



# 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:

Thurs., July 6th, 7 pm, Uptown Meeting

Sat., July 8th, 8 am, District One Coalition Breakfast at Cisro's, Oliver and 21st.

Mon. July 10th, 7 pm DAB 1

Call for more information:  
Lori Lawrence **688-1484**



**Deadline for Uptown Newsletter  
Information July 11**

## Wipe Out Graffiti at the Park!

The next best thing to catching graffiti "artists" in the act is to find a simple way to erase their effluent tags. UNA has found a source for some easy-to-use graffiti removal cloths that will help us keep the playground equipment at Chautauqua Park graffiti-free! Dispensed from a plastic container much like the moist baby wipes you can buy at the grocery store, these 9"x 7" disposable towels require protective gloves to handle.

The wipes, and polyethylene gloves, are available at a moment's notice from Mary Dewing (688-1797 at 350 N. Chautauqua, next door to playground), Paul Oberg (687-0949 at 339 N. Chautauqua) and Darrell Davilla (686-1109 at 343 N. Chautauqua). If you see marking pen or spray paint graffiti on the playground equipment, signs or fence at the park, notify any of these folks immediately. With these "Professionals Choice" towelettes and the plastic glove provided, you can lend a hand to wipe-out the problem yourself!

## Central Northeast Area Council Update

Representatives of the Central Northeast Area Council are in the process of assessing public street lighting in their respective neighborhoods. Mike Barushok and Paul Oberg have successfully mapped the location of all the street lights in the Uptown Area and will deliver their findings to the Council at the upcoming meeting held at the Atwater Neighborhood City Hall (19th & Chautauqua) on Thursday, July 6th. It is hoped that inadequate lighting and chronically inoperative units can be systematically addressed throughout the central northeast area.

At 1:30pm on the same day (Thursday, July 6th) at City Hall, 10th floor the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will receive a briefing on the final 62-page Dunbar Theater Redevelopment Feasibility Study Report (found at <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AdvancedPlans/> ). The meeting is open to the public, and we encourage you all to attend to show your report for this historical project. The Dunbar Theater, located at E. 9th St. North and Cleveland Avenue, was the historic center of a commercial district that serviced the McAdams Neighborhood and surrounding area, prior to development of the I-135 freeway. The Dunbar was a vital community center offering a wide variety of services and events to this predominantly African-American district including Turner Drug; Dunbar Elementary School named after the poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar; an ice cream shop; hair salon; barbershop; shoe repair shop; barbecue restaurant; fish market; pool hall; grocery store; and an orphanage, the Phyllis Wheatley Center.

Three, community gardens have been planted in District 1 and are being cared for by volunteers from several neighborhoods. One of them is located on the 1400 block of N. Lorraine. For more information contact the Council President, James Arbertha, 687-9507.

### Next Meeting -7:00 pm - July 6th

Dee Stuart, candidate for County Commissioner in District 4,  
will be speaking at the next UNA meeting.

**College Hill United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

## Don't Drink Out Of That Bottle!

Maybe you don't want to believe it, but drinking bottled water is bad for the environment. Global consumption of bottled water reached 41 billion gallons in 2004, up 57% from 1999. Even in areas where tap water is safe to drink (like in Wichita-ed.), demand for bottled water is increasing, producing unnecessary garbage and consuming large quantities of energy. In the industrial world bottled is not necessarily healthier than tap water, but it can cost up to 10,000 times more. It can cost more than gasoline!

The U.S. is the world's leading consumer of bottled water-about 1 8 oz. glass per person per day. Mexico is second with China and Brazil close behind.

Tap water is distributed through an energy efficient infrastructure, while transporting bottled water involves burning massive quantities of fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are also used in the packaging of water. Most bottles are made from crude oil, in the U.S. this means more than 1.5 million barrels of oil annually, enough to fuel 100,000 U.S. cars for a year.

Empty, the plastic bottle becomes trash or litter, except for those that are recycled, and these are sometimes sent to China. Landfilled bottles can take up to 1,000 years to biodegrade.

Besides all this, water extraction for bottled water has caused water shortages in Texas and in the Great Lakes Region where farmers, fishers and others are suffering from dropping water tables.

About 40% of bottled water begins as tap water, with a few minerals added that have no marked health

benefit. Regulations for tap water may be stricter than those for bottled water.

Of course, we want clean, affordable drinking water but bottled water is not the answer. Over a billion people in the world lack a good water supply. This is far more important than drinking bottled water when you don't need to.

So get your drink at the kitchen sink.  
*-Great Plains Earth Institute Grass Roots, spring 2006, from Earth Policy News*

## Recycled Products

If you want products made from recycled materials, contact Weisenbach Specialty Printing, 437 Holtzman Ave, Columbus OH 43205 and ask for a catalog. This catalog has a multitude of items all made from recycled material. It's not all printing-also glass, frames, bottles and funnels, fleecewear, bags, PET shirts, etc. some items are made from currency, denim, sawdust and yellow pages. Call 1-800-778-5420 for more information and prices.

*- Recycling in Kansas Newsletter, Vol. 18, No. 2*



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*Barnyard smells make the pessimist think of manure, but the optimist think of a new pony.  
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*-Lori*

## Lost Picnic Items

We found some bowls, dish towels, Tupperware containers and some serving spoons left behind after the picnic on June 3rd. To claim any of these call Lori at 688-1484. We'll keep them for a month to see if anyone claims them. Call soon!

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We will no longer print pictures of these offenders since they are the same ones. When we have another addition, I will include their picture again. (A new one is added this month.) I will also plan to include any who have left the neighborhood so you will know your children are now safe.

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.**

### **HODGIN, DAVID ARTHUR, SEX OFFENDER**

317 N ESTELLE **White Male**, Date of Birth: **2/19/1956**, Registered Since: **10/20/1999**, Offense: **AGG IND SOLICITATION OF CHILD under14 in a SECLUDED PLACE**

### **NOEL, RICHARD LEE, SEX OFFENDER**

338 N LORRAINE APT 210, **White Male**, Date of Birth: **9/2/1951**, Registered Since: **6/4/2001**, Offense: **AGGRAVATED SEXUAL BATTERY**



### **SILVEY, AUSTIN WAYNE, SEX OFFENDER**

243 N CHAUTAUQUA, **White Male**, Date of Birth: **8/6/1988**, Registered Since: **8/24/2004**, Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; <14; LEWD FONDLING/TOUCHING**. Austin was 14 at the time this happened.

## Did You Know That.....

- Headache pain can be relieved almost immediately by drinking two glasses of Gatorade — without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional “pain relievers.”

- Burns can be treated with a salve from Colgate toothpaste.

- Stuffy noses can be cleared by chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids.

- For sore throat, just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.

### **GARCIA, MAGDALENO ARREDONDO, SEX OFFENDER**

**425 N ESTELLE, White Male, Date of Birth: 6/11/1976, Registered Since: 8/27/2003**  
**Offense: ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL SODOMY; W/CHILD >14<16; FONDLING/TOUCHING**



### **ROBERTS, SAMUEL J., SEX OFFENDER**

**2627 E CENTRAL AVE, White Male, Date of Birth: 12/17/1985, Registered Since: 4/9/2004. Offense: AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; >14<16; INTERCOURSE**



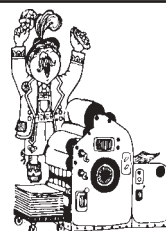
### **MCCARTHY, BILLY JOE, SEX OFFENDER**

**338 N LORRAINE ST APT 201, White Male, Date of Birth: 8/12/1955, Registered Since: 1/5/2006. Offense: AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; <14; LEWD FONDLING/TOUCHING**



### **COUNTRYMAN, JAMES THOMAS, SEX OFFENDER**

**338 N LORRAINE, White Male, Date of Birth: 5/30/1958, Registered Since: 1/7/2005**  
**Offense: ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A CHILD**



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## Uptown Picnic 2006

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and people who attended this year's picnic. For those of you who came I hope you had a great time! My family loved helping to time the bounce house as well as handing out the prizes for the games. Friday the guys got all of the tables to the park and set up, not an easy feat and very greatly appreciated. Thanks Paul Oberg and Darrell Davilla! We also spent Friday setting up the "Big Top" tent and making sure that everything was in order for Saturday. We could not have gotten that big thing up without Mary Dewing, Shannon Secor, Dale Wasinger and Darrell Davilla.

A HUGE thank you goes to Mary Dewing for cooking the Brisket and Councilman Carl Brewer for his donation of hot links and brisket to our BBQ as well!! Without those donations we wouldn't have had any meats! Wonderful! Delicious! Satisfying Yummy!!!!

Saturday morning everyone joined at the park and started setting up more smaller canopies for shade and arranging the tables and games. The bounce house was blown up and ready for the small neighborhood children to jump away in. At noon we were expecting to have loads of people show up to meet their neighbors and join in all of the fun but only a small handful of people arrived. Where were the rest of you? I was left wondering if anyone even really enjoys doing activities as a neighborhood or if you all prefer to not know who you lives near you.

The picnic was a lot of fun for those who did show up though. The kids all went away with a lot of prizes from the games and the adults were also toting away all of their winnings from the raffle drawing as well. Big thanks to Lori Lawrence, David Franks and Margaret Hyden for manning the raffle this year and getting all of the great items and donations that make this picnic successful.

Hopefully over the course of the next year everyone in the neighborhood will start to go out and meet and greet their neighbors. I also encourage you to take a hour or so once a month to attend our neighborhood meetings on the first Thursday or each month. Come meet the local police officers and learn about what is happening "right next door" that might concern your family!

We had a group of kids that spent the Saturday helping out with everything and making sure it was a great day. I have some special gifts for them from Joyland Amusement park!! Joyland has given us passes to hand out to these kids for a job well done. HUGE thanks to Joyland as well as the kid volunteers (Kyle Harvey, Loren Harvey, Skyler Harvey, Paula LaBlue, Jurnee Davis and Jasmine Davis)!! You kids ROCK! I hope you all see what a great thing you did and continue to help when the need arises.

Finally I would just like to remind you all of the upcoming meetings and encourage you to attend and become part of your neighborhood. If you have ideas for other events and activities that might encourage neighborhood togetherness please email me at [leslieharvey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leslieharvey@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 687-2082.

*Leslie Harvey*

## Thanks To All Those Who Contributed To The Picnic!

Thanks to all our donors. These businesses and people helped make the annual picnic a big success: MKEC Engineering Consultants, Inc. who helps us every year since our first picnic in 1998, Affiliated Medical Services Laboratory, Inc., College Hill Liquor, Superior Rubber Stamp, Design Studio Ltd and Dr. Larry Davis.

Each of these businesses donated money to cover the cost of our expenses. Please thank them all the next time you are in their stores!

Also we need to thank a LOT all those neighborhood businesses who donated items for our annual raffle. We earn good money to help with the cost of the picnic by having this raffle and we need to be sure to thank these businesses as well: Bruce Bentley at Wild Iron, Wesley Inn, The Slope, Hancock Automotive, Jennifer at Body & Soul Massage, Traditions, Julianna Daniels, Hillside Chiropractic, Curves, The Second Story, Food for Thought, Lytton's Warehouse Showroom, Hair Mechanix, The 2nd Place, Taco Bueno, Margarita's Cantina, Hannah Banana, Eye Works Eye Care, Breezy's Beach Time Grill, Tan Man, Feminine Fashions, Eighth Day Books, Molers Camera, Persian Bazaar, The Knox Center, Wichita Band Instrument Co., Crazy Kaz, Country Bumpkins, Payne Place Real Pit Barbecue, Douglas Photographic Imaging, Panera Bread, American Cleaners, Coin & Stamp Shop, Jurnee Davis, Sport Burger and R & J Liquor.

Please plan to stop by all these wonderful businesses and thank them for supporting Uptown Neighborhood Association.

## From the Publisher

### Just for Laughs ...Don't be Confused!

As the primary election draws near (August 1) don't be confused about all the signs as you drive around the Fourth District. Hail damage to roofs in certain neighborhoods in the Fourth District have attracted a lot of roofers, so intermingled with the roofer signs are numerous political signs! Hopefully by the General Election in November, all the roofs will have been repaired... and there will be fewer political signs.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE YOU SUSPECT IS UP TO NO GOOD IN UPTOWN,  
CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!!!

## Noise Pollution

Do you like your music loud? Unfortunately those around you do not. If others can hear your music from 50 feet away, then you are breaking the law.

Due to an increase in citizen complaints....the Wichita Police Department will be stepping up enforcement of City Ordinance 11.38.380 that prohibits loud music.

The City of Wichita encourages you to enjoy your music, but please be considerate of your neighbors and others who are driving on City streets.

### **Courtesy is Cool!**

*Taken from a Handbook from the Wichita Citizen's Academy, 2005.*

## Uptown Trivia

### **Uptown RemEMBER'S!**

5 of our neighbors correctly responded to June's trivia, which was to identify the beer bar which was located at the southwest corner of Lorraine and Central. All respondents confessed to having personal experience at Ember's. Consensus seems to be that the brick edifice, built right up to the sidewalks, consisted of 2 public rooms, with a front door on Central and a more often used side door on Lorraine. Ember's was a hangout for generations until the early 1990's, when it was apparently torn down to make way for the present building at the corner.

Irene Davilla was the first to correctly draft the answer. However, Irene decided that she had an unfair advantage because she helps to deliver this Uptown Newsletter, consequently finding out the trivia question earlier than most other Uptowners. So Irene has graciously conceded the grand prize of

**free \$5 of merchandise at  
Hannah Banana's - 2721 E Douglas**

to the second correct answerer, Paula Hastings, of Lorraine Street. Little did Paula realize many years ago that enjoying a cool one would one day pay off so well. Also tapping their memories right were Drew McDonald, Cole Oglesbee, and Diana Frye.

### **July's ALL NEW challenge**

**What in Uptown attracts busloads of tourists and school kids? First person to call Uptown Trivia 685.4850 with the correct answer wins**

we can't tell you!  
if we did it would give away the answer!

Remember that the answer is somewhere within Uptown's boundaries – between Hillside and Grove, and between Douglas and Central.

*Keep on Triviaing! See you next month!*

College Hill United Methodist Women invite you to return to **The Good Old Times:** Country Store/Auction/Indoor Picnic Saturday, July 8, 2006, 5-8 p.m. Fellowship Hall, College Hill United Methodist Church 2930 East 1st Street, Wichita, KS 67214 Join us for old-fashioned fun, food, and fellowship. *All proceeds from this event help support local organizations.* Tickets available in church office.

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## Minutes From May 2006 Meeting There Was No Meeting In June

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Oberg at 7:06 p.m. Officers present were Leslie Harvey, Lori Lawrence, and Teresa Cansell.

*Approval of Minutes:* Minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2006 were approved with the following change: There is a correction to the last paragraph. Jael Van Boening's name was incorrectly given as Jael Van Broening. I apologize for the error

*Treasurer's Report:* Beginning balance was \$2147.18. Credits totaled \$19.00 (cookie sales). Debits totaled \$48.75 for postage for drawing/donation requests. Ending balance was \$217.43. This report was submitted by Dale Wasinger on behalf of the Treasurer, Lynn Wasinger. Discussion regarding the purchase of a brick for the Piatt Memorial Park project and the order form was given to the Treasurer.

*Neighborhood Police Officer's Report:* Officer Valerie Shirkey reiterated some items from her article in last month's newsletter, particularly regarding barking dog complaints. She requests that if you have an issue with a barking dog (yours or someone else's), please call her to discuss the issue. Basketball goals in the streets remain an issue. It is illegal, but a compromise is needed so that kids will have a place to play. The biggest criminal issue we have in the neighborhood right now is larcenies to vehicles and burglaries of garages, sheds, vehicles, etc. It is important that we all keep an eye open for suspicious people and/or behavior, and call 9-1-1 if you see anything suspicious, day or night. Also, not leaving anything of value in your vehicle right now is a very good idea, as people are breaking in to take almost anything. We also have a lot of graffiti and Officer Shirkey will be coordinating a neighborhood project to paint over and clean up the graffiti very soon. Several people volunteered to help her with this and agreed that it is a great idea.

*Guest Speaker:* Harlan Bascombe, a neighborhood inspector/clean team member of the City of Wichita Office of Central Inspection told us how his department does housing code enforcement. Among other things, they deal with exteriors primarily and enforce required repairs, managing broken windows and other damage to vacant houses, illegal parking at residences (front yards, for example), graffiti, piled up trash in yards, and more. They also work closely with the Health Department on sanitary condition complaints. He is very familiar with our neighborhood and is a real asset to our neighborhood association. He can be

contacted at 316-268-4481 for any questions or problems.

*Old Business:* The neighborhood bi-annual rummage sale will be held May 6, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in front of the Child Guidance Center at Grove and Central. Plans were finalized for the collection of goods prior to this date and volunteers who want to help with the sale are encouraged to contact Mary Dewing or just show up the morning of the sale. This is a big fundraiser for us, so please come and buy as much as you can!

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming annual picnic. Which features to keep this year will be discussed further at the next meeting. Raffle items are being gathered now, and donations are being accepted. Contact Lori Lawrence or Leslie Harvey if you wish to help.

The Central Northeast Area Council of Neighborhood Associations meetings continue to be held monthly the same night as the UNA meeting, and Mike Barushok arrived just in time to give us a quick report. In the "Beat 44" area (13th to 21st, Hillside to Hydraulic) the police are very busy doing door-to-door surveys, making contact with citizens, identifying vacant houses and doing crime prevention in this pilot area. This program will eventually extend to include other neighborhoods including UNA. If you are interested in participating in these meetings, please contact Paul Oberg or Mike Barushok.

*New Business:* A note regarding Chautauqua Park - the sprinklers are now going to be on a timer, coming on at midnight on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There was a Neighborhood Watch meeting held April 10th with Officer Frazier at the home of Melissa Golden at 124 N. Estelle. Please contact her if you are interested in participating. Jael Van Boening reported on the "Vicious Dog" survey online at [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov). If you would like to give your opinion, contact John Stevens at Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc. (WIN) at [enersigns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:enersigns@sbcglobal.net) or at WIN, 1150 N. Broadway, Suite 101, Wichita, Kansas 67214. Discussion was held to increase the amount of money for Mary to spend on Easter from \$150.00 to \$200.00. A vote was held to allow this increase, with Darrell Davilla making the motion and Irene Davilla seconding the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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## Drivers Needed

*The American Red Cross needs YOU!*

**Medical Drivers** pick up clients aged 60 and over and take them to medically related appointments. Drivers are given a schedule each morning that tells them the time to pick up the patient and the address to where they are going. The client will call when they are finished with their appointment and the dispatcher at the American Red Cross will let the driver know when to go back and pick up the client to return home.

Medical driving hours are from 7:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you choose to work a half day schedule then the hours are from 7:45 – 11:30 a.m. and from 12:00 — 4:00 p.m.

To “**test drive**” you will need to be at the American Red Cross by 7:45 in the morning. In order to best understand how the procedures work, it would be good if you could “**test drive**” for a full day. Volunteers ride along with a driver until they feel comfortable going out on their own.

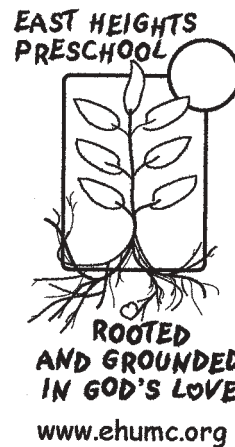
**Good Neighbor Nutrition Drivers** pick up a schedule at 9:15 a.m. This schedule tells the names and addresses of program participants who need to be picked up in area neighborhoods and taken to

congregate meal sites for a nutritious lunch, conversation and recreation. These program participants are aged 60 and over. For people that are temporarily home bound, our drivers deliver a meal to their door. Good Neighbor Nutrition Program driving hours are from 9:15 until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To “**test drive**” you will need to be at the American Red Cross at 1900 East Douglas by 9:15 a.m. and should return at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**Sound like something you could do?**

*Call Lois Bohanon at 219-4090 to “Test Drive”*



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*Lucy*  
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*Your* County Commissioner  
4th District

## From Your Fourth District County Commissioner

The past few months have certainly been busy around the County. After numerous public meetings with plenty of input, we have wrapped up our decision on the design concept for the Sedgwick County Arena. Now, the architects and designers can start completing the design. Our County staff is in constant communication with

City of Wichita staff working on preliminary parking plans. I know everyone is concerned about parking, and I want you to know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that we are working on a plan that will not only accommodate the arena, but the redevelopment around the arena, and other areas including Century II and WaterWalk.

Plans for a new Sedgwick County Fire Station are well underway for the Maize area near 53rd Street N. and Maize Road. We are also close to starting construction on a new EMS Station to be located in the development area where the new Maize City Hall will be located. This is going to be a great addition to the area.

There is plenty of concern about the reduction of polling places for the up-coming elections. I urge you

to make sure you know where your voting place is, so that there are no surprises on election day. If your voting place changed, you should have received a new voter's registration card. If you have any questions about your polling place you can call the Election office at 660-7100. This year the Election Commissioner has added numerous new advance voting machines and locations, and remember any registered voter in Sedgwick County can vote in advance. Please see inside this newsletter for more information on advance voting and locations. The primary election is August 1 and the general election is November 7.

In addition, we are now in the middle of planning for the 2007 budget. We have been meeting this month with each department head on their needs for the coming year. We will receive the Sedgwick County Manager's Recommended Budget on July 19. We will then hold a series of public hearings so that we can get feedback from you, the taxpayers. If you are not able to make the public hearings, you can share your thoughts through our online public hearing on our website at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org), beginning July 19.

*Lucy Burnett, Sedgwick Co. Commissioner*

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