

# LOOKING UPTOWN

## Uptown Needs You

In order to keep our neighborhood beautiful, safe and vibrant, we need you! Uptown Dallas, Inc. (UDI) has created two programs aimed at keeping our residents and guests informed, engaged and plugged in. We are reenergizing our Communications Tree and Block Captain programs with an emphasis on citizen involvement.

The goal of the **Communications Tree**, a project of the UDI Public Safety Committee, is to create a database of email addresses for all Uptown residents, businesses and stakeholders. This database is used to communicate alerts, bulletins and advisories in conjunction with the Dallas Police Department. Equipping Uptowners with this type of detailed information will allow us to help DPD, ultimately keeping our community safer.

A recent DPD alert issued on the Communications Tree advised the community about a rash of carjackings in the Uptown/Oak Lawn area, offering suspect and vehicle description, safety tips, and the number of an investigating officer. Due to DPD and community efforts, suspects were found and apprehended.

In the event of an emergency, the database may be used to communicate instructions and directions from the

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*(Above) Kelly Price, Code Enforcement, Senior Corporal Whitworth; Lieutenant Kimberly Owens, Senior Corporal Colón, and Officer Hotchkiss provide Block Captain training.*

*(At right) UDI Program Coordinator Martha Hargrove and Block Captain Leon Morvay.*



### HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- To become a Block Captain, please send contact information to [Sandra@UptownDallas.net](mailto:Sandra@UptownDallas.net)
- To sign up for Communications Tree alerts, please send information to [Shazia@UptownDallas.net](mailto:Shazia@UptownDallas.net)
- Sign up for both programs at [www.UptownDallas.net/Make a Report](http://www.UptownDallas.net/Make a Report)



## 2010: A Memorable Year

Featured elsewhere in this newsletter are announcements and instructions for our new Block Captain program. In our continuing effort to make and keep Uptown the safest, cleanest and most enjoyable place to work, play and live, this program needs your attention and commitment. Please read the articles and respond if you are interested.

Our crime statistics for 2009 as compared to 2008 have just been released and we are very pleased to announce an overall crime decrease of 8% from the previous year. Violent crime was down 11% and non-violent was reduced by 8%. Burglary was down by 30% and robbery was 20% less. Uptown reported only one rape and no murders during 2009. This is the third consecutive year that Uptown has experienced a reduction in crime.

One area that gets a lot of attention is burglary of a motor vehicle. Even though there were a couple of outbreaks of this crime during 2009, the overall statistics decreased by 4%. This remains one area that could be reduced even more if all would lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

Your board of directors is working very hard to make 2010 a memorable year in the life of your public improvement district. Issues such as traffic, parking, additional security camera installations, street repairs, sidewalk replacements, landscaping improvements, lighting improvements, utility drainage, maintenance and public safety all take equal importance for our area.

It is indeed a pleasure to be a part of Uptown and I thank you for your continued efforts to support the PID.

Jim Reagan  
CEO, Uptown Dallas, Inc.

## Did You Know...



...that blowing grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste into the curb, street or storm drain is a violation of city code? The City of Dallas has recently started enforcing measures to stop stormwater pollution and may issue fines up to \$2,000 per violation, per day for violations. Code Enforcement can fine the individual, company, and/or property owners that directly or indirectly discharge yard waste into the street. To report stormwater pollution, call 311 or learn more about code enforcement at [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com), click on City Code link.

## Deck Park Update

A capacity crowd attended the recent sponsor announcement at the Woodall Rodgers Deck Park. Chase Bank became the lead sponsor by donating \$3-million for the Chase Promenade. This tree-lined half-moon-shaped walkway will extend the length of the five-acre park and connect all of the key amenities. The pedestrian artery connects the Children's Garden on the west end with the restaurant and performance pavilion in the center and the water sculpture on the east side. The 15-foot wide path will be planted with Pond Cypress trees. This donation will also fund free public programming upon The Park's completion.

*(Top) John Zogg Jr., Crescent Real Estate Equity, John Crawford, DowntownDallas, and Jim Reagan, UDI; (Center) Angela Hunt, Dallas City Council, and UPID board members Judy Smith Hearst, Kathy Koons and Dick Brink; (Bottom) Jodi Grant, Woodall Rogers Park Foundation speaks at the event.*



# Uptown Pub Crawls

You may have noticed that McKinney Avenue was invaded by Snuggie wearing bar patrons at the end of January. The First Annual Snuggie Crawl was a big success and drew around 2,000 participants, according to organizers. The starting point at The Ginger Man rocked out and revelers then took the party to the streets.

The second crawl was held at the end of February and celebrated the second annual World Banana Day. It started at Lemon Bar in West Village and consisted of folks dressed in banana suits visiting McKinney Avenue bars to raise awareness about world hunger. Participants were encouraged to donate, and all proceeds will go to the North Texas Food Bank.

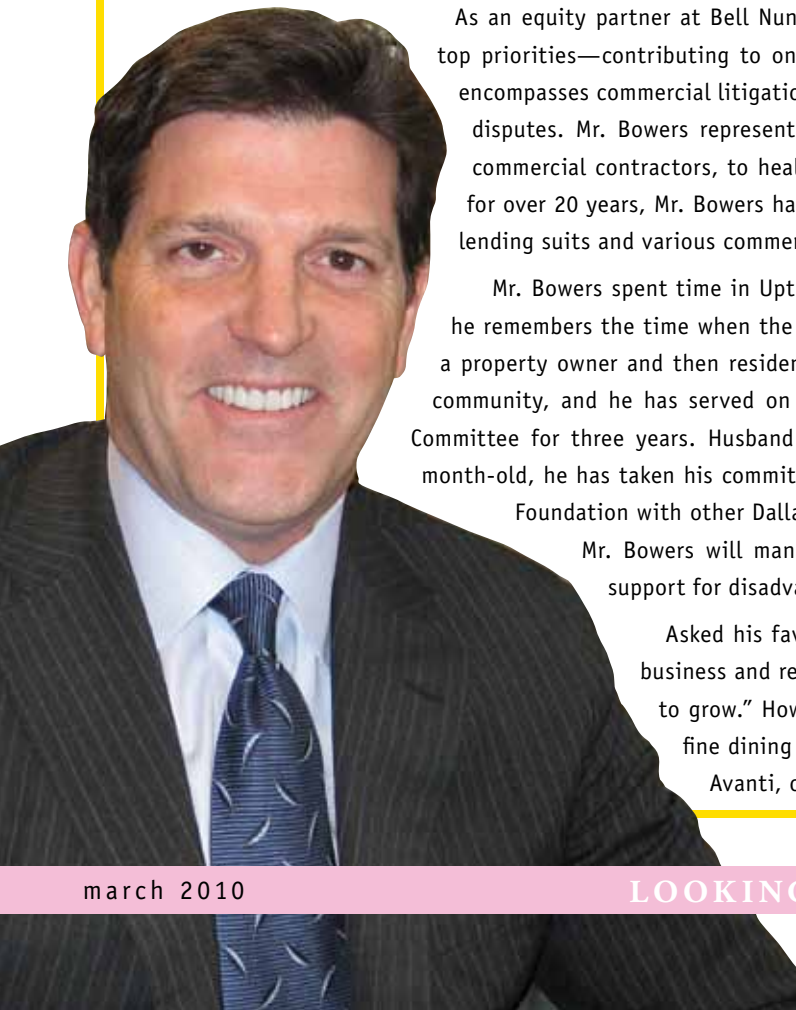


*(Above) First Annual Snuggie Crawl kicks off at The Ginger Man. To view more photos of the event visit [www.jamesedwardphotography.com](http://www.jamesedwardphotography.com).*



*(At right) World Banana Day participants about to "split" to their next destination.*

## Board Profile: Mikel J. Bowers



As an equity partner at Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP, Mikel J. Bowers is able to combine two of his top priorities—contributing to one of Dallas' top ranked law firms and helping others. His practice encompasses commercial litigation matters with an emphasis on construction and oil and gas related disputes. Mr. Bowers represents diverse groups—from homeowners associations and residential/commercial contractors, to healthcare and oil and gas exploration companies. Practicing in Dallas for over 20 years, Mr. Bowers has a history of wins including construction defect claims, fraudulent lending suits and various commercial settlements.

Mr. Bowers spent time in Uptown during the mid 1980s when a student at SMU Law School, and he remembers the time when the neighborhood was in transition. In later years, Mr. Bowers became a property owner and then resident of the neighborhood. He strongly believes in giving back to the community, and he has served on the Uptown Public Improvement District Board and Public Safety Committee for three years. Husband to the lovely Sharon and the father of Greyson, an adorable 22 month-old, he has taken his commitment to community even further by co-founding the La Buena Vida Foundation with other Dallas business leaders. As the director of this newly formed non-profit, Mr. Bowers will manage efforts aimed at providing a better lifestyle and educational support for disadvantaged and homeless youth.

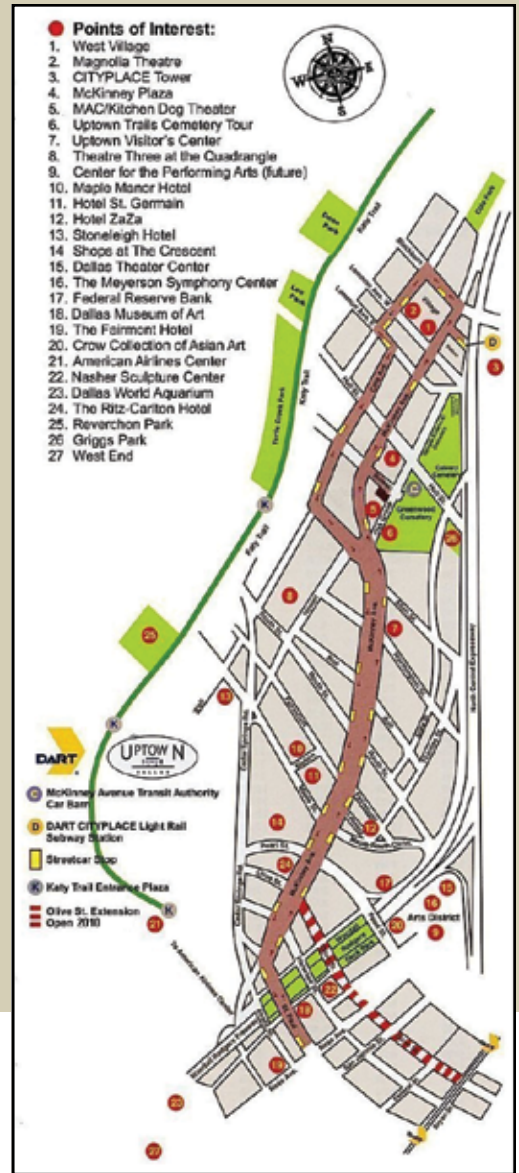
Asked his favorite things about our community? "Uptown has the most friendly business and residential climate in Dallas, I'd like to see that atmosphere continue to grow." How to have a great Uptown evening? "Dinner at one of the numerous fine dining spots we're so lucky to have, followed by a nightcap and dessert at Avanti, one of my absolute favorites."

# McKinney Avenue Trolley Expansion



*Look for a familiar friend on Olive Street—trolley expansion will connect to two downtown DART stations.*

You may have heard talk about taking our beloved trolley cars further into Downtown Dallas. We're happy to report that the expansion is underway! Plans are currently being drawn up that will change the trolley route from St. Paul to Olive Street, connecting it to two Downtown DART stations. "This move should double ridership," said MATA's newly appointed President and CEO, Phil Cobb. "We've wanted to increase trolley exposure and this move will give us plenty, with easy connections from the McKinney Avenue Trolley to the St. Paul and Pearl Street stations. This \$6-million project takes the trolley right through the Woodall Rodgers Deck Park, tying Uptown, the Arts District and Downtown together by providing free transportation to each," he adds.

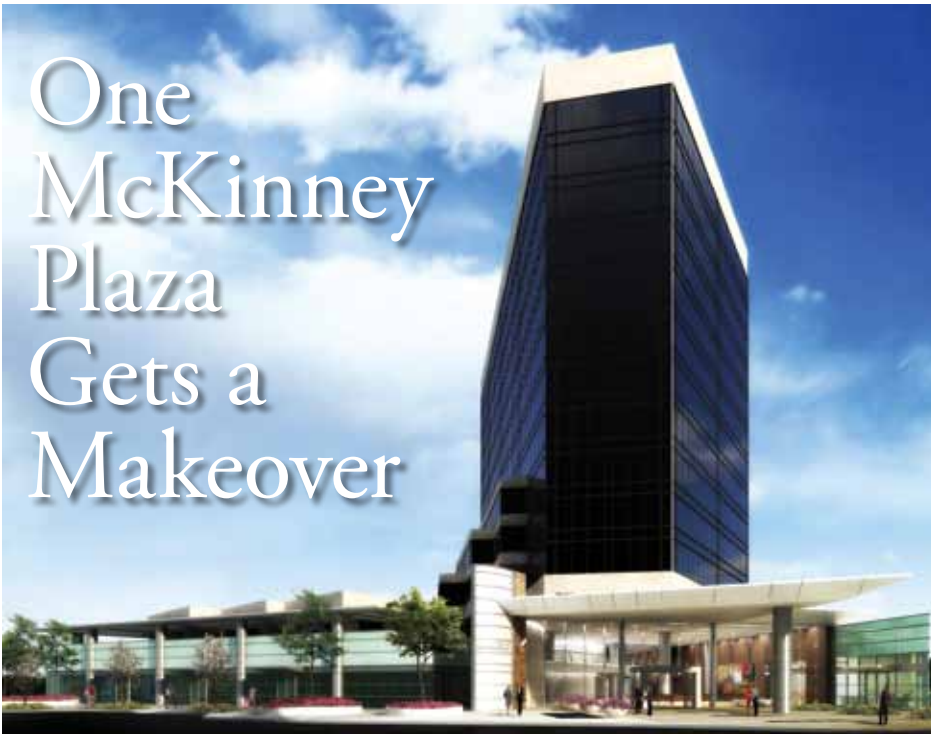


## Katy Trail News

The Katy Trail came a step closer to realizing the Friends of Katy Trail Master Plan when two of the five new entrances in the initiative were recently opened. The Beasley Entrance between Lemmon and Bowen is a sweeping staircase that allows Uptown walkers and runners convenient access to the Trail, eliminating the need to scramble up a hill as before. The lushly landscaped entrance is a gift from the Theodore and Beulah Beasley Foundation. The Tao of Warren entrance features dual staircases flanking a round seating wall and plaza, and is a gift from Sarah and Jim Hutcheson in memory of their son Warren.



# One McKinney Plaza Gets a Makeover



A McKinney Avenue mainstay is getting renewed. On February 1, One McKinney Plaza located at the corner of McKinney and Hall, began an extensive eight month renovation project. The \$5-million update will add over 19,000 square feet of space opening the main entryway into an expansive, light filled lounge. The grand lobby will feature lounge seating, Wi-Fi access and a security kiosk. The new entry introduces glass enclosed space suitable for retail or restaurant use. A large adjacent annex will be christened One McKinney Plaza at Hall and is reserved for retail.



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The new year brought many unique establishments to the Uptown area. Some of the new businesses to join our neighborhood include: Red Mango, Skintastic Uptown, and The Marquis of State Thomas.



**RED MANGO**

2811 McKinney Avenue  
214.302.5910  
redmangousa.com

Red Mango, the original frozen yogurt concept known for only using all natural ingredients that are both gluten-free and fat-free has found its new home on McKinney Avenue. With a rotating selection of flavors like original, pomegranate, and the signature Tangomonium, Red Mango is sure to become an Uptown springtime favorite.

**SKINTASTIC UPTOWN**

2525 McKinney Avenue, Suite A  
972.620.3223 • skintastic.com

Skintastic Uptown has opened a local branch to serve the Uptown neighborhood. The medical spa offers a large variety of services, including: laser hair removal, photo facial, Botox, chemical peels, skin resurfacing and more at the new location.



**THE MARQUIS OF STATE THOMAS**

2400 Thomas Avenue  
214.468.8001  
mqstatethomas.com

The Marquis of State Thomas, located in the historic State-Thomas neighborhood, is the latest luxury apartment complex to call Uptown home. The 211 unit property combines Victorian architecture with modern design and offers amenities like large stone patios, granite countertops and breathtaking views.



**URBAN TACO**

3411 McKinney Avenue

Construction has begun on the new Urban Taco restaurant, opening at 3411 McKinney Ave. The prime location was home to an empty parking lot for the longest time but will now house an authentic Mexican taqueria. Look for doors to be opening sooner rather than later.



**POP UP 310**

3699 McKinney Avenue, Suite 310  
214.295.7639  
popup310.com

Pop Up 310 is the new temporary gallery that recently opened in the former Gardens space in West Village. The artwork features a mix of emerging and established artists and focuses on affordable, smaller works, prints, and books, creating a gallery experience which is accessible to a broader range of art patrons.



*Keep your eyes open for new projects to be completed soon!*

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*Block captains enhance the appeal of our visually-inviting neighborhoods by making them safer.*

City of Dallas Emergency Response Team or other official entities. The ability to communicate instantly with the neighborhood gives Uptown Dallas an edge that few communities in Dallas

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“No one knows who belongs in your community better than you, the residents.”

—Lt. Kimberly Owens

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have at this time. We need you to keep it going and growing! Please go to our website—<http://www.uptowndallas.net/Community/Home.aspx>—to sign up, or simply send your name, company name (if applicable) and email address to [Shazia@UptownDallas.net](mailto:Shazia@UptownDallas.net).

**The Block Captain Program** enhances the beauty and safety of Uptown by creating a community watch force that will report safety issues and code violations to the appropriate agencies, Uptown Dallas, Inc., the City of Dallas Code Enforcement or Dallas Police Department (DPD) for resolution.

The ultimate goal is to have each block in Uptown represented by a Block Captain. Though the initial response

was good, the program needs about 50 additional volunteers to have a complete Block Captain system. “I believe that Neighborhood Watch Programs are an important crime fighting tool. They encourage the Department and the community to work together to combat problems within the community. They also serve as an extra set of eyes for the police. No one knows who belongs in your community better than you, the residents.

Through this cooperation, we can achieve our common goal of increasing the safety of the communities where we

live and work.” says Lt. Kimberly Owens, Uptown’s community outreach police officer.

The first training session, held on March 4, was attended by fifteen of the first volunteer Captains, members of UDI, code enforcement and DPD officers. The session’s content addressed code violations and safety issues that threaten Uptown and discussed various ways to correct problems. Uptown Dallas provided a handbook to help Block Captains identify hazards to report and a detailed list of helpful information and telephone numbers. Martha Hargrove is coordinating the Uptown Block Captain Program, researching and publishing the handbook, directing recruitment efforts, and conducting training sessions.

If you are interested in acting as a Block Captain, please email the Uptown Dallas office at [Sandra@UptownDallas.net](mailto:Sandra@UptownDallas.net), including contact information and the block that you will represent. “We believe the Block Captain program will be rewarding to the participants and to the community because it will make a real difference in deterring crime. Criminals go elsewhere when they become aware of security cameras, a strong police presence, and an engaged crime watch program,” said Kathryn Koons, Chairman of the Board of Uptown Dallas, emphasizing the importance of the program.

## New Operations Manager

Please welcome Michael Reeder, the new Operations Manager for Uptown Dallas, Inc. Michael spent 31 years at Steakley Chevrolet in a variety of roles. He began his career at Steakley immediately after graduating from University of Texas at Austin, starting out in sales. He worked his way through the ranks, finally settling into the role of VP of Daily Operations for 16 years. In his UDI role, Michael will oversee the maintenance work in Uptown, coordinate with the Block Captains and manage some of our capital improvement projects.

The father of three beautiful daughters and one precious grandson, Michael is loving life in Uptown. His favorite thing about the neighborhood? “I love the energy of the community. There is always something going on. I’m really looking forward to getting my feet on the ground,” he says.



## uptown seen



*Lee Koons and  
Megan Mahoney.*



*Adrian Norbury, Audrey  
Van Buren, Kathy Toler and  
Rebecca Marabito.*



*Thomas Smyth, Rick Brown,  
and Virginia Brown.*



*Dick Brink, Gayle Brink,  
John Armstrong, and  
Al Chapman.*



*Cliff and Vanessa Osler.*



*Danielle Leahy and  
Sarik Sinha.*