

UPTOWN UPDATE



UPTOWN IS BLOOMING

The traditional spring planting is complete and Uptown is blooming with color. Next time you drive on Post Oak Boulevard, San Felipe, Uptown Park Boulevard, Westheimer or Sage, stop and enjoy the beauty that is one of Uptown's signature features. Some of the new flowers include:

- Tiger Eye Rudbeckia
- Blue Salvia
- Dark Red Penta
- Orange, Red and Yellow Hibiscus
- Deep Lavender Vinca
- Sonata White, Pink and Red Cosmos
- Yellow and Orange Marigolds
- Serena Purple, Lavender-Pink and White Angelonia
- Zahara Yellow Zinnia
- Orange and Fuschia Portulaca
- Pot o Gold Lantana
- Rapunzel Hot Rose and Red Verbena
- Mystic Spires Salvia
- Orange Crossandra.

For a complete list of flowers, visit

www.uptown-houston.com.

UPTOWN GOES GREEN

The reconstruction of San Felipe gave the Uptown Houston District a unique opportunity to not only improve and beautify one of Houston's popular streets, but also to help the environment. For years, a ditch has existed on San Felipe east of Sage. After a good rain or storm, the ditch held dirty runoff water which would flow directly into the bayou. During the construction of San Felipe, the ditch was converted into a bioswale, a landscape element designed to remove pollution from surface runoff water.

Bioswales consist of a drainage course filled with vegetation that holds runoff water and aids in trapping pollutants. Once the water is treated, it is filtered into Buffalo Bayou. Check out our environmental beauty next time you're in the area!



JUNE MARKET UPDATE

- **Office Market** showed a **87 percent** Class A occupancy rate.
- **Retail Market** maintained a strong occupancy rate of **98 percent**.
- **Hotel Market** continues to lead the city in revenue per available room (RevPAR) with a steady **\$94.21** average for the year ending 2009.

MOBILITY UPDATE

Uptown Houston continues to improve mobility in the area...

- In early May, a second left turn lane was added on the southbound West Loop feeder road at San Felipe.
- A new speed detector has been installed on Uptown Park Boulevard to make drivers aware of their speed and encourage them to slow down.
- A new signal was installed on San Felipe at Hallmark Drive, making it easier to turn on to or off of San Felipe.



NEW HOT SPOTS IN UPTOWN

- **Masraff's** is now open and located in the Post Oak Shopping Center at Post Oak Boulevard and San Felipe. Check out the new look and delicious menu! Learn more at www.masraffs.com.
- **Hotel Granduca** recently named **Chef Renato De Pirro** the new Executive Chef of **Ristorante Cavour**, pictured with **Giorgio Borlenghi**. Chef De Pirro is an extraordinary Italian-born chef who was most recently Executive Chef of Il Circo Restaurant in the famed Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. Learn more at www.granducahouston.com.
- Looking to sit outside this summer? **Ciao Bello** has a brand new patio! Come sample their delicious menu and check it out. Located in the Randall's Shopping Center at San Felipe and Sage. Learn more at ciaobellohouston.com.
- Need to send your car to the spa? Check out Uptown's newest car wash, the **Uptown Car Spa**, located at 5138 San Felipe.



PAGING ALL UPTOWN DOCTORS!

Uptown Houston president, **John Breeding** (right) and Uptown Board Members, **Dot Cunningham** (center) and **Lisa Simon** (left), got the rare opportunity last month to take part in the "Children Up Close" program at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital. The Uptown crew was able to see the amazing work that takes place in our world-famous medical center. Pictured with Surgeon-in-Chief, **Dr. Kevin P. Lally**.



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