



Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

Next Neighborhood Meeting:
Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m.
Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ



Officers Elected for 2006

Officers were recently elected to represent the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association during 2006. They are: John Cramer, President; Nola Rae Smith, Vice President; Emily Glidewell, Secretary/Treasurer. Committee chairs include: Andrew Garcia, Moss Park and Plymouth median; Roman Smith and Kelly Garcia, Yard of the Month and Events; Rhonda Turner, OOCCL representative; Jennifer Pierce, Crime Rep; Chris Culak, Code Compliance; and Ron Carter, Newsletter and Web site.

Yard of the Month Returns

With spring just around the corner, Kessler Plaza yards will soon be green and in full bloom. And that means the return of Yard of the Month beginning in March!

As you enjoy leisurely walks through the neighborhood, remember to contact Roman at 214.212.4802 or roman.smith@att.com to share your picks for Yard of the Month.

Operation Identification Program designed to discourage theft of valuables

Your new color TV just got stolen. Can you tell the Police what the brand, model, and serial numbers are?

In 2005, there were 15,411 residential burglaries reported in Dallas and 90 in beat 421 which includes Kessler Plaza. About 48% of burglaries happen between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Operation Identification is a program in which citizens

permanently mark their valuables with an identification number, generally a Texas Driver's License number. This assists the police in recovering stolen property and getting it returned to the owner. Thieves are less likely to steal an item that can be positively identified and that will be difficult to sell.

You should mark anything that a thief could carry

away. You may borrow an electric engraver from your local Dallas Police Department substation or library. They may also be purchased at most home improvement stores. Once marking is complete you may obtain an Operation Identification decal from any police substation to place in prominent places on your windows and doors to discourage potential burglars or thieves.

President's Corner By JOHN CRAMER

Hello Everyone! What an exciting 2006 we are going to have this year! There are a lot of new neighbors and returning neighbors full of energy! We have tons of stuff we want to get accomplished this year by partnering with our Ravina Heights neighbors, completing the sign toppers, getting needed stop signs, wine tasting, fundraising, National Night Out, Yard of the Month, and ensuring appropriate bonds monies for park, median and street improvements. Each of these special events will bring neighbors closer together as we continue in building a close net community which is to ensure that your property values go up while crime goes down.

Please get re-energized and get involved in this great neighborhood - "The little neighborhood with the Big Heart!", as I look forward to serving you and our community as your neighborhood president.

Lastly, join me in offering a special thank you to both Chris Culak and George Briggs for serving as our President and Vice President, respectively, through these last years. Thank you both for your dedication and continued support of our neighborhood and community. See you all January 31st!

John

Be a Good Neighbor—Clean up after your Pets

It's more than just polite to pick up after your pet. It's more than just the law. Unscooped pets are also a major source of pollution for our lakes, creeks, and rivers.

Pet waste contaminates our water supply and elevates the amounts of bacteria.

Think about that the next time you take your pet for a walk in the neighborhood. Take a plastic grocery or newspaper bag, pick it up, wrap it, and toss it into your trash can for landfill disposal. Hopefully that walk with your pet will also include having your pet on a

leash. Also the law.

There have been several recent reports of pet owners not cleaning up after their pets. Remember—scooping after your pet is not just the neighborly thing to do—it's the law.



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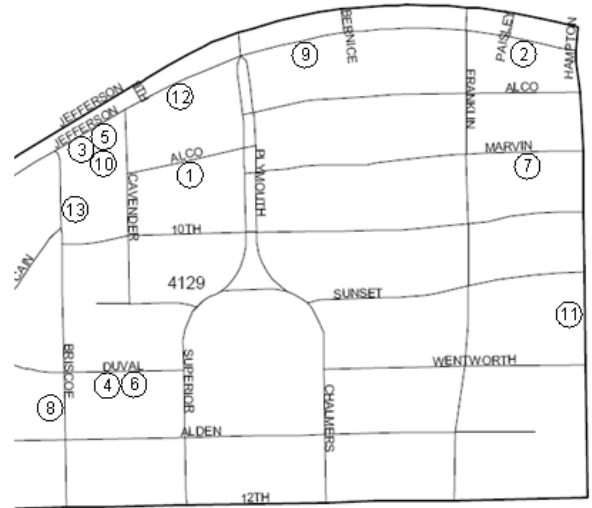
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December Crimes Reported in Kessler Plaza

The following crimes were reported in Kessler Plaza during December 2005.

1. Vandalism, 12/2, 2:55 pm
2. Theft, 12/5, 7:30 pm
3. Burglary, 12/6, 11:00 am
4. Theft, 12/7, 11:00 am
5. Tel. harassment, 12/7, 4:09 pm
6. Theft, 12/10, 11:30 pm
7. Vandalism, 12/12, 9:00 pm
8. Auto theft, 12/18, 3:17 pm
9. Theft, 12/18, 6:27 pm
10. Vandalism, 12/23, 7:20 pm
11. Vandalism, 12/27, 11:27 am
12. Burglary, 12/28, 10:40 am
13. Theft, 12/29, 3:00 am



Remember, if you see suspicious activity in the neighborhood, call 9-1-1 to report it!

Newsworthy Notables

The City of Dallas has planned a series of **Town Hall Meetings** to obtain citizen input on priorities and projects to be considered for inclusion in the proposed 2006 Capital Bond Program. Please plan to attend one of following Town Hall meetings: Thursday, February 2, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Weiss Recreation Center - 1111 Martindell Ave.; Monday, February 6, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at the Kidd Springs Recreation Center - 711 W. Canty. For more information, call 214.670.4052...The **North Texas Hispanic Summit** is being held on Thursday February 9, 2006 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the Arlington Convention Center located at 1200 Ballpark Way in Arlington Texas. The event is co-hosted by District 1 City Councilmember, Dr. Elba Garcia. The event will address important topics including Economic Development, Education, and Leadership.

Calendar of Events

January 31 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Special guest: Dallas County Constable Mike Dupree

February 9 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside for February pickup

February 21 (Tuesday) – Early voting begins for Democratic and Republican Primary elections. See www.dalcoelections.org for additional information.

March 7 (Tuesday) – Election day voting for Democratic and Republican Primary elections. Registered voters in Kessler Plaza will vote at the Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ. Polls open 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

March 9 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside

March 28 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ
Scheduled special guest: Dallas Councilmember Dr. Elba Garcia

April 6 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside

May 23 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting

About Kessler Plaza

Kessler Plaza—the little neighborhood with the big heart—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 generally meets the last Tuesday of every other month at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. For additional information visit www.kesslerplaza.com