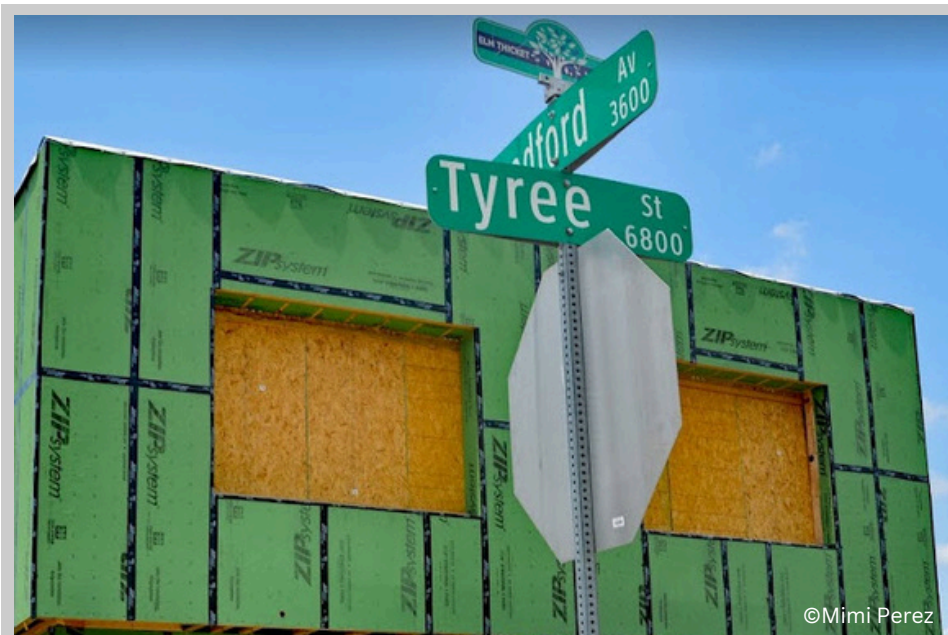


# ETNP News

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## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT IGNORES ETNP NEIGHBORS AND DELAYS DECISION TO OCT. 22 IN HOPES OF CITY/BUILDER COMPROMISE

Over the past two months, Ellum Thicket neighbors and people who know and support saving Elm Thicket sent 75 letters asking the Dallas Board of Adjustment (BOA) to uphold the city's stop work order against the properties being built at 6529 Victoria and 6801 Tyree. Rather than doing their job and upholding the stop work orders, the BOA postponed the decision until the Oct. 22, 2024, meeting encouraging the city and the builders to come to a compromise.



The Board of Adjustment delayed the decision on the duplex at the corner of Theford Ave. and Tyree St. and the duplex on Victoria Ave. to the October 22 meeting and are hoping for some sort of compromise between the city and builders to allow construction to continue.

Save Elm Thicket does not support any type of compromise. The mission statement of the BOA is to prevent any builder from violating any ordinances with their construction. Both building sites violate the building standards the neighborhood fought for two years ago. Save Elm Thicket wants the BOA to do their jobs and uphold the stop work orders. A compromise would allow these builders to violate the law and Save Elm

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# ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP Neighbors:

We hope this finds everyone well and in the process of making their plan to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. This issue contains all the information you need to ensure you get to the poll and vote. The 2024 General Election is the most important election for the future of our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and future descendants of each respective family in Ellum Thicket/Northpark.

As such, we find it important to let you know who we are endorsing for this upcoming election. It is an easy choice for us. Save Elm Thicket is endorsing every Democratic Party candidate up and down the ballot. We looked at the issues and there are many reasons why you should share this position. We can start at the top of the ticket.

The Republican Party has embraced a fascist ideology that is meant to pit neighbor against neighbor. To “Make America Great Again,” historically marginalized communities such as Ellum Thicket/Northpark will be terrorized by policies that are meant to further strip us of our rights. This year alone, the State of Texas eliminated more than 1.1 million people from voter rolls. Women no longer have bodily autonomy. Our children are forced to endure shooter drills as opposed to our society having common sense gun laws. We do not have to live this way and these policies take us back as a society as opposed to forward. That is not to mention the Republican plan to implement Project 2025 which would devastate many of the programs that help seniors, the disabled, and so on.



Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz both have records of working toward common sense policies that will unite and benefit all Americans. We encourage you to please read about their commitment to uniting our country and moving us forward so we can all prosper.

It is not enough to elect Harris/Walz into office unless we also send them a Democratic House of Representatives and maintain the Democratic majority in the Senate. It is time to send Ted Cruz packing and elect Collin Allred as our U.S. senator. Mr. Allred understands service and sacrifice for our state and country.

U. S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett has earned another term as has State Rep. Rafael Anchia. These are candidates that represent all of their constituents, not simply the ones that vote for them. They serve their constituents well and will work toward restoring the rights we have lost or could lose if they are not re-elected.

It comes down to this, many of our legacy residents went through the civil rights era and fought for many of the rights we have taken for granted. No more. It is imperative for all of us to understand the assignment and Vote Blue up and down the ticket.

We are very much at a fork in the road on where we want our country to go. We can take the “American Carnage” path and further widen the partisan divide or we can take the “Path of Joy” and protect our individual freedoms and democracy. We encourage everyone to vote and to vote for the generations that will come after us.

Please vote for all Democratic Party candidates on November 5.

Your neighbor,  
Mimi Perez

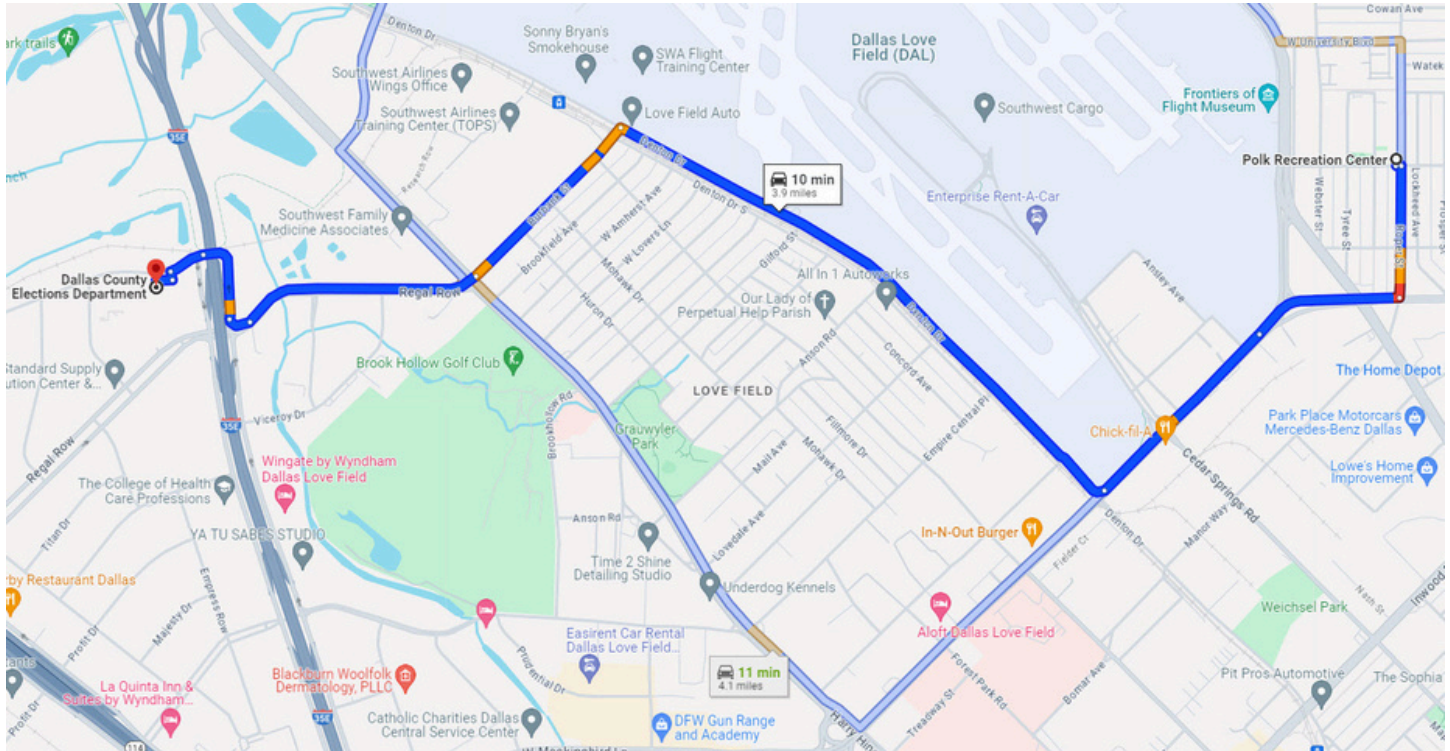


# Important Voting Registration/Status Information

Elm Thicket/Northpark has historically had our voice heard on Election Day. The stronger the voter turnout here, the more recognition and support we receive from our local elected leaders. To make it as easy as possible for ETNP neighbors to vote in the upcoming November 5 Election Day, please find important voter registration and early voting information below. Answers to any questions regarding the upcoming election can be found on the Dallas County Elections Department website ([www.dallascountyvotes.org/](http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/)). We hope you will cast your ballots for those candidates who share our vision to Save Elm Thicket.

## November 5 Registration Deadline: October 7

Monday, October 7, is the last day to register to vote in the November 5 Election. At this time, mailing in a voter registration card is too unreliable. You can, however, deliver it in person to the Dallas County Elections Department. Fortunately for us, this office is about 10 minutes away from the K.B. Polk Rec Center at 1520 Round Table Dr., Dallas, TX 75247 (see map below). The office is open weekdays from 8:00am to 4:30pm.



If you have internet access, you can download and print the voter registration card before heading over to the Dallas County Elections Department ([click here](#)).

## Check Your Voter Status and View Sample Ballot

Not sure if you are registered? No problem. You can go online and check your voter registration record. Just enter your name and date of birth and the system can provide your voter information ([click here](#)). You can now view the [sample ballot](#) for your precinct. Plus, if you do not have internet access, you can call the office at 469-627-VOTE (8683) and request to hear your personal sample ballot.

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# Early Voting & Election Day Info (from Page 3)

## Early Voting Deadlines

In-Person Early Voting will take place between October 21 and November 1. Check out the times below.

To find the most convenient early voting location, the Dallas County Elections Department will publish a list of early voting locations starting October 5 ([click here](#)).

Many neighbors like to go to the Grauwyler Recreation Center at 7780 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX 75235. But check the website to make sure before you go.

Dates	Day of the Week	Hours
Oct 21 - 25	Monday-Friday	8 AM - 5 PM
Oct 26	Saturday	7 AM - 7 PM
Oct 27	Sunday	12 PM - 6 PM
Oct 28 - Nov 1	Monday-Friday	7 AM - 7 PM

## Mail-In Ballots

If you want to mail in your ballot for the November 5 Election, the deadline to apply for a ballot by mail is Friday, October 25, 2024. You can download the application ([click here](#)), fill it out, and drop it off in person or send via mail, fax, or email. It just needs to be in to the Dallas County Elections Department by October 25.

- Regular Mail to: Dallas County Elections, 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247
- UPS/FedEx Delivery to: Heider Garcia- Early Voting Clerk, Dallas County Elections, 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247
- Fax to: (214) 819-6303
- Email to: [evapplications@dallascounty.org](mailto:evapplications@dallascounty.org). (Must be a scanned application that contains the voter’s original signature)

If you do get a ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by 7 p.m. on November 5 and be received by November 6. You can also hand deliver your ballot by mail at any voting location on Election Day.

## Election Day Voting

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. If you are in line at 7 p.m., you cannot be turned away. You can vote at any voting location in Dallas County. The long-established polling locations within ETNP are:

- Precinct 4015: Community Development Corp Office at 4619 W. University Blvd.
- Precinct 4016: K. B. Polk Center for Academically Talented & Gifted at 6911 Victoria St.

You can also get the list of all voting locations in Dallas County ([click here](#)).

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# November 5 Election Day Info (from Page 4)

## Curbside Voting

Curbside Voting Service is available during Early Voting and Election Day to any voter who is physically unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or has a likelihood of injury if they attempt to enter the polling place.

If you have an assistant with you, have them notify the election official when you arrive at the polling location. The election official will then bring everything you need to your vehicle outside the polling location. If you do not have an assistant, please call 469-627-8683 ahead of time to notify the Election Day clerk that you want to vote curbside. A physical limitation should never stop someone from casting their vote.

## Información Importante Sobre Registro Para Votar/Votación Anticipada

Históricamente, Elm Thicket/Northpark ha hecho escuchar nuestra voz el día de las elecciones. Cuanto mayor sea la participación de votantes aquí, más reconocimiento y apoyo recibiremos de nuestros líderes electos locales. Para que a los residentes de ETNP les resulte lo más fácil posible votar en las próximas elecciones del 5 de noviembre, a continuación encontrará información importante sobre el registro de votantes y la votación anticipada. Las respuestas a cualquier pregunta sobre las próximas elecciones se pueden encontrar en el sitio web del Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Dallas ([www.dallascountyvotes.org](http://www.dallascountyvotes.org)). Esperamos que vote por aquellos candidatos que comparten nuestra visión de Salvar Elm Thicket.

Cuando abra el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Dallas, seleccione la opción para ver las páginas en español.



## Votación del Día de las Elecciones

Las urnas abren a las 7 a.m. y cierran a las 7 p.m. el martes 5 de noviembre. Si está en la fila a las 7 p. m., no lo rechazarán. Puede votar en cualquier lugar de votación en el condado de Dallas. Los lugares de votación establecidos desde hace mucho tiempo dentro de ETNP son:

- Precinto 4015: Oficina de la Corporación de Desarrollo Comunitario en 4619 W. University Blvd.
- Precinto 4016: Centro K. B. Polk para Dotados y Talentosos Académicamente en 6911 Victoria St.

También puede obtener la lista de todos los lugares de votación en el condado de Dallas ([haga clic aquí](#)).



Fechas	Día de la semana	Horas
21 al 25 de octubre	Lunes-viernes	8:00 a 17:00 horas
26 de octubre	Sábado	7:00 a 19:00 horas
27 de octubre	Domingo	12:00 p. m. a 6:00 p. m.
28 de octubre - 1 de noviembre	Lunes-viernes	7:00 a 19:00 horas

# K. B. Polk Seniors Page

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HAUNTED	VAMPIRES
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MONSTERS	WITCHES
PUMPKINS	ZOMBIES

Answer Key can be found at [www.save-etnp.org/etnp-news](http://www.save-etnp.org/etnp-news).



# Mark Your Calendars for Events at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center

## From the Cotton Field to Love Field

Monday, Oct. 28 - Neighbor and historian the Rev. Clarence Glover Jr. will deliver a free lecture on the history of the Ellum Thicket neighborhood on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper Street, Dallas from 10 a.m. to noon.

The “From Cotton Field to Love Field” lecture will cover the history of our neighborhood and how Elm Thicket evolved from cotton fields to the place we call home. The lecture is free and everyone is invited to attend.

## Fright Night at Polk

Friday, Oct. 25 - Fright Night at Polk. See the story on Page 8 for all the details.

## Free Estate Planning and Wills Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 9 - Save Elm Thicket will hold a free workshop on Estate Planning and Wills at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper, on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10:30 to noon. This is a great opportunity to get free information on how to make sure you have a plan for keeping your family home in the family.

The workshop is being organized by SET member and legacy resident, Dr. Myrna Dartson. If you would like to attend the workshop please RSVP to Save Elm Thicket at [saveetnp@gmail.com](mailto:saveetnp@gmail.com) or the K. B. Polk Recreation Center at 214-670-6308.



## Halloween

Thursday, Oct. 31 - Halloween night. Please be aware as you drive through the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood. We will have excited trick or treaters running through our neighborhood collecting treats so please drive a little slower and stop at all the stop signs in case some excited child bolts into the street.



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K. B. Polk Seniors get a presentation on recycling from the Dallas Sanitation Department and participate in a game to properly sort recyclables from non-recyclables.

# BOA Ignores ETNP and Delays Hearing to Oct. 22 (From Page 1)

Thicket can not and will not support our neighborhood being compromised.

During the meeting, board Member Rachel Hayden summed it up as, “I would encourage both parties (city and builders) to work together and present something to us that we can have in good conscience vote on and feel okay about.”

Legacy neighbor Zach Thompson, said at the Sept. 17 BOA meeting that “They (the builders) need to argue this in court and work that out and tear the houses down that exist. Those builders can rebuild and do it and put it in a basic plan that is approved by PD67.”

To ensure our voices are heard, SET is communicating with the Planning and Development Department to organize a public neighborhood meeting at the K.B. Polk Rec Center where everyone can come together to discuss what will be presented at the October 22 BOA meeting. Once we have a date and time provided for any community meeting, SET will let everyone know so our voices are clearly heard by all parties involved.

SET is dedicated to being transparent in our effort to protect our beloved neighborhood from builders who have no qualm building non-conforming structures. What we learn we will share and we welcome hearing from our neighbors who want to preserve our historic neighborhood.

If you haven't sent your email or letter opposing the appeals, go to the Save Elm Thicket website at [www.save-etnp.com](http://www.save-etnp.com) and look under Helpful Resources for an email/letter template and instructions ([click here](#)). More information on the Oct. 22 BOA meeting will be coming soon via email and our website.

Together, we can make our voices heard and Save Elm Thicket.

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## Oct. 25 Fright Night at Polk Plans To Be A Lot of Fun for ETNP Families

Get your Halloween costumes ready because the K. B. Polk Recreation Center is gearing up to have a fun event for Elm Thicket/Northpark families.

“Fright Night at Polk” will be held Friday, Oct. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the rec center, 6801 Roper Street. The event will be held indoors so there is no fear of kids being in the busy streets outside the rec. There will be games, music, free food and lots of candy for all the children in attendance.

The rec center staff has invited a number of city departments to answer questions and hand out candy as well as our elected representatives. This would be a great opportunity to get questions you have answered and meet our elected representatives.

The ETNP community is also invited to participate in the distribution of candy. If you have a business you would like to promote, the rec center will provide you a table and chairs that you can decorate and then hand out candy and information on your business.

For more information on the event or how to participate please call the rec at 214-670-6308.

