



Kessler Plaza News

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Next Neighborhood Meeting:
Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m.
Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ



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Neighborhood Election Results

Kessler Plaza voters turned out in heavy numbers for the recent City of Dallas elections. 27% of the registered voters in Precinct 4430 (which includes Kessler Plaza) cast votes in the election—well ahead of the city average of 13% and the District 1 average of 12%.

In the mayoral election, voters in Precinct 4430 cast over 80% of their ballots for Mayor Laura Miller while 16% cast

votes for Mary Poss. In the City Council race, Dr. Elba Garcia, who ran unopposed, received 189 votes on the 309 ballots cast in the District 1 race.

Precinct 4430 voters also gave approval to all 17 bond proposals.

322 of the 1,192 registered voters in Precinct 4430 cast ballots, placing it in the top 11% of all precincts in Dallas based on voter turnout percentage. Among precincts in District 1, Precinct 4430

had the third highest percentage; however the top two precincts had a combined total of only 140 registered voters, effectively making Precinct 4430 the top voting precinct in the district. The next highest precinct in District 1 had a voter turnout of just under 19%.

Sign Up for Kessler Plaza On-line

Kessler Plaza dot com wants you!

News and information regarding Kessler Plaza is available on the World Wide Web at www.kesslerplaza.com. Included with the site is an email communications system that allows neighbors to send and

receive email messages in an easy-to-use, privacy-protected, and spam-free environment.

The service also provides instant news and information for anyone who goes to the *Info* section of KesslerPlaza.com, enters an email address and clicks "Join Now!"

Don't delay—join now! Visit www.kesslerplaza.com today and join the growing number of Kessler Plaza residents on-line. The site is generously hosted for free by WeDesignWebs.com and maintained by volunteers.

FWADG to Make Presentation at May Meeting

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

Scheduled special guests are Carole Twitmyer and Julia Laxson, Board Members of the FWADG.

They will be speaking about the group's effort to revitalize the Fort Worth Ave./West Commerce St. corridor, including the land use study and plans for construction of a new Home Depot store on Fort Worth Ave.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, May

20, 2003 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.



Minority Scholarships Available

Rafael Anchia, DISD Trustee, has provided information regarding the following programs.

Essay contest for high school juniors and seniors. Seven students will be awarded \$3,000 college scholarships. Deadline to submit essay is Friday, June 23, 2003. For additional information, visit www.womenlegislators.org/scholarships

Mexican Educational Foundation Fellowship Program, New York City. Mentor a high school student for 1 to 2 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters. The award is \$1,000 per semester. Visit www.nyu.edu/wagner/files for additional information. Deadline is July 15th, 2003.

The Emma L. Bowen Foundation for Minority Interests, Los Angeles, CA provides multi-year paid internships and scholarships to minority students entering college. For more information and an application, visit: www.emmabowenfoundation.com.

The Sallie Mae Fund has announced the creation of a \$1 million Unmet Need Scholarship Program to help low-income students overcome financial barriers and meet the cost of college. Scholarship guidelines and application forms are available at www.thesalliemae.org/bridging/index.html. Deadline is May 31, 2003

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the home at 2439 W Tenth St. which was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for May.

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!

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

Cat Looking for Good Home

Hi Neighbors! My name is One-Eyed Jacque and I LOVE people. Whenever I see them, I run to them so they can get plenty of love. I only have on eye, but don't think that stops me from loving on you. I am black with a white spot on my belly. My one eye is yellow and I'm told it's a very attractive eye at that.

I decided to move into a garage on Alco to start a new family. My five children are about three weeks old and very healthy. I'm hoping to find them a new home as well.

I am healthy and Chance will give me my shots as soon as my babies are weaned. He says he'll split the cost of having me spayed with my new family. I tested negative for Leukemia and Feline AIDS.

Please give me (or one of my babies) a home. I'll be ready in about 4 weeks once my children are ready to be on their own. Feel free to stop by and visit at 2430 Alco (Chance Spiker) or 2434 Alco (Jon and Amy Haynes).



I prefer to be the only cat in the house, that way I can make sure to give you plenty of love!

P.S.—see my picture! I'm cute too!

Welcome Wagon

Welcome new neighbors! Kessler Plaza welcomes the following new neighbors:

Bryan, W. Tenth St.

Tim, Hampton Rd.

Todd and Milton, W. Tenth St.

Water Restrictions Take Effect June 1

Dallas mandatory watering guidelines for summer watering hours go in effect on June 1.

From June 1 through September 30, watering of lawns or landscapes with an irrigation system or sprinkler is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Watering with a hand-held hose or a soaker hose is permitted at any time.

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.

Violations of these outdoor watering guidelines can now result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. First offenses will be issued a warning.



Xeriscape Tour Scheduled June 7

Five winning Dallas-area landscapes, plus ten previous winners and a demonstration garden will be showcased in a free xeriscape tour Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors will see how using xeriscape principles 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.

Visitors who tour the headquarters at the Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 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 214.670.3155.

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. (2500 block): Daniel, 214.339.5733

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

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

April Crime Statistics Reported

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

Crime	Date	Address	Item(s) Stolen
Robbery	04/24/03	26xx Alden Ave.	Food
Aggravated Assault	04/24/03	28xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	
Aggravated Assault	04/03/03	25xx W. Twelfth St.	
Burglary	04/01/03	1xx S. Cavender St.	Misc.
Burglary	04/03/03	27xx Duvall Dr.	
Burglary	04/01/03	27xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Televisions
Burglary	04/06/03	24xx Marvin Ave.	Televisions
Burglary	04/09/03	24xx Marvin Ave.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Burglary	04/10/03	24xx Marvin Ave.	
Burglary	04/14/03	28xx W. Twelfth St.	
Burglary	04/22/03	28xx W. Twelfth St.	Televisions
Theft	04/02/03	3xx S. Hampton Rd.	Auto Parts
Theft	04/15/03	3xx S. Hampton Rd.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Theft	04/26/03	3xx S. Hampton Rd.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Theft	04/28/03	26xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	Motorcycle/Minibike
Theft	04/03/03	26xx W. Twelfth St.	Auto Parts
Auto Theft	04/09/03	3xx S. Hampton Rd.	Vehicles
Auto Theft	04/07/03	24xx Sunset Ave.	Vehicles
Other Assault	04/08/03	27xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	
Other Assault	04/11/03	27xx W. Jefferson Blvd.	
Vandalism	04/09/03	24xx Alco Ave.	
Vandalism	04/19/03	3xx Chalmers St.	
Vandalism	04/30/03	28xx Duval Dr.	

Studio Space in Bishop Arts District

With the success of Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts District as a retail destination has come the loss of many of the working artists that originally rediscovered the area. In order to protect these "artistic roots," Good Space has renovated a cluster of 1940's light-industrial buildings as a campus for artists and small design

firms. The project is called Bishop Arts Co-op, and offers spacious yet affordable warehouse studio space and co-op type offices.

To view the project or obtain additional information, contact Good Space at (972) 397-1542.



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Kessler Plaza Summer Meeting Schedule Outlined

Following the May meeting, the next meeting for the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association will coincide with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2003. Kessler Plaza residents will again gather in Moss Park to celebrate this annual event.

The National Night Out gathering is a combined meeting for the months of June, July and August. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Newsorthy Notables

District 1 City Councilmember, Dr. Elba Garcia provided the following newsworthy notables...Tammy Palomino will be the **Oak Cliff Community Prosecutor**. She is currently in training and is expected in the community by June 1...**"No Cruising"** signs are coming to Clarendon Dr. The Dallas City Council is expected to pass new city code that prohibits cruising on portions of Clarendon (Westmoreland to Hampton), Hampton, and Westmoreland...**Interactive signs** are coming to Hampton Road. The city is seeking community input and is holding several meetings during the next few months. Contact Beth Ramirez with the Public Works and Transportation Department at (214) 670-3122 for more information.

Calendar of Events

May 20 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Special Guests: Carole Twitmyer and Julia Laxson, Board Members of the Fort Worth Avenue Development Group

May 26 (Monday) – Memorial Day

June 5 (Thursday) – First day to place brush and bulky trash curbside.

June 7 (Saturday) – Xeriscape tour, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tour headquarters at the Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park
3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

June 9-13 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

June 10 (Tuesday) – Operation Clean Sweep Southern Dallas County Summit
Daytime sessions

- 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- UNT Dallas Campus
- 8915 S. Hampton Rd.; Dallas, Texas

Evening session featuring Rudy Giuliani

- 7:00 p.m.
- S. Gus Alexander Auditorium, Duncanville High School
- 900 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.; Duncanville, Texas

July 10 (Thursday) – First day to place brush and bulky trash curbside.

July 14-18 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

August 6 (Tuesday) – National Night Out
Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Moss Park
Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided.

September 30 (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