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ELM THICKET NEIGHBORHOOD INVITED TO EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA ON MARCH 28

Nothing serves as a better welcome to spring than the annual Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Easter Extravaganza in which the entire Elm Thicket/Northpark community is invited.

The Easter Extravaganza will be Saturday, March 28, from noon until 3 pm at the church located at 6635 Roper Street.

If you have just recently moved into the Elm Thicket neighborhood, then you do not want to miss this incredible event. There will be something for everyone.

Activities for children and adults include face painting, stickers, bounce houses, pony rides and an Easter Egg hunt. There will also be plenty of food and fellowship for adults and children alike.

Make sure you save the date on your calendar so you don't miss out on what is guaranteed to be a good time.



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Participants at last year's Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Easter Extravaganza enjoyed the festivities, food, and fellowship. This year's event promises to be another great time for friends and family to come together and enjoy the Easter holiday.



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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP Neighbors:

We hope this finds everyone well and that you are enjoying the lovely days we are having.

Tuesday, March 3, is election day. We hope you have voted early in which case you can skip this paragraph. If you plan on voting on Election Day, then there is an important change you need to know about. The elections department is requiring that everyone vote at their designated polling location. **In previous elections you could vote at any location but that has changed.**

If you live north of University Blvd, your voting location will be Sudie L. Williams TAG School, located at 4518 Pomona Road. Sudie L. Williams TAG is located north of Lovers Lane in the Briarwood neighborhood. Now, there has been no change for those who live south of University Blvd. You will still be voting at K. B. Polk Vanguard School. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors so if they are voting on Election Day they know where to go to vote.

Spring Break is March 16-20 this year so as you are driving through the neighborhood please keep a special eye out for kids that may be out and about on their bikes or scooters. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood children safe.

Save Elm Thicket is also conducting a survey in response to neighbors wanting input on where the new historical marker will be located recognizing the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course.

We did a story in our [February issue](#) on the new Texas historical marker coming to our neighborhood and we had neighbors reach out asking about the location. So at their behest we created a survey that you can fill out [here](#) or if you prefer a paper copy please let us know and we will get one to you. We will take responses until March 27 and then we will give the results to the ETNP Neighborhood Association for their consideration.

And now for some fun. On Saturday, March 28, the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Easter Extravaganza will take place from noon to 3 pm. If you are new to the Ellum Thicket then make sure you put this on your calendar. Your kids will thank you. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church is one of our neighborhood churches and it is located at 6635 Roper Street.

Activities for children and adults include pony rides, face painting, stickers, bounce houses, and an Easter Egg hunt. There will also be plenty of food and fellowship for adults and children alike. Macedonia Missionary will also have a ton of games for children to play and win prizes. It is a fantastic way to spend an afternoon. Make sure you save the date on your calendar so you don't miss out on what is guaranteed to be a good time.

Okay neighbors, here's wishing everyone a safe and peaceful March.

Your neighbor,
Mimi Perez



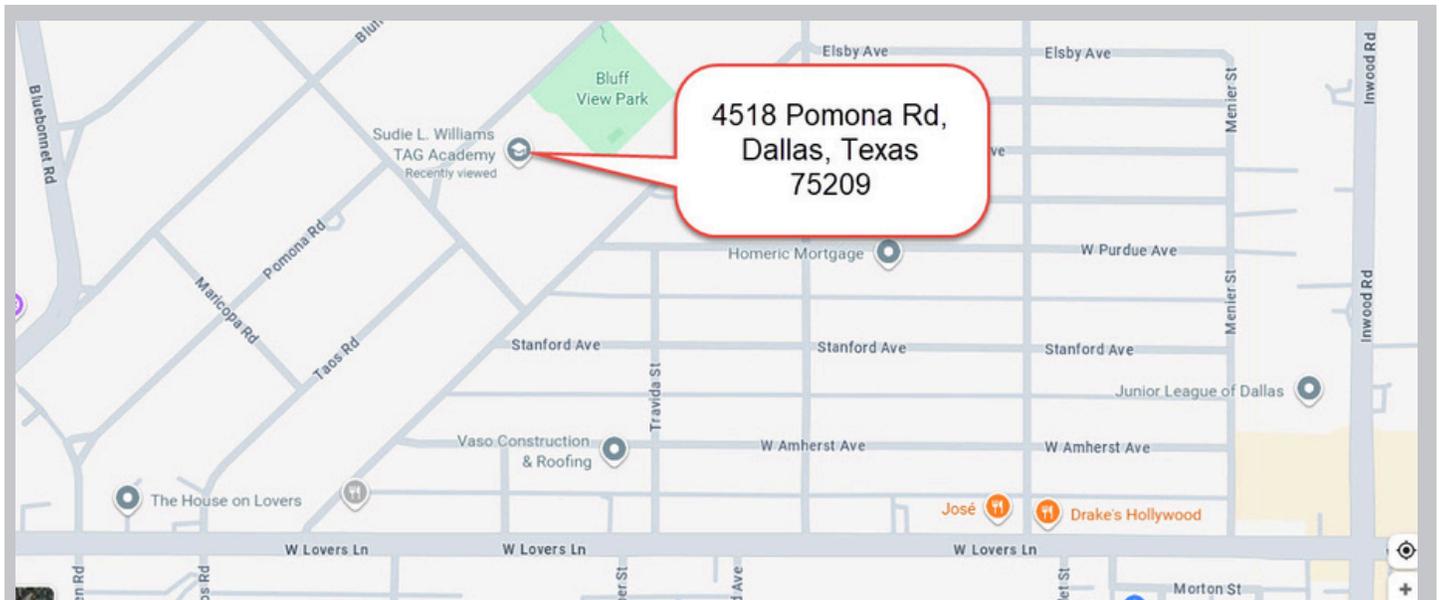
March 3 Primary Day Voting Location Update

Due to a recent change in primary election procedures by the Dallas County Republican Party, all March 3 Democratic Party and Republican Party Primary Day voting must take place at the designated precincts. Voters can no longer cast their March 3 Election Day ballots at any Dallas County voting center as they have done in the past.

Those ETNP residents who live north of University Blvd. (Precinct 4015) must now vote at Sudie L. Williams Elementary (4518 Pomona Rd, Dallas, Texas 75209) north of Lovers Lane in the Briarwood neighborhood. Those ETNP neighbors who live south of University Blvd. (Precinct 4016) can still vote as they have before at K. B. Polk Elementary (6911 Victoria Ave, Dallas, TX 75209). Both locations have designated their auditoriums for the voting location. Be sure to follow the signs because school will be in session.

Keep in mind that this change is only for the March 3 Primary. Voters can still cast ballots at any Dallas County Vote Center for the November 3 General Election. ETNP News will publish more information on that election as that date nears.

Because your voice matters, be sure to make it heard by casting your vote on March 3 if you have not voted early.



Precinct 4015 which is north of University Blvd. will need to vote at the Sudie L. Williams Elementary School on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Precinct 4016 which is south of University Blvd. will need to vote at K.B. Polk Elementary.

Elm Thicket Neighborhood Invitada a la Extravagancia de Pascua

Nada mejor para dar la bienvenida a la primavera que la Extravagancia de Pascua anual de la Iglesia Bautista Misionera de Macedonia, a la que está invitada toda la comunidad de Elm Thicket/Northpark.

La Extravagancia de Pascua tendrá lugar el sábado 28 de marzo, desde el mediodía hasta las 3 p. m., en la iglesia ubicada en la calle Roper 6635. Si se acaba de mudar al vecindario de Elm Thicket, no se pierda este increíble evento. Habrá algo para todos los gustos.

Las actividades para niños y adultos incluyen pintacaritas, pegatinas, castillos inflables, paseos en poni y una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua. También habrá mucha comida y mucha convivencia para adultos y niños.

Apunte la fecha en su calendario para no perderse lo que seguro será un momento genial.

Latest Crime Watch Stats Provided at February 24 Meeting



Sr. Corporal Jose Gamez Office Mike Villanueva
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Northwest Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs) Jose Gamez and Mike Villanueva provided the community with the latest reported offenses at the February 24 Crime Watch Meeting. January data was included because the previous meeting was canceled due to the winter weather.

Monthly Crime Match Meetings are scheduled for every 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center at 6801 Roper Street. It is open to all Elm Thicket/ Northpark residents.

January/February Crime Watch Reported Offenses

Offense Type	Jan/Feb 1/1 - 2/24	Year to Date*	Last Year at Same Time*
Violent Offenses			
Aggravated Assault-Family Violence	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault-Non-Family Violence	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0
Robbery of a Business	0	0	1
Robbery of a Residence	0	0	0
Robbery of an Individual	0	0	0
Non-Violent Offenses			
Burglary of a Business	0	0	2
Burglary of a Residence	1	0	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1	3	4
Theft	1	1	5
Shoplifting	1	1	0
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	3	1	5
Total	7	6	17

*YTD does not include the current month total (January 1-31 data only).

Look Out for Driver of White Mustang Tied to Package Thefts

At the February 24 Crime Watch meeting, the Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs) informed residents that the driver of a white Mustang convertible with a black top was tied to a string of package thefts in the area.

Residents are asked to call 911 if they see this vehicle and driver and report the sighting. They can report it as a suspicious vehicle and say it may be tied to several package thefts in the area. If anyone happens to get any better pictures through their home security cameras, they can call the NPO numbers listed above. Watching out for each other is a key deterrent to crime



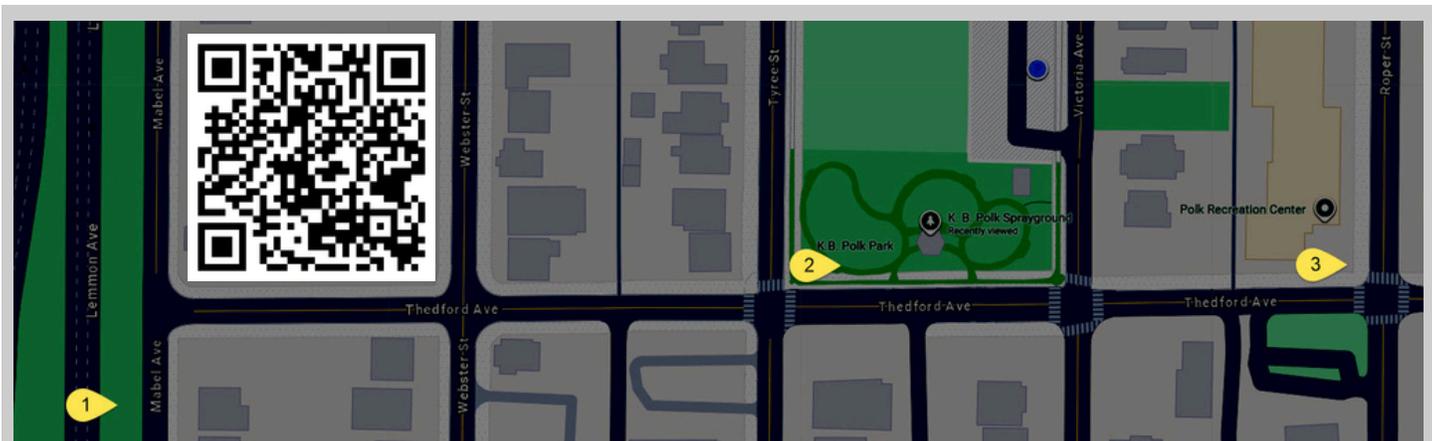
This person was caught on camera allegedly stealing packages. Note the car he was driving is shown above his shoulder. (Photo from Nextdoor app.)

Save Elm Thicket Survey Asking Neighbors on Best Location for New Texas Historical Marker

As reported in the February *ETNP News* ([click here](#)), the new Texas Historical Marker commemorating the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course (1950-1955) as the first municipal golf course for African-Americans in the South will be coming to the ETNP neighborhood in the near future.

Because the location of the first Ellum Thicket historical marker was set for the corner of University Blvd. and Roper St. and then moved to its present location at the intersection of Lockheed Ave. and Thedford Ave., Save Elm Thicket (SET) is seeking input on the final location for the new marker. SET recognizes the imperative to share this important history with as many current and future generations of residents of Elm Thicket/Northpark. A highly visible location will support those efforts. Click the survey link ([click here](#)) or scan the QR code below with your smartphone.

The survey is open through March 27 and the results will be published in the April edition of *ETNP News* and shared with the ETNP NA, who is leading the project, so they can hear what neighbors have to say about the location.



The Save Elm Thicket survey asks residents to which location they like the most: 1) The parkway between Lemmon Ave. and Mabel Ave. (currently proposed location), 2) The K. B. Polk Sprayground, and 3) The K. B. Polk Rec Center. Respondents can also write in another location.

West Inwood Neighborhood Association to Hold Yearly Meeting March 11

West Inwood NA scheduled their annual meeting for March 11, 2026, at 6 pm to be held at Providence Christian School of Texas, 5002 Lovers Lane. The entrance is along Caillet Street.

West Inwood NA is the organization that formed toward the end of 2025 and created the Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) program for Elm Thicket/Northpark. The ENP program allows for neighborhoods to hire off-duty police officers to patrol just their proper neighborhood. The program is funded by residents who voluntarily contribute to pay for the officer's time, patrol car and cell phone.

Neighborhood Patrol Officers Jose Gamez and Michael Villanueva will be at the meeting to share an overview of last year's crime statistics for the Ellum Thicket neighborhood and answer any questions from those in attendance.

This meeting is open to everyone in the Elm Thicket neighborhood. You do not need to be a contributing member to attend. Any Elm Thicket resident is allowed to attend the meeting.

West Inwood NA will also share details about the current status of their neighborhood association, and future plans to continue to grow the organization and support the neighborhood, including ways for people to get involved.

K. B. Polk Seniors Page

Joyful Goldies Celebrate Black History Month



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Members of the Joyful Goldies took a trip to the Arlington Park Recreation Center on Feb. 19 to hear speaker and Elm Thicket/Northpark neighbor, the Rev. Clarence Glover, deliver a talk in honor of Black History Month. Professor Glover, also known as Professor Freedom, delivered a lecture/exhibition on *Big D Cotton With Us*.

Print & Play Puzzle Corner: March Springtime Word Search

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

Stay Vigilant for Unprofessional Builders Who Violate City Regulations and Zoning Rules

Save Elm Thicket is asking Ellum Thicket neighbors to continue to be vigilant of teardowns and new builds that are happening in our neighborhood.

A perfect example of vigilant neighbors occurred on Morton Street last month. An excavator was left in a front yard meaning the house was going to come down. At the time when the crew started to demo the house, code enforcement issued a stop work order because the developer had not pulled a demolition permit.

Remember, there must always be a construction information sign visible from the street, listing the permit number, job site address, and owner/contractor contact info. Approved building plans, the building permit, and safety/rest break information must also be available on-site. If a building site does not have these posted then they need to be reported to the city through 311. If you do not feel comfortable doing that, then please contact Save Elm Thicket (saveetnp@gmail.com) and we will report them to the city for you and let you know the outcome.



Stop Work: This excavator sat idle after Dallas Code Compliance shut the demo down due to no demo permit being pulled. This half-demolished home remained like this for about a week until the permit was granted and the equipment repaired.

Unfortunately, the city does not have the manpower to check every building site to ensure they have pulled the appropriate permits. It is up to us, Ellum Thicket neighbors, to look out for each other and for the neighborhood.

Big Changes are Coming to Lovers Lane in the Next Few Years

The next couple of years are going to see some significant changes to Lovers Lane from the Dallas North Tollway to Lemmon Avenue. The goal is to make Lovers Lane more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

Phase 1 of the changes will encompass the intersection of Inwood Road to the tollway. The city is currently studying what needs exist along that corridor and what they can do with the space. There will be future meetings to continue seeking input from residents.

Phase 2 of the project will stretch from Inwood Road to Lemmon Avenue. Anyone who has ever tried to exit our Ellum Thicket neighborhood from Caillet Street onto Lovers Lane knows how dangerous it can be between the private school having activities and ride-share cars catering to restaurant clientele that park illegally all the way to the corner of Caillet and Lovers.

The Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood will absolutely need to provide their input when the city begins looking at the work that will be done along the section of Lovers Lane that borders our neighborhood.

When another informational meeting is held we will be sure to let you know. If you do not follow us on Facebook you may want to consider doing so because we post all upcoming meetings there if the newsletter has already been published.

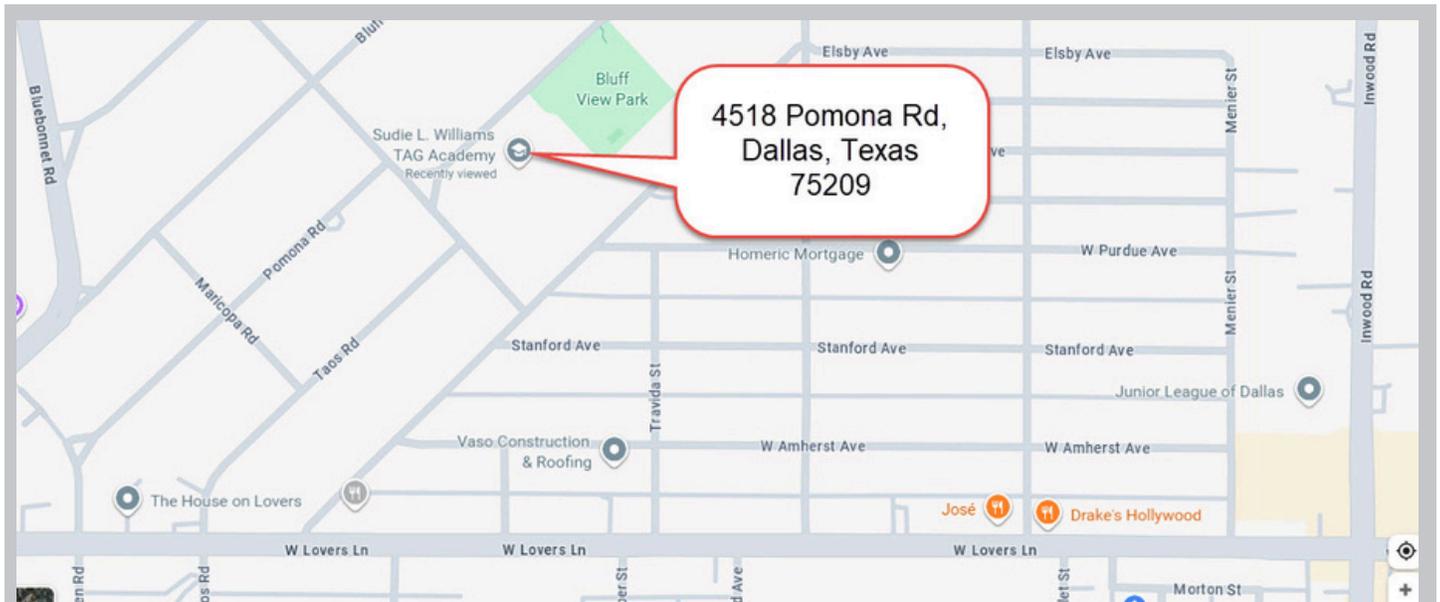
Actualización Sobre el Lugar de Votación de las Primarias del 3 de Marzo

Debido a un cambio reciente en los procedimientos de las elecciones primarias por parte del Partido Republicano del Condado de Dallas, la votación de las primarias del 3 de marzo, tanto del Partido Demócrata como del Partido Republicano, deberá realizarse en los precintos designados. Los votantes ya no podrán emitir su voto el 3 de marzo en ningún centro de votación del Condado de Dallas, como lo hacían anteriormente.

Los residentes del ETNP que vivan al norte de University Blvd. (Precinto 4015) ahora deberán votar en la escuela primaria Sudie L. Williams (4518 Pomona Rd, Dallas, Texas 75209), al norte de Lovers Lane, en el vecindario de Briarwood. Los vecinos del ETNP que vivan al sur de University Blvd. (Precinto 4016) podrán votar como antes en la escuela primaria K. B. Polk (6911 Victoria Ave, Dallas, TX 75209). Ambas ubicaciones han designado sus auditorios como lugar de votación. Asegúrese de seguir las señales, ya que habrá clases.

Tenga en cuenta que este cambio solo aplica para las primarias del 3 de marzo. Los votantes aún pueden votar en cualquier Centro de Votación del Condado de Dallas para las Elecciones Generales del 3 de noviembre. ETNP News publicará más información sobre estas elecciones a medida que se acerque la fecha.

Porque su voz importa, asegúrese de hacerla oír emitiendo su voto el 3 de marzo si aún no lo ha hecho con anticipación.



El distrito 4015, que está al norte de University Blvd., deberá votar en la escuela primaria Sudie L. Williams el martes 3 de marzo de 2026. El distrito 4016, que está al sur de University Blvd., deberá votar en la escuela primaria K.B. Polk.

Don't Forget Daylight Saving Time Coming Sunday, March 8 No Olvides que el Horario de Verano Llega el Domingo 8 de Marzo

This is a friendly reminder from *ETNP News* to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8!

¡Éste es un recordatorio amistoso de *ETNP News* para que adelanten sus relojes una hora el domingo 8 de marzo!

