



Kessler Plaza News

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The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

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



Yard of the Month Returns

March winds are quickly blowing in spring! Now it's time to get those yards spruced back up from the awful, dry, and warm winter.

During the week of March 27-31, get out for a walk or a drive through the neighborhood to see the beautiful yards of Kessler Plaza. Once you lock down that striking yard, send in your VOTE!

You can send your vote by contacting Roman Smith at (214) 339-5679 or roman.smith@att.com. Make sure your votes are in no later than March 31!

The Yard of the Month will be awarded on April 1.

2nd Annual Wine Tour Scheduled

The 2nd Annual Kessler Plaza International Wine Tour returns on Friday, April 28, 2006! This event promises to be a fun-filled evening as neighbors and guests enjoy the taste of wines and foods from three different countries around the world in three beautiful Kessler Plaza homes.

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Speakers Scheduled for Meeting Dr. Elba Garcia and Dwayne Jones to Address KPNA

Plan now to attend the next meeting of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Featured speakers for the meeting are Dallas City Councilmember Dr. Elba Garcia and Preservation Dallas Executive Director Dwayne Jones.

Dr. Garcia will highlight the city's strategic plans for the future, our district, and bond proposals. Dr. Garcia continues to be a strong advocate for improving basic city services, reducing crime, enforcing city codes and animal control, and

creating economic development for North Oak Cliff. She will also answer questions and hear resident feedback regarding Kessler Plaza and the City of Dallas.

Dwayne Jones is Executive Director of Preservation Dallas, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of Dallas' buildings and neighborhoods. He will discuss the process and opportunities for a conservation district for our neighborhood.

A conservation district is a change in zoning that

preserves an area's distinctive atmosphere or character through architectural guidelines, development standards, and special zoning provisions including land uses and setbacks. Each conservation district ordinance is tailor-made to the neighborhood and what it collectively wants to conserve. The process to become a conservation district typically takes 12-18 months.

The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at the Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ.

President's Corner

By JOHN CRAMER

I am very excited about our next neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Our very own Council member, Dr. Elba Garcia, will be providing us with a high level overview of the City of Dallas strategic plans for the future and how the bond proposals could impact our district. She will allow time for questions and answers. Also, Dwayne Jones, the Executive Director from Preservation Dallas, will speak to us about the opportunities of a conservation district in our neighborhood. He, too, will allow time for questions and answers.

So please make a point to take ownership in your community and where you live by participating in our neighborhood meetings and getting involved through volunteering whether with Moss Park, Code, Events, Yard of the Month, Newsletter, Block Captain...anything. Just get involved and engaged. WE NEED YOU!!

Finally, I am excited to announce that we are starting our very own Code Drive throughout our neighborhood. Our Code Committee and other volunteers will be making the rounds through our neighborhood. If there is any evidence of any City of Dallas Code violations on your property, we will leave you a friendly reminder of the potential code violation you could receive if a City of Dallas Code Inspector was to visit your property. We will request that you correct the potential violation immediately and ask us for assistance if need be. We are all striving to make our neighborhood and community a nicer place for ALL of us to live! We hope you will receive this Code Drive as a proactive step in ensuring that our neighborhood stays clean and beautiful by taking ownership!

Let's welcome spring 2006 with open arms as the flowers and trees begin to bloom and the grass grows green again!

Cheers!
John



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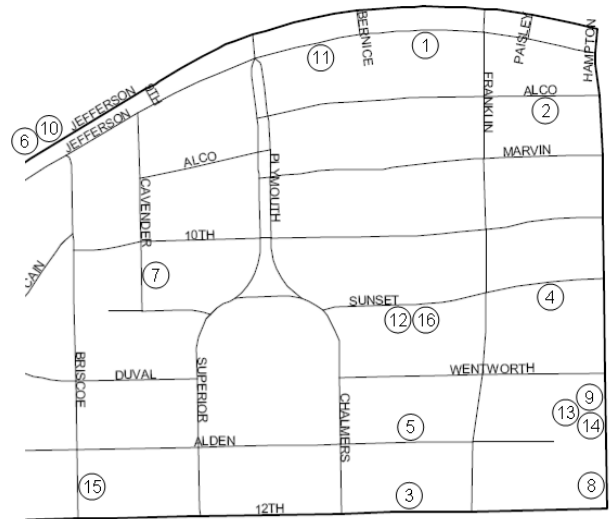
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February Crimes Reported in Kessler Plaza

The following crimes were reported in Kessler Plaza during February 2006.

1. Auto theft, 2/2, 1:30 pm
2. Theft, 2/3, 4:29 am
3. Vandalism, 2/5, 5:00 pm
4. Vandalism, 2/7, 12:00 pm
5. Fraud, 2/7, 2:00 pm
6. Vandalism, 2/09, 9:30 pm
7. Theft, 2/9, 9:51 pm
8. Theft, 2/13, 6:00 am
9. Theft, 2/13, 3:00 pm
10. Other, 2/15, 2:50 am
11. Theft, 2/16, 12:12 pm
12. Auto theft, 2/19, 2:00 pm
13. Other assault, 2/24, 2:00 pm
14. Other assault, 2/24, 2:00 pm
15. Theft, 2/27, 4:00 pm
16. Theft, 2/28, 7:30 am



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

Wine Tour Fundraiser Scheduled for April 28, 2006

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The Wine Tour is a fundraiser for the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association. Proceeds will be used to complete neighborhood beautification projects planned for the year. Tickets for the event are \$15 each. Purchase your tickets now by contacting Roman Smith at roman.smith@att.com or (214) 339-5679; or Kelly Garcia at kgarcia@hksinc.com.

Watch for a separate flyer detailing the Wine Tour countries and host homes!

Calendar of Events

March 28 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting

7:00 p.m. Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

Special guests: Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas Councilmember and Dwayne Jones, Executive Director of Preservation Dallas

April 3 (Monday) – Early voting begins for runoffs in the Democratic and Republican Primary elections. See www.dalcoelections.org for additional information.

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

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

April 11 (Tuesday) – Election day voting for runoffs in the 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.

April 28 (Friday) – 2nd Annual Kessler Plaza International Wine Tour Fundraiser 6:00 – 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. Watch for flyer with additional details.

May 4 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside

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

May 16 or 23 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting. Date TBD. Check May newsletter for actual date.

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