



Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

Next Neighborhood Meeting:
Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m.



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Neighborhood Sweeps Begin

Thirteen teams from nine city departments recently began sweeping the city in search of code violations as part of Dallas' new neighborhood sweep program.

The groups, called Neighborhood Action Teams, spend two weeks to a month in each neighborhood, scouring every street and alley for violations and following

up to ensure that the problems have been addressed. Some Kessler Plaza residents have reported receiving citations.

The proactive approach could streamline city efforts with several departments working together as one. Workers from the code compliance, police, fire and animal control departments go to

each neighborhood. Employees from the sanitation, street services, parking enforcement, environmental/health and water departments are on standby.

More than half the city's 149 code inspectors are on the Neighborhood Action Teams. The remaining inspectors continue to respond to residents' complaints.

June Yard of the Month Selected



Congratulations to the home at 110 S. Plymouth Rd. which was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for June.

This yard is consistently maintained and groomed throughout the year with beautiful trees and a mixture of plants and flowers. Yards like this are what make

Kessler Plaza a beautiful place to live!

Also, an extra special thanks goes to this resident, who has lived in Kessler Plaza for over 50 years! Congratulations!

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 July's Yard of the Month. Roman can be reached at 214.339.5679 or roman.smith@sbc.com

Congressman Frost to Address June/July Meeting

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting and meet Martin Frost, U.S. Congressman representing the 24th Congressional District of Texas.

Congressman Frost will

answer resident questions and share his insight from the U.S. Congress.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, July 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. This is a combined meeting for the

months of June and July.

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

Hi folks....just wanted to update you on a few things:

Block Captains Needed. We are looking for volunteers to be block captains for the 2400 & 2500 blocks of Alco Avenue and 2400 block of Sunset Avenue. Our long time dedicated residents on Alco, Bret and Alan, are moving. We need to help in getting newsletters and flyers out to Alco residents. We can separate the blocks accordingly based on how many volunteers we get. So please volunteer to help get out important information about our neighborhood and community.

Also, Scott on Sunset Avenue has been passing out newsletter for two blocks for a long time and needs some help. We are looking for assistance on the 2400 block of Sunset. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated. While Scott has never complained and has been ever so dedicated, he needs some help. So please help out.

And with that, let us not forget all the other dedicated block captains that have been supporting the neighborhood for a long time. A special continued thanks to Daniel, Aurelio & Brenda, Don & Janie, John, James, Jennifer, Emily, George, John & Roman, Nola Rae and Wade. Thank you!

Moss Park. Exciting things are happening around Moss

Park...several meetings have been taking place for the installation of new picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles. The Park and Recreation Department should have everything installed by end of July...just in time for National Night Out in August. Please take time to thank the Park and Recreation Department for all their time and support. Remember, we still need volunteers for Saturday mornings to water the trees. We have been extremely lucky with rain on the weekends; however, I believe that our luck is running out. So, if you want to volunteer, please contact me to get on the schedule.

OOCCL Grant Monies. In May, we submitted a grant proposal for improvements to Moss Park and Plymouth Medians to the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League. A week or so ago, I received a letter from OOCCL granting us \$1,300 for improvements to Moss Park. The monies are to be used for a new swing set. This is the third consecutive year that Kessler Plaza has received very sizable grants from OOCCL. Everyone needs to take the time to thank the OOCCL for their generous and continued support to our neighborhood along with countless others throughout our community. Thanks you so very much OOCCL and the Grant Committee.

501c(3) Status. Well, we are one step closer to finally getting 501c(3)

IRS status. I received an official letter from the Secretary of State indicating that we are filed with the State and incorporated. Several months ago I received our tax identification number...so the last step is almost completed. While everything is completed, it takes time for the IRS to review everything. I am anticipated everything being completed by September; however, please note that I have no control over the speed of the IRS in approving our application. As soon as I get official word, you will be the first to know. Thanks to all of you for your continued patience on this exciting step for our organization.

Well, I can't think of much more to cover for now. Please remember that the June and July meetings are being combined to allow for our special guest speaker from Washington D.C., Congressman Martin Frost. He will be speaking to us on Tuesday, July 2nd, 7 p.m. at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. We will be allowing plenty of time for questions and answers. Refreshments will be served. See you there.

And again, thank you all for your continued support of our neighborhood and this association. We can not succeed without dedication and support from volunteers like you.

John

New Dallas Outdoor Watering Guidelines Now in Effect

Irrigation restrictions, including specified times when Dallas residents may water their lawns, are in effect through the end of the summer, part of a concerted Water Conservation Program designed to reduce the amount of water consumed.

Through Sept. 30, Dallas residents can water their lawns only between

the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. The ordinance also prohibits watering or irrigating lawns when it's raining; operating a sprinkler system with a broken or missing sprinkler head; irrigation systems that result in water falling on sidewalks, driveways or other areas that are not lawns or landscapes or systems that result in water running down the sides of

streets. A warning will be issued to anyone found violating these rules one time; subsequent violations are subject of fines from \$250 to \$2,000.

Dallas residents use an average of 235 gallons of water each day—almost twice the national average, according to figures provided by the Texas Water Development Board.



Garbage Pickup Suspended July 4

The City of Dallas will not provide garbage and recycling services on Thursday, July 4. The trash normally picked up on Thursdays will be collected the following Monday, July 8.

The city's solid waste facilities at McCommas Bluff Landfill at 5100 Youngblood Rd., the Northwest (Bachman) Transfer Station at 9500 Harry Hines Blvd., the Northeast

(Fair Oaks) Transfer Station at 7677 Fair Oaks, and the Southwest (Oak Cliff) Transfer Station at 4610 S. Westmoreland also will be closed July 4. Regular operating schedules for the landfill and transfer stations will resume the following day.

Call the City of Dallas non-emergency number, 3-1-1, for more information.

Festival Planned to Celebrate July 4

AT&T Trinity Fest, the biggest fireworks show and festival ever to be held in the history of Texas, is slated for Thursday, July 4th from 2:00 – 11:00 p.m. in downtown Dallas. Underwritten by sponsorships and private donations, the day-long festival is free and open to the general public.

AT&T Trinity Fest, which will be held annually, will be the City of Dallas' official Fourth of July Festival, linking Downtown to the West Bank across the Trinity bridges. The event will showcase the Trinity River as a recreational, fun center where all Dallas and North Texas come together. The event will be held in the area south of the new Dallas Convention Center Arches at Reunion Arena Lot E and the Houston and Jefferson Street Bridges.

The \$1 million festival, which is expected to attract up to 150,000 visitors, will feature a top-notch entertainment lineup including country singer Randy Travis, rhythm & blues group The Commodores, La Mafia, and the Dallas Wind Symphony, to name a few. Other highlights include an antique car exhibition, a Kids Zone and arts and crafts area, food and beverage concessions, and much more. Also,

there will be six large, themed pavilions where festival goers can relax, cool down and enjoy food and beverages.

The world-class fireworks show will be produced by "Fireworks by Grucci", the same company that created the unforgettable shows for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, the Statue of Liberty Celebration, the last six Presidential inaugurations, and America's Millennium celebration in Washington, DC.

The festival is free and open to the general public; however, complimentary tickets are required for admission. Tickets are available at all 7-11 stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

For more information, send email to trinityfest@airmail.net or call 214-871-3029.

Block Captains

Following are the block captains for the neighborhood.

Alco Ave. (2400 and 2500/2600 blocks): *vacant*

Alco Ave. (2700 block): John and Roman, 214.339.5679

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 block): *vacant*

Sunset Ave. (2500/2600 block): Scott, 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

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Calendar of Events

July 2 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Special guest speaker: Congressman Martin Frost

July 4 (Thursday) – AT&T Trinity Fest
2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., downtown Dallas

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

July 8-13 – 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 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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