



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:

**December 2, Hot Potluck Dinner -
Annual Holiday Party**

Happy Holidays

Call for more information:
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**Deadline for Uptown Newsletter
Information December 8**

Uptown Annual Holiday Party

Don't miss Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. We will meet like always at the College Hill United Methodist Church BUT we will be at an earlier time AND will meet in Fellowship Hall, not in our regular meeting room.

Each person or family that comes should bring their favorite holiday dish to share with everyone. Bring the recipe too if you are willing and we will include it in the January newsletter in '05.

We need everything from desserts to meat dishes. We will have coffee and apple cider to drink plus there is a pop machine just outside the hall.

Don't miss it, we always have a GREAT spread!

The Facts:

- 15-25% of pregnant women are battered.
- 50-70% of men who abuse their female partners also physically abuse their children.
- Of all female victims of homicide in the U.S., 30% are killed by husbands or boyfriends, a total of almost 1,500 women each year.
- 28% of teen relationships involve violence.

For confidential information or help, call the YWCA Women's Crisis Center/Safehouse. 267-SAFE (7233).


From Lawrence Schaller, City of Wichita

The Grove St./1st Street left turn lane project is scheduled to start work after Nov. 17th. This will all depend on the weather and may also be delayed due to Holidays. The project will not take very long when it actually gets started but I would have to have a week of good weather forecasting before we start the removal of the pavement.

Lawrence Schaller

You can see by now whether or not it has begun. Let's hope for good weather this fall so they can get it done quickly!

Lori




Uptown Annual Holiday Party

Next meeting Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss it!

College Hill United Methodist Church



Uptown Trivia

4 New Contestants!

Last month's trivia challenge concerning the loss of land in Uptown brought 6 correct responses! Berniece Jones, a long time resident of Second St, was the first to say that Uptown had lost more than 5 acres due to the Grove Street realignment in the early 1980's. The original Grove Street is now known as Grove Drive. It is just west of what we now know as Grove Street. Quite a number of houses and businesses were removed to make way for the new 5 lane divided arterial. So Berniece won the \$5 voucher to Eighth Day Books on Douglas at Erie. Also responding correctly were Mike Barushok, Kate Mix, Richard Holmes, Rachel Rivera, and Terry Holcomb. "Way to go" Uptowners!

Doyano...!

Last month's question assumed the Uptown boundaries had remained consistent over time. But have they really? Doyano? Wedono that the current boundaries of Central, Grove, Douglas, and Hillside streets were established when the Uptown Neighborhood Association was formed in 1996. Doyathink of Uptown as having had different boundaries, or any at all, historically? Jingle the Uptown Trivia International Headquarters at 316-685-4850 with your ideas.

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Sunday October 17th, 2004

The annual fall clean-up and cook-out at Chautauqua Park had a good turn-out this year. Many Uptown volunteer hands made the task a rewarding one for all. The loquacious company, hotdogs and marshmallows topped-off a delightful afternoon; even the weather cooperated! The flower beds and playground area were weeded, tree seedlings uprooted, sidewalks edged, hedges trimmed, fertilizer and weed inhibitor dispersed, and plans made for the application of new mulch. Go look. You will notice the difference. Many thanks go to the following: Leslie Harvey & kids; Dale, Lynn and Patty Wasinger; Sherry Whitmore; Lori Lawrence; Darrell Davilla & grandkids; Nicole & Hailey; Nancy Oberg; Mary Dewing and neighborhood helpers including Tori and Zach.

And yes, we took care of the poison ivy...but it got me once again. Dam!

Paul Oberg, President



Here's the crew that cleaned up the park on October 17th. If you see them around, **THANK** them!

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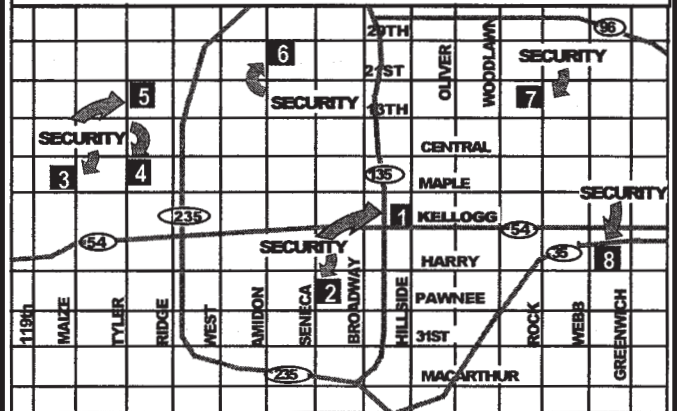
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We all need to help each other be safe.

Thank you, Mary Dewing

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now that's food for thought!

UNA 2004 7th Annual Halloween Party

We had a great time, great weather and everything was good. The kids left with lots of candy and had lots of fun. We think about 300 kids, teenagers and adults wearing wonderful costumes came. It just keeps getting bigger and better! Again it was a big success.

I would like to say a special thanks to our neighborhood teenagers who came to help with decorating, setting up and taking down. They all were a big help! They were really nice and very respectful. They all worked really hard. They also helped with the children to make it a spooky Halloween.

Thanks to Julie Delatorre, Jose Delatorre, Kara Scales, Alistair Frey, Kayla Moore, John Moore, Adrian Cerzantes, Wally Weller, Shannon Secor, Jeff, Tyrone Waterhouse, Dee Waterhouse, Ruben Ramirez, Jessica Wiemer, Jeremy Soder and some other neighbors. We also had lots of donations this year. Thank you all for helping to make this possible. We cannot do any of these events without your donations and your support.

Thanks to those who donated money or candy: Mrs.

Montgomery, Silver Pleass, Marsha Avery & family, Debbie Herbig, Darrell & Irene Davilla, Jennifer & Brad Briand, The Eshelman family, Lori Lawrence, Brad Reha,



Playing inside the Haunted House

Dan Beck & Chris Poelma, Margaret Hyden, Leigh Cochran, Sheila Tucker, Dale & Lynn Wasinger, Mary Dewing, Jim Lawrence, the Lybarger family, Melinda Moore and family, Nick & Diane Simoulis, Sherry Whitmore, Paul Oberg family and Bob & Mary Rouse.

Marilyn Gump collected \$60 from the 200 block of Erie that got us 3 wonderful floating ghosts. Thank you so much, we will enjoy them for years to come. Leigh Cochran loaned us the use of her table once again for all. I also got a few donations with no name so thank you all very much.

What about the 300 block of Chautauqua? Wasn't it great all lit up? And everyone doing their own Halloween thing? The spooky walk to the Haunted House and stopping along the

way to each house to get their treats and to show off their costumes, we all enjoyed seeing them in all sizes and ages. It was a lot of fun and it looked wonderful. Thank you all for your support and for making it fun and safe for our neighborhood children.

Thanks to those who worked in the Haunted House: Ruben Ramirez, Dee Waterhouse, Jeff, Kayla Moore, David Milligan and Aaron Glover. There are more that I didn't get the names of too. The new Skeletory was run by a brother and sister team, Dale and Pattie Wasinger.

They really had fun and they were great! They will do it next year, yea!!



Lori Lawrence and Mary Dewing setting up the Haunted House.

Trick or No Treat was run by Shelly Coleman and believe me when she says

"No trick", she means "No treat!" You had to do something; sing, dance, tell a joke, draw, or something. It was fun!

The bake sale was run by Lori Lawrence and almost sold out. Although not



Number One Volunteer, Darrell Davilla out in left field.

much money was collected, people went away happy! Thanks Lori.

How about our Fortune Tellers this year? Weren't they great? Dianne Hutchens and Madame Caroline do not live in the neighborhood but they just like what UNA is doing for the neighbors and they will be back next year. Thanks girls!

Kiddie Land was run by Tammy Dewing Glover and the little kids sure had fun. Thanks Tammy! The werewolf was Shannon Secor. Wasn't he good? He really gets into the part! It's not easy putting on and taking off all that hair and make up. Thanks Shannon! We can always depend on you!



Pumpkin Jack

Dracula in the coffin was Danny Moore, the Pumpkin in the Park, Pumpkin Jack, was put up by Paul Oberg. The cemetery was great as always and all made by Sherry Whitmore and her son, Alistair Frey. Wasn't it fantastic? Thanks!

Paul Oberg, the president of UNA, was the judge for the costume contest. It's not easy to be the judge of a contest with so many fantastic costumes and all those beautiful children! But he did it. \$10.00, age 1-12, 1st place went to "College Graduate" Martayuon Standifer



Doctor & The Vampire

\$5.00, age 1-12, 2nd place went to "Cowgirl" Carmen Stanford \$10.00, age 13-up, 1st place went to "Bum" Kara Scales \$5.00, age 13-up, 2nd place had a two way tie: "Jailbird" Tiffany Smith and the cute little "Devil Bride" Kayla Moore.

Thanks to Debbie & Greg Milligan for bringing the hay and apples to the park. The witches were Sherry Whitmore, Aaron Glover and head witch Mary Dewing.

Thank you all for volunteering your time, donations and support to help me make this Halloween fun and safe for our neighborhood children. It takes a lot of planning and hard work but it is also lots of fun. We all think it's worth it. After all, it's all about our neighborhood children.

If you think we need to do something different or have a suggestion for next year or you just have a good idea,

please call Mary at 688-1797 or Lori at 688-1484 with your comments.

Our next event is the Holiday Potluck Dinner and then the Easter Egg Hunt.



Inside Haunted House

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Head Witch, Mary Dewing

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