



Uptown Neighborhood News

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Central, Douglas,
Grove and Hillside

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sat. June 3rd, Summer Picnic

Mon. June 5th, 7 pm DAB 1
meeting at the Atwater Center, 19th
and Volusia.

Call for more information:
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**Deadline for Uptown Newsletter
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2006 Uptown Summer Picnic

It is that time again! Time to get the summer off to a great start in our community with the Uptown Neighborhood Association 2006 Summer Picnic. The picnic is being held on June 3rd at Chautauqua Park. In case of rain, June 10th. Bring your family for a day filled with fun and food.

We would like to ask that you park on or near 2nd street and walk north on Chautauqua to the park, OR Park on the other side of the ditch. This makes it easier for our activities as well as making it easier for you to get out if needed. There are just so many anxious children and activities in this small area.

This is our #1 fundraiser for the Association. Make sure to look over the list of the raffle items on page 4! We have had some very generous offers from the neighborhood businesses, make sure to stop in and thank them for supporting us too. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and you can purchase the tickets even if you don't plan on attending the picnic. Call Leslie or Lori for more information on how you can purchase them. Or you can also purchase them the day of the picnic up until the drawing that will be at 1:30.

The main function of this event is to get to know your neighbors better! As with any large family reunion, it is always nice to see and taste the great dishes prepared by our neighbors. Just remember to have your bowls and serving spoons marked so we can call you if you leave them behind.

Each family will be expected to bring one food dish (side dish or dessert) by NOON to share with everyone. It is asked that if you have more than 5 in your group that you bring 2 dishes. When you arrive be sure to stop by the ticket table with your dish(es) and get your hand stamped. This is how we will know who brought food. If you do not bring food, you will be asked to pay \$3 per adult and \$2 per child 12 and under. Don't let this deter you from attending though, we have many volunteer opportunities available! You can volunteer at the picnic for 30 minutes per person to cover the cost of your meal. Councilman Carl Brewer and Smokin' and Chokin' BBQ will be back again this year. There will also be hotdogs and hopefully Mary Dewing will be gracious enough to supply the brisket... mmmmm GOOD!

Games and Activities:

Look for the great games and activities at the back of the park. The tickets are 25¢ or 5 for \$1. This year we have secured a bounce house, as it was a great hit last year! It will be running from 12 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are also some really great games and activities planned by Teresa and Melvyn Cansell, the creativity of these two is awesome! I am sure this year's games will exceed last year's. Be sure to bring your money so you can participate in everything!

There will also be some group games that are free to enter, such as potato Sack Race, water balloon toss, tug of war and possibly others. Be sure to come and take advantage of the games. These are the types of games where everyone can be a winner.

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**No meeting in June. Meet us at the park for the
Summer PICNIC, Saturday, June 3**

continued

If you would like to volunteer to help with the set up or the activities or if you are interested in donating anything to the picnic or for the raffle please give Leslie a call at 687-2082.

For those in "need" there will be a porta potty again this year thanks to College Hill Liquor and College Hill Laundry's Frank Turner. Be sure to stop by and tell him "Thanks!"

If you have any ideas that would help to improve this year's activities they are welcome. **We desperately need community involvement in activities like this.**

This is YOUR neighborhood...step up and meet your neighbors.

We hope to hear from you and see you at the picnic!

Some Trash May Linger Nearly Forever In The Landfill

Decomposition rates for commonly tossed items are the following:

- *banana peels, newspaper, paper bag – 1 month
- *rope, wool sock – 1 year
- *wood – 10 to 15 years
- *leather shoe – 40 to 50 years
- *tin can – 80 to 90 years
- *aluminum can – 100 to 500 years
- *disposable diaper – 500 to 600 years
- *plastic jug – 1,000 years
- *glass bottle, foam products – forever

What is all of this going to tell future generations about us?

-Sanipac Recycler, Eugene OR

Wichita Independent Neighborhoods Has a New Website!

Check them out at www.neighborhoodlink.com/wichita/win.

The Future – We Hope

San Francisco now has a goal to recycle 100% of its trash by 2020. To help with this plan, Noracal, the city's private garbage hauler, is planning to turn dog and cat waste into methane. The hauler hopes to have containers in parks to collect the poop.

-TIME, March 6, 2006

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Rummage Sale a SUCCESS!!

Even though we were rained out on our original date, we changed to Sunday, May 7th and had a great sale. There were lots of people and lots of money made. Come to the next meeting to hear how much!

We all met at 7 a.m. Sunday (after calling and cancelling on Saturday) to start moving things to the Wichita Child Guidance Center lot and setting up the canopy and tables. At 7:00 we had Mary Dewing, Dale Wasinger with daughter Tracy and husband, K.C. Dewing, Scott Malcolm, Paul Oberg, Lori Lawrence, Shannon Secor and Darrell Davilla working hard. During the day we were also joined by Stacy Malcolm, Sherry Whitmore and Melissa and daughter (if I got the name wrong, I'm sorry), Irene Davilla who helped keeping an eye on the tables and straightening things up.

Uptown's thanks need to especially go to Mary Dewing and Shannon Secor who spent hours and hours putting prices on all the items, sometimes until early morning to be finished in time for the sale. Also big thanks to the 4 people who were at the sale from before 7 to after 7 that day, setting up, tearing down and helping out all day. Those four essential people were Mary Dewing, Shannon Secor, Darrell Davilla and Lori Lawrence. Be sure to thank them and all who helped that day the next time you enjoy an activity at Uptown that their work helped raise the money to pay for.

I recently learned that the reason Officer Shirkey has been so hard to reach lately is because her father has been in and out of the hospital and has been very ill and battling cancer for some time.

Please keep Valerie and her Dad in your thoughts. ~Lori

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Uptown Trivia

May's Results

2 Uptowners, Sheena Elkins and Richard Holmes, won May's UT challenge, which was to identify any one of the businesses which previously occupied the all-stone rustic cottage at the southwest corner of Volutsia and Central. Both received \$2 of merchandise at the Uptown Rummage Sale. Sheena, who lives near the building, knew that DeLice LaRae's Salon was a recent occupant. Richard identified the Fireside Inn as a 1940's-1950's tenant of the interesting edifice. So Richard not only wins Uptown Trivia for the second straight month, but also won the special bonus prize for identifying the oldest occupant of all the entrants!

Some of the other correct answers, listed in somewhat chronological order, would have been: White Eagle Service Station, a Mobil Station, Ted Christian's Coney Island, Silky's, Taco Grande, and Lesperance Plant Shop.

June's Challenge

Name the old beer joint which was at the southwest corner of Lorraine and Central for many years until the 1980's or early 1990's. First person to call Uptown Trivia 685 4850 with the correct answer wins

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Hello Uptown Friends,

Happy Spring!!!! and Summer is knocking at our door. I just can't believe that another school year is gone. Again I always like to give some helpful advice and safety tips for the nice weather arriving soon. Everybody knows when nice weather is here everybody is out and about walking around enjoying the GREAT weather but, we should also know that not everyone is out enjoying the neighbors and the sun; they are out on the prowl looking to steal something.



I can't stress enough: DON'T leave your property outside even if you go inside for a few minutes. It only takes 5 seconds to get on a bike in the front yard and be gone. Lock property up, don't make it easier for these thieves to steal your stuff. Don't leave your purse, wallet, CD's, change (money) anything of value inside your vehicle for someone to see as they walk by. We should be able to but, unfortunately this is life.

Again, I hope everyone has a great SUMMER and stay safe. If anyone has questions or needs my help please always feel free to call me at Patrol East 688-9331 or email me at vshirkey@wichita.gov

Valerie A. Shirkey

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now that's food for thought!

Uptown Neighborhood Raffle

June 3, 2006

(Need not be present to win)

Tickets \$1.00 each

Original Blown Glass 15" Bowl from Bruce Bentley at Wild Iron
One Night Stay at Wesley Inn
Black Dot Hooded Waterproof Jacket From The Slope
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Another Annual Clean-up Success

On Saturday morning April 29th, shortly after 8:00 three compactors began rolling through the Uptown area with a pick-up crew behind each one. Tons



of discarded refuse—left at the curbside by neighborhood residents—were

loaded onto the trucks by active community members of the Uptown Neighborhood. By 12:30, even the tire truck was packed. Until



the discount pizza from Pizza Hut Wing Street arrived, homemade tacos from the Davillas filled the one and only empty space left in each of us. Our special thanks go to Irene and Darrell for their generous contribution of time and effort on all fronts. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's annual clean-up. The neighborhood looks better for it. Well done!

Paul Oberg, President

Clean Up Helpers

The following individuals signed the register of participants (or were observed in action) for the 2006 Uptown Neighborhood Clean-up on Saturday, April 29th:

Patrick Ary; Brian and Nathan Ballinger; Mike Barushok; Darrell and Irene Davilla; Jurnee Davis, Robert L. Dirks; Matthew and Zachary Farley; David Frances; Gerald Hambright; Gary Hastings; Jim Henning; Jim Lawrence; Lori Lawrence; Austin, Avery, Forrest, and Teresa Lybarger; Scott Malcolm; Kayla Moore; Paul and Nancy Oberg; Dale Wasinger; Sherry Whitmore; and Phillip.

Concerts in the Park 2006 Series Begins in June

Submitted by Midtowner Brian Bailey

Once again, summer is here and the air will fill with the sounds of birds singing, children romping, and acoustic artists from all around Wichita playing at "Acoustic Arts in the Park 2006." The Wichita Department of Park and Recreation, along with the Kansas Acoustic Arts Association (K.A.A.A.) and Acoustic Anthology.com, will co-sponsor this year's celebration of music. Concerts will be held on six separate Saturdays this summer: June 3rd, 10th and 17th, August 26th, and September 2nd and 9th. Concerts will be held in Central Riverside Park from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Each concert will feature three musicians or bands. The schedule of performers will be posted on Acoustic Anthology.com's website (www.acousticanthology.com) as well as on K.A.A.A.'s website (www.kansasacoustic.com). A "Junior Showcase" of young acoustic musicians is also in the works.

Concessions will be available for purchase as well as CDs from the performing artists. Pack a picnic lunch, grab your lawn chairs, and plan to join us for a great time in Central Riverside Park this summer!

22nd Annual Walk With Wildlife

The Great Plains Nature Center announces the 22nd annual "Walk With Wildlife," sponsored by Spirit AeroSystems, Inc., will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2006, at Chisholm Creek Park. Hours for the event are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and admission is \$2 per person.

This annual event allows visitors of all ages a chance to view over 60 species of live native Kansas wildlife, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects. Attendees will be able to explore the wheelchair accessible trails of Chisholm Creek Park as they visit stations staffed by expert volunteers who will share information on various animals.

Come spend several hours at the park and inside the Great Plains Nature Center. Lunch concessions will be available.

The Great Plains Nature Center is located at 6232 East 29th Street North. It is just west of Woodlawn on 29th Street North. For more information, contact the staff at (316) 683-5499.

Just for Kids 12 and Under!

The 5th Annual Wichita Eagle Kids' Fishing Clinic Register by sending child's name, age, parent's address and phone number to: Kids' Fishing Clinic, The Wichita Eagle, PO Box 820, Wichita, Kansas, 67201. This clinic is free with the \$2 entrance fee to the "Walk With Wildlife." Fishing equipment is furnished. Preferences for morning or afternoon fishing slots will be taken. Registration forms will be available in the newspaper or at the Wichita Eagle office.

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