

UPTOWN Neighborhood • NEWS •

Uptown Neighborhood Association, Inc.

NOVEMBER, 2009

Calendar of Events

October 31, Halloween Party.

November 5, 7:00 pm, Uptown Meeting, College Hill United Methodist Church, 2930 E. 1st in the basement

November 7, 8:00 am, District One Coalition Breakfast. All Occasions, 21st and Oliver.

November 9, 6:30 p.m. District Advisory Board meeting at Atwater Center, 2755 E. 19th St. (at Volutsia).

Dec 3, 6:30 p.m. Uptown Annual Holiday Dinner. Mayor and Mrs. Carl Brewer are confirmed guests!!

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

2010 Meeting Dates

January 7	July 1
February 4	August 5
March 4	September 2
April 1 (oh boy!)	October 7
May 6	November 4
June NO MEETING	December 2

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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

November 5, 2009 at 7 pm

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

Uptown Halloween Party

Saturday, October 31, 2009

6:30 - 8:30?? p.m. at

Chautauqua Park (3rd & Chautauqua)

Come to the party!

Tell us about those who help you

The size and content of Uptown's monthly newsletter was brought up in UNA's October monthly meeting. I'm sure that the vast majority of us consider the newsletter to be an interesting, informative and worthwhile publication. There were some in attendance who had their own issues about the paper's size. I addressed how I felt there was not always enough printed about the residents of Uptown.

I was, therefore, put to task to do something about it. It's the old "open mouth - insert foot" game and I should have thought it over before voicing my opinion. But I shall not back away and do, hereby, accept the challenge, as it were.

So here's the deal. I've come up with several ideas to more "localize" the newsletter, so to speak, but I will, however, need your help to make it work. Here are a few examples:

Mr. and Mrs. Soandso go on vacation. Mr. Niceguy, their friend from next door, without being asked and for no fee, of course, mows their lawn, so it won't be so tall when the Soandso's return home.

Mr. Tallman volunteers to trim a low hanging branch out of the driveway that keeps hitting the van of Mrs. Iamsoshort.

So I'd like to initiate a "Kudos of the Month" section in the newsletter for those who have helped you or others in a big or not so big way. The idea here is that kindness begets kindness which relates to my favorite proverb, "Do unto others ..."

So email or call me or one of Uptown's board members with your selections. You should probably obtain permission from those good Samaritans, who you report about, since they may not want the publicity, but even without names, Lori can report the kindness of the good deed given.

By Ray "Grizzly" Racobs 734-7813 or raylynda.racobs@att.net

I'm watching you ... sort of

In another way to "localize" UNA's newsletter, I, with the assistance of my lovely wife, Lynda, have decided to select homes or yards each month from the Uptown area that are special, in one way or another. We want to give credit to those who often go over-and-above the norm in the care and love for where they live.

At the November meeting we will announce our top selections for the "Spooktacularly" decorated residence from my favorite non-holiday, Halloween. During November we will be looking for those great sites decorated for Fall. And we will finish out the year with choices of homes with lovely winter holiday themes. There will be more to come about this home/yard tribute.

By Ray "Grizzly" Racobs

Uptown Neighborhood Association Minutes (10-01-09)

Officer's Report was given by Officer John Ryan. He talked about the new plans and procedures being put into place to help those with mental illnesses. It gets others who can help with their medication and other needs involved and that benefits the community as well as the officers in the community. Officer Walker introduced himself and is going to be a wonderful asset to our area.

Joe Pajor, was the guest speaker and he spoke about the bike lanes that are going to be set up on 1st and 2nd streets. It is called 'Complete Streets' and it's a way to get the traffic on both those streets to slow down, to not make hazardous lane changes and to give bicycle riders a safer way to get around as well. Much of this came about from the Health and Wellness folks. The streets mentioned are part of a pilot program and the lanes will stretch from 135 to Edgemoor. DDD wants to add the bike lanes and to have it to be a part of the design changes to the business district.

There was much discussion and many questions and answers, some of which were referred to Brian Coon.

We have a new shift commander at the Firehouse for second shift, Ernie Schuler.

Treasurer's report

Beginning balance checking account : 913.36

Credits: Sept cookie money 5.25

Debits: Mower parts 13.67

Ending balance checking account: 904.94

Balance in Credit Union account:

No activity: 1,002.73

Money for Halloween items that are to be bought by Mary for the Association was brought up. The amount decided on was \$300.00. Motion made by Lynn Wasinger, Seconded by Stormy Johnston, Approved by vote of those in attendance.

Nominees for the offices of the neighborhood association was brought up. Since most of the officers are the same except secretary it was suggested that we just approve everyone for their office without the voting for each individual. This was seconded by Mike Baurshok and approved by all who were in attendance. The vote was approved and our new board of officers is in place.

Lori Lawrence told about the Douglas Design District get together at the Red Cross building. It seems there are the naysayers about the project, but in all it seems to be a good thing for the Douglas business district.

No calls were made to the Complaint committee; they are still looking to get one more person involved in the committee.

It was reminded about the Halloween meeting at Mary's house on Sunday the 4th. Time 3:00p.m.

Finding a different place to buy meatballs for the holiday dinner was brought up and tabled until the next meeting.

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.

FTC ban on many kinds of robocalls starts Sept. 1

The Wichita Eagle, Aug. 28, 2009

By *DEBORAH YAO*

Associated Press

Federal Trade Commission said Thursday that it is banning many types of prerecorded telemarketing solicitations, known as robocalls. Currently, consumers must specifically join a do-not-call list to avoid them. Starting Sept. 1, telemarketers will first need written permission from the customer to make such calls.

Don't expect phone solicitations to disappear completely, though. Calls that are not trying to sell goods and services to consumers will be exempt, such as those that provide information like flight cancellations and delivery notices and those from debt collectors. Other calls not covered include those from politicians, charities that contact consumers directly, banks, insurers, phone companies, surveys and certain health care messages such as prescription notifications. The FTC said those don't fall under its jurisdiction.

And calls made by humans rather than automated systems will still be allowed, unless the phone number is on the National Do Not Call Registry. But the FTC said the ban should cover most robocalls, forcing marketers to turn to more expensive live calls, or ramp up efforts in direct mail, e-mail and newspaper ads. People who get an unauthorized call can file complaints with the commission online or by calling 877-FTC-HELP. "If consumers think they're being harassed by robocallers, they need to let us know, and we will go after them," Leibowitz said.

(Edited for space)

HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR WATER BILL

You can lose a lot of water in leaks. To learn whether your toilet leaks, put a few drops of food coloring in the tank; if colors the water in the stool, you have a leak.

Think of small ways to save water. Put a dropped ice cube in a potted plant to water it.

Catch the water while the shower is warming up and use it in various ways.

(Wichita Eagle, July 15, 2009)

Uptown Newsletter

If you would like to see the newsletter early, usually on the day it is printed, email me with your name and address (it will be for Uptowners only) and I'll start an email list. Put in the subject line: "Uptown News". Email to lorilawrence@cox.net.



Uptown's deepest sympathies go out to the Richardson family. Please keep them in your thoughts as they attempt to recover from this tragedy.

UNA Neighborhood Complaint Committee

We introduced this newly formed volunteer committee in the last UNA News issue (October 2009). Why a Neighborhood Complaint Committee? A few months ago, I received a call from an elderly Uptown resident who was upset about dumping in the alley behind her house. I dropped by the next day. A freshly cut-up cedar tree was spread-out behind three different properties. There was a double mattress in a heap further down the alley. She thought the neighbors might be responsible. It looked to me like a DBD (drive by dumping). I called Alley Maintenance at 268-4013. They said they would check it out.

Now, three months later, the mattress is gone but the brown cedar branches remain. No less than six Dillons grocery carts have accumulated behind an abandoned brick duplex at 129 N. Estelle. A back window is gone and a microwave oven sits on the ground below it. An OCI placard on the front door indicates an old citation dated 2002.

I did not follow through properly and the problem remains. Obviously, it will take more than just one phone call. With the help of the Neighborhood Complaint Committee, Dillons grocery store, Alley Maintenance, the Office of Central Inspection and concerned neighbors I hope to get a handle on this situation. We will let you know in subsequent issues of the Uptown Neighborhood News what results. Like any community effort, it is a struggle and we must learn as we go.

If you think we can help you with a neighborhood problem that you can't seem to resolve on your own, let Mike Barushok (612-3698), Paul Oberg (687-0949), or Ray (Grizzly) Racobs (734-7813) know about it. Your choice. Each of us has strengths and weaknesses, but together we should be far more effective. As a service committee we will recruit more help as we go along; you are always welcome to add your voice to our efforts!

*Paul Oberg
16 October 2009*

Flying Pig Gift Boutique

The Flying Pig Gift Boutique has moved into the Uptown Neighborhood! Please stop in at 2600 E. Douglas and enter the contest for a free soap and lotion combo!

Uptown: So! What got you started on soapmaking?

Dani: I have always enjoyed working with my hands, making and creating all kinds of things. About 4 years ago, on a visit to the downtown public library, I ran across a featured display on the second floor that showcased soap making. I was compelled to rent a few books (probably about 10 or so), and the rest is history as they say!

Uptown: How did you come up with the name Flying Pig?

Dani: The Flying Pig was a natural choice for my shop for several reasons. First and foremost, "when Pigs Fly" conveys the idea of always reaching and working towards a goal, however unattainable it may seem, in pursuit of your dreams. I believe that we can all relate to the experience of working hard (pouring our blood, sweat, tears, and most importantly our heart), to get our own "Pig to Fly" in some manner. So the name is personal to me, and it encompasses the feeling of taking on all of the risks, challenges, responsibilities, joys, and rewards that come with having my own business.

Another reason for the name is that it is just a whimsical, fun, classic image. People notice the big Flying Pig sign and are intrigued to find out what's inside. It's not easy to forget a name like The Flying Pig!

Uptown: What's special about your store?

Dani: We offer a wide variety of consignment items that are made by local artists. Representing and supporting artists in the community is very important to us, and we are always on the lookout for new hand-crafted items and art!

Uptown: What kinds of things can people buy from you?

Dani: Other than the natural handmade bath and body care items, we offer a wide variety of beautiful handmade jewelry, pottery, decorative glass, country crafts and antiques, handbags, scarves, baby blankets, dishtowels and dishcloths, decorative pillows, and several collectible teddy bears! We also have a relaxing lounge area with tables and chairs.

We offer a wide variety of beverages, including teas, coffees, cocoa, apple cider, and delicious fresh-blended frozen fruit smoothies! There is a snack and soda vending machine in the lounge area. We also have a Monday special every week from 12:30 to 7:30 pm, just \$2.00 for 3 freshly baked cookies and a beverage of your choice!

Uptown: Who does the baking and candy-making?

Dani: My sister Veronica takes special orders for all of

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More Details about The Bike Lanes

The Wichita City Council received a presentation on the WAMPO Pathways Plan during a City Council workshop on July 28th. During the workshop and after the presentation, members of the City Council indicated support for the plan. City staff, with the direction of City Council, moved forward with identifying potential streets where bike lanes might be appropriate. The team of staff members included myself and staff from Public Works. The team utilized the WAMPO Pathways Plan, Wichita PROS Plan, roadway width, land uses, density, directness of the route, and connections to evaluate the various corridors. The identified potential corridors included the following roadways:

1st Street and 2nd Street; Douglas Avenue; and Edgemoor.

Neither 1st Street nor 2nd Street are identified in the WAMPO Pathways Plan or the Wichita PROS Plan as locations for future bicycle infrastructure. However, they were identified by the team of staff members as potential routes for many reasons, including those listed below.

1. The majority of 1st and 2nd Street are not striped, the addition of bike lanes does not remove a automobile travel lane.
2. The addition of the bike lanes and associated reduction in the travel lane width will help to constrain drivers (helping to prevent erratic passing maneuvers and slowing traffic).
3. The bike lanes would connect to the existing I-135 bike path.
4. Numerous cyclists have been observed traveling on 1st and 2nd.
5. 1st and 2nd Street travel through many dense residential areas, and connect to employment areas - utilizing the I-135 bike path (connecting trip generators and destinations).
 - a. For those heading east towards the office and retail uses the slope is downward from the hill - making it easier if commuting for work etc.
6. 1st and 2nd Street connect to many different types of roadways, providing an opportunity for staff to develop designs for bike lanes that could be applied to other areas of the City.
7. Staff anticipated support for the project from the neighborhood associations.

The team working on the bike lanes debated whether it was appropriate to suggest 1st Street and 2nd Street in addition to Douglas. Ultimately, the team decided that the East Douglas Plan would help determine what would occur with Douglas Avenue, and in the meantime staff could work on the bike lane designs for 1st and 2nd Street. It wasn't on purpose (at least not City staff) that they happened to be brought to the College Hill Neighborhood Association at the same night. Although, it did prompt a good discussion. I know that it could potentially bring a lot of change to the neighborhood and

some people were shocked - wondered why this is happening to College Hill (the same could be said for Uptown and others)? One could also flip that statement around and ask why do these neighborhoods have this opportunity to do this to the streets?

The selection of the routes indicates that staff have identified them only as potential routes/opportunities - not a sure thing. City staff received some good comments last night about the bike lanes and are working to answer those questions.

DOUGLAS DESIGN DISTRICT "PROJECT IMPROVEMENT"

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CARL BREWER AND THE WICHITA CITY COUNCIL

"Let's get it right!" The words of Mayor Carl Brewer were recently echoed by the Wichita City Council toward the East Douglas Design District's streetscape improvement initiative. Much more than two dimensional words on paper, this planned series of improvements for the East Douglas area of Wichita is the breathing, living, full embodiment of innovative thought being brought to life on a wide scale. The Council agrees that "the vision is incredible"...a vision which is three dimensional in scope and existent in every sense of the word. What does such exciting possibilities mean for you?

THIS IS YOUR CITY...HOW DO YOU TREAT WHAT IS YOURS?

"Dragging Douglas" on Friday nights....Saturday afternoons spent shopping and browsing through a multitude of shops and eateries...the city of Wichita sharing the best it had to offer with both it's citizens and visitors alike. Allow your memory to creep back to such a time in Wichita's past when that was a part of your past. Now, you, along with a whole new generation of Wichitans, can enjoy the best the past had to offer once the ten year plan already well underway by the East Douglas Design District approaches completion.

Wichita residents and visitors to the city will once again be able to travel the length of Douglas Avenue and discover the best of both the business and private sector. This offer extends past the merchandise and buildings, it extends to the heart of what Wichita is all about. A city which is proud of it's heritage and wants to make it come to life once again for those who never had the privilege of sharing Wichita's wealthy past. That's what the East Douglas Design District's streetscape improvement initiative is all about!

The goals are area improvement and beautification for East Douglas. These goals include safe bike paths for youth and adult alike, improvement and addition of bus shelter benches which will be useful in both inclement and fair weather, historic markers for citizens and visitors to relive the interesting past of the East

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Project Access

Project Access is a community-based program that coordinates donated medical care and services provided by physicians, hospitals, pharmacies and others for uninsured, low-income people living in Sedgwick County, Kansas. Our program is based on the Buncombe County Project Access model in Asheville, NC. To date, more than 65 percent of our local physicians (members of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County) have agreed to provide donated care for 10-20 patients each year. All area hospitals are treating Project Access patients, and 80 pharmacies fill prescriptions at 15 percent below average wholesale price. The Wichita City Council and the Sedgwick County Commission have committed \$500,000 for prescriptions annually.

The goal of Project Access is to coordinate patient enrollment and referrals that make a broader range of donated services available for uninsured people. This also frees the physicians and their office staffs from tracking down additional donated services, allowing them more time to provide patient care.

Patient health care needs cover a broad range, beyond physician and hospital services. We continually recruit additional providers including physical therapy, diagnostic tests (lab work, x-rays, interpretation of test results, etc.), durable medical equipment, medical supplies, home-based care and other ancillary services.

Eligibility guidelines require that patients:

Must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent U.S. resident
Live in Sedgwick County

Have no medical insurance

Are not currently receiving other state or federal medical benefits (although if they qualify, we will assist them in making applications)

Have a family income that does not exceed 200 percent of Federal Poverty Level (approximately \$42,384 annually for a family of four).

Enrollment

Patients can be enrolled into Project Access by visiting one of the area's six low-cost, primary-care clinics (Guadalupe, Hunter Health, the Health Department, GraceMed Health, Center for Health and Wellness and Good Samaritan). The Social and Rehabilitation Services area office has co-located six full-time eligibility specialists, one at each clinic. The SRS eligibility specialists enroll patients, gather income verification, and assess patients' eligibility for state programs including Medicaid and S-CHIP (Healthwave in Kansas).

Patients may also be enrolled at the request of a participating physician who has an eligible patient already established on his/her caseload or at the request of a number of the area's primary care residency programs affiliated with the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Currently, 40 percent of patients are enrolled into Project Access through the six clinics; the other 60 percent are enrolled at the request of physicians in private practice or within the residency programs.

DOUGLAS DESIGN DISTRICT "PROJECT IMPROVEMENT"

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Douglas area, and vintage-style lighting to provide nostalgic beauty and modern illumination along the proposed corridor. The plan is for all to be reality by the year 2020. The motive behind those goals, however, lie at the heart of why this project is so important to Wichita's future. TO RECREATE A WICHITA WHERE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE WANT TO LIVE, VISIT AND PROSPER IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT THEY CAN REMEMBER FOR YEARS TO COME. Douglas has already seen the birth of such hopes and dreams with the development of the "Old Town" area. With an apology to Horace Greeley, it's now time to "Move East."

THE SOUL OF THE EAST DOUGLAS DESIGN DISTRICT STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE IS YOU!!! It needs you to develop; it needs you to grow; it needs you to truly live. Take a heart from a body and it dies. When the "creative heart" of Wichita needs revitalized, it needs the lifeblood of you, the citizen, to provide that life.

Local business owners, private citizens, social leaders and visitors to Wichita...they all share one thing in common. They like the best that life has to offer. With donations of income and encouragement on various levels, you can join with city leaders and creative innovators to go beyond our founding fathers wildest dreams of what Wichita could ever hope to be. Through private grants, donations, and the willingness and need for private property owner reinvestment (such as special assessments) as a means of improvement, the Douglas area between Washington and Oliver will become a vital link toward Wichita's future prosperity. A prosperity which includes unique design shops, restaurants and private residences.

Public investment is the catalyst, private reinvestment the goal, but you, the private citizen is the soul of the East Douglas Design District streetscape improvement initiative.

Don't just dream of what Wichita can be, help create what Wichita will be!

~this is the Douglas Design District's brochure. Doesn't it sound exciting? It will be!

HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR WATER BILL

Sweep, don't spray. Sweep your walks and driveway--don't spray with water.

Collect rain: Use a large barrel to catch water from downspouts and use the water to wash cars and water plants.

(Wichita Eagle, July 15, 2009)

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.

**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**

**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**

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS AT BEST BUY

According to a national ad, all Best Buy stores will accept most electronic products at no charge, up to two items per day per household, and will "recycle them responsibly." Items they will not accept are internal and external hard drives, TVs or monitors greater than 32 inches, console TVs, air conditioners, microwaves, dehumidifiers, mini-fridges or major appliances. Your editor called one of the Best Buy stores in Wichita--at 6910 W. Kellogg-- and learned that they conform to the ad in the paper; also they confirmed that the store at 2111 N. Rock Rd. does the same.

*~from Recycling in Kansas, August 2009
(Best Buy ad, August 9, 2009)*

Georgia-Pacific

I just called them to complain that they changed the size of a product and they offered to send me a coupon. They also told me I could call twice a month to get more! Wow! What a deal! Check to see what you might use of their products and call them to ask for it at 1-800-283-5547.

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
Community Housing Services 685-2656
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:

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.

Here's Your Sign

By Ray "Grizzly" Racobs

I believe it was comedian and host of "Are You Smarter ...", Jeff Foxworthy, who popularized the expression I present as the title to this piece. Undoubtedly, most of the signs we see each day, of the million or so that are out there, deal with traffic and are posted along the million or so yards of streets in Wichita.

From my clear [or at least sober] observations, I'd like to offer, to the powers that be, some suggestions for addition to The Citizen's Wish List, if there is such a thing. Perhaps Mr. Gunzelman, the city sign guru, could attend an Uptown meeting as a speaker and answer some poignant questions on the subject.

Point #1 - There are, as we know, a plethora of folks out there who believe that the one way 1st and 2nd Streets, between Edgemoor and Grove, are two lane roads. Or at least they, including some Uptowners, certainly treat them that way, whenever they feel like passing someone in those areas; for whatever reason and on either side, I might add.

The question, posed by many of us is this: Why doesn't the city put up adequate signage to better state the fact (single lane traffic, except for those turn lanes designated at the intersections mentioned, plus those at Oliver and Hillside)? This is done in other areas, outside of Uptown's, where multiple lanes narrow to one, as it is going through College Hill from the east or west.

Point #2 - When 3rd Street disappeared within Uptown's boundaries it was replaced by the drainage ditch, creek, canal or whatever it's supposed to be called. This created dead-end streets and the basis of another signage issue for many of us. The city set up no parking signs at all the "hammerheads", as they are called. The reasoning, as I have been told, was that it afforded those coming down the street the ability to turn around, without using the driveways of those homes at the dead-ends.

The planners overlooked, at least in my opinion, the impact this (no parking) would have on those who live at the non-uniform configurations of the no outlet hammerheads. It's illegal, for instance, for my wife and I, the relatives or all my friends (both of them) to park in front of our house, due to the signage. Most folks have access on the street for curbside parking for visitors at one's residence, but not (per ordinance) at the aforementioned locations.

And I know a great place for the signs, too. They could be set along the streets at a number of schools that are inundated with excess vehicular traffic, from parents dropping off and picking up their little cherubs on streets that were sized for model A's, T's and ATV's (ok, maybe not ATV's).

Point #3 - Then there are the signs that are associated with construction at the million or so spots around town. I guess the city wanted everyone to experience traffic tie-ups, detours and add stress to those morning and afternoon commutes, so contracts have been let to a few companies (or is there only one?) to tear up the streets in every imaginable location. Some areas sit there without any work being done, possibly because there aren't enough workers available, but the cones, barriers and reduced speed and no turn signs are there to foul up a peaceful trip to anywhere.

Hey, have a great life, thanks for shopping and I'll visit with ya next month about a different type of signs.

HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR WATER BILL

Don't flush trash--the toilet is not a trash can.

Don't water your lawn every day--only when needed. To figure out how much water your grass needs--set a tuna can where the water will fall into it--when you have an inch of water in the can, that's enough.

Don't cut your grass too short--it will need more water. Mow early in the day.

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Uptown Holiday Dinner

It is coming up again before long. The date will be December 3rd and it will be in the church as usual. Be sure to secure this date on your calendar so you don't miss it. And start planning your special dish so you'll be ready to bring it to share with your neighbors. We always have a great spread so be sure to be there.



Flying Pig Gift Boutique

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her baked goodies. Her available items can be found online at: <http://sites.google.com/site/sweettreatssite/>. She can also be contacted by email, vralis@yahoo.com, or by phone, 316-737-9168.

Uptown: What can people expect for holiday merchandise?

Dani: We will have several festive holiday soaps, bath products, gift baskets and other gift ideas, as well as beautiful handmade Christmas wreaths, decorative pillows, and several festive home decor items. As always, you can place your order for holiday baked goods with us--Veronica makes everything from pumpkin pies to her best-selling fresh apple bundt cake and much more.

Uptown: Can people order from you online?

Dani: Yes absolutely, we encourage people who live in the area to shop online and pick up their items at our shop, to avoid shipping charges. Our website is www.dani-creations.com

Uptown: Do you offer classes? What can people expect?

Dani: Traditional Cold Process Soap Making Classes are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Flying Pig Gift Boutique. Classes are from 5:30 pm to 8 pm.

Each person will customize their own natural soap creations (2 large 5 oz soap bars) to take home and enjoy! You will be able to select your colors and fragrances, as well as choose from a variety of herbal and botanical ingredients.

Uptown: Are you having any holiday specials?

Dani: We will be having a holiday open house in November (date TBD), where we will offer specials on many of our holiday and seasonal items. We will also have a drawing for a free \$50 gift basket full of our bath products!

Uptown: Do you offer gift certificates or gift baskets?

Dani: Yes we currently have gift certificates available in \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 increments. We do a lot of special order requests and gift baskets! Most special orders are filled within 2-3 days, some may take longer depending on current items and ingredients in stock.

Uptown: Thank you, Dani!

A reminder to our neighborhood artists and craft-makers that Dani sells items on consignment at the Flying Pig; stop in and talk to her for the details!

Cathie

(Editor's note: Dani and Veronica are our former mail carrier Jon Davis' daughters.)

Would you like your business to be profiled in the Uptown Neighborhood Newsletter? Call or email Cathie for an interview! You can reach her at dreambit1@gmail.com, or call her at 612-4772. The deadline is the 12th of the month to be in the next month's newsletter.

Open House at the Flying Pig

Saturday, November 21st 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
2600 E Douglas Ave 871-6025

Free gift to the first 25 people!

Free refreshments! Free gifts with \$15 purchase!

Fall items 25% off! Stocking Stuffers \$1-\$5

Enter our drawing for a free \$50 gift basket

The Flying Pig Gift Boutique

2600 E Douglas Ave 871-6025

Bring in this coupon for 50% off on
one handmade bath or body item!

Expires Saturday, Nov 21, 2009

Village Market

November 7, 2009

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Vendors ♥ Crafts ♥ Baked Goods
Rada knives and much, much more



Register for drawing for a
Homemade Amish Quilt

St. Paul's and El Mesías
United Methodist Church
1356 N. Broadway (13th and Broadway)