

# Midtown Brandywine

A publication of the Midtown  
Brandywine Neighbors Association

# Matters

Fall 2007

## Calendar of Events

City Leaf Removal .....	11.05.07 .....	Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood
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Special Pick Up .....	11.17.07 .....	Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood
December Civic Social .....	12.10.07 .....	TBD
Progressive Dinner .....	02.02.08 .....	Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood
Neighborhood Yard Sale .....	Spring 2008 .....	Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood
Annual Association Meeting .....	06.09.08 .....	Little Church

### Board Meeting Minutes

Please go to [www.neighborhoodlink.com/wilmington-de/mbna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/wilmington-de/mbna) for a complete document.

### Committee Members News & Views

If you would like to volunteer on the committees, or if you have suggestions and comments, please contact the chair of the committee or email [midtownbrandywine-matters@hotmail.com](mailto:midtownbrandywine-matters@hotmail.com).

#### *Committee Chairs:*

*Block Party:* Brian George, 981-7943

*Communications:* Rita Berry, 388-7420

*Clean Ups:* Ken Tattersall, 652-7013

*Crime Prevention:* John Kirk, 383-1487

*Vacant Properties & Land Use:* Alex Karlson, 893-7057

*Progressive Dinner:* Brian George, 981-7943

*Streetscape:* Joel Stango, 655-8003

#### ***Communications Committee • Rita Berry***

Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood has its own interactive Web site where we can display our newsletter, notices, meeting schedules, and neighborhood issues, as well as direct links to our local schools, community police officers, and local government officials.

The site is located at

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/wilmington-de/mbna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/wilmington-de/mbna). Our Web site has an easy-to-use discussion area called "Talk About It" that enables all of us to exchange ideas, concerns and questions about neighborhood issues. Our Web site also has a Community Calendar that lists

upcoming meetings, events, and garage sales; a Meet Your Neighbor section that allows us to create (or hotlink) our personal Web pages; a Classified Advertising section, and an Add-A-Page feature that makes it easy for anyone to prepare and post Web pages devoted to any topic of interest.

Visit our Web site to learn more about our neighborhood, and become actively involved by posting announcements and events and participating in its interactive features. If you do not have Internet access

at your home or office, local libraries have computers through which you can reach our site.

#### ***Vacant Properties &***

#### ***Land Use Committee • Alex Karlson***

Neighbors can view vacant properties on <http://www.ci.wilmington.de.us/VacantProperties/properties.htm>

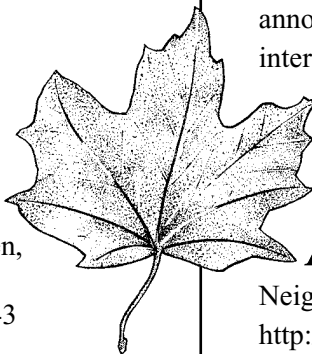
Right now we have 5 that show up on the official list: 1219 West, 1309 West, 1316 West, 221 W. 14th and 307 Torbert

If you think a property is vacant or looks derelict (\$50 tickets can be issued); contacts for the program are:

Cynthia Ferguson at 302-576-3030  
[cferguson@ci.wilmington.de.us](mailto:cferguson@ci.wilmington.de.us) or

Greg Solomon at 302-576-3043  
[gsoloman@ci.wilmington.de.us](mailto:gsoloman@ci.wilmington.de.us)

Please make sure you receive a tracker # for your inquiry & call.



### ***Crime Prevention Committee • John Kirk***

Exterior lighting is extremely important in residential security. Each exterior doorway should be lighted to prevent a burglar from concealing his/her activities. Yards, windows, and alleys should be lit to prevent concealment. Yard lights and entrance lights can be equipped with sensors which will turn the light on at dusk and off at dawn. Using CFL (fluorescent) bulbs will cut down on your electricity costs, as well. CFL bulbs have a 9 year life and can be used indoors or out. Bulbs can be purchased for as little as \$7.97. Solar motion detectors are available, which eliminates the necessity of putting in any new wiring.

#### **Home Depot:**

- Zenith Motion Detectors from \$12.49 to \$79.00 (plus cost of electrician)
- Zenith Motion Sensors (wireless) from \$19.99
- Zenith Wireless (solar) Motion Detectors from \$29.97 to \$89.00 (no electrician required)

#### **Websites:**

- Solar powered motion activated LED lights:  
[www.solarlightstore.com](http://www.solarlightstore.com)
- Motion sensors which can turn on multiple lights.  
[www.newtox10.com/](http://www.newtox10.com/)
- CFL bulbs  
[www.1000bulbs.com](http://www.1000bulbs.com)  
<http://www.1000bulbs.com>

### **The Neighborhood Block Party Was A Big Success**

Many of our neighbors were there, lots of delicious food was served and great raffle prize donors.

#### **A big thank you to all our raffle prize donors:**



Washington Street Ale House  
Mikimotos  
Presto!  
YMCA Central Branch  
Bill Montgomery  
Domaine Hudson  
Salon Rispoli  
Grand Opera House  
Heather Bailey of AD Group  
B's Shuttle Service  
House of Watches

### **Block Party 2007**



## Midtown Brandywine's 2007 City Garden Contest Winners



Congratulations to four Midtown Brandywine neighbors for their winning entries in the Delaware Center for Horticulture's 25th annual Wilmington City Gardens Contest. Over 120 gardeners from every neighborhood throughout the city participated, with entrants in 16 different categories. The efforts of these hard-working neighbors, and many others, make an enormous difference in beautifying Midtown Brandywine and Wilmington!

### ***Entrance Garden Category*** – 3rd Place

Ken Tattersall - 1317 Tatnall Street

### ***Flower Garden Category*** – 3rd Place

Will Wright - 314 W. 14th Street

### ***Landscape Garden Category*** – Tie for 2nd Place

David Donovan - 1308 N. West Street (rear yard)

### ***Community Organization Garden Category*** – 3rd Place

Domaine Hudson Winebar & Eatery (Eileen Manlove O'Brien & Meg and Tom Hudson) - 1314 N. Washington Street

Some of the other contest categories include Community Flower Gardens, Container Gardens, Habitat Gardens, Water Gardens and a Civic & Neighborhood Association Award. For more information on the Wilmington City Gardens Contest, visit the Delaware Center for Horticulture web site at "<http://www.dehort.org>" [www.dehort.org](http://www.dehort.org) or contact Marcia Stephenson, Special Events Coordinator for DCH, at 658-6262.

## Clean Up After Your Dog

The West Street Park is maintained by the neighborhood, not the City of Wilmington. The trash can is put out by your fellow residents on pick up days and the park is weeded and swept by neighborhood volunteers. As a courtesy to *them*, please clean up after your dog in the park. We love your dogs but we don't want to come across their droppings in the park.

## Businesses We Like & Recommend

Michelle Snyder

Independent Representative

SILPADA Sterling Silver Jewelry

[mysilpada.com/michelle.snyder](http://mysilpada.com/michelle.snyder)

Office: 302-598-0613

Geena & Brian George TEAM George

Prudential Fox and Roach Realtors

Cell: 302-494-4504

Fax: 866-863-7524

Office: 302-571-8855

Alex Karlsen, CMPS

Home Loans

Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist

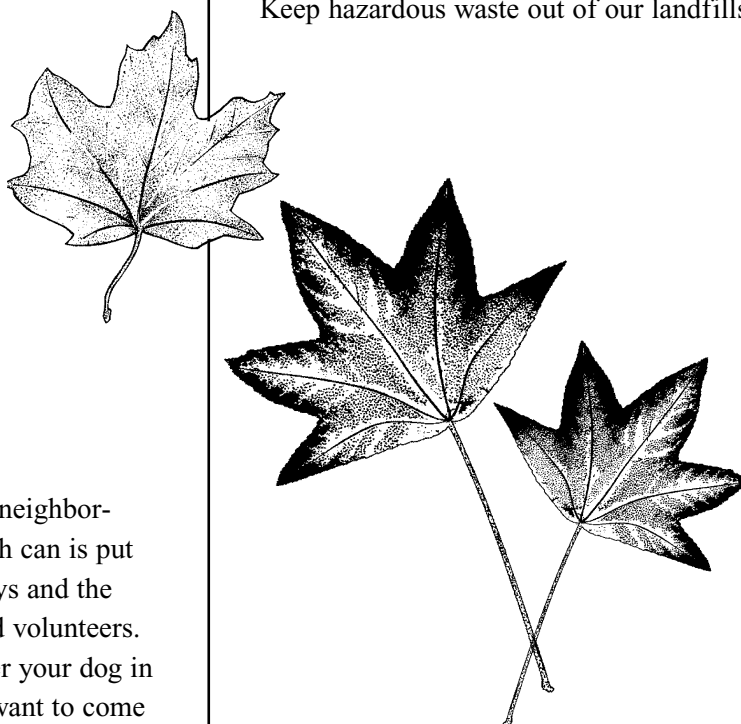
Bona Fide Mortgage Corporation

Cell: 302-893-7057

*If you have any recommendations please contact Rita at [midtownbrandywinematters@hotmail.com](mailto:midtownbrandywinematters@hotmail.com)*

## Hazardous Waste Drop off - Nov. 3

There will be a city sponsored hazardous waste and electronics drop off at **Frawley Stadium on Saturday, November 3**. If you have any hazardous waste such as old oil-based paint or other chemicals, please take advantage of this opportunity and bring your items to the drop off site. Don't forget those old computers, too. Keep hazardous waste out of our landfills!



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