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K. B. POLK REC CENTER INVITES YOU TO THE OCT 24 HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY

The K. B. Polk Rec Center, at 6801 Roper St, will be holding a Halloween Block Party on Friday, October 24, starting at 6 pm. Your family won't want to miss it!

This free event, sponsored by the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department, will feature live music, a haunted house, a costume contest, food for the family, and so much more. Be sure and mark your calendars to attend!

EL CENTRO RECREATIVO K. B. POLK TE INVITA A LA FIESTA VECINAL DE HALLOWEEN DEL 24 DE OCTUBRE

El Centro Recreativo K. B. Polk (en Roper St. 6801) celebrará una Fiesta Vecinal de Halloween el viernes 24 de octubre a partir de las 6 p. m. ¡Tu familia no se la querrá perder!

Este evento gratuito, patrocinado por el Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Dallas, contará con música en vivo, una casa embrujada, un concurso de disfraces, comida para toda la familia y mucho más. ¡Apúntate en tu calendario para asistir!

K.B. POLK RECREATION CENTER
INVITES YOU TO OUR

**HALLOWEEN
BLOCK PARTY**

OCTOBER | START AT | ENTRY
24 | 6PM | FREE

Come join us for a spook-tacular night full of fun and frights!
Live Music 🎵 Haunted House 🏠 Costume Contest 🎭 Delicious Food 🍴 And So Much More!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
6801 Roper St. Dallas, TX, 75209
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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP Neighbors:

We hope this finds you and your respective families doing well. You are going to want to get your calendars out and mark down some dates because there are some fun and educational activities going on this month in Elm Thicket/Northpark.

The first event on tap is National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. While the crime rate in Ellum Thicket is relatively low compared to other parts of the city, National Night Out is a great opportunity for our neighborhood to come together, meet our neighborhood patrol officers as well as neighbors. While security cameras may be good to have to catch criminal activity, the first and best line of defense is knowing your neighbors and keeping an eye out for each other. If something or someone looks out of place on your street then it is a good idea to call 911 and report that suspicious activity or person. The more calls that come from our neighborhood the more patrols we will receive. Also at National Night Out will be representatives from other city departments. In other words, this is an all-around good event to meet some neighbors and have the city answer any questions you may have.

The next date you need to mark on your calendar is Friday, Oct. 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This promises to be a fantastic event for the entire family. Our K. B. Polk Rec Center staff goes above and beyond to make this event the party of the year for our neighborhood. There will be games and prizes, candy, plenty of delicious food for every ghoulish and goblin in our neighborhood.

The staff went above and beyond last year and have promised to make this year's event even bigger and better. You do not want to miss out on this family fun and family friendly event.

Lastly, on Monday, Oct. 27, Ellum Thicket resident Dr. Clarence Glover will have a display at the K. B. Polk Park, located behind the rec center, to recognize African-American Cotton Pickers Day. Dr. Glover will be at the K. B. Polk Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be cotton plants that can be picked, bales of cotton, and more so people can get an appreciation of the history of the cotton industry in the formation of our neighborhood and the nation as a whole.

We hope you enjoy these upcoming events. We will be there to hand out previous copies of our newsletters and sign up neighbors who would like to have the newsletter delivered to their inbox or front door. Until then, we hope everyone has a safe and peaceful October.

Your neighbor,
Mimi Perez



Save Elm Thicket Forces Builder to Comply with Dallas Sidewalk Code Requirements

Did you know all new home construction in Dallas requires builders to put in new sidewalks even if no sidewalks existed prior to construction? And if the sidewalk on the street corner does not have a curb cut for wheelchair access, then the builder must also put that in to improve pedestrian safety.

When Save Elm Thicket saw that the builder at the corner of Newmore Ave. and Kaywood Dr. was not complying with these code requirements, they contacted Code Compliance who then forwarded the report to the City Public Works department. The city then made the builder go back to the newly-poured curb and install a curb cut and complete the sidewalk all the way to the street corner. The city is also making sure the builder installs a sidewalk that continues along the Kaywood Dr. side of the property to comply with city code..

Save Elm Thicket is always grateful when neighbors point out issues like this to us. We are happy to follow-up with the city to make our neighborhood sidewalks are accessible and safe for all of us.



These pictures show a rough timeline of work done at the property.

Clockwise from Top-Left: Original photo of sidewalk and curb; builder's new sidewalk and curb; worker cutting curb for new curb cut; forms down for new curb cut; photo of side of property along Kaywood Dr. with no sidewalk yet constructed.

National Night Out Coming to K. B. Polk Rec Center on October 7

You are invited to National Night Out to meet your neighbors, Dallas city council members and the neighborhood patrol officers assigned to Elm Thicket/Northpark on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 pm at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. It's been proven over and over, that neighborhoods that are vigilant and neighbors that look out for each other are the first and best defense against potential crime.

National Night Out is meant to encourage neighborhoods to come together to learn what they can do to keep their homes safe from potential crime. If you have not met our neighborhood patrol officers this would be a great opportunity to do so.

As a bonus, there will also be representatives from other city departments at the event. So if you have any questions or issues that you would like to see addressed please plan on attending.

Latest Crime Watch Stats Provided at September 23 Meeting



Sr. Corporal Jose Gamez
214-918-7289



Office Mike Villanueva
214-681-4421

Northwest Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs) Jose Gamez and Mike Villanueva provided the community with the latest reported offenses at the September 23 Crime Watch Meeting.

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.

September Crime Watch Reported Offenses

Offense Type	Month (8/26-9/23)	Year to Date*	Last Year at Same Time*
Violent Offenses			
Aggravated Assault-Family Violence	0	2	4
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	1
Burglary of a Residence	1	5	2
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	3	12	21
Theft	0	17	16
Shoplifting	0	5	0
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	19	13
Total	4	66	61

*YTD does not include the current month totals.

Extended Neighborhood Patrol Survey Seeks Your Input

The Elm Thicket/Northpark Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) Program, being organized by concerned neighbors, is looking for 10 more households to participate so they can finalize their budget and begin additional police patrols before the holiday season begins.

The 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.

There is a cost to the program, however, but participation is completely voluntary. No homeowner will be required to participate. The more neighbors that participate, though, the lower the cost will be per home. If you are interested in learning more, scan the QR code or click the image to go to the survey website.

If interested, complete the form so the organizers can gauge interest and set a budget for hiring off-duty DPD officers to patrol our neighborhood.



“Professor Freedom” Invites All to Experience African-American Cotton Pickers Day on Oct. 27

Elm Thicket/Northpark resident and historian Dr. Clarence Glover will be putting on an exhibition at the K. B. Polk Park, located behind the recreation center on Monday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fourth Monday in October is the African American Cotton Pickers Day, a nationally-recognized day of remembrance created by Dr. Glover in 2020.


Dr. Glover said there will be cotton plants that can be picked along with bales of cotton. Dr. Glover will also be answering questions and discussing “From Cotton Field to Love Field.”

“It is day to recognize how inter-cultural relations were impacted by the cotton industry in America both past and present,” according to Dr. Glover’s FB page.

The event is come and go so if you’d like to learn about some of the history upon which our neighborhood came from then stop by K. B. Polk Park on the 27th.



Last year’s All-American Cotton Pickers Day featured Dr. Glover presenting the history of Ellum Thicket to the audience in attendance at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center.




DON'T LET THE FLU GO VIRAL

Get your flu shot!
Parkland is hosting a flu drive in Dallas County.

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deHaro-Saldivar Health Center
1400 N. Westmoreland Road
Dallas, 75211



No appointment needed! • No cost to you

FLU DRIVE | DATE: Saturday, Oct. 11
TIME: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Visit <https://www.parklandhealth.org/flu> for more information on flu shot services provided.

Visite <https://www.parklandhealth.org/flu> para obtener más información sobre los servicios de vacunación contra la gripe que se brindan.



NO DEJES QUE LA GRIPE SEA VIRAL

¡Recibe tu vacuna contra la gripe!
Parkland esta organizando una campaña de vacunación contra la gripe en el condado de Dallas.

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1400 N. Westmoreland Road
Dallas, 75211



¡No hace falta cita previa! • Sin costo para usted

CAMPAÑA DE GRIPE | FECHA: Sábado, 11 de oct.
HORARIO: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

K. B. Polk Seniors Page

Active Senior Adult Program celebrates birthdays



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Active Senior Adult Program celebrated September birthdays with a fish fry that included cole slaw, fries, salad, pie, and birthday cake. It was a full house. Mrs. Jackson, pictured left, celebrated her 98th birthday this month. Please join us in wishing our seniors a very happy birthday. More pictures on Page 7.

Print & Play Puzzle Corner: Halloween Word Search

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 COSTUMES SPOOKY
 GHOSTS SUPERNATURAL
 GHOULS TREATS
 GRAVEYARD TRICKS
 HAUNTED VAMPIRES
 HOBGOBLINS WEREWOLVES
 MONSTERS WITCHES
 PUMPKINS ZOMBIES

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



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From Page 6: The Active Senior Adult Program members are shown here celebrating the September birthdays at the fish fry lunch. The food and fellowship was something special to be remembered.

K. B. Polk Picklers Bring Home the Gold at 2025 Dallas Parks and Recreation Golden Games

The K. B. Polk Picklers represented the K. B. Polk Rec Center during the 2025 Dallas Golden Games in the pickleball division. The three teams brought home three gold medals, a silver medal and two bronze medals. If you would like to learn how to play pickleball there is a free clinic on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. You are welcome to stay after and play with the Polk Picklers. We welcome beginners.



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Left: The K. B. Polk Picklers pose with their medals during the first day of competition, on September 9, held at the Harry Stone Recreation Center. The first day featured women's matches and the second day featured mixed doubles. Right: The competitors, and their cheering section, pose for a fun selfie between matches.

Keep ETNP Looking Nice and Report Bandit Signs to 311

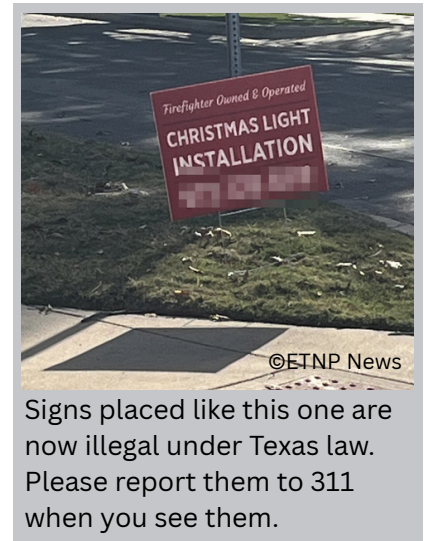
For many years, the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood has been targeted by ugly “bandit signs” posted in public parkways and utility poles with messages like, “We Buy Junk Cars, Sell Us Your Ugly Home,” etc.. With the passage of a new Texas law that went into effect Sept. 1, the enforcement of penalties for these illegal signs just got easier. The advertisers, not just those who place the signs, can be fined between \$1000 and \$5000 per offense.

As *ETNP News* reported in December 2024 ([click here](#)), there is a way to report these signs to the City of Dallas to have them removed. Now, the owner can be fined if they do not comply with any removal notice issued.

To have these eyesores removed, call 311 and notify the city of a “Code Concern” that involves these types of signs posted in public right of ways and utility poles. The only exception is if these signs are placed on private property. When calling, be sure to provide a specific location/street intersection.

If you have the Dallas 311 app, you can also submit it under Code Concerns --> Nuisance --> Signs.

With this new Texas law that makes it easier to hold the advertisers accountable, neighbors should be happy to see these ugly signs disappear completely from our beloved neighborhood.



La Noche Nacional Llega al Centro Recreativo K. B. Polk el 7 de Octubre

Te invitamos a la Noche Nacional para que conozcas a tus vecinos, a los concejales de la ciudad de Dallas y a los agentes de patrullaje vecinal asignados a Elm Thicket/Northpark el martes 7 de octubre a las 6 p. m. en el Centro Recreativo K. B. Polk. Está comprobado que los vecindarios vigilantes y los vecinos que se cuidan entre sí son la primera y mejor defensa contra la delincuencia.

La Noche Nacional tiene como objetivo animar a los vecindarios a unirse y aprender cómo proteger sus hogares de la delincuencia. Si aún no conoces a nuestros agentes de patrullaje vecinal, esta es una excelente oportunidad para hacerlo.

Además, también habrá representantes de otros departamentos de la ciudad en el evento. Si tienes alguna pregunta o inquietud que te gustaría que abordáramos, te invitamos a asistir.

MARTES 7 DE OCTUBRE ★ **6 P.M.**

¡Conozca a nuestros funcionarios electos, oficiales de patrullaje vecinal, vecinos y representantes de varios departamentos de la ciudad de Dallas!

KB Polk Recreation Center
★
6801 Roper Street

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