

# ON THE FRONT PORCH



*Neighborly News and Views from Uptown • June 2007*

## **Uptown - Just a Walk, Bike or Trolley Ride to Everything Downtown!**

Greetings Uptowners! I don't know about you, but I am glad its springtime in Uptown Memphis. The weather has finally broken and we can say goodbye to the cold for a few months. And what better way to enjoy the warm weather and sun than right in Downtown Memphis. Many of you may have taken part in this year's Africa in April and Memphis in May. Well, that's just taste of what's in store this summer downtown, here's some other ideas:

The Grizzlies season is over, but this is the time of year when family fun can be found catching a Redbirds Game at Autozone Park where tickets start at only \$5.



There are a number of new restaurants that will satisfy any palette. In the Entertainment District you will find Flying Fish, great seafood with a Gulf Shore feel. One of my personal favorites is the Daily Grill located on the ground floor of the new Westin Hotel. If you love Houston's, you'll love Daily Grill - great food and outstanding service - a welcome addition to Downtown dining! Other new establishments include the Pearl Oyster and Spindini; both are located in the South Main Arts District. Of course, if you want something closer to home, Café Francisco, Alcenia's and Miss Cordelia's Table are right around the corner!

When you want to try out some of the recipes from these restaurants, head on down to the Memphis Farmer's Market, currently in their second year.

Every Saturday, from 7am to 1pm, fresh vegetables, breads, flowers, and arts and crafts are available. The Farmer's Market is located on Front and G.E. Patterson adjacent to the Central Train Station.

Also, for the athletically inclined, there are a number of upcoming events to get you in shape for the summer. Upcoming 5K's include The Harbor Town 5K on Friday June 1st; and the Gibson Guitar 5K on Friday, June 8th.

If you're looking to get a night out on the town, Thursday nights are a good start to the weekend Peabody Hotel and Madison Rooftop Parties, and EP's Delta Kitchen, quickly becoming a hotspot at Beale and Second. Also you don't want to miss three of the biggest names in entertainment at the FedEx forum Keith Urban (June 29), Beyonce (July 7) and Justin Timberlake (August 6). For the younger members of the neighborhood, The Lion King will be playing (August 6) at the Orpheum Theater.

Now who says there is nothing going on in Downtown Memphis?? So let's get out and enjoy why we chose live so close to the heart of all the action!



*Cafe Francisco right on the trolley line*

*Article by Joseph Gibbs*



# THUMBS UPTOWN



**Thumbs Up** to John Carroll and **Fellowship Memphis** for their help with the May 12th Uptown Meet and Greet! Especially for John for providing both power and water for the inflatable moon bounce and water slide! Everyone had a GREAT time in the Uptown in May mud!



**Thumbs Up** to **Officers of the Memphis Police Department** for working closely with the residents of Uptown to identify and focus in on hot spots. Their dedication and community policing is the key to achieving an effective transformation in the neighborhood!

*If you would like to contribute to Thumbs Uptown, please email your submission to [OnTheFrontPorch@gmail.com](mailto:OnTheFrontPorch@gmail.com). Of course, we reserve the right to edit any submissions for either content or length.*



**Thumbs Up** to **Code Enforcement** for demolishing the dilapidated homes on the corner of Manassas and Looney and just south of the Church on north Fourth. We're all working together to make positive changes day by day!



**Thumbs Down** to **people not mowing their grass** now that Spring / Summer is upon us! We not only want to keep the neighborhood beautiful, but safe from pests and other things that hide in long grass!



**Thumbs Down** to **people who park their car on the grass!** This not only looks unattractive, but it's also against the law. Please park either in your driveway or on the street where available!



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# UPTOWN COMMUNITY

*Community Building Projects and Program in Uptown*

## Uptown in May makes a Big Splash for Community

The second weekend of May in Memphis is usually a time to recoup from Beale Street Music Festival and rest up for the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest; the two pillars of Memphis in May. The Uptown Community decided to combine the two, in-between the two, and make their own neighborhood block party, appropriately titled...Uptown in May.

The event was an afternoon affair in Uptown Park that featured live music, two large inflatables, and a lot of food. There were people from all parts of the neighborhood in attendance, which was a big goal of the event. The hope of festivities like this one is to help foster the birth of true community amongst the residents of the neighborhood.

This was the third live music event in the last two years for this reborn neighborhood. This time two bands were featured, the Kevin Hyman Band known for soul & jazz and Clay & Kate Ayers' band which is known for its folk rock.



An inflatable slip-n-slide and the moon bounce seemed to be the most exciting part of the day for the kids. The slip-n-slide was over 30 feet long and irresistible by all kids big and small. Even Seventh Ave resident Justin took a turn!

The diversity of Uptown's residents creates separation in the community simply because of personal preferences. But events like these are enjoyed by almost all and act as a bridge builder for our neighborhood. The opportunity for momentum to be built in the area of community should be capitalized on by residents taking the chance on meeting new people and creating true friendships .

As our neighborhood continues to mature in the process of its rebirth, the hope is that Saturdays like May 12, 2007 will be looked back on as foundational bricks in the rebuilding.

*Article by John Carroll*

**In the spirit of community, we are always looking for neighbors to help deliver our newsletters!**

**If you are interested in lend a hand while getting some exercise and meeting some fellow Uptowners, please contact:**

**Tanja Mitchell @ [tanjam83@hotmail.com](mailto:tanjam83@hotmail.com).**



# INSIDE UPTOWN



## Join the UCA!

As residents of the Uptown neighborhood, you may ask yourselves, "Why should I join the Uptown Community Association?"

The answers are many and varied, and often different for different people, but essentially, the Uptown Community Association exists for *you*, to promote the common interest of the residents located in and around the area known as the Uptown Community.

We work together to involve neighbors in a collective effort to enhance and celebrate the quality of life in Uptown Memphis.

Member benefits include:

- ◆ Networking opportunities
- ◆ Monthly activities
- ◆ Being in the know
- ◆ Valued opinions
- ◆ Making a difference
- ◆ Monthly newsletter

Membership dues are only \$15 for individuals, or \$25 for a family.

Your membership helps to support our many neighborhood activities - cookouts in the park, Meet and Greet evenings, etc.

For more information, and/or to join electronically, contact Julie Ray at [cafe-francisco@aol.com](mailto:cafe-francisco@aol.com).

## Bark In The Park - The First Annual Uptown Pet Parade!

Join us **Saturday, June 16th** for the first ever Uptown Pet Parade! Local radio station will be broadcasting live from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. from the event which will be held in the park near the Metropolitan Apartments, with the **Parade beginning at 4:00 p.m.**

We invite all Uptown families and their furry friends to participate, have fun and win some great prizes! Prize categories for the Parade include:

- ◆ Best Dog (small, medium and large breeds)
- ◆ Best Other Pet (bring your birds, cats, chickens, fish etc.)
- ◆ Best Costume
- ◆ Pet / Owner Look-a-like Contest
- ◆ Best In Show

Prizes include a \$25 gift certificate from PetSmart, a wellness examination from Downtown Animal Hospital, daycare at Doggy's Daycare and much more! So come out and show off your pet as we're seeking entries from all types and sizes, whether it be fur, feather or scales! Owners are highly encouraged to dress up their pets and themselves!

Remember, all pets must be on leashes or in secure carriers and there is no entry fee, and pre-registration is not required.

Just come out for a fun afternoon in the park!

*Article by Becky Gould*

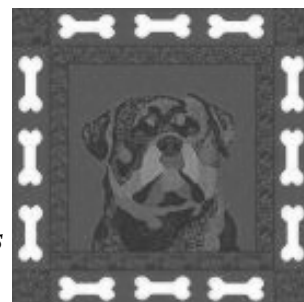
## Rotten For Rotts!

The Animal Protection Association (APA) is sponsoring a *free* spay and neuter summer event for Rottweiler and Rottweiler-mixed breed dogs!

Call 901.324.3202

[www.spaymemphis.com](http://www.spaymemphis.com)

*You can also sponsor a dog(s) for this event for \$50.00 each.*



# UPTOWN PROFILES

## *Uptown Residents - In Their Own Words*



According to Beverly Timmons, you might find George playing in the pool or catch with a ball. George really likes to play, unlike his friend, Jenna, that prefers to lounge in the air conditioning. George is a Sheltie and Jenna is a Shepherd mix that attend Doggy's Daycare owned by Beverly.

Two of her clients have been attending Doggy Daycare since opening day in August of 2006; Tank, a boxer that likes to play Frisbee and Daisy, a lab that plays with George in the pool. Beverly says Coty Bear, a Chow mix, likes to amuse himself by chasing the city buses from the safety of the fence surrounding Doggy Daycare. These are just a few of the activities and dogs you'll find at 184 Auction.

Beverly says they are in the midst of renovations, adding a windscreen along the perimeter and a shaded shed for the dogs to relax that will span both the big and little dog areas. They are now offering pet care and grooming as well, with plans to implement a pickup/delivery service in the near future. Doggy Daycare also offers Boarding at \$30 a day. Their boarding is unique

in that the dogs are not crated but rather taken to Beverly's home in Southaven, MS. She has ample fenced yard for the dogs to play and they even get to sleep inside. I don't know about you but that sounds like much more fun than being stuck in a crate.

Timmons chose her location carefully, wanting to be a part of the Uptown redevelopment and yet convenient to the downtown area as a whole. Beverly says that residents of Downtown are primarily without two legged kids, opting instead for 4-legged children. She wanted to tap into this market, saw the need, found the place, and has enjoyed every minute of serving her clientele. They have grown from just 1 or 2 dogs to about 15-20 regular customers in less than a year.

Contacting Doggy's Daycare for your pet's needs is easy too. They can be reached by phone at 522-0030 or by email through their website at [doggysdaycare.com](http://doggysdaycare.com) Or just stop by 184 Auction Ave. The drop in method is particularly appealing as it's fun to see the dogs having a great time!

*Beverly Timmons, Uptown since 2006  
Article by Julie Ray*

# UPTOWN TOP TEN

## *The Top Ten Things to Dress Your Pet As For the Pet Parade!*

10. **A Hot Dog!** - A couple of yellow pillows and a smear of mustard!
9. **Pup-peroni Pizza!**
8. **CAT-herine Zeta Jones** - A black wig, a lot of mascara and some stiletto heels with a Welsh accent
7. **A Dixie Chick** - Larry, bring your chicken in a cowboy hat and a pair of boots (spurs optional)
6. **Chow Mein** - Tie a plastic food container to a Chow's back, add a collar of fortune cookies and chopsticks!
5. **Daisy Duke** - A pair of cut-offs on a beagle? Or wear your own while mowing your grass!
4. **Pony Danza** - Get a carriage horses and cut it's mane into a mullet and add Brooklyn accent!
3. **Rin Tin Tin** - we know there are several German Shepherds out there!
2. **Winston Churchill** - an English bulldog, a bow-tie, a cigar and an unimpressed frown, voila!
1. **Snoop Dogg!** All white clothes and a lot of BLING!

# UPTOWN CONNECTIONS

*What's On and What's Up in Uptown*

- Week of June 4-8** - **Memphis Work Camp in Uptown**  
Volunteers will be painting identified homes in the neighborhood for free. Please go by and thank the volunteers for their hard work!
- Saturday, June 9** - **Uptown Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
10:00 a.m. Uptown Square leasing office. 252 North Lauderdale.  
Take a stand and bring your concerns to the Memphis Police Department!
- Tuesday, June 12** - **University of Memphis Sustainable Design Home - Groundbreaking**  
9:30 a.m. on the northeast corner of North Main and Greenlaw Avenue.
- Saturday, June 16** - **Uptown Summer Event**  
**Starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Park at the Metropolitan Apartments**  
**Q107.5 broadcasting LIVE from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.**  
Information about homes, apartments, community efforts available  
Activities for the kids and a great opportunity to meet new neighbors
- Bark In The Park - First Annual Uptown Pet Parade**  
4:00 p.m. start in the Park at The Metropolitan Apartments.  
Bring your pet in their finest! Prizes awarded in size and species categories!
- Saturday, July 14** - **Uptown Summer Event Part II**  
Starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Park at the Metropolitan Apartments



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