

ETNP News

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ELM THICKET NEIGHBOR LOOKING FOR INTEREST IN EXTENDED POLICE PATROLS

Elm Thicket/Northpark neighbor Muj Badar is looking at ways to lower the crime rate in our neighborhood and would like to know if others are also interested in helping improve the safety of our neighborhood.

While violent offenses are down this year compared to last year, Ellum Thicket has seen five burglaries of residences while last year at this time there were two burglaries of residences, according to ETNP Neighborhood Patrol Officer Mike Villanueva. Villanueva also reported that there have been 14 thefts year-to-date compared to 10 thefts at this time last year. An example of a theft is a bicycle or package being taken.

To keep those numbers from going any higher, Badar said he is willing to gather information on Elm Thicket/Northpark participating in the Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) program offered through the Dallas Police Department. ENP is a program where neighborhoods contract with the Dallas Police Department to hire off-duty officers for increased patrols. The ENP program aims to increase police presence, reduce crime, and improve communication between residents and law enforcement.



Image from www.dallaspolice.net

There is a cost to the program, however, but that cost is unknown until Badar has an idea of how many neighbors want to participate. The more neighbors that participate the lower the cost will be per home.

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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP Neighbors:

If it's August then that means the start of the new school year is just around the corner. The first day of school is scheduled for Aug. 12, 2025. With students going back to school, that also means morning and afternoon school zones will go into effect. DPD will make a point to patrol school zones to catch speeders, so when you see those flashing lights and crossing guards please slow down. You will be keeping children safe and avoiding a really expensive ticket.

At the July crime watch meeting, code enforcement officers said alley sweeps were taking place in our neighborhood. There can be no trash or overgrown shrubs or grass that could impede city vehicles from going through the alley. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their property up to the middle of the alley behind their home.

Code enforcement said they would issue warnings to homeowners and give them two weeks to clean up the issues. If you are a senior citizen or physically incapable of doing the work, then please call the code enforcement officer on the notice and they can help you find a city program that can possibly help you.

Please keep in mind that heavy trash pick up is this week.

As for this issue, it is packed full of information that is super helpful. We have the contact information for the D2 and D6 councilmembers that represent us as well as their chiefs of staff. If you live north of University Blvd. to Lovers Lane you are in D6. If you live south of University Blvd. to Mockingbird Lane you are in D2.

In our next issue we plan to include the contact information for our Neighborhood Patrol Officers.

I would be remiss if I did not mention how much fun the seniors are having as a part of the Active Senior Adult Program (A.S.A.P.) at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. From field trips to Bonton Farms and the Farmers Market, the seniors are also going out to lunch and having an overall good time. If you are a senior and you would like to join the fun, then please contact A.S.A.P. director Tori Johnson at 214-670-6308. I promise you will have a good time.

Okay neighbors, that's all for now. Please keep an eye out for the school zones along University Blvd and Roper Street and around the K. B. Polk. Have a safe and fun end of the summer!

Your neighbor,
Mimi Perez



Know Your City Council Representatives and Staff

Since June 27, 2022, Elm Thicket/Northpark is divided between District 2 and District 6.

The boundaries for the ETNP neighborhood are Lovers Lane to the north; Mockingbird Lane to the south; Inwood Road to the east; and Lemmon Avenue to the west.

District 2 Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Moreno represents the half of ETNP which is bounded by University Boulevard to the north; Mockingbird Lane to the south; Inwood Road to the east; and Lemmon Avenue to the west.

District 6 Council Member Laura Cadena represents the half of ETNP which is bounded by Lovers Lane to the north; University Boulevard to the south; Inwood Road to the east; and Lemmon Avenue to the west.

Reach out to your council member with issues you may have. Their contact information is below.

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Neighbor Seeking Interest in ENP (From Page 1)

To get the ball rolling, Badar is asking neighbors to please email him at etnp.neighborhoodpatrol@gmail.com and let him know if they would like to participate in the program.

Badar is in the process of speaking with other neighborhoods that participate in the program to see how they started their program, the cost, how many hours they have for patrol, and so on. If more than 20 Elm Thicket residents say they are interested in participating in the ENP program, Badar will have a meeting to present the information and discuss the next steps forward.

July Crime Watch Reported Offenses

Offense Type	Month (6/24-7/22)	Year to Date*	Last Year at Same Time*
Violent Offenses			
Aggravated Assault-Family Violence	1	0	2
Aggravated Assault-Non-Family Violence	0	2	3
Murder	0	0	0
Robbery of a Residence	0	1	1
Robbery of an Individual	0	0	0
Non-Violent Offenses			
Burglary of a Business	0	3	0
Burglary of a Residence	1	5	2
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1	6	14
Theft	0	14	10
Shoplifting	0	5	5
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	4	15	10
Total	7	51	47

**YTD does not include the current month totals.*

FYI: Recent Home Sales in Elm Thicket/Northpark

Because knowledge is power, *ETNP News* will periodically post homes that have recently sold or are on the market in our neighborhood. This way, homeowners can see how their own home compares to the ones recently sold or listed for sale. We will try to pick homes from each corner of ETNP as well as do a mix of cottages and new builds.



List: **\$1.1M** Sold: **\$1.05M**
 3 Bed | 3 Bath | 2384 Sqft
 7514 Cailliet St, Dallas, TX 75209
 Listed with Dave Perry Miller Real Estate



List: **\$855K**
 3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1805 Sqft
 4903 Wateka Dr, Dallas, TX 75209
 Listed with Allie Beth Alliman & Assoc.



List: **\$550K**
 2 Bed | 1 Bath | 1353 Sqft
 4827 Wateka Dr, Dallas, TX 75209
 Listed with Dave Perry Miller Real Estate



List: **\$400K**
 2 Bed | 2 Bath | 952 Sqft
 4722 Cowan Ave, Dallas, TX 75209
 Listed with Coldwell Banker Apex, REALTORS

Save Elm Thicket: What to Know About Who We Are

Because our subscription numbers have increased among Ellum Thicket/Northpark residents, we thought it would be a good time to provide a little history on how the *ETNP News* came to be and why it is published under the banner of the advocacy group Save Elm Thicket (SET).

Save Elm Thicket was created in July of 2022 to provide information regarding the zoning change that limited the height, roof type and lot coverage of new homes being built in Elm Thicket/Northpark. Save Elm Thicket provided accurate information about the zoning change to residents so they could make the best decision for their family and the neighborhood.

Save Elm Thicket is not run by or a part of the neighborhood association in any way. The neighborhood association is their own separate organization with different leadership and goals.

Once the zoning fight was won in October 2022, Save Elm Thicket asked neighbors what they wanted from SET going forward. The overwhelming response was to continue to provide information regarding issues impacting Elm Thicket/Northpark.

The solution to that request was the publication of the Elm Thicket/Northpark newsletter, *ETNP News*. We have been publishing the neighborhood newsletter monthly since June 2023.



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Save Elm Thicket produces the newsletter free of charge to residents and individuals interested in what is happening in our neighborhood. Like the leadership and goals of SET, the neighborhood association has nothing to do with the writing, publication, or distribution of the *ETNP News*.

For seniors who do not have internet or would prefer a paper copy of the *ETNP News*, we are happy to deliver one to your door every month, free of charge. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, email us at etnpnews@gmail.com or call us at 214-930-7712 for home delivery.

Save Elm Thicket believes the more informed neighbors are of happenings in our neighborhood the better decision they can make for their respective families and the neighborhood as a whole when issues arise. This is why we provide extensive election information and endorse candidates, provide information and take a stand on zoning issues that may occur within the boundaries of Ellum Thicket, provide the contact information for our city representatives and lastly, promote the activities at our neighborhood recreation center and within the community.

You can find all of the back issues of the newsletter on the Save Elm Thicket [website](http://www.save-etnp.com/). If you have story ideas for the newsletter or would like to advertise your business in the *ETNP News* please contact us at etnpnews@gmail.com or at 214-930-7712. We will be glad to help promote your business to neighbors.

K. B. Polk Seniors Page

A.S.A.P. Group Enjoys a Seniors Fun Day at Rec



The K. B. Polk Active Senior Adult Program (A.S.A.P.) group held a Seniors Fun Day at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center on July 10 complete with food and games. For more information on joining the group, please call Tori Johnson at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 214-670-6308. The group meets Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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.

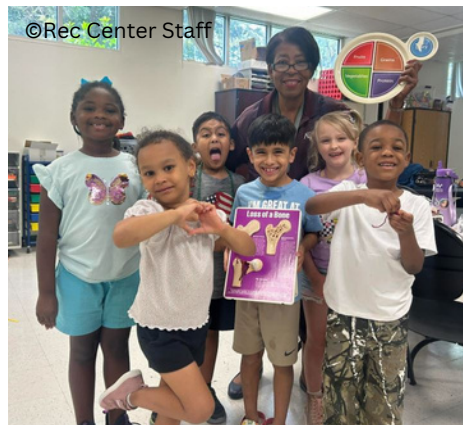
Senior Group Makes Outing to Bonton Farms

The K. B. Polk Active Senior Adult Program (A.S.A.P.) group made a special trip out to Bonton Farms in south Dallas to celebrate the birthdays of Ms. Pauline and Ms. Greta and enjoy lunch at the Bonton Farms Cafe.



K. B. Polk Summer Camp Wraps Up Another Fun-Filled Season

The K. B. Polk Summer Camp had another awesome summer season with kids enjoying fun activities at the Rec Center and with special trips to Adventure Landing and the movies. The kids can't wait for next year!



Free Program Honoring the Partnership Between Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald to be Held August 12

Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald shared a mission to build schools for Black students across the segregated South despite the constraints of Jim Crow. Descendants of Washington and Rosenwald are featured speakers and will take an insightful look into their ancestors' shared beliefs in the power of education to transform lives.

The program will be held at the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, at 300 N Houston St, Dallas, TX 75202, on Tuesday, August 12, starting at 7 p.m. with a reception at 6 p.m.

To attend the free program and tour the exhibit *A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 Schools that Changed America*, go to the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum website and register ([click here](#)).



Julius Rosenwald (left) meets with Booker T. Washington (right) at Tuskegee Institute in 1915. Photo courtesy of University of Chicago Library.



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