

ETNP News

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SET FOR JUNE 17



While Juneteenth was officially recognized as a national holiday in 2022, the Elm Thicket/Northpark (ETNP) neighborhood has been celebrating Juneteenth for 13 years and the neighborhood celebration this year is scheduled for June 17, 2023.

Plan on joining friends and neighbors for a day of festivities in and around the K.B. Polk Recreation Center at Roper and Thedford. District 2 Councilman Jesse Moreno and District 6 Councilman Omar Narvaez are working with the ETNP Neighborhood Association to make this the best celebration to date.

The fun kicks off with a parade that will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. The parade route will wind through the ETNP neighborhood. Participation in the parade is open to everyone. Parade participants should begin to line up at Thedford and Victoria beginning at 9 a.m.

Roper Street will be closed to make room for live entertainment as well as fun activities for the neighborhood kids. There will also be free food for all who attend. The K.B. Polk Spray Park will also be open.

It is sure to be a fun time so plan on attending and meet your fellow neighbors. If you have any questions or would like to participate in the parade please contact the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association at elmthicketnorthpark@gmail.com.

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ETNP NEWS - Brought to You by Save Elm Thicket

Hello and welcome to the first publication of ETNP News brought to you by Save Elm Thicket (<https://save-etnp.com/>).

We asked neighbors what they wanted from Save Elm Thicket after last year's zoning was decided in our favor and the resounding answer was information. Neighbors liked receiving updates as to how the zoning case was proceeding and learning what they could do to help save our beloved neighborhood.

That brings us to now, June 2023. Our goal for ETNP News is to provide information to anyone interested in the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood. As zoning issues arise or city council policies affect our neighborhood we will let you know what is happening and what you can do to have your voice heard.



Along with that, we are also committed to celebrating and recognizing all the good things going on in Elm Thicket/Northpark. From celebrating the birthdays of our legacy residents to supporting any needs that arise from our neighborhood school or recreation center, we are committed to keeping you informed of what is happening in Elm Thicket/Northpark.

While distribution of the ETNP News will be via email, we will be printing out copies for our legacy residents who do not have email. So if you know of a legacy resident who would like to receive a paper copy of the ETNP News please let us know at etnpnews@gmail.com and we will deliver it to them.

Subscription to ETNP News is free. We are committed to ensuring that anyone who is interested in saving Elm Thicket/Northpark receives information on our beloved neighborhood. To offset the printing cost of the ETNP News for any legacy residents, we will be selling advertising. So if you have a home business or service you are interested in expanding, then we ask you please advertise with us.

Lastly, we encourage you to let us know what you would like to see in the ETNP News. Or, if you know of something coming up at your place of worship that will benefit our entire neighborhood, then please let us know. You can reach us at etnpnews@gmail.com.

ETNP Now in Two Separate Council Districts

As a result of the 2020 U.S. Census, the City of Dallas underwent a redistricting of its 14 different city council districts. For the past 10 years, Elm Thicket/Northpark was a part of District 2. But with the new district map adopted by the City of Dallas on June 27, 2022, ETNP is now divided between District 2 and District 6.

The boundaries for the ETNP neighborhood are Lovers Lane to the north; Mockingbird Lane to the south; Inwood Road to the east; and Lemmon Avenue to the west.

District 2 Councilman Jesse Moreno represents the half of ETNP which is bounded by University Boulevard to the north; Mockingbird Lane to the south; Inwood Road to the east; and Lemmon Avenue to the west.

District 6 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Omar Narvaez represents the half of ETNP which is bounded by Lovers Lane to the north; University Boulevard to the south; Inwood Road to the east; and Lemmon Avenue to the west.

Reach out to your councilman with issues you may have. Their contact information is below.

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K.B. Polk Sprayground Open for Fun



As of Memorial Day weekend, the K.B. Polk Sprayground is open for the summer season.

The hours of operation for the spray park are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Tuesday. On Wednesday, the spray park will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

According to the City of Dallas website, spraygrounds are open to the public and are not available for private reservation. However, the picnic pavilions located adjacent to the spraygrounds are available for reservation through the Park and Recreation Reservation Office. Please call 214-670-8740 to check availability or make a pavilion reservation.

If there is an issue with the spray park please contact the sprayground maintenance department. Their contact information is:

3012 S. Hampton, Dallas, Texas 75240

Ph: 214-670-1923

The sprayground is a great addition to the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood. Make sure you take some time to enjoy it and stay cool this summer.



ETNP Seniors Welcome for Fun and Fellowship at the Rec Center

Seniors are invited for programs and fellowship at the K.B. Polk Recreation Center, Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities include games, excursions to sites in Dallas, exercise classes and guest speakers. The seniors also have lunch provided on Tuesday and Thursday.

In the next issue of the ETNP News, we hope to have a list of our legacy residents that are celebrating birthdays every month so we can all wish them a happy birthday when we see them. If you would like to be recognized for your birthday or you know of a legacy resident that has an upcoming birthday then please email us at etnpnews@gmail.com. We are starting to compile a list of names to include in each publication.



Mark Your Calendar for the Monthly Crimewatch Meeting

Mark your calendars to attend the ETNP monthly crimewatch meeting which is held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the K.B. Polk Recreation Center at Thedford and Roper.

During the meeting you will get to meet our Neighborhood Patrol Officers (pictured below), find out what crime, if any, has occurred in our neighborhood, and get your questions answered.

A representative from Code Enforcement also attends the meeting.

The dates for the next four crimewatch meetings are June 27, July 25, Aug. 29, and Sept. 26. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the K.B. Polk Recreation Center. The monthly crimewatch meetings are organized by the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association.

For more information about the crimewatch meetings please contact the neighborhood association at elmthicketnorthpark@gmail.com

Note: Only 6 reported crime incidents were reported for May 2023 with 4 coming from the The Arches at Park Cities apartment complex at 4400 W. University.



Officer Mike Villanueva
214-681-4421



Senior Corporal Jose Gamez
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Free Cliburn Piano Concert at Bachman Lake Library

A free piano concert by the 2023 Cliburn Junior Artists will be held on June 14 at 4 p.m. at the Bachman Lake Branch of the Dallas Public Library.

The Bachman Lake Library is located at 9480 Webb Chapel Road across the street from the Sam's.

No tickets are required and the concert is free to all.



Archery Club and Summer Camp at the Rec Center

There is still time to sign your child up for the K.B. Polk Recreation Center summer camp which begins June 26 and runs until Aug. 4. Campers will have fun-filled weeks with field trips, arts and crafts, playing sports, etc.

The camp runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is \$65 per child per week. There is limited space so do not wait to sign up.

That is not the only camp going on this summer at the recreation center.

The K.B. Polk Archery Club kicks off on Wednesday, June 7. No experience is needed and all the equipment will be provided. This is a fantastic opportunity for children that have always wanted to learn the art of archery.

The club will meet in the gym at the rec center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per month per archer.

Open Gym hours at the rec center are on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages are welcome. Visitors need a membership card or day pass for entry. Rec center membership, which is good at any City of Dallas recreation center, is \$15 for the year. A day pass is \$5.

For more information contact the K.B. Polk Recreation Center at 214-670-6308.

Bachman Lake Water Park Now Open

Just in time for summer, the Bachman Aquatic Center is now open and it is an absolutely sensational addition to the park system that is just minutes from our neighborhood.

The water park is located at 2750 Bachman Drive and entry is \$4 for the day. It is the best \$4 you will ever spend. Located at the park is a play pool, a rock climbing wall, a lazy river, concessions and more. Visitors are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks as long as there are no glass containers.



Hours are Tuesday- Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The center is closed on Mondays

Free Window A/C Units for Qualifying ETNP Residents

Temperatures in Dallas are expected to hit the 100s next week. If you or someone you know in the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood needs air conditioning, please have them contact the Dallas County Health and Human Services.

The Dallas County Health and Human Services is providing FREE Emergency A/C window units to income-based qualified residents as part of our Weatherization Assistance Program. If you don't have a cooling system at home contact the DCHHS today at 214-819-1976.

For more information on the DCHHS Weatherization Assistance Program visit:
<https://bit.ly/3Dq9kXx>

Se espera que las temperaturas en Dallas alcancen los 100 grados la próxima semana. Si usted o si conoces alguien en el vecindario de Elm Thicket/Northpark que necesita aire acondicionado, pídale que se comunique con los Servicios Humanos y de Salud del Condado de Dallas.

Los Servicios Humanos y de Salud del Condado de Dallas están proporcionando unidades de ventana de aire acondicionado de emergencia GRATUITAS a residentes calificados según sus ingresos como parte de nuestro Programa de Asistencia de Climatización. Si no tiene aire acondicionado en la casa comuníquese hoy con el DCHHS al 214-819-1976.

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Code Enforcement to be in ETNP the Month of June

Code enforcement officers are scheduled to patrol the alleys in Elm Thicket/Northpark to ensure that they are clear for the trash trucks and other service vehicles.

If the alley behind your home is overgrown, Code Enforcement will send you a notification and give you time to bring your part of the alley up to code. Failure to do so may result in a citation.

Summer Reading Program with Prizes Underway at Bachman Lake Library

Elm Thicket/Northpark children can improve upon their reading skills by signing up for the SMART Summer Learning Program.

Children who read 20 minutes a day can win free books as well as be entered for grand prizes. There will also be other educational challenges where the children can win prizes.

For more information about FREE summer programs, contact the Bachman Lake Branch Library, 9480 Webb Chapel, Dallas, at (214) 670-6376.

Hours for the Bachman Lake Library Branch are:
Mon, Wed: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tue, Thu: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat: 9 a.m - 4 p.m.



Summer is Here – Keep Your Alley Clear

City of Dallas - Department of Sanitation Services is reminding residents that have alleyway garbage and recycle collection service to trim brush and other vegetative overgrowth in the alleyways behind their property. Alleys are frequently narrow, and do not provide an abundance of clearance for Sanitation trucks and crews to work. Overgrown vegetation in alleys makes working conditions difficult or even impassable, resulting in potential injury, private property damage, and damage to City equipment. Vegetation must be trimmed back at least two feet from the alley surface, and a 14-foot overhead clearance is required. Report any violations to **3-1-1**.

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