



# Kessler Plaza News

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THE LITTLE NEIGHBORHOOD  
WITH THE BIG HEART.

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Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

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## Bond Election for Dallas Voters 12 separate bond issues included on November 7 ballot

On November 7, Dallas citizens will vote on the 2006 City of Dallas bond program. The \$1.3 billion bond package—the largest in Dallas history—includes 12 propositions that if approved will pay for:

- Public safety facilities, including police facilities, fire facilities, and emergency warning systems
- Library facilities
- Street and transportation improvements
- Economic development in the southern area of Dallas in connection with transit-oriented development
- Land acquisition under

- the land bank program for the development of low- and moderate-income single family homes
- Flood protection and storm drainage
- Other infrastructure, facility and maintenance needs pertaining to parks and recreation, City buildings and courts, Dallas Farmers Market, City-owned cultural facilities, and land acquisition in Cadillac Heights for the future location of City facilities

Because facility construction and street repair costs are so expensive, they are not paid for out of

the City's annual budget. Instead, the City turns to voters for the approval to issue bonds, which are similar to a low-interest loan that a homeowner might initiate to make improvements to their home.

Following is a summary of the twelve separate items on the ballot:

1. The issuance of \$390,420,000 general obligation bonds for street and transportation improvements.

See **Bond Package Back Page**

## Sale of Fresh Greenery to Benefit KPNA

The KPNA is selling fresh greenery wreaths and garlands to enhance your holiday decorating!

Choose from a 22" Douglas Fir wreath with a bow, a 12" candle ring, or a 15' cedar garland. Samples will be available

at the November 14 neighborhood meeting. Act fast—the final day to submit orders is November 17.

50% of each purchase will go directly to KPNA to benefit our continued neighborhood

beautification projects.

See the flyer included with this newsletter for additional information. You can also direct order inquiries to Kelly Garcia at [kelkins\\_18@yahoo.com](mailto:kelkins_18@yahoo.com) or (214) 395-8075.

### Next KPNA Meeting Scheduled for November 14

Plan now to attend the next meeting of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. Featured speaker will be Dwayne Jones, Executive Director of Preservation Dallas.

In addition, there be a special election for

President of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association.

Preservation Dallas is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of Dallas' buildings and neighborhoods. Mr. Jones will discuss the process and

opportunities for a conversation district for our neighborhood.

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at the Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ.



## **President's Corner**

**by JOHN CRAMER**  
Dearest Neighbors,

Well after almost eight years of living in Kessler Plaza it is time for me to say good bye with much reservation and sadness as well as excitement and renewal in starting a new chapter in my life.

Most of you, if not all of you, know that we sold our house to some good friends. Actually sold it in one day. We put up the "For Sale" sign on Saturday evening prior to the wine event and had a contract on Monday. We are moving to the Oaklawn area of Dallas. We are building a new town home and will be living in an apartment for several months until it is completed...around the March 2007 timeframe.

The simple reason we have chosen to move was for simplicity in our lives. My partner and I both have very demanding schedules with work at the new AT&T. Combined with our continued community involvement,

## **Holiday Lighting Contest Returns**

The Holiday Season is nearly here! Time for all Kessler Plaza neighbors to start thinking about adding those special decorations and lights to make our neighborhood the brightest ever! And, it's time for the Kessler Plaza Holiday Lighting Contest!

This event has been a huge success in prior years and neighbors are sure to be busy outdoing themselves in order to make this year's contest the best ever!

The contest will feature the following categories:

- Most Festive
- Most Elegant
- Most Holiday Spirit (Best All-Around)

we just can not spend the quality time we would like on our home and yard. We need something that requires little to no maintenance—other than just restocking the refrigerator and walking our dog! So we have chosen to move into a town home in an area that is fast up and coming and close enough that we can walk to many of the things we enjoy.

It will be hard to leave the comfort of great neighbors, friends, beautiful trees and charming neighborhoods but as we all know...there is nothing constant in our lives but change. So change it must be.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all the love, dedication, and hard work you put into being a good neighbor and for caring about our neighborhood—Kessler Plaza. It takes teamwork, passion, and dedication to make a neighborhood community great. We have that here and it will continue with great people like yourselves.

Please never stop giving of your time, devotion, dedication, love and money to our neighborhood and community. It is only as good as the people within it! YOU!

I will continue to be around for awhile to help transition for the next President ensuring that the stop signs and median project get off the ground. I will continue to be a part of the neighborhood since I have plenty of friends still residing here.

As I close...there is one thing special about Kessler Plaza...that is—it is an inclusive neighborhood that ALL are welcome and loved. Never change that and remember that we are "The Little Neighborhood with the Big Heart!"

With deepest affections,

John Cramer

## **Over \$700 Raised at Wine Event**



Kessler Plaza neighbors and friends enjoyed a fun-filled evening while raising over \$700 at the annual Kessler Plaza International Fall Wine Tour on September 30, 2006.

Watch for additional information regarding a final wine event of the year.

Judging and presentation of awards for this year's contest will be held on the evening of Saturday, December 9.

So start working on getting those lights lit and be a part of the fun that goes with this annual contest.

## **Sympathy Offered to Lee Family**

Longtime Kessler Plaza friend Lloyd Lee died earlier this week.

Lloyd was the custodian at the Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ and was the liaison between the church and the neighborhood association. For many years, Lloyd was there to open the church for neighborhood meetings and for election day voters.

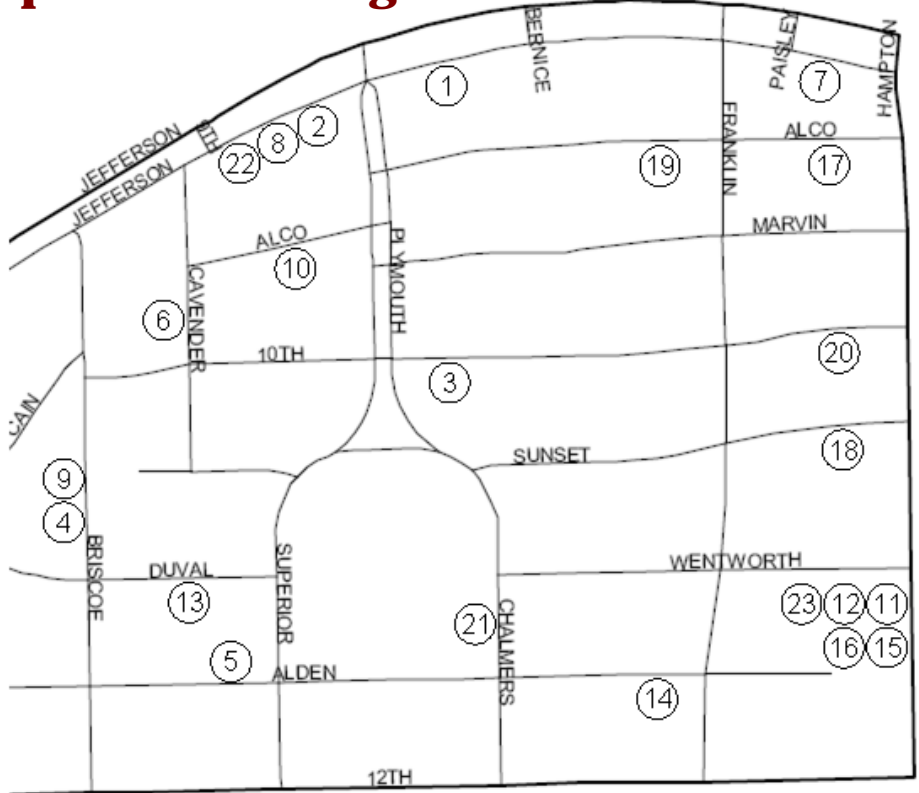
The residents of Kessler Plaza extend their sympathy to the Lee family including Aletha, Lloyd's wife.



## September Crimes Reported for Neighborhood

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

1. Theft, 9/1/2006, 1:00 PM
2. Theft, 9/1/2006, 3:00 AM
3. Othr Aslt, 9/3/2006, 12:55 AM
4. Theft, 9/5/2006, 1:30 AM
5. Vandal, 9/5/2006, 2:00 PM
6. Theft, 9/10/2006, 4:00 PM
7. Auto Theft, 9/10/2006, 5:00 PM
8. Auto Theft, 9/12/2006, 1:15 PM
9. Auto Theft, 9/12/2006, 10:15 AM
10. Othr , 9/12/2006, 2:40 PM
11. Theft, 9/13/2006, 1:45 PM
12. Theft, 9/13/2006, 11:35 AM
13. Theft, 9/16/2006, 6:00 PM
14. Auto Theft, 9/17/2006, 12:01 AM
15. Vandal, 9/18/2006, 12:10 AM
16. Theft, 9/18/2006, 12:10 PM
17. Burglary, 9/20/2006, 7:00 AM
18. Vandal, 9/22/2006, 8:20 AM
19. Othr Aslt, 9/22/2006, 9:42 PM
20. Burglary, 9/24/2006, 8:00 AM
21. Othr Aslt, 9/26/2006, 7:00 PM
22. Othr Aslt, 9/28/2006, 10:45 PM
23. Theft, 9/28/2006, 11:00 AM



A higher number of crimes were reported in September than in recent months. Please pay extra close attention as we move into the holiday season and, remember, if you see ANY suspicious activity in the neighborhood, call 9-1-1 to report it!

## November 7 General Elections

Voters return to the polls on November 7 for the general elections. Among the contested races are elections for U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, Governor, District Attorney, and the Dallas bond program.

Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza can vote on election day at the Jefferson Blvd. Church of Christ. Polls will be open 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

For additional information, including sample ballots, visit [www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org).

Remember to VOTE!

## October Yard of the Month Selected



Congratulations to the home at 2611 Twelfth St. which was selected as Kessler Plaza's Yard of the Month for October 2006.



# Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

## President

TBD by special election at the November 14 meeting.

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## Dallas Voters Consider \$1.3 Billion Bond Package

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2. The issuance of \$334,315,000 general obligation bonds for flood protection and storm drainage facilities.
3. The issuance of F \$343,230,000 general obligation bonds for park and recreation facilities.
4. The issuance of \$46,200,000 general obligation bonds for library facilities.
5. The issuance of \$60,855,000 general obligation bonds for cultural arts facilities.
6. The issuance of \$34,750,000 general obligation bonds for City Hall, city service and city maintenance facilities.
7. The issuance of \$1,500,000 general obligation bonds for land acquisition under the land bank program for the development of low and moderate income single family homes.
8. The issuance of \$41,495,000 general obligation bonds to promote economic development in the Southern area of the city, and in other areas of the city in connection with transit-oriented development, by providing public infrastructure and funding the city's economic development programs for such areas.
9. The issuance of \$6,635,000 general obligation bonds for Farmers Market improvements.
10. The issuance of \$22,550,000 general obligation bonds for acquisition of land in the Cadillac Heights area of future location of city facilities.
11. The issuance of \$7,945,000 general obligation bonds for court facilities.
12. The issuance of \$63,625,000 general obligation bonds for public safety facilities including police facilities, fire facilities and emergency warning systems.

For additional information, visit

[http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/2006\\_bond\\_program.html](http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/2006_bond_program.html).

## Calendar of Events

**November 7** (Tuesday) – County, State and Federal Elections

Registered voters living in Kessler Plaza can vote at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

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

**November 13-18** – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

**November 14** (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting

7:00 PM Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

Special guest: Dwayne Jones, Executive Director of Preservation Dallas .

Also a special election will be held to select a new president of KPNA.

**November 23** (Thursday) – Thanksgiving Day

**December 7** (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside

**December 9** (Saturday) – Judging for Kessler Plaza Holiday Lighting Contest

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

**December 25** (Monday) - Christmas

## About Kessler Plaza

Kessler Plaza—the little neighborhood with the big heart—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 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](http://www.kesslerplaza.com)