

Uptown Neighborhood News

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Uptown boundaries

**Central, Douglas,
Grove and Hillside**

*If you live, work or own property
in Uptown, you are a member!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Aug. 4** – Monthly meeting
- August 7** - **Splash Down**
- Sept. 1** – Monthly meeting
- Oct. 6** – Monthly meeting
- Nov. 3** – Monthly meeting
- Dec. 2** – Annual Holiday Party

Call for more information:
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*Deadline for Uptown Newsletter
Information Aug. 11*

Splash Down

**Uptown will have the next Splash Down in the Park on
Sunday, August 7th!**

It will start at 2 p.m. This may be one of many. If the kids behave well and act appropriately there may be another Splash Down every Sunday in August. If things continue to go well, the Splash Downs may also be held in September.

If possible, Mary Dewing may also try to have “Movies Under the Stars” after the Splash Down. Be sure to be there and see what will happen each week! Call Mary if you want more information at 688-1797.



East High Grad Named Morehead Scholar

Brock Phillips, son of Christopher and Paula Phillips of Wichita, is one of 43 students from the U.S. and Great Britain to be named Morehead Scholars at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Phillips, a 2005 graduate of East High School, will receive an all-expense-paid grant for four years of undergraduate study, including costs of a laptop computer and four summer enrichment programs. The value of the Morehead is approximately \$140,000 for an out-of-state student.

Winners are selected based on leadership, academic achievement, moral character and physical vigor.

(Editor’s note: Brock is the son of Uptown member Chris Phillips and great grandson of Mrs. Hawkins who many of you may remember as the flower lady at Chautauqua and 3rd Street.)

Did You Know?

The city of Wichita is 154 square miles in size?

The Wichita Police Department has 653 officers who work on the streets?

The city has had a 9.5% decrease in crime in the last year?

The median income for Wichitans is \$44,000?

Next meeting Thursday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss it!

College Hill United Methodist Church

News from the District One Advisory Board

The city is planning a Water and Sewer rate increase. They estimate it will equal \$1.48 per month for the average home owner. The Storm water utility is also considering a rate increase. This would increase your bill by 25¢ in 2006 and another 25¢ in 2007. Much of this is to improve the infrastructure of the city and to put pipes and stations out into the new developments. The developers pay 100% of the laying of pipes and etc in the new areas but the pump stations and mains that have to be laid are the responsibility of the city.

The Department of Environmental Services, Animal Control Program is run by Dennis Graves. He can be reached at dgraves@wichita.gov. He came to speak about controlling animals in the city. They are open 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. every week day and 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. on an emergency basis. There are 22 total staff members with 12 of them being field staff. Animal control's number is 268-8378.

They are starting meetings with other organizations to discuss cats that run loose in the city. Dennis believes it is best to keep cats indoors. They live 20 years longer indoors than outdoors. After these initial meetings they will open them up for public meetings to discuss what they will do. Keep an eye on the newspaper for announcements of the public meetings.

The Police have stepped up enforcement of loud vehicle stereos. If others can hear the music from 50 feet away then they are breaking the law. Call 911 if you hear

it too loud and plan to give them a description of the car, license number if you can and tell them where the car is or what direction it is going. If there is an officer nearby s/he may catch that car!

Lori

From the District One Coalition Breakfast-

Deputy Chief Tom Stolz was there and answered lots of questions and took lots of complaints from neighborhood leaders at the breakfast on Saturday, July 9th. He handed out crime statistics for the entire District One of Wichita and explained that the hot spots of crime were at Kellogg and Broadway and Pawnee and Broadway. It is not up north where we all live and where everyone thinks it is.

Councilman Brewer also spoke briefly about the president's plan to dismantle Section 8 housing. He was concerned that they would institute a rule that someone could live in subsidized housing for only 5 years and then be forced out. Due to the large number of people who are able to work but choose not to and could be working and earning enough money to live on their own, President Bush is considering this. The group that is a concern are those who are elderly or disabled and unable to work and rely on Section 8 so they do not have to live on the streets or in nursing homes. Brewer feels that there should be different rules for different groups and that those who are unable to work should still be able to count on this help with housing.

Lori

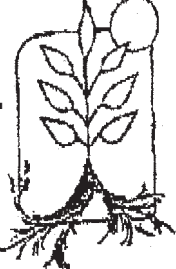
An Update on Taco Bueno

The Grand Opening is now scheduled for August 31st. This may change depending on the weather but right now they are exactly on schedule. I have asked if they can put in a pedestrian entrance in the back fence on Lorraine. They will check and see if they can do that so Uptowners can easily walk to the restaurant. Check this newsletter for more news next month.

-Lori



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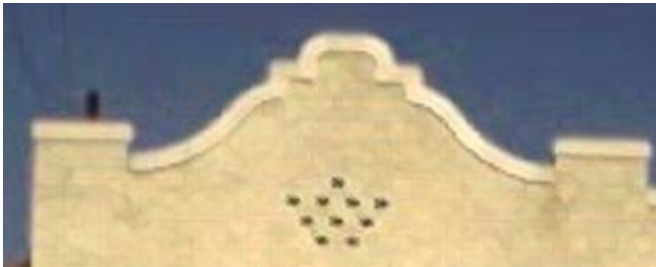
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Uptown Trivia

July's result

No results yet, so we'll carry over the question. Name an occupant of the building at 3105 E Central, a portion of which is pictured below. Winner will not be the first caller, but the caller who identifies the earliest occupant of the building. (You might just win if you name the last occupant!) New deadline is August 10. UT answer hotline is 685-4850.



**A \$5 gift certificate at
GREEN STREET GALLERY
151 N Green
awaits the winner!**

We're still looking for...

...Joanna Lewis or Joann Wilson, who will be the winner of April's pictorial UT as soon as she calls 685-4850 to identify herself. She will then win \$ 5 of merchandise at the **Heritage Hut, 2820 E Douglas**. Joann(a) correctly identified, on UT's answering device, the Bellaire East apartments as located at Volutsia and Douglas. But we could not make out her phone number off the UT answering device.

Update

**Super Summer Sidewalk
Sleuth Survey
absolute final deadline AUGUST 10**

what's up with Uptowners lookin' down? Why, they're just looking for the oldest verifiable sidewalk section in Uptown! We've had many entries, but there's still time

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left, so look down as you go 'round! (li'l hint: 1957 will not win!) First prize, 2 burritos at Chipotle, will go to whoever reports the location of the oldest inscribed Uptown sidewalk of all the entries. Second prize, 1 Chipotle burrito, goes to the second oldest reported! In case of a tie, earlier entry takes precedence. Decision of the judges is final. Call Leonard at 685 4850 with your nomination!

August's UT

Name the location and date of the newest section of sidewalk in Uptown! In the event of a tie, winner will be the earliest caller with a correct answer. Since sidewalks are dated only by year, multiple same year entries will be considered a tie, even if you do know the month or exact date of construction. So call the Uptown Trivia Answer Dept. 316-685-4850 now - operators are standing by! Winner will receive a Chipotle Burrito at Central and Hillside.

By the by...

You may answer any Uptown Trivia question as many times as you desire, but only once per day per question. Since we now have 3 active challenges, you may respond to all once on any one day. Stay tuned next month for all of the exciting answers. Meanwhile, Happy Triviaing!!

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now that's food for thought!

Minutes of the Meeting, July 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Vice President Leslie Harvey. Officers present were Leslie Harvey, Lori Lawrence, and Katie Murdock.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting on May 5, 2005, were approved unanimously as printed in the newsletter. (There was no official meeting in June due to the Uptown Picnic.)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lynn Wasinger was not present, so there was no Treasurer's Report. Leslie Harvey mentioned that the Uptown Picnic netted a total profit of \$4.38.

Neighborhood Police Officer's Report: No police officer was present at the meeting.

Old Business: The **Neighborhood Picnic** was great fun, but it was not a successful fundraising event, clearing a net profit of only \$4.38. Leslie Harvey this year's picnic coordinator, stated that the small profit was due to the expense of the Whirly Bird ride (\$633.49), and she recommended eliminating it next year. The possible purchase of a bounce house for the neighborhood was discussed.

There are now approximately 70 **Neighborhood Surveys** in our database, but additional survey input is needed to give a more accurate picture of neighborhood concerns. David Franks will go door-to-door around his block with the survey, in part to ascertain the viability of the Block Captain idea.

Guest Speaker: Jim Wilshart from Westar made a presentation at the meeting. He informed us of the steps Westar has taken to clean up its image and organization in light of recent scandals and then addressed concerns of neighbors regarding poor streetlight maintenance. He said he would take our complaints back to Westar, agreeing that the speed of streetlight repair has been too slow.

New Business: Leslie Harvey relayed the message that President Paul Oberg would like to have someone represent Uptown at the next **Visioneering Wichita** meeting. The **Splash Down** will be on August 7th; if

things go well, Mary Dewing would like to keep it going every Sunday in August and every other Sunday in September. We discussed putting information about achievements of offspring of Uptown residents in the newsletter and decided that this would be all right, especially since it's so difficult to get people to write articles for the newsletter. Leslie pointed out brochures about the CASA child advocate program and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



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In the process of updating the region's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), we are holding the third and final round of public meetings. The first round of meetings were held in March 2005. At these meetings citizens shared their concerns and issues about the transportation system. In the second round of meetings in May 2005, the most recently collected and evaluated information was presented. In the third round of meetings in August 2005, the draft LRTP plan will be presented to citizens.

You are invited to the meetings to participate and provide your input on the draft LRTP 2030 update.

Here are the venues for the third round meetings:

Place- Sedgwick County Extension Center

- ~~Date~~ August 2, 2005
- ~~Meeting~~ 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Contact Person- Jackie
- Contact Number- 316-722-7721
- Room Name- Room 4H/Entrance
- Fax- 316-722-7727
- Address- 7001 W. 21st Street

Place- Hughes Metroplex Complex

- ~~Date~~ August 3, 2005
- ~~Meeting~~ 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Contact Person- Buckleyson
- Contact Number- 316-268-6486
- Room Name- Sudermann/Room 132/Entrance C
- Fax-316-268-3064
- Address-5015 East 29th Street North,

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City Council/Mayor/s Office	268-4331
County Information	383-7400
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Election Commissioner	383-7101
Employment Hotline	268-4537
Garage Sales (license)	268-4553
Property Taxes	383-7414
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Traffic Fines	268-4611
Voter Registration	383-7101
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Private property	268-8422
Public property.....	337-9225
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.....	www.wichita-cvb.org

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Wichita Sweet Adelines To Perform

The Wichita Chorus Sweet Adelines International is presenting its annual show in the Century II Concert Hall on August 20, 2005 starting at 7:30pm.

Last year we were pirates, but this year we are all princesses trying to get into the Female Royal Hall of Fame. We have some famous ladies in the running like Cinderella who has put on a few pounds, and Snow White who now has white hair, and Prince Charming has lost most of his hair. Hey, fairy tale folk can grow old too. It is a delightful show that will appeal to both young and old. Patti Plenert and Claudette Freeman both Riverside residents invite you to be "Charmed" along with the Wichita Chorus. Chapter quartets, and the 2004 International Champion Quartet, Brava. For ticket information Call Lynn at 794-8118.



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Update from the County.

I'm sure you have been reading about all the county issues we are dealing with lately. To take Exploration Place first, all of the County Commissioners are getting emails and phone calls daily with ideas, suggestions and comments about how to save this venue. The county has hired a consultant with expertise in children's and science museums, and we expect to hear her findings in the next 30-45 days. We have a long road ahead of us to find a solution, but I am confident we will.

The Sedgwick County downtown arena is also a hot topic now. By the time you read this, the Commissioners should have made a decision on the Architect/Engineering firm. Again, we have a long road ahead of us on this project, but at least with this project we have the financing in place. Since the arena is in the Fourth District, I am trying very hard to go to as many meetings regarding it as I can. I have been appointed to the City's Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Committee (long enough name, huh?) which should help me be aware of all the business relocations, etc that will be necessary once the location is sited for the Arena. There will be a public meeting on Thursday, August 4 in Century II, Room 209A that Sedgwick County is hosting regarding the arena project, so if you have any questions, you might want to jot that date on your calendar.

Time has truly been flying for me since I have taken office. It has been six months and I am feeling much more comfortable and confident as your county commissioner. Please do feel free to call me 660-9300 or email me at lburtnet@sedgwick.gov with your comments, ideas, and suggestions.

*Lucy Burtnett,
County Commissioner, Fourth District.*

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