

UPTOWN UPDATE

UPTOWN IS BLOOMING WITH COLOR



"Happiness held is the seed;
happiness shared is the flower."

— unknown

Uptown Houston's traditional spring planting is in full bloom and erupting in color along sections of Post Oak Boulevard, San Felipe, Uptown Park Boulevard, Westheimer and Sage. As the flowers continue to be a signature icon for Uptown, visitors to the area can enjoy an array of colorful plants and flowers that include:

- Angelonia
- Festive Dance Coleus
- Penta
- Sundial Pink Portulaca
- Blue and Red Salvia
- Guara
- Indian Summer
- Hibiscus
- Rudbeckia
- Daisy Bush
- Sunny Red Cosmos
- Marigolds
- Sunny Gold Cosmos
- Vinca
- Black Dragon Coleus
- New Gold Lantana
- Calibrachoa
- Zinnias
- Verbena
- Rosota Portulaca



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

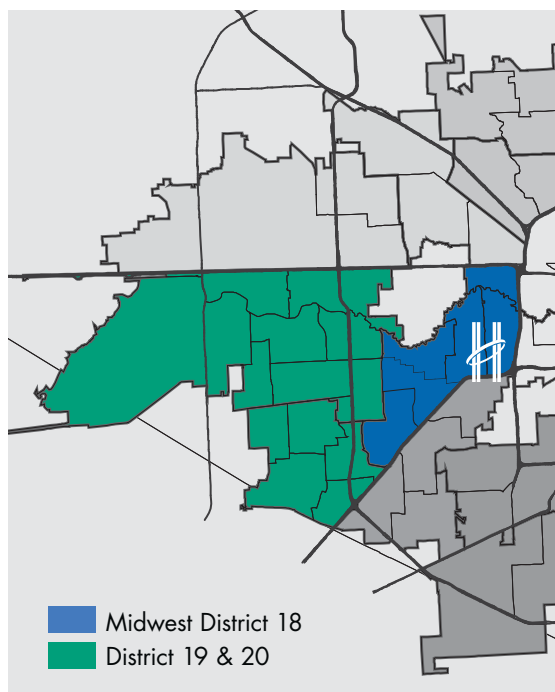
In an effort to ease congestion in the Uptown area, **Garrettson Lane** is being widened from two lanes to four lanes. Currently under construction, Garrettson will remain one-way northbound until mid-July, and then switch to one-way southbound until mid-September when construction is expected to be completed.

NEW POLICE STATION TO SERVICE UPTOWN AREA

Houston City Council recently approved the architectural contract for the design of the new **Midwest Police Station** located on Regency Square Drive between US 59 and Harwin Drive, southwest of the Uptown Houston area.

Focusing on the District 18 area, the new Midwest Police Station is being split from the larger Westside Station currently servicing Districts 18, 19 and 20, approximately an 86-square-mile area.

Construction of the Midwest Police Station is scheduled to begin in early 2009 and will take about 12 months to complete.



HOUSTON'S HOT SPOT

In a recently published article in **Forbes Magazine**, Lewis Realty Advisors gave Uptown Houston the "gold medal" for Houston's Hot Spot. The article states,

"Certainly Houston's – and possibly the nation's – biggest success story is Uptown, a mixed-use submarket that has fully blossomed in the last 10 years....The bottom line: Uptown is diverse and the uses feed off each other. With improved mobility on San Felipe and in Uptown, and Metro rail coming, the future is bright for Uptown."

GREAT NEWS IN THE OFFICE MARKET

The Uptown office market has experienced twelve consecutive quarters of positive leasing absorption.

According to CoStar's 2008 first quarter **Office Market report**, Uptown Houston's Class A office space has risen to a current occupancy rate of **91.9%**. Class A price per square foot has risen to **\$28.40**.

RETAIL NEWS

The Westye Group South Central, an exclusive wholesale distributor of the finest luxury appliances made in the world, recently opened a unique 10,000 square-foot showroom at the **Shops on Sage** located at 2800 Sage Road.

The state-of-the art showroom features breath-taking kitchen vignettes from some of the leading international cabinet manufacturers, offering bright ideas, innovative solutions, and inspirational designs, in addition to appliance knowledge and technical expertise, to help consumers make informed decisions while allowing the imagination to soar.

The showroom also offers a variety of cooking classes, wine tastings, training seminars, and use and care classes to make the **Sub-Zero/Wolf** buying and ownership experience more pleasurable. For more information, please visit www.subzero-wolfsc.com.

RESIDENTIAL NEWS

The Alexan Post Oak, located at 1111 Post Oak Boulevard, is now open. The Alexan features 390 upscale mid-rise apartments and 28 different floor plans. For more information go to www.alexanpostoak.com.



NEW NORDSTROM PEDESTRIAN LIGHT

Uptown Houston recently installed a pedestrian signal on Hidalgo at **Nordstrom's**, aiding pedestrians walking to the Galleria from Lake on Post Oak and other areas.

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