

# Uptown Neighborhood News

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**September 2006**

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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 7, Uptown Meeting  
Sept 9, District One Coalition  
Breakfast, 8am, Cisro's Restaurant  
Sept 11, 7pm, D A B Board Meeting

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

**Labor Day, September 4**

**Deadline for Uptown Newsletter  
Information September 13**

## Posted on Sunday, July 30, 2006

### RETAIN helps pay for spays, neuters

*BY DIANE MCCARTNEY, The Wichita Eagle*

RETAIN, or Responsible and Ethical Treatment of Animals in Neighborhoods, is a Wichita-based nonprofit group that helps people who can't afford to have their pets spayed or neutered.

Donna Penner said she, Jerry McKee and Jim Hatfield started the group in 1997 as a response to the pet overpopulation problem in Wichita.

There were a lot of stray cats and dogs in her neighborhood, Penner said, and "I was spending my own money to get them spayed or neutered."

The group gets money from fundraisers, such as the summer dog wash and a garage sale held every year in September, and also from private donations.

Anyone who needs help getting a pet spayed or neutered can call Penner and she will try to set them up with a veterinarian who does the surgery at an affordable price.

"If they are on disability or really low income, we will pay for it all," she said, but "we ask them to pay as much as they can."

Anyone who needs help or would like to donate or volunteer to help RETAIN can call Penner at 316-838-4362 or McKee at 682-2249.

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Tentative date for the Fall Park Clean-Up is Sunday, October 8th. We will vote on this date at the September meeting. If you would like to give your input on the date, call Lori at 688-1484 or Paul at 687-0949. We may also consider Saturday the 7th.

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Uptown Neighborhood Association is collecting large, appliance type boxes for the Halloween party this year. We want to have a HUGE maze for the kids to climb through! If you are purchasing any appliances before October 31st, ask them to keep the box, not crush it, and call Leslie to come pick it up. Her number is 687-2082. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

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If you see ANY strange activity in Chautauqua Park at any time, call 911 immediately!

### Next Meeting

**Thursday, September 7, 2006 7:00 pm**

**College Hill United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

### FREE PAINT!!

Is your home ready for a fresh coat of paint? Homeowners can choose the color of paint from a wide selection. The paint is available between April 1 and September 15. To qualify for the free paint:



1. The structure must be located within the Redevelopment Incentives Area or within the Local Investment Areas. **All of Uptown is in this area!**
2. Eligible household income must not exceed eighty percent (80%) of median income for the applicable family size.
3. The structure must be a residential structure.
4. The owner must apply the paint to the structure within six months of receiving the paint.
5. A qualified owner may receive paint for four structures during a funding year.

For more information or to apply the paint, call Neighborhood Improvement Services at 462-3713.

### Facts from the District One Advisory Board meeting

The city of Wichita is 155 square miles in area. Community Policing (that's our Valerie Shirkey) started in Wichita in 1994.

On a Friday night, there will be between 60 and 80 police cars on the street working!

The middle school **FREE** after school program may include trips to Riverside Tennis Center to play and get free lessons!! Wow!

## Celebrate Labor Day September 4

# STOR-ALL SELF STORAGE

## Cool Savings

# FREE U-Haul Moving Truck

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262-6640

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681-1220

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Ideas for all!



now that's food for thought!

## Registered Sex Offenders

Each month we will run the most current list of offenders to be found in Uptown. This is no guarantee that someone has not moved in since the newsletter went to print. If you want to check for offenders, look at: <https://www.accesskansas.org/ssrv-registered-offender/index.do>.

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. 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, offender or not.

**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**

**DAVILA, SANTIAGO J, SEX OFFENDER**  
338 N LORRAINE APT 207, **White Male**, Date of Birth: **5/3/1952**, Registered Since: **7/8/1999**. Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A CHILD**



**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**

**MCCARTHY, BILLY JOE, SEX OFFENDER**  
338 N LORRAINE 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**



**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**

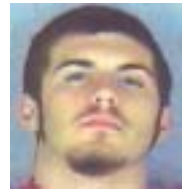
**PRUETT, SAMUEL JACK, SEX OFFENDER**  
338 N LORRAINE APT 109, **White Male**, Date of Birth: **1/4/1967**, Registered Since: **2/23/2006**. Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; <14; LEWD FONDLING/TOUCHING**



**ROBERTS, SAMUEL J, SEX OFFENDER**  
2627 E CENTRAL AVE (this is the address of The Farm, not a residence), **White Male**, Date of Birth: **12/17/1985**, Registered Since: **4/9/2004**. Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD; >14<16; INTERCOURSE**

**SHIDELER, SHAWN PATRICK, SEX OFFENDER**  
415 N LORRAINE NO 109, **White Male**, Date of Birth: **8/4/1987**, Registered Since: **12/24/2003**. Offense: **AGGRAVATED INDECENT LIBERTIES W/CHILD (Shawn was 16 at the time)**

**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)**



**WOOD, LEO KING, SEX OFFENDER**  
338 N LORRAINE ST APT 111, **White Male**, Date of Birth: **11/5/1964**, Registered Since: **9/26/2005**. Offense: **RAPE; SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A CHILD <14**

### Commonly Requested Numbers

Accident Reports	
Within 48 hours .....	268-4131
Over 48 hours .....	268-4261
Animal Control .....	268-8378
Auto Tags/Title .....	383-7331
Birth Certificates .....	(913) 296-1414
Bus information .....	265-7221
Central Inspection Office .....	268-4460
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

### Minutes from August 3, 2006 Meeting

A quorum (and very few others) being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the August newsletter (motion, L. Wasinger; second, K. Murdock).

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance of \$3,055.37; debits of \$176.55; credits of \$8.00; ending balance of \$2,886.82. The Piatt Memorial Park paver has been purchased.

Officer Shirkey was not present to make a report.

Though it was not an official event, the 300 block of North Chautauqua held a satisfactory Neighborhood Night Out block party on 1 August.

Lori Lawrence still attends DAB meetings regularly, but she no longer serves as a member or alternate on the Board.

Saturday or Sunday 7 or 8 October were proposed as dates for a clean-up at Chautauqua Park in preparation for the Halloween observance, but no vote was taken. Paul Oberg is still interested in collecting boxes for a maze, so if you purchase a large appliance or something else that comes in a large cardboard box, save the box and call Paul Oberg. Paul also needs help with planning and setting up the event.

There was some discussion of holding another bicycle safety event for neighborhood kids, and what form it might take. Contact Leslie Harvey with your interest and ideas.

There was a brief discussion of the Neighborhood Patrol program and training for participants (Thursday 24 August, 6:00 pm and Saturday 26 August at 9:00 am). The deadline had passed for enrolling, but the City would likely have accepted late applications.

The meeting having been run with exemplary and ruthless efficiency, adjournment was at 7:21 pm (motion, L. Wasinger; second, L. Rangel).

*Submitted with customary alacrity by David Franks*

### Uptown Trivia

CHUM Tower is the Uppest in Uptown!

The tower at College Hill United Methodist Church on First Street is approximately 70 feet high – easily the tallest structure in Uptown, and consequently the correct answer to August's Uptown Trivia. There are 3 crosses rising from the top of the tower. The top of the tallest cross is almost 90 feet above the ground!

Curtis Jones of 2nd St was the first to correctly answer the August UT. So Curtis wins a

**free burrito  
at Chipotle**

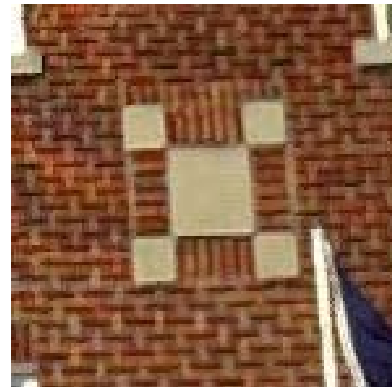
**Central & Hillside**

Wendell Holmes, Kirk Lester, and Richard Thurber also answered correctly.

**Didjano...**

Uptown Trivia needs prizes. Got anything suitable to donate? Call the Uptown Trivia Bequestial Endowment Division at 685-4850 now! Operators are standing by!

**UT SEPTEMBER**



Where in Uptown can this be found? The first to call Uptown Trivia at 685-4850 adequately identifying the location wins.

**\$ 5 merchandise**

**at Food for Thought**

**2929 E Central - at Chautauqua**

**great to have it in Uptown, isn't it?**

Keep lookin' Up in Uptown – you could be the next UT Grand Prize winner! Ta ta, 'til we trivia again!

### Eliminate Pre-Approved Credit

Do you get offers of "Pre-Approved Credit" cards in the mail? You can call the number sponsored by the three credit reporting agencies to get your name removed from those mailing lists.

Check the website: [www.pirg.org/consumer/credit/Bureaus.htm](http://www.pirg.org/consumer/credit/Bureaus.htm) or simply call 866-567-8688.

Also don't forget to check your credit report for errors. This can be done for free once each year at: [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).

*~Lori*



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