



# Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

**Next Neighborhood Meeting:**  
Tuesday, September 28, 7 p.m.  
Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ



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## Plans for new FW Avenue corridor head to city leaders

Later this month, the City Plan Commission weighs whether to approve or reject recommendations from a city-appointed panel designed to revise the land uses acceptable for the entire length of Fort Worth Avenue Corridor. Fort Worth Avenue Development Group (FWADG) has worked hard for three years to create a revitalized, neighbor-

friendly Fort Worth Avenue and considers approval of these recommendations crucial to further their efforts.

FWADG is anticipating some developer opposition to the panel's recommendations and invites Oak Cliff neighbors to attend one of four upcoming public meetings:

- September 23—Land

Use Study presented to Plan Commission

- October 7—Land Use Ordinance presented to Plan Commission
- October 27—Land Use Study presented to City Council
- November 10—Land Use Ordinance presented to City Council

See **FW Ave Plan**  
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## OOCL Announces Home Tour Fall Tour of Homes to Mark 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCL) announces its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Tour of Homes October 16-17. Each year the tour features a sampling of the diverse architecture found throughout Oak Cliff. This year's tour promises something for everyone.

This year's tour is one of the most diverse ever. Eleven

properties have been selected representing eight neighborhoods throughout Oak Cliff, including the house at 2430 Alco Ave. in Kessler Plaza.

The ten homes and one church range from stately Prairie four-squares, to quaint bungalows, to mid-century, to glass-and-steel modern. These homes

showcase the history of the area, the creativity of architects and designers, the extraordinary craftsmanship of the builders and the unique style of the homeowners. Each is a stand-out in its own way, and each is an asset to our community.

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### September Neighborhood Meeting Scheduled

Plan now to attend the next Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting.

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson

Boulevard Church of Christ.

Don't miss this opportunity to be involved by bringing a positive voice to our neighborhood.

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:

So far this year we have seen a lot of activity in Kessler Plaza Neighborhood. In April we held our first fundraiser a Wine Tasting Tour that raised more than \$700 to support neighborhood projects and operations. We were recipients of a \$450 grant from the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCCL) to help us add more sign toppers to stop signs in the neighborhood. We saw new park equipment installed at Moss Park and we (the neighborhood) participated in the Preservation Dallas *Discover Dallas* Survey of homes.

For the remainder of the year we are looking forward to again having a Kessler Plaza home as part of the OOCCL Home Tour, October 16-17, planting trees in the medians between Sunset and Alco on Plymouth in November and the Annual Holiday Party (formally the Marvin Avenue Holiday Party) in December.

## **Kessler Plaza Receives OOCCL Grant**

The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League recently announced its 2004 Neighborhood Supplemental Grants. Kessler Plaza received a \$450 grant for purchase of additional sign toppers, which is an on-going project of the neighborhood.

The grant was a matching gift to the funds raised during the Spring Wine Tasking Event. That event raised more than \$700. These proceeds will help complete the sign topper project.

Other grants awarded by the OOCCL include:

- Winnetka Heights \$700 toward the creation of a "pocket park"
- Beverly Hills \$500 for additional sign toppers (an on-going project)

Of course we all have Tuesday, November 2 marked on our calendars as Election Day. I encourage everyone to do your civic duty and vote in this year's election for President, Congress and local races. Early Voting starts on October 18 and runs through October 29 and will be held at 25 locations throughout Dallas County. Remember you can vote at any of these polling places during early voting.

If you need any additional information about the elections, candidates or need to register to vote please contact or stop by the Dallas County Elections Department, Dallas County Health and Human Resources Bldg. 2377 N. Stemmons Frwy. Suite 820 Dallas, Texas 75207 Phone: 214.819.6300 or contact the League of Women Voters at [www.lwvdallas.org](http://www.lwvdallas.org).

Sincerely,  
Chris

## **Oak Cliff Events**

Several upcoming and exiting events are scheduled for Oak Cliff residents.

### **Free Movies**

Oak Cliff residents can enjoy free movies on the lawn this fall. The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts is hosting three movies on the front lawn of the Turner House, located at 401 Rosemont.

The movies are *Some Like it Hot* (September 24), *Adam's Rib* (October 8) and *Young Frankenstein* (October 29). Find a spot on the lawn at 7:00 p.m. and the movies begin at 8:00 pm. Bring your blankets and picnic baskets.

For more information call 214-946-1670 or email [movieonthelawn@turnerhouse.org](mailto:movieonthelawn@turnerhouse.org).

### **Bishop Arts District Fun Festival**

The Bishop Arts District Merchant's Association holds its first Fall Festival on Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The festival takes place in the Bishop Arts District located at Bishop and Seventh Streets.

### **Eddie Coker Concert**

Eddie Coker will be featured in a free concert Friday September 24th, at the Kessler Park United Methodist Church located 1215 Turner at Colorado. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

### **Run the Cliff Races**

Lace up your shoes for the Run the Cliff 5K and 1K Kid's Fun Run benefiting the Tyler Street Christian Academy Scholarship Fund and Oak Cliff Kids Read (an affiliate of the Oak Cliff Tribune) on Saturday, September 18, 2004. The 5K race will start and end at the Tyler Street campus, running through picturesque North Oak Cliff and the Bishop Arts District on a certified course. The 1K Kid's Fun Run (for children ages 8 and under) is set to take place on the Tyler Street Christian Academy campus.



## Early Voting for November Elections

Voters return to the polls on November 2 for the general elections. Among the contested races are elections for Dallas County Sheriff, U.S. Congress, and President

For citizens not yet registered to vote, October 2 is the last day to register in order to vote in the November election.

Early voting for the election begins October 18, 2004 and continues through October 29. There are numerous early voting locations located throughout the city. Voters can vote at *any* of the early voting locations.

## Kessler Plaza Hosts Tour of Wines

On April 23, the weather forecast was stormy, but nothing but sunshine followed the sixty participants in Kessler Plaza's first International Tour of Wines. Wines featured from Italy, California and Australia were showcased at three different residences.

This first-ever event netted the neighborhood with approximately \$600. The monies collected will be combined with grants from the Old

## Kessler Plaza Initiates Survey

During the month of May, residents of Kessler Plaza came together to initiate an architectural and historical survey of the neighborhood. This program is in support of Preservation Dallas' *Discover Dallas!* Survey.

*Discover Dallas!* gives residents a chance to tell their neighborhood's story. Ultimately, the project benefits both residents and professionals by helping establish a preservation ethic in Dallas. The project also intends to generate ideas for economic redevelopment, renew a sense of pride among neighborhoods and districts, and make our neighborhood organizations stronger by giving them more information and experience in deciding what's important about

Following are the dates and times for early voting in Dallas County.

- October 18-22, 2004 (Monday thru Friday) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- October 23, 2004 (Saturday) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- October 24, 2004 (Sunday) 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- October 25-29, 2004 (Monday thru Friday) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Early voting locations near Kessler Plaza include:

- Martin Weiss Recreation Center, 1111 Martindell
- Oak Cliff Sub-Courthouse, 410 S. Beckley Ave.
- Records Building, 509 Main St.

Oak Cliff Conservation League to continue the Moss Park improvements and the sign-topper program.

This event could not have been possible without the financial support of our sponsors, Kevin Caskey of Keller Williams Realty, John Cramer and Roman Smith; Brian Browning and Miller Crowe, and JEH Construction.

where they live.

Neighborhood by neighborhood, Dallas will be recorded. This multicultural grassroots approach is truly innovative; never has a city this size used volunteers to collect the data. This is an opportunity for Dallas to be a model for other cities across the country.

The Kessler Plaza Survey coordinators Nichole Culak and George Briggs encourage all of our neighborhoods to participate in this worthwhile program.

For more information on this program, contact Preservation Dallas at (214)-821-3290

## FW Ave. Plan

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If the City Plan Commission approves the recommendations, they will then head to the Dallas City Council for final approval. With citizens' help, FWADG hopes to pass a plan that will make Fort Worth Avenue a commercial mixed-use district with dense residential and retail uses that caters to ALL of the socio-economic groups who live alongside it.

## OOCCL Tour

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Each property will be open from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17. Tickets will be available at the Nodding Dog Coffee Company, located at 500 North Bishop in the Bishop Arts District prior to the tour and on Saturday and Sunday at all properties.

A pre-tour celebration will be held on Thursday, October 14 at a Mediterranean-style home on a Kessler hillside. A limited number of tickets will be sold for this gala reception that also includes a ticket to the home tour.

The OOCCL is also partnering with the Oak Cliff Society of the Fine Arts who will be featuring a Mansion Tour and arts festival on the grounds of the Turner House concurrently with the Tour of Homes. The OOCCL Tour of Homes is the principle fund-raising event for the league. Proceeds are used for neighborhood grants.



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## Calendar of Events

**September 24-October 17** – 2004 State Fair of Texas  
Fair Park, two miles east of downtown  
Exhibit buildings open 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

**October 2** (Saturday) – El Tivoli neighborhood yard sale, just north of Kessler Plaza in the neighborhood bounded by Davis, Plymouth and Reverchon.

**October 4** – Last day to register to vote for the November general election.

**October 7** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside.

**October 11-16** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza.

**October 16-17** (Saturday and Sunday) – OOCCL Fall Tour of Homes.

**October 18-29** – Early voting for the November general elections. Registered voters can vote at any of the early voting location in Dallas County. Additional information can be obtained at [www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org)

**November 2** (Tuesday) – Election day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Registered voters in Kessler Plaza may vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

**November 4** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside.

**November 8-13** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza.

**November 25** (Thursday) – Thanksgiving Day

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

**December 9** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash to be placed curbside.

**December 10** (Friday) – Kessler Plaza progressive holiday party

**December 13-18** – 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kesslerplaza.com)