



# Kessler Plaza News

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## Meeting to Feature Xeriscape Speaker

### Store Director from Tom Thumb also Scheduled

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting to learn more about xeriscape landscaping techniques. Xeriscape is quality landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment.

*Vanessa Joseph* from Dallas Water Utilities will present a slide show explaining xeriscape theories and what you can do to save your money and Texas's future water supply.

Last year Vanessa spoke at one of the Kessler Plaza Association monthly meetings, receiving much

positive feedback. Following interest expressed by many residents, she has graciously agreed to speak to our association again this year.

As an added treat, Vanessa will have various literature available as well as packets of xeriscape seeds and a CD ROM titled "Texas SmartScape" which is designed to show you how to plan, design, select and care for a Texas water wise landscape.

The meeting will also feature *Johnny Martinez*, Store Director of Tom Thumb. He will be discussing Tom Thumb's

Reward program and how it can benefit the fundraising goals of Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, September 25, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. Remember to bring your Campbell's Soup labels and/or donations to the meeting. These are given to the church in appreciation for use of their facility.

## Neighbors Gather and Enjoy Ice Cream

Kessler Plaza residents confirm that the old saying is true, we do all scream for Ice Cream!

Neighbors gathered at Moss Park on Thursday, September 13 to enjoy old-fashioned ice cream floats. This was the Social

Committee's first get together and was deemed a spectacular success by the 65 in attendance!

Attendees saw some new faces both young and old. In addition, the event's timing provided a refreshing diversion

following the tragic events of the week.

Mark your calendars for the Social Committee's next event on November 3, the First Annual Kessler Plaza Association Cocktail Crawl. See everyone there!



## President's Corner

By John Cramer

Wow!! What a turn out for our August meeting – approximately 75 people! A very special thanks to John Terrell for his presentation on Pinnacle Park and to Corky Sherman for his presentation on redistricting. Also, Mike Dupree, Constable, gave comments on the effects redistricting has had on his office. It was quite an informative meeting.

And, thank you to all who donated approximately \$31, along with soup labels, to Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ for the use of their facilities.

It is very exciting to see the level of participation at our neighborhood meetings. It shows to all that Kessler Plaza is a united, organized, and caring neighborhood. I hope that all of you continue to support the goals of the neighborhood

association by attending the meetings and voicing your thoughts.

This month will be a pivotal time for Kessler Plaza with regards to redistricting, which will have a ten-year impact on our community and lives. While Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association cannot formulate our voice towards one political candidate, I encourage each of you to voice your own concerns to

the City Council and Mayoral Office.

If you need information on how to contact your local representatives, please do not hesitate to directly contact me or any other executive member of Kessler Plaza.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks again for your continued support.

## Editor's Note

By Kerri Khoury

In lieu of my usual Editors Note, I would like to share with you a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the Earth.

Germany, Japan, and to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of War by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger

of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When the earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane.

Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC-10? If

so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about the Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about the German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about the American technocracy, and you find men on the moon. Not once, but several times and safely home again. You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs in the store window for everybody to look at.

Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here. When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down

through age, it was Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when some one else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I am one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."



## OOCCL Presents Annual Tour of Homes

The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League is showcasing its 26th annual Fall Home Tour on Saturday October 20 and Sunday October 21. Ten homes will be featured, representing a diverse selection of architectural styles, historical periods, and neighborhoods within Oak Cliff.

The annual tour is one of the largest and oldest home tours in Dallas. Nearly 2,000 people attended last year's tour. The homes on this year's tour have been lovingly restored, some decorated in period style.

The tour begins with a free community and cultural event on the beautiful grounds of Methodist Hospital with activities and performances throughout the day. Tickets can be purchased at Methodist the days of the tour for \$14 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Tour hours are from noon to 6:00 p.m. both days.

Proceeds of the tour are distributed to Oak Cliff neighborhoods and DISD schools in the form of supplemental grants. Additional information can be obtained by calling 972.606.3693.

Oak Cliff was originally platted in 1886 and grew rapidly. It was annexed by the City of Dallas in 1903 but retains its distinct character owing to the largest collection of historic homes in the city.

The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League was founded in 1974 and today has 25 member neighborhoods. A non-profit organization, the League is dedicated to preserving the architectural, cultural, and historical heritage of Oak Cliff. The Fall Home Tour is the primary fundraiser for the League and its grants program.



## Home Tour Needs You!

The 2001 Old Oak Cliff Conservation League Home Tour needs volunteers. The Home Tour will be held October 20-21.

The following volunteers are needed:

Porch Sitters to greet guests at tour homes, verify tickets, and answer general questions.

Festival Floaters to work at the Methodist Hospital Festival kick off area greeting tour guests and answering general questions.

Run the Cliff Volunteers to handle duties related to the Run the Cliff race.

To make the 2001 OOCCL Home Tour happen over 130 volunteers are needed! Proceeds from the Home Tour go directly back into the neighborhoods of Oak Cliff.

Please help support this very special event by giving your time. Sign up today by contacting Dana Wright at 214.467.3214 or [dwright@wnco.com](mailto:dwright@wnco.com)

## Fundraising Update

The Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association is still in need of neighbors who can donate their time to serve on the fundraising committee. The committee's goal is to raise \$25,000 by year-end.

In order to reach this goal, additional members are needed. Any one interested in serving on this committee should contact Ed Leveille at 214.508.7421 (work) or 214.331.5364 (home).

## Welcome Wagon

Welcome to all new neighbors in Kessler Plaza!

Please remember to notify Clint Enderli if there are any new neighbors that need to be welcomed into the neighborhood. Clint can be reached at 214.331.2910 or via email at [Clint.Enderli@USA.Xerox.com](mailto:Clint.Enderli@USA.Xerox.com)



## **Yard of the Month**

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*"...well maintained with assorted spots of summer color."*

The landscape of 2503 West Tenth St. was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for September. Stop by and congratulate our new neighbors Carrie and Jason on what they have done to their yard in the short time they have lived

there. You will see a yard that is well maintained with assorted spots of summer color.

In addition, the Yard of the Month Committee selected for a second time 2435 Sunset Avenue as the 1st runner-up. This

yard has consistently maintained a fresh, lush green look while maintaining colorful summer plants. Good luck and continued success to this month's yard of the month.

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## **Kahn Elementary School Receives Grant**

This summer Louise Wolff Kahn Elementary School received a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This grant will enable the school to offer students a fantastic, fun-filled and academically enriched after school program starting this fall. Activities will include Computer, Soccer, Cheerleading, Running, Story Telling, Arts & Crafts, Jewelry Making,

Choirs, Film Making, Drama, Folklorico, Mural designs, Gymnastic and others. The grant will also pay for a snack and a free ride home on the bus for each student.

On October 11, Kahn students, teachers, parents and interested community members will celebrate with other schools throughout the nation that are also recipients of the grant. The title of the night's

program is Lights On After School, and the theme is Rally Around The Flag Pole. Many exciting science activities will be presented, and lots of good food will be sold.

For the next three years Kahn will be flying its own Lights On After School Flag along with the American and Texas flags. Be sure to look for it as you drive by our neighborhood school.

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## **Fall Cocktail Fundraiser**

Kessler Plaza's Fall Cocktail Social has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 3. This promises to be a fun-filled evening that will also serve as a fundraising event for the neighborhood association.

Three neighbors have graciously volunteered their homes to be the sites of the cocktail crawl. These include 2507 West Tenth St. (home of Kerri Khoury), 2643 West Tenth St. (home of John

Cramer and Roman Smith), and 2618 Marvin Ave. (home of Nick Alexander and Mark Reynolds). The event is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. and end around 10:30 p.m.

The evening will progress from Appetizers and Cocktails; Wine and Beer; to an ending of Desserts and Cordials. There will be a minimum donation of \$10 for the entire evening event. What a bargain! Food, drinks,

and a lot of fun socializing with our Kessler Plaza neighbors!

Our neighbor Dr. Susan Nearpass has donated the catering, food and decorations for this event! The event is being catered by Virginia Nearpass from Encore Catering and Presentations. (214.337.1002)

Watch your mailbox over the next several weeks for further details. Mark your calendars now for November 3.



## Churches Merge Congregations

*The following article is reprinted with permission of Oak Cliff Tribune.*

After nearly 20 years of fellowship in joint meeting and fifth Sunday singing, the elders of the Edgefield and Sunset Churches of Christ in Oak Cliff are merging effective Sunday May 6 with a combined worship service.

The Edgefield congregation dates from 1936 and the Sunset church from 1922. Edgefield has maintained its location sat 420 N. Edgefield Ave. from it beginning but the Sunset church's original building was located on the corner of Hollywood and Wentworth. Its present building at 2442 W. Jefferson was opened in August of 1953.

Clifton Rogers has served as pulpit minister of the Edgefield congregation for 29 years. Rogers will retire as of April 30. The present pulpit minister of the Sunset church, Wes Price, has been there since June of 1991 and will be the pulpit minister for the new congregation.

The two elderships will be merged and continue to serve as the leaders of the new congregation. They are, from Edgefield - Clifton Rogers,

Paul Lawrence and Jacob Locke. Elders of the Sunset church are Wes Price, Roger Schrum and James Schoolfield. The new work also will be served by a combined number of deacons, two from Edgefield and three from Sunset. They are Charlie Brown, Jack Armstrong and Lloyd Lee. Joining them from Edgefield will be Bill Landrum and Wayne Pruiett.

The two congregations will be terminated, with respect for the rich history and benevolent work and a new name has been selected to represent the new beginning. The congregation will be known as the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

Services for the new congregation will be conducted on Sunday, with Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., and evening services at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible study is at 7:00 p.m. each week.

All former members of both churches and friends of members are invited to visit in the near future and enjoy visiting a new congregation in Oak Cliff.

## Block Captains

Following are the block captains for the neighborhood.

Alco Ave. (2400 and 2500/2600 blocks): Brett and Allen, 214.331.2011

Alco Ave. (2700 block) Kevin and Clint, 214.331.2910

Alden Ave.: Aurelio and Brenda, 214.770.8998

Cavender St.: Kevin and Clint, 214.331.2910

Duval Dr.: Don and Janie, 214.337.1064

Marvin Ave. (North side): Nola Rae, 214.330.0557

Marvin Ave. (South side): Joni and David, 214.330.8982

Sunset Ave. (2400 and 2500/2600 blocks): Scott and Chris, 214.337.4107

Sunset Ave. (2700 block): James, 214.339.3160

West Tenth St. (2400 block): George, 214.330.9557

West Tenth St. (2500/2600 block): John and Roman, 214.339.5679

West Tenth St. (2700 block), Kevin and Clint, 214.331.2910

## Water Outlets added to Moss Park

Four new outlets for watering have been added to Moss Park. This has made watering the trees in the park considerably easier, although Mother Nature has blessed us with enough rain recently to relieve us of that chore for now. As summer winds to an end, it looks like almost all of the trees are doing well. Thank you to all those who volunteered to water.

A town hall meeting will be held in the near future to address bond packages for future city projects. It will be beneficial for our neighborhood show up in full force since Moss Park will be addressed at this meeting. Additional information regarding the meeting will be forthcoming.

## Treasury Report

Beginning Balance	2561.73
Deposit	-0-
Withdrawal	-0-
Ending Balance	2561.73

<u>Special Reserves</u>	
Moss Park	2000.00

<u>Grant</u>	
OOCCL	3850.00
Expires 2003	



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## Calendar of Events

**September 25** (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting  
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ  
Guest speakers: Vanessa Joseph from Dallas Water Utilities and Johnny Martinez from Tom Thumb

**October 4** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

**October 8-12** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

**October 20-21** (Saturday and Sunday) – OOCCL Fall Tour of Homes

**October 30** (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting  
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

**November 3** (Saturday) - Fall Cocktail/Social Fundraiser  
Minimum donation: \$10.00  
Location: 2507 West Tenth St., 2643 West Tenth St., and 2618 Marvin Ave.  
Watch for exciting information regarding this fun and festive fundraiser.

## About Kessler Plaza

Kessler Plaza is bounded on the North by W. Jefferson Blvd., the South by 12<sup>th</sup> St., the East by Hampton Rd., and the West by Cavender St. The neighborhood association meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.



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