

UPTOWN Neighborhood • NEWS •

Uptown Neighborhood Association, Inc.

MARCH, 2010

Calendar of Events

March 4, 7:00 pm, Uptown Meeting. Meeting at College Hill Methodist Church, 2930 E. 1st in the basement.

March 6, 8:00 am, District One Coalition Breakfast. All Occasions, 21st and Oliver.

March 8, 6:30 p.m. District Advisory Board meeting at Atwater Center, 2755 E. 19th St. (at Volutsia).

April 1, Uptown Meeting, Great Plains Nature Center to bring more native animals!

April 4, Sunday, Uptown Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Chautauqua Park. Check next month for more details.

April 17, Uptown Annual Clean-Up. Watch for more details.

May 22, 2010, Uptown Rummage Sale, start saving your good items for us NOW!

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Uptown boundaries

Central, Douglas, Grove and Hillside

If you live, work or own property in Uptown, you are a member of the Uptown Neighborhood Association.

Visit us at: www.simplyneighbors.com/usa/Kansas/Wichita/Uptown

Uptown Meeting

March 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm

College Hill United Methodist Church, 2930 E. 1st Street

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Before the neighborhood clean-up on April 17th, ask yourself these questions:

Do you change the oil in your vehicles?

Do you have antifreeze or old gasoline you need to get rid of?

Are vehicle batteries cluttering up your property?

What about paints, solvents and other types of leftover items?

If you have any of these items, you can take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free and they will be disposed of properly. It's located at 801 Stillwell (5 blocks south of Kellogg and 2 blocks east of Seneca). They are open from 9-5:30 Tuesday-Friday and from 9-3 on Saturday.

While you are there, take a look at the Swap and Shop area. You might find items there that you can take home with you-also for free, things like paint, cleaners, waxes, etc.

Remember, we cannot pick up hazardous waste materials during the neighborhood clean-up on April 17th so take them to the Waste Facility off south Seneca.

La Facilidad para Materiales Desechos

¿Cambia el aceite en su coche?

¿Tiene anticongelante o gasolina mala que necesita botar?

¿Hay baterías de carro en desorden en su propiedad?

¿Tiene pinturas, solventas o otras tipas de químicas desechadas?

Si tiene cualquier de estos, se los puede llevar a La Facilidad para Materiales Desechos de la casa. Ellos se pueden botar las químicas en manera apropiadamente, sin costo a usted. La dirección de la Facilidad está cerca del Colegio Oeste (Wichita High School West)- 801 Stillwell (cinco cuadras al sur de Kellogg y dos cuadras oeste de Seneca). Está abierta de las 9 a las 5:30 el martes por viernes, y de las 9 hasta las 3:00 los sábados.

Mientras estar allí, pase por el área de "Swap and Shop" para buscar artículos que necesita como pintura, productos de limpieza, etc. Todo se puede llevar y es gratis a usted.

Aprovéchese de esta oportunidad que es gratis a usted y ayuda al conservar el ambiente.

Rental Rights and Responsibilities

Uptown Neighborhood News has not addressed tenant issues in many years. I will be printing parts of the Kansas Residential Landlord & Tenant Act so the renters in Uptown can see what their rights and responsibilities are when dealing with a landlord and setting up a lease. Below is the first of many:

58-2550. Security deposits; amounts; return; damages for noncompliance. (a) A landlord may not demand or receive a security deposit for an unfurnished dwelling unit in an amount or value in excess of one month's periodic rent. If the rental agreement provides for the tenant to use furniture owned by the landlord, the landlord may demand and receive a security deposit not to exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) month's rent, and if the rental agreement permits the tenant to keep or maintain pets in the dwelling unit, the landlord may demand and receive an additional security deposit not to exceed one-half (1/2) of one month's rent. A municipal housing authority created under the provisions of K.S.A. 17-2337 et seq., and amendments thereto, which is wholly or partially subsidized by aid from the federal government, pursuant to a rental agreement in which rent is determined solely by the personal income of the tenant, may demand and receive a security deposit in accordance with a schedule established by the housing authority, which is based on the bedroom unit size of the dwelling unit. Any such municipal housing authority which establishes such a schedule shall provide a deferred payment plan whereby the tenant may pay the deposit in reasonable increments over a period of time.

(b) Upon termination of the tenancy, any security deposit held by the landlord may be applied to the payment of accrued rent and the amount of damages which the landlord has suffered by reason of the tenant's noncompliance with K.S.A. 58-2555, and amendments thereto, and the rental agreement, all as itemized by the landlord in a written notice delivered to the tenant. If the landlord proposes to retain any portion of the security deposit for expenses, damages or other legally allowable charges under the provisions of the rental agreement, other than rent, the landlord shall return the balance of the security deposit to the tenant within fourteen (14) days after the determination of the amount of such expenses, damages or other charges, but in no event to exceed thirty (30) days after termination of the tenancy, delivery of possession and demand by the tenant. If the tenant does not make such demand within thirty (30) days after termination of the tenancy, the landlord shall mail that portion of the security deposit due the tenant to the tenant's last known address.

(c) If the landlord fails to comply with subsection (b) of this section, the tenant may recover that portion of the security deposit due together with damages in an amount equal to one and one-half (1 1/2) the amount wrongfully withheld.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by the rental agreement, a tenant shall not apply or deduct any portion of the security deposit from the last month's rent or use or apply such tenant's security deposit at any time in lieu of payment of rent. If a tenant fails to comply with this subsection, the security deposit shall be forfeited and the landlord may recover the rent due as if the deposit had not been applied or deducted from the rent due.

Renters, keep this in mind! (a) there are limits to how much deposit you have to pay. Some do ask for outrageous amounts of deposit but they are very specific in this Act. Check out (b) and (c) for when you are ready to move out. Always remember that your "rental agreement" may say something different for section (d) always CAREFULLY read any agreement before you sign it. You may be able to negotiate something different if you disagree with what the owner has put in it.

Young Adult Job Fair

Ages 14-24

April 17, 10 am - 1 pm

Boys & Girls Club, 21st & Opportunity Drive

Call Renee to RSVP: 201-1890 ext. 106

Sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club and Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc.

E-Waste Recycling

Check out "Guide to Recycling in Sedgwick County" at

<http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/environment/recyclingguide.asp>.

You will find a huge list of places that take:
Aluminum Cans - Ammunition - Appliances - Batteries - Books - Catalogs - Cellular Phones - Clothes Hangers - Clothing - Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs - Computers - Curbside Recycling - Eyeglasses - Fluorescent Lights - Furniture - Glass - Hazardous Materials - Hearing Aids - Magazines - Medication - Metal - Motor Oil - Packaging Material - Paper Items - Phone Directories - Plastics - Plastic Bags - Printer Cartridges - Televisions - Tires - Unsolicited Mail - Wood and Yard Waste.

Too much to print here! Please check it out and never throw things in the trash that can be recycled.

FIELD BINDWEED

A Noxious Weed in Kansas

County Weed Directors Association of Kansas

Field Bindweed is a perennial broad leaved plant that spreads over the soil and other structures, and often forms mats. Leaves alternate along the stem. Leaf size and shape vary; typically leaves are up to two inches long and egg to arrow shaped.

Flowers are typically white, but may be light pink and have two leaf-like structures half-way between the main stem and the base of the flower which is a distinct characteristic. The flowering stage is when most field bindweed is noticed.



The root system is the part that makes this weed so hard to control. Roots can extend as far as 30 feet deep. These roots compete with other plants for moisture and nutrients and give field bindweed an advantage over any other plants in the soil.

Field bindweed is more than a nuisance; it's a pernicious weed. Like many nonnative invasives, bindweed is a tough plant that threatens to take over once it gets a toehold. Its cosmopolitan presence in many temperate climates has earned it 84 names in 29 different languages - most of those names are not kind. There aren't many positive things to say about a plant that can smother a garden in a season and reappear Terminator-like after the most conscientious yanking. However, bindweed can be managed and even eliminated if you are persistent.

Black plastic or landscape fabric weed barriers covered with an organic mulch deprive bindweed of sunlight and have been used successfully to manage this pest.

When employing this method, you must be sure to overlap the sheets of plastic or fabric to prevent the weed from receiving sunlight and be sure that there are no holes in the material, as the weed is very effective at finding light. This method can take up to three or four years, so be patient.

An old (1915) U.S. Department of Agriculture publication suggests using organic mulches such as straw and paper to smother bindweed, but they need to be used so thickly that most experts now recommend plastic sheets or landscape fabric.

Hand-pulling, Hoeing, and Clipping
Seedling bindweed (until it's about a month old) is easy to control by pulling it up or cultivating with a hoe.

These techniques are also important for man-

aging older bindweed even though you won't kill the plant once it has developed its root system. Eliminating flowers before they set seed is critical, because one plant may produce 500 seeds that can remain viable for 50 years if conditions are right. In addition, removing the above-ground part of the weed repeatedly can deplete the carbohydrate reserves stored in the roots.

Allow the plant to grow for about ten days, or until it's about 6 inches long. Then remove the growing parts to force it to draw on energy stored in the roots while depriving it of the ability to make more. Eventually, the plant will die. Be careful when using this method, as bindweed happily propagates itself from pieces of roots.

This is in the March newsletter while the bindweed is just coming up. Check your yard, especially near the fence, each week and pull up any vines that you find. This is classified as a Kansas Noxious Weed for a reason!

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Foundation Front Porch Project

This group is at 1550 N. Hillside and offer free services like: Emergency Food Bank, Commodities, Clothing Assistance, Men as Mentors and Education and counsel to people so they can help themselves.

They also accept donation of food, clothing, volunteers, toys, books and money to help with this effort. If you want to contact them or get help, always call first since they are not open except for a distribution time. Call Vic or Melissa Hannah at 682-3866.

UPTOWN TRASH SPECIAL

Uptown Neighborhood Association has a special rate for trash, **\$45 for 3 months**. Call **Lies Trash** to ask about their rates at **522-1699**. They can also provide recycling. Be sure to mention that you are calling for the Uptown rate.

25-years experience

Reasonably priced

Karen M. Rowland

ROWLAND TAX SERVICE

Call for appointment

316-440-6430

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Kevin Miles, the President of the Kansas chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. is our speaker tonight.

While we waited for him to get there, we took care of some of the reports.

Treasurer's report:

Start Balance	\$620.14
Credits: January cookie money	\$ 8.00
Debits: Gift for Printing Shop	\$ 33.96
WIN dues & donation	\$ 60.00
3 tickets to WIN Annual Mtg	\$ 45.00
Total:	\$138.96
Ending Balance	\$489.18

Great Plains Federal Credit Union Start:	\$1003.99
4th quarter dividends	\$ 1.27
Special dividends	.26
End Balance	\$1005.52

Anne McCartor moved to accept the treasurer's report, Cathie Rayes seconded, approved.

Mike Barushok motioned to accept the minutes from the last meeting as written in the News letter, Cathie Rayes seconded, approved.

Kim Anderson from Battalion 3 and Vicky Forbes from the downtown office of the fire chief were visitors.

Kevin Miles was introduced by Paul Oberg.

Crisis Magazine - Shift in Advocacy highlights Wichita branch for the way it should be done. Kevin and his teams met with many different branches of the city and county welfare programs to find out why so many children were getting sent off to other parts of the state to live instead of going to family members, or back into their parents' homes. Four or five years were taken to see how and why the child welfare programs went on as they did and to find ways to work with and within the system.

We heard and learned many things, one is how some of our state leaders want us to be able to opt out of the health care reforms that are on the list to happen.



Kevin talked about Free Press and how it really is meant to be a no spin zone, just reporting the facts of what happened, not giving sound bites to either side for their gain.

A bit of a history lesson was part of the presentation as well. Who knows the name Ida B. Wells? Before Rosa Parks, she wouldn't give up her seat on the train, she took the train company to court and won. This was in the late 1800's.

Check out the Kansas N.A.A.C.P. website, you will find so many interesting things and all the things that are being worked on in this state. <http://www.wichitanaacpblog.com/>

Officer John Ryan gave his report about crime in our neighborhood being down, the lowest it's been in four years. There is a new Crime Stoppers program and Gordon Basham wants to come speak to us about it. There are twenty bars that have been hit city wide, the burglars are breaking the games for the quarters that are in them. Crime Stoppers received some help in the way of a tip, it was for a large marijuana bust. Reminded us to put purses into the trunk of the car, along with any other things that could be stolen, for their safety.

Fire fighters Lansworth and Alton joined us from station 5.

Anne McCartor spoke to us about her knowledge of taxes, as she works for H&R Block. She brought and told us about the new tax laws and the government is underwriting 65% of the cost of Cobra.

She was telling us that H&R Block have certification tests for all levels and they don't rehire without the person continuing their education in tax laws.

New Business

Newsletter articles, mention of hazardous waste pick up for the neighborhood clean-up.

Bicycle advisory committee has been started up because of an official request from the city the federal money that the city can apply for, like the Rails to Trails request and support. Officers of the U.N.A. signed a letter from N.E. council about a segment of the Rail to Trail segment.

The census was brought up and there is a fine if the census folks don't get back the paper work they send out.

Rummage sale is May 22nd and will be held at the Child Guidance Center which is at the S.E. corner of Grove and Central.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm by mutual agreement of members.

Stormy Johnston - Secretary

Registered Offenders

Each month we will run the most current list of offenders to be found in Uptown. This includes people who have committed a variety of crimes, not only sex offenders. This is no guarantee that someone has not moved in since the newsletter went to print or moved out. If you want to check for offenders, look at: <https://www.accesskansas.org/ssrv-registered-offender/zip.do>

From the KBI website: "Any person who uses information obtained through this website to threaten, intimidate or harass another, or who otherwise misuses the information may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or civil liability." This is true of any person, ex-offender or not.

***NEW* CRISTINA RENEE CRAYTON**
2501 E 2ND,
Black Female, Date of Birth: 05-07-1985,
Registered Since: 02-08-2010. Most Recent Offense:
UNLAWFUL SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

NEW



FISHER, JERMAINE VALDEZ,
338 N. Lorraine,
Black Male, DOB: 02-07-1981
Registered Since: **10-21-1999.**
Most Recent Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT SOLICITATION OF CHILD; <14 TO COMMIT/SUBMIT TO SEX ACT**

PICKETT, RICHARD EUGENE,
SEX OFFENDER, 151 N POPLAR,
White Male, Date of Birth: **11/16/1953.**
Registered Since: **9/4/2003.**
Offense: **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD**

POST, MITCHELL NEAL,
SEX OFFENDER,
428 N CHAUTAUQUA,
White Male, Date of Birth: **3/31/1958.**
Registered Since: **9/12/2001.**
Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT SOLICITATION OF A CHILD**

DONALD RAY ROBERSON,
SEX OFFENDER,
439 N LORRAINE,
White Male, Date of Birth: **09-05-1969,**
Registered Since: **03-26-2009.**
Offense: **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH PERSON UNDER 13**

TAYLOR, ROBERT LEE,
SEX OFFENDER,
2716 E DOUGLAS APT 104,
Black Male, Date of Birth: **12-23-1940,**
Registered Since: **04-30-2009.**
Offense: **ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; <14; LEWD FONDLING/TOUCHING**

VASQUEZ, JOHN MICHAEL,
SEX OFFENDER,
433 N CHAUTAUQUA
White Male, Date of Birth: 4/10/1978,
Registered Since: **7/13/2007.**
Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT SOLICITATION OF A CHILD and AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD**

YOKOM, ANDREW RONALD,
SEX OFFENDER,
110 N ESTELLE ST NO 105,
White Male, Date of Birth: **12/6/1970.**
Registered Since: **10/13/2006**
Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; >14<16; FONDLING/TOUCHING**

ZAPIEN-GUZMAN, ADRIAN GABRIEL,
SEX OFFENDER,
2523 E 2ND.
White Male, Date of Birth: **7/21/1988**
Registered Since: **5/9/2008.**
Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; >14<16; INTERCOURSE**

Commonly Requested Numbers

Officer John Ryan 688-9545
jtryan@wichita.gov
City Council Member Lavonta Williams ..268-4331
lkwilliams@wichita.gov
Karen Hamlin, OCI Representative 312-5998
Lies Trash Service 522-1699
Dillons Grocery 681-6830

Neighborhood Action Line

For any neighborhood problem 529-9999

Accident Reports

Within 48 hours 268-4131
Over 48 hours 268-4261
Animal Control 268-8378
Alley Maintenance 268-4013
Birth Certificates (785) 296-1414
Bus Information 265-7221
City Council/Mayor's Office 268-4331
Driver's License 821-9920
Employment Hotline 268-4537
Garage Sales (license) 268-4553
Graffiti on private property 268-4481
Graffiti on public property 268-4035
Office of Central Inspection 268-4481
Potholes 268-4060
Sedgwick County Call Center 660-9000
Small Claims 660-5790
Street Lights Out of Order 383-8600
Street Maintenance (24 hours) 268-4071
Traffic Fines 268-4611
Zoo 660-9453

Weed Mowing:

Public property 337-9225
Weed Mowing (additional number) 268-4463

Assistance Programs:

Community Housing Services 685-2656
Low Interest Loans, Free Paint,
Emergency Assistance 462-3712
Weatherization (SCKEDD) 262-7035

Uptown Emergency/ PayDay Payoff Loans

Please review the Terms and Conditions before you call one of the committee members below. For greater detail, check out the March issue of our newsletter at the website listed on the front page of this issue.

The Emergency Loan Committee consists of:

Paul Oberg, 687-0949, chancyo@att.net;

David Franks, 685-2030, david.franks@cox.net and

Margaret Hyden, 684-9304, mj927hyden@yahoo.com.

Contact any one of us and we will let you know how to proceed.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- ✓ Be an Uptown resident at current address for last six months
- ✓ Join the Great Plains Federal Credit Union & open a payroll direct deposit account
- ✓ Provide verification of a steady income, with no gaps in employment or benefits for the last year
- ✓ Maximum loan amount is \$250.
- ✓ Term of loan is 30 days (possibly 60 days for long term residents) with no more than two payments
- ✓ Only one loan to a household at a time
- ✓ Must attend Financial Counseling and receive budget assistance

Please remember, any articles that seem to have no author were written by the Director of Communications as part of my duties of that office.

Wichita Housing Authority Public Housing Program

The WHA has 578 dwelling units located throughout the Wichita city limits consisting of single-family dwellings, high-rise apartments and patio complexes. Bedroom sizes range from one to six.

The City of Wichita Housing Authority provides city-owned rental properties to low-to-moderate income individuals and families. Rent is based upon 30% of a household's adjusted gross income or a flat market rent.

Public Housing has 578 dwelling units located throughout the Wichita city limits that include:

- ◆ 352 single family dwellings
- ◆ 226 apartment units

The number of families currently on the waiting list for low-to-moderate income families is 1,100. The application process has been closed since May 29, 1998, except for individuals aged 50 and over, households with four or more family members, and disabled head of households.

The chart at the end of this article outlines the maximum family income that will qualify applicants for low-to-moderate income public housing.



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The Public Housing Division also receives a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Capital Fund Grant, which is used to improve the physical condition of public housing properties and to upgrade the management and operations of the Division to better serve public housing tenants. If you have further questions regarding the City of Wichita Public Housing Program, please call (316) 462-3700.

(editor's note: We have had and may still have some rental properties owned by the City of Wichita. Remember that if you rent from them they are still obligated to maintain the property just as any other landlord would. One of our neighbors lived in such a house that had to be torn down because it was in such bad shape and our neighbor and family were given money to help with a move. Keep all landlords on their toes! If you live near the 3rd Street Canal you may be in one of those houses.)

FAMILY SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Family Income	35,200	40,250	45,250	50,300	54,300	58,350	62,350	66,400

BB Guns

I just found that the back window of my garage has been shot out. It could have happened any time in the last couple of months. Definitely a BB gun, there are holes in the remaining glass and the shade that was covering it. I called in and made a report after waiting for 15 minutes to get an answer at the report desk. My garage backs up to the alley as many of yours do.

Neighbors, go out right now, even though it's cold, and check the windows on your garage. I don't believe I am the only one this happened to so look to see if anyone has been having fun in your alley too. If you find any damage call 911 immediately. They will transfer you to the Case Desk where you can give a report. Keep in mind that we are dealing with tough financial times for the city so there may be quite a wait until someone answers. Please don't give up. The detectives need to see what the pattern might be so they can catch whoever is doing this. After you make the report, email or call Officer Ryan and give him the case number. He can track what's going on in Uptown that way.

We had someone shoot a dog in this same alley with a pellet gun last summer. Parents, if you gave a BB gun to your child for Christmas, be sure to watch where they are shooting it. It is some neighborhood kid (or adult) doing this so anyone with weapons of any kind in their homes needs to account for them at all times.

Handicap Parking

Brian Coon, the new ADA coordinator for the City of Wichita has sent out a reminder to 911 and to all the police officers that they must respond to calls reporting people parking in handicapped stalls that do not show the proper license tag or placard. Simply call 911 and be prepared to tell exactly where the car is located and try to describe it and give the tag number if you can. They will come. As with all 911 calls, they go where people are in danger first so it may take awhile sometimes. If that person is blocking access to someone using a wheelchair who then cannot get into their car you should include that in your report to 911.

Arena Seating

The Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board (WSCAAB) recommended to the Intrust Arena that they release any extra seats in the accessible areas to anyone one week before any sold-out event. The Arena holds several hundred good seats for those using wheelchairs. These

include 3 extra seats for each of those accessible seats for anyone going with them. Those are called "companion seats". If you need to order those tickets you need to do it more than a week before the event or they may all have been sold to others.

What this means is that even though a concert or event has sold out, there will be a few seats available a week before the show so if you didn't get yours you can keep an eye out for those seats to become available.

Out of Work?

Here's a new website that brings together the unemployed to network and get job ideas. As a group everyone can work together to improve lives. Check out Ur Union of Unemployed or UCubed. This site is put together by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. The site can be found at www.unionofunemployed.com.

Business Inspectors

For those who live near businesses on Central, Hillside or Douglas, there is a different person to contact regarding any problems. If you have seen trash not taken care of or abandoned vehicles left in parking lots or any other issues with the outside of a neighborhood business, call Tina Henry at the Office of Central Inspection at the Commercial number, 268-4479. I have spoken with her before and she is really nice.

Most of our businesses are fantastic and take care of their properties but some of them don't and we need to make sure they don't make Uptown look bad. It can spread from businesses to our homes if we don't keep an eye out.

Debate Team

From Kevin Myles when he came to Uptown in February. He told us of a group that started with Chess and has moved into Debate and now into Oratory. He has kids as young as 7 in this group up through teenage years. There are commitments though. You have to be there each Sunday at 4 pm to debate. There are other times when you will need to work with your teammates I am sure but he didn't tell us about those.

He invited anyone to go to Interfaith Ministries on Sunday to see their Debate on any Sunday. Check the phone book for their address. If you have questions I guess you can call Kevin at 219-6996. Go and listen or get involved. It sounds like great fun!

What is this Building?



Look for the answer in the April edition of Uptown Neighborhood News.

Does Your Child Need Health Coverage?

HealthWave covers: check-ups; immunizations; hospital visits; lab & x-rays; medication; eye exams and glasses; hearing services; home health services; physical, speech & occupational therapy; dental check-ups, cleanings, sealants, x-rays and fillings and mental health services. They also can provide OB care to expectant mothers. Coverage is also available for some adults who qualify.

To apply visit their website:

www.kansashealthwave.org or call 1-800-792-4884

(Wichita Eagle, January 15, 2010)

RECYCLING YOUR ELECTRONICS AT STARKEY

Protect the environment and create jobs for people with disabilities by taking computers, keyboards, monitors, hard drives, printers, fax machines, VCRs and DVD players to Starkey, Inc. Starkey is located at 4500 W. Maple, Wichita. Drop off hours are 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. To ask questions, call (316) 512-4243.

Music at College Hill United Methodist

There is a music series that occurs each month at CHUM in an evening. During nice warm weather, it moves outside. Check this newsletter each month for the latest musician that is making an appearance.

Thursday, March 18 at 7:00p, Blues artist Rachele Coba (return engagement).

Uptown Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday, April 17, 2010
8:00am-1:00pm

Now is the time to ask your neighbor when they plan to get rid of that unsightly trash heap in their back yard! Get ready for the annual Uptown

Clean-Up on Saturday, April 17th and give the Office of Central Inspection a hand in tidying-up our neighborhood. Put unwanted items at your curbside by 8:00 Saturday morning and volunteers (your help is always appreciated!) will toss them into one of three trash compactors provided by the City. As you know, this annual event sponsored by the Wichita City Office of Central Inspection has a great impact on the appearance of our neighborhood and brings immediate satisfaction to all who participate. Do remember that trash polycarts will not be emptied.

Tires are to be set at the curb, separate from other trash. There is a limit of 4 tires per household. Tires with rims attached are acceptable. A tire truck will begin making rounds at 10:00am. Our community police officer, John Ryan will be giving us a hand with this task.

All who help with the curbside pick-up are invited for pizza afterwards around 1:00pm at College Hill United Methodist Church located between Chautauqua and Erie along First Street. Darrell Davilla is the seasoned coordinator for this volunteer effort (686-1109) and you can call him or Paul Oberg (687-0949) if you have any questions. Volunteers are asked to show up at the church at 8:00am Saturday, April 17th. You can always join in the fun and help out at any time!

Great News! Recycling for Appliances

This year, Will Arnold of Able Janitorial, Inc. has volunteered to help pick up metal appliances such as dryers, washers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, furnaces, microwaves, etc. and scrap metal such as posts and old chain link fencing. He will not only provide the truck and equipment for this effort, but has generously agreed to share half the salvage proceeds from these recycled items with UNA! Items with refrigerants (air conditioners and refrigerators) will require special handling but we will do our best to recycle them too. Be sure that crank cases and gas tanks on motors, lawnmowers, etc. have been thoroughly drained.

These items should all be placed at the curbside in front of your house as soon as possible on Friday, April 16th-the day before the Saturday clean-up. This will allow us to pass by some time between 5:00-7:00pm to place bright adhesive stickers on all recyclable items for pick-up the following day. Plan now! Large appliances are not easy to move and we are not yet organized well enough to offer you assistance in getting these items curbside. Call Darrell or Paul well in advance if you can't get these items out to your curb in time. We may be able to help.

Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up

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More Information to follow in the next two newsletters