

NORTH RIVERSIDE NEWS

North Riverside Neighborhood Association

February/March 2017

The North Riverside News is an advertiser-supported publication by the NRNA.
It is published bi-monthly and is distributed free to homes and apartment buildings in our area.

MEET OUR 2017 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Sue Erwin, President

Born in Wichita, raised in Wisconsin & Missouri, but I have lived in Wichita for about 38 yrs. Resided most of my time out west near Maize, but moved to North Riverside about 10 yrs. ago - after my kids were grown. I was determined to downsize, and find a house outside of suburbia, that had character & charm and access to downtown and the river. I have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and work for Westar Energy. I have a passion for volunteering and making a difference - and am so thankful to have landed in such an eclectic neighborhood!

Aimee Basham, Past President

I moved to North Riverside from the College Hill neighborhood. I must say that the wildlife along the river is to be preferred. As I was moving in a neighbor pointed out that the herons were nesting right above my drive. I knew I was home. My life as an accountant is occasionally on the back-burner when I go camping or bicycling with family and friends. I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors in North Riverside and working to make our neighborhood the envy of the town.

Sharon Quincy, Vice President

A Bowling Green, KY native, I grew up in Riverside on Spaulding and attended Riverside Elementary, John Marshall, and Wichita North. In 1971, as a WSU College student, I began a 35-year social work career with the American Red Cross, retiring in 2006. My focus was Social Services as well as Disaster Management & Response. My husband, Bill, attended South High, worked at Boeing/Spirit for nearly 28 years and also retired in 2006. Volunteer activities include KMWU, North High's Class of 1965 Reunion Co., and other needs within the city's center. Like everyone, we enjoy lots of time with family (especially our grandchildren) and friends. Reading, gardening, and Glass Fusion fun keep me busy! Finally, we love living in North Riverside and near downtown!

Debbie McCurdy, Treasurer

I am a native Kansan, born in Hutchison, raised in Lyons & Halstead KS. The day after high school graduation I enrolled for one year of Floral Design School in Denver. Then after two years of X-Ray training at Wesley Hospital, I worked twenty five years as a Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound & X-Ray Tech at Riverside Hospital. For fourteen years I have enjoyed being a massage therapist. I've been married 34 years & have lived in Riverside for 35 years. I'm very happy to be of service to our NRNA.

Barbara Hammond, Secretary

A retired research historian, I was born and raised in Wichita and graduated from East High and Wichita State University. I have lived in British Columbia, Canada, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Vermont. Growing up I was in Camp Fire Girls, and later worked as a staff member of Camp Fire and also the Girl Scout Council of Vermont. After 30 years I returned to the state I love, and found a house in North Riverside where I had family nearby. I was looking for old house charm- a breakfast nook, wide front porch and a sidewalk. I found a home with two of these three, but the choice of this neighborhood more than makes up for my small front porch!



February 2017 Oops – don't forget!! No meeting this month! NRNA will hold meetings this year every other month. See the schedule below. We'd love to hear from you at anytime with any concerns and hope to see you in person at these meetings held at 7 pm, Woodland United Methodist Church!

2017 Meeting Schedule:	January 16	July 17
	March 20	September 18
	May 15	November 13

March 20, 2017 DISASTERS – More than Batteries, Weather Radios, and TV Alerts!

This month, we are bringing you some Tried & True, but also what's New in Disaster News for Kansas! Fire Prevention should ALWAYS be on your minds; and, we have the latest in preparedness and What Ifs in **Earthquakes in Kansas!**

Bring your questions for our presenters: Chris Whitchurch, Wichita Fire Department, and Ryan Hoffman, Director of Oil and Gas Division at the Kansas Corporation Division.





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Scat Hotline-drug, gang activity	267-SCAT
Graffiti on Public Property	268-4079
Street and Alley Maintenance	268-4071
Metropolitan Area Building and Construction (city code)	268-4481
Health Department	268-8351
Animal Pickup	268-8473
Hazardous Materials Disposal	660-7464

Government and Other Services

Janet Miller City Council	268-4331
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John Carmichael, State Repr.	785-296-7650
Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall	303-8042
Evergreen Public Library	303-8181
Wichita Indep. Neighborhoods (WIN)	260-8000

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017!

2016 was a year of an increase in neighborhood awareness, likely due to social media. While social media does offer an increase in connectiveness, there are many of you that do great works on the ground.

Whether you deliver newsletters, weed our gardens, serve on a committee, watch for and report crime or code violations, it takes all of us working together to make our unique urban environment a happy place to live. I hope you will consider looking for opportunities in 2017 as we continue to make our neighborhood thrive and be a viable asset to our city.

Please feel free to contact me, or any other of the board members, for volunteer opportunities, questions or concerns. *Sue Erwin, President NRNA*



Greetings:

The Kansas Legislature is now in session. I am honored to represent you and our District 25 neighborhoods in the Kansas Senate. I am proud of the hardworking and good-hearted people that make our city and state great.

While in Topeka, this is my "typical daily" schedule (which is subject to change):

8:30 am Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
 9:30 am Financial institutions and insurance
 10:30 am Federal and State Affairs
 12:00 pm Joint committees and Caucus meetings
 1:30 pm In office (unless I am attending an education committee meeting)
 2:30 pm Senate Session

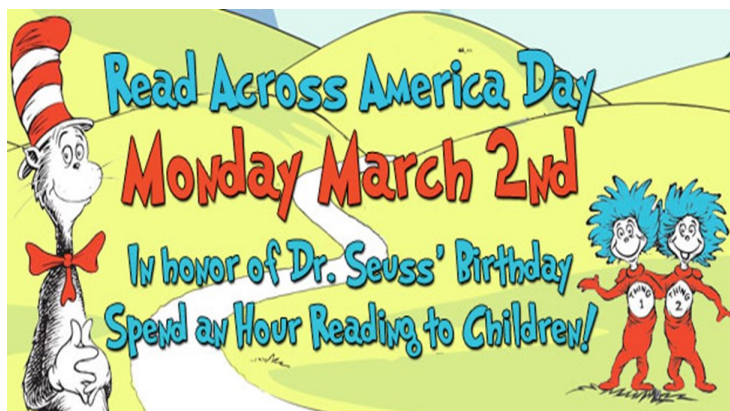
My email address is: lynn.rogers@senate.ks.gov. At the beginning of the message, please identify yourself as a constituent and provide your home address, so that I can make your comments and concerns a priority. Or you can contact me through my new website at lynnrogers.org.

Phone calls can be made to my office in Topeka or you can call or text locally at 316-768-7025.

When you travel to Topeka during the session, please stop by my office, Room 135 – East. My administrative assistant is Renae Hansen. If you let either of us know you are coming, I will do my best to arrange to see you.

I want to hear from you, so please let me know both your thoughts and concerns. You can sign up to receive legislative updates in the constituent services section of my website.

Sincerely, *Lynn Rogers, Senator -25th District*



Social Media: Another Cybersecurity Concern



While social networking sites allow us to connect with and communicate with others from the safety of our homes, they also pose cybersecurity risk.

1. Carefully consider what information you do share. While you may not share your exact address, other information could lead a stranger with nefarious intentions directly to you. For example, the names of your community and school, bus routes you take or a description of your home. These are seemingly innocuous pieces of information could give away more details about where you live than you realize.
2. Limit your friend or buddy list to people you know in real life.
3. Carefully consider the nature of the information you share. Will you be comfortable with family members, future employers or school admissions officials seeing the information and photos you post? Anything put online should be considered permanent.
4. Let common sense limit what you disclose. Never share your full name, telephone, address, social security, credit card or bank account numbers.
5. Do not accept files or downloads from people you don't know.



Protect Your Pet During Cold Weather

Don't leave pets outside when the temperature drops. No matter what the temperature is, wind chill can threaten a pet's life. Pets are sensitive to severe cold and are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold snaps. Exposed skin on noses, ears and paw pads can quickly freeze and suffer permanent damage.

Nifty Nut House and North Riverside

Early North Riverside residents Ed and Ruby Muckenthaler created the "Nifty Nut House." Their North Riverside home now belongs to their granddaughter and her husband. **Comments in italics were contributed by granddaughter, Shelley.*

In 1937, in the midst of economic depression, Ed Muckenthaler started the nut house at 155 N. Broadway as a shop with nuts, chocolate, and orange juice- all made in-house. *"My mother gave the store its name. Ed was trying to decide what to call it; she suggested Nifty because it was "the word" with the kids at the moment. She was 16 when they moved here from Topeka to open the store. They lived above the store for a few years before moving to Coolidge."*

After Ed and his son-in-law were drafted into the military, his wife Ruby and his daughter carried the business. Upon his return Ed bought a nut wholesale business, expanding to wholesale and retail operation and moved to 312 E. Murdock. When he wanted to retire in 1973, his nephew, Ron Jahn, bought the Nifty Nut House. Jahn expanded the retail business by adding three counters and selling their candies, nuts, and chocolates from bulk bins- the format of the store today. This required a move to their current location- 537 N. St. Francis. Jahn's son, Steve Jahn, took over the store in 1994.

The technique of hand-roasting nuts has been passed down from Ed through the family since its opening. There is a technique to knowing when to pull the nuts out. Muckenthaler bought raw nuts and processed them himself using coconut oil. In 1965, Ed told Billboard that he bought raw nuts and then processed them himself because the nuts were fresher than those delivered from out of state. He also told Billboard that he roasted 700-800 pounds daily without any help. *"When I was a young teen, It was a huge deal to me that MY GRANDFATHER(!) had a subscription to Billboard magazine! How cool was that! All the music news, top 100, etc. But there was a section for vending supply news and advertising. Go figure. (He did love to dance and always watched American Bandstand!)"*

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Kansas Wildlife Exhibit News *Sharon Fearey and Claire W*

Thank you everyone for your past support of the animals who call this exhibit home. As you know, the KWE not only provides a safe place for animals such as Bobby the Bobcat and Chapa the Beaver, but also gives the Great Plains Nature Center the opportunity to use the animals in educational programs for people of all ages throughout our community.

With your help and the help of many in the Wichita community, we have been able to accomplish many things at the exhibit:

*Expanding the bobcat's enclosure with more room to roam and to climb.

*Fixing the passage into the beaver's den for easier access.

*Installing new grass around the exhibit and in appropriate cages.

*Replacing the educational signage at each enclosure with updated information in decorative frames

*Installing a new monitored security system at the facility

Our next step is to raise the money to repair the support infrastructure and install new netting around each enclosure. This will run approximately \$100,000. We are applying for grants for this project with a goal of accomplishing the work early next summer. Many of the grants, however, require a match. With your financial help, we can assure foundations that we can raise this necessary match so that we can move forward with our enclosure improvements.

Please consider joining this effort, or a donation to the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit. Make your check payable to the Wichita Parks Foundation and note Kansas Wildlife Exhibit on the memo line. This will help ensure that this important educational exhibit will be available to everyone, and especially to our children, for years to come.

More information on the Exhibit and/or how to make a donation can be found on the website: www.wichitaparksfoundation.org

From State Representative

John Carmichael

The Kansas legislature is now back in session. We will be in Topeka until early April when we recess for three weeks, returning in early May. We then remain in session for as long as it takes, hopefully not very long. The best way to contact a legislator is by email to their state email address. I monitor mine all year long.

During the legislative session our office phones in Topeka are answered, but when we are out of session the best way to contact legislators by phone is by calling their home number. The legislature needs to hear from you, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

My Statehouse office number is 785 296 7650

My home number is 316 351 8892

Wichita's Old Cowtown Museum Lecture Series on our town's history. Sundays 2-3 p.m. only \$3 per person.

Sunday, February 12, 2017: "Valentine's Day" Many say the Victorians were a mix of hopeless romantics and hard core rationalists. As is often the case, the truth is somewhere in the middle. As we approach this most romantic of days, we will consider romance, affections and their expressions in the Victorian Era. This may impact your plans for the week!

Sunday, March 12, 2017: "History of Music Stores in Wichita, 1875-1925" Throughout the city's early history Wichitans had a fascination with music especially the piano, and there were music stores to cater to the growing trend. Keith Wondra, will explain the history of music stores in Wichita and display some of the musical instruments in the museum's collection.

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South Woodland Park



BEFORE

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Richard Hess



AFTER



Valentine Diners had a nearly 40-year career in Wichita, -an idea born of the Great Depression. They were constructed as eight-to-ten-seat diners that one or two people could operate. If you were good at it you could make a successful business of a Valentine. Nearly all major diner manufacturers

were on the East Coast, yet the Kansas creation managed to ship its little pre-fabs all across the country. Valentines could be found along major highways to attract travelers, in industrial areas to attract workers, and in small towns where they might be one of the only (if not *the* only) restaurants available.

Illinois-born Arthur Valentine came to Kansas in 1914. He was a natural salesman, hawking automobiles for a while in Great Bend but always hoping someday to be his own boss. Sometime in the late 1920s to 1930s Valentine and his wife, Ella, opened a restaurant in Hazelton and others followed. He may have operated as many as 50 lunchrooms and their "chain" of restaurants became known as the Valentine Lunch System.

Around the same time another Wichita company was interested in portable buildings. In the 1920s the Ablah Hotel Supply Company had begun building small, portable lunchrooms.

Valentine soon began working for Ablah as a salesman. By the end of the 1930s the Ablahs pulled out, and Arthur Valentine took over and continued the business under his own name.

Valentine Manufacturing Company formally incorporated in 1947, and with building materials now readily available, business took off.

They're best described as small boxes. Definitely not fancy and not even particularly attractive, the little square-sided structures were designed to be easily moved on flatbed trucks

Each diner built by Valentine had affixed to one wall a small metal plate proclaiming it an official Valentine diner. The total number of diners in Wichita is not known, but 2,000 is a minimal estimate. In 1957 the business was purchased by the Radcliff family. By the end of the 1960s Valentine was slowly fading away, and by 1975 it was gone for good.

Fortunately, several Valentines are still operating as diners in Kansas and as a contented customer said, "One thing is sure, you'll find a lot of heart in the old Valentine Diner."

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A message from Marshall- about littering

I appreciate the communication. We have made attempts to address this issue that has been posted on social media. When I was made aware of the post on Tuesday evening. I addressed the entire school Wednesday morning about the behavior both at the start of school and as a reminder at the end of the school day on Wednesday. We will continue to make those announcements daily. We have also received crimestopper tips from student that may have been involved and we are currently working to coach those students and give consequences for their actions. On Wednesday I also sent a communication to our staff to not pass out flashcards to student but to use them in class only. I also sent an email to district security and the community resource officer with WPD Officer Jerrell to inform them of the concern as well. We have had a few classes go out in the neighborhood and pick up trash during the school day and sounds like our leadership teacher will be doing that a well.

We will continue to do the best we can to help curb this behavior given the time and resources we have available. If you have further concerns please contact me at any time.

**Ronald Stubbs Jr., Principal-
Marshall Middle School
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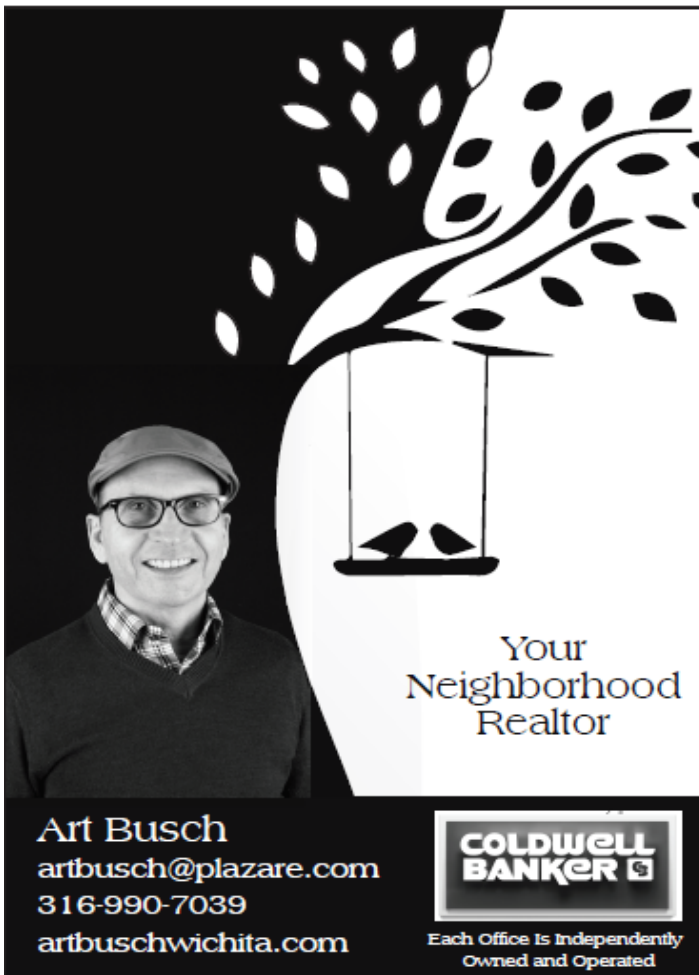
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When the flag is waving from the front porch of this early Wichita Victorian home, the Library is open! During bad Kansas weather, be sure to phone first (316-264-3611) or check the website (Google: mhgswichita.org).

Classes are free and open to the public.

Feb. Sat 11/Mar. 11, 1:00 - "Genealogy DNA"; Feb. Tues 14, 1:30 - "Data Standardization" = learn to create a set of standards for your data entry so analyzing the genealogical data and reporting will be easier. **Feb. Sat 18/Mar. 18, 10:00 - "Genealogy on the Internet", 1:00 - "DAR Information", Feb. Sat 25/Mar. 25, 1:00 - "Afro-American Research". Mar. 14, 1:30 - "Evernote"** = a video class by L L Cooke on using a specific technique to improve your research. Each class includes discussion and direction by a library volunteer.

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FEB 6- DAB MEETING- 6:30pm Evergreen Park clubroom, 2700 N. Woodland. Hear about issues coming before City Council that impact our area.

FEB 20- NO NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

FEBR 25 - District 6 Coffee, Meet with our City Council rep., Janet Miller, at Mead's Coffee Shop, 430 E. Douglas, 9-10:30am. Discuss local city projects/issues.

MARCH 6 - DAB MEETING- 6:30pm Evergreen Park clubroom, 2700 N. Woodland. Discuss issues coming before City Council that impact our area.

MARCH 20- NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING-7:00pm Woodland Methodist Church, 15th & Payne. Get prepared with the latest information about earthquakes, fire safety and more.

MARCH 25 - District 6 Coffee, Meet with Janet Miller, our City Council rep. at Mead's Coffee Shop, 430 E. Douglas, 9-10:30am. Discuss local city projects/issues.

Next North Riverside News Deadline MARCH 15, 2017

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