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Prevention

As important as protection is, prevention is arguably more important. After all, if you take steps to control mosquitoes, and prevent them from taking over your property in the first place, you'll minimize the need for protection.

Eliminate breeding sites by getting rid of standing water anywhere and everywhere - clogged gutters, drain outlets from air conditioners, dripping faucets, old tires, children's wading tools, overirrigated and poorly drained lawns, saucers under potted plants, tree stumps and tree holes, watering cans and buckets, and wheelbarrows.

If you were to walk around your property, especially after it rains and you will find plenty of other places where water collects.

Naturally there are some places where you want water to remain such as a birdbath or pond. In situations like that, all you really need is a Bt doughnut. *Bacillus thuringiensis*, or Bt, is still the most effective way to control mosquitoes in standing water, and it isn't toxic to birds or fish. A granular form of Bt can be sprinkled into the water. If you have enough fish they will eat all the larva.



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Notable Upcoming Events

Dundee Day August 27th - A full day of fun for the whole family.

The 40th Anniversary of the building of Sorensen Library and Recreation Center

Help Celebrate Saturday, August 20, 2016 10 a.m.-Noon
Lots of fun activities Refreshments will be served.

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

3114 Harney Street All are welcome

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People's Film Festival

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Mark your Calendar

The second annual **Joslyn Castle Sunday Flea Market** returns to the Castle grounds on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Admission is \$5 per person.

The Flea Market will be held from 11 AM to 4 PM on our regularly scheduled tour Sunday, so attendees to the flea market will also get to enjoy a self-guided Castle tour, in addition to searching for your next treasure. Food trucks, including Kona Ice and B-skew'd, will be on hand to keep you satisfied while you shop!

We had a fantastic crowd last year, and we look forward to welcoming even more guests this year.

Restoration Exchange Omaha presents

2016 FALL TOUR:

AKSARBEN NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016

Noon to 5:00pm

More info to follow

Holland Lecture Series

Save the Date

Wednesday, October 26

Speaker: Joseph H. Carens

Topic: "The Ethics of Immigration"

More info to follow.

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"\$118,500 "	5527 Hickory St	2	1	1	R Ranch	968
"\$122,000 "	1415 S 60 St	2	2	1	Ranch	"1,434"
"\$135,000 "	5220 Mason St	3	1	1	Mlti-Lvl	"1,310"
"\$140,000 "	818 S 49th Ave	3	2	2	1.5 Story	"1,163"
"\$150,000 "	5824 Rees St	2	1	1	1.5 Story	880
"\$152,000 "	5552 Decatur St	2	2	1	Mlti-Lvl	"1,374"
"\$154,000 "	6215 S Pacific St	4	3	1	1.5 Story	"1,781"
"\$157,500 "	5911 Pierce St	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,844"
"\$165,000 "	1620 N 56 St	3	2	1	R Ranch	"1,840"
"\$165,000 "	4674 Woolworth	3	1	1	1.5 Story	"1,196"
"\$166,000 "	6208 Pierce	2	2	1	R Ranch	"1,708"
"\$168,000 "	6132 Pierce St	2	1	3	R Ranch	"1,373"
"\$170,000 "	611 N 47th St	3	2	2	2 Story	"1,815"
"\$175,000 "	5728 Mason St	2	2	1	Ranch	"1,540"
"\$185,000 "	5416 Lafayette St	4	2	1	Ranch	"1,903"
"\$195,000 "	5001 Blondo St	4	2	1	1.5 Story	"2,290"
"\$215,000 "	5018 Cuming St	3	2	0	2 Story	"1,489"
"\$216,000 "	634 S 51st Street	3	2	0	1.5 Story	"2,036"
"\$218,500 "	956 S 58 Street	3	2	2	1.5 Story	"2,178"
"\$220,000 "	316 S 68 Street	3	3	2	Ranch	"2,520"
"\$222,000 "	5602 Briggs Street	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,536"
"\$228,000 "	1311 S 52 Street	3	3	1	2 Story	"2,145"
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"\$450,000 "	5119 Chicago St	4	3	1	2 Story	"2,855"
"\$455,000 "	5203 Cuming St	5	4	2	2.5 Story	"3,373"
"\$505,000 "	762 N 57 Ave	3	3	2	1.5 Story	"2,978"
"\$638,200 "	5410 IZARD Street	5	5	2	2.5 Story	"3,839"
"\$900,000 "	306 N 68 Street	4	4	3	1.5 Story	"6,014"
"\$1,552,500 "	6424 Chicago St	6	6	3	2.5 Story	"6,245"

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If you are located in midtown and have events, fundraisers or other news of interest to Midtown residents and businesses, please send a brief description to midtownmonitor.omaha@gmail.com

Please try to send **at least one month in advance** of event whenever possible.

Check our website for even more midtown events www.midtownmonitor.com

2016 Farmers Markets

Omaha Farmers Market - Aksarben Village

67th & Center St. 402.345.5401
Sunday 9am–1 pm May 8–October 16

Benson- Military Ave.

Omaha Home For Boys
Saturday 8am–1pm
May –September



Gifford Park Neighborhood 33rd & California St.

402.558.4070
Friday 4pm–8pm May 27th–September

Omaha Farmers Market - Old Market

11th & Jackson St.
402.345.5401
Saturday 8am–12:30pm May 7–October 15

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Exploring Humanistic Perspectives in Literature:

With Ron Knapp Oh, the Things You Can Think: The Wacky World of Dr. Seuss

Tuesday, August 23 at 7pm in the Common Room. Set in an atmosphere that attempts to combine elements of a coffee house and a readers theater, we seek to bring together humanists and others interested in literature to listen to readings and to take part in the conversation. From Dr. Seuss: "Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope and that enables you to laugh at life's realities."

hutchFEST Debuts in Omaha's Turner Park August 13th

On August 13, 2016 hutch in Midtown Crossing is throwing Nebraska's largest Maker's Fair in Turner Park. Owners Nick Huff, 29 and Brandon Beed, 32 strive to support makers across the Midwest and create unique experiences in Omaha.

hutchFEST emerges as a one-day community and artisan celebration in Midtown Crossing at Turner Park, with over 100 highly curated vendors from across the Midwest. This vibrant gathering cultivates and showcases the freshest talent from the very best in modern maker design, quality handmade goods and relevant found objects. Get inspired, harness your creativity and experience this lively marketplace surrounded by local bites, local brews and live music.

"We currently support and sell from over 40 local makers at hutch, and are always looking for other opportunities to support our larger Midwest community of makers. hutchFEST is our opportunity and continued commitment to finding and providing a marketplace for talented artisans across the Midwest," - Nick Huff

"Over the past year, our team has visited Kansas City, Des Moines, Minneapolis, Denver and areas all across Nebraska in search of the best of the best in artisan design. We are very excited to showcase this talent right here in our backyard." – Brandon Beed
All things hutchFEST can be found at www.hutchfest.co (tickets, vendors, etc).

- The event is 10am–6pm in Turner Park in Midtown Crossing on Aug. 13th.
- Tickets for the General Public are \$5 and can be purchased at www.hutchfest.co, at the gate the day of the event or at hutch anytime.
- Ample parking will be available in all of the Midtown Crossing parking garages.
- The event is kid and pet friendly
- DJ Brent Crampton, Jocelyn Muhammad and others will be providing live music performances.
- Heartland United for Animals will be at the event, and attendees will have the opportunity to pet and adopt dogs from the no-kill animal shelter.
- Midtown Crossing restaurants will be serving up food and drink at the event.
- Event is kid and pet friendly.

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An Omaha Public Library card may be your most valuable school supply

Summer days are numbered and it's almost time to get back into the back to school routine. With most Omaha area schools kicking off classes by mid-August, Omaha Public Library would like to remind Omaha and Douglas County residents of the many ways their library card can be used to help make the grade!

- Borrow books, videos, DVDs, CDs and magazines.
- Download music, books, audio and more.
- Access the Internet.
- Get free, live homework help (in Spanish or English) from tutor.com.
- Find online practice exams for a variety of subjects and age groups using Learning Express.
- Research using online databases (available 24/7) including Explora, MasterFILE & Primary Search.
- Get help with homework and use the library as a study space.
- Access newspapers, magazines and journals online for papers and projects.
- Visit guides.omahalibrary.org/homeschooleducation for a list of recommended home school resources like books, websites, kits, library services and more.

OPL will also offer a variety of back to school events to help students prepare for a successful school year. All events are free and open to the public, though registration may be required.

- Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2 p.m. at Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 N. 90th St., 402-444-6284. Basic Back to School Skills: Kids can make a fun craft project while practicing fine motor skills.
- Friday, Aug. 5, 3 p.m. at Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave., 402-444-4849. Back to School Games and Activities: Fun games and activities will help to invigorate kids' minds before heading back to school.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m. at W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 S. 15th St., 402-444-4800. Back to School Storytime.

- Thursday, Aug. 11, 2 p.m. at Charles B. Washington Branch. Back to School Movie Day.
- Friday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. at Wenninghoff Farm, 6707 Wenninghoff Rd. Explore Weights and Measures: This program is for school-aged children and is inspired by the book "How Much Does a Ladybug Weigh?" by Alison Limentani. Call Melanie at 402-444-6284 for more information.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1 p.m. at W. Dale Clark Main Library. Back to School Party: Be a smart cookie and celebrate the start of a new school year at our free ice cream and cookie party! Elementary, middle school, and high school students are invited to stop by for treats, games, and crafts.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17, 4:30 p.m. at A.V. Sorensen Branch, 4808 Cass St., 402-444-5274. Back to School Craft: Elementary school students can make their own pencil toppers and locker magnets.
- Tuesday, Aug. 23, noon, at Milton R. Abrahams Branch. Home School Advisory Luncheon: Lunch will be followed with curriculum enhancing activities for all school age children. Parents will be given time to network. Registration is required. Call Melanie at 402-444-6284 for more information.
- Thursday, Aug. 25, 2 p.m. at Millard Branch, 13214 Westwood Ln., 402-444-4848. Home School Resource Fair: Prepare for the school year by joining us for demonstrations of the newest and most popular library resources for homeschooling families. Learn about upcoming library and community programs, and enter to win fun door prizes.

OPL offers educational opportunities for all ages year-round, including adult basic education classes, English as a Second Language, and GED prep. Visit omahalibrary.org for information about additional programs offered at Omaha Public Library's 12 metro locations.

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Modern Artists Midtown (MAM)

3615 Dodge St. 402-520-8737

www.modernartsmidtown.com

Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

August 5 to 26

Sora Kimberlain: Eloquence in Stone: Featuring new work by Sora Kimberlain with contributions by MAM Gallery artists. Opening reception, Friday, August 5, 6 to 8 p.m.



Cathedral Arts Project, Sunderland Gallery

3900 Webster St.

402-551-4888

www.cathedralartsproject.org

Gallery hours: Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

third Sunday of each month

August 23 to September 27

De-constructing Kimball

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402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August 19 to September 3

Tiny Artwork Exhibition: Furniture by Tom Sitzman

Artist Reception, Friday, August 19, 5 to 9 p.m.

Anderson O'Brien Fine Art Old Market

1108 Jackson Street 402-884-0911 www.aobfineart.com

Gallery hours: Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30

p.m., Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 12

July 8 to August 12

Shedding Light—Jane Booth

Opening Reception, Friday, July 8, 6 to 9 p.m.

the little gallery

5917 Maple St. 402.681.1901

<https://polecatcommunications.com/the-little-gallery>

Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday from 3 to 6pm;

Benson First Friday from 3 to 9pm; Sat from 10am to 1pm

Omaha Community Playhouse

6915 Cass St. 402-553-0800

www.omahaplayhouse.com

Hawks Mainstage Theater

To Kill a Mockingbird—August 19 to September 18

Based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, To Kill a Mockingbird is one of the most beloved stories of all time.

Despite threats to himself and his family, lawyer Atticus

Finch defends a black man wrongly accused of a grave

crime. With the recent release of the newly discovered

sequel, Go Set a Watchman, this is a wonderful opportunity

to revisit To Kill a Mockingbird.

Shelterbelt Theatre

3225 California St. 402-341-2757

www.shelterbelt.org

Next production in October.

SNAP Productions

3225 California St. 402-341-2757

www.snapproductions.com

Harbor

Detroit 67 begins the 2016-17 season on August 26.

Blue Barn Theatre

1106 S. 10th St.

402-345-1576 www.bluebarn.org

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui begins the 2016-17 season on September 22.



A.V. Sorensen Community Center

4808 Cass St

Recreation Center info: 444-5596

To view the many offerings of classes and activities visit www.cityofomaha.org/parks

Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am - 8:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

AC vs DC

By David Holtzclaw of Transduction Technologies

Ever wonder why your laptop computer charging cord has a little black box in the middle of it? Those little boxes are called inverters, which convert the electricity from your outlet, called alternating current (AC), to direct current (DC). Almost all digital devices in your home from your cell phone to your security system to your flat screen TVs to LED lights to anything that can run on a battery runs on DC electricity. DC electricity means the voltage and current traveling down a wire travels in one direction and is constant. Electronic devices need that constant supply of electricity to operate. The advantage of DC devices and appliances is that they typically can run on less electricity than AC devices, which makes them both more efficient and safer.

So if DC electricity is so great, why is the U.S. power grid AC instead of DC? In the late 19th century when the U.S. power grid was first forming, DC electricity could not be converted easily to high voltages without also increasing the current. This would increase the transmission wire temperature, which would increase wire resistance and led to significant line and distribution losses unless the power plants were located within a few miles of every household, which in the late 1890's just wasn't possible.

Alternating current (AC) electricity flows down a wire like a sine wave with the voltage rising to a peak, then dropping down to zero and then a negative peak before repeating. Transformers can increase AC voltage to several thousand volts, without increasing current. Higher voltages with lower currents mean less heat gen-

erated in the transmission wires due to resistance, and less energy loss. So large power plants could be located miles away from population centers and distribute energy across large areas.

AC electricity also works well with equipment and appliances that have variable electricity requirements, like electric engines and motors. Fifty years ago, most large household appliances (dishwashers, clothes washers, refrigerators, heating and cooling systems) used large electrical motors, and approximately 80% of household electricity was AC and 20% was DC. However, today, that ratio has flipped as refrigerators, microwaves, and washers have either switched to DC electricity or come with smaller and more efficient AC motors. Furthermore, the number of household electronic devices has exploded. This has led some to argue that the U.S. should convert to a DC electric grid. Modern transmission equipment can now generate high voltage, DC power lines with less transmission losses than AC lines. Furthermore, a DC grid would eliminate the need to convert AC to DC electricity for the growing number of electronic devices, which represents about a 20% energy loss, which is why those little inverter boxes get so hot. Plus, renewable electricity sources like solar panels and wind turbines produce DC electricity. With a DC grid, these renewable sources could be plugged directly into the household panel without the need for expensive DC-AC inverters.

The decision for AC power grid was based on 1890's technology, and it has served us well for the past hundred years. But don't expect it to last another hundred years. The DC grid is coming, sooner than later. Now, what will we do with all those little inverter boxes?



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