



Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

Next Neighborhood Meeting:
Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m.
Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Residents urged to join recycling effort

The City of Dallas, in partnership with Community Waste Disposal, Inc. (CWD), offers a residential recycling program for all homes with an active Dallas Water Utilities account.

Recyclable items in Kessler Plaza are collected each Thursday. The recyclable material should

be placed beside your regular trash roll cart each Thursday.

Paper items should be placed in a brown paper bag. The following paper items are easily recycled:

- Newspapers and inserts that are clean, dry and non-yellowed. When it is raining on collection day, these items should **not** be set out.

- Mixed paper including magazines, junk mail, and other home/office paper. Telephone books, however, should not be included.
- Chipboard, such as dry food boxes free of wax paper, that are flattened (no corrugated cardboard or soft drink packaging)

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Primary Elections Scheduled for March 9

Voters return to the polls on March 9 for County, State, and Federal primary elections. Both the Democratic and Republican parties will be conducting primaries.

Registered voters can vote in either of the parties' primaries.

Among the contested elections in both primaries is the race for County Sheriff. Other

elections on the ballots are for President, Congressional Representative

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza will vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ, located at the corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Franklin St.

Meetings go Quarterly

Meetings of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association will be held quarterly in 2004. In addition, two social events are scheduled. Following are the scheduled dates:

- February 24 – Meeting
- March 27 – Social event
- May 25 – Meeting
- August 2 – Social event
- September 28 – Meeting
- December 7 - Meeting

Speakers Scheduled for First Quarter Meeting

Plan to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting and learn more about renovation plans for the Texas Theater and improvements at Moss Park.

Scheduled guests include Beverly Mendoza who will

make a presentation regarding the renovation project for the Texas Theater on Jefferson Blvd. An update on the Moss Park construction project is also planned.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, February 24, 2004 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.



President's Corner

By **CHRIS CULAK**

Dear Neighbors:

As we enter the second month of 2004 my hope is that this year brings you prosperity and happiness.

On behalf of the 2004 Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association Officers Committee, we are looking forward to a productive and fun year for the association. Our goal is to build on the past committees success of keeping the association moving along as an

Early Voting Scheduled for Primaries

Texas voters return to the polls March 9, 2004 for County, State, and Federal primary elections. Primary elections are being held by both the Democratic and Republic parties.

Early voting for the primaries begins Monday, February 27, 2004. There are numerous early voting locations located throughout the city. Voters can vote at any of the early voting locations.

Early voting sites will be open February 23-27 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; February 28 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; February 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and March 1-5 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Two Free Seminars to Promote Water Conservation

Dallas Water Utilities and the Texas Cooperative Extension are presenting two free Water Wise seminars on Saturday, March 6, 2004. The seminars will provide information about water conservation and landscape design appropriate for Dallas neighborhoods.

Xeriscape is quality landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment. It has also been called common-sense landscaping.

Xeriscape Landscape Design 101 will

information source and as a way for all of us to better know our neighbors and friends.

Please join us for the next association meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th at the Church. For the meeting we will have two guest speakers, including a police officer from the Southwest Police Division to update us on statistics and share some crime prevention tips. We also will have an update on the

Kessler Plaza residents voting on election day March 9 will vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Winners from each party's primary election will face off in the November general election.

Additional information as well as a complete list of early voting locations can be obtained at www.dalcoelections.org

be presented from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This informative program teaches the basics of good landscape design with emphasis on how to create a beautiful landscape that requires little or no supplemental watering and helps prevent water pollution.

Fantastic Plants for North Texas will be presented from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This presentation focuses only on quality native and adapted plants that are recommended for and easily available in this area. Participants will

construction around Moss Park and visit with you about other issues and ideas to beautify the neighborhood.

Hope to see you at the meeting! Bring a neighbor and call me at 214-762-9871 if you ever have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Culak
President
2502 Marvin Ave.

Recycling

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Glass, plastic and metal items should be placed in a translucent blue bag, available at area retail stores. The following glass, plastic and metal items are easily recycled:

- Glass containers that are unbroken and rinsed.
- Plastic bottles with codes 1, 2, or 3, rinsed and without caps (no bags)
- Aluminum beverage cans that are crushed.
- Steel or tin food cans that are flattened.
- Aerosol cans that are empty (no paint or hazardous waste cans).

For additional information visit www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/recycling.html or call 3-1-1.

learn when, where and how to plant each of the recommended plants, their size and height at maturity, seasonal color, and texture.

The seminars will be conducted at the Texas A & M Research and Extension Center Auditorium, 17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX. Local xeriscape expert and author Bonnie Arnold Reese will be the speaker at both sessions.

Call 214.904-3053 to make your reservation. Additional information can be found at www.dallascityhall.com



New Kessler Plaza Officers Elected

Officers were recently elected to represent the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association during 2004.

The new officer are: Chris Culak, President; George Briggs, Vice

President; Emily Glidewell, Treasurer; and Brian Browning, Secretary.

Feel free to contact any of the officers to discuss ideas or activities for the upcoming year.

Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

Kessler Plaza's annual holiday lighting contest was another success. Thanks to all who participated. The neighborhood was well decorated for the holidays.

Congratulations to the following winners.

Best Holiday Spirit – 2618 West Tenth St.

Most Festive – 2610 West Tenth St.

Most Elegant – 2419 West Tenth St.

If you missed seeing these wonderful homes, you missed a treat. Congratulations to each of the winners.

Symposium Examines Latina Women

The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies and the Ethnic Studies Program at Southern Methodist University invite residents to its annual symposium "Mapping Memories & Migrations: Re-Thinking Latina Histories."

The event is a day-long symposium that looks at ways in which Latina women imprinted themselves on communities and places large and small, whether they were born in the U.S. or immigrated here. Nine Latina scholars will present their current

research on topics that include the lives of children, homemakers, factory workers, educators, feminists, trade union leaders and politicians.

The symposium is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak in Dallas.

To register, visit www.smu.edu/swcenter/events.htm or call (214) 768-3684.

Code Compliance Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Elba Garcia invites all District 1 residents to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss code compliance issues.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Weiss Recreation Center located at 1111 Martindell in Dallas, TX.

Residents are encouraged to bring specific code compliance concerns, including exact locations and addresses to discuss with a code inspector. Only code compliance issues will be discussed at the

meeting.

In addition, Dr. Garcia asks residents to contact her should they experience any problems with the City of Dallas 3-1-1 service, including any outstanding cases that have not been resolved. She is attempting to repair problems citizens are experiencing with the system and needs specific cases to report.

Residents can reach Dr. Garcia at (214) 670-4052 or egarcia@ci.dallas.tx.us

Block Captains

Following are the block captains for the neighborhood.

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

Alco Ave. (2700 block): John, 214.858.0182

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.: Brian and Miller, 214.330.7571

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

Plymouth Rd.: John and Roman, 214.858.0182

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): George, 214.339.3433

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

West Tenth St. (2700 block): Brian and Miller, 214.330.7571

West Twelfth St.: Ron and Lupe, 214.331.1056



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Calendar of Events

February 19 (Thursday) – Code Compliance Town Hall meeting, hosted by Dr. Elba Garcia
6:30 p.m., Martin Weiss Recreation Center, 1111 Martindell

February 24 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

February 27 (Monday) – Early voting begins for County, State, and Federal primary elections. Primaries are being held by both the Democratic and Republican parties. Additional information and early voting locations can be obtained at www.dalcoelections.org

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

March 8-12 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

March 9 – State and Federal primary elections. Registered voters in Kessler Plaza may vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

March 27 – Neighborhood Social Activity
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Moss Park

April 8 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

April 12-16 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

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

May 10-14 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

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

June 10 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside

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

August 2 (Tuesday) – National Night Out
Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Moss Park

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

December 7 (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 quarterly at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. For additional information visit www.kesslerplaza.com