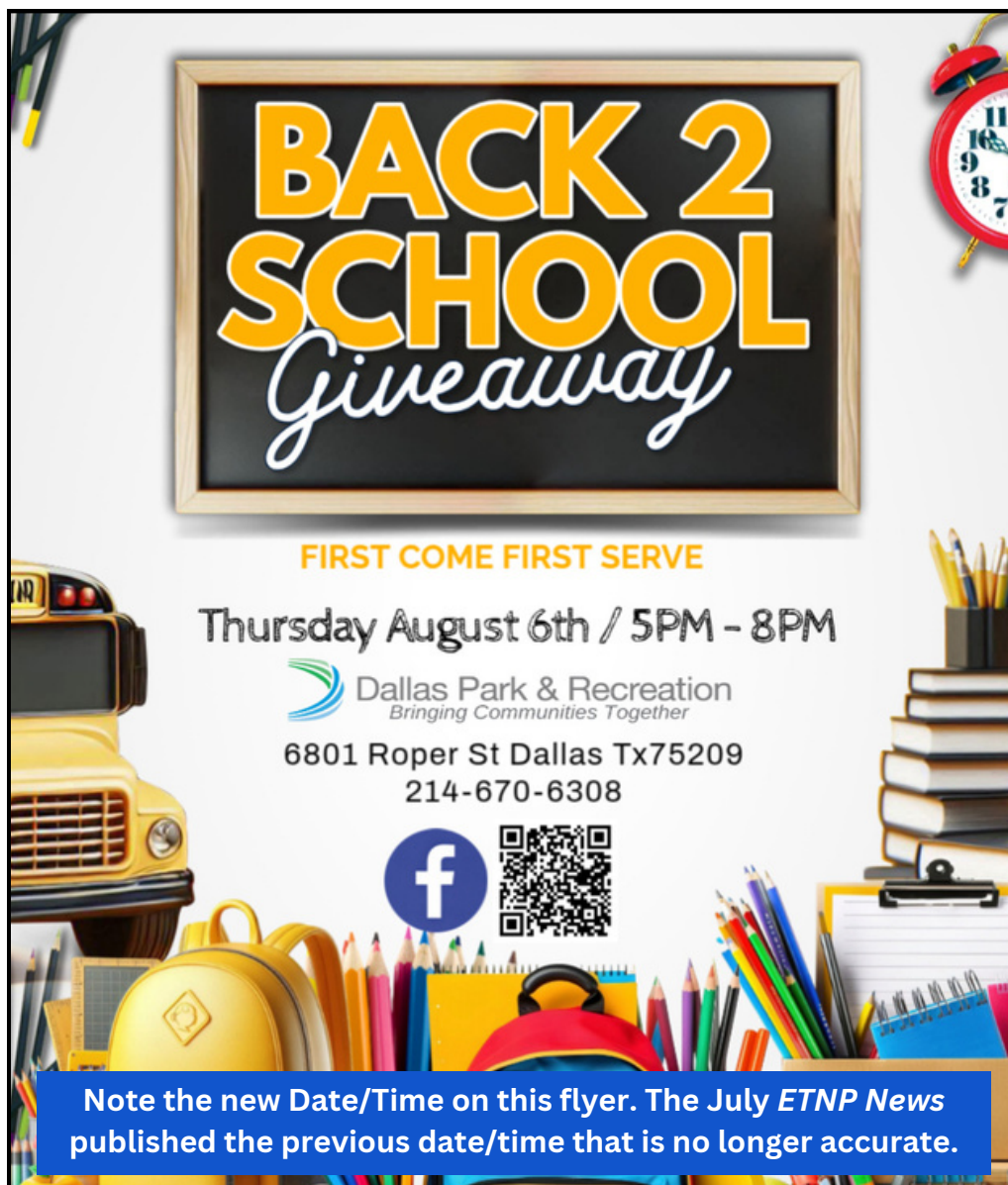


# ETNP News

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## FREE “BACK 2 SCHOOL GIVEAWAY” AT REC CENTER SET FOR AUGUST 6

The Dallas Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a “Back 2 School Giveaway” on Thursday, August 6, from 5-8 pm at the K.B. Polk Rec Center (6801 Roper Street). Free school supplies for the children getting ready to head back to school will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make plans to come early in case these free backpacks and school supplies run out.



**BACK 2  
SCHOOL  
Giveaway**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**

**Thursday August 6th / 5PM - 8PM**

 **Dallas Park & Recreation**  
Bringing Communities Together

**6801 Roper St Dallas Tx 75209**  
**214-670-6308**

**Note the new Date/Time on this flyer. The July ETNP News published the previous date/time that is no longer accurate.**

Individuals and businesses can donate to this back-to-school giveaway. To do so or for questions, call contact the Rec Center at 214-670-6308 and ask for either Vern, Marisol, or Leticia, K. B. Polk Rec Center employees.



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# ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello Neighbors:

Here's hoping everyone is managing to stay cool this summer. If you have not found your way to the K. B. Polk Spraypark then you do not know what you're missing. It is a great way for your kids to stay cool while you relax listening to the water splash. Keep in mind that even though the new school year begins Aug. 11, the spraypark will still be open with its summer hours through Labor Day weekend. Then it will only be open on the weekends until Oct. 1.

As far as getting our neighborhood students started off right for the new school year, the school supply/backpack giveaway that is being organized by our wonderful recreation center staff is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 6 from 5 pm to 8 pm. The giveaway is on a first come, first serve basis so please make sure you have this on your calendar.

If you or your business would like to donate to the back-to-school giveaway then please contact either Vern, Marisol or Leticia, K. B. Polk Rec Center employees, to get more information. Any and all donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

The K. B. Polk Active Seniors Group, the Joyful Goldies, are also seeking donations of travel size toiletries for women and men. The group decided to create "Blessing Bags" to distribute to the unhoused and those in need.

This is a great opportunity to donate all the little soaps, shampoos and lotions that you've collected from hotel visits. Or, you can find sample-size hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, lotion, brushes, combs, mouthwash, etc. at the Dollar Store or Wal-Mart. They are also looking to provide non-perishable snacks such as cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, nuts, potted meat or sausages, sardines, etc.

If you would like to donate items to this wonderful endeavor, then please bring your items to the Rec Center on Tuesday, Aug. 11 between 10 am and 1 pm. The senior group will be sorting and assembling the Blessing Bags Aug. 11-Aug. 13. This will be a monthly event the seniors will be doing for those in need so if you can not donate now then please keep the senior group in mind when you can.

In this issue, we are also alerting neighbors to be vigilant for coyotes. One was spotted on the north side of the neighborhood at Morton St. and Kelton St. and was reported to the City of Dallas Animal Control. Coyotes will also look to prey on cats or small dogs if given the opportunity. Check out the article in this edition to see what you can do to make your yard less friendly to coyotes and what you can do if you spot one roaming around.

Also be on the alert for the 2-legged predators as well. Reports of someone going around and checking front doors has circulated on the NextDoor app. Although crime is relatively low compared to the rest of Dallas, those impacted by burglaries or thefts don't care about those statistics if they are victims of crime.

Okay, that's all for now. There are lots of good things going on in Ellum Thicket/Northpark this summer so don't be afraid to join in the fun.

Your neighbor,  
Gus



# K. B. Polk Seniors Page

## D6 CM Cadena Brings Treats and Prizes to Seniors



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Left: D6 Councilmember Laura Cadena brought cupcakes and raffle prizes for the A.S.A.P. birthday celebration. Mrs. Roberta Mitchell won a pair of soccer socks.

Right: Seniors enjoyed a cyber security class where they learned how to avoid getting scammed on the internet..

## Print & Play Puzzle Corner: Back-to-School Word Search

T H C B D R Q T V V A P L N V  
Y E I O N D E S K S P A R S P  
P B A G L O B C M Z I P B Q Z  
S Q S C H J O X E C U E K J U  
Y F N C H L C L A S S R O O M  
T R O B H E I U W U S B B U E  
E B T L E O R G F R G R G W Z  
X A E A D R O S H P P U L Z C  
T C B C E E A L P T W L U P R  
B K O K I O R S B K E E E E A  
O P O B J R P S E U F R A N Y  
O A K O U S R Q X R S S S S O  
K C S A B I N D E R S C F R N  
S K D R G A R S C I S S O R S  
Y H W D X I P E N C I L S A Q

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|--------------|-----------|
| Backpack     | Notebooks |
| Binders      | Paper     |
| Blackboard   | Pencils   |
| Classroom    | Pens      |
| Crayons      | Recess    |
| Desks        | Rulers    |
| Erasers      | Scissors  |
| Folders      | SchoolBus |
| Glue         | Teachers  |
| Highlighters | Textbooks |

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

# Coyotes: How to Avoid Encounters and Stay Safe

After a recent sighting of a coyote on the north side of the neighborhood, *ETNP News* felt it was important to provide information to our neighbors on how to avoid encounters and make sure any encounters do not cause harm to people or pets.

Officer Jacqueline Sutherland Qualls, a wildlife investigator with Dallas Animal Control, said coyotes are not common to Elm Thicket/Northpark. She added that with coyote parents taking care of new pups born in April, last year's pups are now juveniles and can be found scrounging on their own away from the family den.

Although coyotes are reclusive and want to avoid human contact, they will come into neighborhoods looking for food. It is important to never feed them or leave pet food outside. It is also good to keep your pets indoors during the night unless you have a 8' fence that coyotes cannot climb over.

When walking, keep any pet on a leash and carry a noisemaker that can scare coyotes away. A Gatorade bottle with several small rocks is a great way to scare off coyotes when shaken vigorously or thrown on the ground hard toward the coyote.



If you do spot a coyote and are safe, call 311 to report it – especially if the coyote appears sick or injured. If the coyote is directly approaching or attacking you or your pet you can call 911. All other coyote sightings should be reported to the hotline at 469-676-9813.

To learn more about coyotes and all other types of urban wildlife, go to the Dallas Animal Control website at [bedallas90.org/coyotes](http://bedallas90.org/coyotes). You can even find a yard audit checklist there to make your yard less coyote friendly. Most importantly, be safe and aware when it comes to all types of urban wildlife you may encounter. [Para leer esta historia en español, haga clic ([aquí](#)).]

## July Crime Watch Reported Offenses

| Offense Type                           | 06/24-07/21 | Year to Date* | Last Year at Same Time* |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Violent Offenses</b>                |             |               |                         |
| Aggravated Assault-Family Violence     | 1           | 0             | 0                       |
| Aggravated Assault-Non-Family Violence | 0           | 0             | 2                       |
| Murder                                 | 0           | 0             | 0                       |
| Robbery of a Business                  | 0           | 0             | 1                       |
| Robbery of an Individual               | 0           | 1             | 0                       |
| <b>Non-Violent Offenses</b>            |             |               |                         |
| Burglary of a Business                 | 0           | 4             | 3                       |
| Burglary of a Residence                | 0           | 2             | 5                       |
| Burglary of a Motor Vehicle            | 2           | 21            | 8                       |
| Theft                                  | 0           | 8             | 15                      |
| Shoplifting                            | 1           | 3             | 5                       |
| Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle    | 2           | 10            | 17                      |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>6</b>    | <b>49</b>     | <b>56</b>               |

*\*YTD does not include the current month total.*