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ACTIVE SENIOR AND ADULT PROGRAM PLANNING MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION FOR ALL ELLUM THICKET SENIORS

Plans are in motion to celebrate Elm Thicket/Northpark seniors at the 2nd Annual Mother's Day Party scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center said Tori Johnson, the senior recreation assistant for the Active Senior and Adult Program (ASAP).



© Rec Center Staff

Active Senior and Adult Program members take a day trip to a Black History Month presentation at the Arlington Park Rec Center.

While the membership of the ASAP has doubled since Mrs. Johnson joined the rec center staff a year ago, her goal this year is to double the size of the group again and she hopes the Mother's Day Party will bring out Ellum Thicket seniors who either do not know about the program or have not had time to learn more about ASAP.

"I promise that you will want to join the Ellum Thicket senior group after you attend this event," Mrs. Johnson said.

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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighbors:

I hope this finds everyone no worse for the wear after those two cold blasts we had in February. It seemed like the wind was blowing right into my bones. But spring is upon us and it will be nice to be outside to enjoy the sun and pleasant weather.

Coming out of our hibernations, there are a couple of spring cleaning reminders we want to share with you.

The most important one is to make sure you are registered to vote. We have city council elections this May. The elected officials who will have the most direct impact on us and our beloved neighborhood are the folks we put around the horn at city hall. So if you are not registered please remedy that as soon as possible.

The next reminder is to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Daylight Savings is this coming weekend, March 9. So when you set clocks ahead an hour, take a couple of minutes to change those batteries.

The third reminder concerns spring cleaning and city services. Our code enforcement officer attended the crime watch meeting in February and made a point to remind everyone of when to put out heavy trash for pick up.

In Elm Thicket/Northpark, heavy trash pick up is during the first full week of the month. So for March, it would be this week. You can start setting out items for heavy trash pick up the weekend before pick up. If you set it out before that weekend or after pick up you run the risk of getting a citation that can be a couple of hundred dollars. Code will not issue warning letters for setting your heavy trash out too early or too late. Also, the amount of heavy trash you set out needs to be able to fit into a 10-foot by 10-foot by 10-foot space.

For new Elm Thicket neighbors who are first time homeowners, code enforcement said we are all responsible for the maintenance of our yards from the front curb of our homes to half of the alley. So if you like doing your own yardwork or if you hire someone please remember to cut the growth in the alley and keep it clear. Code Enforcement is currently doing alley sweeps and those with overgrown alleys will receive a courtesy letter asking them to clear the issue. You'll have time to get the alley cleared before they re-inspect. The courtesy letter will have the name and number of the code enforcement officer if you have questions so please do not hesitate to contact them.

The last reminder is to please mark your calendars for upcoming events in the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood. The K. B. Polk Recreation Center will be hopping with Spring Break Camp, T-Ball, an Easter Egg Hunt, and the big Mother's Day Party for the ETNP seniors. If you've thought about getting more information on the Active Senior Adult Program this will be a perfect opportunity to do so.

So with that my neighbors, I sign off so you can read the rest of the newsletter. Here's hoping you and yours have a wonderful month of March.

Your neighbor,
Mimi Perez





OUR CHAMPION FOR DISTRICT 6

CITY OF DALLAS ELECTION

MAY 3, 2025

VOTE EARLY: APRIL 22 - 29

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Dear Neighbor,

I am Laura Cadena, a proud 4th-generation Texan, lifelong Dallas resident and Baylor graduate. My family has called District 6 home for over 80 years, shaping my deep commitment to this community.

For nearly eight years, I worked at City Hall, addressing the needs of our district and partnering with the community to create meaningful change. By listening to residents and responding to their concerns, we have made real progress - but there is still work to do.

That's why I'm running for Dallas City Council District 6. Our community deserves results. On May 3rd, I would be honored to earn your vote and serve as your voice on Dallas City Council.

Laura Cadena

LAURA CADENA

FOR DALLAS CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Join Congresswoman Crockett's Quarterly Tele-Town Hall, Get Questions Answered

District 30 Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett will have her quarterly Tele-Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. You can attend via phone or online from the comfort of your home.

Congresswoman Crockett will discuss the latest issues impacting Elm Thicket/Northpark and the rest of her district. If you have questions about the potential of Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid coverage cuts or if there are other issues of concern to you, this is a great opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from the Congresswoman on important topics.

Sign up ahead of time at: tx30.us/live

When:

- Tuesday, March 11, 2025
- 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM CST



Code Enforcement Performing Alley Sweeps in Elm Thicket

During the February crime watch meeting, a code enforcement representative said the department is currently performing alley sweeps in our neighborhood. When doing alley sweeps, the code enforcement officers look for overgrown vegetation or vegetation that makes it hard to get through the alley. Homeowners are responsible for keeping their grass and vegetation mowed from the front curb all the way to the middle of the alley.

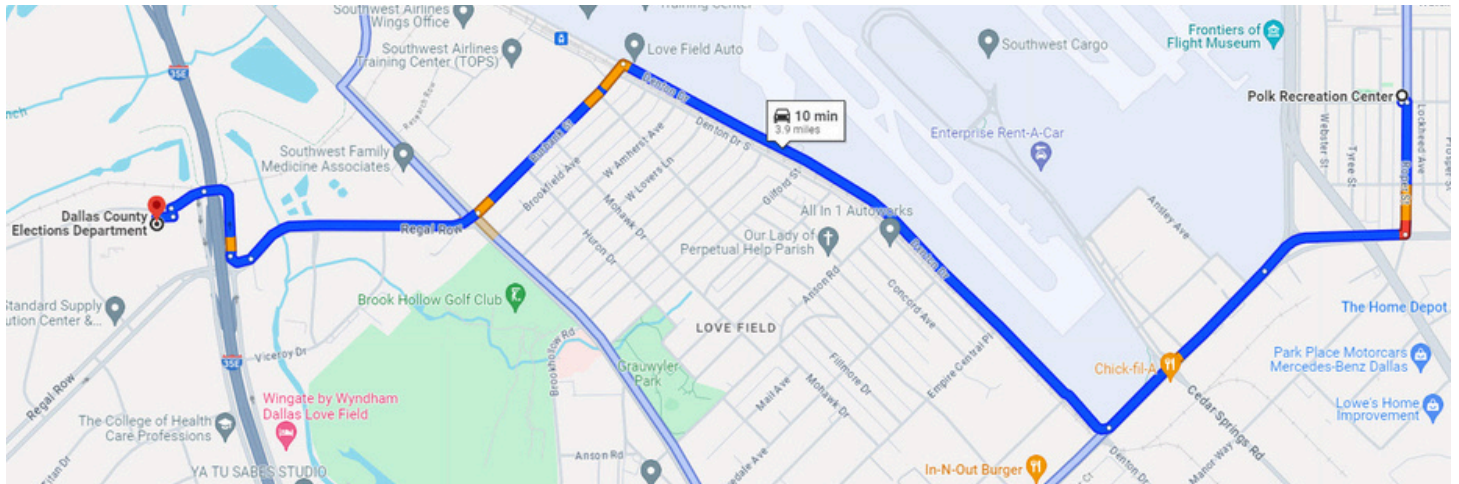
The representative said those homes with overgrown alleys, will get a “courtesy letter” asking them to mow and clean their alley. He said code officers will knock on the homeowners door and explain what needs to be done.

After two weeks, code enforcement will return to re-inspect and if the alley has not been addressed then an inspector with code enforcement will contact the homeowner and notify them that they have an additional two weeks to remedy the situation.

Another re-inspection will take place and if at time the alley still has not been addressed then the city will issue a citation to the homeowner.

The representative said if senior citizens or physically disabled residents are unable to remedy the situation, they should contact the code enforcement officer or inspector and see what programs the city has to help. The name and number of the code enforcement officer will be on the notice they leave for you.

Thursday, April 3, is the last day to register to vote in the May 3 Dallas city council election. To check your registration status, go to www.dallascountyvotes.org/voters/registration/status/#VoterEligibilitySearch to verify your status. If you are not registered, you will need to fill out a voter registration card ([click here](#)) and mail it in. You can, however, deliver it in person to the Dallas County Elections Department. Fortunately for us, this office is about 10 minutes away from the K.B. Polk Rec Center at 1520 Round Table Dr., Dallas, TX 75247 (see map below). The office is open weekdays from 8:00am to 4:30pm.





MÓNICA R.
ALONZO
FOR CITY COUNCIL ■ DISTRICT 6

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EARLY VOTING April 22-29, 2025
ELECTION DAY May 3, 2025



MONICA FOR DALLAS

PROVEN LEADER WITH THE EXPERIENCE THAT MATTERS

Mónica R. Alonzo has dedicated over 20 years to fighting for the future of Dallas, advocating for stronger, safer neighborhoods and greater opportunities for all. Her commitment has led to improvements in public safety, city services, and responsible growth.

With deep, personal connections to the community and a proven history of service, Mónica is ready to bring bold and transformative leadership to the City Council. She is not just committed to the progress of Dallas—she is determined to ensure it works for everyone.

¡Mónica está a sus órdenes! Monica's personal cell: 214-207-6762

Monica's focus has always been on improving the quality of life for Dallas residents, keeping everyone informed and making sure every voice is heard. Call and let her know what's working and what we can do better.



“Dallas thrives because of its vibrant hardworking communities. With over 20 years of service and dedication to Dallas, I'm ready to work alongside our neighbors, businesses, and leaders to protect our city while building a brighter future for all.”

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Regístrese para Votar Antes del 3 de abril para las Elecciones del 3 de mayo

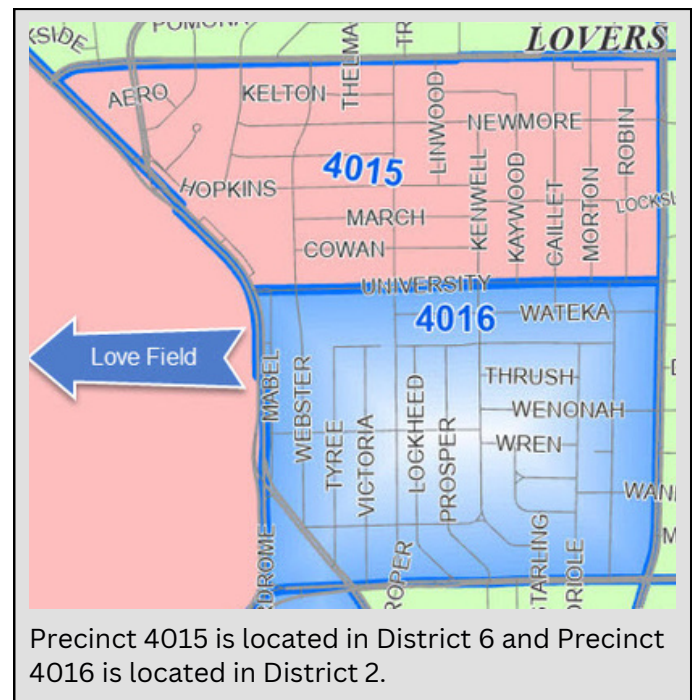
El jueves 3 de abril es el último día para registrarse para votar en las elecciones del concejo municipal de Dallas del 3 de mayo. Para verificar el estado de su registro, vaya a www.dallascountyvotes.org/votante/registration/status/?lang=es#ConsultarlaElegibilidadElectoral para verificar su estado. Si no está registrado, deberá completar una tarjeta de registro de votante ([haga clic aquí](#)) y enviarla por correo. Sin embargo, puede entregarla en persona en el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Dallas. Afortunadamente para nosotros, esta oficina está a unos 10 minutos del K.B. Polk Rec Center en 1520 Round Table Dr., Dallas, TX 75247 (ver mapa en la página anterior). La oficina está abierta de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a. m. a 4:30 p. m.

Nine City Council Candidates vying for Open District 6 Seat; Moreno Seeks Re-Election Against One Opponent

With District 6 Councilmember Omar Narvaez term limited, there are nine candidates vying to replace him. The field of candidates includes:

- Monica R. Alonzo
- David Blewett
- Laura Cadena
- Tony Carrillo
- Gabriel Kissinger
- Quinchee Morgan (Write-In Candidate)
- Nicolas “Nico” Quintanilla
- Linus Spiller
- Machel Wells

In District 2, Councilmember Jesse Moreno is running against Sukhbir Kaur, his opponent in the 2023 election.



More candidate information will be included in next month's issue of *ETNP News* so everyone can be better informed before casting their vote..

For those new to Elm Thicket/Northpark, the neighborhood is split between Council District 2 and Council District 6. District 2 is south of University Blvd. to Mockingbird and District 6 is north of University Blvd. to Lovers Lane.

As a reminder, Dallas County residents can vote at any voting location on election day. For our neighborhood, voters should be able to cast their votes at the K. B. Polk Center for Academically Talented & Gifted at 6911 Victoria Ave. If this official polling location changes for any reason, *ETNP News* will let everyone know in the April Newsletter.

SENATOR ★
Nathan
Johnson



GROW. UNITE. THRIVE.

"Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood is a historic gem, built on resilience, unity, and progress. I'm committed to supporting policies that uplift the neighborhood, strengthen families, and preserve its legacy for generations to come."

- Sen. Nathan Johnson

Texas State Senator, District 16

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Blossoms	Planting
Budding	Pollen
Clover	Seeding
DaylightSavings	Showers
Equinox	SpringBreak
Flowers	Sprouting
Gardening	StPatrick
Greenery	Warming

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

ASAP Planning Mother's Day Celebration for May 9 (From Page 1)

While this will be a Mother's Day celebration, Mrs. Johnson said the ASAP program is open to senior men as well.

"The K. B. Polk Oldie Goldies is about having a good time and fellowship," Mrs. Johnson said. "It's not just for the ladies." This past week the senior group visited the Arlington Park Rec Center to attend a Black History program.

"We are going to be doing a lot more trips this year to visit other recs and attend different programs," she said. "I want all the seniors in Ellum Thicket to be a part of this group. They have so much to share and they deserve to have all the fun life has to offer."

As for the Mother's Day Celebration on May 9, Mrs. Johnson said she is in the process of putting together the program for the event.

"We are going to have line dancing and live music," she said. "The lunch will be wonderful and I am working on getting a special speaker to address our group. It's going to be a good day."

Joining the K. B. Polk seniors will be senior groups from Arlington Park Rec Center, Mattie Nash Rec Center, and Grauwylar Park Rec Center.

"Studies have shown that seniors who stay active and socialize are healthier and happier," Mrs. Johnson said. "That's my goal for all the seniors in Ellum Thicket."

To ensure there is enough lunch and gifts for everyone, Mrs. Johnson said seniors will be asked to reserve their space. To reserve your spot for this great event, please stop by the K. B. Polk Rec Center located at 6801 Roper Street. For more information, please call Mrs. Johnson at 214-670-6308.



Celebración del Día de la Madre para Personas Mayores Será el 9 de mayo

Hay planes para celebrar a las personas mayores de Elm Thicket/Northpark en la segunda fiesta anual del Día de la Madre. La fiesta será el viernes 9 de mayo de 2025 de 10:30 a. m. a 1:30 p. m. en el K. B. Polk Recenter, dijo Tori Johnson, asistente de recreación para personas mayores del Programa para Adultos Mayores y Adultos Activos (ASAP).

Habrá baile, música, almuerzo y regalos para las madres.

Esta es una buena oportunidad para aprender más sobre el programa para personas mayores y unirse al grupo para realizar excursiones y actividades divertidas.

Para reservar su lugar para este gran evento, pase por el Centro de recreación K. B. Polk ubicado en 6801 Roper Street. Para obtener más información, llame a la Sra. Johnson al 214-670-6308.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Friday, March 7 - The Catholic Charities of Dallas will be distributing food boxes from 9 a.m. to noon at the parking lot for the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. The food distribution takes place the first Friday of every month.

Saturday, April 12 - The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the K. B. Polk Spray Park located on Thedford. The fun starts at noon. All neighborhood children are welcome to participate.

Saturday, June 14 - The Ellum Thicket/Northpark Annual Juneteenth Celebration will be held at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful celebration. As we get more information we will share it with you in upcoming newsletters and via social media.

Marque sus Calendarios para los Próximos Eventos del Vecindario

Viernes 7 de marzo: Caridades Católicas de Dallas distribuirá cajas de alimentos desde las 9 a.m. hasta el mediodía en el estacionamiento del Centro Recreativo K. B. Polk. La distribución de alimentos se realiza el primer viernes de cada mes.

Sábado 12 de abril: la búsqueda de huevos de Pascua del vecindario se llevará a cabo en el K. B. Polk Spray Park ubicado en Thedford. La diversión comienza a las 12 p.m. Todos los niños del vecindario son bienvenidos a participar.

Sábado 14 de junio: la celebración anual del 16 de junio de Ellum Thicket/Northpark se llevará a cabo en el Centro Recreativo K. B. Polk. Todos están invitados a disfrutar de esta maravillosa celebración. A medida que obtengamos más información, la compartiremos con usted en próximos boletines y a través de las redes sociales.

Seniors Celebrate Birthday with Lunch at Rec. Center



After a delicious lunch of a make-your-own taco and baked potato bar with salad, chips and all the fixings, the ASAP seniors celebrated the birthday of Helen Johnson. The best lunches are on Thursday because members of the senior program are the best cooks in Ellum Thicket. For more information on how to become a part of the senior program please call the K. B. Polk Rec Center at 214-670-6308.

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 **Jesse Moreno**
FOR DALLAS CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Time for Sign Ups at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center

Sign ups are underway for the Spring Break Camp and for T-Ball, ages 4-6 at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center.

The Spring Break Camp will run March 10-14 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with indoor and outdoor activities planned. The cost is \$65 per camper. This is a great way to ensure your children are safe and cared for while you are at work. The rec center staff always plans fun activities.

There is no more fun in this world than watching your child play t-ball so hurry down to the K. B. Polk Rec Center to sign your child up for the 4-6 year old t-ball season. The cost is \$45 for the season and includes a coach for the team. All you need to do is show up and cheer on your child.

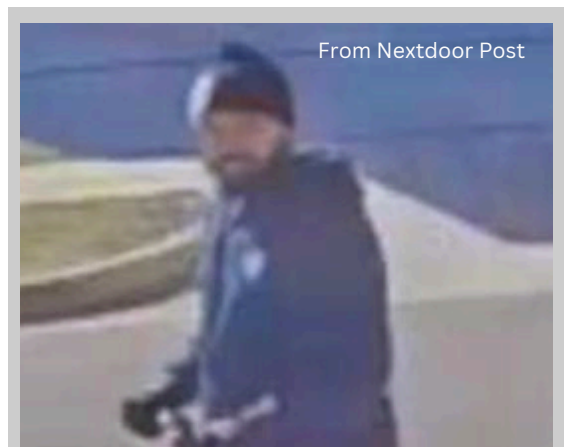


For more information on the Spring Break Camp or the T-Ball season, please call the rec at 214-670-6308.

Alleged Thief Still on the Loose, Please Call 911 if Seen in Elm Thicket

As of the Feb. 22 ETNP Crime Watch meeting, the individual who is suspected of theft and rummaging around neighbor's open garages has not been arrested. A warrant was issued for this individual's arrest and our neighborhood police officers are asking for our help in apprehending this individual. If you see him please call 911 and report a suspicious person and their location.

In the February issue of the ETNP News, it was reported on the Nextdoor app that the suspect was seen along Cowan Avenue riding a scooter and pulling on the door handles of parked cars. A photo was also included of him inside someone's garage. We have included the photo of the alleged individual that was included in the Nextdoor post.



Dallas Police issued a warrant for the arrest of this person allegedly attempting to steal items from vehicles and garages. Contact 911 if you see him.