



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:

Sept. 1 – Meeting, Guest Speaker, Dennis
Graves of Animal Control

Oct. 6 – Meeting, Guest Speaker,
Representative Delia Garcia and
Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau

Nov. 3 – Monthly Meeting

Dec. 1 – Annual Holiday Party

Call for more information:
Lori Lawrence 688-1484

*Deadline for Uptown Newsletter
Information Sept. 7*

Animal Control Speaker In September

Dennis Graves from Animal Control will speak at our September meeting before the elections. He is coming to talk to us about loose dogs and cats and tell us what we can do or who we can call to report anything we see. If you have dogs or cats running near your house, please come to the meeting and ask questions. For more information please see page two of this newsletter.

Elections!!

It is time for elections again! We will take nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Communications at the upcoming September meeting.

These positions last for one year. Be sure to come to the September meeting to tell us who you think should be our next officers. If you are interested in running, please contact Paul Oberg or Lori Lawrence and give us your name. We will contact you before the meeting to remind you to come.

Don't miss it!

Splash Down continues!!

Mary Dewing will have her last Splash Down at the park on Sunday, September 11 starting at 2 p.m. The August dates have been really a blast! Mary has a big pool, 12 feet round and 4 feet deep! It took 6 hours to fill up!! There were also 2 smaller pools under the slides and sprinklers all over the park. The first day lasted from 2 to 8:30 with over 20 children and lots of adults.

Mary treated everyone there to Root Beer Floats in the middle of the afternoon on August 7th plus fed everyone hot dogs at 5!! If you have been missing the Splash Downs you are missing a great time!! There will be Splash Downs each Sunday at 2 p.m. until September 11th. There will be NO SPLASH DOWN on Sunday the 4th since it is Labor Day weekend.

Thank you to the 2 who helped with the set up on the first Splash Down, Darrell Davilla and a *special* thank you to Shannon Secor for all his help. Without these good neighbors, the Splash Down would not be such a success.

See you there!!!

Next meeting Thursday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m.

**Don't miss our guest speaker, Dennis Graves!
College Hill United Methodist Church**

City Codes

From: <http://www.wichitagov.org/CityOffices/Environmental/AnimalControl/LeashLaw.htm>

The leash law is a provision in the code of the City of Wichita that prohibits certain domestic animals from roaming free. The leash law states that "Any owner of any animal, other than cats, found running at large within the corporate limits of the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor." The code also defines "running at large" as "any animal that is not confined within a fenced enclosure or shelter or under the control of a person, either by lead, cord, rope, or chain; provided, that an animal may be considered confined if it is on a leash, rope, or chain which is sufficient to keep the animal on the premises where picketed." The law goes on to include electronic fencing as adequate confinement if "the premises of the owner are clearly and prominently marked to show the existence of the electronic fencing system and the animal is equipped with the necessary and operating components of the system required to confine the animal to the owner's property." What that means is that all animals except cats must be confined by either a leash, rope, chain, fenced area (conventional or electronic), or inside a dwelling 24 hours a day and not allowed to roam free without the benefit of one or more of these types of restraint.

From: <http://www.wichita.gov/CityCode/Default.htm?code=1523>

It is unlawful for any person to ...Continuously picket a dog for more than one continuous hour, except that picketing of the same dog may resume after a hiatus of three continuous hours, for up to three hours total time on picket per day. (e) For the purpose of picketing a dog, a chain, leash, rope, or tether shall be at least ten feet in length. (f) A chain, leash, rope, collaring device, tether, or any assembly or attachments thereto used to picket a dog shall not weigh more than one-eighth of the animal's body weight, or due to weight, inhibit the free movement of the animal within the area picketed. (g) Dogs shall be picketed in such a manner as to prevent injury, strangulation, or entanglement on fences, trees, or other man made or natural obstacles. (h) It is unlawful to attach chains or other tether restraint implements directly to a dog without the proper use of a collar, harness, or other device designed for that purpose and made from a material that prevents injury to the animal.

Backyard Drainage

Chris Carrier, Director of Public Works, spoke about the biggest problem the city has with drainage and said that the fault is not with the city. The problem is that people put in landscaping that blocks drainage away from the house and the worst thing they can do is put up a wooden fence that goes all the way to the ground because it traps all the water in your yard.

The moral to this story is that if you must put up a privacy fence, be sure to leave a couple inches at the bottom for water to escape!

Potholes

Always assume they have not been reported. If someone reports it, it has to be repaired in 1/2 hour! Be sure to call any time you notice one and it will be taken care of in that time. If anyone has damage to their car after 30 minutes of a report, they will be entitled to money for damages!! Check the phone book in the blue pages for the street maintenance.

From Park Department, Tim Martz

Thanks for the notice about the playground surfacing. It should not have been neglected to this point and I apologize for the condition.

Neil will have the weeds sprayed immediately. Neil, also please till this up and let Tom Herbst know if we need more engineered wood fibers. I'm not sure when we could get to this in terms of replacement safety surfacing. I think we changed out 3rd & Piatt to sand last year.

FCC – Do Not Call Registry

Want to reduce the number of unwanted phone calls to your home or cell phone? The FCC established a national Do-Not-Call Registry. Commercial telemarketers may not call you if your number is on the registry.

Customers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236).

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CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS – EYES AND EARS PROGRAM

To report an environmental or property complaint in Wichita, KS please complete the information below then check all appropriate boxes. **CALL 911** to report an immediate public safety threat, a crime or suspicious activity.

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
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:

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

Or FAX THIS FORM TO: 316 268 8390. Questions? Contact Env Maintenance Suprt 316.268.8351.

Emergency Number

A campaign encouraging people to enter an emergency contact number in their mobile phone's memory under the heading ICE (In Case of Emergency), has rapidly spread throughout the world as a particular consequence of last week's terrorist attacks in London.

Originally established as a nation-wide campaign in the UK, ICE allows paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative / next-of-kin in an emergency situation. The idea is the brainchild of East Anglian Ambulance Service paramedic Bob Brotchie and was launched in May this year. Bob, 41, who has been a paramedic for 13 years, said: I was reflecting on some of the calls I've attended at the roadside where I had to look through the mobile phone contacts struggling for information on a shocked or injured person. Almost everyone carries a mobile phone now, and with ICE we'd know immediately who to contact and what number to ring. The person may even know of their medical history.

By adopting the ICE advice, your mobile will help the rescue services quickly contact a friend or relative which could be vital in a life or death situation. It only takes a few seconds to do, and it could easily help save your life. Why not put ICE in your phone now? Simply select a new contact in your phone book, enter the word "ICE" and the number of the person you wish to be contacted.

Kay Johnson from Environmental Services says that the best way to judge the cleanliness of a restaurant is to go into their restrooms. That tells everything about the place, so visit the restroom when you get there.

Advertise in the Uptown Newsletter

Rates are \$7.00 per column inch
(So an ad this size would be just \$7.00!)
Advertising is what keeps your newsletter going!
Call Sharon or Jaque at 755-1291

Crystal's Clubhouse

Crystal Winter - licensed daycare
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And lots of TLC!



Come join the Fun!!!

Mark This On Your Calendar So You Won't Forget - MARS SPECTACULAR!

The Red Planet is about to be spectacular! This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287.

Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot at the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m. By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m.


That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

(No one alive today will ever view this again)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

YOUR COMPLETE NATURAL FOODS MARKET
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now that's food for thought!

Minutes, August 4, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Paul Oberg. Officers present were Paul Oberg, Leslie Harvey and Lori Lawrence.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the July 7th, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Lynn Wasinger was not present, so there was no treasurer report avail.

Neighborhood Police Officers report: There were 3 police officers present; they were Officer Shirkey, Officer Guoh, and Officer Brinkley. The police really stressed how important it is for the residents of our neighborhood to call anytime they see something that is out of the ordinary. There continues to be a problem with graffiti taggers in our area, the police are going to supply paint for us to use to cover this with until the city can get out to properly remove and paint over it. Green Street Gallery at 156 N Green (652-9295) has ~~for~~ storage space for the paint. They are open from 10-5 Monday thru Saturday to allow easy access for the neighbors. Officers also mentioned there is a big increase in prostitution in our neighborhood, there have been 14+ arrests lately. While our neighborhood is one of the lowest for burglaries in the city there have been a rash of break-ins recently. The offenders are entering the back of houses through open windows during the early morning hours, residents were urged to please keep this in mind with the cooler weather. Prevention of these types of crimes is best.

There were also a few houses and the Merriweather Apartments mentioned that have a lot of drug traffic in and out of them. It was suggested that the neighbors in these areas that are concerned with this traffic to get together and write a letter to the landlords of these properties.

There was also a mention of the process on the widening of Hillside. Officer Shirkey said that they are looking forward to the work starting in March or April with a completion date in July '06. The officers were thanked for coming and visiting with us and reminded that they were always welcome to have breaks and lunches in the backyard of the Green Street Gallery.

Old Business: Paul Oberg mentioned the need to get more neighborhood surveys filled out for a more accuracy on the needs of the neighborhood. They can be picked up from him as well as clipboards. It was noted that it would not take much effort for a few people to walk around their block with these and get them filled out. There was a brief discussion about the outcome of the Summer picnic, there was also other donation MKEC Engineering Consulting in the amount of \$100.

New Business: Nominations for next years officers will be accepted at the September meeting. Paul Oberg would be willing to step down as the President if someone else would be willing to step up. Lori Lawrence talked about the possibilities for upcoming speakers. They included Dennis Graves from Animal Control, House Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau, and Councilman Brewer. There was some discussion on the "National Night Out" for next year and how the Block Captain could help us coordinate this idea.

The idea of getting a file together with all of the neighborhood resources for our activities was also discussed.

We are also in need of some new much under the playground equipment. There is an excessive amount of weeds and grass currently growing in and around the mulch area. Any weeding that the neighbors do while visiting the park is appreciated.

Mary Dewing requested assistance with the Splashdown on Sunday August 7th at 2PM.

Lori Lawrence would like to see more articles from the neighbors in the newsletter and said that the sooner she gets them, the better.

There was a reminder for the upcoming District One Coalition Breakfast on August 6th @ 8am.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

-Leslie Harvey for Katie Murdock

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262-6640**

**SOUTHEAST
4545 E. PAWNEE
681-1220**

**WEST WICHITA
13000 W. KELLOGG
773-0123**

Uptown Trivia

Uptowners find burritos on sidewalks!

Super Summer Sidewalk

Sleuth Survey

95 YEAR OLD SIDEWALKS!

Uptown actually has 3 sections of sidewalks dated 1910, all of which are still in amazingly great shape! (Let's start planning the centennial celebration!) So here's the Sidewalk Sleuth Scoop:



- 355 N Erie – above - sidewalk inscribed “J. W. WINROD 1910” – one of apparently 3 surviving consecutive squares. Nominated by Jael Van Boening, who wins 2 burritos from Chipotle for being the Superest Sleuther!
- 237 N Erie – similar to pic - sidewalk also inscribed “J W WINROD 1910” – one of 9 consecutive squares which appear to be of the same vintage. There are minor cracks in only 2 of the squares. Nominated by Mike Barushok of Green Street, who wins one Chipotle burrito for his efforts.



south side of Second Street halfway between Volutsia and Estelle – pic above - sidewalk square inscribed twice (mirrored) within a circle as “W D HURST 1910”. This square is one of 4 consecutive squares which appear to be the same age. Also nominated by Mike Barushok – ‘way to watch, Mike!

Obviously there was a 3 way tie. Jael won first prize by being the earliest entrant.

There's also a 1911 sidewalk, interestingly hand inscribed in cursive, on the 200 block of Erie, and a 1913 sidewalk on the 300 block of Erie. Uptown Trivia Sleuthing Dept readily acknowledges that there may in fact be older sidewalks presently surviving within Uptown. So let UT know if you find one! Info about either of the sidewalk contractors would be welcome, too. Thanks to all of you Uptown Sidewalk Sleuthers!

...and the

NEWEST UPTOWN SIDEWALK...

...was identified by Kat Eastman, who nominated the almost still green sidewalk squares dated 2005 at 2624 E Dou-

glas. Kat, a very new Uptowner, thereby wins the Uptown Trivia August Challenge. For her efforts, Kat also wins a Chipotle Burrito at Central and Hillside.

NEW September Trivia Challenge

We'll step away from sidewalks for this one!

Identify all currently operating establishments named “College Hill...” which are actually in Uptown. (Remember our boundaries!) Sub-groups don't count here. So whereas “College Hill College” would count, the “College Hill College School of Cartesian Coordinates” would not count. First to call Uptown Trivia International Headquarters at 316 685 4850 identifying all of the correct establishment names at one time while including no incorrect names wins

a \$5 gift certificate to

GREEN STREET GALLERY

156 N Green

been there yet? it's tremendous!

Nobody's answered July's question yet!

...so we'll keep the question hot and active. Dig out the July or August Uptown Newsletter for the question. No new deadline, but we'll give the \$5 Green Street Gallery certificate to the first person to call 685 4850 naming one of the occupants.

'til next month, Arrivatrivia!

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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	268-8351
Public property.....	337-9225
Zoo	942-2212
Commonly Requested Websites:	
City of Wichita.....	www.wichita.gov
Sedgwick County,	www.sedgwick.ks.us
Chamber of Commerce.....	www.wichitakansas.org
Convention & Visitors Bureau,	
.....	www.wichita-cvb.org