

# Midway Tracks

CITY OF MIDWAY NEWSLETTER

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Community matters

Midway's genie graf honored

Genie Graf of Midway has been chosen as the recipient of the 2008 Legacy Award presented by the Bluegrass Alliance for Women. The Legacy Award was created to recognize women whose professional and community activities help to empower women and girls in the areas of leadership, education, health and well-being, equity, and economic sufficiency. Graf initiated the

Midway Political Forum in 2003, a yearly event held in conjunction with Midway College. She currently serves as Treasurer of the Midway Woman's Club and is an active parent at both Northside Elementary and Woodford County Middle School. Graf and her husband, Matt, have four children.



Genie Graff receiving the 2008 Legacy Award by the Bluegrass Alliance for Women.

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Council Corner  
By Sharon Turner



Midway has many exciting things to look forward to in 2008, the start of a new Library, an improved City website, and possibly a new footbridge and additional trails. These are just a few of the exciting things being worked on for this wonderful place we call home!

We have had two clean up days, and transplanted many plants into

different sections of the Midway Cemetery. Our hope is that in Spring/Summer 2008 we can do more for all of the Midway Cemeteries.

Don't forget our Memorial Day Ceremony at Midway Cemetery May 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

## A n n o u n c e m e n t s   a n d   c a l e n d a r   e v e n t s

- April 5 –Renaissance Board Member Retreat at Midway Presbyterian Church
- April 12– Greenspace Workday at Walter Bradley Park
- April 26–Midway Arbor Day and Midway Cemetery Work Day 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- May 26– Memorial Day Service at Midway Cemetery on Spring Station Rd. at 10:00 a.m.
- May 29–P&Z Public Hearing at Midway College Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- June 21&22-Francisco's Farm Art Festival

## R e n a i s s a n c e   R e p o r t

### Update from Midway Renaissance, Inc.

Midway Renaissance currently has two operating action teams – Francisco's Farm and Greenspace. Following is a brief update on what's going on with Renaissance, Francisco's Farm and Greenspace.

### Renaissance

Midway Renaissance, Inc held its annual meeting in December. At that meeting, several new board members were elected. The new board will hold a planning retreat on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Midway Presbyterian Church. Stay tuned for more details about exciting things to come from Midway Renaissance in the future! For more information about Renaissance contact President Randy Thomas at [Randysthomas@yahoo.com](mailto:Randysthomas@yahoo.com).

### Francisco's Farm

Planning for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Francisco's Farm Arts Festival at Midway College is underway! Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 21 – 22!! Newly designed tee shirts by Midway Artist Carol Bowles featuring horses, the clock tower and our distinctive banners will be for sale. See our website at [www.franciscosfarm.org](http://www.franciscosfarm.org) for more details. Contact volunteer coordinator Pam Thomas at [pam-joyky@yahoo.com](mailto:pam-joyky@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer!

### Greenspace

The Greenspace Committee, partnering with the City of Midway, recently applied for a Safe Routes to Schools grant to construct a trail and footbridge through the woods in Walter Bradley Park. The Greenspace Committee holds a monthly business meeting,

and also has workdays the first Saturday of every month in the woods at Walter Bradley Park. The next workday will be April 12 (date changed because of Renaissance retreat). We will be planting trees – please join us – no experience necessary! Contact Committee Chair Bob Rathbone at [srathbone@qx.net](mailto:srathbone@qx.net) for more information about the Greenspace Committee.

## T i m e   t r a v e l

This column of the newsletter will be dedicated to stories of Midway and its citizens from the past. If you or someone you know is interested in sharing a short story or historical event you lived through or researched, please contact City Hall or e-mail Sheila Redmond at [sfredmond60@gmail.com](mailto:sfredmond60@gmail.com). Submitted

stories must be limited to 75 to 150 words. If you have a story to tell and are not comfortable writing the story, please call City Hall and someone will come assist you in submitting an article.

If you are a young person or have a child interested in history, we welcome their involvement in this passing of history

from one generation to the next. Please contact City Hall if you would like to become involved.

*"There is a history in all men's lives. "*

*-Shakespeare, King Henry IV*

## Name the newsletter Contest

Surely you have noticed that we have a lot of diversified talent in Midway. Did anybody hear Jim Wombles blowing his own horn (literally) at Midway Christian Church's Easter morning service? Need we say more!!!

Art and creativity thrive in Midway. The City of Midway calls upon Midway's creative citizens to name our newsletter.

A prize (yet to be named) and lots of notoriety will be awarded to the person who submits the best name.

The winner will be chosen by the Newsletter committee. Submissions can be e-mailed to any of the committee members, Charlann Wombles, Sharon Turner or Sheila Redmond at the e-mails listed at the end of this article. Or submissions may be e-mailed or delivered to City Hall. Please make sure that any submissions are received no later than May 15, 2008.

The selected name will appear on the June/July newsletter.

*DEADLINE: May 15, 2008*

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## CULTURE COMMENTS BY Sue

For those who loved [Kite Runner](#) by Khaled Hosseini, you are sure to love his second novel about the last 50 years in Afghanistan entitled, [A Thousand Splendid Suns](#). As with his first novel, this is not a book for the faint or light of heart. At times, I questioned whether I could continue reading this novel: the tragedy and sadness were so great. However, in the end it was well worth it.

[A Thousand Splendid Sons](#) is written from the vantage point of two Afghani

women whose lives eventually merge, forming a bond that the term "friendship" does not adequately describe.

Khaled Hosseini honestly describes the beauties and shame of his native culture. Perhaps one of the greatest lessons of the book and life is that all is not good and all is not bad. Life is not so simple.

Hosseini's wonderfully woven story pays homage to the people of Afghanistan, particularly the women, who have suffered atrocities and violations for at least the last 50 years.

I would urge anyone who spends time in their cars to consider listening to the unabridged audiobook of this story. It is one of the most beautifully narrated books I have listened to. It is also instructive in understanding many words and their pronunciations. You will not be disappointed by this novel.

This column written by Sue Doenimm, a writer from the Central Kentucky area.

## A Tested and True Recipe Pistachio salad

1 (3 1/2 oz.) box instant pistachio pudding

1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple (do not drain)

1 (9oz.) Cool Whip

1/2 to 1 cup miniature marshmallows

1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Mix pudding mix with undrained pineapple. Blend with Cool Whip, then add marshmallows and nuts. Refrigerate before serving.

A favorite local recipe will be shared in each newsletter. If you have a recipe that you would like for us to consider publishing, please submit to City Hall.

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The City of Midway reserves the right to edit or reject any submission that does not meet with the approval of the Midway City government. Opinions expressed by guest writers or columnists are not necessarily those of the City of Midway, its Mayor or Council members.

Watch for future newsletters on June 1, August 1, October 1, and December 1, 2008.

Mayor Tom's Closing comments

I would like to update everyone on the Dudley Street Bridge project. Last summer the City of Midway received \$190,000 from the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Dudley Street Bridge.

We are ready to start construction of the new bridge. On Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> the bridge was officially closed and taken out of service until the completion of the project. It should take six weeks depending on our spring weather. Once completed we will have a new and wider bridge to access Newton Street, Walter T. Bradley Park and the Midway Col-

lege equestrian center. I appreciate the patience of the residents on Newton Street. Anyone who would like to go to the park is asked to park at Northridge Elementary School and walk to the park.

On Valentine's Day Weekend the downtown restaurants offered free valet parking downtown. This was an overwhelming success. The customers were very complimentary to this service which has led to making this a permanent feature downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. This will be a great addition and will help alleviate some of our parking pressures downtown. I applaud our res-

taurants and business owners for making Midway a true dining and shopping destination.

