



Kessler Plaza News

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Dallas to Elect New Mayor District 3 to elect new Councilperson

Dallas voters will elect a new mayor in a special election to be held on January 19, 2002. In addition, voters in District 3 (which currently includes Kessler Plaza) will elect a new City Council representative.

The special election for mayor will fill the remaining term of former Mayor Ron Kirk who resigned earlier this year to run for the U.S. Senate.

The special election for City Council District 3 will fill the seat of former Councilperson Laura Miller, who recently resigned to run for Dallas mayor.

In addition to Laura Miller, candidates running for mayor include State Representative Domingo Garcia, former DFW Airport Board Chairman Tom Dunning, Marvin Crenshaw, and

Jurline Hollins.

Candidates for the District 3 position include Gary Burns, Julia Cabrera, Mark Housewright, and Joe Whitney.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on January 19, 2002. Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza will vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ, located at the corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Franklin St.

DISD Seeks Approval in Bond Election Voters asked to approve \$1.366 billion package

The Dallas Independent School District is asking voters to approve a \$1.366 billion bond package. Voters will make their decision in a special election to be held January 19, 2002.

With the passage of the \$1.366 billion bond election, the district would build one new high school, 16 elementary schools and three new

middle schools. The district also would construct a centralized kitchen to better serve the district's school breakfast and lunch programs, and add one major sports facility.

Additional information about the school bond package is available on the district's web site at www.dallasisd.org.

In September, DISD Superintendent Mike Moses pointed out that more than half of DISD's school buildings were built before 1953. In addition, as many as 40,000 of the district's 164,000 students attend classes in portable buildings. Seventy-four DISD portable buildings are between 40 and 50 years old.

Public Forum to Feature Candidates Mayor and council hopefuls to participate

The Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum for the upcoming Dallas Mayoral and District 3 City Council races. This forum is a public meeting where citizens will have the opportunity to ask the candidates questions. The

forum will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 in the David H. Hitt Auditorium at Methodist Hospital. The hospital is located at 1441 N. Beckley in Dallas.

Plan now to attend this informative meeting to

learn the views and positions for the candidates for mayor and city council. The forum for the District 3 candidates begins at 6:30 p.m. and the forum for the mayoral candidates begins at 7:30 p.m.



President's Corner

by John Cramer

As this year comes to a close, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday and a Happy New Year. I look forward to representing the neighborhood association and working together with each of you on key projects for our community in 2002.

Thank you all for your continued support towards the neighborhood association and the community. Have a safe and prosperous holiday season and New Year.

A Fond Farewell

by Kevin Caskey & Clint Enderli

Kessler Plaza is a great place to live and this fact is true because of the people who live here.

There are not many neighborhoods in Dallas or anywhere else where you see such constant support and participation. We hope to hear that great things continue to happen in Kessler Plaza and will look back on our years of involvement fondly. Remember that any volunteer organization is only successful if people participate and whatever you accomplish is an improvement to what was there before.

Thank you for being great neighbors and keep in touch.

Treasury Report

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| Beginning Bal | 2438.65 |
| Deposit | -0- |
| Withdrawal | -0- |
| Ending Balance | 2438.65 |
| <u>Special Reserves</u> | |
| Moss Park | 2000.00 |
| <u>Grant</u> | |
| OOCCL | 3850.00 |
| Expires 2003 | |

Holiday Lighting Winners Selected

Kessler Plaza's annual holiday lighting contest was another success. Thanks to all who participated. The neighborhood was well decorated for the holidays.

Congratulations to the following winners.

Best Holiday Spirit (Best All-Around) – 2602 Marvin Avenue

Most Elegant – 2531 West Tenth Street

Most Festive – 2618 West Tenth Street

Additional Block Captains Needed

Block Captains play key role in our neighborhood. Without Block Captains, communication to the neighborhood would be very difficult. Block Captains are needed for the following blocks:

- Alco Ave. (2700 block)
- Cavender St.
- West Tenth St. (2700 block)

Block Captains distribute the Kessler Plaza News each month and

any special fliers that may need distribution to the neighborhood. Typically each block captain is responsible for 25 to 50 houses.

If you are interested in being a Block Captain, please contact John Cramer at 214.339.5679 or john.cramer@sbc.com

Dallas to Recycle Christmas Trees

When the holidays are over, who wants your dead Christmas tree? The City of Dallas Sanitation Services Department does—to recycle it into mulch!

Dallas residents are encouraged to bring Christmas trees to one of four locations between Dec. 26 and Jan. 6. City staff will accept trees from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please remove from the tree all ornaments, tinsel, lights, nails and the stand.

Last year, more than 10,00 trees were recycled into about 85 tons of free mulch for Dallas residents and City use. Mulch is not only a valuable nutrient for your landscaping, but a thick layer in flower beds and around trees provides an excellent insulation for plant roots during cold weather.

Locations for tree disposal are Flagpole Hill (Buckner Boulevard and Northwest Highway); Northwest (Bachman) Transfer Station (9500 Harry Hines Blvd.); Southwest Transfer Station (4610 S. Westmoreland Rd.); and McCommas Bluff Landfill (5100 Youngblood Rd.).

Free mulch is available to Dallas residents only at three of the four drop-off sites; mulch is not available at the Southwest Transfer Station. A driver's license or recent water bill must be presented to prove residency. Residents should bring their own shovels and containers as they will be required to package and load mulch themselves.



New Precinct for Kessler Plaza

Beginning in January, precinct 4113 (which includes Kessler Plaza) will be combined with precinct 4112 to form a new precinct -- 4430.

The precinct boundary will then extend north to the intersection of Plymouth and Hampton, increasing the size of the precinct by about 30%.

Voters will continue to vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

Early Voting to Begin January 2

Early voting for the City of Dallas and DISD special elections will begin on Wednesday, January 2, 2002. There are numerous early voting locations located throughout the city. Voters can vote at *any* of the early voting locations.

Early voting sites will be open January 2-4 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the home of Imogene Staley at 2523 West Tenth St. which was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for December.

Imogene is an Oak Cliff native. She was born on Barnett Street and has lived in the Kessler Plaza neighborhood since the 60's.

In addition, 2531 Alden Ave. was selected as the runner-up in this month's competition. Congratulations and continued success to this month's honorees.

Block Captains

Following are the block captains for the neighborhood.

Alco Ave. (2400 and 2500/2600 blocks): Bret and Alan, 214.331.2011

Alco Ave. (2700 block) John Cramer (interim), 214.339.5679

Alden Ave.: Aurelio and Brenda, 214.770.8998

Cavender St.: John Cramer (interim), 214.339.5679

Duval Dr.: Don and Janie, 214.337.1064

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

Marvin Ave. (South side): Wade, 214.467.3400

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

Sunset Ave. (2700 block): James, 214.339.3160

Wentworth St.: John, 214.339.5567

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

West Tenth St. (2500 block): Emily, 214.339.3433

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

West Tenth St. (2700 block), John Cramer (interim), 214.339.5679

Making Sense of Redistricting

This past fall the Dallas City Council approved new city council districts, and Kessler Plaza has been shifted into a new city council district, unless the entire redistricting is thrown out by court action due to several pending law suits.

Assuming the new redistricting plan remains in place, Kessler Plaza residents will begin voting in District 1 in May 2003. Currently Elba Garcia represents District 1. Until then, Kessler Plaza will remain

in District 3, which is now vacant because council member Laura Miller resigned to run for Dallas Mayor. A special election will be held January 19, 2002 to fill the District 3 seat. Gary Burns, Julia Cabrera, Mark Housewright and Joe Whitney are running to fill this seat, and the winner will represent Kessler Plaza until the next year.



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Calendar of Events

January 2 (Wednesday) – Early voting begins for City of Dallas and DISD special elections.

January 9 (Wednesday) – Candidate forums for the District 3 Dallas City Council and Mayoral races
6:30 p.m. District 3 Candidates
7:30 p.m. Mayoral Candidates
Methodist Hospital, David H. Hitt Auditorium
1441 N. Beckley, Dallas, Texas

January 10 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

January 14-19 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

January 19 (Saturday) – City of Dallas and DISD special elections. Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza can vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

January 29 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

January 31 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

February 4-9 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

February 26 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

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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