
Manhattan / Riley County Preservation Alliance Newsletter

August-September, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone.

We're coming up on our annual meeting, which is on September 11, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. At that time we will elect the new board of directors and the officers for the following year. The slate is included in this newsletter, and it certainly does not preclude anyone from adding their name to it if you feel the spirit move you!

Let's have a good turn out, because I'm sure that we will have a lively discussion of the Planning Board's meeting on the M-FRO preceding. Please mark your calendars for September 4, 2003, 7:00 p.m., City Hall. We will want to have the place packed in order to make our point that the expanded M-FRO boundaries are unacceptable.

Mike Mecseri and I are working on the Alliance's presentation, but our presentation does not preclude anyone else from making a statement. It's just that Mike's and my presentation will represent the official position of the Alliance. I have been working with the Neighborhood Coalition, and so have other members of our

Alliance, in preparing for the Planning Board meeting. I hope that our efforts will prove successful, and your presence at the meeting will strengthen our position.

Our meeting will fall between the Planning Board's meeting on the M-FRO and the City Commission meeting on the same issue. Our meeting will be important as we will have to consider our position before the Commission in light of whatever recommendation the Planning Board makes.

Not only will our meeting discuss the M-FRO flap, but we'll also continue our planning and work for depot fund raising, the historic homes tour this December, and other issues such as the development of our new web page, which is being created now.

So again, mark your calendars for the 4th at City Hall, the 11th at the First Congregational Church.

SEE YOU THEN!

Jim

OOPS !

Undergoing rennovation, 1019 Bluemont was jacked up, its basement excavated, the night of

July 20, 2003, when a sudden rainstorm hit. The neighbors heard a terrible roar and looked out to see a somewhat compressed version of the former three-storey house. Fortunately, no one was home!



REPORT FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

by **Kate Watson**

The Public Affairs Committee is finalizing its recommendations for the 2003 Legislative Policies and Positions Document. This is a document that is the basis of the Chamber's direction on many local, state and national issues. The Committee has Sub-Committees assigned to study each issue-group, such as Economic Development, Taxation etc. Also, interviews with the Chamber's Partners (USD 383, KSU, local governmental bodies, etc.) are being concluded this week. The resulting suggestions will be submitted to the Public Affairs committee. Proposed revisions and updates will be discussed and the Committee will pass along its recommendations for the final document to the Chamber Board. The Preservation Alliance has been involved at several different levels of this process on several issues.

The "Candidate School" (working title) subcommittee of the Public Affairs Committee is still in its "compiling" phase. As you may recall, the candidate school will be cosponsored by the Chamber and the League of Women Voters. It is being designed for individuals who are considering running for office, for people who are supporting potential candidates, and simply for anyone interested in the topic. It can also be a good source of voter-education on the election process. Suggestions for course content, including sample documents, are being compiled for the committee to sort at its next meeting. The dates for the candidate school have not been set.

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, please feel free send them via e-mail to katewatson@cox.net.



Owner-occupied single family homes currently zoned R-2 (two-family) on the west side of Juliette Avenue between Thurston and Bertrand. These houses, along with the other two along this section of Juliette, currently zoned R-1, have been included for discussion in the extended M-FRO (Multi-Family Rehabilitation Overlay) District.

M/RCPA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS Nominated for 2003-2004 Term

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REPORT FROM THE DEPOT COMMITTEE

by **Judine Mecseri**

Volunteers are needed to work at the Folk Life Festival September 20-21. We will probably work in three hour shifts. If anyone is interested they can contact Judine Mecseri at socialwork1@homecareandhospice.org.

We are meeting with Dave Lewis to see how the Depot fundraising can be incorporated with the sequicentennial celebration plans. We'll report the outcome of that meeting at our M/RCPA Annual meeting September 11.



Century home (c. 1880) at the corner of 8th and Thurston owned and occupied by Larry Bowers. This is currently zoned R-2, and is included in the proposed extended M-FRO district.

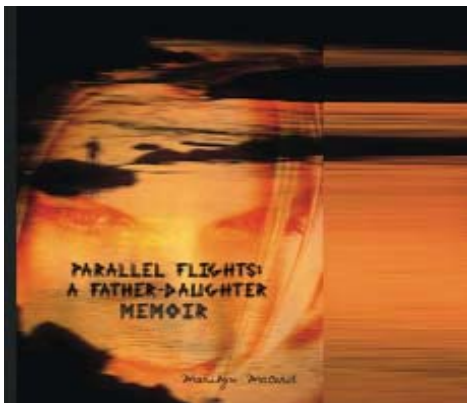


M/RCPA QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS

★ **PLANNING BOARD MEETING:**
Thursday, September 4, 2003, 7:00,
City Hall

★ **M/RCPA ANNUAL MEETING: Thursday,**
September 11, 2003, 7:00,
First Congregational Church,
Juliette & Poyntz

This book is available at the
 Riley County Historical Society.



MANHATTAN/RILEY COUNTY PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: First Congregational Church, Juliette and Poyntz
President: Jim Sherow
Vice-President: Michael Mecseri
Secretary: Linda Glasgow
Treasurer: Barbara Poresky
Newsletter Editor: Marolyn Caldwell

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Dues date from the Annual Meeting in September. Dues paid mid-year confer membership status until the next Annual Meeting. Dues are \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family, and \$60 for a sponsor. Checks should be made out to the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, Inc. c/o P.O. Box 1893, Manhattan, Kansas 66505. Questions? Call Linda Glasgow at 785-565-6490. If anyone has contributions for future M/RCPA newsletters, please contact Editor, Marolyn Caldwell (776-4862), or email marolync@flinthills.com.



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