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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT KICKS 6801-03 TYREE ST CASE TO SEPT. 17; ANOTHER APPEAL CASE LOOMING ON VICTORIA AVE

More than 40 letters of opposition were sent to the Dallas Board of Adjustment asking the board to deny the appeal of the stop work order issued to the non-conforming duplex being built at 6803 Tyree. The BOA decided at the August 20 meeting to hold the case over to the next hearing date of September 17 so they could gather more information on what action they can take on this case.



The next appeal involves 6529 Victoria Ave. and will be heard at a September BOA meeting.

A second BOA appeal case, concerning a non-conforming duplex being built at 6529 Victoria, will also be held in September with the date still to be determined. While it is a different owner, this case is nearly identical to the 6801-03 Tyree St. case because it is being built with four zoning violations (e.g., roof type, height, lot size and land use).

Save Elm Thicket (SET) will again provide letter templates for each individual case so neighbors who want their voices heard can simply copy the letter into an email and add their

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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP Neighbors:

I hope this finds everyone well and for those who have children, here's hoping your school year has gotten off to a good start.

As we turn the corner from summer into fall, the presidential election season has come early. For fear of sounding like a broken record, we have a general election on Nov. 5, 2024, where we will be electing a new president. The ETNP News will publish our candidate endorsements in the October 2024 issue.

Before that however, we want to ensure everyone is registered to vote, that neighbors know where to vote and they have access to information to answer any questions they may have. From now through the November issue, we will provide voting information. We consider this election important and your right to have your voice heard imperative.

The most important thing we want everyone to do is to check their voter registration. The State of [Texas purged 1.1 million voters](#) from rolls this month. While Dallas County may be blue, we must acknowledge that we live in a state where voter suppression is nothing new to state officials.



If you are a registered voter, the first thing you need to do is check your voter status. To check your voter status, [click here](#). There are instructions on the page if your registration is in suspense. If you have been removed from the voter rolls, you have until Oct. 7, 2024, to register to vote. The ETNP News knows a local voter registrar who will be happy to re-register you.

Please note, YOU CANNOT REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE. When you register to vote you need to sign your registration. That is not something you can do online. So please, if you or someone you know needs to register to vote please contact us and we will make sure you are connected with a registrar who will ensure your registration is done correctly so you can vote in the upcoming election.

Lastly, if your high school senior turns 18 before the election, they can register to vote now and be eligible to vote in November. Please encourage all the young people in your family that it is imperative that they cast a ballot for the future in which they will live.

As always, thank you for your time in reading the newsletter. If you know any seniors who would like to have a free paper copy delivered to their door please contact us at etnpnews@gmail.com or text us their address to 214-215-5939.

Wishing everyone a happy September.

Mimi Perez



Update on Board of Adjustment Cases (from Page 1)

name. The goal of SET is to ensure any new construction in our historic neighborhood conforms to the new building standards.

The case number for the 6801-03 Tyree property is BDA234-101. The case number for the 6529 Victoria property is BDA234-111. You can check with the BOA website ([click here](#)) to see when the Victoria case will be heard and keep an eye out for Save Elm Ticket email updates.

Neighbors are encouraged to have their voices heard in regard to these cases. If one builder is allowed to finish a non-conforming structure, that will open the door for other builders to ignore the building standards and build non-conforming structures that will destroy the character of our historic neighborhood. We fought much too hard for the zoning changes to allow that to happen.

As SET gets more information on how best for you to have your voice heard we will share that information with you as soon as possible. SET is encouraging all those who love ETNP to continue sending emails opposing both appeals. The templates can be found at the Save-ETNP.com website under Helpful Resources ([click here](#)). Be sure to include “BDA 234-101” for the Tyree property or “BDA 234-111” for the Victoria property in your email and letters depending on which appeal you are referencing. SET will also be collecting and emailing letters for neighbors who do not have internet access so if you know a senior who would like to have their voice heard please let us know.



This non-conforming site at 6802 Prosper may end up going to the Board of Adjustment given that this property is also being built by the same builder as 6801-03 Tyree Street (Grand Development).

How to Have Your Voice Heard at Upcoming BOA Meetings

We need all neighbors to send two emails/letters to the BOA at BDAREply@Dallas.gov or call 214-948-4066 because we have two cases currently being heard. Be sure to:

- Reference the case number: BDA 234-101 for 6801-03 Tyree Street and BDA 234-111 for 6529 Victoria Ave.
- Tell the BOA that the appeal should be denied and all new construction needs to follow the updated PD67.
- Include that the violations involve the construction of a duplex on a single-family residential lot with a non-conforming roof design that also exceeds lot coverage and height restrictions.

Save Elm Thicket has developed email and letter templates ([click here](#)) you can use when emailing or sending letters to the BOA.

Professor Freedom to Deliver Lecture on ETNP History

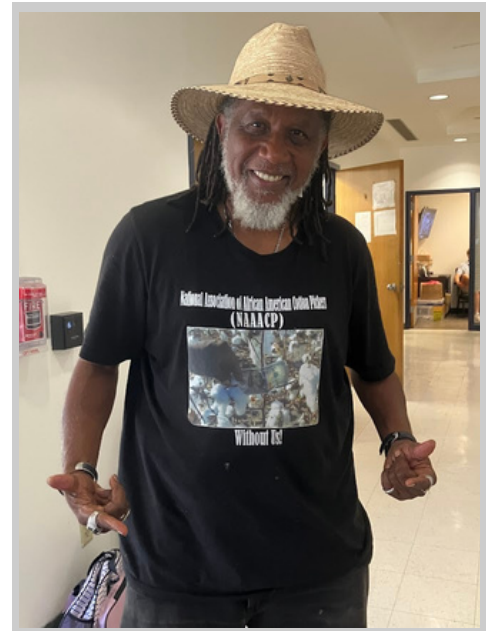
If you are new to Elm Thicket/Northpark or would like to learn more about our historic neighborhood then you do not want to miss the “From Cotton Field to Love Field” lecture on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper Street. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The lecture will be delivered by ETNP neighbor and historian the Rev. Clarence Glover, Jr. This will be the fourth year that Rev. Glover has delivered a lecture on the history of our neighborhood and how Elm Thicket evolved from cotton fields to the place we call home.

Also known as Professor Freedom, Rev. Glover will be delivering his lecture on Cotton Pickers Day which is the fourth Monday in October.

“It is a day to recognize how inter-cultural relations were impacted by the cotton industry in America both past and present,” according to Rev. Glover’s FB page.

While the date of the lecture is set, the time is to be determined. We will update you as soon as we know.



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After-School Program at K. B. Polk Rec Center to Help Students Learn About Finance and Savings

The K. B. Polk Recreation Center is doing their part to provide a fun and educational place for students in their after-school program. It's the type of education that will provide Elm Thicket/Northpark students the knowledge they need on how to save and invest money.

Kidcents, a weekly after-school program about finance and money management, is back by popular demand and Maxwell Johnson, a senior at Greenhill School, will teach it said Juan Arevalo, K. B. Polk Rec Center manager.

"We start off by asking the students, 'What is money to you?'" Mr. Johnson said. The idea for the money management class was developed during the COVID time frame.

"I really find finance interesting," he said. "The more you know, the better. And the earlier you learn about money management, the better."

Each lesson will have a hands-on activity, Mr. Johnson said.

If you have not signed your student up for after-school care at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, please call the rec at 214-670-6308.

School Supply Drive and Giveaway a Huge Success

Elm Thicket/Northpark students were able to get school supplies thanks to the generosity of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle located at Mockingbird Lane and Inwood Road. Thanks to their contribution of \$3,500 worth of school supplies, there was plenty of supplies to go around.



K. B. Polk Rec Center Staff organized and distributed the much-needed school supplies. The ETNP NA approved up to \$800 in school supplies as well.

K. B. Polk Seniors Page

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Answer Key can be found at www.save-etnp.org/etnp-news.

Save Elm Thicket (SET) to Hold Workshop on Estate Planning, Wills

If you have questions about what will happen to your home and possessions after you pass, Save Elm Thicket and the Dallas Park and Rec Department are teaming together to get those questions answered for you.

Over the past couple of months, a number of neighbors have asked if we could hold a workshop on estate planning and wills to ensure that our homes and property are passed on to loved ones with as little fuss as possible.

Thanks to Dr. Myrna Dartson, SET member, and the Dallas Parks and Rec Department, a free workshop will be held, with attorneys Brian Hill and Will Marsaw, to deliver the do's and don'ts of estate planning as well as answer any and all questions that you may have.

The Estate Planning Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper Street, Dallas.

An ETNP legacy resident, Dr. Dartson knows first hand how important estate planning is to ensure family homes stay in the family.

"When my father passed, he had little estate planning and that made the process much more difficult," Dr. Dartson said. "I hope my neighbors will attend this workshop and learn what they need to do to protect their family home."

"I am also grateful that we have such a wonderful rec center in Elm Thicket that will co-sponsor this workshop with us. We are blessed to have a rec center that will meet the needs of our neighborhood.," Dr. Dartson said.

If you would like to attend the workshop please RSVP to Save Elm Thicket at saveetnp@gmail.com or the K. B. Polk Recreation Center at 214-670-6308.



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K. B. Polk Seniors enjoying some Bingo at the Rec Center in August.

Texas Historical Marker for Hilliard Golf Course Progressing

The Texas State Historical Commission has accepted the application for a second historical marker for the Ellum Thicket/Northpark neighborhood. The first historical marker commemorating our beloved neighborhood was unveiled this June at the annual Juneteenth Celebration.

The Hilliard Memorial Golf Course was billed as the first municipal golf course for African Americans in the South. The City of Dallas opened the golf course in 1950. Unfortunately, it was demolished in 1953 with the Love Field expansion that also took a large number of Ellum Thicket homes and businesses.

At the 2024 ETNP Juneteenth Celebration, ETNP Neighborhood Association President Jonathan Maples announced that a historical marker commemorating the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course was in the works.

In a letter submitted with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) application by US Representative Jasmine Crockett (30th District-TX) on March 15, 2024, she wrote, "The story of Hilliard Memorial Golf Course is one of resilience, sportsmanship, and success. While this course is notable for serving as the home to African American contributions to golf, it also stands today to inspire the next generations of young African Americans seeking to break into this historically non inclusive sport."

As of March 18, 2024, the THC has received the application and application fee along with the fee to create a 27" x 42" Marker with the post. While the inscription on the marker is still being developed, the marker is set to be placed on the strip of land between Mabel Street and Lemmon Avenue.

Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, interim Dallas city manager, signed off as the owner of the land and approved the placement. The grounds will be maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Although the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course may be gone, the history and legacy of Ellum Thicket will be preserved with the new marker to complement the marker placed in June.

With the current rate of progress, the ETNP neighborhood can hopefully look forward to witnessing a second unveiling ceremony at next year's Juneteenth Celebration.



Aerial photo of Hilliard Golf Course. Photo Credit: Dallas County Historical Commission.

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