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2010 Spring Street Eureka Springs, Arkansas



and laugh."
Characteristics, Features, and Map

Spring Street twists, curves, and meanders along a high bluff in northwestern Arkansas. At every turn it offers something worth taking in, whether a breathtaking vista of Ozark Mountain Country or a piece of street art like the half-ton Humpty Dumpty sculpture sitting atop a limestone wall. City of Eureka Springs publicist Ken Rundel says it all adds up to a street that makes "people stop, smile,

5th Avenue San Diego, California



Bank Street Wallace, Idaho



historic buildings to route Interstate 90 through the center of town. The small mining town of 900 residents, led by businessman Harry F. Magnuson, defeated the federal proposal.

Characteristics, Features, and Map

The nine blocks of Fifth Avenue forming the heart of San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter provides a unique pocket of Victorian, Italian Renaissance, and Spanish Revival architecture surrounded by an eclectic mix of contemporary buildings.

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Massachusetts Street Lawrence, Kansas

Walk down Massachusetts Street with someone familiar with its history and the story that unfolds is one of perseverance and resolve. Originally settled prior to the Civil War, the town's main street was burned to the ground and

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Wydown Boulevard

Clayton, Missouri

Designated Area

The entire 1.6-mile length of the street, from Skinker Boulevard at the east end to Hanley Road at the west end.

Summary

Known as much for its scenery and attractiveness for walking, jogging, and biking as its dignified historic neighborhoods, Wydown Boulevard serves both public and private users equally well.

The street's origins date back to the early 1900s when wealthy St. Louis businessmen sought to escape urban congestion. Four subdivisions were built along the street that reflected the garden city concepts and sensitivity to the natural environment advocated by Henry Wright, Lewis Mumford, and the Regional Planning Association of America.

View Wydown Boulevard

The gentle curves of Wydown Boulevard are lined with more than 100 architecturally prominent single-family houses. The residences, in turn, form a visually harmonious backdrop to the Gothic buildings of Washington University. Moorlands Addition, a historic apartment district bordering the avenue's western-most block, offers multi-family housing. Remnants from the boulevard's history as a streetcar line and host of the 1904 World's Fair are also evident.

The wide and verdant median, defined by its lush tree canopy and footpath, acts as an extension of Forest Park, the eastern terminus of the boulevard. Wydown Boulevard's reputation as a safe right-of-way attracts pedestrians of all sorts throughout the day and evening, from elementary, middle school, and college students to residents, joggers, and bicyclists.

Defining Characteristics and Salient Features

Planning Legacy, Historic Neighborhoods

- Four National Register historic districts share a border with Wydown: Brentmoor Park, Brentmoor and Forest Ridge District (added 1982); Carrswold District (1982); Wydown-Forsyth District (1988); Moorlands Apartment District (2009)
- Separation of City of St. Louis from St. Louis County in 1876 led Clayton to become county seat; first streetcar (1895) to run along what is now the Wydown Boulevard median connected Clayton to St. Louis; set stage for area development
- Subdivisions along trolley line originally developed as "private places," characterized by large 1- to 3-acre lots with traditionally designed single-family estates, mature trees, and native plants
- Four subdivisions platted in the early 1900s were either designed by or reflected ideals expressed by Henry Wright who, along with Lewis Mumford, became a member of the Regional Planning Association of America (organized in 1923) and advocated a restructuring of urban living with a higher sensitivity to the natural environment
- Brentmoor Park, Brentmoor, and Forest Ridge subdivisions (platted 1910, 1911, 1913 respectively) designed by Wright; Carrswold subdivision (platted 1924) designed by Jens Jensen and based on Wright and Mumford's principles
- Wydown-Forsyth District between Washington University and Forest Park includes Georgian, Tudor, Spanish, Italian, and French Eclectic homes set back on well-manicured lawns; planned by Forest Park designer Julius Pitzman in 1874
- Moorlands Addition, originally planned as a "private place" in 1922 by Julius Pitzman, adopted revisions to allow multi-family housing in 1926 to accommodate a wider range of residents; the period-style, low-rise apartments add variety to large single-family homes along boulevard

Impressive Streetscape

- Zoning ordinance restricts buildings heights to no more than 35 feet for houses and 45 feet for apartment buildings along boulevard
- Architectural Review Board approval for all construction
- City of Clayton forms partnership in 2007 with Washington University, Fontbonne

- A diversity of mature trees line the median and sidewalks, forming lush canopy

Unique Design

- Fernando Botero's "Man on Horse" statue creates a distinct gateway at the western end (intersection with Hanley Road); the 1.25 ton bronze sculpture was put in place in 1999 by St. Louis Gateway Foundation
- Boulevard's eastern end marked by entryway to Forest Park — a 1,300-acre urban park that is 50 percent larger than New York City's Central Park
- Raised, planted median (as wide as 40-feet) separates two lanes of vehicular traffic, five-foot-wide bike lanes, and seven-foot-wide parallel parking lanes
- Four stone streetcar boarding stations still remain from the late 1800s when boulevard's median accommodated trolley car tracks
- Wydown Terrace, located in the Wydown-Forsyth District in the eastern portion of the boulevard, is a sunken park remnant of a large, man-made lake (Arrowhead Lake) built for the 1904 World's Fair
- Wydown Park, located just east of Hanley Road along the boulevard, is a one-half acre relaxing retreat; renovated in 2002; includes seasonal gardens, stone sculptures, and patio area with tables and chairs

Street Use

- Median transformed into footpath in when trolley line transitioned to a bus route in 1949; City of Clayton, neighboring educational institutions install reinforced turf (2007) to prevent deterioration
- Bike lanes completed in 2009; part of 77-mile on-street Bike St. Louis network
- Two MetroBus bus routes serve Wydown and connect it to Downtown Clayton, MetroLink light rail stations, Washington University Medical Campus, and St. Louis Community College; three mid-block crosswalks provide mobility to pedestrians and easier access to and from median



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Broadway Avenue

Red Lodge, Montana



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Broadway Avenue juxtaposes downtown Red Lodge and its late 19th century Western vernacular buildings against a backdrop of rugged mountain wilderness. There are no traffic lights, and local drivers yield to pedestrians.

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Washington Street

Hoboken, New Jersey



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Vibrant and lively, Washington Street's unique sense of place is defined by its seemingly endless row of historic storefronts pressed against the edge of sidewalks; cross street intersections affording views of the Hudson River and New York City skyline; concentration of popular restaurants, lounges, shops, and boutiques; and connections to the Hoboken waterfront.

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Middle Street

New Bern, North Carolina

From a scenic waterfront to historic architecture, Middle Street encapsulates everything that makes New Bern special. The town's rich history —



Characteristics, Features, and Map

Liberty Street

Franklin, Pennsylvania



The sense of pride and ownership community leaders and residents have for Liberty Street can be traced back to 1852 when a group of volunteer citizens collected and planted oak, maple, and chestnut trees in Fountain Park, one of two downtown parks on the street.

Characteristics, Features, and Map

Washington Street

Middleburg, Virginia



Despite doubling as a major U.S. highway and the epicenter of commerce and entertainment in historic Middleburg, Virginia, Washington Street successfully balances through-traffic and pedestrians while holding onto its 18th century character.

Characteristics, Features, and Map

