



KIDS AND SENIORS INVITED FOR FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT REC CENTER

Summer is always a busy time in the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood. Thanks to our wonderful staff at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, both children and seniors will benefit from the programs being offered this summer.

There are still spaces available for the K. B. Polk Rec Center Summer Camp which will run from June 1 through July 31 from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. This is always a fantastic camp where the kids have a lot of fun doing arts and crafts, weekly field trips, move and play games and a lot more. The cost is \$80 per student. It's not too late to sign your child up for this summer camp.



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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello *ETNP News* Readers:

This June marks three years that Save Elm Thicket has been publishing the *ETNP News*. The only thing that has stayed the same in these past three years is our commitment to keeping neighbors informed of what is happening in Ellum Thicket. From potential zoning cases to community events to information on how you can exercise your right to vote, we truly believe that the more informed we all are the better decision you can make for your family and our neighborhood.

We are also pleased that after three years, we are still able to publish and distribute free of charge. While the majority of our subscribers are online, we do hand deliver printed copies to the seniors in Ellum Thicket who either do not have internet access or would prefer a paper copy. It has given us a great opportunity to meet neighbors and learn about what information they would like to see in the newsletter. We are also always grateful for advertisers as they help defer the printing cost.

In order to promote more neighborhood activities where we can all come together as neighbors, *ETNP News* is providing free advertising for all our neighborhood churches as long as space permits.

So, if you are a member of one of our neighborhood churches and your church is hosting a free event where the entire neighborhood is invited, then please let us know and we will be happy to advertise it in the newsletter. For the past two years we have publicized the community-wide Easter Extravaganza that is hosted by Macedonia Missionary Church located on Roper Street. This month we are promoting the Surprise Party VBS (Vacation Bible School) being hosted by Greater Zion Baptist Church on Hopkins Street. Please see their flyer on the back page of the newsletter.

Now that is not the only fun activity going on in the neighborhood this summer. The K. B. Polk Spray Park is open. If you are new to the neighborhood, the spray park is located at Victoria Avenue and Thedford Avenue next to the K. B. Polk Center for Academically Talented & Gifted. The spray park is open Monday through Sunday from 10 am to 8 pm except for Wednesdays when the spray park opens at 2 pm.

It is not too late to sign up your child for summer camp at K. B. Polk Recreation Center. The summer campers participate in field trips, arts and crafts activities, games and much more. The rec center staff has been planning activities for the past couple of months so there is no doubt the campers will have a great time and be well cared for.

Please check out the other stories in this newsletter and become informed about what is happening in our beloved neighborhood. We'll have a booth at the 16th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 13, so please stop by and say hello. We enjoy getting to meet our neighbors.

Your neighbor,
Gus

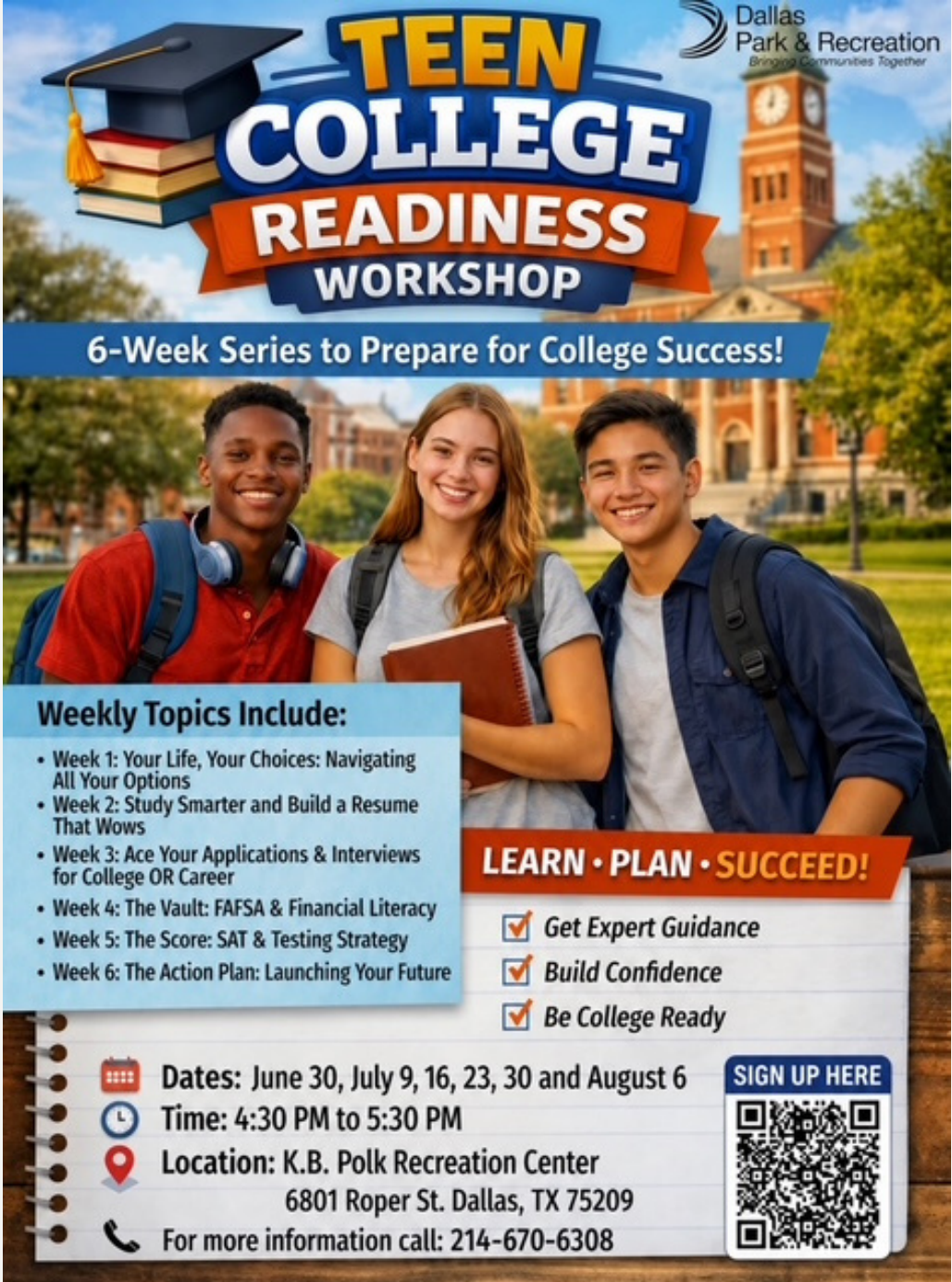


Fun Summer Activities Planned at Rec Center (From Page 1)

For Elm Thicket/Northpark high school students who are considering college after graduation, there is a six-week Teen College Readiness Workshop that will be held June 30, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, and Aug. 6 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the K. B. Polk Rec Center. There is no cost associated with this workshop.

The Active Senior Adult Program, the Joyful Goldies, is recruiting more seniors to enjoy fun activities during the summer. On tap for this summer are field trips around town, Spanish classes, arts and crafts, bingo, and chair exercise classes. The Joyful Goldies meet Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information on any of these fun and educational activities going on at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center this summer please contact the rec at 214-670-6308.

A promotional poster for the Teen College Readiness Workshop. At the top, it features a graduation cap and the text 'TEEN COLLEGE READINESS WORKSHOP' in large, bold letters. Below this, a banner reads '6-Week Series to Prepare for College Success!'. The central image shows three smiling teenagers (two boys and one girl) with backpacks, standing in front of a college building. To the right of the image, the Dallas Park & Recreation logo is visible. Below the image, a blue box lists 'Weekly Topics Include:' followed by six bullet points detailing the workshop's content. To the right of this box, a red banner says 'LEARN • PLAN • SUCCEED!' followed by three bullet points with checkmarks: 'Get Expert Guidance', 'Build Confidence', and 'Be College Ready'. At the bottom, a white box contains icons for a calendar, clock, location pin, and phone, each followed by specific event details: dates, time, location, and contact information. A QR code labeled 'SIGN UP HERE' is located in the bottom right corner.

TEEN COLLEGE READINESS WORKSHOP

6-Week Series to Prepare for College Success!

Weekly Topics Include:

- Week 1: Your Life, Your Choices: Navigating All Your Options
- Week 2: Study Smarter and Build a Resume That Wows
- Week 3: Ace Your Applications & Interviews for College OR Career
- Week 4: The Vault: FAFSA & Financial Literacy
- Week 5: The Score: SAT & Testing Strategy
- Week 6: The Action Plan: Launching Your Future

LEARN • PLAN • SUCCEED!

- ✓ Get Expert Guidance
- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Be College Ready

Dates: June 30, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6

Time: 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Location: K.B. Polk Recreation Center
6801 Roper St. Dallas, TX 75209

For more information call: 214-670-6308

SIGN UP HERE



Bachman Indoor Pool Now Open After Major Renovations Completed

The City of Dallas Bachman Indoor Pool (2750 Bachman Dr. Dallas, TX 75220) is now open after being closed for several years and is ready for the summer!

The entire pool and spa shell was replaced and the pool was reconfigured to accommodate a new ADA entrance ramp. The locker rooms, including a family restroom, were completely redone and feature individual showers and changing areas.

Located just on the other side of Bachman Lake near Webb Chapel Extension and NW Highway, this facility is worth a visit this summer!



Photo: www.dallasaquatics.org

K. B. Polk Seniors Page

Joyful Goldies Visit New H-Mart and Enjoy Lunch Together



After a tour of the new grocery store, H-Mart, the ASAP Joyful Goldies had a delicious lunch at the Flying Fish on Irving Blvd. If you are a senior and would like to make some new friends and enjoy field trips, arts and crafts, exercise classes and much more then you will want to join the Joyful Goldies. For more information, please call the recreation center at 214-670-6308.

Print & Play Puzzle Corner: Juneteenth Word Search

Y I F R A B O L I T I O N F X
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Y A H P R O C L A M A T I O N
O Y E M A N C I P A T I O N N

Abolition	Independence
BigRedSoda	JubileeDay
Community	Juneteenth
Emancipation	Justice
Fairness	Liberation
Family	Liberty
FederalHoliday	Proclamation
FreedomDay	RedVelvetCake
Galveston	Rights
GenGranger	Texas

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

Mark Your Calendars for 16th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Make your plans to come together as a neighborhood to celebrate Juneteenth on Saturday, June 13, from 10 am to 6 pm at the K.B. Polk Recreation Center (6801 Roper Street).

Like the 15 previous Elm Thicket/Northpark celebrations, this one promises fun, food, and fellowship to remember the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and the freedom of enslaved people.

We want to thank the many sponsors, vendors and elected leaders who are making this year's celebration possible for everyone to enjoy.



**16TH ANNUAL
JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION**

FOOD, FUN, LIVE MUSIC,
CITY OF DALLAS DEPARTMENTS
& OTHER VENDORS

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Bringing Communities Together

ELM THICKET / NORTH PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

THE MAPLES FOUNDATION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
10 AM - 6 PM**

**KB POLK RECREATION CENTER
6801 ROPER STREET**

**DISTRICT 2
TOWN HALL MEETING**

CITY HALL LISTENING SESSION

TUESDAY- JUNE 9TH, 2026

**Arlington Park Recreation Center
1505 Record Crossing Rd, Dallas TX 75235
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

214-670-4171 1500 Marilla St. 5FN, Dallas, TX 75201

**REUNIÓN PÚBLICA
DEL DISTRITO 2**

SESIÓN DE ESCUCHA EN EL AYUNTAMIENTO

MARTES, 9 DE JUNIO DE 2026

**Centro de Recreación del Parque Arlington
1505 Record Crossing Rd, Dallas, TX 75235
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

214-670-4171 1500 Marilla St. 5FN, Dallas, TX 75201

Free Pickleball and Mahjong Lessons on Wednesdays this Summer

Pickleball play and Mahjong play is moving to Wednesdays for the months of June and July. If you have an interest in learning how to play pickleball or Mahjong then this is a great opportunity.

The pickleball lesson will be at 10 am at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. You will learn the basics of the game and then be invited to join in playing a game. The best way to learn the game is to play. The pickleball players are welcoming to players of all levels. To participate in the free lessons, you will need a recreation center card which you can get at the front desk.

As for Mahjong, many of the people who play pickleball also play Mahjong. So from 12 to 12:30 pm everyone brings their lunch and we start playing at 12:30 pm. The Mahjong players are all beginners and are learning to play so if you have thought about learning to play but haven't decided to do so then this is a perfect opportunity to learn.

A minimum of three people are needed to play. You will need a recreation center card and a 2026 Mahjong card to participate. If you have any questions, please contact the recreation center at 214-670-6308.

A man is shown sitting at a table, playing Mahjong. He is wearing a green t-shirt with the text "EAT PICKLEBALL MAHJONG REPEAT" and a headband. He is holding a pickleball paddle and a yellow ball. In front of him is a Mahjong table with tiles and a black cup that says "K.B. POLK REC CENTER PICKLEBALL IN MY FOREHAND MAHJONG IN MY BACKHAND". The background shows a pickleball court with a sign that says "K.B. POLK REC CENTER".

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Come to the K.B. Polk Rec Center on Wednesdays to play pickleball and Mahjong. It is not recommended, however, to play both at the same time.

Dallas Water Utilities Makes Change to Payment System and Payment Fees

Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is currently transitioning to a new online payment platform called DallasGo. During this transition, customers may experience changes when accessing their accounts, including the need to create a new login, link updated account information, and re-establish AutoPay settings.

Please Note: Online credit card payments and one-time payments made through DallasGo or the automated phone system are now subject to a 3.15% convenience fee charged directly by the payment processor.

If you did not receive your activation code or need assistance accessing your account, please contact DWU Customer Service at 214-651-1441 or email DallasGo@dallas.gov.

A blue rectangular box containing a QR code and text. The text says "Scan to Learn More & Enroll". Below the QR code, it says "Visit DallasGo to create your account, explore new features, manage your Dallas Water Utilities services online, and watch tutorial videos." At the bottom, there is a green button with a globe icon and the text "Dallas.gov/DallasGo".

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CORRECTION: Neighborhood Association Not Involved in Getting New Historical Marker for Hilliard Golf Course

Since early this year, the *ETNP News* has shared the good news about Ellum Thicket getting a new historical marker commemorating the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course. The *ETNP News* made an error, however, and we need to correct it for the record. The Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association is not responsible for getting this new marker for our neighborhood.

The *ETNP News* emailed the survey results concerning where the new marker should be placed to the neighborhood association on March 28. The purpose of the survey was to allow residents to have a voice in where the new historical marker should be placed. The neighborhood association replied back with the following on April 7:

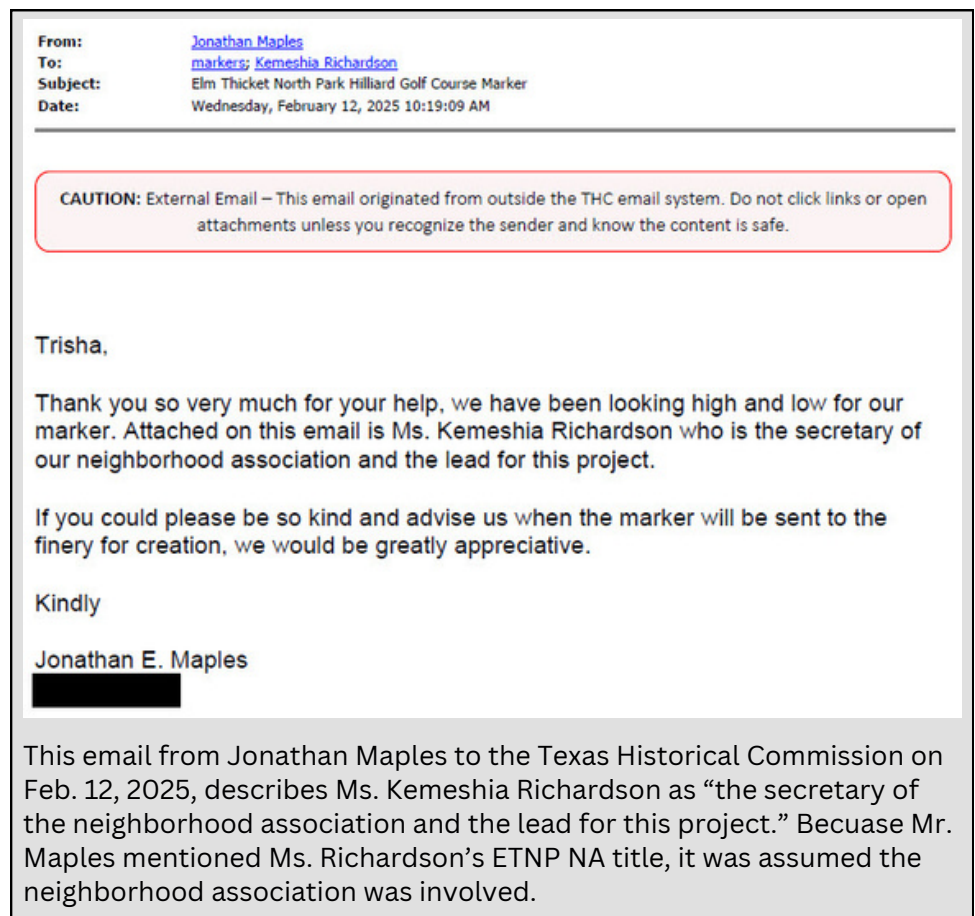
“The Hilliard Golf Course historical marker is not sponsored by the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association nor is it hosted by the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association; so, we would not be able to provide any comments or feedback about it.”

So just to be clear, the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association (ETNP NA) has nothing to do with our historic neighborhood being recognized by the Texas Historical Commission.

The error was made because the ETNP NA paid for and selected the location of where the first marker would be placed in 2024. The *ETNP News* incorrectly thought the neighborhood association was also responsible for the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course marker.

Also, in the paperwork filed for the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course historical marker, there is a receipt of Kemeshia Richardson, treasurer and secretary of the neighborhood association, paying for the marker. There is also an email communication between association president Jonathan Maples and the historical society identifying Ms. Richardson as the “lead for this project” (meaning the new marker) and identifying her as the neighborhood association secretary.

This is why the *ETNP News* created the survey and asked readers to have a voice as to where the new marker should be placed or at the very least, perhaps prompt the neighborhood association to call a meeting to hear what Ellum Thicket neighbors would prefer as opposed to a unilateral decision being made.



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Correction: ETNP NA Not Involved in Historical Marker (From Page 7)

Because the neighborhood association has disavowed any responsibility for this new marker and repeated texts and emails to Mr. Maples have gone unanswered, we do not know who is responsible for picking the location. The lack of transparency means that once again, Elm Thicket/Northpark neighbors will have to live with what someone else dictates for all of us. It can be considered disrespectful to the neighborhood as a whole to be shut out of the entire process.

ETNP News records show that the last “quarterly” meeting of the ETNP NA was held in February 2025 in conjunction with the monthly crime watch meeting. No plans for the next quarterly meeting can be found on the ETNP NA website.

We can only ask for neighbors to attend the next meeting and have their voices heard as to why they were excluded from the new historical marker placement and why the current leadership made the choice to not involve the neighborhood association. *ETNP News* will communicate to our readers if and when the next quarterly meeting will be held to ask those questions

THC Virtual Merchant

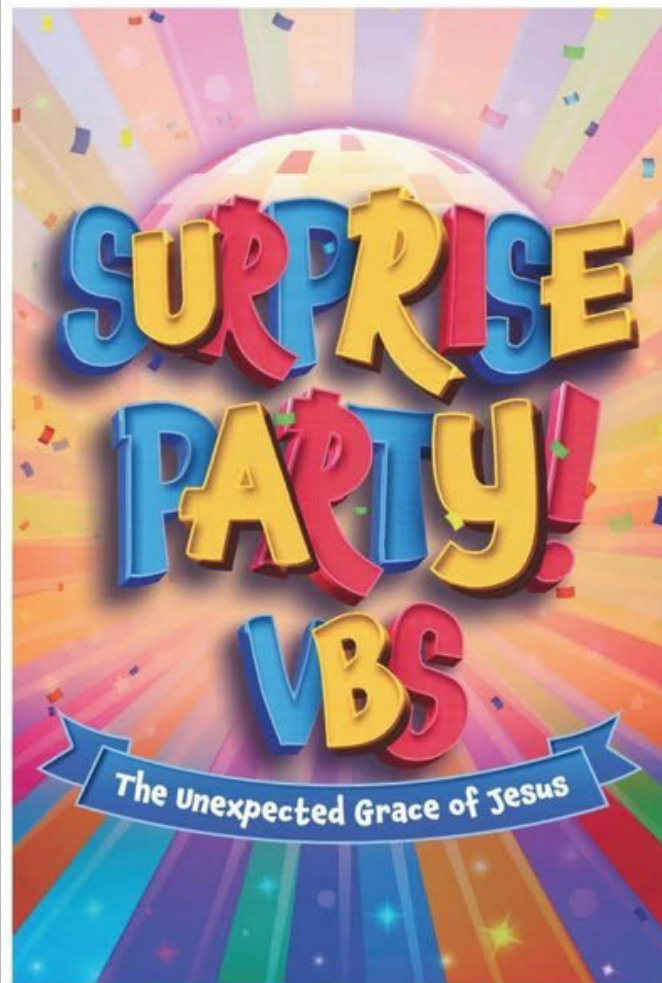
1700 N CONGRESS SUITE B 65
AUSTIN, TX 78701

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Total: \$2,300.00 USD

Card Number: [REDACTED]
Card Holder: KEMESHIA R GARDNER
Card Brand: MASTERCARD

This receipt obtained from the Texas Historical Commission shows Ms. Richardson (Gardner) making the payment for the marker on Aug. 5, 2024.



**We'd love for you and your friends
to join us for Surprise Party VBS to
discover the greatest reason to
celebrate: JESUS!**

Where: Greater Zion Baptist Church
4751 Hopkins Ave
Dallas, TX 75209

When: June 8th - June 12th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Light dinner served @ 6:30 pm

RSVP: Scan QR code or type link to register
<https://bio.site/gzbc>