

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:

Sat. April 29, Neighborhood Clean
Up from 8 - 1

Sat. May 6th, Uptown Rummage
Sale 9-5

Sat. June 3rd, Summer Picnic

Call for more information:
Lori Lawrence 688-1484

*If you have anything to donate for
the sale, please call:*

Lori 688-1484 or Mary 688-1797.
We will tell you what to do.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

**Deadline for Uptown Newsletter
Information May 11**



Uptown Bi-Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 6

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Please plan to come and see what goodies we have for sale. All the money made will go toward activities for the Uptown Neighborhood. If you go to any activities (Halloween, Easter, Picnic, Clean-Ups, etc....) be sure to come and support Uptown by buying things you can't live without.

We will be at the front yard of Wichita Child Guidance Center at Grove and Central. They are donating the space and allowing us to borrow their tables and use their restrooms (for those who are helping). Please thank them if you meet anyone who works there.

If you would like to spend an hour or so at the sale we would greatly appreciate it. Please call Mary at 688-1797 to let her know before Saturday

8th Annual Summer Picnic, June 3

Please put this date on your calendar. We always have a great time and great food. We will have the traditional bounce house and lots of games. We have a commitment from Smokin' & Chokin" BBQ to provide great smoked meats too so you don't want to miss it! We hope to have nice weather so we can play and have fun. Looks good so far!

We are also planning to have our annual raffle. The tickets are just one dollar each and we have over 50 prizes most years. We will be collecting prizes this month so if you have something new to donate, please give Lori a call at 688-1484.

We can always use people to come and help out. We need help with setting up the canopy in the morning and taking it down in the evening plus help during the day with rides and games. Call Leslie at 687-2082 to volunteer

Come have a good time and help out your neighborhood. If you need community service hours for school or clubs, call. Look in the June newsletter for all the details!

(We already have donations from AMS Labs on Central and MKEC Consulting who designed 3rd St. to help with expenses for the picnic. We also have a promise from College Hill Liquor's Frank Turner to sponsor the port-a-potty again this year. Be sure to thank both of these businesses!!)

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

College Hill United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Minutes of UNA Meeting

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. If you would like to give your opinion, contact John Stevens at Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc. (WIN) at 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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If you are willing to answer questions about this complaint, please complete your full name and mailing address, telephone number or email address. **This information may be submitted confidentially and does not require Line Numbers 2 – 6 to be completed.** Thank you.

- 1 Address of Complaint Property: _____
- 2 Name of Complaint Property owner or renter, if known: _____
- 3 Name of Person submitting complaint: _____
- 4 Address of Person submitting complaint: _____
- 5 Phone number of Person submitting complaint: _____
- 6 Email address of Person submitting complaint: _____

Check all boxes that describe your complaint.

- Tall grass and weeds more than 12 inches
- Accumulation of trash, junk, furniture, etc.
- Unlicensed, inoperable or junk vehicle
- Vehicle parked on unpaved front yard
- Illegal dumping – trash, tires, furniture, etc.
- Deteriorated or unsecured swimming pool
- Surfacing sewage or sewer smell
- Stagnant, standing water
- Open, un-barricaded trench or manhole
- Vicious dog(s) or dog(s) running at large
- Animal cruelty or unsafe conditions
- More than 4 adult dogs at residence
- Dog on chain, leash or tether more than 1 hour
- Unsafe conditions for children – refrigerator, etc.
- Obnoxious smell, odor, smoke or open burning
- Unsecured/open or dangerous building condition
- Broken window, poor condition of house, fence
- Streetlight outage
- Graffiti on signs, fences, walls, buildings, etc.
- Signs improperly placed, missing or vandalized
- Physical obstruction of sidewalk – bushes, trees
- Visual obstruction of intersection – bushes, trees
- Operation of illegal business in residential area
- Construction work – no City permit
- Other – please explain:

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Dept of Environmental Services
1900 E. Ninth Street MS 7-12
Wichita KS 67214

Or FAX FORM TO: 268 8390. Questions? Contact Environmental Maintenance Supervisor at 268 8351.

Wesley Apartments

They are under new management (again). The new manager is Sam Lett. He would like to hear from any neighbors that notice any problems with the apartments at any time. If he does not answer please leave a message. His number is 263-4002. Sam told me he wanted to rent to employees at the hospital and does an extensive background check before he rents and includes checking on employment.

Sam also offered to donate some furniture to the Uptown Rummage Sale. We can use all the help we can get! Thanks!!

Baby Blues

Each baby wearing disposable diapers adds 1/2 ton of waste to the landfill. Amount of time it takes a disposable diaper to decompose – 500 to 600 years!
-Sanipac Recycler, Eugene OR

Update on Computer Recycling in Wichita

Wichita Recycling Centers, 4710 W. Central, 448-0433 and 997 S. Woodlawn, 685-0433; accept computers and all parts at no charge except monitors at \$4 fee. Accepts printers, copiers, fax machines, keyboards at no charge.

Ribbit Computer, 843 S. Woodlawn, 612-1500; accepts computers for varying fees, monitors \$5.

Computer Fix-it & PC Recycling, 601 N. Ridge, 721-3131 and 1409 W. 31st S., 522-7351; accepts computers at no charge; accepts monitors \$5 to \$9; printer & copier prices vary.

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Happy Mother's Day

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New Landfill?????

The Sedgwick County Commissioners keep saying they want to build a new landfill in the county— BUT

To be financially viable, a landfill needs volume. And both of the big trash haulers in Wichita maintain that they will use their own landfills instead of one owned by the county.

And Furley residents have vowed to sue to block a new landfill—which would be near their homes. And there are environmental concerns about possible water pollution and attracting birds into airplane flight paths.

These obstacles—along with the city's free-market, pay-twice-as-much-as-necessary trash-hauling system—are not easy to overcome and are why most of the trash is now being shipped to Oklahoma. (editor's note: the trash you see along the highway comes from these haulers not tying down their loads and it spilling along the roadway!)

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now that's food for thought!

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13000 W. KELLOGG
773-0123

Uptown Trivia

March's Answer

Holmes Detects Gable

Richard Holmes of Erie St was the first to identify



as being part of the quaint stone building at 2721 E
Central. Richard won

a free burrito from
Chipotle
at Central & Hillside

Also answering correctly were Charity Endicott,
Rich Thurber, Jessica Chambray, and Jael Van
Boening. The unique rustic colonial cottage type
edifice has housed many different businesses.

May's Challenge

Name any of those businesses. Each person to
name one by calling the Uptown Trivia World
Headquarters at 316-685-4850 wins

\$ 2 of merchandise
from the
UPTOWN RUMMAGE SALE
Saturday May 6
Grove & Central

One winner per business. So if 2 people correctly
answer the "Uptown Urology Union Unlimited", only
the first wins the prize. Only one prize per person.
As always, you may answer as many times as you
want, but only once per day. Special Bonus Prize
for whoever identifies the oldest business!

See you next month. Happy triviaing!

Another New Restaurant Near Uptown

Ah So has changed hands again. It is now called Payne Place and it is a BBQ restaurant. I ate there recently just before closing time at 8:00 p.m. and the meat was very tender and delicious. At that late hour (they were ready to close in a few minutes) I expected their meats to be dried out but it was still good. Be sure to check them out.

-Lori

78th Old English Tea

St. James Episcopal Church is pleased to announce that the 78th Old English Tea will be held in the Guild Hall of St. James Church, 3750 East Douglas, on Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Traditional English tea items will be served continuously. Fashion shows, featuring clothing and accessories from GM Clotheshorse, will be held at 10:30 am and at 12:30 pm. In addition, arts and crafts, needlework, jewelry, plants, baked goods, and collectibles will be available for purchase.

All proceeds go to local charities.

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