

# Midtown Monitor

January 2017



## Recent Midtown Homes Sold

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[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"
"\$120,000"	905 N 49 St	3	1	0	2 Story	"1,232"
"\$125,000"	6102 Shirley St	2	2	1	R Ranch	840
"\$131,000"	1901 S 62 Street	2	2	1	1.5 Story	896
"\$151,900"	621 S 67th Ave	3	2	1	R Ranch	"1,273"
"\$168,500"	5108 Pacific Street	3	2	2	1.5 Story	"2,013"
"\$170,000"	5819 Pacific Street	3	1	1	1.5 Story	"1,505"
"\$172,750"	6017 Pacific Street	5	3	2	1.5 Story	"2,244"
"\$178,000"	5708 Rees Street	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,922"
"\$180,000"	1212 N 52nd Street	4	2	1	1.5 Story	"2,091"
"\$206,000"	801 N 50 Avenue	4	3	0	2.5 Story	"3,272"
"\$217,000"	302 S 49th Avenue	4	2	2	2 Story	"2,630"
"\$218,000"	6901 Cuming St	3	4	2	R Ranch	"2,095"
"\$220,000"	1602 S 56 Street	2	2	2	1.5 Story	"1,700"
"\$225,000"	5715 Pacific Street	3	3	2	1.5 Story	"1,436"
"\$228,612"	5623 Jackson Street	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,790"
"\$240,000"	807 N 68th Street	3	2	1	R Ranch	"1,961"
"\$289,000"	5110 Nicholas St	3	3	2	2 Story	"2,226"
"\$310,000"	5123 Underwood	4	3	2	2.5 Story	"2,808"
"\$385,000"	5919 Jones Street	3	2	2	Multi-Lvl	"2,572"
"\$542,500"	5102 California	4	4	2	2.5 Story	"2,994"
"\$610,000"	449 N 61ST Street	5	5	2	1.5 Story	"3,680"
"\$715,900"	674 N 63 Street	5	3	2	2.5 Story	"4,757"

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.

Wednesday – noon to 8 p.m.

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.

# The Omaha Press Club

## Educational Series Examines Development of the Omaha Riverfront

We've all been to events on the Omaha riverfront but it's not a destination. Most days it's rather bleak down there. How about making it a regular destination for festivals, concerts and recreational activities, a place more closely connected to downtown and the Old Market.

That's the dream of a coalition of business, community, government and philanthropic leaders supporting what is being called the Missouri River Commons. And it's not just the Omaha side of the river but the Council Bluffs side as well.

The Chairman of the steering committee, Donn Seidholz, will be our guest at a noon forum to explain what the Missouri River Commons might involve and plans to make the dream come true.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

12 noon to one p.m.

\$17.00 per person includes lunch

Serving begins at 11:30

Call 402-345-8008 for reservations or email  
Jeanie atjeaniec@opc.omhcoxmail.com  
Reservations must be accompanied by OPC member  
number or credit card

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The Omaha Press Club



### Sierra Club Program:

Thursday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.  
at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass.

Environmental Issues in the 2017 Unicameral  
with Jim Cavanaugh, Sierra Club legal counsel.

Come hear about the current environmental  
issues facing our state, and what kinds of legislation we  
can expect from our NE legislators in the 2017 session.

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## Restore Omaha Conference March 3 & 4, 2017

Metropolitan Community College  
Fort Omaha Campus

Tom Mayes with the National Trust will speak on  
"Why Old Buildings Matter."

Friday night Second Saving Places preservation  
awards Celebration.

Tickets Sales will begin January 2017.  
[restoreomaha.org](http://restoreomaha.org)  
Watch for more details in upcoming issues.

## Friends of Omaha Public Library **Book Sales**

Swanson Library 90th & W. Dodge Rd.

Thursdays 10 am - 3 pm  
(Except holidays)

First Saturday of every month 10 am - 3 pm  
(Except holidays)

# NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2017 AWARDS

Every two years, Restoration Exchange Omaha (REO) hosts Saving Places, an event that celebrates preservation achievements in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro.

Nominees are currently being sought for the 2017 awards. Award criteria, application forms and a PowerPoint submission template are available for download here. The application deadline is Jan. 16, 2017.



Categories Are:

## Kimball Prize

The Kimball Prize is the highest honor REO may bestow on an individual and is awarded in recognition of the most distinguished achievement in preservation, rehabilitation and renovation of buildings and sites in Omaha and the surrounding communities.

## Young Preservationist

The Young Preservationist Award is offered in recognition of achievement in preservation, rehabilitation and renovation of buildings and sites in Omaha and the surrounding communities for a person under the age of 40.

## Project Awards

### AIA Omaha Preservation Award

This category recognizes excellence in preservation, rehabilitation or renovation of any eligible property. The project must be submitted by an AIA Nebraska member and must meet the National Park Service Secretary of Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation. A completed Part III form is required with submission. Projects must be located in Nebraska or Iowa.

### Home Preservation Award

This category recognizes excellence in preservation, rehabilitation or renovation of a single family home. Project must be located in one of the following counties: Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, Cass or Dodge in Nebraska; Pottawattamie in Iowa.

### Building Preservation Award

This category recognizes excellence in preservation, rehabilitation or renovation of a commercial or multi-family property. Project must be located in one of the following counties: Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, Cass or Dodge in Nebraska; Pottawattamie in Iowa.

And SAVE THE DATE. The 2017 Saving Places gala is Friday, March 3, at a historic building to be named soon. To become a 2017 gala sponsor or for more information, contact REO at [info@restorationexchange.org](mailto:info@restorationexchange.org).

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# Willie Barney to headline Jan. 16 MLK event at UNMC/Nebraska Medicine

Barney is founder of the Empowerment Network

On Jan. 16, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Nebraska Medicine will once again honor the life and work of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., with a keynote presentation by Willie Barney, founder and president of the Empowerment Network.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Clarkson Tower, Lower Storz Pavilion. Barney's presentation is sponsored by UNMC and Nebraska Medicine.

For more than 25 years, Barney has worked in strategic planning, marketing, communications, community building and facilitation. In 2006 he launched the Empowerment Network, a collaborative of residents, leaders, and organizations working to improve the economic condition and quality of life for African-Americans, north Omaha residents and the greater Omaha area.

Barney graduated with a double major in economics and business administration from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. A strong supporter of lifelong learning, he has continued his education through advanced leadership training including, the Summer Leadership Institute for Community Development at Harvard University and Executive Leadership and Management Training at the Northwestern University Media Center in Chicago.

He and his wife, Yolanda, have been married for 18 years and have two children. They are both actively involved as associate pastors and ministers in their church where they lead financial empowerment and community and economic development initiatives.

Food and beverages are available for the first 200 people. Keyboardist Nate Asad and drummer Billy Foeman Quartet will provide musical accompaniment.

Parking for off campus visitors is available in Lot 63, located at 40th and Marcy streets from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A shuttle will run between Clarkson Tower and Lot 63 from 11 a.m. to noon and again from 1 -2 p.m.

## First Unitarian Church of Omaha

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

The Tolerant Atheist Group is Now Called AHA (Agnostics, Humanists, Atheists)

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 explore one of the most important humanist thinkers of the 19th century with a presentation entitled "Of Life Immense: The Humanism of Walt Whitman." Here is a Whitman appetizer quote: "And I say to mankind, be not curious about God, for I who am curious about each am not curious about God."

Black Lives Matter Team Meeting

Friday, Jan. 13 at 6pm in the Common Room. This is a general meeting. Questions? Contact Rene at [sweetnlow@cox.net](mailto:sweetnlow@cox.net).

People's Film Festival

Monday, Jan. 16 at 7pm in the Common Room. The movie we'll watch: All The Way which offers a riveting behind-the-scenes look at President Lyndon B. Johnson's tumultuous first year in office after the assassination of John F. Kennedy. More details here: [www.allthewayhbo.com](http://www.allthewayhbo.com).

Book Club

Monday, Jan. 30 at 7pm in the Merritt Lounge. Our book for January is Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junge. For more information, contact Dave: [richardson.david@westside66.net](mailto:richardson.david@westside66.net)



# Midtown Galleries

# Midtown Theaters

## **onGallery 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.

## **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

## **Connect Gallery**

3901 Leavenworth St.  
402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net  
Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 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**

## **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

## **Blue Barn Theatre**

1106 S. 10th St.  
402-345-1576 www.bluebarn.org

## **PART Theatre (Performing Artists Repertory Theatre)**

Continues Season Celebration with Beehive, The 60's  
Musical at The PART Theatre at the Crossroads, 7400  
Dodge Street, Omaha, Ne 68114.

The show opens February 3 - 26 showing on Friday's and  
Sunday's. Friday's at 7pm and Sunday's at 2pm and 6pm.  
Doors open 45-minutes before each show. Seating is on a  
first come first served basis. Tickets may be purchased by  
calling 402-706-0778. Tickets are \$35 for Regular admis-  
sion, \$30 for Seniors, \$25 for Students.

Coming Attractions: Opening on March 17 and 18 only:  
An Evening of Irish stories and song starring John  
Morrissey. Opening on March 24- April 2 is Jason Robert  
Brown's musical THE LAST FIVE YEARS starring  
Leanne Hill Carlson and John Jones.

## **We'd Like to Hear From You**

If you are **located in midtown** and have news of interest to Midtown residents and businesses, please send it to [midtownmonitor.omaha@gmail.com](mailto:midtownmonitor.omaha@gmail.com) Word docs are preferred with separate tiff or jpeg images Please try to send **at least one month in advance** of event whenever possible.

## **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](http://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

# New Year, New Business series returns to Omaha Public Library

Starting one's own business can be a daunting task, but also one of the most rewarding for anyone who has ever dreamed of being their own boss. Omaha Public Library (OPL) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) are partnering to offer a series of workshops designed to help potential new business owners navigate the ins and outs of starting and maintaining a successful business. All workshops are free and registration is requested through the hosting OPL branch or at [omahalibrary.org](http://omahalibrary.org).

**Start-Up Business Basics:** This introductory course on business start-up includes information on choosing a corporate structure, federal and state taxes, financing options and resources.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, noon at Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402-444-4846

**Small Business Resources:** Learn about a variety of free and low-cost resources to help you write your business plan, conduct market research, find training opportunities, receive small business counseling and mentorship, obtain legal guidance, learn about networking opportunities, benefit from free online education, and much more.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, noon at Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave., 402-444-4849

**Business Plan Basics:** A well-developed, thorough business plan is crucial to a business' success and to obtain financing. This seminar describes the basics of a solid business plan, what information should be included, and why a plan is so important.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, noon at W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 W. Dodge Rd., 402-444-4852

**Networking & Elevator Pitches:** This seminar will cover the essentials of self-promotion and how to attract customers and clients. Learn how to construct an elevator pitch that will generate interest in your products and services.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, noon at Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch, 2100 Reading Plz., 402-289-4367

**Social Media Basics:** Start thinking about how to offer your unique product and define yourself in cyberspace and on social media. Learn about online and mobile payment processing systems, as well as basic information on federal, state and local tax requirements.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, noon at Benson Branch

**Financing Your Business:** Learn about what the SBA and banks are looking for in successful loan applicants, what you can (and can't) do with an SBA guaranteed loan, what loan programs are available, and alternative financing options.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, noon at Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch

**NE Department of Labor Resources:** Learn about resources available through the Nebraska Department of Labor, including grants for training your employees, hiring employees using the NEWorks system, and many other services for small businesses.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, noon at Willa Cather Branch, 1905 S. 44th St., 402-444-4851

**Federal Contracting Basics:** The federal government is the world's largest buyer of goods and services and they may want what you're selling. This seminar will introduce you to the process of certifying and marketing your business, and joining the hundreds of other small businesses in Nebraska (and thousands across the country) who have figured out how to make government contracting work for them.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, noon at Charles B. Washington Branch

Visit [omahalibrary.org](http://omahalibrary.org) for information about additional programs offered at Omaha Public Library's 12 metro locations.



**Midtown Business Owners**  
 You're invited to the  
**MBA Meeting Jan 25, 2016**

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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 Benson, NE 68104

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 1/4 bc size \$25. or two for \$45., 3 for \$63.  
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