

# MIDTOWN NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MIDTOWN BRANDYWINE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



*Ohhh, the buzzin' of the bees and the Sycamore trees, the ol' Brandywine Fountain... we head to local bars with friends of ours...how much? Well, no one's countin'!*



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

As we approach the summer season and the Midtown Brandywine Annual meeting on Tuesday, June 13, I want to reflect on the Board's accomplishments of the last 9 months. Events like the Block Party in October, Holiday Social in December and Progressive Dinner in April, we celebrated together again for the first time since COVID-19 began. We also, moved forward with our streetscape project securing funding to replace sidewalks, lighting and trees to complete another phase of our plan. We worked closely with our business partners and Freire School to minimize the impact of some of the development along our closest borders.

We still have a lot to do and we expect to accomplish much more in 2023-24. There are many ways to get involved. Join our board or a committee. Keep connected through our new website. Attend the events or host a pop up porch party. Get to know your neighbors. Be a part of Midtown Brandywine, Delaware's loveliest neighborhood association. Have a blast!

Thank you.  
Joel Stango  
President  
302-438-9834



## NEIGHBORS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Midtown Brandywine's  
Annual Meeting



Tue, Jun 13 @ 6pm  
Little Church  
(West St & Park Dr)

Join neighbors in the Little Church **Tue, Jun 13 at 6pm** for our Annual Neighbors' Meeting. Participate in annual Board elections. Learn about neighborhood committees and recent changes to our By-Laws\*. Meet your City Council representatives and fellow neighbors.

After the meeting adjourns around 7pm, stroll down to the Chancery Market for a beverage on us! Let us celebrate the accomplishments over the past year and raise a glass in cheer to the newly elected Board.

\*By-Laws can be found at [midtownbrandywine.org/neighbors-association/by-laws/](http://midtownbrandywine.org/neighbors-association/by-laws/)



## A FEW GOOD STATS

Since its soft launch on February 27, the Midtown Brandywine Neighbors' Association website, [midtownbrandywine.org](http://midtownbrandywine.org), has been busy keeping the community informed and engaged. With 22 blog posts and 21 events posted to the community calendar, there is always something new to discover and explore.

The blog posts cover a wide range of topics, including local events, community news, historical facts, and interviews with members of the neighborhood. The events calendar is constantly updated with upcoming activities, such as charity fundraisers, block parties, and art exhibitions. By regularly posting new content, the website serves as a hub for information and helps to bring the community closer together.

The website's analytics have shown that the content is resonating with visitors, with an average of 70 unique visitors per month during the soft launch period.

With the public launch of the website coming up in June, the Midtown Brandywine Neighbors' Association is excited to continue to share news, events, and stories with the community through this important online platform. Be sure to visit [midtownbrandywine.org](http://midtownbrandywine.org) to stay connected with everything happening in the neighborhood!

## TAKE NOTE

302-654-5151

WPD Non-Emergency Number to report suspicious activity or other low crime concerns. If it is a true emergency, call 911.

311

Call to request a service, report a problem or direct a question to city government officials.

## A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR

### **Have you heard of the *Pocket Park Friends*?**

No, it's not an infamous Midtown gang - it's a group of neighbors who joined forces to water and maintain the Pocket Park. We cannot THANK these garden caregivers enough for keeping our neighborhood gem beautiful and welcoming.

### **Thank you *Pocket Park Friends*!**

*Friends* include: Mike Anderson, Jordan Bailey, Sandra Conner (*Friend in co-Chief*), Nancy Cooper (*Friend in co-Chief*), Eric Hughes, and Josh Rice.

## MIDTOWN MONARCHS

Join us **Sat, Jun 3 at 2pm** in the Pocket Park and help start Midtown's Mission to Support Monarchs! You'll get Milkweed seedlings and learn about our mission. This butterfly adventure is a great activity for all ages and is beginner friendly - no previous experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. Treats will be served! More information on Midtown's web site. In case of rain, rain date is scheduled for Sun, Jun 4 at 2pm.

## UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAYS

Mon, Jun 19 (Juneteenth), trash collection Tue  
Tue, Jul 4 (Independence Day), no impact to collection  
Mon, Sep 4 (Labor Day), trash collection Tue

*City Gov't Offices are closed.*

## BEFORE WE GO...

### MIDTOWN'S CURRENT BOARD

Jordan Barrett; Bob Blanchard; Simon Cousins; Christopher Howland; Jeff Mazella (Treas); Nancy McGrath; Lauren Musumeci (VP); Rhea Phillips; Natasha Poppe (Secy); Jes Reed; Bobby Ries; John Stafford; Joel Stango, (Pres); Michael Yingling

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