

# Midtown News

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MIDTOWN BRANDYWINE

## April in Midtown...



**Cherries in blossom, Porch Party tables in the alleys!  
April in Midtown, this is a feeling, ready for springtime par-ties!**

### A SOCIAL UPDATE

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Over 35 neighbors gathered in the Pocket Park in Feb for a Weiner Roast. Thank you to those that attended. A good time was had by all!

Unfortunately, we've yet to get past COVID concerns... BUT keep an eye out for pop-up porch parties and sidewalk happy hours.

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**We hope to get back on track soon!**

### LOOK UP!

Our local residents Red Girl and Trinity are sprucing up their home nursery and you can follow along via a webcam.

Red Girl and Trinity are Peregrine Falcons who live in a nest box high up on the Brandywine building. Spring is the beginning of the egg laying season for these fierce birds who were once on the endangered species list. So far there are 5 eggs! The box is visible from Midtown: look up West street to the 18 story building with the curved side. On the top floor facing us, count over from the left edge 7 windows and you'll see the box. With sharp eyes (or binoculars) you may be able to see Red Girl or Trinity perched on the ledge.

Go to [www.dosbirds.org](http://www.dosbirds.org) to watch.

### STAY CONNECTED

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Sign up for MTB's e-newsletter!

Send your name, address, and preferred email address to [midtownbrandywine@gmail.com](mailto:midtownbrandywine@gmail.com).

If you Facebook, join the neighborhood page. Search Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood Wilmington DE and request to join.

### Cleaning up our Neighborhood!

Sat, Apr 23 is Wilmington's Community Cleanup Day (8am-11am). Join neighbors and help clean up our streets, weed corner planters, tidy up tree beds, etc. Trash & yard waste bags, gloves & pickers will be provided by the city and available in the Pocket Park.

After the cleanup, join neighbors back in the Pocket Park for pizza as a THANK YOU! BYOB

## TAKE NOTE 302-654-5151

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WPD Non-Emergency #  
to report suspicious activity &  
other low crime concerns.

**If it's an emergency,  
call 911.**

## MIDTOWN ROLL CALL

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Neighbor Assoc. Meetings  
are held the 2nd Tuesday  
of the month\* at The Little  
Church (Old First  
Presbyterian) at 7pm.

Neighbors Welcomed! If  
you have a topic for the  
board or a speaker idea,  
please email the board one  
week prior to a scheduled  
meeting.

\*No meetings in Jul, Aug, or Dec.

## YOUR CURRENT BOARD

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- Jordan Barrett (Secy)
  - Scott Eicher (Pres)
  - Bob Hronsky
  - Christopher Howland
  - Jeff Mazella (Treas)
  - Lauren Musumeci (VP)
  - Rhea Phillips
  - Natasha Poppe
  - Jes Reed

Board Elections are held at the  
June monthly board meeting.

To contact the Board, email  
[midtownbrandywine@gmail.com](mailto:midtownbrandywine@gmail.com).

## *News You Can Use*

**NOTICE!** Street Cleaning Resumes Tue, Apr 5th.

Street cleaning occurs every Tue on one side of the street and Thu the other side is swept from Apr through Oct.

Street cleaning is most effective when ALL cars are moved. If cars aren't moved, the street sweepers aren't able to do their job. Please observe the signs to help keep our streets clean and you'll avoid a \$40 ticket.

### Housekeeping

- Dog waste (POO!) continues to be an issue in grassy areas and sidewalks around the neighborhood. Please consider your neighbors and pick-up your dogs waste. Bags have been replenished in our neighboring parks, they're free!
- April Showers brings overflowing storm drains. If you see a drain overflowing, please go to [wilmingtonde.gov](http://wilmingtonde.gov) and submit a 311 Request.
- Trash & Recycling Collection Notice – The City observes Memorial Day on Mon, May 30 moving Trash Collection to Tue, May 31.

\*If you need help navigating the website, please ask a Board Member for assistance.

## *Anthony's Angle*

Crime historically ticks up in warmer weather.

Our Community Police Officer, Anthony Easterling, offers a few tips to help Midtown Brandywine Residents avoid being a victim of crimes of opportunity.

*"Please lock all vehicles, make sure vehicles are free of items that may bring interest to would be vandals. Remember when nothing is visible there usually is no interest to damage vehicle."*

## *Did You Miss It?*

Mayor Purzycki Proposes a Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget. Here are the highlights!

- Elimination of 14 positions
- 7.5% property tax increase (the first in six years)
- 5% increase in water/sewer rates to fund regular and unanticipated costs associated with operating a water utility

Wilmington City Council is holding public hearings on the Mayor's budget proposal. Council is expected to vote on a new budget for Fiscal Year 2023 in late May with the budget taking effect on Jul 1.

Go to [wilmingtoncitycouncil.com](http://wilmingtoncitycouncil.com) to learn more about the public hearings.