

UTICA SQUARE
21st and Utica Avenue
Tulsa
Tulsa County
Oklahoma

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- Location:** 21st and Utica Avenue, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
Lat: 36.13195 Long: -95.964619 (Center of Utica Square, Google Earth, Simple Cylindrical Projection, WGS84)
- Significance:** Utica Square was first shopping center in Tulsa to be planned as an off street shopping center and designed to integrate low scale retail stores into a full landscape setting with off street parking and a green plaza as a focal point.
- Description:** Utica Square is bounded on the north by 21st Street, on the south by 22nd Place, on the west by Utica Avenue and on the east by Yorktown Avenue. It is located 1.5 miles southeast of downtown Tulsa. The site is approximately 26 acres in size. The shopping center is made up of small blocks of low scale buildings in a modern architectural style.
- A central plaza with a fountain and annual planting beds is the focal point of the shopping center. Covered sidewalks, landscaped niches with fountains and statues and large trees encourage visitors to stroll through the area to shop and to dine at outdoor sidewalk cafes. Scattered green space and planting beds help to soften the highly developed area. Statues and seasonal planting beds add to the ambience of the site which draws thousands of visitors each year for its many events in addition to the dining and retail experience. Large, mature trees shade the sidewalks and parking making Utica Square an oasis in the heart of Tulsa.
- History:** When Utica Square originally opened in 1952, it was considered Tulsa's first "suburban" shopping center. The site was designed by Malcolm McCune. Helmerich and Payne purchased the site in 1964 and intensely landscaped the site by planting of 300 trees. Since then Utica Square has developed from a middle class suburban shopping center to an upscale shopping center in the heart of Tulsa.
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Panoramic view of the central green (Audrey Clark, April 14, 2011).



Site map with locator (Audrey Clark, April 22, 2011).