



Kessler Plaza News

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Next Neighborhood Meeting:
Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m.
Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ



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Pump Station Updates Planned Monthly Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, October 22

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting and learn more about updates planned for the Sunset Pump Station in Moss Park.

Charles Stringer, Program Manager with Dallas Water Utilities will be the featured speaker. He will be discuss plans by Dallas Water Utilities to replace water main lines in the area and the impact to the Sunset Pump Station located in Moss Park.

The Sunset Pump Station in Moss Park was built in 1930 and constructed to resemble a residence. While maintaining this outward appearance, the inside of the building is, in

fact, a pump station that has no ground level floor. Original plans by Dallas Water Utilities would have raised the original pump station and constructed a new pump station on Alden Ave. However, based on suggestions and concerns raised by Kessler Plaza residents, Dallas Water Utilities revisited its plans, and has now revised them to restore the old station, allowing it to continue to serving a useful function to the Water Department while still remaining visible to the neighborhood.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson

Boulevard Church of Christ.

Note: The October meeting is scheduled a week earlier than the normal meeting date!

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.

October Yard of the Month Selected



Congratulations to 2715 Alden Ave. for being selected Yard of the Month for October.

This beautiful yard tucked away in the corner of our neighborhood made a great showing this month! This

yard is full of seasonal color as well as a lush green lawn. Stop by to see this beautiful yard and congratulate these neighbors for taking such pride in their lawn!

As you those wonderful fall afternoon strolls through the neighborhood, remember to contact Roman at 214.339.5679 or roman.smith@sbc.com to share your picks for November's Yard of the Month.



President's Corner

By JOHN CRAMER

Thanks to those that make this past meeting a very interesting "lively" discussion with West District Code Compliance Manager Fay Williams and Dallas PD St Cornish. Topics ranged from couches on the front porch to live goats in the backyard to fighting in Moss Park and kicked in backdoors. Fun Fun...thanks to the nearly 25 plus residents. And of course, special thanks to our two guest speakers who addressed all your concerns.

Please take note that our next meeting has been moved up one week to Tuesday, October 22nd, 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the Dallas Water Utilities presentation. If you care about what happens to Moss Park and the Sunset Pump House and Station, you do not want to miss this presentation.

Hope to see you Tuesday night at the meeting.

September Crime Statistics Reported

The following crimes were reported in the neighborhood for the month of September. This crime summary is provided by the Dallas Police Department.

Crime	Date	Address	Item(s) Stolen
Burglary	09/01/02	28xx Duval Dr.	Lawn Equipment
Burglary	09/01/02	24xx Sunset Ave.	Televisions
Theft	09/07/02	25xx W. Twelfth St.	Auto Parts
Theft	09/09/02	25xx W. Twelfth St.	Radio/Stereo
Fraud	09/11/02	25xx Sunset Ave.	N/A
Theft	09/12/02	3xx S. Hampton Rd.	Motorcycle
Tel Harassment	09/12/02	26xx W. Twelfth St.	N/A
Theft	09/13/02	28xx Duval Dr.	Motorcycle
Theft	09/17/02	24xx W. Tenth St.	Motorcycle
Theft	09/20/02	27xx Jefferson Blvd.	Auto Parts
Theft	09/25/02	26xx Alden Ave.	Motorcycle
Auto Theft	09/30/02	26xx Alden Ave.	Auto

27th Annual Fall Tour of Homes Presented by the OOCCL

The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCCL) presents its 27th Annual Fall Tour of Homes October 19-20. This year's presentation of homes promises to be one of the best ever with a spectacular and inviting array of homes and properties representing a sampling of the diverse architecture found throughout Oak Cliff.

Many exciting and surprising exteriors and interiors await tour participants. This year's homes range in age from the early 1900's through mid century, and showcase several neighborhoods including Stevens

Park Estates, Stevens Park Village, the Jefferson Boulevard business corridor, North Cliff, Kessler Park, Winnetka Heights, Wynnewood North, and Kidd Springs. Each property was selected for its unique and wide range appeal as well as being crafted with each owner's personal taste and style.

Each property will be open from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20. Advance tickets are available at the following area merchants:

Bishop Arts Custom Framing & Gifts - 214.943.2469

Treasury Report

Beginning Bal	2357.05
Deposit	-0-
Withdrawal	37.87
Transaction Fee	.25
Ending Balance	2344.18

Special Reserves

Moss Park	3300.00
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Nominations Due

Neighbors interested in being an active volunteer in the neighborhood association are encouraged to submit applications for one of the neighborhood association elected positions.

Nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer will be accepted at the October 22 meeting of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association. Residents interested in being an active member of the neighborhood association by running for one of these offices should bring their nomination to this meeting.

Elections are scheduled for the November neighborhood association meeting

Bishop Arts Floral - 214.941.8744

Bishop Street Market - 214.941.0907

Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce - 214.943.4567

Tickets will also be available on both days of the event and can be purchased at the Stevens Park Pavilion located at Colorado Boulevard near Kessler Parkway or at any of the featured properties. For additional information visit the OOCCL web site at www.ooccl.com or contact George Briggs, OOCCL President at 214.330.9557.



Officer Provides Update at Meeting

Sergeant Cornish from the Southwest Division of the Dallas Police Department recently provided Kessler Plaza residents with the latest quarterly crime statistics, summarized below.



- 6 burglaries
- 6 burglaries of motor vehicle
- 13 thefts (mostly from retail stores)
- 1 robbery of a business
- 2 aggravated assaults

Sergeant Cornish also discussed the cruising issue along Hampton Road. He indicated one of the best ways to curb this type of behavior is to encourage the city council to pass cruising laws and changes to the cruising zoning requirements. He also urged residents to call the police

when they encounter problems or strangers cruising the neighborhood during the day, at night, and around Moss Park. And as always, if there is an emergency call 911.

Crime statistics for the neighborhood and surrounding areas can be accessed at www.dallaspolicedept.com Special thanks are also extended to Sergeant Cornish for his attention to ensuring the safety of our neighbors.

Dallas Code Compliance Updates

Faye Williams, West District Manager for the City of Dallas Code Compliance provided an update at the September neighborhood meeting regarding recent Code Sweeps.

Ms. Williams indicated that between May and August 2002, approximately 8000 code compliance notices were issued to residents living in City Council District 1 and 3 (including Kessler Plaza). These notices ranged from referrals for assistance to actual citations. She



also stated that the code sweeps were identified as NAT (Neighborhood Action Team) 1 and NAT 2. There are no current plans for a NAT 3. She also stressed that the best way to ensure effective code compliance is by working together with other departments, neighborhoods and zoning requirements.

The West District Code Compliance Department can be reached by calling 214.670.7697. To reach Faye Williams directly, call 214.670.6859.

Block Captains

Following are the block captains for the neighborhood.

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

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

Jefferson Blvd. (2700/2800 blocks): Laura and Rhonda, 214.330.3676

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): Mary, 214.337.8252

Sunset Ave. (2700 block): James, 214.339.3160

Wentworth St.: John, 214.331.5449

West Tenth St. (2400 block): Sally and Dori, 214.333.9520

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

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



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Calendar of Events

September 27-October 20 – 2002 State Fair of Texas
Fair Park, two miles east of downtown
Exhibit buildings open 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

October 19-20 (Saturday - Sunday) – OOCCL Fall Tour of Homes
Noon – 6:00 p.m.
Advance tickets available at various local merchants or on the day of the event at the Stevens Park Pavilion or at any of the featured properties.
Visit www.ooccl.com for additional details.

October 21 (Monday) – Early voting begins for November 5 County, State and Federal Elections
Registered voters may vote at any early voting location in Dallas County. For a complete list of early voting locations, visit www.dalcoelections.org

October 22 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Special Guest: Charles Stringer from Dallas Water Utilities will discuss remodeling plans for the Moss Park/Sunset Discharge Pump Station.

November 5 (Tuesday) – County, State and Federal Elections
Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza can vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

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

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

November 26 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Election of association officers for 2003.

November 28 (Thursday) – Thanksgiving

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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