

# *Midtown Monitor*

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**July 2017**

If you haven't seen the flowers at Marks Restaurant you should do yourself a favor and check them out. Not only the street level flowers along Underwood but go upstairs to the patio, which is packed with gorgeous flowers at every turn. It was obvious to me that they were designed by an artist. Indeed they were designed by Mark's wife, Kristin Pluhacek.

Ellen Shurson



Photos by Mark



# Sierra Club July Program

**Thurs. July 27: Picnic, Pollinators, and Prairie at Glacier Creek Preserve**  
**6 p.m Potluck Picnic at Glacier Creek Preserve, 14810 State St., Bennington, 68007**  
**6:30 Pollinator Talk with Jennifer Hopwood**  
**7 p.m. Prairie Walk with Glenn Pollock and Jennifer Hopwood**

Join the Sierra Club for a summer potluck picnic, pollinator talk, and a prairie plant/pollinator walk with prairie ecologist Glenn Pollock and pollinator conservation specialist Jennifer Hopwood.

We'll have a potluck picnic at 6 p.m.—bring a dish to share, your own re-usable plates and utensils, your own beverage, and, if possible, a folding chair. There are some picnic tables as well. (Note: the picnic is optional for those who want to join us later.)

At 6:30, Jennifer will give us a brief talk about the role of pollinator insects in the ecosystem.

At 7 p.m., Glenn and Jennifer will lead us on an evening prairie walk through the restored tallgrass prairie. We'll be identifying prairie wildflowers, and looking for pollinator insects, on our walk.


Glacier Creek Preserve, at 14810 State St., is located a few miles outside of Omaha in Bennington. From 144th and State Streets, continue west on State St. for one mile; then turn right at the signs for the preserve. Follow the gravel road down the hill to the parking area.

Please join the Sierra Club for this summer evening at Glacier Creek. More information at <http://www.sierra-club.org/nebraska>

## Recent Midtown Homes Sold

Sold Price	Address	Br	Bth	G	Style	TSqFt
"\$115,000 "	5145 Woolworth	2	2	1	RRanch	"1,932"
"\$115,000 "	1318 S 51 Street	2	2	1	R Ranch	"1,180"
"\$122,500 "	4331 Leavenworth	3	2	2	1.5 Story	"1,672"
"\$125,000 "	5113 Rees Street	2	2	1	Ranch	"1,550"
"\$130,000 "	1409 S 56th Street	3	2	2	2 Story	"1,842"
"\$130,000 "	6035 Pine Street	1	1	2	Ranch	"1,202"
"\$132,500 "	4811 Pacific Street	3	2	1	Ranch	"1,330"
"\$135,000 "	2509 S 33 Street	2	3	2	2 Story	"1,959"
"\$135,000 "	5614 Parker Street	3	2	1	R Ranch	"1,036"
"\$139,900 "	6804 Mayberry St	4	1	5	1.5 Story	"2,010"
"\$150,500 "	824 S 67 Avenue	3	2	1	Ranch	"1,442"
"\$157,000 "	2138 S 61 Avenue	2	1	1	Bungalow	"1,170"
"\$165,000 "	5522 Mayberry St	3	2	3	1.5 Story	"1,449"
"\$185,000 "	537 S 50th Ave	4	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,312"
"\$185,000 "	1005 N 50 Ave	3	3	1	1.5 Story	"1,853"
"\$196,975 "	4651 Douglas St	3	1	1	1.5 Story	"1,353"
"\$215,000 "	1049 Hillcrest Dr	3	3	2	Ranch	"1,757"
"\$245,000 "	5003 Western Ave	3	1	2	2 Story	"1,408"
"\$250,000 "	5010 Capitol Ave	4	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,933"
"\$310,000 "	664 N 59 Street	3	2	1	2 Story	"2,335"
"\$321,000 "	5612 Harney St	3	3	1	2 Story	"1,822"
"\$332,500 "	5102 Jackson St	4	3	2	2.5 Story	"2,702"
"\$349,000 "	5113 Nicholas St	3	2	2	2 Story	"2,117"
"\$425,000 "	732 N 58 Street	4	3	2	2 Story	"2,464"
"\$555,000 "	705 Sunset Trail	5	3	2	Ranch	"4,578"
"\$570,000 "	5209 Western Ave	6	4	2	2 Story	"3,484"

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# Midtown Crossing Events

The brand-new Turner Park Night Market will engage the city's young professionals and students in a night-time pop-up festival over the course of three Friday nights. Each Night Market will feature a host of energetic activities and attractions, including a mini food festival, pop-up market featuring local farmers and makers, outdoor games, live music, moonlight glow-in-the-dark yoga, and more.

Dog-lovers are invited to enjoy the dog-friendly patios of Midtown Crossing with the new twice-monthly Patio "Pup" Crawl Series, coordinated by Omaha.dog. Each event will be hosted by a different dog-centric organization in Omaha.

In total, Midtown Crossing is set to host more than 150 events during 2017, including:

Big O! Bocce  
Tuesdays, July 18 – August 29 (finals on Saturday, September 9)

NEW Omaha.dog Patio "Pup" Crawl Series  
Tuesdays, July 11, 25, August 8, 22, September 12, 26

NEW Corky Canvas "Painting Under the Pavilion"  
Sundays, September 3

NEW Turner Park Night Market – Free  
Fridays, July 28, September 22

Midtown Car Show – Free  
Sunday, September 10

Monday Night Movies, sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha – Free  
Mondays, June 5 – July 31

Wednesday Workouts, presented by Prairie Life Fitness – Free  
Wednesdays, June 7 – August 30

Jazz on the Green, presented by Omaha Performing Arts – Free  
Thursdays, July 6 – August 10

CASA for Douglas County Superhero 5K  
Saturday, July 8

Playing with Fire Festival – Free  
Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15

Epilepsy Rocks the Park  
Saturday, August 5

NEW Salute to USS Omaha – Free  
Thursday, August 24

Opera Outdoors – Free  
Saturday, August 26

Restaurants on the park have begun accepting outdoor patio reservations for concert dates.

Stay tuned for announcements of performers and movie titles in the coming weeks.

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# Shelterbelt Presents the Premiere of Neighbors, Lovers and all the others

BY MARIE AMTHOR SCHUETT, JULY 14-AUGUST 6, 2017

Shelterbelt Theatre is pleased to present the premiere of *Neighbors, Lovers and All The Others*, by Marie Amthor Schuett, at 3225 California Street, July 14 - August 6, 2017. The show is directed by Elizabeth Thompson. Performances are Thursday/Friday/Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 6pm (except for August 6 at 2pm.) (Thursdays | \$12 • Friday/Saturday/Sunday | \$20 - general, \$15 - students, seniors 65+, TAG). Tickets are on sale at [www.shelterbelt.org](http://www.shelterbelt.org) (click box office), or [boxoffice@shelterbelt.org](mailto:boxoffice@shelterbelt.org) or 402.341.2757. On Saturday, July 15, the theatre will host a post-show talkback with playwright, Marie Amthor Scheutt and other members of the cast and creative team.

Loyal lives a life of blue kimonos, Judy Garland and Pavarotti. Facing a serious bout of composer's block, he finds inspiration in an unlikely source – his handsome neighbor – who seriously needs curtains. When lives intertwine, Loyal finds there is more to his neighbor than the window into his world originally revealed.

The cast features: Randall T. Stevens, Connie Lee, Katie Nguyen and Brandon Williams. Creative staff includes: Stage Manager: Jayma Smay • Assistant Director: Kevin Goshorn • Set & Lighting Design: Josh Mullady • Costume Design: Lora Kaup • Sound Design: Shannon Smay • Props: Robyn Helwig.

"This play was inspired by the music of the brilliant singer/songwriter Rufus Wainwright, my lifelong crush on Judy Garland, the work of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Tennessee Williams, and a summer I spent in the Rocky Mountains a few years ago. It was the epitome of the Gatsbian - self-indulgent, luxurious, and free. I wanted to capture the essence of that summer and experience in a play," Schuett explained. She continues, "Neighbors is a very different piece for me. I posed this play as a personal challenge to myself once I realized it had the potential to be different from my other work. What would happen if I altered the play's physics of time and space to tell the story in a different way?"

"Who doesn't want a few hours of jazz, opera, romance, drama, lots of laughs and spritzers on a warm summer's evening?" adds Thompson. "I am excited for people to see Marie's versatility in this piece."

Shelterbelt produced Amthor Schuett's award-winning play, *The Other Sewing Circle*, in January 2015 to sold out houses. "For fans of Marie's work, get ready to see a sexier side of her storytelling. One of Marie's many talents as a playwright is her ability to establish believable, and juicy, relationships between her characters rather quickly so as an audience we are able to comfortably go on this ride from the start," Thompson continues.

Thompson, who is also Shelterbelt's Artistic Director, helped choose the script for production. "It has to begin with the story; is it something that we want to see? What does this story have to say or contribute that feels fresh and different? Do I like or relate to the characters? Neighbors held all of this for me and as we have begun working on it so many other little gems have popped out and been fleshed out by the design and acting team."

Schuett agrees, "Randall, Connie, Brandon, and Katie are a fearless bunch who bring everything they have to the table every rehearsal. It's hard not to fall completely in love with them as these characters." Jaim Hackbart is the featured artist in the gallery.

Shelterbelt Theatre is Omaha's home for new plays. The play concludes Shelterbelt's 24th Season, *By Local/Buy Local*, featuring scripts celebrating our local playwrights. Shelterbelt Theatre is a 2015 and 2016 recipient of the international 50/50 Applause Award by the International Centre For Women Playwrights, which honors theatres that produce a season with an equal or greater number of plays written by female playwrights. ([www.womenplaywrights.org](http://www.womenplaywrights.org)).

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## Science on Screen: "Future Weather"

WHEN: Wednesday, July 12th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
WHERE: Film Streams (1340 Mike Fahey St.)

Shown in collaboration with Science on Screen and presented with Verdis Group, view the acclaimed 2012 film "Future Weather," a comedic drama about finding the courage to survive change. Following the film will be panel discussion on climate change and its impact on our lives with Martha Shulski, state climatologist, and Kim Morrow, senior associate at Verdis Group. Melissa Hoeman, communications analyst at Nebraska Medicine and former KETV NewsWatch 7 meteorologist, will moderate.

Join this event on Facebook!

## Coffee Chat with Midtown Vision 2050

WHEN: Friday, July 21st from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
WHERE: Spielbound (3229 Harney St.)

Join Mode Shirt Omaha to talk with Mary O'Donohue about Midtown Vision 2050. Mode Shift Omaha's Coffee Chats are informal monthly events featuring guests with various connections to transportation in the Omaha area.

Join this event on Facebook!

## Blood Drives at Aksarben Village

For medical emergencies, ongoing treatments, and surgeries alike, blood is the staple upon which a patient's life depends. Yet there is no substitute for human blood. Our only hope is the blood received through volunteer donations from people like you. It is estimated that each year, more than four million people have a second chance at life because of blood transfusions made possible by volunteer blood donors.

Noddle Companies wants to connect area businesses and community members with the opportunity to save lives. In 2017, Aksarben Village will work with Nebraska Community Blood Bank to host four blood drives on Mercy Road next to Stinson Park.

**2017 Nebraska Community Blood Bank blood drives at Aksarben Village are:**

Friday, February 17

Friday, May 19

**Friday, August 11**

**Friday, November 3**

The Nebraska Community Blood Bank is the only community blood in Nebraska. It provides life-saving blood to area hospitals, including The Nebraska Medical Center, in order to help save the lives of those you live and work with. To learn more or to sign up, please visit [NCBB.org](http://NCBB.org) or contact us at 877-488-9414. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Farmers Markets

### Omaha Farmers Market - Aksarben Village

67th & Center St. 402.345.5401

Sunday 9am–1 pm

May 7–October 15



### Benson- Military Ave.

Omaha Home For Boys

Saturday 9am–1pm May 6–September 30th

### Gifford Park Farmers Market

33rd & California St. 402.558.4070

Friday 5pm–8pm May 26th–September 29th

(except June 30th)

### Omaha Farmers Market - Old Market

11th & Jackson St. 402.345.5401

Saturday 8am–12:30pm May 6–October 14

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3114 Harney Street All are welcome

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#### People's Film Festival

Monday, July 10 at 7pm in the Common Room. The movie we'll watch is Requiem for the American Dream. In this timely documentary, Noam Chomsky, one of America's most respected and influential social theorists, offers sobering insights on the nation's extreme economic inequalities and the true cost of projecting US power worldwide.

#### People's Film Festival

Monday, July 17 at 7pm in the Common Room. We'll watch two episodes of the documentary series Years of Living Dangerously. Episode 1, "Dry Season": Don Cheadle reports on the severe droughts in the Southwest, following scientist and devout Christian, Katharine Hayhoe, as she speaks to religious audiences about the connection between extreme weather and climate change; Harrison Ford visits Indonesia to learn how slash-and-burn deforestation, driven by the global appetite for products like palm oil and paper, contributes a large portion of the world's carbon emissions; and Thomas Friedman investigates how drought contributed to the civil war in Syria.

Episode 2, "A Race Against Time" focuses on renewable energy sources, especially solar. David Letterman travels to India to investigate the populous country's efforts to expand its inadequate electrical grid, as its economy booms, and to supply electricity for the first time to 300 million citizens. He finds that there the country will double the amount of dirty coal that it burns unless it can receive assistance in transitioning quickly to solar and other renewable technologies. He interviews Prime Minister Narendra Modi, travels to rural villages where few can afford power and explores the US potential in bringing renewable energy to India.

#### Taoism Discussion Group

Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30pm in the Common Room. 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. This group will be led by Geoff Erikson. Contact him at: [gerickson03@yahoo.com](mailto:gerickson03@yahoo.com).

# 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

## **the little gallery**

5901 Maple St. (we moved down the block)  
402.681.1901  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday from 3 to 6pm; Saturday  
from 10am to 1pm; + by appointment  
info@poleatcommunications.com

## **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

## **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

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Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm



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