

UPTOWN UPDATE

AN EARLY HOLIDAY GIFT FOR HOUSTONIANS: TXDOT, UPTOWN HOUSTON UNWRAP NEW WEST LOOP

Last month, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Uptown Houston District **unwrapped an early holiday gift** for Houstonians — a **new and improved West Loop**. Public officials gathered on top of the new southbound West Loop exit ramp to Woodway to celebrate the **momentous transportation milestone** — the end of major construction along the West Loop, from U.S. 59 to IH 10 nearly 90 days ahead of schedule.

Commuters can now experience reconstructed main lanes, a new Woodway entrance ramp to West Loop northbound and a new southbound West Loop exit ramp to Woodway.

Happy Commuting!



HOTEL SPOTLIGHT: INTERCONTINENTAL HOUSTON'S 'RED-CARPET' TREATMENT CATERS TO ALL NEEDS

James Hudson hasn't missed a day of work in 18 years, and as InterContinental Houston's Bell Captain, he is the beginning of the red carpet treatment guests have come to expect.

Since its opening, the AAA Four Diamond property has hosted dignitaries, celebrities and world leaders who recognize the hotel's ability



to deliver an exclusive experience through programs such as WorldChannels and WorldLink, which enable guests to watch their hometown news. Other amenities include the hotel's Club InterContinental floors that feature private access and a social lounge with complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

From white-glove service in the ballroom, to a relaxed atmosphere at the Lobby Lounge, where guests can enjoy sushi and live jazz on Thursdays, the team at InterContinental Houston knows how to provide its guests with the red carpet treatment they deserve.

For more information, visit www.houston.intercontinental.com or call 713-850-2800.



RETAIL UPDATE

Ruggles Bistro, now open at 5161 San Felipe at Sage, is the first "fast-casual" Ruggles restaurant in Houston to offer counter service for its guests, creating a more relaxed, neighborhood atmosphere. Led by Chef Frederic Perrier, Ruggles Bistro features American favorites with a twist. The eclectic menu offers delectable entrees like barbecued chicken quesadillas with goat cheese and the southwest burger with avocado, jalapeno, pico de gallo and Monterey Jack cheese.

SAVE THE DATE! 21ST ANNUAL UPTOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTING ON NOVEMBER 23



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Lisa Simon is manager of MFT Interests, GP, LLC. Former Chairman of the Board for Southern National Bank, Lisa spearheaded the vision, planning and construction projects of the Southern National Bank headquarters building, Southern National Office Building, and the institution's branches in Uptown Houston and Katy, Texas.

A graduate of Houston Baptist University and a former freelance photographer, Lisa has successfully chaired numerous fundraising events for organizations, including Fort Bend Partnership for Youth, Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research, Houston Baptist University and the American Cancer Society Fort Bend. She currently serves on the boards of Memorial Hermann Foundation, Kiwanis Foundation, Houston Baptist University and the Museum of Southern History Board of Directors. She also has served on many other civic and charitable organizations. Lisa was appointed to the Uptown Houston District Board of Directors in 2002.



HIGH STREET HEADED TO UPTOWN

Trademark Property Company

has signed a 100-year ground lease with Kagan & Rudy Families Properties Ltd. and Karu Ltd. for a six-acre site at 4410 Westheimer Road. An auto dealership now on the site will be bulldozed to make way for a 100,000-square-foot, mixed-use project dubbed The High Street.

Plans for The High Street call for specialty retail, restaurants and entertainment space coupled with 250 to 350 multi-family units. Trademark Property Company is best known locally for its development of the 500,000-square-foot Market Street in The Woodlands.

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