

# Midtown Monitor

December 2016



## Recent Midtown Homes Sold

For additional sales, find them online

[www.midtownmonitor.com](http://www.midtownmonitor.com)

Sold Price	Address	Br	Bth	G	Style	TSqFt
\$113,000	5129 Woolworth	2	2	1	Ranch	"1,475
\$115,000	5145 Woolworth	2	2	1	R Ranch	"1,932
\$148,000	2031 N 49th	3	3	2	1.5 Story	"1,654
\$289,000	5110 Nicholas St	3	3	2	2 Story	"2,226

## What's going on in real estate?

Thinking of selling? What are you waiting for? There are only 2600 homes on the market, down 17% from last year.

Can we say seller's market?

Average sales price is up 4.5% to \$204,084. The average time to sell is ONLY 33 days and seller's are getting 99% of their asking price. WOW!

(\*figures based on Omaha MSA. Call your favorite realtor for specifics about your part of town).

STATS For the Metro area

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For the midtown area, specifically Dundee to Aksarben, we have about 46 homes on the market in all price ranges. The average sales price is a bit higher @ \$207,056 and our homes tend to sell quicker... in only 21 days! In the past year, we're getting about 98% of our asking prices.

Midtown is the place to be!

Our thanks to Raquel Ahlvers, The Ahlvers Group, CBSHOME Real Estate for providing this information.

## UNMC expands ice skating rink hours

The University of Nebraska Medical Center ice rink will be open for an additional two days during the season. The rink now will be open every day except for Monday and Thursday.

The rink is located just east of 42nd Street, midway between Emile Street and Dewey Avenue on the north side of the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education building. Admission is \$7, which includes skates (cash or credit card only-no checks or debit cards).

### New days and hours of operation are:

Sunday – noon to 8 p.m.

Monday – closed for UNMC student broomball and curling leagues

Tuesday – noon to 8 p.m.

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Thursday – closed for UNMC student broomball and curling leagues

Friday – noon to 10 p.m.

Saturday – noon to 10 p.m.

The rink will remain open through Feb. 5. It will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

This year, the UNMC Skate-a-thon for Parkinson's event will begin on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. and end Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. This year will mark the seventh consecutive year that UNMC has hosted the event that raises money for Parkinson's research at UNMC and assisting families dealing with Parkinson's. More details will be forthcoming.

For more information, contact Candace Peteler at 402-559-5192.

## Celebrate the season with fun, free events at Omaha Public Library

The holidays can leave you feeling like you're being pulled in a million different directions. Don't forget to take some time to slow down and enjoy the best the season has to offer. Omaha Public Library (OPL) can help with fun, free, pre-planned programs and activities for all ages to enjoy, including music, crafts, open houses, and even visits with Santa! Registration is required for some events. Visit [omahalibrary.org](http://omahalibrary.org) or call the hosting location for more information.

Holiday hours: Dec. 24 – all locations close at 3 p.m.; Dec. 25 – all locations closed; Dec. 26 – all locations closed; Dec. 31 – all locations close at 6 p.m. (except W. Dale Clark Main Library, open until 8 p.m. for fireworks viewing); Jan. 1 – all locations closed; Jan. 2 – all locations closed

The full listings are on [www.midtownmonitor.com](http://www.midtownmonitor.com)

For additional pages of the Midtown Monitor filled with even more events and articles either go online to the website [www.midtownmonitor.com](http://www.midtownmonitor.com) or request a free email subscription online or at [midtownmonitor.omaha@gmail.com](mailto:midtownmonitor.omaha@gmail.com)

Performing Artists Repertory Theatre (PART) opens its second season with The World's Most Popular Stage Parody, THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (abridged)

Performing Artists Repertory Theatre presents the phenomenally popular parody

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) at the PART Theatre at the Crossroads, December 9 - 18. The play, written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield, premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1987, went on to 9 record-breaking years on London's West End, and has been the world's most performed stage parody for the last 20 years.


The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) is a hilarious, fast-paced romp through the Bard's extensive playbook. Three (That's right, only three) madcap men in tights weave their wacky way through ALL of Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories and Tragedies in one wild evening that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter. The fourth wall is nonexistent in the performance with the actors speaking directly to the audience during much of the play, and some scenes involve audience participation.

Gordon Cantiello will direct the 90-minute fast past work. The three actors include David Winslaar, Josh Dewberry, and Mack Little all of whom are making their PART Theatre debut.

The PART Theatre is located in the Crossroads Mall, 7400 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68114.

Performances of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) are December 9 - 18, Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm and Sundays at 3:00pm.

Tickets are \$25 General Admission, \$20 for Seniors (55 +) and \$15 for Students. Purchase tickets by calling our box-office: 402-706-0778.



*You are invited  
to share  
The Gifts of Christmas*

For four consecutive Sundays beginning November 27 at 10:30 a.m. and following Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., the gifts of **Joy, Hope, Peace and Love** will be addressed.


**December 11:**  
10:30 a.m.—Children's Christmas Program  
12:00 p.m.—Advent Workshop

**December 17:**  
11:00 a.m.—Blue Christmas Service


**December 18:**  
10:30 a.m.—Chancel Choir Cantata, "Journey of Promises"  
7:00 p.m.—Annual Wassail and Carol Sing

**December 24:**  
4:30 p.m.—Music Prelude  
5:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service

**December 25:**  
10:30 a.m.—Christmas Day—He is Born!

 **First Presbyterian Church**  
—Keeping Christ Central—

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Omaha, NE 68131-3496  
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Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m.: Holiday Harp with Anita Jaynes at Millard Branch, 13214 Westwood Ln., 402-444-4848.

Dec. 1-24 Elf on a Shelf

Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch, 2100 Reading Plz., 402-289-4367. Receive a sticker for finding our elf, Dewey, each time you visit the library. After four stickers, collect a prize!

Millard Branch. Receive a prize for finding the elf! He will be hiding in a new location each day.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Noon: Bit of Bronze Holiday Handbell Choir at Millard Branch

Noon: River City Ringers at W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 S. 15th St., 402-444-4800

6:30 p.m.: Show & Tell StorySLAM at Pizza Shoppe Collective, 6056 Maple St., 402-444-4846, RR

Saturday, Dec. 3

9 a.m.: Get crafty making holiday cards at A.V. Sorensen Branch, 4808 Cass St., 402-444-5274, RR

10:30 a.m.: Santa visits Saddlebrook Branch, 14850 Laurel Ave., 402-884-7473

11 a.m.: Holiday music with Cecilia Jensen at Willa Cather Branch, 1905 S. 44th St., 402-444-4851

1 p.m.: Homemade Liqueurs for Gift Giving at Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402-444-4846, RR

1:30 p.m.: Gingerbread Houses for Kids at Willa Cather Branch, RR

Sunday, Dec. 4, noon-5 p.m.: Wells Fargo Family Festival at W. Dale Clark Main Library

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.: Santa visits A.V. Sorensen Branch

Saturday, Dec. 10

10:30 a.m.: Santa visits Millard Branch

11 a.m.: Get crafty making holiday ornaments at Willa Cather Branch, RR

11 a.m.: Holiday Harp with Karen Larsen at Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch

1 p.m.: Santa visits Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave., 402-444-4849

1 p.m.: Ugly Holiday Sweater Extravaganza at Saddlebrook Branch

2 p.m.: Jane Austen Tea at W. Dale Clark Main Library, RR

2 p.m.: Ornament making for teens at A.V. Sorensen Branch, RR

3 p.m.: Afternoon with Santa at Florence Branch, 2920 Bondesson St., 402-444-5299, RR

3 p.m.: Holiday Music with Kenny Bowtie at Florence Branch

3 p.m.: Holiday Princess Tea Party at Milton R. Abrahams Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 4:30 p.m.: Christmas Cookie Decorating for Teens at A.V. Sorensen Branch, RR

Wednesday, Dec. 14

3 p.m.: Holiday Jazz Piano with Robert Glaser at South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St., 402-444-4850

5:15 p.m.: Kids Holiday Craft-a-thon at W. Dale Clark Main Library

6 p.m.: Get crafty making light-up cards at South Omaha Library

Thursday, Dec. 15

4:30 p.m.: Christmas Tree Cones Craft at A.V. Sorensen Branch

6 p.m.: Crafty Christmas at Benson Branch, RR

Saturday, Dec. 17

10 a.m. & noon: Build a Gingerbread House at South Omaha Library, RR

1 p.m.: Build a Gingerbread House for Kids at W. Dale Clark Main Library

1 p.m.: Get crafty making holiday cards and gift tags at W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 W. Dodge Rd., 402-444-4852, RR

2 p.m.: Get crafty making ugly holiday sweaters at Willa Cather Branch, RR

3 p.m.: Build a Gingerbread House for Teens at W. Dale Clark Main Library

3:30 p.m.: Holiday Strings and Open House at A.V. Sorensen Branch

Thursday, Dec. 22, 4:30 p.m.: Kids Holiday Craft at A.V. Sorensen Branch

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 23 & 24, 10:30 a.m.: Holiday Family Sing-Along at W. Clarke Swanson Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1 p.m.: Build a Gingerbread House at Charles B. Washington Branch, RR

Dec. 27-30, 2 p.m.: Winter Break Fundays at Milton R. Abrahams Branch

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 6 p.m.: Kwanzaa Celebration at Charles B. Washington Branch

Saturday, Dec. 31

10 a.m.: Kwanzaa Family Celebration at Charles B. Washington Branch

10:30 a.m.: Noon Year's Eve parties at A.V. Sorensen Branch, Saddlebrook Branch, and South Omaha Library

11 a.m.: Noon Year's Eve Party at W. Dale Clark Main Library

11:15 a.m.: Noon Year's Eve Party at W. Clarke Swanson Branch



**First Central Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ,**  
36th and Harney Streets

These Open Forums are free and open to the public, and will be held at located in midtown at the corner of at 9:10 a.m. on the dates noted.

For more information, you may call 402-345-1533.

December 4, 11, & 18: Prophetic Memories

First Central's Advent Series is called "Remember & Dream" and First Forum will be taking that title at it's word, with "Prophetic Memories," an Advent series on the Hebrew Bible prophets. The series will be led by Sarah Malena, daughter of First Central members Audrey & Daryl Malena, who is an ancient historian, biblical scholar, and archaeologist, specializing in the Hebrew Bible and the cultures that influenced its creation. Her research focuses on intercultural relations throughout the ancient world and how interactions between different groups impacted social and ideological change. Sarah has more than ten years of experience teaching history, religion, and the humanities to undergraduates and served as the chair of the Study of Religion program at Wells College until 2011.

Don't miss this unique and exciting take on Advent and "Prophetic Memories"!



**First Unitarian Church of Omaha**

3114 Harney Street All are welcome  
For more info visit. [www.firstuomaha.org](http://www.firstuomaha.org)

**"The Examined Life" Group**

Meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7pm. At this first discussion the members pursued a general approach for examining particular life experiences through a process of deconstruction and introspection that would lead to self-understanding. The unique experiences shall be explored within a developing analytical process that may be applicable to universal concepts as well as single explanations. Next meeting December 6.

**Sunday Forum: Youth Emergency Services**

Sunday, December 11 at 11:20am

Allison Brown-Corson from Youth Emergency Services will present information about Y.E.S.

If we could author the life stories of our children, each would have a happy beginning, happy middle and happy ending. A little girl would grow up to dance with her dad at her wedding. A young man would grin while his big sister snapped photos at his graduation. Yet, for many young people, their stories have chapters of tragedy, loss and grief. For many young people, life on the streets has become a way of life because of circumstances beyond their control. Youth Emergency Services can help turn these horrific stories into stories of hope and healing.

Sunday, December 18 at 11:20am

In this forum, Cassi Moucka will share her thoughts on Christmas mythology and traditions from a Unitarian Universalist Pagan perspective. There will be a short talk followed by a discussion period.

**Taoism Discussion Group**

Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 6pm in the Common Room—note: we meet the 5th Tuesday this month. Join us to discuss anything and everything related to Taoism! As Taoism is best understood through practice rather than theory, the goal of this group is to provide a participatory space to explore how Taoism is applied in daily life, with an emphasis on experience. With our direct experiences as a reference point, we can then delve into the main texts of Taoism. At 6pm we will have a quick Tai Chi session, and begin our discussion at 6:30pm. This group will be led by Geoff Erickson, [gerickson03@yahoo.com](mailto:gerickson03@yahoo.com).

**The Tolerant Atheist Group is Now Called AHA**

(Agnostics, Humanists, Atheists) AHA will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7pm in the Common Room. For those interested in "bring your own dinner," doors open at 6pm. At this AHA meeting, our Minister Emeritus Ron Knapp will give a presentation entitled "Of Life Immense: The Humanism of Walt Whitman." Save the date!

# Midtown Galleries

# Midtown Theaters

## Gallery 1516

1515 Leavenworth Street  
www.gallery1516.org

## 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.  
November 4 to December 30

Legacy: Featuring John Himmelfarb, with accompanying work by Stephen Dinsmore, Catherine Ferguson, Michael James, Martha Horvay, Peter Hill and Judith Burton  
Opening Reception, Friday, November 4, 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  
November 6 to December 30

Pottery: Mari Dalley and Herm Roth  
Opening Reception, Sunday, November 6, 1 to 3 p.m.

## Connect Gallery

3901 Leavenworth St.  
402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net  
Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Courtney Porto—Male and Female Form  
Artist Reception, Friday, December 9, 5:30 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

Featuring new works—oil paintings by Karen Chesterman and Wendy Hall; acrylic paintings by Jane Booth; and batik on paper by Kristine Allpin.

## Polecat Communications

### the little gallery + benson underground film forum

5901 Maple St. 402.681.1901  
http://www.polecatcommunications.com  
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

### Howard Drew Theater

### Hawks Mainstage Theater

A Christmas Carol—November 18 to December 23  
Ebenezer Scrooge and company return with Charles Dickens' classic tale of Christmas past, present and future. Scrooge's transformation from miserly to enlightened gets the full Playhouse treatment, with beautiful costumes, exquisite music, perfectly crafted sets and special effects second to none. First staged in 1976, the event has become one of Omaha's favorite holiday traditions.

## Shelterbelt Theatre

3225 California St. 402-341-2757  
www.shelterbelt.org  
Next production in January.

## SNAP Productions

3225 California St. 402-341-2757  
www.snapproductions.com  
Hand to God—November 18 to December 11  
This dark comedy reveals the story of a confused Christian teenager in Texas whose life is taken over by a foul-mouthed Satanic sock puppet. The play combines a dead father, one messed up family, a girl who just wants to help, a school bully who always gets his own way, and a man of the church offering comfort. Throw in one hand out-of-control hand puppet and you have the makings of what the New Yorker called "Sesame Street meets The Exorcist."

## Blue Barn Theatre

1106 S. 10th St.  
402-345-1576 www.bluebarn.org  
The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)—November 25 to December 19  
Welcome to the Annual Holiday Variety Show and Christmas Pageant at St. Everybody's Non-Denominational Universalist Church, where all faiths are welcome because we'll believe anything. But there's a problem: none of the acts scheduled to perform have arrived, so three members are pressed into service to perform the entire Variety Show and Christmas Pageant by themselves. The Ultimate Christmas Show is an irreverent yet heartwarming trip through the holidays.



### Midtown Business Owners

You're invited to the  
MBA Meeting Jan 25, 2016

No December meeting

Noon, UNMC private dining room, just \$10. for lunch.  
Must make reservations by Friday prior to meeting.

E-mail [contact@midtownbusinessassociation.org](mailto:contact@midtownbusinessassociation.org)  
or Peggy Case at [pcase@snbomaha.com](mailto:pcase@snbomaha.com) 402-449-0920

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