



# Midland Matters

January 2003

PUBLIC MEETING - EVERYONE WELCOME - EVERY 1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

## Midland's Community Newsletter

### What's New

#### We Want To HEAR FROM YOU!



This is your community and what you think MATTERS. We encourage you to send your suggestions, thoughts, story ideas, comments, etc., to us via email or postal mail. We may include your letters in this ever-growing newsletter. Send to PO Box 12172, Tacoma, WA 98412, or email [submissions@MidlandNews.org](mailto:submissions@MidlandNews.org).

#### Daffodil Parade Float MEETING SCHEDULE!!

Meetings are scheduled for EVERY THURSDAY from Jan. 9th through Feb. 27th at 7:00 PM at the Community Center (1614 - 99th St. E.). This year's theme is "It's Magic", and EVERYONE is invited to share ideas, suggestions, comments, helping hands, etc. Last year's float was voted Sweepstakes Runner-up for the President's Award, and was a LOT of fun to build (thanks again to Tom Walrath). Kids, seniors, anyone - there's something for everyone to do. Join in! Call 536-8798 for more information.

#### Letter from the MCA President

##### COMMUNITY PLANS STILL UNDER FIRE

The Midland/Parkland/Spanaway communities plan underwent it's second appeals hearing in December, this time over the zoning decisions made by our fellow communities residents who donated their time over a 4 1/2 year time span to design a plan that would work best for our individual communities. The Master Builders Association and it's lawyers filed two appeals - 1<sup>st</sup> against our environmental and habitat protection decisions, which encompasses preservation of our wetlands, wildlife and water resources, remaining forests including the last of the Oak stands, our streams and creeks, aquifer recharge area and watersheds. This appeal was denied.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal against our zoning decisions was made because the development association wants to keep building on the rest of our land at very high densities - as much as 12 units per acre. Their claim in their appeal is that "our wetlands are already degraded, so why protect them?", and the resulting new zoning, even though it was planned by our own residents, "would seriously hurt our chances for economic development in our areas".

**Let's look at this.** First, while all of the county staff and all of the master builders folks now, and did over those 4 1/2 years, receive a paycheck for their work, the residents from our 3 communities, who worked very hard on this plan, did not. All of the thousands of hours necessary to undertake this momentous task were donated by volunteers who cared enough, indeed loved their communities enough, to give up their own time to see this plan accomplished with nothing but the betterment of our communities in their minds and hearts. Second, aren't you getting just a little bit tired of the county and the builders talking over our heads as if we were just so many morons, capable of doing the legwork, but not of accomplishing it's objectives without being babysat? Are they saying that, collectively, we don't have among us in any of our three communities enough intelligent and experienced people to have a hand in our own economic development? Who better should know what economic development should take place in our communities than those of us living and doing business here? If we can put together this excellent community plan, we can sit down together and come up with an extremely viable economic plan, too. The county council added the last amendment to our plan before adopting it that they should appoint an economic development advisory group to oversee this aspect for us. The last time we looked, it was all those same agencies, including the county council and the Tacoma/Pierce chamber, who were in charge all along, and look at the mess we're in. It's an insult to all of us living in these communities.

A decision will be announced in February regarding the master builders appeal against our plan. Interestingly enough, the 3 member panel who heard the appeal and will make this decision are not even from our area.

### Coming Soon

#### PUBLIC Swing Dance Saturday, January 18th - 8-11 PM

The Franklin Pierce High School Jazz Band invites EVERYONE (yes, children too) to a SWINGIN' night of JAZZ. The dance will be held at the Pacific Lutheran University, in the Chris Knutsen Hall. For ticket information, contact Brian Dyson at 535-0247. Children 10 and under are FREE, all others - \$10.00 per person.



### !!! Meeting Alerts !!!

#### Float Design Meetings Every Thursday through Feb. - 7 PM

#### Next Public Meeting February 4th, 2003 7PM

Midland Community Center  
1614 - 99<sup>th</sup> Street E

**Helmet SALE** Central Pierce Fire & Rescue sell custom-fit bicycle helmets for \$5.00, and multipurpose helmets (worn for rollerblading, skateboarding, etc.) for \$7.00. Call 538-6400 for sale dates, or to make an appointment.

#### Midland Business Directory!

Email [submissions@midlandnews.org](mailto:submissions@midlandnews.org), or call 536-8798, to get listed in the on-line Midland Directory.

**Please Support Your Local Businesses**

**AVENUE FEED & FARM SUPPLY**  
Serving Midland Since the 40's!  
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8002 Portland Ave E

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Cindy Beckett, President  
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# MIDLAND MATTERS

## Midland Community Association

Every month more Midland resident's and businesses join the Midland Community Association. Welcome to you all! Your \$10 membership fee gets you a membership card and monthly newsletter. The fee helps offset the costs of newsletter printing & mailing. You can sign up at the meetings or mail your check (payable to Midland Community Association to PO Box 12172 Tacoma, WA 98412.

### Submissions:

Anyone with Midland related news, we encourage you to send us your stories, ideas, etc. Your comments, questions, and letters, are welcome.

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### Midland Community Association Board of Directors 2002-2003

**Beckett, Cindy** - President  
president@midlandnews.org

**Hay, Tom** - Vice President

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**LaDue, Lucile** - Treasurer

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## Committees Now Forming

**Wetlands Committee:** We will be watching and tracking the flooding and water flow in the wetlands here. Interested Call 536-8798 for more info. Meetings will be held at the Community Center.

### Social Activities Committee:

The rummage sale was a big success. What ideas do you have for other social activities. Call Lucile LaDue at 536-1010.

## Central Pierce Fire & Rescue 2002 Year End Statistics

Fires	809
Rupture/Explosions	8
Medical Incidents	9,370
Hazardous Condition	244
Service Call	997
Good Intent	1,383
False Call	642
Weather Related	6
Other	82
<b>Total for 2002</b>	<b>13,541</b>
<b>Total for 2001</b>	<b>13,072</b>

## Safe Streets

Safe Streets is a community resource specializing in organizing, mobilizing and empowering individuals, families & neighborhoods to work in partnership with law enforcement, schools, government & businesses to reduce and eliminate illegal drugs, gang activities and associated violence. Call Lisa Copp at 253-272-6824 to learn how you can help with this effort.



## Midland Crime & Incident Report

Type of Crime Committed	Year to Date as of November		Percentage of Area Total*		Yearly % Change
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
<b>CRIMES (violent)</b>					
Aggravated Assault	31	43	10.0%	11.0%	38.7%
Homicide	1	0	14.3%	0.0%	-100.0%
Rape	5	7	8.8%	12.7%	40.0%
Robbery Total	13	6	8.2%	5.9%	-53.8%
(Armed)	(10)	(5)	(9.3%)	(8.5%)	(50.0%)
(Strong Arm)	(03)	(1)	(5.7%)	(2.3%)	(66.7%)
<b>Violent Crimes Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
<b>CRIMES (property)</b>					
Arson	5	3	10.2%	6.8%	-40.0%
Auto Theft	184	141	16.73%	13.4%	-23.4%
Burglary Total	252	220	20.1%	16.2%	-12.7%
(Residential)	(168)	(141)	(20.7%)	(16.7%)	(16.1%)
(Non-Residential)	(82)	(77)	(18.8%)	(16.0%)	(-6.1%)
Theft Total	669	566	14.2%	12.0%	-15.4%
(From Vehicle)	(292)	(245)	(15.5%)	(11.4%)	(-16.1%)
(Gas Station Runouts)	(57)	(66)	(9.5%)	(12.9%)	(15.8%)
(Mail Theft)	(58)	(20)	(21.2%)	(12.2%)	(-65.5%)
(Other Thefts)	(204)	(157)	(14.3%)	(14.0%)	(-23.0%)
(Shoplifts)	(58)	(76)	(11.0%)	(13.0%)	(34.5%)
<b>Property Crimes Total</b>	<b>1110</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>-16.2%</b>
<b>CRIMES (Domestic Violence Incidents)</b>					
Assaults - Aggravated	17	19	14.3%	11.5%	11.8%
Non-Aggravated	93	128	11.4%	13.3%	37.6%
No Contact Order Violations	47	39	20.1%	12.39%	-17.0%
<b>CRIMES (Assaults Other)</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>-28.2%</b>
<b>All CRIMINAL TRAFFIC</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>
<b>DRUG (Possession)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>-32.4%</b>
(Marijuana)	(7)	(8)	(6.7%)	(7.8%)	(14.3%)
(Methamphetamine)	(17)	(9)	(9.8%)	(6.9%)	(-47.1%)
(Other)	(13)	(8)	(9.4%)	(7.8%)	(-38.5%)
<b>DRUG (Sale/Manufacturing)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>-66.7%</b>
(Marijuana)	(6)	(8)	(6.7%)	(13.6%)	(-50.0%)
(Methamphetamine)	(9)	(9)	(9.8%)	(5.9%)	(-66.7%)
(Other)	(3)	(8)	(9.4%)	(0.0%)	(-100.0%)
<b>OTHER</b>					
Warrant Arrests	136	115	11.4%	10.1%	15.4%
Check Forgery	52	19	15.8%	10.3%	-63.5%
Check Fraud	9	6	11.7%	11.1%	-33.3%
Other Frauds	66	64	14.8%	12.9%	-3.0%
Counterfeiting	8	4	14.3%	19.0%	-50.0%
Sex Crimes (Not Including Rape)	29	46	11.0%	16.8%	58.6%
(Obscene Phone Calls)	(2)	(3)	(13.3%)	(27.3%)	(50.0%)
(Exposure)	(3)	(2)	(13.6%)	(9.5%)	(-33.3%)
(Indecent Liberties)	(21)	(37)	(10.4%)	(16.0%)	(61.9%)
(Other)	(3)	(7)	(12.5%)	(23.3%)	(133.3%)
Child Neglect	3	7	6.8%	10.0%	133.3%
Runaway Child	94	67	14.2%	12.0%	-28.7%
Vandalism	356	315	13.9%	11.5%	-11.5%
Missing Persons Investigations	15	15	15.0%	14.3%	0.0%
Liquor Law Violations	2	2	6.7%	8.0%	0.0%
Suicide (Includes Attempts)	12	2	16.2%	8.0%	-83.3%
Possession Stolen Property	37	15	14.3%	7.6%	59.5%

This report was developed by the PCSD Crime Analysis and Information Unit. It is intended to be used for crime trend comparison only. This is not the Uniform Crime Statistics Report, which is the official report of crime information and is distributed by LESA.

\* Indicates the percentage of local area contribution to the entire East Patrol area for the indicated "year to date".