

Wednesday, 11/28: ARC fundraising luncheon, Great Hall, 11:30am (M Briggs)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11/30, 12/1-2: Nativity exhibit, 11am-9pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1700 Sugnet

Saturday, Sunday, 12/1-2: Zonta Homewalk, 1-5pm, \$20/ticket (Honerkamp)

Tuesday, 12/11: Regular meeting with lunch, 11:30-12:30, Trinity Lutheran. Central Park party, 1:15-2:00 for teachers

Cooper and Westervelt, 2:15-3:00 for teachers Grillo and Cousineau

Wednesday, 12/12: Aktion Club Holiday Party, 5pm-6:30pm, MPS Admin Building (M Briggs)

Tuesday, 12/18: Kiwassee Holiday Luncheon with guests. Sign up so Pat knows how many will attend. (Moll)

TUESDAY, 12/25/18 & TUESDAY, 1/1/19: NO MEETINGS! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Briggs: Last day for Kiwanis of Michigan donation of \$45, to benefit 4 Michigan childrens' hospitals.

Brian Goodwill: On Saturday at WalMart, there are bell ringing shifts still open. Contact Brian.

Bill Krueger: For the eighth year, he is the money collector for candy and nuts sales. Bring him your envelopes with outside filled in.

Larry McCoy: Thank you, Ron Kellar, for working the flag shifts for Larry. Someone else will need to step in next year as Larry is retiring from flag planting duties.

Alex Rapanos: Over 900 Nativity scenes from around the world on display, Nov. 30, Dec. 1&2, 11am-9pm, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1700 Sugnet, corner of Sugnet and Eastman, free admission

Bruce Rayce: Key Club meetings on Wednesdays at Dow High can be a great way to connect with the high school students. Sign up to attend their quick meetings. 3:30 to 3:50pm, tops.

Gordon Rogers: Nut house sign up schedule circulated with a tracking device. Workers needed in December.

Duane Townley: Deadline for gifts for Central Park Elementary 1st graders is 12/4. Questions? Call Duane or Diane.

Roger Moll: If you haven't signed up for the Christmas luncheon, please do so ASAP. Pat needs a headcount for the wonderful food she will provide. Did you see the list of projects we supported in 2017-2018? Great list!

Guests: Amy Flood was a guest of CarolAnne's. Amy also works at Wildfire. Jordyn Hermani, a reporter for the Midland Daily News, attended to hear the program and write an article for a future newspaper issue.

Member News: Dave Bender led the induction ceremony for our newest member, Crystalee Cook. She has been a nurse since 2004, and moved to Midland 3 years ago. She is Executive Director of Primrose Retirement Community (under construction out on the east side of Midland, off Abbott). Mike Cronenberger talked with Bruce Vickey recently. Bruce is looking and doing well. Alex talked with Bob Wise and Duane Brooks at Brittany Manor Rehab. They are healing well and eager to go home!

CENTER CITY AND THE CORE OF MIDLAND

Diane Stevens, co-chair of Community Service, introduced Selina Tisdale, Director of Community Affairs, and Grant Murschel, Director of Planning and Community Development, both for the City of Midland.

Midland's Central Core consists of 4 areas: Downtown, bounded by Indian Street, M-20, the Tittabawassee River, and Lyon Road; Center City, bounded by Manor Drive to the north, East Patrick/Business 10 to the south, and includes the Circle and the South Saginaw corridor; Midtown, the neighborhoods along Ashman Street and Rodd Street, connecting Downtown and Center City. There also is a growing Cultural Center, which includes Midland Center for the Arts, Dow Gardens, Grace A Dow Library, and the new Whiting Canopy Walk. An important issue becomes how to connect all these areas of Midland. Should Ashman and Rodd be returned to two-way streets? Should the Road Diet become the solution, slowing traffic and turning 3 lanes into 2 + a bike lane? Should the Circle area be returned to that configuration, although in a traffic-calming rotary form?

Downtown and Center City are the oldest business districts and also contain the oldest housing. On the plus side, there is a diversity of housing in single family, multi-family duplexes and condo/apartment complexes and many "community assets" of churches, stores, schools, and parks in the neighborhoods. Center City area is due for redevelopment, thanks to \$1M from Dow Chemical and other support. An analysis of use and need has been done for the area by an outside consulting firm, with the results due in late November. Citizens' and business owners' opinions were sought in 2018. Already improvements of large flower urns, new signage, façade updates, and painting of light poles have been done. The summer Circle Wine parties are a new use for the Circle. And our flags were there! Online, go to <https://www.ourmidland.com> to see Jordyn Hermani's article "Center City redevelopment study nears Completion" or watch for it in the paper edition of Midland Daily News.

"Infill development" is important to the continued vibrancy of older areas such as Downtown and Center City. Infill means repurposing a building for a new use, whether it is new housing or businesses. There is ready connection with the existing neighborhood, and, hopefully, potential for increased walkability and bikeability. Midland has seen \$66.5 million in new construction and renovations since 2014. Two more projects planned for Downtown are \$13M for Delta College and \$9M for South Riverfront Park.