrates.

As always we will need volunteers, we cannot make it work without all of your help. If you can volunteer please message on FB or email [makwelch@icloud.com](mailto:makwelch@icloud.com). If you volunteer a shift you are able to visit the tour for free so it is a great opportunity to help and participate.

We appreciate you sharing the information and look forward to seeing you at our Tour in November.

### 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 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.





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## NRNA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Claire Willenberg	990-4407
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### Codes/Law/Police

Patrol North Police		350-3400
CP Officer Jesus Soto	<a href="mailto:jsoto@wichita.gov">jsoto@wichita.gov</a>	
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Code Violations, Graffiti		660-9220
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Tom James, DAB VI Representative		393-4555



**Kelly Bielefeld** at our Sept 16th community meeting.

We enjoyed a timely update relating to our Wichita Public Schools and the future facility master plan the school board has approved for voter consideration next year. We learned about several new programs and goals for USD 259, and the many questions from our audience centered mainly on the upcoming bond issue. Our Vice-president, John Todd, sent Mr. Bielefeld a thank you email and received this reply: " I always appreciate the opportunity to share about the district. I didn't feel fully prepared for some of the questions that came my way. I would love to be able to follow up with anyone that has further questions. Thanks for giving the time, Kelly " If anyone does have more questions, Mr. Bielefeld can be reached by email at [kbielefeld@usd259.net](mailto:kbielefeld@usd259.net)



## NORTH RIVERSIDE NIGHT OUT

On August 13th we held a party in South Woodland Park. These are pictures of some of our guests! Plan on another outing next year for the whole neighborhood during the city's neighborhood night out.



**Join Us!**  
**Sunday Mornings @ 11 a.m.**



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- Sen. Mary Ware  
Kansas SD 25



Contact me at [mary.ware@senate.ks.gov](mailto:mary.ware@senate.ks.gov)

For appointments during session 785-296-7391

Paid for by WareforKansas Diane Britton, treasurer

## FROM CHILDREN 1st

*Submitted by Kathleen Webb, CEO*

In September, a thief stole food from the Children 1st food pantry at Woodland UMC. The program provides emergency food for homeless families living in a hotel room paid for by Children First, or families at risk of homelessness. We need your help to replace food.

Common food items:

- 1) Canned protein: chicken, beef, or tuna,
- 2) Peanut Butter,
- 3) Cereal,
- 4) Canned vegetables,
- 5) Canned fruit,
- 6) Box of rice,
- 7) beans, and
- 8) Spaghetti and sauce. Also, for the families living in the hotel, a canned food with a pull-top is a blessing.

*\*Learn more about Children 1st in their mid-year Newsletter which can be found on our neighborhood Facebook page, Wichita's North Riverside Neighborhood*

## CURIOUS ABOUT THE NEW WATER TREATMENT CENTER?

The new facility is being constructed on 40 acres along 21st Street and Hoover Road and when completed can supply 120 million gallons of water daily.

The next District 6 Coffee will be meeting at the New Water Treatment Center at the Training Room Administration/Lab Building 2120 North Hoover Road. Join us to learn more about our water treatment and an opportunity to discuss City projects and issues. **October 26th, 9—10am.**

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## November 5

Most of our neighborhood will vote at:

**Woodland United Methodist Church,  
1100 W 15th**

**Northeast corner of Payne & 15th**

You can vote early, by mail, or in person.



## Help End Hunger at Wichita CROP Hunger Walk October 6

Walk begins at 2:00 p.m. **Sunday October 6** near the Horseshoe Shelter at Sedgwick County Park. Sign-in from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Register your team or yourself at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/wichitaks>

All ages can walk!

Funds raised help the hungry around the world through Church World Service and here in Wichita. 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the funds stay local. People who raise \$50 get a t-shirt. Early t-shirt pickup on October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 925 N. Waco.

Walkers are also invited to bring jars of peanut butter for the 4 local recipient agencies. Let's walk together and make hunger a thing of the past.

For more information go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) or contact Alice Price at [amariep7819@att.net](mailto:amariep7819@att.net) or [316-841-7942](tel:316-841-7942).



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2530 W. 13th St.

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## Autumn HOME MAINTENANCE

- Power wash siding, drive and walkways
- Clean grills and outdoor furniture
- Inspect foundation and crawl space
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## WICHITA FROSTBITE REGATTA

**NOV 3, ON THE LITTLE ARKANSAS RIVER**

Hosted By: Wichita Rowing Association

This event attracts teams from across the Midwest. Races are on the Little Arkansas River and begin at the 11th street bridge and end by the Tennis Center. Plan to linger along the river and watch for your favorite racing teams!



## USD 259 FACILITY MASTER PLAN

The Wichita school board has proposed a plan for a \$450 million bond issue proposal that would support the complete rebuilding of eight schools over the next five to six years. The district would reduce its overall footprint by 11 buildings, consolidating programs into new and existing facilities and closing four elementary schools, five special schools and two administrative buildings. **Four elementaries in north central Wichita — L'Ouverture Magnet, OK, Pleasant Valley and WOODLAND — would be closed under the plan.** The draft proposal, presented by Ohio-based consultant Woolpert, comes three months after the school board voted to close six schools as a cost-saving measure. The last Wichita school bond issue was approved in 2008, when a narrow 2% margin of voters favored the \$370 million renovation and expansion package. This proposal calls for a \$450 million "zero tax increase bond." Because the 2008 bonds are almost paid off, the \$450 million could be borrowed off of those same bonds without additionally raising property taxes for residents Wichita Public Schools' boundaries. However, if a bond issue was denied, property taxes would go down once the original 2008 bonds are paid off. This new bond issue will be voted on in February.

Let us know if you would like more information on this issue as we will be following the developments.

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**Have you noticed this little one roaming around South Woodland Park?**



PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH THE PANDO INITIATIVE AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL WITH THESE TWO PROJECTS. MORE INFO ONLINE: <https://thepandoinitiative.org/>



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## Second Chance Warrant Event 9am-4pm October 24 at Evergreen

Have an old traffic ticket, or need to check? WPD has the solution.

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) is holding "Second Chance Thursday," a program providing an opportunity for citizens to quickly clear traffic warrants on their records without going through the Sedgwick County jail. This opportunity is only for city-issued traffic citation warrants that don't involve driving under the influence.

Citizens can check to see if they have active traffic warrants by going to the following link:

<http://online.wichita.gov/CourtDat.../CourtWarrantSearch.aspx>

The process to clear any traffic warrants on that day:

- Officers will verify and clear the traffic warrant; and
- Citizens will sign an appearance form and be provided a court date regarding the alleged charges.

## STAY CONNECTED, WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

for neighborhood events, questions and updates:

**Wichita's North Riverside Neighborhood**

To receive an email reminding you of North Riverside events or issues, contact Claire W. Emails are sent about 6 times a year.



More pictures of our Night Out in South Woodland Park

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## **NORTH RIVERSIDE CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 14- DAB 6 ADVISORY BOARD 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.

**OCTOBER 26- DISTRICT 6 COFFEE-** with Vice Mayor Maggie Ballard 9-10am, at the new Water Treatment Center.

### **NOVEMBER 3- FROSTBITE REGATTA**

**NOVEMBER 4- DAB 6 ADVISORY BOARD 6:30pm** in person at Evergreen Community Center, 2601 N Arkansas. Watch live via Zoom and on the District 6 Facebook page.

**NOVEMBER 5- Tuesday is General Election Day!** Polls are open from 6:00am - 7:00pm. North RS votes at Woodland Methodist Church.

**NOVEMBER 18- NEIGHBORHOOD THANKSGIVING GATHERING** 6:30pm Woodland Methodist Church 1100 W 15th. NRNA provides the Turkey. Meet neighbors and make new friends.

### **Next North Riverside News Deadline**

**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.

**State Representative John Carmichael**  
Kansas House of Representatives, 92nd District

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## **VETERANS DAY PARADE**

**Saturday, November 9, 11 a.m.**

Start on Main St in between Murdock and Central. It will go down Min to First Street, turn right/west, go down First to McLean, and end at Exploration Place. The theme for this year's parade is "Veterans Strong — Honoring Generations of Kansas Heroes." The event honors all military veterans, and this year, parade organizers want to particularly recognize Kansas families with generation after generation of military service.



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