



UPTOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTING — CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HOLIDAY MEMORIES

On Thanksgiving evening, November 24, Uptown Houston will host its **20th Annual Uptown Holiday Lighting** celebration. The event, which began in 1986, has grown into one of Houston's finest holiday traditions, featuring more than a half-million twinkling lights, festive holiday music, a merry stage show presented by **Starbucks Coffee Company**, a sparkling electric light parade presented by **CenterPoint Energy**, a dazzling fireworks extravaganza and a jolly appearance by Santa Claus.



NOT JUST AN EVENT

The 20th Annual Uptown Holiday Lighting is not merely a fun and exciting event. This annual holiday tradition also positively impacts the lives of Houstonians, young and old alike, assisted by **Houston Achievement Place (HAP)**. A percentage of the concession proceeds will benefit this worthwhile organization. For more information on HAP, visit www.h-a-p.org or call (713) 868-1943.

FAST FACTS

When:

Thanksgiving
November 24, 5 – 7 p.m.

Where:

On Post Oak Boulevard
between San Felipe
and Westheimer

Cost:

FREE and open to the public

Parking:

FREE parking will be 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,
The Pavilion and
Williams Tower.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4 p.m.

Holiday Music and Concessions

5 p.m.

Merry Holiday Show Presented
by Starbucks Coffee Company

6 p.m.

Sparkling Electric Light Parade
presented by
CenterPoint Energy

7 p.m.

Holiday Sing-a-Long
Uptown Holiday Lighting
Dazzling Fireworks
Extravaganza



OFFICE NEWS

O'Connor & Associates' Office Report listed **Uptown Houston's Class A office market** as the "best performing sector" for the third quarter of 2005. Uptown's office market absorbed 203,932 square feet of Class A office space, decreasing the vacancy rate to 18.8 percent. Current Class A office rates in Uptown Houston are quoted at \$19.04 per square foot.

UPTOWN HOUSTON'S HOTEL MARKET KEEPS GROWING, AND GROWING

Courtyard by Marriott

will soon enter the Uptown Houston hotel market. Recently announced by Whiteco Industries, the 190-room, 15-story hotel will be adjacent to Homewood Suites (which is currently under construction) at 2950 Sage Road near West Alabama. The general contractor, WPM Construction, is expected to break ground on the hotel in early 2006 and construction is expected to be complete by spring 2007.



With the addition of Courtyard by Marriott, **Uptown Houston** now boasts **31 hotels** and more than **7,000 hotel rooms**.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Raymond Brochstein is the Chairman of Brochstein's, Inc., a manufacturer of architectural woodwork and custom design commercial furniture.



Raymond is a registered architect and interior designer in the State of Texas and a member of the Texas Society of Architects and the American Institute of Architects. He earned a Bachelor of Science (in Architecture) and a Bachelor of Arts from Rice University. Raymond serves on the Board of Directors and/or Trustees of several educational organizations, including Rice University Campus Art Committee, Rice University Building & Grounds Committee and Wood Links Industry Education Partnership. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Institute of Architects and the College of Fellows — American Institute of Architects (among others). In addition, Raymond is a member of numerous civic and charitable organizations.

Among the awards Raymond has received are the Meritorious Service Award from the Rice University Alumni Association and the Award for Design Excellence from the Rice Design Alliance. Raymond has served on, the Uptown Houston District Board of Directors since the organization's creation in 1987.

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