

UPTOWN UPDATE

UPTOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTING ILLUMINATES HOUSTON



EVENT FAST FACTS

WHEN

Thursday,
November 23, 5 – 7 p.m.

WHERE

On Post Oak Boulevard
between San Felipe and
Westheimer

COST

FREE and open to the public

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4 P.M.

Holiday Music and Concessions

5 P.M.

Merry Holiday Tunes by the
Houston Concert Band and
Strolling Entertainment along
Post Oak Boulevard

7 P.M.

Holiday Sing-a-long, Special
Appearance by Santa Claus,
Illumination of more than a
half-million twinkling lights on
80 trees and area buildings
and a Dazzling Fireworks
Extravaganza

FREE PARKING

Free parking is available at
Four Oaks Place, Fashion
Square, Post Oak Plaza, Post
Oak Central, Centre @ Post
Oak, 777 Post Oak Boulevard,
The Galleria, Dillard's garage
and Williams Tower.



On Thanksgiving evening, November 23, Uptown Houston will host its 21st Annual Uptown Holiday Lighting celebration. The free event will feature festive music by the Houston Concert Band; strolling holiday characters, including Victorian inspired guests from Galveston Historical District's Dickens on the Strand; a special appearance by Santa Claus; the simultaneous lighting of a half-million twinkling lights on 80 Christmas trees and area buildings; and an awe-inspiring fireworks extravaganza.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

As president and founder of **Wulfe & Co.**, a Houston-based commercial retail real estate brokerage, development and property management firm, **Ed Wulfe** has been in



the business for more than 40 years. He began his career as a mechanical engineer with Texaco, before moving into real estate. He spent 17 years with Weingarten Realty Investors, where he rose to Executive Vice President and a member of its Board of Directors.

Ed launched Wulfe & Co. in 1985 and has been recognized for his many accomplishments since. Among the accolades are two Landmark Awards for the redevelopment of Gulfgate Shopping Center; two Legacy Awards for the renovation of Meyerland Plaza Shopping Center; the Rice Design Alliance Award for Design Excellence; Houston Business Journal Lifetime Achievement Award; and the National Conference for Community and Justice's Humanitarian Award. He is a well known and successful civic leader and an active board member with numerous civic and charitable organizations. A graduate of Texas A&M University, Ed was appointed to the Uptown Houston District Board of Directors in 2004.

HOTEL SPOTLIGHT

NEWLY RENOVATED JW MARRIOTT PAMPERS GUESTS WITH NEW AMENITIES

The **JW Marriott Houston** recently completed a \$12 million renovation of its guestrooms, suites, guest floor corridors, elevators and health club.

Among the amenities guests can expect to find in the newly-furnished guestrooms and suites include JW Marriott Revive



Bedding, 32" flat panel LCD TVs with HDTV, comfortable and ergonomic work chairs and Ethernet connectivity for high-speed Internet access. The state-of-the-art health club features new professional grade equipment, including cardio theatres for each bike, treadmill and stair stepper machine. Guests also can enjoy a newly-revamped dry sauna, steam room and pool areas.

The second phase of renovation, totaling more than \$8 million, is poised to begin soon and will include a complete transformation of the hotel's 13,000-square-foot exhibit hall. Additionally, the lobby bar will embrace a new, stylish concept along with a fully licensed Starbucks outlet that will be unveiled in 2007.

For more information on JW Marriott Houston, visit www.jwmarriott-houston.com or call 713-961-1500.

OFFICE UPDATE

Uptown Houston's office market is healthy and strong according to the CoStar Office Market third quarter report. The area's quoted rate for **Class A space is \$19.63 per square foot**, up more than \$.50 from the same time last year. Additionally, its Class A office market has absorbed approximately 700,000 square feet year-to-date and its **occupancy rate** has climbed to **86.4 percent**, compared to 81.3 percent in third quarter 2005.

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