

## Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, March 26, 2008: beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

**Attending:** Kelly Garcia (presiding in Kevin Block's absence), Mary Ellen Phares (secretary), *see sign in sheet for other attendees*

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### General Reports/Updates

- Neighborhood Wine Tour = Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 6:00pm – 9:30pm.
  - Please talk to Kelly Garcia if you would like to volunteer your home or sponsor a home.
  - 2 – 3 homes needed for this event.
  
- “BYOB” Neighborhood Gathering = Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 7 pm
  - Please talk to Kelly Garcia if you would like to volunteer your home.
  - Only 1 house needed for this event. **John and Kelly Holt are hosting**
  
- 501(c)3 status applied for with the IRS for the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association.
  - No timetable yet on when this will be approved.
  - After this status goes into effect, any donations to KPNA will be tax deductible.
  
- Volunteers needed!
  - To assist with the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCCL) **grant writing to obtain funds to design/build a permanent “Kessler Plaza” sign on the median at Plymouth and Jefferson.** Jennifer Pierce to research approximate costs and designer/builder of the signs for Kessler Park and West Kessler.
  
  - **Block captains needed to distribute newsletters** for:
    - 2700 block of Sunset (14 houses)
    - **2500/2600 block of Jefferson**
    - Wentworth (33 houses)
    - 2700 block of W. 10<sup>th</sup> (22 houses)

- **“Yard of the Month”** will begin again in April 2008. **Joe Foist** to take the lead on this project.
  - Calloway’s Nursery will donate a gift certificate for each month’s winner. – we need to sign ourselves up for this first (Kevin will do)
  
- **Crime Update**
  - Gene Kriska will start attending other neighborhood association crime update meetings.
  
  - The new Neighborhood Patrol has been put into place in Kessler Park and Winnetka Heights. Results of the Neighborhood Patrol to be reported at the next KPNA meeting. We have heard very positive results, though!
  
  - New website: [www.crimereportslive.com](http://www.crimereportslive.com) gives crime updates within the last 30 days by zip code, offense, date, time and case number. With the case number, you can then go to the Dallas Police Department website to learn more.

### **New Business**

- **Stray cats:** Some of our neighbors have seen an increase in stray cats. [www.kittico.com](http://www.kittico.com) is one company that will spay/neuter cats and kittens. (Please see the March 21, 2008 issue of “Kessler Plaza News” newsletter, page 3, for more information.) Hunky’s in Bishop Arts has hand-outs with pet information for spaying/neutering and/or relocation of strays.
  
- **Code Compliance:** If you have a code compliance issue with a neighbor, please discuss the issue with the neighbor prior to calling the Code Compliance Office. The issue might could be resolved without your neighbor incurring a fine.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

***NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00pm. Guest Speaker TBD.***

(End of Minutes)