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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands

leaving a child disconnected from a critical resource to help them through their life.

This is where Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands' volunteer mentors can make an impact in a child's life. These positive friendships help guide a young person through the sometimes exciting and sometimes scary experiences that come with growing up. These one-to-one friendships are necessary in helping change the way our youth are developing in our community.

Now is the time to sign up and become a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple volunteer mentor during our Back To School Fall Recruitment Drive. The agency's waiting list of kids has grown to 117 throughout the summer. Meanwhile, the number of potential volunteer mentors to pair with the kids is low. This is causing many children to wait several months for the right mentor to come into their life. Some boys have to wait eight months to a year for the right mentor.

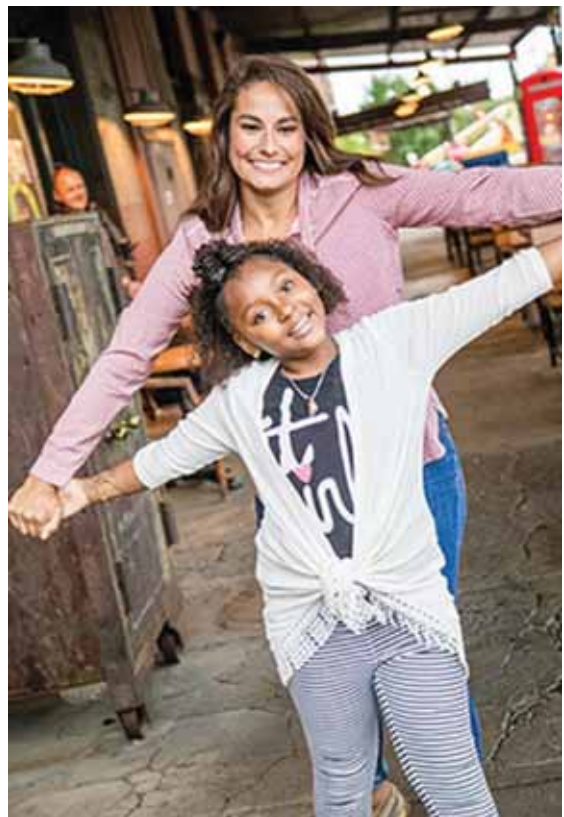
Our community's kids are heading back to school, which means new friends, teachers and experiences. For some kids, new experiences can be scary and negative. Peer pressure can influence kids to get involved with things they shouldn't be involved in, and some kids might not have another positive adult in their life outside of their parent or guardian. The reality is, some kids start their first day of school at a disadvantage compared to their classmates.

Step up and become a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands! Our Bigs range in age from 19 to 78 years old and are scattered throughout the Omaha metro area. Our mentors are inspired by "giving back," helping the community and improving children's lives. They also love spending time with young people. Interested individuals can contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands at 402-505-3075 or go online at bbbsomaha.org and receive more information about becoming a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple.

When you were young did you have an adult, besides a parent or guardian, you would consider a friend? Someone who took the time to show you how to study for a test, gave you advice, took you places you had never been, or showed you how to look for a part-time job.

How did that person impact your life? Now imagine your life without them.

In today's society, one in three young people will grow up without a mentor (either through a formal mentoring program or informally through a family friend or community member)





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Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, September 24th 12:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Raffle prizes, a huge silent auction, live music all day, beer gardens, great food, games, rides, and much more.

Fun for the whole family!

The parish is located at 32nd Ave. and Martha St.
ollomaha.com/fallfestival



2017 Fall Tour:

Wyman Heights Neighborhood
Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

Noon to 5 p.m.

Full information about the tour is in the email subscription version of The Midtown Monitor. Request a free subscription now at midtownmonitor.omaha@gmail.com

Recent Midtown Homes Sold

Sold Price	Address	Br	Bth	G	Style	TSqFt
"\$115,000 "	5145 Woolworth	2	2	1	R Ranch	"1,932"
"\$123,500 "	1415 S 52 Street	2	1	1	Ranch	"1,166"
"\$128,000 "	770 S 69th Street	3	1	1	Ranch	"1,064"
"\$130,000 "	532 S 50th Street	3	2	1	1.5 Story	927
"\$131,000 "	1820 S 56 Street	3	2	1	Ranch	"1,607"
"\$132,500 "	4675 Marcy Street	5	2	0	1.5 Story	"1,294"
"\$135,000 "	6177 Pine Street	3	1	1	Ranch	"1,032"
"\$141,500 "	841 S 50 Avenue	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,544"
"\$144,500 "	1515 N 54 Street	3	4	2	1.5 Story	"1,826"
"\$149,500 "	1012 S 55 Street	3	2	2	1.5 Story	"1,868"
"\$151,500 "	6464 Poppleton	2	3	1	1.5 Story	"1,275"
"\$155,000 "	6157 Walnut St	2	1	1	R Ranch	"1,115"
"\$160,000 "	6407 Poppleton	4	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,696"
"\$166,500 "	1604 S 58 Street	3	2	2	R Ranch	"1,467"
"\$167,500 "	5757 Seward	3	3	2	R Ranch	"1,555"
"\$171,000 "	6035 Walnut St	4	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,634"
"\$171,000 "	1807 S 58 Street	3	3	1	1.5 Story	"1,750"
"\$172,825 "	1112 S 54 Street	4	2	4	1.5 Story	"1,946"
"\$195,000 "	4807 Farnam Str	3	2	1	2 Story	"1,642"
"\$205,000 "	1501 S 52 Street	3	2	1	RRanch	"2,015"
"\$215,000 "	6023 Pierce Street	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"2,014"
"\$225,000 "	5114 Capitol Ave	4	2	2	2 Story	"1,973"
"\$228,000 "	5635 Western Ave	2	1	2	R Ranch	"1,432"
"\$236,000 "	5728 Rees Street	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,689"
"\$254,000 "	4928 N H H Blvd	4	2	3	1.5 Story	"1,941"
"\$262,000 "	4940 N H H Blvd	4	2	3	1.5 Story	"1,610"
"\$270,000 "	5613 Harney Street	3	2	2	2.5 Story	"1,906"
"\$289,000 "	6831 Leavenworth	4	3	1	Ranch	"2,428"
"\$332,500 "	812 S 67th Ave	3	3	2	2 Story	"2,851"


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2017 FALL TOUR: WYMAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017
Noon to 5 p.m.

The 2017 Restoration Exchange Omaha Historic Neighborhood Tour is set for Sunday, October 1 featuring 11 properties in the Wyman Heights neighborhood. Located just north of Interstate 680 on North 29th and North 30th Streets, the area offers a mix of Tudor Revival and Mid-Century Modern and Craftsman homes with an incredible view of the Missouri River and Downtown Omaha.

In addition, the tour will offer the opportunity to get inside three historic Florence sites: the Florence Mill, the Florence Depot, and the Bank of Florence, Omaha's oldest building still standing.

Tour tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Become a Restoration Exchange Omaha member at the tour and your ticket is FREE.

Purchase tickets and park the day of the tour at Florence City Hall, 2864 State Street. Tickets include a tour booklet filled with a history of the tour sites and neighborhood, thanks to work by Hastings College student, Brian Whetstone. The tour route is 0.6 miles—the homes are only accessible via shuttle from Florence City Hall or by bicycle.

The tour is sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, Omaha Chapter; Better Homes and Garden Real Estate - The Good Life Group; Oldenhuis Contracting Inc; and Re/Max Results | Team Wiebusch.

All of the proceeds will benefit Restoration Exchange Omaha's efforts to educate and motivate the area to preserve our older homes, buildings and neighborhoods.

Home Sites:

1. 9527 N. 30th St.
2. 9618 N. 29th St.
3. 9627 N. 30th St.
4. 9635 N. 30th St.
5. 9680 N. 30th St.
6. 9661 N. 29th St.
7. 9660 N. 29th St.
8. 9645 N. 29th St.
9. 9641 N. 29th St.
10. 9636 N. 29th St.
11. 9609 N. 29th St.
12. 9523 N. 29th St.



Bonus Sites

Florence Mill: 9102 N 30th Street

Florence Depot: 2999 Dick Collins Road

Bank of Florence: 8502 N 30th Street

Omaha Public Library Presents Nebraska author Jonis Agee's "The Bones of Paradise" this year's Omaha Reads selection

Each year, OPL encourages the community to nominate, vote on, and read one book as a way to promote literacy and provide a common theme for Omaha and Douglas County residents to discuss. This year's selection is Nebraska author Jonis Agee's "The Bones of Paradise." Agee is an award-winning author of 12 books. She lives in Omaha and teaches at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

"It's always a pleasure to feature a local author during Omaha Reads," said OPL Executive Director Laura Marlane.

"The Bones of Paradise' provides challenging topics for discussion, and also exposes historical insights into northwestern Nebraska at the turn of the century."

"The Bones of Paradise" is set in the unforgiving Nebraska Sand Hills in the years following the Massacre at Wounded Knee. The story that unfolds is filled with mystery, heartache and grit, with two women and their families at the center of it all. Get involved with Omaha Reads by checking out the book at your local branch, participating in a program, and discussing the book with friends and neighbors. More information about each program can be found at omahalibrary.org or by contacting the hosting branch.

· Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m.: Author and University of Nebraska – Lincoln professor Joe Starita will present from his book, "I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice," at South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St., 402-444-4850. Copies of Starita's book will be available for purchase and signing following a Q&A session.

· Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m.: Sitting Bull Family Story will be presented by Joyzelle Gingway Godfrey at South Omaha Library. Godfrey is a retired Lakota Studies, English and Writing professor from Sinte Gleska University in South Dakota. She will share historical events about the life of Sitting Bull, as well as the events that led to the Massacre at Wounded Knee.

· Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.: Author Jonis Agee visits Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 N. 90th St., 402-444-6284. Agee will speak about her book and sign copies following a Q&A session. Copies of her book will be available for purchase at the event.

· Monday, September 18, 7 p.m.: Storytelling of the Dakota will be presented by Joyzelle Gingway Godfrey at Millard Branch. Godfrey will share the historic societal structure of the Dakota people through storytelling. Reserve your copy of "The Bones of Paradise" today. Visit omahalibrary.org for information about additional programs offered at Omaha Public Library's 12 metro locations.

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Night in the Neighborhood September 28, 2017

The Completely KIDS Guild is hosting a brand-new fall fundraiser celebrating the nonprofit's impact on families living in and around the neighborhood where Completely KIDS headquarters are located. On Sept. 28, "Night in the Neighborhood: Celebrating 10 Years" will commemorate the move Completely KIDS made 10 years ago to its current location at 26th Street and St. Mary's Avenue in the Park East Neighborhood. Additionally, the event marks 25 years of success under Executive Director Penny Parker.

The evening will embrace the culture and flair of the area's Latino influences, and will include Latino-inspired food stations by Jeff Snow of Catering Creations, beer and margaritas, as well as many unique ways to give back to Completely KIDS.

Night in the Neighborhood will take place from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with a live auction at 7 p.m. at Founders One • Nine, 1915 Jackson St. Reservations are \$75 for individuals and \$50 for young professionals (35 and under), and may be made at completelykids.org or (402) 397-5809.

Sierra Club Program: “Recent Developments in Sustainable & Responsible Investing”

with Tyler Mainquist, CFP, CAP, CLTC

Thurs. September 28, 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. Omaha NE
(Enter North Door education wing)

Socially responsible investing (SRI) is an investment strategy seeking to consider both financial return and social good when making investment choices. In the 1970s, SRI was used to help force an end to apartheid in South Africa. Since the 1990s, SRI has been used to address environmental concerns including climate change, as well as other social impacts such as social justice and human rights. One report says that as of year-end 2015, more than one out of every five dollars under professional management in the US was invested according to SRI strategies.

Tyler Mainquist, NE Sierra Club Board Member and professional financial advisor, will give us a brief overview of SRI, and provide an update on socially responsible investing principles and practices that will help audience members in making their financial investment decisions.

Please join us for this free program, open to the public. Refreshments provided. More information at www.sierra-club.org/nebraska

Hurricane Harvey Donation Drive 6307 Center St #105

As flooding and devastation continues in Texas and Louisiana, we have a meaningful way to assist through an agency called *Orphan Grain Train. Because the need is immediate, we will be collecting items in each clinic through Friday, September 8th .

Items needed include:

Bath Towel (preferably dark colors)
Wash Cloth (preferably dark colors)
Bath size bar of soap
Adult size toothbrush
Sturdy comb
6 Band-Aids (1/2” or 3/4”)

*Orphan Grain Train of Norfolk, Nebr. Is a Christian volunteer network that ships items to areas in need (4-star rating on Charity Navigator). They are currently assisting areas hit by the hurricane, and in desperate need for hygiene kits (preferably assembled) to be delivered to the warehouse. If you would like more information about the organization, go to: www.ogt.org

Makovicka Aksarben Clinic will be collecting items through next Friday (Sept. 8) and will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Located on the South side of Center St. at 63rd in the Aksarben Place shopping center.

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

3114 Harney Street All are welcome

For more info visit. www.firstuomaha.org

Adult Religious Education at First Unitarian

AHA: Atheists, Humanists, Agnostics Discussion Group
Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7pm in the Common Room. The program presented is called: Loren Eiseley, Humanism, and the Sense of the Holy. “Ironically, I who profess no religion find the whole of my life a religious pilgrimage,” wrote Loren Eiseley in his essay on “Science and the Sense of the Holy.” Ron Knapp will give a presentation, readers will share some of Eiseley’s wonderful gems of wisdom, and there will be discussion of what Eiseley means by “the sense of the holy.” Doors open at 6pm for those who wish to bring their own sack dinner and have some time for informal conversation. Program begins at 7pm.

People’s Film Festival

Monday, Sept. 18 at 7pm in the Common Room. We’ll watch JUNCTION '48 which is inspired by the true story of Tamer Nafar, who single-handedly created the Palestinian hip hop scene from scratch.

Taoism Discussion Group

Tuesday, Sept. 26 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@gmail.com

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

Midtown Galleries

Midtown Theaters

onGallery 1516

1515 Leavenworth Street
www.gallery1516.org

Modern Artists Midtown (MAM)

3615 Dodge St. 402-520-8737

Inquiry: Ann Arbor Michigan artist Graceann Warn, working in encaustic and oil, joins Omaha artist Larry Roots in a large exhibition of their recent studio work.

Exhibition runs September 1 – 28 , 2017

This event is free and open to the public.

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
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Omaha Community Playhouse

6915 Cass St. 402-553-0800

www.omahaplayhouse.com

Howard Drew Theater

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Shelterbelt Theatre

3225 California St. 402-341-2757

www.shelterbelt.org

Next production in January.

SNAP Productions

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www.snapproductions.com

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402-345-1576 www.bluebarn.org

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A.V. Sorensen Community Center 4808 Cass St

Recreation Center info: 444-5596

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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



ENDEAVOR Sustainable Materials Management Workshop

WHEN: Wednesday, September 6th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center (6400 South, University Drive Rd. N)

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Are you passionate about the three R's? Do you want to take our community to the next level of wise waste management? Is a strong environmental ethic a core value for your business or organization? Register now for the Sustainable Materials Management ENDEAVOR Workshop, hosted by WSU Environmental Finance Center and University of Nebraska Omaha Center for Urban Sustainability.

Plus brewery tour! Attend the post-workshop tour of Farnam House Brewing Company to learn how they are sustainably managing their waste materials. Apps and brew samples included!

"Lessons Learned from Prairie Restoration" with Keith Summerville

WHEN: Saturday, September 9th from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hitchcock Nature Center (27792 Ski Hill Loop, Honey Creek, IA)

Join Hitchcock Nature Center for the sixth session of its brand new 2017 Speaker Series. Keith Summerville, professor of Environmental Science and Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Drake University, will share lessons learned during his 15 years of prairie restoration research. This series is designed for teens and adults to provide them with an opportunity to learn from and interact with various authorities in the fields of conservation and environmental science. Programs are free with paid park admission

Nebraskans: Let's Drive Electric!

WHEN: Saturday, September 9th

Noon - 4:00 p.m. - Electric Vehicle Display

Noon - 4:00 p.m. - Indoor Booths/Displays

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Indoor Presentations

WHERE: Douglas-Sarpy Counties Nebraska Extension Office (8015 W Center Rd.)

Why should you drive electric (and save money \$\$\$ and the environment)? Find out at this FREE event! Check out electric vehicles on display by their owners and dealers in the parking lot and tables inside for groups associated with electric vehicles, batteries, solar panels, charging stations, and more. Get your questions answered by resource people who know. Chat with local politicians who care about the environment. Sign-on to help with the Nebraska Sierra Club's on-going Electric Vehicle Campaign.

For more info and to register greenomaha.org

Heron Haven Wetland Festival

WHEN: Saturday, September 9th from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - Wildlife Encounters

4:00 p.m. - Live Raptors

5:00 pm. - Butterfly Release

WHERE: Heron Haven (11809 Old Maple Rd.)

Learn more about Heron Haven – a spring-fed wetland sanctuary featuring one of the last oxbow wetlands of the Big Papillion Creek – while celebrating conservation and native plant and animal species. Watch and learn about exotic animals, learn about bees, sit and play in a submarine while viewing underwater creatures, break open geodes, walk among live butterflies, look at creatures up close through a microscope, and more! Free admission and refreshments!

More info at: www.heronhaven.org



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You're invited to the
MBA Meeting
September 27, 2017

Speaker- Kristine Gerber,
Director Restoration Exchange Omaha

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