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RESOLVE TO MEET NEIGHBORS AND MAKE ELM THICKET STRONGER

Mahjong and Pickleball are two of the most popular activities in the country right now and we have them both at our neighborhood recreation center starting Monday, Feb. 9.

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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighbors:

Here's hoping everyone came out of our cold spell in one piece. Here's also hoping we get a break from the cold weather for a little bit.

At the end of every year we seek input from neighbors about what they would like to see from the newsletter and Save Elm Thicket. The overwhelming response we heard this year was for the opportunity to build a stronger sense of community. There was a strong desire to meet other neighbors and participate in different activities. We heard what you had to say and in cooperation with our neighborhood rec center, K. B. Polk Rec located at 6801 Roper, we think we have come up with some fun opportunities.

On Mondays, starting Feb. 9 – a beginners walking club will meet at the rec center at 10 am and go for a quarter mile to half mile walk around our neighborhood. This group is meant for seniors or for those who are starting back to exercise. Walking and talking is a great way to meet neighbors and get your blood pumping.



On Tuesdays, starting Feb. 10 – a free half hour Pickleball class will take place from 9:30 am to 10 am. If you want an introduction to the sport or simply want to learn the rules then this is for you. The rec center has paddles you can use. After the lesson, the Polk Picklers play from 10 am to noon. You are welcome to stay and play. The best way to learn any sport is simply to play. The Polk Picklers range from beginner to intermediate players. It's a fun game and we have a fun group of people that play at our rec center.

On Tuesdays, starting Feb. 10 – we will be playing Mahjong at the K. B. Polk Rec Center. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy from noon to 12:30 and then start playing at 12:30 pm. What better way to meet your neighbors than by eating lunch together and playing a game? If you do not know how to play, we will teach you.

On Wednesdays, starting Feb. 11 – we will have an intermediate to advanced walking club that will meet at the rec center at 10 am. This group will go for a one mile walk around our neighborhood. People who are not up to walking a mile just yet can do a shorter route if they wish.

On Thursdays, starting Feb. 12 – pickleball will be played in the K. B. Rec Center gym from 10 am to 12:30 pm. If there are enough people we can also play Mahjong afterward.

We hope there is something in this list that will appeal to you. If not, please let us know what you'd like and we will work with our recreation center staff to see if we can make it work. One of the best aspects of Ellum Thicket is our rec center staff. They are always open to suggestions for activities and they work hard to help promote community throughout our neighborhood.

If you have any questions, please call the rec center at 214-670-6308 and ask for Marisol.

I hope to meet more neighbors this year and make our community stronger in every way possible.

Your neighbor,
Mimi



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Hilliard Memorial Golf Course Texas Historical Marker Dedication Still Months Away; Location Between Lemmon Ave and Mabel Ave.

After nearly two years in the making, a new Texas Historical Marker commemorating the 9-hole Hilliard Memorial Golf Course (1950-1955) is finally complete and ready for placement.

The Hilliard Memorial Golf Course, located on land just to the west of Lemmon Ave on what is now Love Field airport property, was billed as the first municipal golf course for African-Americans in the South when it opened on April 16, 1950. The golf course was named in honor of Thomas J. Hilliard who successfully advocated for the creation of a city golf course specifically for African-Americans.

While working in the Greens Department of the Cedar Crest Country Club, Mr. Hilliard organized times for African-Americans to play during the country club's off days and when it was closed to members. From there, he then went on to organize the first exhibition match for Dallas African-American golfers and the formation of the Dallas Negro Golfers Association.

Jonathan Maples, president of the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association, said the date for the marker dedication is still to be determined but it will be announced approximately 60 days in advance.

From the paperwork submitted to the Texas Historical Commission, the marker is to be placed on the city-owned strip of land between Mabel Ave. and Lemmon Ave. with the closest physical address of 6734 Mabel St. This location is approximately 200 yards west of the K.B. Polk Spraypark on Thedford Ave.



For context, the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Historical Marker which was

dedicated in 2024 was originally going to be placed at the corner of Roper St. and University Blvd. at the North Park Community Development Corporation (CDC) office. It eventually was placed at a private home located at the corner of Lockheed Ave. and Thedford Ave.

When asked if there was a possibility of the marker being moved to a location with better parking and neighborhood visibility, Mr. Maples was unable to comment before publication.

ETNP News will continue to stay on top of this story and provide updates on the dedication and marker location as they develop.



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March 3 Primary: Election Day Voting Forced to Move to Precinct Vote Centers; No Change to Early Voting Centers

Elm Thicket/Northpark has never shied away from making our voices heard on Election Day. The upcoming March 3 Primary should be no different. However, there is some important information that everyone should know. ([Haga clic aquí para la versión en español.](#))

March 3 Election Day Voting Forced to Precinct Level

The Dallas County Republican Party has forced all primary voting to be held at the precinct level instead of the Dallas County level as in prior years. This means that if you vote in-person on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned party's polling place. For ETNP Democratic Party voters south of University Blvd. (Precinct 4016), they can still vote at the K.B. Polk Vanguard School at 6911 Victoria Ave. as they have always done. For ETNP Democratic primary voters north of University Blvd. (Precinct 4015), the voting location has yet to be announced. Precinct 4015 was recently combined with the precinct that covered all of Love Field which expanded the voting area. As of this publication date, the Dallas County Elections Department has yet to publish the March 3 Election Day vote centers. If you must vote on Election Day, get the latest by going to the Dallas County Elections Department [website](#).

Early Voting Information

The good news is that early voting for the March 3 Primary can still take place at any polling location in Dallas County. *ETNP News* is encouraging all voters to vote early between Feb. 17 and Feb. 27. This is the best method to make sure your vote is counted and avoid the possible Election Day confusion.

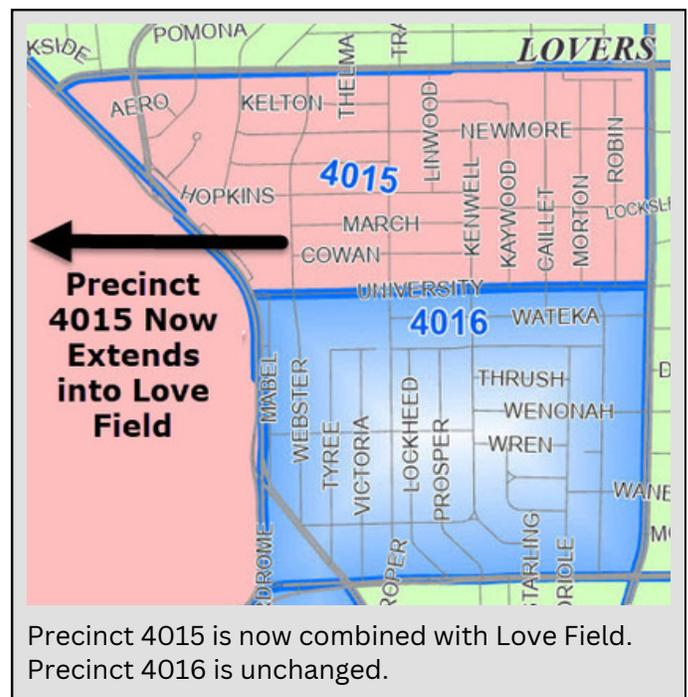
Dates	Day of the Week	Hours
February 17 - 20	Tuesday - Friday	8 AM - 5 PM
February 21	Saturday	7 AM - 7 PM
February 22	Sunday	12 PM - 6 PM
February 23 - 27	Monday - Friday	7 AM - 7 PM

Mail-In Ballots May Not Be Counted if Mailed on March 3

In another change to voting, new US Postal Service guidelines will only postmark mail-in ballots when they reach the mail processing facility. This means that if a mail-in ballot is dropped off at the post office on Election Day before 7 p.m., it may not receive the March 3 postmark needed to have it counted. Voters can request a manual postmark at the postal counter; however, the deadline for mail-in ballots to be received with the proper postmark is Wednesday, March 4, at 5 p.m. If you have a mail-in ballot, be sure to mail it in as early as possible to protect your vote.

More Voting Updates Coming

ETNP News will continue to monitor the Dallas County Elections Department [website](#) and email information to our readers on early and same-day voting locations when that information becomes available.





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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

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K. B. Polk Seniors Page

Joyful Goldies Elect Officers and Enjoy MLK Jr Concert

The Senior Club Joyful Goldies have started the year off by getting their house in order and still managed to have some fun field trips. Because the group has grown to have more than 20 members, the rules that govern the group were updated and the officers elected for a two year term are: Alice Polk, president; Helen Johnson, vice president; Sherrill Hearne, treasurer; and, Mimi Perez, Secretary.

Once the group had taken care of their business, they attended two separate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations. The first was held at the Women's Museum at Fair Park where they heard a concert performed by the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The name of the performance was "Black Music and the Civil Rights Movement Concert, A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." The concert was phenomenal. After the concert, the group stopped for lunch at the Flying Fish located on Irving Blvd.

To be a member of the Senior Club Joyful Goldies you need a recreation center card that is free for anyone more than 60 years of age. You can get the card at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper Street. The group meets Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. If you have any questions about the group please call Tori Johnson at 214-670-6308.

If you are a senior who is interested in reconnecting with old friends and neighbors or would like to make some new friends, then you absolutely have to visit with the Joyful Goldies.



The Senior Club Joyful Goldies enjoy lunch at the Flying Fish after attending an MLK Jr. concert at Fair Park.

Print & Play Puzzle Corner: Black History Month Word Search

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| Freedom | Rights |
| Harmony | Struggle |

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

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Resolve to Meet Neighbors with Rec Center Activities (from Page 1)

Elm Thicket/Northpark is extremely fortunate that the K. B. Polk Rec Center staff is always willing to play a role in helping neighbors connect with each other. When Save Elm Thicket approached them about wanting to sponsor activities we could all benefit from, they did not hesitate to pull out their calendar and find times that could work.

“We build a stronger neighborhood through exercise and getting to know each other,” said Mimi Perez with Save Elm Thicket. “It’s wonderful that we have a rec center in our neighborhood that is meant for all of us to use and enjoy as well as a staff that will work to accommodate everyone.”

The full schedule of events from which you can choose can be found on Page 2 in “From the Editor.” If you do not know how to play Mahjong, Pickleball or it’s been a while since you’ve exercised that is perfectly fine or if you do not know anyone you will be playing with, well, that is the point. What better way to meet neighbors and make friends than by learning how to do something new.

All that is required for participation is a rec center card that costs \$15 for the year if you are 59 years old or younger. If you are 60 or older the card is free. For more information on the activities please call the K. B. Polk Rec Center at 214-670-6308 and ask for Marisol.

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MAHJONG

EVERY TUESDAY
Todos los Martes

Starts February 10th
Inicia el 10 de Febrero

12:30PM-2:30PM
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12:00PM-12:30PM

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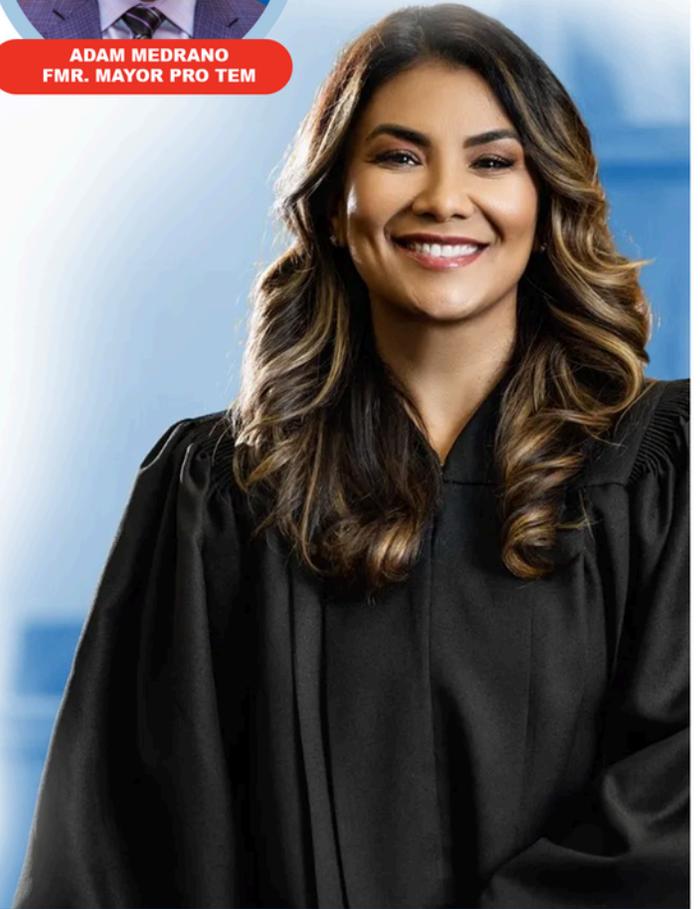
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2026 Summer Camp Scholarships Available for Kids ages 5-12

Sign ups are underway for 2026 Summer Camp Scholarships from now through February 20. The financial award will be up to 9 weeks of summer camp for up to 4 children per family.

Applicants will need to provide proof of Dallas residency (copy of water, utility, or mortgage statement). To apply, click ([here](#)) to fill out an application. If you need assistance, you can go to the K. B. Polk Rec Center at 6801 Roper Street, Dallas, Texas 75209.

Ya está abierto el plazo de inscripción para las becas de campamento de verano de 2026, hasta el 20 de febrero. La beca cubrirá hasta 9 semanas de campamento de verano para un máximo de 4 niños por familia.

Los solicitantes deberán presentar comprobante de residencia en Dallas (copia de la factura de agua, servicios públicos o hipoteca). Para solicitar la beca, haga clic ([aquí](#)) para completar el formulario de solicitud. Si necesita ayuda, puede dirigirse al Centro Recreativo K. B. Polk, ubicado en 6801 Roper Street, Dallas, Texas 75209.



2026 SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS
January 29 - February 20

The City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department provides scholarships for youth ages 5* through 12 to participate in nine weeks of summer camp at one of our Recreation Center Summer Camp Programs. Families awarded a scholarship are responsible for paying \$15 per week, per child, to participate in the camp.
(*Participant must be 5 as of 9/1/25)

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BECAS PARA CAMPAMENTOS DE VERANO DE 2026
29 de enero - 20 de febrero

El Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Dallas ofrece becas para que jóvenes de 5* a 12 años participen en un campamento de verano de nueve semanas en uno de nuestros programas de campamento de verano en los centros recreativos. Las familias que reciban una beca deberán pagar \$15 por semana por niño para participar en el campamento. (*El participante debe tener 5 años cumplidos al 1 de septiembre de 2025).

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City of Dallas Launches Lovers Lane Street Corridor Study

The City of Dallas Transportation & Public Works Department is launching the Lovers Lane Complete Street Corridor Study to explore safety and mobility improvements from Lemmon Avenue to Lomo Alto Drive just to the east of the Dallas North Tollway. This effort will evaluate options to enhance travel for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users, while improving access to nearby schools, parks, and businesses.

Join the first public meeting to learn more and share input on potential roadway improvements:

- **Date:** Thursday, February 12, 2026
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m.
- **Location:** K.B. Polk Recreation Center (6801 Roper Street, Dallas, TX 75209)

The study begins in 2026 and will take approximately one year to complete. A public survey will be available soon.