ROCK ISLAND/SAMUELS AVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

THE NEIGHBOR NEWS

NOVEMBER 2026 | UPTOWN · ROCK ISLAND · SAMUELS AVENUE

Connect • Support • Make a positive difference in our community

NEXT GATHERING: HOLIDAY POTLUCK

NOT A REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: Downtown Fort Worth YMCA · 512 Lamar Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Join your neighbors for a **potluck** to celebrate our residents. We will also **nominate families with small children** in our neighborhood and shower them with **gifts for the kids** and a blessed holiday season.

Bringing a dish? Sign up!

Scan the QR code with your phone camera and tell us what you will bring. It takes about a minute.

uptownfortworthna.com/potluck-signup

Sign up to bring a dish

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 4 MEETING

Full agenda and past minutes

Member votes

Association name. Members approved a new name: **Rock Island/Samuels Ave Neighborhood Association**.

New Secretary. Mrs. Elizabeth Hernandez has volunteered to fill the position. She was not present at the November 4 meeting, so members did not vote on the Secretary position at this meeting.

Guests and City updates

- **Officer Walter Layton**, our Neighborhood Police Officer. Officer Layton is retiring in February 2027, and this will be his last meeting with the association.
- **Officer Matthew Hayes**, Code Compliance
- **Dave Pannell**, presenting the new website for the association
- **Traci**, Uptown Code Blue representative: safety initiatives and the neighborhood Code Blue program
- **Street Representatives:** David Ortiz (Peach St) and Carl (Nichols St)

Open community discussion

An open forum for residents to discuss neighborhood concerns, identify priorities, and vote on the issues the association should focus on.

STREET PROJECTS IN UPTOWN

We want residents to know what is happening on our streets. Review the updates below and contact the right project representative with questions or concerns.

Nichols Street — speed cushion project

The City of Fort Worth has **approved speed cushions on Nichols Street** in response to a request from area residents. The petition was signed by the residents of Nichols St. and sent back to the City's TPW department on October 5th. The speed cushions will be installed after the streets and sidewalks are replaced, estimated within 12–15 months.

Thank you to the residents who collected all the owners' signatures for this petition!

East side of Uptown / Rock Island

Sewer & street project, currently underway. Streets include Bluff St, Hays St, Peach St, Pharr St, Nichols St, Hampton St, Harding St and Wall St.

Christian Cardona
City project manager
Office: 817-392-5498
Cell: 817-944-4936
christian.cardona@fortworthtexas.gov

Samuels Avenue & surrounding streets

Sewer & street project, ongoing. For project questions or concerns, residents may contact:

Clayton M. Torrance
City of Fort Worth
Office: 817-392-8528
Cell: 682-402-0146
clayton.torrance@fortworthtexas.gov

More details, schedules and contacts for both projects: **Construction in Uptown** on our website.

The association will keep sharing updates as we receive them. Please report concerns through the proper City channels and take part in projects that affect our neighborhood.

✅ UPTOWN ISSUE TRACKER

See what neighbors have reported and where each issue stands, any time, on our website.

46	7	3
RESOLVED	PENDING	TURNED DOWN

Snapshot as of November 3, 2026. Green means resolved, yellow means pending, red means turned down.

Open the Issue Tracker

📱 REPORT IT: MYFW & 311

Report potholes, graffiti, high grass, street lights and signs, animal concerns and more.

- ✓ **MyFW app:** free on the Apple App Store and Google Play.
- ✓ **Text** your request to **817311**, or **call 817-392-1234**.

About the MyFW app

Downtown Fort Worth street closure & construction alerts

Stay informed about street closures, construction and traffic impacts. **Text DOWNTOWN CLOSURES to 817-904-4255** to opt in and get alerts on your phone.

🏛️ DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: 1017 PAVILLION STREET

A case in our neighborhood is on the City's Downtown Design Review Board agenda. **1017 Pavillion Street is inside the Samuels Avenue / Rock Island Character Zone**, in Council

District 9.

CITY MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026
MEETING AT 2:00 PM

City Hall, Council Work Session Room · 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, TX

The 1017 Pavillion Street case was moved from the November 13 meeting to this meeting.

Case DG-2026-039: 1017 Pavillion Street (continued case)

- Certificate of Appropriateness for a **single-family home**
- Waiver from the Street Tree Standards: no street trees, instead of 1 per 50 linear feet of frontage
- Waiver from the Sidewalk Standards: 5-foot sidewalk, instead of 7 feet

Zoning: D, in the Downtown Urban Design District Overlay.

Share your thoughts

- **In person:** fill out a Speaker Registration Form at the check-in desk.
- **In writing:** email DesignReview@fortworthtexas.gov by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 2.

Read the City agenda that lists this case (Nov. 13 PDF)

This is a City of Fort Worth meeting, not run by the association. We are sharing it because the property is in our neighborhood.

BEAT REPORTS FROM OUR NPO

Stay informed about activity in our neighborhood with the **weekly Beat Reports** from our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO), **Officer Walter Layton**. They share reported criminal activity and incidents in our area.

Officer Layton is retiring in February 2027. Thank you, Officer Layton, for serving Uptown.

Stay informed. Stay aware. Stay connected to your neighborhood.

Read the weekly reports

District 9 newsletter

For other general information in our council district, see the District 9 Newsletter (October 26, 2026) and the District 9 page.

COFFEE ON THE PORCH UPTOWN

Connect • Get Involved • Make a Difference

On the **last Thursday of each month**, the Board of Directors and committee members gather for this informal get-together. It is a great chance to:

- ✓ Get to know your neighbors and fellow volunteers
- ✓ Talk about what's happening throughout Uptown
- ✓ Learn how you can become more involved in our community
- ✓ Share ideas and ways to support the wellbeing of our neighborhood
- ✓ Make new friends and build community connections

Come grab a cup of coffee, meet your neighbors, and be part of a community that truly cares about Uptown!

Holiday schedule: there is no Coffee on the Porch in November or December because of Thanksgiving and New Year's week. The next one is **Thursday, January 28, 2027, 11:00 AM**. The location varies each month.

PET CARE RESOURCE

Free Fort Worth Spay/Neuter Special

Free spays and neuters for dogs and cats in 14 Fort Worth zip codes. There is limited availability for female dogs for this special. Search the website for “specials” to see the zip codes available.

TCAP also offers low-cost vaccines and other pet care for both dogs and cats.

TCAP: High Quality, Low-Cost Care

texasforthem.org

This is a community resource, not a program run by the association.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Board Member, Committee Member, Street Representative or Block Representative — or simply stay connected and support the neighborhood. We’d love to have you join us!

Text 817-508-2911

Email **info@uptownfortworthna.com**

Join us **Add our calendar**

AROUND FORT WORTH THIS NOVEMBER

Events still coming up this month, including free and family-friendly options. These are City-wide events, not run by the association.

NOV 4–13

Lone Star Film Festival

Various locations. A major film festival celebrating its 20th anniversary, with independent films, documentaries, short films, filmmaker discussions and special events.

Best for: movie lovers, date nights and arts enthusiasts.

SAT NOV 7

National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame expansion grand opening

Grand Cowgirl Parade at noon through the Cultural District, with horses, Western groups and floats. The parade is free to watch, and the museum's new galleries are another attraction.

Best for: families and Western heritage fans.

NOV 7–8

Fall Japanese Festival

Fort Worth Botanic Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Cultural performances, taiko drumming, tea ceremonies, music, food trucks, artisan vendors and family crafts.

Best for: all ages, cultural experiences and photography.

SUN NOV 8

Fort Worth Community Market

10 a.m.–3 p.m. at South Main Micro Park, 105 S. Main St. A free, open-air market with local farmers, handmade products, food vendors, live local music, children's activities and more than 75 vendors.

Best for: supporting small businesses and casual weekend shopping.

SUN NOV 22

GM Financial Parade of Lights

6–8 p.m. One of Fort Worth's signature holiday traditions, with illuminated floats, marching bands, equestrian groups, holiday performers, and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Best for: families, holiday photos and a festive evening downtown.

More popular events

Nov 3–8 · Jersey Boys, Bass Performance Hall

Nov 7–15 · Frozen: The Broadway Musical, Casa Mañana

Nov 13–15 · Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live: Glow-N-Fire, Dickies Arena

Tue, Nov 17 · Lyle Lovett and his Small Large Band, Bass Performance Hall

Sat, Nov 21 · Pumpkin Spice Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Fun Run, 8–11 a.m., Panther Island Pavilion

Sat, Nov 28 · Vienna Light Orchestra Christmas Tour, Will Rogers Auditorium

Free and budget-friendly ideas

- **Nov 7:** Watch the Grand Cowgirl Parade for free.
- **Nov 7–8:** Visit the Fall Japanese Festival. Admission is free for Botanic Garden members; others should check current rates.
- **Nov 8:** Shop the Fort Worth Community Market, free admission.
- **Nov 22:** Watch the Parade of Lights. Check the official event page for viewing and parking guidance.
- **All month:** Explore the Stockyards, see the historic district, and watch the Fort Worth Herd's twice-daily longhorn cattle drive, weather permitting.

Our pick: for a memorable family outing, choose the Cowgirl Museum opening or the Fall Japanese Festival. For a big community gathering, join the Parade of Lights on November 22.

Dates and descriptions come from Fort Worth tourism and local event calendars. Please confirm times, tickets and venues before you go.
More events: Visit Fort Worth · Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. · Bass Performance Hall

Rock Island/Samuels Ave Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood meetings each month · Coffee on the Porch on the last Thursday

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