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Strengthening the area we know as MidTown will contribute to the overall prosperity and vitality of the city of Columbus as a whole.”

— Cameron Bean
Board President 2022-2024

Friends of MidTown,

Writing our yearly annual reports lets us look back and evaluate our work to sustain, enhance, and grow the neighborhoods and businesses in MidTown. The word “grow” isn’t actually in our mission statement. But we are decidedly at a tipping point subsequent to the steady groundwork we laid in 2022 and 2023. We prepped the soil with thoughtful, strategic planning, strengthened relationships with partner allies, and continued to analyze and adjust financially from the extended monetary ramifications of Covid-19. We launched the MidTown Neighborhood Alliance and revived programs and community events that had laid dormant for a couple of years - programs that accelerated in momentum, events that were notably more robust - all coming together to make MidTown an EVEN better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Julio A. Portillo, Jr.
Executive Director

Strength in Numbers

26,000
RESIDENTS MAKING
UP
12%
OF THE CITY'S
POPULATION

CONTRIBUTES
10.4% OF
THE CITY'S
TAX BASE

24
NEIGHBORHOODS
6
IN THE NATIONAL
HISTORIC REGISTRY

6
SQUARE MILES
ACCOUNTING FOR
3%
OF THE CITY'S
LAND AREA

On the cover:

In 2023, MidTown Inc. launched the MidTown Neighborhood Alliance - an initiative to strengthen and engage MidTown's diverse neighborhood groups and associations.



Community & Economic Development

MidTown is at the heart of Columbus, literally and figuratively. It is home to some 26,000 people, sprawling parks, a conveniently located Civic Commons including a vibrant library, a state-of-the-art natatorium and an accessible government center, award-winning and progressive schools, an art museum, a Fortune 250 business and places of worship for every faith. Hundred-year-old trees form canopies over cozy bungalows and historic mansions. Neighbors look after one another. Generations of families continue to raise their babies here.

But while MidTown keeps one foot firmly planted in its charming past, its other is poised to stride into the future. With the help of generous donors, staff members and volunteers - whose skill sets range from economic growth to art to transportation - bring the buzz of new construction to empty lots, new life to shuttered businesses, facelifts to neglected storefronts and pedestrian - and bicycle-friendly paths to thoroughfares. It's more than economic development; it's community development - and it's a model for other parts of the city to use as part of Columbus's overall equation for success.

Strategic Focus Areas

Neighborhood Enhancement and Sense of Place

Enliven and strengthen neighborhoods and promote MidTown's distinctive character and convenience

Economic Development

Actively encourage economic development opportunities as a catalyst and facilitator

Business Support

Support and promote MidTown businesses

Organizational Capacity

Sustain the organization to realize our mission through projects and programs

Active Transportation and Connections

Encourage active transportation options, celebrate community places of pride, and work to better connect people and places

Comprehensive Campaign

Support all strategic initiatives, achieve our mission of sustaining & enhancing neighborhoods & business within MidTown to make MidTown EVEN better

MidTown Neighborhood Alliance

In Spring of 2023, MidTown, Inc. launched the MidTown Neighborhood Alliance (MNA) to unite and support MidTown's 24 diverse neighborhoods. Neighborhood representatives attend quarterly meetings where they hear from various City of Columbus citizen-centered departments including public safety, crime prevention, codes and inspections, public works, and 311 Request for Service. In its inaugural year, our MNA representatives had the privilege of meeting with John Patterson, Drale Short, and the Public Works team to learn about the recycling and waste management program and Columbus Chief of Police Stoney Mathis, Deputy Chief Roderick Graham, and Lieutenant Alan Malone to hear the latest crime report and initiatives. Ideally, over time these neighborhood representatives will become better equipped to connect their neighbors with available public resources to create a safer, more beautiful MidTown. Additionally, MidTown Inc. has launched or will be launching the following initiatives:

- **Neighborhood Watch Groups:** Provide assistance to MNA representatives interested in forming or reactivating Neighborhood Watch groups.
- **Beautify MidTown:** We will grant funds to assist with improving aesthetics in shared MidTown spaces. This includes offering more funds to the popular Adopt-A-Spot program.
- **Neighborhood Signage:** Attractive signage placed at MidTown neighborhood gateways for placemaking and to preserve history.
- **Community Grants:** Grants issued to neighborhoods, civic organizations, schools, etc. for block parties and other community-building events.

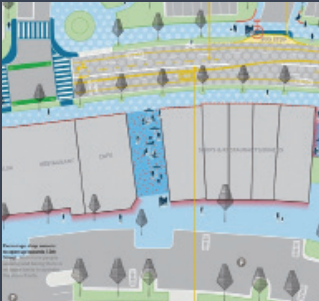


Since our founding in 2005, MidTown, Inc. has worked to connect people to each other and to resources that make MidTown a better place to live, work, and thrive in all areas of life. The work of community revitalization and engagement is incremental and long-term, and we believe launching the MidTown Neighborhood Alliance was an important step in the process.

MidTown Neighborhood Map



LAKEBOTTOM PARK



PHASE 1: MINIMUM GRID IMPROVEMENTS



WYNNTON STREETScape



13TH STREET MURALS

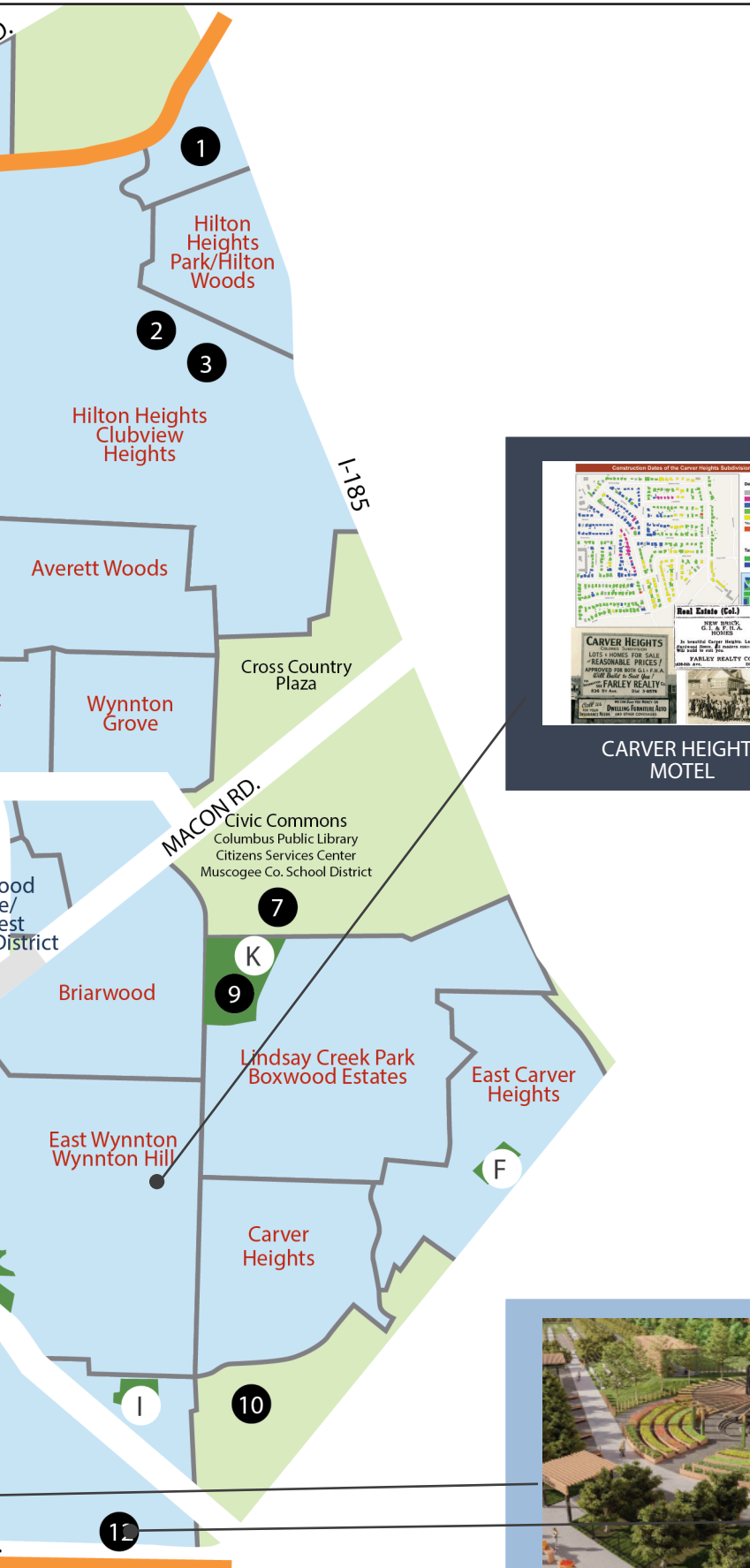


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DRAGONFLY TRAILS – MLK JR. TRAIL





SCHOOLS

- 1 Hardway High School
- 2 Clubview Elementary
- 3 Richards Middle School
- 4 Lyda Hannan Academy
- 5 St. Elmo Center for the Gifted
- 6 Columbus High School
- 7 Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts
- 8 Wynnton Arts Academy
- 9 Rigdon Road Elementary
- 10 G.W. Carver High School
- 11 J.D. Davis Elementary
- 12 Thomas H. Brewer Elementary

PARKS

- A Lakebottom/Weracoba Park
- B Linwood-Tillis Park
- C Dinglewood Park
- D Little Wildwood Park
- E The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park
- F Boxwood Park
- G Theo McGee Park
- H Ewart/South Lawyers Lane Park

RECREATION CENTERS

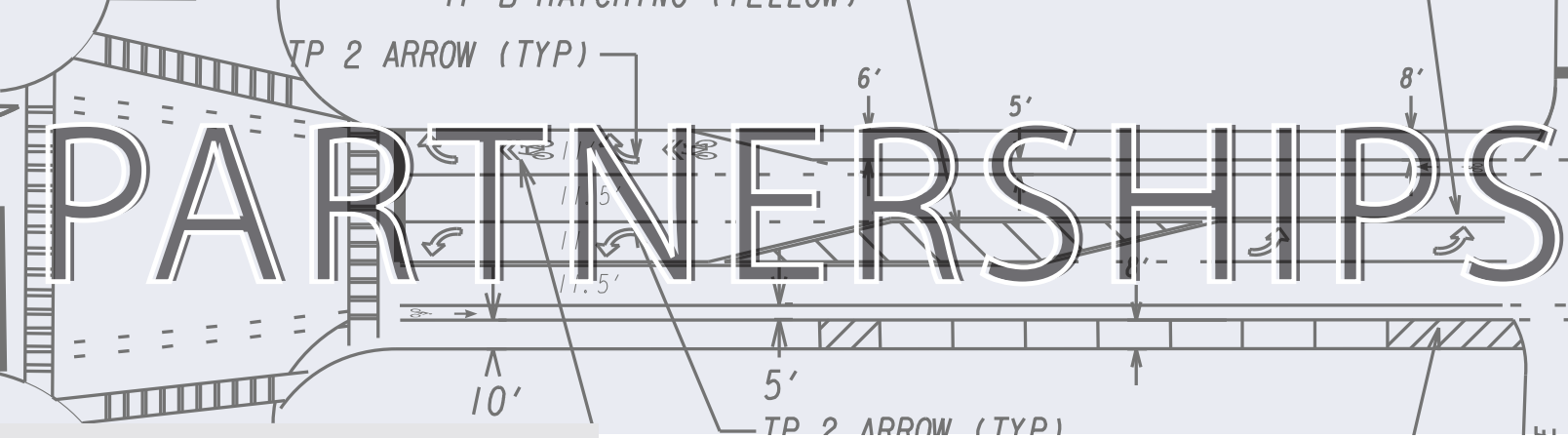
- I Michael Fluellen Recreation Center
- J Marianna Gallops Senior Center
- K Ardahlia Mack Recreation Center
- L Columbus Museum



THE G.W. CARVER VICTORY COMMUNITY GARDEN AND FARM



DR. MLK JR. OUTDOOR LEARNING TRAIL



G.W. CARVER VICTORY COMMUNITY GARDEN & FARM

MidTown is closing in on bragging rights for the largest community garden in Columbus thanks to our partnership with Ronzell Buckner, the founder of Turn Around Columbus. This initiative took root nearly ten years ago when Turn Around Columbus planted its first tiny garden across from the Fluellen Recreation Center in Carver Heights. Since that time, Mr. Buckner has worked tirelessly to garner support from a plethora of community leaders, stakeholders, and partner organizations to make this and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Outdoor Learning Center a reality.

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MidTown, Inc. helped us develop an organizational structure and business plan for the G.W. Carver Victory Garden, assisted us with decisions about operations, technology, leadership, financials, and by laws. They recruited Rotary Club volunteers who, along with MidTown, Inc. staff, devoted several days clearcutting, building a green house, and tackling other essential tasks to prep our fields for planting. Once completed, this project will improve safety in the adjacent neighborhoods by giving school children purpose and a place to go after school. It will teach them lifelong skills and gift them with the unique satisfaction experienced from farming. This wouldn't be possible without the assistance we've received from MidTown, Inc.”

—Ronzell Buckner
Executive Director, Turn Around Columbus



Left: Rotary club of Columbus 2022-23 President, Cedric Hill, Laurry Petit, Georgia Rotary student, and Julio Portillo, MidTown, Inc. Executive Director at the MidTown-Rotary farm work day.



LOCATED
IN SHEPHERD PLACE -
WALKING DISTANCE
TO J.D. DAVIS & BREWER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

OVER
500
STUDENTS ENGAGED
IN FARMING

700
POUNDS OF FOOD
GROWN &
DISTRIBUTED TO
34
FAMILIES

PARTNERED WITH
GEORGIA 4-H
SNAP-ED
DEPT. OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND HOUSING
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UNIVERSITY

Rotary club of
Columbus Past
President, Joe
Young, daughter,
Lynn Young, Turn
Around Columbus
Executive Director,
Ronzell Buckner,
and Mary Rogers,
Victory Garden
Farm Manager
at the MidTown-
Rotary farm work
day.



& INITIATIVES

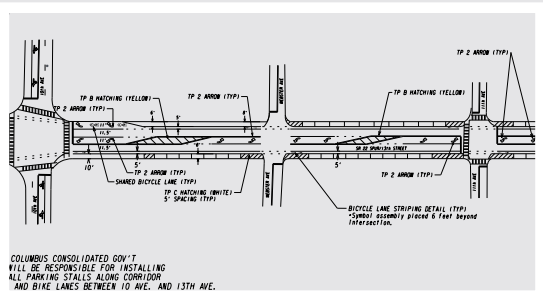
SR 22 SPUR/13TH STREET

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THIRTEENTH STREET- A COMPLETE "OVERHAUL" TO CREATE A MINIMUM GRID

A lane reconfiguration on 13th Street that removes two traffic lanes, provides a turning lane, and adds on-street parking has the potential to radically change the economic viability of the properties along that highly visible corridor linking MidTown and UpTown. The slowed traffic, safer pedestrian amenities, and easy access to the storefronts will be transformative. Current underutilized building owners will have viable options to attract stable commercial tenants and make improvements with reasonable expectations of a return on their investment, an option not remotely feasible for almost forty years. It's easy to imagine specialty shops, restaurants, and professional office buildings springing up. Slowed drivers will take in all there is to see along 13th Street, rather than rushing through with blinders on to look past the current blight. We have long dreamed of a transition at 10th Avenue - where the viaduct connects Uptown and MidTown - that reflects the charm and character of MidTown.

In the past two years, we began exploring conceptual ideas for streetscape improvements, creating public spaces, and landscaping enhancements - all of which are geared towards complimenting this much anticipated road project and revitalizing this important corridor.



Phase 1

DEVELOP MINIMUM GRID PLAN

Phase 2

MINIMUM GRID IMPLEMENTATION

PHASE 2.1

LANE CONFIGURATION FROM CHEROKEE AVE TO 13th AVE

PHASE 2.2

PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS AND PUBLIC ART

Phase 3

LANE CONFIGURATION FROM 13TH AVE TO 5TH AVE. INCLUDING THE VIADUCT

Phase 4

DEVELOP A STREETScape AND BEAUTIFICATION PLAN

PHASE 4.1

DESIGN, PERMIT AND BUILD A CHILDREN'S BICYCLE PLAYGROUND AT DINGLEWOOD PARK

PHASE 4.2

DESIGN, ENGINEER, PERMIT AND IMPLEMENT PUBLIC STREETScape AND BEAUTIFICATION

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Our capital investment in the Warehouse District of Midtown Columbus was partly due to the proposed 13th Street right-of-way improvements. The wider streets with improved traffic flow, on-street parking, and bicycle lanes will reshape the community's use and perception of the area. I see the east-west corridor as a critical link between the rapidly evolving Uptown and Mid City submarkets to Lakebottom Park. I'm encouraged by this investment by our community and the efforts of Midtown, Inc. and Julio Portillo in fostering this project forward.”

-Jack Hayes,
Principal, Commercial Advisor, NAIG2

BUILDING C

TINY STAGE CONCERTS

After noticing a few small gatherings in Lakebottom Park, including a violin recital and Christmas carolers, MidTown resident and music teacher, Donna Dooley, decided to organize and present small ensemble musical concerts using Lakebottom's Red Frame as the stage. "The beauty of Lakebottom serves as the perfect backdrop combining music and nature to nourish the soul," she said. She titled the performances, which occur four times a year, Tiny Stage Concerts - similar in name to the Tiny Desk Concerts featured on National Public Radio. The concerts were well-received from the get-go, and since starting them in 2022, Donna has been able to maintain their momentum thanks to the assistance of RiverCenter Executive Director and fellow MidTowner, Norm Easterbrook.

MidTown Inc. has supported the Tiny Stage Concerts by providing a state-of-the-art sound system to improve the outdoor venue acoustics. Additionally, MidTown works with Donna Dooley to market these popular events; each year MidTown creates posters and postcards to be distributed around town as well as advertises each concert digitally. Last but certainly not least, in Summer of 2023, MidTown Inc., with the help of friend John Schley, refurbished the Red Frame with stage lighting - certain to attract even more organized events to that shady, leafy neck of the woods in Columbus' favorite public park



MidTown residents always came prepared with chairs, blankets, and picnics to enjoy the Tiny Stage Concert series.



Julio Portillo, Executive Director, and Savannah Simon, staff member spruce up the Red Frame in Lakebottom Park



Participants in the 2023 MidTown Bike Around are off!!

MIDTOWN BIKE AROUND

As part of National Bike Month that takes place every May, MidTown Inc. again hosted MidTown Bike Around in 2023, though unfortunately it was cancelled at the last minute in 2022 due to inclement weather. MidTown Bike Around served as a great way to publicize bike month and collaborate with other Columbus civic organizations. Additionally, this event allowed us to showcase our beautiful and bike-friendly MidTown neighborhoods including portions of the Dragonfly Trail and made for a fun, community-building evening as well, as MidTown, Inc. treated participants to a beer at Jarfly following the event. Cheers to that!

Did you know?

The Red Frame was MidTown's 2017 contribution to ArtBeat. Bitsy Dedwylder borrowed the idea after her nephew posted a picture from an apple orchard in Easthampton, MA. *Big Red Frame*, an original work of art by Swiss artist, Jean-Pierre Pasche, was featured in the photograph. MidTown, Inc. asked for and received permission from the artist to replicate his work.

Pablo Picasso is widely quoted as having said that "good artists borrow, great artists steal."

COMMUNITY

through events

CLEAN MIDTOWN

Falling each year around Earth Day, in 2022 and 2023 MidTown Inc. hosted its fourth and fifth annual Clean MidTown events. MidTown's staff, board members, and other volunteers, armed with garden spades and willing hands, upgraded the landscaping at some of MidTown's most visible pocket parks and intersections. These events served as a perfect board team building activity as well as an opportunity to make MidTown even more beautiful!



Judy Tucker, MidTown board member, cleaning up Wynnton Road planter.



MidTown staff, board members and volunteers lend a helping hand at Clean MidTown.

MIDTOWN GETDOWN

After being cancelled for two years due to Covid-19, the second MidTown GetDown struck a happy chord on May 15th, 2022 by attracting over a hundred folks of all ages. The Opening Act was Flint & Steel, a Hilton Heights middle school-aged garage band with an edgy sound. MidTown Inc.'s Executive Director, Julio Portillo, joined in their jam on bass guitar. Next up were The DeClue Brothers, followed by The Breakdowns, a Tom Petty Tribute Band.

Our third MidTown GetDown, held on May 7th, 2023, was another hit! This year featured opener MidTown Dad Band, again showcasing our own Julio Portillo, followed by The Velvet Cab. Residents came out in full force with lawn chairs, picnic blankets, coolers, friends, and family.

Both years we were excited to have artist Ralphy Betz on site, who invited everyone to channel their inner artistry by painting his iconic van. The Kona Ice truck served up colorful, tasty shaved iced cones, and kids took an imaginative break from their electronics to enjoy our "cardboard playground". It's safe to say that this free MidTown concert held at the bandshell in Lakebottom Park hits a high note, and we can't wait to do it again!



MidTown board member Austin Suggs lends a helping hand at Clean MidTown.



Executive Director Julio Portillo and MidTown resident Scottie DeClue join Flint & Steel band members, George Sigman, Steven Ellis, William Powell, and Case Carver on stage.



World-renowned artist and MidTown resident Bo Bartlett contributes to Ralphy Betz's community art project at the MidTown GetDown. Ralphy Betz brings his van for children to paint during the event.



MidTown board member Ellie Fober and daughter Ruthie at the MidTown GetDown.

BUSINESS IN

The MBA

The MidTown Business Association (MBA) works to promote and sustain businesses in MidTown Columbus. We recognize that restaurants, shops, professional offices and service businesses are essential to the convenience and character that MidTown living offers. We also value our realtors who essentially increase density and property values in MidTown. Any business in MidTown will find the MBA as a tremendous support system. We help market businesses using social media and our bi-monthly newsletter, *The MidTowner*, reaching close to 4000 contacts with a consistent readership averaging 1100 people. Our membership proudly welcomed 18 new members over the past two years, to whom we are grateful for making MidTown their business home.

New MBA Members

2022:

Christinia's Therapeutic Massage
Ed Adams Commercial Real Estate
Mindful Acceptance Therapies, LLC
Myo-do Movement & Massage Studio
Parker's Pantry
Swift Norris Team KPDD
The Wright Legal Group, LLC

2023:

Fitz Bickerstaff, REALTOR®
Bramble
Build Yo Salad
Clique Wireless
The CoWork Boutique
The Fort Church
Golden Donuts
Mike Kinsaul, REALTOR®
Midtown Provisions
Mosquito Shield of Chattahoochee Valley
Parsons Cookie Co.



“We’ve been a proud MBA member for the past twelve years. It’s nice to have someone working on our behalf to help promote our business and having an advocate to improve the area. We’ve been operating here for 72 years and love being located in MidTown.”

--Jeanie Hinson Bross
Owner, Hinson Galleries

In 2023, longtime MidTown resident, Jennifer Flournoy, purchased The Wynnton Building, which includes the old Wynnton Road storefronts. We are excited to support her as she renovates and revitalizes this main MidTown corridor.



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The MBA does so much to promote Midtown businesses. The fee has paid itself so many times over with the amount of business it has brought to our gym. We are glad we joined this organization.”

-- Darrel Wright
Owner, Wright Way Fitness



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We are honored to have our kids' mindful yoga studio home in Midtown, Columbus, GA. The MBA has been instrumental in our success with their unyielding support of our mission!”

-- Jamie Castano
Owner, Just Breath For Kids

Real Estate in MidTown

PROVIDED BY:
MARY VARNER REAL ESTATE GROUP



2022

Units Sold: 247
Average Sold Price: \$210,060
Price per sq. ft: \$102.23
Days on the market: 36

2023

Units Sold: 231
Average Sold Price: \$214,116
Price per sq. ft: \$101.69
Days on the market: 35

MBA members include local Realtors that showcase the charm, convenience, and value of MidTown living to potential homebuyers

2022 MIDTOWN

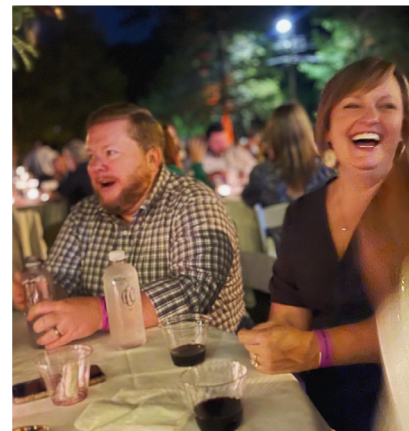
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

We celebrated our 11th anniversary Mingle for the second year at our beloved Lakebottom Park, Columbus's oldest, large-scale, daily use recreational facility in Columbus. Guests raved about the delicious fare catered by Country's Barbecue, enjoyed donated beer and wine, danced to tunes belted out by the Chattahoochee Pine Beatles, and visually relished lovely table decorations organized by our hard-working 2022 Mingle Committee. Mingle 2022 raised \$132,778 in total revenues netting \$90,051 to support MidTown projects, programs, and operations. The Mingle is MidTown's sole annual fundraising event, and our single largest source of operating revenue. We could not pursue our mission - Making MidTown EVEN Better - without this vital community support.

midtown
mingle 2022 Raffle Time!



MidTown resident and local entrepreneur, Mollie Jenkins, generously donated her famous ghosts for our raffle event at the 2022 and 2023 MidTown Mingles!



Top Left: 2022 Mingle Committee: Carolyn Bettin, Anna Garcia, Julio Portillo, Angela Springer, Bitsy Dedwylder, Savannah Simun, Danielle Ernst, Molly Coleman, Sara Carver, Jennie Hannay, Amanda Baker, and Sarah Rumph Top Right: Brad and Sally Baker enjoying the MidTown Mingle all night long! Bottom Left: Pete Berry, Fred and Sarah Maglione, Whitney and Jason Pease Bottom Right: MidTown residents donated floral arrangements by David Benefield

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Suggs Property Solutions
Ann and John Tuggle
Two Sisters Gallery
A Valued Friend
Vernon Pediatrics, P.C.
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In Memory of

George E. "Tripp" Wade III
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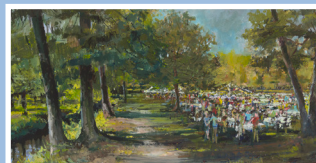


Tripp was quintessential MidTown; he lived the majority of his life in MidTown, ran several very successful businesses in MidTown, raised his family in MidTown, and most

special to us, served on the MidTown, Inc. board for over 10 years, with a record-breaking three-year term as President. His steadfast support and wise leadership will be missed. The 2022 Mingle was dedicated to his memory.

Featured artist

MidTown Resident,
Howard B. Reiney



In Honor of

The Seven Founding
MidTown, Inc. members.

Edward C. Burdeshaw
Frank Etheridge III
Anne King
Virginia Peebles
John Sheftall
Teresa P. Tomlinson
Elizabeth Walden

2023 MIDTOWN

MINGLE RECAP

2023 brought us our 12th anniversary Mingle, and it returned to the beautiful Lakebottom Park for the third year. Though rain threatened throughout the day, it remained a light mist, and attendees enjoyed a crisp, fall evening under a canopy of twinkling globe lights and the city's most beautiful trees. Guests again danced to the Chattahoochee Pine Beatles and dined on Country's Barbecue, and this year, they also hooped and hollered for the Atlanta Braves; the committee had the brilliant foresight to livestream the Braves, who were playing in the NLDS. Thanks to the hard work of the 2023 Mingle Committee, the 2023 MidTown Mingle netted an impressive \$95,774 - absolutely crucial support for MidTown Inc.'s programs and operations.

The Chattahoochee Pine Beatles played at the 2023 Mingle and were once again a huge success! Everyone danced the night away in celebration of our wonderful community.



Top Left: Several members of the 2023 Mingle Committee pose for photo opp. Committee members were Caroline Schley, Ashley Cartledge, Rudi Pierson, Julio Portillo, Mollie Jenkins, Savannah Simun, Amanda Baker, Doug McLeod Molly Coleman, Alice Fincher, Sara Carver, Jennie Hannay, Carolyn Bettin, Sarah Rumph, Bitsy Dedwylder, Kelley Watts, Rachel Williams Top Right: Drew Lingo was the big winner of the Mollie Jenkins ghost! Congratulations, Drew! Bottom Left: Mingle Co-Chair, Molly Coleman, and Chair, Carolyn Bettin, did a fabulous job in creating an unforgettable night at Lakebottom. Bottom Right: Generations of families celebrate together at the MidTown Mingle!

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Featured artist

MidTown Resident, Kate Waddell Rawal



Left: Mingle Chair, Carolyn Bettin, Executive Director, Julio Portillo, Kate Rawal, and President, Cam Bean pose at the pre-mingle kick-off.

Right: We jumped at the opportunity to market Kate's fabulous artwork prior to the Mingle on all digital marketing channels.



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Assets

Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$439,039.80
Contributions receivable	\$19,610.00
Fixed assets	\$1,868.17
Total Assets	\$460,518.51

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	\$4,474.13
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$12,027.71
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$491,657.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$460,518.51

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Assets

Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$574,719.27
Contributions receivable	\$356,023.99
Fixed assets	\$1,868.17
Total Assets	\$932,612.13

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	\$1,624.61
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$-49,646.22
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$491,657.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$932.612.13

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