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Next Social, Thursday Night - February 12

Don't miss the [February Social](#) at the Red Dirt Emporium! Special book signing by Steve Lackmeyer; details below. Free appetizers from Mickey Mantle's Steakhouse and a cash bar will be provided. Come and hang out with your neighbors!

Steve will be signing his new book "Bricktown: The Book" from 5 PM to 6 PM, and again from 7 PM until 8 PM. Between 6 PM and 7 PM in a separate room, Steve will give a special presentation including extremely rare television interview footage from early Bricktown visionary Neal Horton. Steve will team with Bricktown Association Executive Director Jim Cowan for a question and answer session on Bricktown's past, present and future.

This presentation and Q&A portion has limited seating available. **RESERVATIONS are recommended.** [RESERVE YOUR SEAT here.](#)

Save the Date! February 19, Urban Neighbors Annual General Meeting

The U.N. will be holding its first [Annual Membership Meeting](#) on February 19 at **Tapwerks**. There will be elections to the U.N. Board as well as voting on a few matters of general business. Free appetizers & cash bar will be available. **It's very important that members attend!**

Interested in Becoming a UN Board Member?

Elections to the U.N. Board will be held at the AGM on February 19. The Board meets once a month and provides important guidance and direction for the organization. It also elects the executive officers of the organization. If you are a U.N. Resident Member and want to learn more or would like to nominate yourself, please contact [Wynde Hammock](#) who is the Nominations Committee Chair, or [Brett Price](#), U.N. President.

There are seven open positions on the Board. The current slate of nominees and their bios can be found [here](#).

Take the latest poll *(one question)*

Which social or recreational activities do you most want to see organized for downtown residents? [See the options on our homepage.](#)

Get Your T-shirts

Now available for the **first time ever!** Get your U.N. t-shirts and sweatshirts [HERE](#). Available in a variety of sizes and styles.

MidTown Renaissance

For years, the enchanting avenues of Mid-Town lay dormant. Plagued by a lagging economy and the oil bust of the 1980's, the heart of Oklahoma City became a virtual ghost town. But since the mid-1990s, a series of public and private investments has transformed Mid-Town into an oasis of urban development. Now you can take a [virtual tour](#) of this exciting downtown neighborhood, plus learn about future residential opportunities!

Core to Shore

Check out this thorough coverage of Core to Shore from the February 9 edition of *The Journal Record*:

- [Central Park area integral to Core to Shore project](#)
- [Mapping Core to Shore](#)
- [Core to Shore: What's there now](#)
- [Core to Shore: New developments expected to sprout up](#)

More News Clips

[American Way](#) reports on Oklahoma City, February 1

Black artists lauded at Oklahoma City Museum of Art, February 3, [The Oklahoman](#)

Developer of The Hill in Deep Ducece in Bricktown; Oklahoma City must climb financing hill, February 7, [The Oklahoman](#)

Oklahoma City Thunder's mascot will be a bison, February 10, [The Oklahoman](#)

Downtown OKC groups pitch canal extension plan, February 10, [The Oklahoman](#)

Oklahoma City Thunder TV play-by-play announcer talks about being in Oklahoma and more, NewsOK, [Play Video](#)

Museum Offering "Sampler" Art Classes

Do you want to learn how to draw and paint, but you aren't sure how to begin? Try the Studio Sampler! Dabble with a variety of drawing and painting media and techniques, including drawing with pencils, colored pencils, and pastels and painting with watercolor and acrylics. Visit the galleries and learn how to sketch from a work of art, or try your hand at recreating a still life on paper or canvas. Get a feel for what interests you, so you can sign up for more classes without feeling intimidated!

Sundays, February 22-March 15, 1-4 pm (4 classes)

Ability level: Novice/Beginner

\$70 members/ \$90 nonmembers (materials provided)

Make your reservations by phone: 405 236-3100, ext. 213, or [email](#).

Upcoming Downtown Events

Mondays: [Total Body Fitness Class](#), Chesapeake Boathouse

February 13: [LIVE on the Plaza: Romance with a Twist](#)

February 14: [OSCAR FILM: WALL-E](#), Oklahoma City Museum of Art

February 15: [McNellie's Sunday Brunch](#)

February 15: [Ultimate Frisbee - Sunday pickup games](#)

February 20-22: [Nadia Comaneci Gymnastics Invitational](#)

February 20: [Allen Byrd and Mitch Bell](#), Nonna's Purple Bar

Complete list of downtown events

(Source: www.wimgo.com)

Do you have an event downtown? Be sure to put it on Wimgo.com; it's easy!

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About Urban Neighbors:

Urban Neighbors is downtown OKC's neighborhood organization. Our membership-based organization encourages the further development of quality residential living through positive interactive meetings, social events, and issue-oriented dialogue and activities. Our organization is committed to making downtown an exciting place to live! Visit our website at www.UrbanNeighbors.org.