

Downtown News from the U.N., August 28, 2008

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Urban Neighbors September Social at Gaijin Sushi

September 11, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

The U.N.'s September social event is at Gaijin Sushi. Free appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Come out and meet your neighbors!

Rack Up Downtown! Grand Launch on September 10

Downtown OKC and Urban Neighbors invites you to the Rack Up Downtown! Grand Launch event on Wednesday, September 10 at 9:30 AM; NW corner of Mickey Mantle & Sheridan. [Get complete information on this Urban Neighbors initiative.](#)

Downtown Walkability and Bikeability

The Downtown Strategic Initiative (DSI) is a public process facilitated by the City of OKC Planning Department to prioritize the next steps for the continued revitalization of Downtown. Currently, the topic of "Movin' Around" Downtown is being looked at.

What are your concerns about walking and cycling Downtown? What is the biggest issue that needs to be addressed? Please send your ideas and comments to mgibbs@urbanneighbors.org so that Urban Neighbors can effectively contribute to this process.

What to do down by the river?

The Chesapeake Boathouse offers a lot to downtowners. Learn to row, rent a kayak or a bike, take your group dragon boating, take a yoga/pilates class, or use the gym.

Other U.N. Websites

[Facebook](#)

[MySpace](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

Take a class downtown!

The Downtown College Consortium, located in the downtown library, offers several interesting classes. Spanish, Ballroom Cancing, Tai Chi, and more! [Check out what they have to offer.](#)

Downtown's Ward 6 Seat Open

[With Ann Simank's departure](#), Oklahoma City council seat 6 is open. Elections to fill the seat will be held November 4.

Upcoming Downtown Events

Through August 30, [Romantic Materialism at Untitled Gallery](#)

Wednesdays: [Downtown Farmer's Market](#)

Thursdays: [Noon Tunes and the Downtown Library](#)

August 28 [2008 Sundance Short Films](#), Oklahoma City Museum of Art

August 28-30 [Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park](#)

September 1 [McNellie's Pint Night](#)

September 2-6 [Mama Mia! at the Civic Center](#)

September 4, 6:00 PM Stiletto's Art Show, Gaijin Sushi @ Park and Harvey

September 5 [United Way 2008 Campaign Kickoff Pancake Breakfast](#)

September 5 [Josh Cruise Duo](#), Nonna's Purple Bar

[Complete list of downtown events](#)

Urban Neighbors Hosts Its First National Night Out Event

The UN hosted Downtown police and fire officers at Gaijin Sushi on Tuesday evening, August 5. This was the 25th National Night Out which is a proven and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and community partnerships, and Urban Neighbors was proud to participate for the first time.

We greatly appreciate the work these dedicated public servants do to protect our Downtown community and we would like to thank Lt Kevin Barnes and Sgt Howell and Officer Garey of the new OCPD evening bike patrol plus all the Green Shift at Fire Station # 1 for attending, including Batalion Chief Cothran, Cpl Bruehl, Cpt Storx, Sgt Blankinship, Cpl Coon, Frec Reeves, Lt Stuart, Cpl Pyle, Cpl Wikersham, Sgt Stewart, Cpl Gilbert, FF Edgerton and Sgt Jackson. Thanks also to Cristian Clay of Gaijin Sushi for his kind hospitality and very generous donations of refreshments for the officers.

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