
Manhattan / Riley County Preservation Alliance Newsletter

November, 2003

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT—JIM SHEROW

I want to encourage each and everyone of you to attend the next meeting of the Alliance at the Congregational Church, located at the corner of Poyntz and Juliette Streets, on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:30 p.m.** Bonnie Lynn Sherow has been teaching history majors how to do nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. Her students have been working on five properties, and as a result of their research they will be giving illustrated presentations on the history of these buildings and of their architectural significance. Bonnie's students have put a great deal of effort into their work, and their presentations will offer new insights into the history of our community. Come and learn.

Also, the Alliance is near to having its own web page functioning online. The first steps have been taken to make this happen, so stay tuned for an announcement of its grand appearance in virtual reality.

On the city front there is remarkable progress being made in improving the way in which citations for code violations are processed.

The Alliance has always been in support of improving this process and it looks as if it will become a reality soon. Public input on the Fourth Street Corridor Plan is also proceeding apace, and I encourage our membership to view the boards on display in the public library and to make comments and suggestions to the steering committee or to Bernd Foerster or myself. Of course, Bernd and I will make every effort to keep Alliance members informed about the progress of the plan, and please feel free to contact either one of us with your concerns or recommendations.

The planning for the Homes Tour is nearing an end and soon we'll be enjoying tours of five lovely historical homes in Manhattan. Be sure to mark your calendars for this event! If you can volunteer some time for this worthy fund raiser, please call Linda Glasgow at the Riley County Historical Museum. I encourage you to do so.

Remember, it is time to renew your membership!

HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT THURSDAY!

Jim

*****NOTICE FROM THE CITY'S WEBSITE*****

CHECK THIS OUT BEFORE THE PA MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

The Downtown Redevelopment Steering Committee along with the Design and Development team will host its second public meeting on Thursday, **November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room of City Hall**, 1101 Poyntz Avenue. Public comments and interaction during the first public meeting were helpful and insightful. The design team wishes to further explore plan studies. Public input is critical during this public session as the design team seeks direction from the community. Design storyboards will be on display at the

Manhattan Public Library until the afternoon of Tuesday, November 11, 2003.

The November 13 meeting is the second of several public meetings to be held over the coming months. The community is invited to all of the public meetings to monitor the process, voice opinion and offer insight into the Master Plan Development. Representatives of Dial Realty, the developer, and Brent Bowman Associates, as well as City Administration, will be available to answer questions, encourage

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A THANK YOU FROM KATE WATSON

Thank you again for your support of Steamboat Days that was held October 4, 2003 at the First Territorial Capitol, Fort Riley. Sending the notice to Alliance members and informally promoting it to your friends and relatives, and your personal attendance, resulted in a great showing from the Manhattan side of Fort Riley. The "new info" is that last night at a board meeting we reviewed the guest book. We wanted to see where, among the 500+ attendees, the signers were from. I am so proud to say that Manhattan beat other locations, even Junction City and Fort Riley, hands down! At last night's meeting, I was the one reading the list of locations aloud and it was so great to say, "Manhattan, Manhattan, Manhattan, Junction City, Manhattan, Manhattan, Salina, Manhattan, Manhattan, Manhattan, Dallas, Manhattan, Manhattan, Manhattan, Manhattan..."

Thank you for all your help and for making me look good!

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City Notice—Continued from page 1 discussion, and to explore new ideas and concepts.

Manhattan's current Downtown Redevelopment initiative is the result of the City of Manhattan, in conjunction with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, commitment to explore opportunities to enhance the Downtown neighborhoods and associated retail/commercial corridor. This follows 12 months of Chamber-led community meetings with property owners, neighborhood groups, civic leaders, numerous organizations, government and community leaders; a listening tour in developing the best representation of the community's needs and wishes.

The City Commission approved a pre-development agreement with Dial Realty at their September 16, 2003, City Commission meeting.



2003 HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Linda Glasgow

The properties that will be open to the public during the 2003 Tour include:

1010 Claflin—Residence of Elmer and Roxie Blankenhagen

121 North Juliette—Methodist parsonage residence of Rev. Jim and Sherry Reed

1630 Pierre—Residence of Kathy Biswell

2120 College Heights—Residence of R.C. and Melissa Jones

1932 Sunset Lane—Residence of Karen De Bres.

The tour will begin with our traditional "candlelight tour" on Friday evening, December 12 and will continue on Saturday, December 13. Proceeds from the tour will be evenly split between the Wolf House Museum and the Manhattan Union Pacific Depot.

Tickets will be available at a number of locations, to be announced later. The advance ticket price is \$12. If you buy tickets at the door the price is \$15.

We are still looking for volunteers. If you are willing to help with this effort, please call Linda Glasgow at the Riley County Historical Museum, 565-6490.



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- 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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