



# Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

**Next Neighborhood Meeting:**  
Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m.



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## Primaries Headed for Runoffs

Dallas voters will return to the polls April 9 for run-off elections in both the Democratic and Republican primaries.

In the Democratic runoff, Victor Morales will face Ron Kirk for the opportunity to represent the Democratic party in

the race for U.S. Senate. Statewide, Morales received 33.5% of the March 12 vote compared to 32.9% for Kirk forcing the runoff. The runoff for Constable, Precint 5 will have Jaime Cortes facing Mike Dupree. In a near dead heat, Cortes and Dupree both received

41.8% of the March 12 vote.

In the Republican runoff, Dale Wainwright will face Elizabeth Ray in the race for Justice, Supreme Court Place 2.

Wainwright received 34.8% of the March 12

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## Tightly Contested Race ends in Recount

In perhaps the most tightly contested race of the Democratic primary, Roberto Alonzo defeated Domingo Garcia in the race for the Democratic nomination for Texas House of Representatives District 104. Following redistricting after the 2000 census, Kessler Plaza is now part of Texas House District 104.

District wide, Alonzo won the election by only 38 votes. Alonzo received a total of 2,365 votes compared to 2,327 for Garcia. In precinct 4430, which includes Kessler Plaza, Alonzo's margin of victory was 43 votes, receiving 127 votes to Garcia's 83

votes. Mr. Garcia requested a hand recount after studying precinct-by-precinct returns. His campaign was required to pay about \$700 to cover the cost of the recount. Election workers then went through all 4,692 ballots as observers for both candidates looked on.

Following the recount, Alonzo's lead increased to 41 votes. He will now face Republican challenger Joe Hernandez in the November election.

Mr. Alonzo was the first Hispanic to represent a Dallas district in the state Legislature when he was

elected in 1992. Mr. Garcia, who is Mr. Alonzo's political adversary and former law partner, has represented the district since 1996, when he defeated Mr. Alonzo.

Mr. Garcia has apparently exhausted all options with county election officials. In order to further contest the results, he would have to convince a judge that wrongdoing occurred during the election. Election officials say he has 30 days to make that decision.

### March Meeting to Feature New City Councilmember

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting and meet Mark Housewright, newly elected City of Dallas Councilmember for District 3.

Mr. Housewright will answer resident questions and share his vision for Oak Cliff and Dallas.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2002 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.



## President's Corner

By **JOHN CRAMER**

As the neighborhood association prepares to finalize its plans for 501c(3) status, "non-profit", I have included the current and proposed By Laws for your consideration. I will be requesting your approval at our next meeting. If you have any recommendation for changes, please forward them to me as soon as possible.

Also, please note that the City of Dallas Water Utilities is planning major construction surrounding

## Runoffs to Decide Primary Winners

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vote compared to 34.4% for Ray. In the runoff for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2, Paul Womack will face David Richards. Womack received 44.1% of the vote compared to 29.2% for Richards. In the runoff for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3, Cathy Cochran will face Guy Williams. Cochran received 49.4% of the vote compared to 22.6% for Williams. In the runoff for Judge, County Criminal Court No. 2, Neil Pask will face Melissa Read. Pask received 33.9% of the vote compared to 30.8% for Read.

State wide, only 13.0% of registered voters went to the polls for the March 12 primary (8.0% in the

Moss Park which would include pipeline installation and a new pump station. As Chad James, Park Committee Chairman, has indicated, the Dallas Water Utilities will be having a town hall meeting within the next couple of weeks. Please look for flyers and letters to invite you to the meeting. It is imperative that each of you attend to voice your concerns about what is going to happen to your street and your pump station. If no one voices their concerns, then the city will do as it sees fit. Make a difference! Get involved! Become aware!

Democratic primary and 5.0% in the Republican primary). In precinct 4430, which includes Kessler Plaza, 20.4% of registered voters cast votes (17.0% in the Democratic primary and 3.4% in the Republican primary).

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 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 who voted in the March 12 primary may only vote in the runoff for the party whose primary they originally voted. However, voters who did not vote in the March 12 primary, may vote in either of the party runoffs.

Please plan to attend this month's meeting to meet our new District 3, Dallas City Councilman, Mark Housewright. You can ask him lots of questions about his vision for Oak Cliff and Dallas.

Last, but not least...we need VOLUNTEERS!!! Moss Park, Plymouth median, the trees, the speed bumps, the pump station, our streets, code enforcement...need your help and sponsorship. Get involved!

See you at the meeting. John

## Treasury Report

Beginning Bal	2438.65
Deposit	-0-
Withdrawal	-0-
Ending Balance	2438.65

### Special Reserves

Moss Park	2000.00
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### Grant

OOCCL	3850.00
Expires 2003	

## Welcome Wagon

Welcome to all new neighbors in Kessler Plaza!

Please remember to notify Joni Strickland when new neighbors move into the neighborhood. Contact Joni at 214.330.8982 or via email at [Joni\\_r\\_strickland@uhc.com](mailto:Joni_r_strickland@uhc.com)

## Fundraiser to Benefit Renovation of Texas Theater

The historic Texas Theater located on Jefferson Blvd. in Oak Cliff is undergoing a major renovation. The Oak Cliff Foundation purchased the theater on August 2001 and plans are underway for the renovation.

The Oak Cliff Foundation will have a "Hard Hat Fundraiser" on April 27, 2002. Patrons will have an opportunity to see the theater and

hear from Foundation representatives and architects concerning the future of this historic building.

Scheduled to open in 2003, the renovated Texas Theatre will host performance arts groups including local and traveling artists, movies, and community events and celebrations. The theater will be managed by the Dallas Summer

Musicals. In addition, parking will be provided behind the building with overflow parking available in the Jefferson Tower parking lot.

For more information, contact Ms. Danelle Smith, Executive Director of the Foundation, at 214-946-6906, or visit [www.texas-theater.org](http://www.texas-theater.org)



### Ordinances Outline City of Dallas Codes for Garage Sales

With spring in the air, many residents are doing their annual spring cleaning getting ready for a garage sale. It is important for all residents to remain in compliance with the city's ordinances concerning garage sales.

A resident of the City of Dallas may conduct no more than two garage sales per 12-month period. Each sale may last no longer than three consecutive days. Any items can be sold except for items made, produced, or acquired solely for the purpose of resale at a garage sale.

### March Yard of the Month Selected

Congratulations to the home of Bret and Alan at 2523 Alco Ave. which was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for March.

Bret and Alan deserve a hand for all the hard work that has resulted in their yard being selected Yard of the Month twice in the past year. Their yard is consistently well groomed and includes many varieties of evergreen plants that keep the neighborhood a little greener during the transitional months between winter and spring.

### RECPTA Schedules Gala Event

The Rosemont Early Childhood PTA (RECPTA) will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a gala event on April 6, 2002. The event will be held at 1177 W. Lausanne Ave.

The evening will feature food, champagne, and dancing. In addition, there will be a live auction and a wishing wall created from the wishes of teachers from Rosemont Elementary School.

Tickets for the gala are \$75 a person. To reserve your spot at the event, call Kathi Allman at 214-942-7239. For underwriting or donation information call Lee Ann Derdeyn at

The only sign allowed for a garage sale is a single sign on the property where the garage sale is taking place. A person must not place a garage sale sign at any other location remote from the sale property; on any utility or telephone pole; or on any public property. The sign at the sale location may not exceed two square feet and must contain the street address where the sale is occurring and the dates of the sale.

To report a violation of the garage sale ordinance, simply call 3-1-1.

As spring nears, many homeowners may have suffered freeze damage to delicate plants, especially tulips, following recent- late winter freezes. Hopefully, the warmer weather and sunshine will still bring us lots of color over the next month.

Remember to submit your favorite yard for consideration as April Yard of the Month. Entries should be submitted by March 26 to either 2643 West Tenth, 214-339-5679, or via email to [roman.smith@sbc.com](mailto:roman.smith@sbc.com).

214-946-8984.

RECPTA has benefited elementary students in the community for more than two decades, having raised an average of \$30,000 per year for the school. In addition, RECPTA provides an opportunity for people across neighborhood boundaries to get to know one another and to support a local public school.

In 2001, the funds given to Rosemont Elementary primarily supplemented the Arts. In fact, RECPTA's dedication to the Arts has helped Rosemont Elementary receive recognition as the official DISD model for the arts at the elementary level.

The Department of Code Compliance will receive the complaint and take the necessary and appropriate measures to enforce the ordinance. The City may issue the person violating a garage sale ordinance citations punishable by a fine of \$200 - \$2000 for each day that the violation exists. City code inspectors investigate violations seven days a week.

### 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.(2500 block): Daniel, 214.339.5733

Alden Ave.(2600 block): Aurelio and Brenda, 214.770.8998

Cavender St.: James (interim), 214.339.3160

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

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## Calendar of Events

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

**April 1 – April 5** – Early voting for April 9 Democratic and Republican Primary runoff elections. Registered voters can vote at any of the early voting locations throughout Dallas County. Locations can be found at

[www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org)

**Note:** If you voted in the March 12 primary, you may only vote in the runoff for the party whose primary you originally voted. However, if you did not vote in the March 12 primary, you may vote in either of the party runoffs.

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

**April 8-13** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

**April 9** (Tuesday) – Democratic and Republican Primary runoff elections.

Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza can vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

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**April 17 – April 30** – Early voting for May 4 city bond and referendum elections.

Registered voters can vote at any of the early voting locations throughout Dallas County. Locations can be found at [www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org)

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

**May 4** – City bond and referendum elections. Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza can vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

**May 9** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

**May 13-18** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

**May 28** (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 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. For additional information visit [www.kesslerplaza.com](http://www.kesslerplaza.com)

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