



# Kessler Plaza News

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## No January Meeting Scheduled

The Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association will not be meeting in January. The next scheduled meeting is February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

The November, December and January meetings were consolidated to allow residents to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

The association leadership is excited about new goals for 2002. Plan now to attend the February 26 meeting.

## Voters to Return to Polls February 16 Mayor, Council District 3 to be Decided in Runoff

Dallas voters will return to the polls February 16 for run-off elections to elect a Mayor and a City Council representative for District 3.

Laura Miller captured 49% of the mayoral vote in the January 19 election, just shy of the 50% required to win the election outright. Miller's closest challenger, Tom

Dunning, received 39% of the vote to face her in the runoff.

Mark Housewright and Joe Whitney will face off in the runoff for the District 3 City Council position. Housewright received 32.5% of the vote compared to 31% for Whitney, forcing the runoff.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on February 16, 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. Registered voters may vote in the runoff even if they did not vote on January 19.

## Early Voting to Begin January 30

Early voting for the City of Dallas runoff elections will begin on Wednesday, January 30, 2002. There are numerous early voting locations located throughout the city. Voters can vote at any of the early voting locations. You may vote in the February 16 runoff even if

you did not vote on January 19.

Early voting sites will be open January 2-February 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; February 4-9 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; February 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and February 11-12 from 7:00

a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The special runoff election is February 16.

Additional information as well as a complete list of early voting locations can be obtained at [www.ci.dallas.tx.us/cso/earlyvote.htm](http://www.ci.dallas.tx.us/cso/earlyvote.htm)

## Election Results from Precinct 4430

Kessler Plaza voters turned out in heavy numbers for the January 19 election. 38% of the registered voters in Precinct 4430 (which includes Kessler Plaza) cast votes in the election. Nearly one fourth of those votes were cast during the early voting period.

In the mayoral election, voters in Precinct 4430 cast approximately 71% of their ballots for Laura Miller, 19% for Domingo Garcia and 10% for Tom Dunning. In the City Council race, Precinct 4430 voters cast 30% of their votes for Joe Whitney, 29% for Mark

Housewright, 25% for Gary Burns and 16% for Julia Cabrera.

Precinct 4430 voters also gave approval to both DISD bond proposals, with Proposition 1 garnering 76% approval and Proposition 2 receiving 63% approval.



## **President's Corner**

by John Cramer

I hope that everyone is having a great beginning to the New Year, 2002. I know that I am. As you are aware, we are not having a neighborhood association meeting this month. Our next neighborhood association meeting will be Tuesday, February 26th, at 7 p.m. With the winter months being long and quiet, I thought it best to consolidate November, December and January meetings into one meeting in December. This gives everyone time to relax and enjoy the holidays with family and friends. It also gives the neighborhood association time to revamp and determine goals and fresh ideas for the New Year to better serve the community and neighborhood.

I look forward to sharing with you our goals for the year 2002 in upcoming newsletters and meetings. Please note that this month is very important to our community and neighborhood with the run off race for mayoral candidate and city council person. Please get out and vote for your candidate, whomever it may be. Early voting will begin on January 30th with the election being held on February 16th.

As you might have noticed there have been a few changes to our elected and appointed officers along with a couple of committee chairs.

### **Treasury Report**

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

George Briggs has resigned as Treasurer/Secretary due to recently being elected President of the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League. George has been extremely active within Kessler Plaza and will be greatly missed as an executive member; however, he still resides in the neighborhood and will continue to provide his generous support and encouragement. A big thanks to George.

Dana Wright has served out her term as the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League Representative for Kessler Plaza and has been elected to Vice President of OOCCL for Neighborhoods. Dana was the liaison between our neighborhood and the OOCCL for the past year and did an outstanding job. A gracious thanks to Dana.

Chad James will now serve as the liaison and representative for Kessler Plaza at the OOCCL. Emily Glidewell will serve as the alternative liaison and representative for Kessler Plaza at the OOCCL.

Ed Leveille has been appointed interim Treasurer/Secretary until an official election is held at the next meeting. Many thanks to Ed for his support. I look forward to having him as Treasurer/Secretary...most especially with the Non-Profit coming up early this year.

Ron Carter has graciously accepted the position of Newsletter Editor back in December. He is doing an outstanding job and spends countless hours preparing the newsletter for everyone. I might add that I have received multiple commendations from Elba Garcia and others as to the professionalism and format of our Kessler Plaza newsletter. Without Ron...we would have no means of communicating to our neighbors and community leaders. Thanks so much Ron!

And finally, Joni Strickland has accepted the position of Welcome Wagon Chair which was vacated by Clint Enderli. Joni is in the beginning stages of developing a "welcome program" for Kessler Plaza. She welcomes any suggestions. Thank you Joni.

I believe that is it for executive committee updates. Look for new and exciting stuff to happen this year...like new benches, picnic tables, more trees, median enhancements, more guest speakers...and on and on.

Congrats to the yard of the month winners on Marvin Avenue. The competition is heavy on that street. Way to go.

Well, that is all for now...see you at next month's meeting. Now get out and VOTE!!!

## **January Yard of the Month Selected**

Congratulations to the home of Frances Carpenter at 2615 Marvin Ave. which was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for January. Frances is a long-time Kessler Plaza resident, having lived in her home over 60 years.

the runner-up in this month's competition. She has lived in Kessler Plaza equally as long.

Congratulations and continued success to this month's honorees.

In addition, the home of Cresse Holt at 2643 Marvin Ave. was selected as



## **Fort Worth Avenue Summit**

The Fort Worth Avenue Development Group is an all-volunteer, neighbor-led effort to bring economic development, code enforcement and planning to the Fort Worth Avenue corridor.

The group began just over a year ago as some Stevens Park Estates neighborhood residents started wondering what could be done to upgrade Fort Worth Avenue and bring needed goods and services to northern Oak Cliff. The group is now a grassroots coalition of civic leaders and neighbors from a dozen different neighborhoods.

By the group's definition, the Fort Worth Avenue corridor includes West Commerce at the Trinity River and extends west along Fort Worth Avenue to Davis St. The group hopes to develop a plan that will result in a safe and attractive, neighbor-friendly urban corridor.

The plan may seem ambitious given

that the group consists entirely of volunteers. However, the plan is not impossible, given that the candidates in the both the District 3 City Council and Mayoral runoffs have expressed their support of the group.

The Fort Worth Avenue Development Group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, located at 660 S. Zang, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The summit will focus on the vision for a neighbor-friendly urban corridor and will provide neighbors and current (or potential) Fort Worth Avenue property and business owners information they need to operate within code.

The summit is sponsored in part by Pinnacle Park, Bank One, the Southern Dallas Development Corporation and the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce.

## **Neighbors Elected to OOCCL Posts**

Two Kessler Plaza residents were recently elected as officers of the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCCL). George Briggs was elected OOCCL President and Dana Wright was elected Vice President of Neighborhoods for OOCCL. As a result, George resigned his position as Secretary/Treasurer of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association. Dana had served out her term as Kessler Plaza's representative to the OOCCL.

John Cramer, President of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association, made appointments to fill these positions. Ed Leveille was appointed interim Secretary/Treasurer, Chad James was appointed OOCCL Representative for Kessler Plaza and Emily

Glidewell was appointed as alternate OOCCL Representative.

The neighborhood association extends its sincere appreciation to both George and Dana for jobs well done and wishes them both continued successes in their new positions.

## **Welcome Wagon Greets Neighbors**

Happy New Year Kessler Plaza!

The New Year brings changes and new beginnings. Let the Welcome Wagon know who your new neighbors are in the coming year. Please share any information with Joni Strickland, Welcome Wagon Chairperson, so that we can

## **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 and Roman, 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, 214.331.5449

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

West Tenth St. (2500/2600 blocks): Emily, 214.339.3433

West Tenth St. (2700 block): John and Roman, 214.339.5679

welcome our new friends to Kessler Plaza.

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Thanks for your help in making Kessler Plaza a great neighbor to live in!



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## Calendar of Events

**January 30** (Wednesday) – Early voting begins for City of Dallas runoff elections for Mayor and District 3 City Council.

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**February 7** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

**February 11-16** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

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**February 21** (Thursday) – Fort Worth Avenue Summit

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce  
660 S. Zang

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

**March 7** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

**March 11-16** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

## 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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