



Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

Next Neighborhood Meeting:
Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.



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Tips to Avoid Lawn Brown Patch

Have you noticed several of the St. Augustine lawns in the neighborhood with large brown patches? There are various reasons this occurs including grubworms and brown patch fungus. Whatever the reason, it has definitely taken its toll on several neighborhood lawns.

lawn, fertilize your yard with an insect repellent, especially one for grubworms, and do not water lawns in the evening. The best times to water a lawn is from 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Watering your lawns in the evening or at night can cause the lawn's root systems to rot and create disease.

take effect in Dallas on June 1. Under the new ordinance, watering of lawns or landscapes is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and during any form of precipitation. It is also a violation to operate an irrigation system with broken or missing sprinkler heads. Violators will be fined up to \$2,000.

To help ensure a green, healthy St. Augustine

New watering restrictions

May Yard of the Month Selected



Kessler Plaza a beautiful place to live!

With nourishment from recent spring rains, next month promises to be competitive for Yard of the Month. Remember, the Yard of the Month committee needs your help in selecting that special yard from all the beautiful yards in our neighborhood. Contact Roman Smith with your vote for June's Yard of the Month. Roman can be reached at 214.339.5679 or roman.smith@sbc.com

Congratulations to the home at 2606 Marvin Ave. which was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for May.

This home consistently maintains a beautiful lawn and landscape with a variety of perennial foliage accented with seasonal color. Yards like this are what make

May Meeting to Discuss New Watering Guidelines

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting and learn about water conservation and the city's new watering guidelines.

presentation on water conservation and answer questions regarding the city's new landscape watering ordinance.

Church of Christ.

A representative from the City of Dallas Water Utilities will give a

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Boulevard

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**

For those of you who missed our last meeting we discussed the upcoming changes to Moss Park including installation of new benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles due hopefully by the end of May. Also, the issue about our bond money for the playground equipment is being researched by Mark Housewright. As soon as he gets back to me, I will provide updates to you.

Sometime in the fall I will have the City of Dallas Water Department come out and give a presentation on the proposed plans for the Sunset Pump Station located at Moss Park Reservoir. In talking with the City it will be about one to two years before any construction starts on the Pump Station; however, we need to be involved now to have it designed or kept the way we want it. I will definitely keep you posted.

And, the new proposed KP by-laws were voted on and approved by the neighbors at the last neighborhood meeting. If you would like a copy of the new by-laws please contact either myself or Ron Carter.

Lastly, it was decided at the meeting that the grant proposal that will be submitted to OOCCL will be drafted by me and submitted by the cut off date, May 29, 2002. The neighbors decided on three key improvements: barriers for Moss Park, more trees for the Plymouth median, and wildflowers for Plymouth median. I am getting bids for these and will have them included in the grant proposal to OOCCL.

Special thanks to our newest Block Captain, Jennifer Pierce. She will be the block captain for Hampton Road. If you have any suggestions or ideas on guest speakers or whatever, please

submit them to me or call me. I am always available and here to serve you for the betterment of our neighborhood and community.

P.S. Whoever owns a black Chow dog in the 2700 block of West Tenth...please keep your dog in a secure, fenced area and/or on a leash. It has attacked many residents while walking with their dogs. You could be liable. 311 has been notified many times but has been unable to locate the dog when they respond.

Thanks so much. See you at the next meeting. John

Xeriscape Tour

Five winning Dallas-area landscapes, plus ten previous winners and a xeriscape demonstration garden will be showcased in a free xeriscape tour Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors will see firsthand how using the principles of xeriscape in a landscape can transform outdoor living areas into stunning water-wise gardens. Xeriscape is common sense, quality landscaping that conserves water, saves money and protects the environment.

The tour offers visitors the opportunity to stroll through beautiful drought-tolerant landscapes accented with brilliant colors, textures and flowers. The 15 winning landscapes, plus the xeriscape demonstration garden, will offer endless tips, ideas and how-tos that beginners as well as accomplished gardeners can use in their landscapes.

Visitors to the tour headquarters at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at the White Rock Pump Station, 2900 White Rock Road, will receive a free rain gauge and additional xeriscape information. Maps are available at tour headquarters and at each location. Additional information can be obtained by calling 214.670.4022.

Sunset Key Club Service Project



The Sunset Key Club recently held their annual park cleanup and cookout. This year, the club focused its cleanup efforts on Moss Park and the median on Plymouth Rd. to Jefferson Blvd.

Eleven Key Club members participated in the service project. They were joined by Gary Campbell (Director of the Sunset Key Club) and Dr. Susan Nearpass, president of the Oak Cliff Kiwanis Club and a Kessler Plaza resident. The Oak Cliff Kiwanis Club sponsors the Sunset Key Club.

The Sunset Key Club is a local club affiliated with Key Club international, the largest high school service organization in the world.



OOCL Race Benefits Local School



The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League recently presented the inaugural "Run The Cliffs 5K". The race raised \$800 for the George Peabody Elementary School in Oak Cliff. The money will be used to purchase math books for the school's library.

Pictured above are students and faculty from George Peabody Elementary School receiving the check from the OOCCL. Also pictured are Nola Rae Smith, Race Director; George Briggs, OOCCL President; James Prothro, past OOCCL president; and Barbra Barbee, an alumini of the school.

Housewright to Host Meetings

The City of Dallas and Councilperson Mark Housewright are hosting a series of town hall meetings. These meetings will focus on North Oak Cliff issues and the city's upcoming bond program. Residents are encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

Following is the schedule for these important meetings. All meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.:

- Thursday, May 23 at the Kessler Park United Methodist Church, 1215 Turner Ave.

- Tuesday, May 28 at the Hampton-Illinois Library Auditorium, 2210 W. Illinois Ave.
- Thursday, May 30 at the Mountain Creek Library Auditorium, 6102 Mountain Creek Parkway
- Tuesday, June 4 at the North Oak Cliff Library Auditorium, 302 W. 10th St.

For additional information about these meetings, call Councilperson Housewright's office at 214.670.4199.

Welcome Wagon Greets Neighbors

The Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association would like to welcome Lam Pnguyen to our neighborhood! Lam recently moved to 2555 Sunset Ave. Please take a moment to say "Hello and Welcome to the Neighborhood".

Don't forget to let the Welcome Wagon know of new residents to Kessler Plaza so that we can extend a welcome. Contact Joni at 214.330.8982 or via email at Joni_r_strickland@uhc.com

Block Captains

Following are the block captains for the neighborhood.

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

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Alden Ave.(North side 2500 block): Daniel, 214.339.5733

Alden Ave.(South side of 2500 and 2600 blocks): Aurelio and Brenda, 214.770.8998

Alden Ave. (2700 block): Don and Janie, 214.337.1064

Cavender St.: James (interim), 214.339.3160

Duval Dr.: Don and Janie, 214.337.1064

Hampton Rd.: Jennifer, 214.333.8333

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

May 23 (Thursday) – Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilperson Mark Housewright
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Kessler Park United Methodist Church, 1215 Turner Ave.

May 27 – (Monday) Memorial Day

May 28 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

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May 30 (Thursday) – Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilperson Mark Housewright
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mountain Creek Library Auditorium, 6102 Mountain Creek Parkway

June 1 (Saturday) – Xeriscape tour at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. White Rock Pump Station, 2900 White Rock Rd.

June 4 (Tuesday) – Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilperson Mark Housewright
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. North Oak Cliff Library Auditorium, 302 W. 10th St.

June 6 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

June 10-15 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

June 25 (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. For additional information visit www.kesslerplaza.com

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