

Neighborhood Elections are coming soon.

If you'd like to be more involved, please consider running for a position on the board

- Available positions
- President • Vice President
 - Secretary • Treasurer

If interested, please email David Cooper at dcooper@eds.com

MARK THESE DATES and we hope to see you at every event!!

October 20, 2007 -- Saturday
Fallfest in the Cul-de-Sac
late afternoon, TBD

December 16, 2007 -- Sunday
Holiday Open House
2pm - 6pm, Locations: TBD

December 21, 2007 -- Friday
Holiday Walkabout
Early evening, Locations: TBD

September Birthdays:
9/7 Frank Vernol
9/18 Kelly Ingram
9/26 Joy Ingram
9/26 Chris Shultz
9/27 Gina Lee
9/27 Ron Forward



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WEST KESSLER
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

Several local neighborhood associations are organizing an effort to develop a Crime Prevention Program for North Oak Cliff. An off-duty officer will patrol the homes that have contributed to the program in a Dallas Police Department squad car.

The program is going to be started around mid-August. The cost of the program is approximately \$30/month. Additional benefits you get as an active participant:

- Cell phone number of patrol officer
- Verified response to alarms
- Vacation Watch
- Much quicker response time to any calls

If the entire West Kessler neighborhood participated in the program (approximately 100 homes), we would get about 17 hours of patrols per month. Considering that it takes about 5 minutes to drive all the West Kessler streets, that's a lot of patrolling. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Laura Dorenbecker at ldorenbecker@crai.com by September 30th.



BEAUTIFICATION

Congratulations to Earl Stewart (915 Bison Trail) for September's Yard of the Month. The flowing lines and curves of the garden beds are very inviting. Keeping a yard so vibrant during the heat of the summer is quite an accomplishment. Drive by for inspiration.

Oak Wilt Fungal Disease-

Oak wilt is a deadly fungus that started in the 1980's in the mid-northeastern US before spreading to the South and into Central Texas. The culprit that spreads the spores is a sap beetle. When this beetle finds an oak that was recently pruned, the spores enter the wound. The loss can occur within six weeks. The U.S. Department of Forestry advises that our best defense is to abstain from pruning oak trees between February and July when moist conditions produce more spores. It is recommended to use a pruning spray to cover the wound. Isopropyl alcohol is a good cleaning agent and in a pinch, petroleum jelly will help protect the wound. Recent news has reported new cases in Fort Worth and Arlington. Suspected oak wilt should be reported to the City of Dallas Forester. Any infected oaks will require proper disposal to reduce the spread. The wood should not be used as firewood or mulch. Texas is the only Gulf state currently infected.

Webworm Outbreaks-

Webworms have two generations each year and feed on a wide variety of shade trees. Wintering in cocoons in sheltered areas, the adult is a white moth that glues large clusters of eggs to the undersides of leaves in June. Eggs hatch into little white fuzzy caterpillars that feed in groups protected from predators by webs. Feeding will continue and webs will continue to grow until mid-September. For most healthy trees the webworms will not kill the trees. There are several options when it comes to getting rid of the webworms: Tear apart the web with a broom or high pressured water so birds and other predators can eat the worms; Use an organic pest control such as Fertilome spray or Bulls-Eye Bioinsecticide. Do not attempt to burn them out of the tree. The fire is likely to kill the tree. It could also get out of control during drought conditions and burn down nearby homes.

OLD OAK CLIFF CONSERVATION LEAGUE FALL HOME TOUR

This year the tour is scheduled for October 13th and 14th and as always there will be a wide variety of exciting properties. Last year I volunteered and had a great afternoon, so Allen and I will be there again this year, hopefully a few more neighbors can join us. Not sure I can divulge the property we will be working but I know I am looking forward to seeing it. There are two shifts of three hours each day. If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Roberds at bonnieroberds@sbcglobal.net. Thanks and see you there, David.

THE HOME TOUR PREVIEW SLIDE SHOW

will be held at Tyler Street Methodist Church on 9/10 at 7:00pm. The church is located on the corner of Polk and 10th street. Parking in the rear.

NEW NEIGHBOR

Bridget Taylor has moved in at 934 Stevens Woods Court. So if you see her be sure to wish her a very warm welcome to the neighborhood!!

WHOLE FOODS

Whole Foods on Lemmon has been placing \$10 off coupons in the CliffDweller magazine as a way to research if there is a high enough demand for a Whole Foods in North Oak Cliff. The manger and a number of the staff live in North Oak Cliff and they would love to see a new store in our area. So if you are a Whole Foods shopper or just like to see a new grocer in our neighbor, clip those coupons and cross the river to Whole Foods.

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

TILLMAN'S ROADHOUSE

324 West 7th St
in the Bishop Arts District

Tuesday, September 11
7 pm