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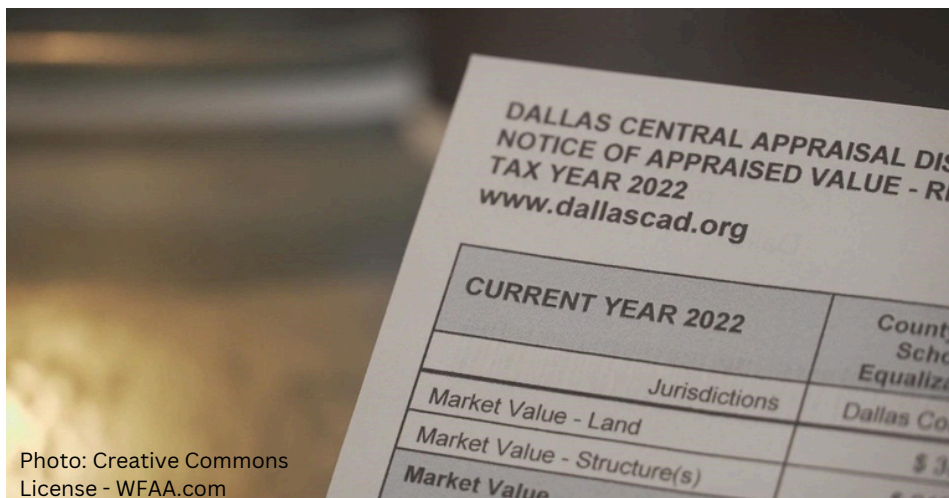


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# ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Welcome to the month of graduations. What can I say, I am a sucker for *Pomp and Circumstance*. Regardless of the level of education, it is always such a great time for families to honor their students who are moving on to the next chapter of their lives. Whether they are moving on from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school or high school to college or wrapping up college by earning their degree, it is wonderful to be able to cheer on your students.

The *ETNP News* would like the opportunity to celebrate your student who is graduating this year. Getting through any school year has gotten considerably more difficult so we think students have earned all the cheers that come with such an accomplishment.

If you would like the graduate in your family to be recognized in the June issue of the *ETNP News* please send us their name, the name of their parents or if they do not live in Elm Thicket then the name of the family members who do, and the name of the school or class from which they have graduated. Please email the above information to [etnpnews@gmail.com](mailto:etnpnews@gmail.com). Or, if it is easier, please text the information to 214-215-5939.

We are also happy to announce that The Senior Source is now sponsoring our Seniors Page. Because of their generous sponsorship we will be providing a crossword puzzle or some other type of game for our readers. This month's puzzle is a word search using the names of the streets in Elm Thicket/Northpark. We have featured The Senior Source in past issues so we are happy to have them as sponsors. They provide wonderful resources for many of our legacy residents.



Lastly, May is also the month we celebrate the Moms in our lives. If you are lucky enough to still have your Mom then make sure you spoil her on Mother's Day. If your Mom has gone home then we hope fond memories of the love she gave you gives you solace.



Here's hoping everyone has a safe and fun month of May.

Mimi Perez  
Publisher



# May 4 City Bond Election Includes Board Position

Along with the \$1.25 billion bond package being voted on in the May 4 special election, there is a Dallas County Appraisal Board position with a contested seat. The two candidates for this position are Ekambar Kumar Singirikonda and P. Wylie Burge. ETNP News did some searching and found a website that provided some additional information on these two candidates ([click here](#)).

Before you head to the voting booth to cast your vote in the bond election, be aware you are voting for 10 separate packages representing the funding areas outlined below.

ETNP News is providing this information so our neighbors can be informed in how they wish to cast their vote in this special bond election. You can get more information on the City of Dallas Bond and Construction Management website ([here](#)).

You can also find voting locations and the sample ballot at the Dallas County Elections Department website ([here](#)).

You can also open and view the May 4th sample ballot at <https://save-etnp.com/helpful-resources>.

Propositions	Proposition Allocation - Revised
Streets & Transportation	\$521,200,000
Parks & Recreation	\$345,270,000
Flood Protection & Storm Drainage	\$52,100,000
Libraries	\$43,530,000
Cultural Arts Facilities	\$75,200,000
Public Safety	\$90,000,000
Economic Development	\$72,300,000
Housing	\$26,400,000
Homelessness	\$19,000,000
Information Technology	\$5,000,000
<b>2024 Bond Total:</b>	<b>1,250,000,000</b>

Information above provided by Office of Bond and Construction Management. Specific funding for ETNP projects can be found in the April edition of ETNP News ([click here](#)).

## May 28 Democratic Primary Runoff Election Information

As noted in our April edition of ETNP News, the Democratic Primary Runoff Election for Dallas County Sheriff is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, and all ETNP neighbors are encouraged to go out and vote for either Sheriff Marian Brown or Former Sheriff Lupe Valdez. The winner of this election will essentially become our next Dallas County Sheriff because there is no Republican challenger on the November ballot.

On May 8, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Dallas will host the Dallas County Sheriff Democratic Primary Run-Off Candidate Forum. You can watch the live-streamed event on the NDCC Facebook page ([here](#)). To learn more about each candidate, you can visit their campaign websites:

- [Marian Brown Campaign](#)
- [Lupe Valdez Campaign](#)

Joint Primary Runoff Election – Tuesday, May 28, 2024		
<b>Early Voting</b>		
Date(s)	Day of the Week	Time
May 20 – May 24, 2024	Monday – Friday	7 AM – 7 PM
<b>Election Day</b>		
Date	Day of the Week	Time
May 28, 2024	Tuesday	7 AM – 7 PM



# Neighborhood Sprayground Now Open for Fun on Weekends

Dust off those bathing suits because the K. B. Polk Sprayground is open on weekends until Memorial Day after which the sprayground will be open every day during the summer.

Weekend hours for the sprayground are: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Starting May 25, 2024, the sprayground will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except on Wednesdays when the park will open be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Spraygrounds are open to the public and are not available for private reservations. 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.

The sprayground is a great place for our neighborhood children to play and stay cool during the summer and for neighbors to get to know one another.



Should there be any maintenance issues, please contact Park Maintenance Services at 214-671-0133 or 214-670-1923 or call 311.

## Parque acuático abierto para divertirse los fines de semana

El K. B. Polk Sprayground está abierto los fines de semana hasta el Día de los Caídos. Para el verano el parque estará abierto todos los días.

El horario de fin de semana para el área de rociado es: sábado y domingo, de 10 a. m. a 8 p. m.

A partir del 25 de mayo de 2024, el parque estará abierto todos los días de 10 a. m. a 8 p. m. excepto los miércoles. El parque estará abierto de 2 p.m. a 8 p.m. el miércoles.

Los Spraygrounds están abiertos al público y no están disponibles para reservas privadas. Sin embargo, los pabellones de picnic ubicados junto a las áreas de rociado están disponibles para reserva a través de la Oficina de Reservas de Parques y Recreación. Llame al 214-670-8740 para verificar la disponibilidad o hacer una reserva del pabellón.

El área de rociado es un excelente lugar para que los niños de nuestro vecindario jueguen y se mantengan frescos durante el verano y para que los vecinos se conozcan entre sí.

Si hay algún problema de mantenimiento, comuníquese con Servicios de Mantenimiento del parque al 214-671-0133 o 214-670-1923 o llame al 311.

# Neighbors Came Out to Watch April 8 Solar Eclipse

The once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse came to Elm Thicket/Northpark on April 8, 2024, and the neighborhood got a view to remember. The last total solar eclipse in Dallas was 1878 and the next one won't be until the year 2317.



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Clockwise from top left: Neighbors on Morton Street waiting for the total eclipse to start; Neighbors on Morton Street during the total eclipse; K. B. Polk Seniors watching from the Rec Center; Total eclipse view from Morton Street with airplane in view; Another Morton Street view between the trees.



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## Our Shared History: The Birth of Juneteenth in Texas

June 15, 2024, will mark the 14th-annual Elm Thicket/Northpark Juneteenth celebration at the K. B. Polk Rec Center at 6801 Roper St. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For those unfamiliar with this celebration and what it represents, ETNP News is sharing some of the history of Juneteenth and its significance with all our neighbors.

June 19, 1865, was the date in which Union general Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, with the backing of 2,000 troops, and gave news that the Civil War had ended and that all enslaved people were free by General Order No. 3 (see below).

HEAD-QUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS,  
GALVESTON, TEXAS, June 19, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS,  
No. 3.

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights, and rights of property between former master and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that of employer and free laborer. The freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at Military Posts, and that they will not be supported in idleness, there or elsewhere.

By Order of  
G. GRANGER, Major General Commanding.  
F. W. EMORY, Major and A. A. Gen'l.

Left: General Order No. 3, dated June 19, 1865, with the news that all slaves are free.

Image courtesy of the Dallas Historical Society.

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# K. B. Polk Seniors Page

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 214-823-5700, [info@theseniorsource.org](mailto:info@theseniorsource.org)  
<https://theseniorsource.org/>

## VOLUNTEER AS A SENIOR COMPANION!

Men and women 55+ can be the reason a child in school smiles or an older adult can stay independent in their home.

*An hourly stipend is available for seniors who meet income requirements. An application and background check are required.*

**Benefits of Volunteering:**

- Improve quality of life
- Make new friends
- Help others

Learn about our volunteer opportunities at [TheSeniorSource.org/ACS](https://TheSeniorSource.org/ACS) or call **214.525.6125**

## Print & Play Puzzle Corner: ETNP Street Name Word Search

OWLTHEDFORDTCKB  
 VRAIYMCWDRMGZXJ  
 LTINNDXS SPOS LNI  
 OWUOEWR CZRCUIGT  
 CRNZLTONBOKANBC  
 KEIVLEAOQSITNTA  
 SNVLIILADPNKEHI  
 LWEROCKEXEGETRL  
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 DBYZEFOOSEALEIN  
 HIPIFETYWODXKDH  
 YNWEBSTERPEFAVB

Caillet	Roper
Kenwell	Theford
Linnet	Thrush
Linwood	Tyree
Lockheed	University
Locksley	Victoria
Mockingbird	Waneta
Oriole	Wateka
Prosper	Webster
Robin	WrenWay

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

## Summer Camp Registration Now Open at the K. B. Polk Rec Center

Don't delay in getting your children registered for summer camp 2024 at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper. The camp starts June 3, 2024 and runs for nine weeks. Camp ends August 2, 2024.

The city is working on providing a lot of fun field trips and activities for campers this year. The cost of the camp is \$75 per child (ages 5-16) per week.

Planned activities include:

- Dance, Music and Acting
- Costume, Makeup and Stage Design

Please call 214-670-6308 for more information.

**K.B. Polk Recreation Center**  
Summer Camp  
**URBAN ARTS** Registration

**WORKSHOP Series**  
June 13    June 20  
June 27    July 11  
July 18  
10:00 am-11:00am

- Dance, Music & Acting
- Costume, MakeUp and Stage Design
- Ages 5-16

**REGISTER NOW**  
**K.B. Polk Recreation Center**  
**6801 Roper St**  
**214-670-6308**

214-702-3371  
urbanartsonline.com  
919 Morrell Ave Dallas, TX 75203  
Urban Arts is supported in part by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs

**Community Arts**  
POP-UP CULTURAL CENTER

## Learn to Play Chinese Mahjong at K. B. Polk Rec Center

The group of neighbors learning to play the Chinese version of Mahjong is growing and you are welcome to join them on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper Street.

There is an instructor to help you learn the game and teach everyone the rules as well as strategy. Best of all, it is all free. You only need a City of Dallas recreation card. There are plenty of Mahjong sets to keep the group growing. There is a seat at a table waiting for you.

For more information contact the rec center at 214-670-6308.





# Recognize Your Graduate in the June issue of the ETNP News

The ETNP News would like to recognize the graduates that live in Elm Thicket/Northpark or are the grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc. of our many legacy residents who still live in our beloved neighborhood.

This is what we need from you. If you have a graduate (kindergarten through college) in your family please send us their name, the name of their parents or if they do not live in Elm Thicket then the name of the family members who do, and the name of the school/class from which they have graduated.



Students these days have a lot of pressure to deal with so we hope you will allow us to celebrate these graduate(s) in your family. It is our hope that they will take the love from Elm Thicket/Northpark with them as they begin the next chapter in their life.

To have your graduate recognized in the June issue of the ETNP News, please email the above information to [etnpnews@gmail.com](mailto:etnpnews@gmail.com). Or, if it is easier, please text the information to 214-215-5939.

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## Our Shared History: The Birth of Juneteenth in Texas (From Page 5)

June 19 soon became known as Juneteenth but has also been called Freedom Day, Emancipation Day, Jubilee Day, and Black Independence Day by those recognizing the importance of this day. Juneteenth happens to be the most common name used for this special day when it finally became a Texas state holiday on January 1, 1980, and a US national holiday on June 17, 2021.

Although the roots of Juneteenth are firmly in Texas, celebrations of this day are held around the world from as nearby as Mexico to as far away as Japan, Poland, France, and Nigeria.

The first Juneteenth gatherings in Texas took place June 19, 1866, and were mostly community events where families would gather to celebrate with parades, cookouts, prayers, and music. The 14th-Annual Elm Thicket/Northpark Juneteenth celebration will not be much different than the celebrations that began in 1866 – with friends and family.

So join us on Saturday, June 15, with your neighbors to celebrate this special day and think of the time when Elm Thicket was eventually established by those freed by the bonds of slavery.



### Resources:

- [Congressional Research Service, Juneteenth: Fact Sheet](#)
- [Dallas Historical Society, Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom](#)
- [Juneteenth.com, The World Celebrates Freedom](#)
- [National Museum of African American History & Culture, Juneteenth](#)
- [Texas State Historical Association Handbook of Texas, Juneteenth](#)