



Kessler Plaza News

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October Meeting to Feature Fire Prevention Officer

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting to learn more about fire safety and prevention. Guest speaker for the October 30 meeting will be a Fire Prevention Officer from the Dallas Fire/Rescue Department with the Fire Prevention Education and Inspection Office.

This meeting could be one of the most important meetings of the year, and it could *save your life!* The officer will speak about fire safety and prevention for the upcoming winter months including demonstrate the proper use of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, October 30, 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.

1st Annual Fall Cocktail Fundraiser Scheduled for November 3

The first annual Kessler Plaza Fall Social Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, November 3. The event will provide an opportunity for neighbors to gather at three beautiful Kessler Plaza homes while socializing and enjoying great food and drinks.

The event includes stops at three different homes, with various foods and beverages at each home. The evening's scheduled stops include:

7:00-8:00 p.m.
Appetizers Cocktails at 2507 West Tenth Street, home of Kerry Khoury

8:15-9:15 p.m.
Pasta Bar/Beer/Wine at 2643 West Tenth Street, home of John Cramer and Roman Smith

9:30-10:30 p.m.
Desserts/Coffee Bar at 2618 Marvin Avenue, home of Nick Alexander and Mark Reynolds

Tickets are required for the event and there is a minimum donation of \$10 for the entire evening. 100% of the proceeds from the event will be allocated the general fund of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association. This fund will be used for future neighborhood events. As only 100 tickets will be sold for this event, act quickly to get your tickets now!

To obtain tickets for the event, contact Roman Smith (214.339.5679); Kerry Khoury (214.337.1703); Kevin Caskey (214.331.2910); Emily Glidewell (214.339.3433); or George

Briggs (214.330.9557). In addition, you can complete the flyer attached to this newsletter or the one recently placed in your mailbox and drop it off at 2643 West Tenth Street. You will receive your tickets within 2 days.

The Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association is proud and excited to present this exciting event, and hopes the evening will be a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy the beautiful fall weather while getting to know your neighbors. The evening promises to be a lot of fun for all in the neighborhood and a welcomed diversion from events of the past couple of weeks.

Mark your calendars now for November 3.



President's Corner

by John Cramer

It was another great turnout for our September meeting...38 neighbors! We had a couple of neighborhood committee updates promoting Moss Park fundraising and the Social Committee Cocktail Crawl on November 3rd. Also, we had two wonderful guest speakers: Johnny Martinez, Store Director of Tom Thumb, promoting the Tom Thumb reward card program which will benefit our neighborhood association non-profit fundraising; and Vanessa Joseph from the Dallas Water Utilities discussing water conservation and xeriscaping. Copies of the CD-ROM and other xeriscape information will be available at our next meeting.

Let's not forget that we donated approximately \$21 to Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ for the use of their facilities. Please remember to bring a dollar or two

and some soup labels to donate at the meetings. It is greatly appreciated by the church.

Well, as all of you are aware...things have changed since September 11, 2001. I know that each of us was affected in many different ways. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims, families, and rescuers. As neighbors, we can become more diligent in our common bonds to look out for one another and offer assistance to those who need it most. I hope that each of you take a few minutes to stop and appreciate yourself, partners, spouses, friends, and families...and let them know how much they mean to you and how much you love them.

Please remember to show your support for the neighborhood association by donating your money (minimum of \$10 per person) to the Kessler Plaza Cocktail Crawl on November 3rd. This is going to be a

great event with appetizers, entrées, desserts, coffee, sodas, and drinks at three local homes...all within walking distance. You can invite friends from outside of the neighborhood. It is for a great cause! See any executive member for your tickets!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting October 30th at 7 p.m. were our guest speaker will be the Dallas Fire/Rescue Department discussing fire prevention and safety for the upcoming winter months. *This meeting could save your life.*

Also, keep in mind that our November and December meeting will be merged into one on December 4th due to the holiday season. Our last guest speaker for the 2001-year will be Dallas City Councilperson, Dr. Elba Garcia, District 1.

Thanks so much and see you at the meeting.

Editor's Note

by Kerri Khoury

As this year comes quickly to a close I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Tom Thumb. Without their support, our Kessler Plaza activities would not have been a success!

I would like to suggest that our residents take a few extra moments to jot a quick Thank You note about Store Director Johnny Martinez to the President of Tom Thumb Frank Lazaran (Randall Food Market Inc.; 3663 Briarpark; Houston, TX 77042). I am.

Today's Thought

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seemed invincible but in the end, they always fall-- think of it, ALWAYS. --*Mahatma Gandhi*

Congratulations

Mr. & Mrs. Winston Rountree, Kessler Plaza residents, recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary! Congratulations and continued best wishes!

Nov/Dec Meetings Combined

Due to the forthcoming holiday seasons, the November and December meetings for the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association will be merged into one. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

Plan now to attend this informative meeting. Scheduled guest speaker for the December 4 meeting is Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas City Councilperson representing District 1.



Water Conservation Workshops

Hundreds of gallons of water are wasted each year due to ineffective lawn sprinkler systems. The City of Dallas encourages residents to have an irrigation audit conducted every five years.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service (part of the Texas A & M University System) offers a Landscape Irrigation Auditing Workshop. This

workshop is designed to help you audit your irrigation system and its efficiency.

The next scheduled workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 at the North Dallas Government Center, 10056 Marsh Lane, Suite B-101 Basement. The building is located at the corner of Marsh Lane and Walnut Hill, adjacent Wendy's. The workshop

runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

To register for the workshop, call 214.904.3050. Space is limited and participants must register by September 24. If you are unable to attend this session, the extension service can waitlist you for a future class and notify you once the class becomes available.

Holiday Lighting Contest Scheduled

Can you believe it is almost that time of year again? You guessed it, time for the Kessler Plaza Holiday Lighting Contest! This event was a huge success last year, and the neighborhood association is proud to bring the contest back again this year.

The contest will feature the following categories:

Most Festive; Most Elegant; and Most Holiday Spirit. In addition, this year the association plans to host a block party for "Most Lighted Block " in addition to awarding the above categories!

Judging for this year's contest will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, when the

winners will be announced. The winning block will be treated to a party on December 16.

Start planning and shopping now for lights and decorations. Also, watch your mailbox for further updates and details for this year's event.

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

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Sunset Ave. (2700 block): James, 214.339.3160

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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

Treasury Report

Beginning Bal	2561.73
Deposit	-0-
Withdrawal	
Supplies, food	123.08
Ending Balance	2438.65
<u>Special Reserves</u>	
Moss Park	2000.00
<u>Grant</u>	
OOCCL	3850.00
Expires 2003	

Yard of the Month

September brought fantastic weather to the local area! The rain and mild weather definitely helped rejuvenate Kessler Plaza lawns to back to their spring splendor. This month's Yard of the Month definitely impressed us all! The home of George Briggs at 2439 West Tenth Street was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for October.

This home has certainly been a top contestant all year! The yard is always lush green and has an assortment of vegetation from rose bushes to Texas Sage. Congratulations to 2439 West Tenth for a job well done!

In addition, 2442 Sunset Avenue was selected as the 1st runner-up. Congratulations and continued success to this month's honorees.



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Calendar of Events

October 30 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Guest speaker: Fire Prevention Officer from the Dallas Fire/Rescue Department

November 1 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

November 3 (Saturday) - Fall Cocktail/Social Fundraiser
7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Minimum donation: \$10.00
Location: 2507 West Tenth St., 2643 West Tenth St., and 2618 Marvin Ave.

November 5-9 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

November 6 (Tuesday) – City and State elections

December 4 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Guest speaker: Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas City Councilperson, District 1

December 9 (Sunday) – Holiday Lighting Contest judging
6:00 p.m.
Awards for: Most Festive; Most Elegant; and Most Holiday Spirit

December 16 (Sunday) – Block party for “Most Lighted Block”

About Kessler Plaza

Kessler Plaza is bounded on the North by W. Jefferson Blvd., the South by 12th 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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