

Midtown News

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MIDTOWN BRANDYWINE



MIDtown, Summer in the City Markets, fairs, concerts and gardens lookin' pretty...

A SOCIAL UPDATE

.....

Porch Parties have been popping up everywhere!

Porch parties are usually posted on Facebook and are a casual BYOB with neighbors. Hosts usually provide light fare and neighbors are welcome to bring their own contribution.

If you're on Facebook and see a Porch Party pop up, please tell neighbors even if you can't make it. Or maybe consider hosting your own!

Keep an eye out and we hope to see you soon!

Porch not required.
Sidewalks work too.

September Board Elections

Midtown Brandywine Neighbors' Association is one of the oldest associations in Wilmington and, historically, one of the strongest. Over the years, neighbors have worked together through the Neighbors' Association and in-step with our local and state representatives to protect and preserve Midtown Brandywine.

Our neighborhood has one foot in Brandywine Park and the other foot downtown. We are a tight small community and part of the larger city: a truly unique, vibrant, and healthy combination.

As we optimistically resume "normal" life, your current Midtown Board is recruiting Board Members and Committee Members.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact Joel Stango (jstangoff@icloud.com or 302-438-9834).

STAY CONNECTED

.....

Sign up for MTB's e-newsletter!

Send your name, address, and preferred email address to midtownbrandywine@gmail.com.

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

Anthony's Angle

Over the summer months, there is an increase of people walking in the park. If neighbors walk at night, Community Officer Easterling advises to take a flashlight with you. And if someone who seems suspicious approaches you, try to make eye contact, and ask "how are you?" or say "hello!" as a way to acknowledge their presence. "Criminals don't like to be recognized."

Officer Easterling shared his phone number with neighbors at the June meeting. TAKE NOTE and reach out, if needed, (302) 528-9935...we really hope you don't needi.

TAKE NOTE**302-654-5151**

.....

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

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

**MIDTOWN
ROLL CALL**

.....

NEXT MEETING!

When: Tue, Sept 13 @ 7pm
Where: The Little Church

Agenda items will include but
not limited to:

- Annual Board Election
- Committee Updates

If you have an agenda item for our
next meeting, please email
midtownbrandywine@gmail.com
by Sept 6 for consideration.

SAVE the DATE!

Sat, Sept 10, 8am
Midtown Brandywine
Community Yard Sale

**YOUR CURRENT
BOARD**

.....

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

To contact the Board, email
midtownbrandywine@gmail.com.

7/12 Special Neighbor Mtg. UPDATE

Thank you to all that attended, provided input, expressed opinions,
and volunteered to join the Freire Gym Expansion and the Hercules
Boutique Hotel committees!

As you heard, immediate action was needed to delay the financing of
Freire until we could understand the potential impacts to Midtown.

- Residents attended the Public Hearing for the Freire bond financing to
purchase 201 and 205 W 14th St and presented their viewpoints.
- Residents met with Mayor Purzycki and Council Members Harlee and
Spadola and presented neighbor concerns about both projects and asked
the Mayor to hold his approval.

OUTCOME: Mayor moved forward with his approval on the Freire
Funding. He offered guidance, advice, and support where needed to
protect and preserve Midtown while being good business district
neighbors.

The funding was just the first step of the Freire Gym Expansion. We still have
the opportunity to have input into the end result! Committees will assemble
soon to start exploring the potential impacts and opportunities to the
neighborhood.

For continued updates or to get involved, please attend our monthly neighborhood
meetings (2nd Tue of the month, 7pm @ The Little Church -- except Jul/Aug/Dec).

Housekeeping

- Dog waste (POO!) **continues** to be an issue in front yards, grassy
areas, and sidewalks around the neighborhood. Please consider
your neighbors and pick-up your dogs waste.
- Talking about the dogs, please keep your dog leashed for your
dog's safety and the safety of your neighbors (people & pooches).
- Trash & Recycling Collection Notice - The City observes Labor Day
on Mon, Sept 5 moving Trash Collection to Tue, Sept 6.

Peregrine Falcon Update

In our last newsletter, we were looking forward to a summer of Peregrine
chicks being raised in the nest box on the 18th floor of the Brandywine
Building. Unfortunately, the male falcon, Trinity disappeared on Apr 16th. Red
Girl stopped brooding the eggs and they never hatched. Perhaps the arrival of
a new male falcon is related to Trinity's disappearance. The new tercel was
banded in 2018 near the Walt Whitman bridge, has bonded with Red Girl and
seems to be here to stay. **Look up** at the nest box - one of them may be
perching on the ledge!

Go to www.dosbirds.org to watch.

Nest box is located at the top of West St. and the 18 story building with the curved side. Count over
from the left edge 7 windows and you'll see the box.