



Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

Next Neighborhood Meeting:
Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.
Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ



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Construction Begins on I-30

Work has begun on the widening of portions of Interstate 30 near Kessler Plaza. The portion of I-30 west of Sylvan Ave. is being reconstructed to increase lane capacity in each direction, add acceleration lanes, reconstruct all entrance ramps and bridges as well as a proposed, reversible High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane.

This construction is the first phase of a total reconstruction of I-30 from Loop 12 to east of Sylvan. The first part of the project was the demolition of two bridges over I-30. Crews recently demolished the Edgefield Avenue overpass and a portion of the Fort Worth

Avenue overpass. Both overpasses must be removed and reconstructed to allow for the widening of I-30.

Edgefield Avenue will be completely closed off over I-30 and Ft. Worth Avenue will be one lane in each direction for the next two years.

The \$96.8 million project is estimated to be complete in the summer of 2007.

TxDOT has also identified the need to replace the I-30 bridges over the Trinity River. These bridges are being designed in two segments. The portion of I-30 east of Sylvan is tentatively scheduled to begin

construction in late 2003. Collector/distributor roadways will be included as part of a later design project.

For information on TxDOT projects including lane closures, visit www.dot.state.tx.us/dal or call the TxDOT Areawide Hotline at 214.374.4100.

FWADG to Make Presentation at February Meeting

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting and learn more about the Fort Worth Avenue Development Group (FWADG).

Julia Larson, the community relations specialist from the FWADG will be the featured speaker. She will be speaking about the organization and its efforts to revitalize Fort

Worth Avenue, including a joint effort with the city on a land use study. She is planning a multi-media presentation complete with before and after pictures of "What is Possible for Fort Worth Avenue?"

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. Don't miss this

opportunity to be involved with bringing positive economic development to the neighborhoods and communities we frequent everyday

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**

It's time again to start up our neighborhood meetings.

This will be an exciting year for the first half with all the elections coming up in May and the construction at Moss Park for the playground equipment that is anticipated to finish up before National Night Out in August. The second half of the year is still under plans...so stay tuned.

I look forward to seeing everyone again...so come out and support the neighborhood.

John

Scholarships Available

Rafael Anchia, DISD Trustee, has provided information regarding the following available scholarships for high school juniors and seniors.

2002-2003 merit-based scholarships are now available. Visit www.utexas.edu/cola/students/scholarships/merit.html for details. The application deadline is March 3, 2003.

The National Black MBA Association, Inc. provides approximately \$250,000 each year in scholarships and awards. Additionally many local chapters conduct scholarship programs providing over \$250,000 in gifts and awards. Two Ph.D. fellowships and 25 MBA scholarships are available. Applications for the Ph.D. Fellowships are due April 18, 2003. Applications for the MBA Scholarship programs are due March 31, 2003. For further details visit www.dcbmbaa.org. For questions or additional information, contact Tonya May, Student Outreach Chair, at outreach@dcbmbaa.org.

December/January Crime Statistics

The following crimes were reported in the neighborhood for the months of December and January. This crime summary is provided by the Dallas Police Department.

Crime	Date	Address	Item(s) Stolen
Other Assault	12/03/02	25xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	
Theft	12/03/02	3xx Hampton Rd.	Food
Vandalism	12/03/02	27xx Duval Dr.	
Theft	12/04/02	25xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Theft	12/04/02	2600 W. Tenth St.	Radio/Stereo
Theft	12/06/02	25xx Alden Ave.	
Theft	12/06/02	25xx W. Tenth St.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Auto Theft	12/08/02	3xx Hampton Rd.	Vehicles
Other Assault	12/08/02	2xx S. Briscoe Blvd.	
Theft	12/08/02	27xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Televisions
Robbery	12/13/02	27xx Jefferson Blvd.	Clothing
Burglary	12/17/02	27xx Duval Dr.	Lawn Equipment
Aggravated Assault	12/19/02	28xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	
Burglary	12/19/02	4xx S. Briscoe Blvd.	Televisions
Theft	12/21/02	25xx Sunset Ave.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Auto Theft	12/23/02	24xx W. Tenth St.	Vehicles
Burglary	12/23/02	25xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Televisions
Aggravated Assault	12/24/02	3xx Hampton Rd.	
Theft	12/24/02	3xx Hampton Rd.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Auto Theft	12/25/02	27xx Sunset Ave.	
Auto Theft	12/26/02	26xx Alco Ave.	Vehicles
Aggravated Assault	12/27/02	25xx W. Twelfth St.	
Theft	12/27/02	25xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Auto Parts
Tel Harassment	12/28/02	25xx Marvin Ave.	
Burglary	01/01/03	26xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	
Vandalism	01/01/03	28xx W. Twelfth St.	
Auto Theft	01/03/03	3xx S. Hampton Rd.	Vehicles
Burglary	01/05/03	1xx S. Briscoe Ave.	Misc.
Burglary	01/05/03	2900 W. Jefferson Blvd.	Televisions
Burglary	01/06/03	24xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Auto Theft	01/08/03	3xx S. Hampton Rd.	Vehicles
Burglary	01/08/03	25xx W. Twelfth St.	Televisions
Theft	01/12/03	26xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Televisions
Burglary	01/15/03	27xx Alden Ave.	
Theft	01/16/03	27xx Alden Ave.	Jewelry
Theft	01/17/03	26xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Clothing
Arson	01/22/03	27xx Duval Dr.	
Burglary	01/22/03	25xx Alco Ave.	
Auto Theft	01/23/03	27xx Duval Dr.	
Auto Theft	01/23/03	27xx Duval Dr.	
Theft	01/23/03	24xx Alco Ave.	Radio/Stereo
Auto Theft	01/30/03	25xx Alden Ave.	Vehicles



Latino Cultural Center Construction Reaches Halfway Point

Construction on the \$9.8 million Latino Cultural Center has reached the halfway point with the project's program manager saying he expects the facility to be completed on schedule next June with the grand opening scheduled for the week of Sept. 16-21.

"We expect the Latino Cultural Center to be a key component of a process that brings all citizens together to enjoy the arts and cultures of a diverse city when it opens next summer," program manager David Trevino said. "It will encourage all citizens to participate together and the multitude of shapes, spaces, colors and architecture will reflect the diversity of the people that will use it."

The 27,000-square-foot Latino Cultural Center, located at 2600 Live

Oak on the corner of Good-Latimer Expressway, will feature a multipurpose space, a 300-seat theater with dressing rooms, an art gallery, an interactive space, an exterior plaza, a covered colonnade, a 65-foot sculpture tower, offices and parking for 75 vehicles.

Construction has been completed on the center's foundation, structural steel and exterior wall panels. When completed, the interior will include stained concrete flooring, an exterior wall tile system, a theater sound system and artwork throughout the facility.

The center is funded through 1995 and 1998 Capital Bond programs.

Early Voting to Begin April 16

Early voting for the May 3 City of Dallas elections begins on Wednesday, April 16, 2003. There are numerous early voting locations located throughout the city. Voters can vote at *any* of the early voting locations.

Early voting sites are scheduled to be open April 16-18 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; April 19-24 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; April 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and April 26-27 from

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The special election is May 3.

Additional information can be obtained at <http://www.dalcoelections.org/>

Yard of the Month Nominations

With spring just around the corner, Kessler Plaza yards will soon be green and in full bloom.

As enjoy leisurely walks through the neighborhood, remember to contact

Roman at 214.339.5679 or roman.smith@sbc.com to share your picks for March's Yard of the Month.

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 2500 block): Aurelio and Brenda, 214.770.8998

Alden Ave. (2600 block): Irene, 214.337.1919

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): Jennifer, 214.333.8333

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

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Newsorthy Notables

Smoking Ban. The Dallas City Council recently approved an ordinance banning smoking in Dallas restaurants. The ordinance takes effect on March 1. . . . Dallas' **Intelligent Transportation System** has been placed on hold. The system features changeable message signs that are placed in neighborhoods. Two signs were planned for Hampton Road in District 3—one northbound, near Plymouth Road and the other southbound near Bickers. I will update you when any further decisions are made. The program was placed on hold following negative reaction from some neighborhoods.

Calendar of Events

February 25 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

February 27 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

March 3-8 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

March 25 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Special Guests: Dwayne Jones from Preservation Dallas and George Briggs from the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League.

April 5 (Saturday) – People Helping People work day, sponsored by the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League and the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce
Contact the OOCCL for additional details and volunteer opportunities.

April 16 (Wednesday) – Early voting begins for City of Dallas elections.

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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