



# Uptown Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Uptown Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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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:

March 3 – Monthly meeting  
March 27 – Easter Egg Hunt  
April 7 – Monthly meeting  
April 8 – Chautauqua Park clean up  
April 30 - 8am-1pm – Uptown Clean Up  
June 4 – Uptown Annual Summer Picnic  
July 7 – Monthly meeting  
July 2005 – Splash Down?  
Aug. 4 – Monthly meeting  
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 March 10**

# UNA 6TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Spring is in the air  
The Easter Bunny is coming  
Mark your calendar for March 27th, Sunday  
Chautauqua Park – 3rd & Chautauqua  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – 3 hours of fun



The egg hunt is for ages 10 and under but there will be games for all ages. Be there at 1:00 because the egg hunt starts at **exactly** 1:30. If you're late you may miss it!

Teenagers are more than welcome – we will have Bingo with cash prizes. The cost is only 25¢ per card. All ages can play! Adults are welcome!!

For kids 10 and up we will have a TUG OF WAR!!

We will have a 3 legged race, an egg race and more so come and have fun with us.

Donations of money or candy would be appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to help with the games. If anyone has a bunny costume that we can use or if you can help with anything else please call Mary at 688-1797 or 650-9263.

Please come to your neighborhood events. This is OUR neighborhood, please participate in our events. Uptown Neighborhood sponsors this event with money from our picnic raffle and our bi-annual rummage sale. Let's make our neighborhood the best ever!

## Park Clean Up, Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.

We will meet at the park and weed, prune, fertilize and whatever else needs to be done to get the park plantings ready for spring. Please plan to join us and help with the work. We have a great time and we are also planning to **cook hot dogs** again when we get done. Free food for anyone who comes to help but you must help for at least a half hour to get the food.

Bring your gloves and any gardening tools you have and join in the fun. We have a GREAT time together. The more there the quicker we can get to the food!! Call President or Director of Communications for more information. See you at the park at 3rd and Chautauqua!!

**Next meeting Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Don't miss it!**

**College Hill United Methodist Church**

## Getting To Know You

This month I'd like to introduce to you two of our new neighbors; Teresa and Melvyn Cansell. They moved into a house on north Chautauqua in December of 2004. They had looked for a long time here in Wichita for a home but found most of the houses in their price range were sorely lacking in character or the neighborhood didn't feel right and to be frank, some of the houses they looked at were just too much in disrepair for the money. Then they found their house here in the Uptown Neighborhood. The first appointment to look at the house was late in the evening and their realtor was told the electricity was on, however, the power was not on and they had to look at the house with flashlights but still fell in love with it. They were trying to decide whether to buy the house or not when one night Melvyn had a dream about it and that cinched it. Teresa says it just felt right to them.

Teresa was born in Wichita and is a medical transcriber who (lucky her) gets to work from home. Melvyn is from Chelmsford, Essex, England which is about 30 miles Northeast of London. He is currently working for Foulston, Siefkin law firm as the computer guy or as his card says; technology wrangler. Teresa and Melvyn met on an Internet discussion group about Star Trek and science. Needless to say they are big Star Trek fans. Teresa went to England in January 2000 after Melvyn had come here to the states in 1999. After arriving in England she was promptly deported for not having the correct paperwork. But there is a happy ending, Melvyn returned to the states where he married Teresa.

Both are involved with launching rockets with the KLOUDbuster club and now have a ton of remodeling to do on their house. As a matter of fact, shortly after moving in, the furnace gave up the ghost and that has been replaced now. The contractor said he thought the old one might have been about 60 years old. And now they will have central air conditioning too.

Melvyn says he is so impressed with the middle American friendly attitude. He says people here will cross the street to say hello to you but in some places he has been they will cross the street to get away from you. Teresa and Melvyn have attended an Uptown Neighborhood Association meeting and truly believe you cannot build a community without involvement. They are looking forward to attending and helping with all the activities that UNA has throughout the year. Teresa and Melvyn say everyone has been so wonderful already and they feel right at home.

I want to welcome Teresa and Melvyn to our neighborhood and am so glad they feel like so many of us here that this is a great place to live!

*By Dale Wasinger*

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### Uptown Trivia

#### Another First Time Winner!

Robert Rouse of the 400 block of Volutsia was the first and only who knew that Fellowship Baptist Church was the last church to occupy the building at 2903 E Central. This building was last used as the Women’s Reproductive Center, but has been vacant and for sale for some time now. You didn’t know it had been a church? Look closely to see second story windows where the upper portion of the sanctuary would have been. UT suspects that the 2903 address placard on the north side of the building is covering up the original nameplate / cornerstone.

For his memorable efforts, Robert receives \$5 worth of laundry services at College Hill Laundry 207 N Hillside. A convenient Uptown service for many years!

#### Didyano...

...Uptown Trivia is the # 1 neighborhood newsletter trivia column in the city of Wichita! The entire UT staff thanks U for making it so!

...NowUdo!

#### New Question:

Which current Uptown address includes the lowest street number? Apartment numbers don’t count here. First correct lowest address identifier to call Leonard at 685 4850 wins:

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### Free Fire Safety Program Available to Families

Families in Uptown may take advantage of the SafeStart program, a free service offered by the Wichita Fire Department with the assistance of federal agencies and local community organizations, including Wesley Medical Center and Westlake ACE Hardware.

*The requirements for the program are:*

1. Live within Sedgwick County;

2. Have at least one child up to the age of fourteen in the home, or at least one adult over sixty years of age.

Participants may own, rent or lease their home, and houses, apartments, and mobile homes are eligible. Grandparents, relatives, and child-care providers also qualify for this free program.

*The SafeStart program provides, free of charge:*

— Home fire safety assessment by a City of Wichita firefighter;

— Personalized advice, fire escape plan, and practice fire drill;

— Smoke detector and installation.

The numbers to call for information or to schedule a firefighter visit are:

*Mel Orebaugh, City of Wichita firefighter, at 708-2701 (cell);*

*Via Christi Health Connection at 689-5700.*

This is a tremendous opportunity for Wichita families, as it includes all types of residences, involves expert advice, and it is free. You are encouraged to tell your friends outside the neighborhood about this important free program, as its continued funding depends on public response.

### Survey Says: . . .

No, we’re not interested in feuding families— we are interested in your input. Although the Uptown Neighborhood Association has been around for some eight years, we do not have as much neighbor participation as we should, and we are not sure that all neighborhood concerns are being addressed.

We want to know what you like about Uptown, what bothers you about Uptown, and how we can communicate within Uptown more effectively. Think about these matters, and we will collect your opinions and ideas in early spring.

We will not keep track of your identity or your answers. Nothing on the questionnaire will incriminate anybody or cause problems with neighbors. As always, the neighborhood association officers’ names and phone numbers are printed in the Newsletter. If you have any questions about this upcoming survey, please call one of the officers. By survey or otherwise, your input is needed and appreciated.

## Where Was Our Chief 25 Years Ago?

February 1, 1980

With his fellow officer down and two slugs in his right hip, police officer Norman Williams dragged himself across the circle drive in front of the Institute of Logopedics towards the man who had shot them both. Williams was, for all practical purposes, unarmed—the .38 caliber automatic he was carrying had malfunctioned. He fiddled with the gun while he approached the man who had collapsed near a curb. Williams handcuffed the man, identified as Bradford Howell 31, who later died. The scene is painted in William's memory and the Sedgwick County District Attorney's conclusions about the shootout Wednesday, where Williams and Officer Paul Holmes shot Howell after he wounded them. It was uncertain whose bullet killed him.

I realized that our Chief was involved when I was at a meeting last month about the expansion of the Boys & Girls Club on the former Institute campus. I told him I used to teach here over 20 years ago, and he asked me if I was at the school in 1980 when there was a shooting. We talked about the incident, but he never identified himself as being a participant. When I got home, I did a web search and found the name N. Williams as one of the two officers.

As I recall it was a domestic dispute, and the administration had received a call from a housemother in one of the cottages to say her boyfriend/husband was on his way up to the front office with a gun. All of the students and teachers were in classes, and we had no intercom or efficient way to warn everyone, but thanks to the quick response of the WPD, no students or staff were hurt.

*From Mary Jo Bond, Newsletter Editor for Northeast Heights Neighborhood Association.*

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### Uptown Friends,

It was great to see everybody at the neighborhood meeting and It's nice that we can all sit down and discuss the issues that have happened over the last month. I really encourage everybody to try to attend these meetings. It's nice to not only see everybody but to discuss what problems that you might be having that I can

try to assist you with. Remember.... your best eyes when you are not home are your neighbors so get to know them. At the meeting last month it was brought to my attention that there are a couple concerns regarding some "GANG" activity that might be going on in the area. Everybody needs to remember that there is criminal activity everywhere and the best defense to keep our area safe is to keep our eyes open and to communicate what you see. If you see some criminal activity going on and you believe that it is an emergency call 911 or if it's a problem that you think needs more attention than just a 911 response call me at 688-9331 or email vshirkey@wichita.gov. What I'm advising citizens to do is start taking down tag numbers descriptions of people that you believe to be doing the illegal activity. Let's keep our area safe and keep our EYES open. Again, I'm here to help you out so please if you have any concerns get with me because if you don't let us know that there are problems we can't help. Have a Great Day and be Safe!!!!!!!

Officer Valerie A. Shirkey #1831

### Happy Birthday!

Uptown's best wishes go out to Nick Simoulis on his 85th birthday on February 5th, 2005. Congratulations!

If you would like to be recognized on your birthday, please tell Mary at 688-1797. She will include it in the appropriate newsletter. Anniversaries, births and other celebrations are welcome too.

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### Splash Down

This year the Summer Splash Down will happen in mid-July. Watch the newsletter for dates and times. So get your towels and bathing suits ready!

### New Uptowner

Kade John Scott Malcolm was born to Scott and Stacey Malcolm on February 3rd. He weighed 9 lb. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to the new parents!!

**Congratulations** to Uptown's mary Dewing on the birth of her granddaughter Olivia Rose Glover. Olivia was born to Mary's daughter Tammy Dewing Glover on February 17th at 3:13. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and she was 15 days early.

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## Minutes of the February meeting

The Uptown Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, February 3, 2005. A quorum of officers being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Paul Oberg was at the Central Northeast Area Planning Meeting and could not attend our meeting, so vice-president Leslie Harvey conducted the meeting. She welcomed our new neighbors, Teresa and Melvyn Cansell to the neighborhood and to the meeting.

On motion by Darrell Davilla, seconded by Sherry Whitmore, the minutes of the Jan. 13th meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's report: Lynn Wasinger reported that the WIN dues of \$25 and an additional amount of \$25 were paid per the meeting of Jan. 13th. We received \$10.75 from the sale of cookies at the January meeting, leaving us with a balance of \$2,499.17 as of Feb. 4th.

Discussion was held in regard to getting our incorporation paperwork filled out and sent in. The consensus was to have the paperwork turned in by April.

Our community police officer, Valerie Shirkey, was not present. Some members expressed concern about a group of twenty or so young people that appears to be roaming the neighborhood. It seems they approach along North Erie and proceed through the neighborhood to Douglas on Friday and Saturday nights. They are very boisterous as they go down the street. Please contact the police if you observe activity such as this.

A motion was made by Mike Barushok to not print the

actual addresses of houses when information concerning them is given and discussed at the monthly meetings. Once it is put in the newsletter it becomes public information that can be accessed on the Internet, and which seems to stay there forever. We do not wish to give the wrong impression to those researching our area perhaps with the intention of buying a house here. The motion was seconded by Debbie Moore and discussion followed. Motion passed and this information will be forwarded to the secretary of Uptown Neighborhood Association.

Old business: The spring cleanup for the UNA area was discussed. It was agreed to hold the cleanup on April 30th starting at 8:00 a.m and concluding at 1:00 p.m. Darrell Davilla and Paul Oberg are the coordinators of this project. Reading from a prepared note from Paul Oberg about this, Leslie said Paul would like to see a water cooler with cups in each of the three trash trucks we usually get. If anyone has such a cooler and would like to lend it for the cleanup that it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Paul or Darrell know if you can help out with this matter. It was asked if the Police Department will help with the cleanup this year Darrell also said he has some work gloves left over from last year that volunteers can use this year.

Our survey forms were to be discussed; however, no copies were made available for the meeting.

As of the date of the meeting, removal of the tree limbs placed at the curbs after the ice storm has begun.

Lori Lawrence reported that the sculpture that was located at the old Ear Clinic was taken by the owner and he wished to keep it.

New business: Leslie said Paul will give us details about the Central Northeast Area Planning meeting at our March meeting.

Dale Wasinger will interview our new neighbors Teresa and Melvyn Cansell for the next "Getting To Know You" column in the newsletter.

There was some discussion of this year's UNA summer picnic. Leslie Harvey volunteered to be the head coordinator of this event. The picnic will be held on Saturday June 4. Some of the questions were what the budget will be for the picnic. Also, if anyone knows of any businesses that would donate to the picnic please ask them for their assistance.

It was moved by Darrell Davilla and seconded by Teresa Cansell that the spring cleanup of Chautauqua Park be held on Saturday, April 9; the motion carried. The cleanup will start at 10:00 a.m. Hot dogs will be served to cleanup participants after the cleanup is finished.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Wasinger and seconded by Melvyn Cansell. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

—David Franks, from notes taken by Dale Wasinger

### Commonly Requested Numbers

Accident Reports	
Within 48 hours .....	268-4131
Over 48 hours .....	268-4261
Animal Control .....	268-8473
Auto Tags/Title .....	383-7331
Birth Certificates .....	(913) 296-1414
Bus information .....	265-7221
City Council/Mayor/s Office .....	268-4331
County Information .....	383-7400
Driver's License .....	821-9920
Election Commissioner .....	383-7101
Employment Hotline .....	268-4537
Garage Sales (license) .....	268-4553
Property Taxes .....	383-7414
Real Estate Ownership .....	383-7691
Small Claims .....	383-7761
Street Maintenance (24 hours).....	268-4071
Traffic Fines .....	268-4611
Voter Registration .....	383-7101
Weed Mowing:	
Private property .....	268-8422
Public property.....	337-9225
Zoo .....	942-2212
Commonly Requested Websites:	
City of Wichita.....	www.wichita.gov
Sedgwick County, .....	www.sedgwick.ks.us
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