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**GET GREEN IN UPTOWN DALLAS ON EARTH DAY**

**Uptown Dallas, Inc. recognizes Uptown businesses practicing environmentally friendly practices that promote sustainability.**

DALLAS, TX - Uptown Dallas, Inc., (UDI) established in 1994, is one of the first communities in the country to incorporate eco friendly practices promoting walkability and sustainability in the neighborhood's master plan.

"Uptown Dallas, Inc is extremely committed to the environment," says President and CEO, Jim Reagan. "Since our inception, we've been on the cutting edge of eco friendly practices. We're the first urban community in the nation to incorporate walkable, sustainable amenities in our master plan. These elements include public transportation in the form of the McKinney Avenue Trolley, wide, well lit side walks and strategic development and restoration of existing properties." he adds.

So far UDI has illustrated environmentally friendly practices like reclaiming trees destined for demolition and transplanting them into the Anita Phelps green space in front of the Rosewood Crescent Hotel, adding solar irrigation controllers to conserve water and energy in Uptown medians and collaborating with the City of Dallas on the restoration of Griggs Park to make it more green. "We'll work closely with the City on the Griggs redo," says Mr. Reagan, "to make sure that it has all the green technology available. It will become a jewel of our community with conservation practices in place to save water and energy, as well as finding ways to reclaim and highlight the rich historical aspects of the space."

To celebrate Earth Day 2010, UDI recognizes Uptown businesses who promote these principles.

Uptown retailers show commitment to Mother Earth by using organic/non toxic materials, recycled/biodegradable packaging and/or sustainable practices and include:

- *L Bartlett , Cork, Haven*

Uptown spas give back by offering organic coops, community potlucks, using wind power, planting trees and raising money for Gulf relief and Haiti and include:

- *Pure Wellness Spa, Avalon Salon/Spa, Spa Habitat*

Uptown restaurants protect the environment with recycling efforts, organic drink specials and smart use of energy during peak hours. Eco advocates include:

- *State & Allen Lounge* – First certified green restaurant by the Dallas Restaurant Association and winner of 1st Annual Mayor Environmental Excellence Award
- *Lemon Bar, Lumi Empanada & Dumpling Kitchen, The Londoner*

Uptown properties and hotels "green up"

- *Gables Residential* hosts an Earth Day event at all their USA properties with green idea contests for residents .
- *Rosewood Crescent Hotel* uses recycled paper, eco friendly cleaning products and employs energy saving lighting and water programs.
- *The Glass House* uses post consumer building materials, and energy efficient apartment and light fixtures.

**ABOUT UPTOWN DALLAS, INC.** - Uptown Dallas, Inc. (UDI) is a non-profit entity charged with managing the Uptown Public Improvement District (UPID). UDI achieves the UPID goal of enhancing life for Uptown residents and promoting Uptown businesses through neighborhood maintenance projects, safety and marketing programs as well as coordinating neighborhood promotions and events. UDI seeks to keep business owners, residents and visitors informed and engaged in the Uptown life creating a viable social network, hosting events and drawing media attention to Uptown. Learn more about Uptown Dallas at [www.UptownDallas.net](http://www.UptownDallas.net).

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