

Village News

Views from the Heart of Historic Plano



A Guide to Getting Pampered in Plano

Who knew Downtown Plano would become an absolute mecca for hair salons and spas? When Eastside Village I and II filled up with hip and trendy apartment dwellers, the beauty consultants followed. The downtown area now boasts more than ten hair salons, two elegant day spas, air brush tanning and traditional tanning beds, several massage therapists and a variety of waxers and manicurists. Here's the impressive list of personal pampering services downtown. Call for an appointment today!

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Finding
Personal
Services
Downtown

HAIR

Mane Design 972-423-9337

Open for seven years on Avenue K, owner Liz Peitz entertains customers with her spunky wit and wisdom. A dancer and kick boxer in her spare time, she can tame thick, curly hair.

Services: Foil highlights, cap highlights for men, color, cut, perms, facial waxes.

Product: Goldwell, Matrix

Dora's Salon 972-365-4944

This upscale salon in Eastside Village II owned by Dora Palao does cuts and hair styling for special events, and Marcie does nails.

Services: Manicures, pedicures, cuts, color, perms.

Product: Paul Mitchell, Joico

Creative Collections 214-473-8117

The newest hip and trendy salon in Eastside Village II has red walls and geometric mirrors. Kelley Riley is the owner.

Services: Haircut, color, highlights, waxing.

Product: Paul Mitchell

Sisters Two Salon 214-558-0157

Sisters Darla Sanders and DeeAnn Ashrat offer hair and nail services in Eastside Village II. They also sell handmade jewelry, purses and teddy bears.

Services: Haircut, color, highlights, manicures, pedicures.

Product: Abba, Matrix

Plano Barber Shop 972-423-3400

Brothers James and Randy Russell work at downtown Plano's longest running barbershop. Specializing in men and boy cuts.

Services: haircuts, styling

Penny's Salon 972-516-2248

Located on Avenue K, Penny's has served Plano for 6 years. These precision cutters are known for color.

Services: Cut, color, perms, eyebrow waxing and dyeing.

Product: TextureLine, Artec, Aquage

Heather's Hairem 972-578-7656

Step into Heather's for a funky and beautifying experience. Free makeovers by Curly, a make-up artist who uses Minerelles.

Services: Cut, colors, highlight and low lights, perms, face wax, make-up.

Product: Kenra, Abba, Tosca

Williams Family Barber Shop

972-424-6461

This family-oriented shop specializes in haircuts for men, women and children.

Services: Cuts, styles, color, perms, hair extensions, straightening.

Product: Nexus

Anthony's Barber & Beauty Inc.

972-398-6599

Two doors down from Williams Family Barber Shop, specializes in family haircuts.

Services: Haircuts.

Baxter's Salon 972-578-4782

Full-service hair care that will open early or stay late if clients ask. This long-time Plano salon has many loyal customers.

Services: Cuts, colors, styling, perms, waxing.

Product: Sebastian, Kigi

NAILS

Christina's Nails 972-881-5339

Owner Anh Ho takes meticulous pride in her manicure and pedicure services.

Services: Manicures, pedicures, acrylic and solar nails, American and French manicures, painted nails, nail art, face waxing.

Plano Nailery 972-424-2265

Patricia Pasos offers full facial, waxing, nail and tanning services.

Services: Manicures, pedicures, paraffin wax treatment, tanning, facials, eyebrow and underarm wax, eyebrow and eyelash dyeing.

BODY

Body Grafix 972-578-0792

Owned by Betsy Larson, this shop is serious about massage therapy.

Services: Full body or site specific massage, deep tissue, Hot River Rock massage, Belavi Facial massage, chair massage, foot reflexology and special foot treatment.

Phancy's Salon 972-509-1168

In a charming house on 18th Street, Phancy's is a sensory delight and offers a wide array of hair, skin, body and massage services. Owners Nancy Fisher and Phil Garcia supervise a large, well-trained staff.

Services: Haircut and colors, facials, body massage, waxing.

Product: Aveda

Spa St. Claire 972-516-2602

Sydney Simone offers spa services for face, body, feet and hands.

Known for throwing spa parties for groups and romantic couples, this salon offers a transforming experience from head to toe.

Services: Facials, derma-brasion, full body and site specific massage, full body waxing and sugar waxing, manicures and pedicures, mineral and mud body wraps.

Product: Epicuren, Rhonda Alison

HAPPENINGS

July/August 2004

July:

- 1-10 "Hank the Cowdog: Thank You, Lord for Making Gals" 972-422-7460
Plano Repertory Theatre
ArtCentre Theater
- 1-24 "Sewing Up History" 972-423-7809
Exhibit showcasing the art of the quilt
ArtCentre of Plano
- 1-23 Free Summer Lunch Program 972-941-7167
City of Plano
Williams Rec Center
- 3 Independence Day Parade 972-424-7547
Plano Chamber of Commerce
Independence Pkwy. at Park Blvd.
- 4 Patriotic Pops Concert at 3pm 972-473-7262
Plano Symphony Orchestra
Eisemann Center, Richardson
- 4 All-American Fourth Fireworks at 9:30 pm 972-941-7250
City of Plano
High Point Park
- 8-31 "Swing!" 972-422-7460
Plano Repertory Theatre
Courtyard Theater
- 14-24 "Miss Nelson is Missing" 972-422-7460
Plano Repertory Theatre
ArtCentre Theater
- 28-31 "Beauty and the Beast" 972-422-7460
Plano Repertory Theatre
ArtCentre Theater
- August:
- 1-7 "Beauty and the Beast" 972-422-7460
Plano Repertory Theatre
ArtCentre Theater
- 1-8 "Swing!" 972-422-7460
Plano Repertory Theatre
Courtyard Theater
- 3-31 "Heated Conversations" 972-423-7809
Abstract Paintings by Harry Lewis
ArtCentre of Plano

HISTORIC VIEWS

Early Social Life in Plano

The year 1935 brought the beginning of the "Swankers," a group of high school girls organized for the purpose of increasing the social life of its members. The first president was Mary Alice Painter. The life of the club was only five years as the last of this group of girls graduated in 1940. The group caused quite a stir when they wanted to have a dance in the new high school gym. In three hours they secured signatures of 75 land owners agreeing to the dance, but the objection of local ministers prevailed, and the girls did not have their dance at the school. Not to be denied, they organized a carnival in the Griffin building and made \$50. They then hired an orchestra and a building, and the dance was on.

An excerpt from "Plano, Texas: The Early Years", page 337.



VILLAGE PEOPLE

Barbers and Brothers

The Russell brothers have cut hair at the Plano Barber Shop since they were teenagers. Taught the profession by their parents who bought the business in 1969, James and Randy Russell have worked side by side at downtown's longest-running business for more than 20 years.

"We love the Mayberry atmosphere down here. Our customers are like one big family. We all fuss and fight—it's fun. Can't go anywhere else in this city to have this," said Randy.

"This is the one profession people stay in the longest," said James "Everyone who comes in is in a good mood—we have a great time—it's a wonderful way to make a living."

Randy and his wife and two small girls live on acreage in the country. James and his wife have five teenagers. "Being here is the easiest thing we do all day," they laughed.

The barber shop is open 9 to 6, six days a week. "Even if I won the lottery I'd still be here everyday," said Randy. "Our customers are great - we've known most of them for years."

The family moved to Plano from Wichita Falls in 1965. "We were so poor our parents had to take turns eating," said James. Moving to Plano proved to be a boon for the family. Their mother ran a beauty shop in the back and as Plano grew, so did the business. A barbershop has been at the 15th Street location for more than 100 years, back when farmers came to town to take baths and get a shave.

Randy Russell with a happy customer



James Russell Jr. has a long list of loyal clients

For 50 years, the shine boy, Lee Gaddis, worked in the shop, and the brothers have fond memories of him while growing up. "He was here from the 1930s until 1989 and was one of the best men we ever knew," said James.

The shop hasn't changed much from the old days. They still use hand-carved dressers their father had custom built, and antique waiting chairs originally from the old rail station. Randy has a vast collection of police and fireman patches on his wall. "One of my finest customers, a Plano police officer, was late to an appointment, and he brought a patch as a peace offering. For fun I tacked it up and it caught on. By the end of the month I had lots."

Following "9-11", the brothers encouraged customers to send donations to New York in lieu of paying for their haircuts. For active military, a haircut is half price.

"Plano is the greatest city in the world, always has been—we wouldn't be anywhere else," they both agree.

STREET TALK

New Store Openings:

- A new photography studio called **a. gallery** is now open. Kay Askew offers black and white, and hand-tinted art photography. Her specialty is portraits of people and pets. Visit her gallery on August 6 for the opening reception, featuring two art shows—Artrageous Hogs (an expose' of Harley Davidson Motorcycles) and Paris Table Tops.
- Just what women are looking for downtown—a new clothing store. **Chloe's Boutique** specializes in women's clothing and fashion accessories. Spruce up your wardrobe with fun, bright summer fashions from **Chloe's**.
- **The Red Awning** is a new antique store brimming with great finds.
- **The Seventh Moon** is now open specializing in rare antique glass.
- **Doll Mart** sells Barbies and other collectible toys and dolls.

Into My Garden has a new owner. After waitressing for three years at one of Downtown's favorite tea rooms, Sue Nagy purchased the business. New menu items are coming soon.

Need to find a quaint atmosphere for your next wedding or summer party? **The Victoria Rose** on Avenue K and the **Carpenter House** on 17th Street both provide classic Victorian settings for receptions and

The Candy Bouquet now offers delicious homemade fudge, Blue Bell Ice Cream Novelty desserts and drinks. Cool off at **The Candy Bouquet**, where gift giving is easy.

The Plano Repertory Theatre is showing children's plays at ArtCentre Theater. Performances at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. throughout the summer. See *Hank The Cowdog: Thank You Lord for Making Gals*, *Miss Nelson is Missing* or *Beauty and the Beast*. Appropriate for all ages. In July and August, buy tickets now for *Swing!* a song-and-dance performance at the Courtyard Theater.

Creature Features

Floyd at the **Coffee Haus** is busy in the kitchen. Try his hot new Wild Creature sandwich inventions like the Turkey Buzzard, Road Runner, Javelina and Desert Rose, spiced with jalapeno and habanero, and pepper jack cheese for a taste sensation.



Kay Askew is the new photographer on the block. Visit a. gallery on 15th Street to see her work.

SHOPPING THE VILLAGE



Carry-All
Nature's Finest Art sells colorful handmade beach bags for 10 percent off. They come in many sizes and patterns. Perfect for toting towels and sunglasses to the beach or swimming pool and these beautiful bags are waterproof.



Flip Flop Fun

This summer, slip into these new glass and wood beaded flip flops from Chloe's Boutique. Choose from purple, pink, yellow or blue, by the Slipper Hut.

Tan Without the Rays

Want a tan without the sun? The Master Suite sells the revolutionary Tan Town, Tan Towel Plus and the X-foliator in travel-size bags. Sold in singles or packs of 24, these easy-to-use tanning towels give you a deep gorgeous tan that lasts for days.

Abracadabra,

Become a Magician

Is your youngster looking for a hobby? Try magic! Queen of Hearts has a large assortment of tips and tricks to appeal to the magician in all of us. Free demonstrations for customers.



Enjoy Austrian Food and Song!

Visit Jorg's Cafe Vienna on weekend evenings this summer to hear the sounds of live Austrian music in the beer garden. Performer Ludwig Kobus regales audiences with his accordion and song!

CITY SCENE

More Parking!

Parking on Avenue K – the Plano City Council has approved making the parking spaces on this street permanent. Additional work on the curbs and markings completing the project will be finished late this year.

Art in the Park

The Public Art Committee has selected a sculpture by David B. Hickman to be installed in Haggard Park. This piece reflects the history and use of the downtown area and should be installed later this year. For information go to: <http://www.planocourtyardtheater.com/david.html>

Under Construction

Construction continues around downtown on the 15th Street Village townhome complex as well as at First Christian Church. In the Douglass Community, Habitat for Humanity has plans to build several new residential homes. Additional property in the area continues to be studied for possible infill uses.

Our Claim to Fame

Watch for upcoming articles in the Plano Profile, D Magazine and Texas Highways about happenings in Historic Downtown Plano.



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