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UTA, UTD to Offer Free Tuition Program benefits families making less than \$25,000

The University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas at Dallas recently announced plans to guarantee free tuition for in-state undergraduate students whose family incomes fall below \$25,000.

The programs essentially streamline and publicize the availability of financial aid for low-income families beginning this fall. The universities plan to fund the initiative

primarily through existing aid pools.

The programs are available to students who apply for aid by the deadline set by each school. Students must also be eligible for the federal Pell Grant, which excludes illegal immigrants.

UTA students enrolled at least half time (at least six credit hours) and UTD students enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours)

are eligible for the programs. Students would still apply for grants and scholarships, with the universities covering any remaining costs.

The two local schools join a University of Texas system-wide push to ease fears low-income students may have about college affordability. Some schools in the system began similar programs last year.

FWADG Silent Auction & Wine Event

The Fort Worth Avenue Development Group (FWADG) will hold a silent auction and wine tasting event on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

Funds raised by the silent auction will go toward a host of projects helping to improve the West Commerce/Ft. Worth Avenue corridor including the installation of colorful new banners from the Trinity River to Pinnacle Park and the designation

of façade improvement grants to corridor business owners.

Groove to the sounds of the 'B' Street Band and enjoy wine and food while choosing between a free weekend stay at the historic Hotel Galvez in Galveston and other items that might make terrific gifts for friends and loved ones.

Get a sneak peek at the area's new, multi-million-

dollar special events center as well as hear about exciting new projects coming to the corridor!

The event will be held at the new Salon Las Americas located at 104 Fw. Worth Ave. Cost for the event is \$20.00 per person. You can also RSVP to auction@fortworthavenue.org

Next KPNA Meeting Scheduled for January 30

Plan now to attend the next meeting of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association on Tuesday, January 30, 2007.

This meeting will be the kickoff meeting of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association for 2007. Bring your

neighbor and learn more about upcoming plans/projects, crime statistics, and trends for our neighborhood. Meet new neighbors at the meeting!

This informative meeting will be held Tuesday, January 30, 2007 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 **KEVIN BLOCK**

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that everybody enjoyed their holiday season and I'm sure that the time flew by faster than ever for you as well. It is only appropriate that my first "President's Corner" appears in the January issue of the Kessler Plaza News. The new year is typically used to reflect on the previous year as well as look at and plan the upcoming year. In addition to my annual personal resolutions such as being able to use that hole in my belt that hasn't seen any use in a couple of years and saving a few more nickels and dimes, I want to continue to help make Kessler Plaza a safe, fun and friendly place to live.

2007 is shaping up to be a great year for us south of the Trinity, one that will see changes throughout all of Oak Cliff. With the amount of money that has been committed to our area, it is a big year and all of us should be excited to be part of it. For this reason, I am even more excited to

serve the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association as president.

Within our neighborhood, we have many big things of our own to look forward to. We plan to continue Moss Park improvements, improvements to the medians on Plymouth Avenue as well as investigating the opportunities to preserve the history and character of the neighborhood that we are all so proud of by making Kessler Plaza a Conservation District. In addition to these things, we plan to continue the great events that we already do, such as National Night Out, the 4th of July parade, wine tasting fundraisers and others.

While the executive committee and I are committed to doing all that we can to help our neighborhood association, I want to emphasize that we cannot achieve all of our goals alone. With so much change on the horizon, we cannot expect a small handful of the 450 homes to do all of the work required. We need the help of the entire neighborhood if we want the

area to continue to be a great place to live. This, I believe, is the biggest challenge that we face this year. With that being said, I want to thank those who have already put in so much hard work this year, volunteering all of your hard work, time and effort.

Finally, please let me know what you would like to see from this coming year from the neighborhood association to help make Kessler Plaza a great place to live. What would you like to see more of, less of, what ideas for events, fundraising, activities, etc do you have? If every single household in the neighborhood will commit to making AT LEAST one contribution, whether that be an idea, volunteering time or making a monetary donation, we can make great progress in 2007.

Sincerely,

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Safe Light, Dallas Stops on Red!

On Monday, January 15, 2007, the warning phase of the City of Dallas' newest safety program, "SafeLight, Dallas Stops on Red!" will conclude. "SafeLight, Dallas Stops on Red!" is the City's photo traffic safety system which is in the process of being installed at selected intersections as part of a new initiative designed to increase public safety and reduce the number of collisions caused by motorists running red lights. Since the program began in Dallas on December 8, 2006, 1305 warnings have been issued to violators.

On Monday, the City of Dallas will begin issuing citations, which carry a fine of \$75.00 for the first and second violation, then \$150.00 for a third violation within a 12-month period. No point or insurance implications

are tied to red light camera violations. For more information, go to <http://dallascityhall.com/pdf/pio/RedLightEnforcementStarts.pdf>

Holiday Lighting Contest Results

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.

- Most Festive - 2423 Sunset Ave.
- Most Elegant - 2506 West Tenth St.
- Most Holiday Spirit (Best All-Around) - 2614 West Tenth St.

Recycling Begins in Blue Roll Carts

The City of Dallas Sanitation Services has expanded its recycling program to include blue roll carts. Residents may now use a blue roll cart for all recyclable material. If you have not received a blue roll cart, simply call 3-1-1 to request one.

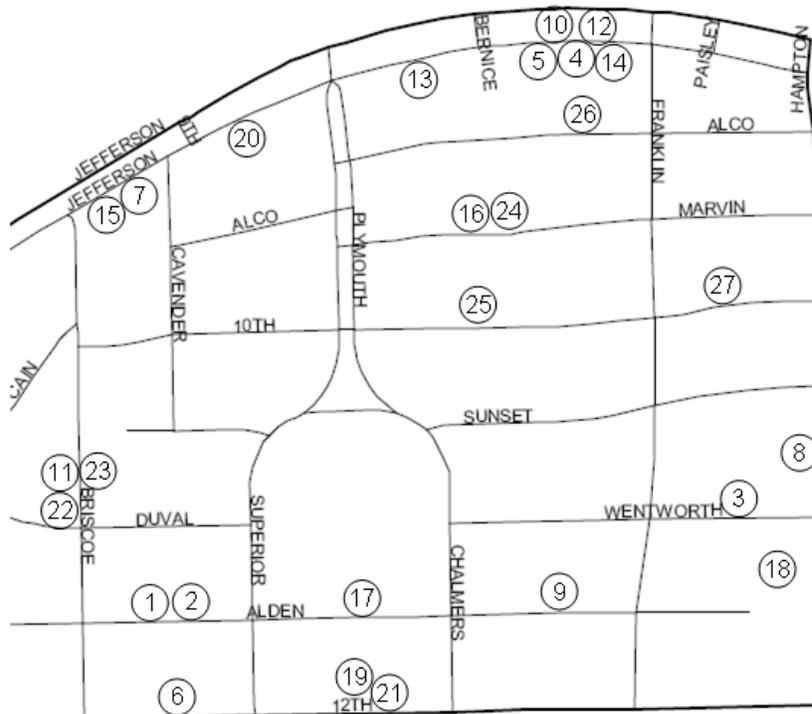
With the both the roll carts and the plastic bags, there is no need to separate items. Simply put everything into the same bag and place it out for collection on your recycling day. It couldn't be easier!

The blue roll carts are emptied in Kessler Plaza every other Thursday. The next pick up day is Thursday, February 8, 2007.



November/December Crimes Reported for Neighborhood

Crime	Date	Time	Address	Stolen	Method of entry
1. Burglary	11/01/06	7:00 PM	27XX Alden Ave.	Televisions	Smash/kicked rear door
2. Fraud	11/02/06	11:30 AM	27XX Alden Ave.		
3. Auto Theft	11/05/06	01:45 AM	24XX Wentworth St.	Vehicles	
4. Other Assault	11/08/06	5:30 PM	25XX W. Jefferson Blvd.	Assault/B	
5. Other Assault	11/10/06	00:10 AM	25XX W. Jefferson Blvd.	Assault/B	
6. Other Assault	11/10/06	00:29 AM	28XX W. Twelfth St.	Simple	
7. Vandalism	11/10/06	9:00 PM	29XX W. Jefferson Blvd.		
8. Burglary	11/11/06	8:00 AM	02XX S Hampton Rd.		Pry/break/cut roof/floor
9. Theft	11/11/06	9:55 AM	25XX Alden Ave.		
10. Runaway	11/11/06	10:00 AM	25XX W. Jefferson Blvd.		
11. Burglary	11/13/06	7:30 AM	03XX S Briscoe Blvd.	Currency	Pry/break/cut rear window
12. Burglary	11/13/06	7:50 AM	25XX W. Jefferson Blvd.	Jewelry	Pry/break/cut rear window
13. Theft	11/14/06	6:00 PM	26XX W. Jefferson Blvd.	Clothing	
14. Burglary	11/15/06	12:00 PM	25XX W. Jefferson Blvd.		Pry/break/cut rear window
15. Vandalism	11/17/06	8:30 PM	29XX W. Jefferson Blvd.		
16. Burglary	11/20/06	6:00 AM	26XX Marvin Ave.	Jewelry	Unlocked rear window
17. Tel. Harass.	11/20/06	10:30 PM	27XX Alden Ave.		
18. Theft	11/21/06	7:00 PM	03XX S Hampton Rd.	Food	
19. Theft	11/24/06	00:00 AM	27XX W. Twelfth St.		
20. Agrivated Assault	11/24/06	00:13 AM	28XX W. Jefferson Blvd.		
21. Theft	11/24/06	00:30 AM	27XX W. Twelfth St.		
22. Robbery	11/24/06	00:49 AM	03XX S Briscoe Blvd.		
23. Theft	11/24/06	12:50 PM	03XX S Briscoe Blvd.	Motorcycle	
24. Vandalism	11/24/06	6:00 PM	26XX Marvin Ave.		
25. Theft	11/26/06	5:30 PM	26XX W. Tenth St.	Jewelry	
26. Vandalism	11/29/06	6:30 PM	25XX ALCOAVE		
27. Vandalism	11/29/06	10:00 PM	24XX W. Tenth St.		



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



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Calendar of Events

January 30 (Tuesday) – Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association meeting
7:00 PM Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

February 1 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside

February 8 (Thursday) – Curbside recycling pickup

February 12-17 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

February 22 (Thursday) – Curbside recycling pickup

March 8 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside

March 8 (Thursday) – Curbside recycling pickup

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

March 22 (Thursday) – Curbside recycling pickup

April 5 (Thursday) – First day brush and bulky trash may be placed curbside

April 5 (Thursday) – Curbside recycling pickup

April 8 (Sunday) – Easter

April 9-13 – Brush and bulky trash pickup for Kessler Plaza

April 19 (Thursday) – Curbside recycling pickup

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