

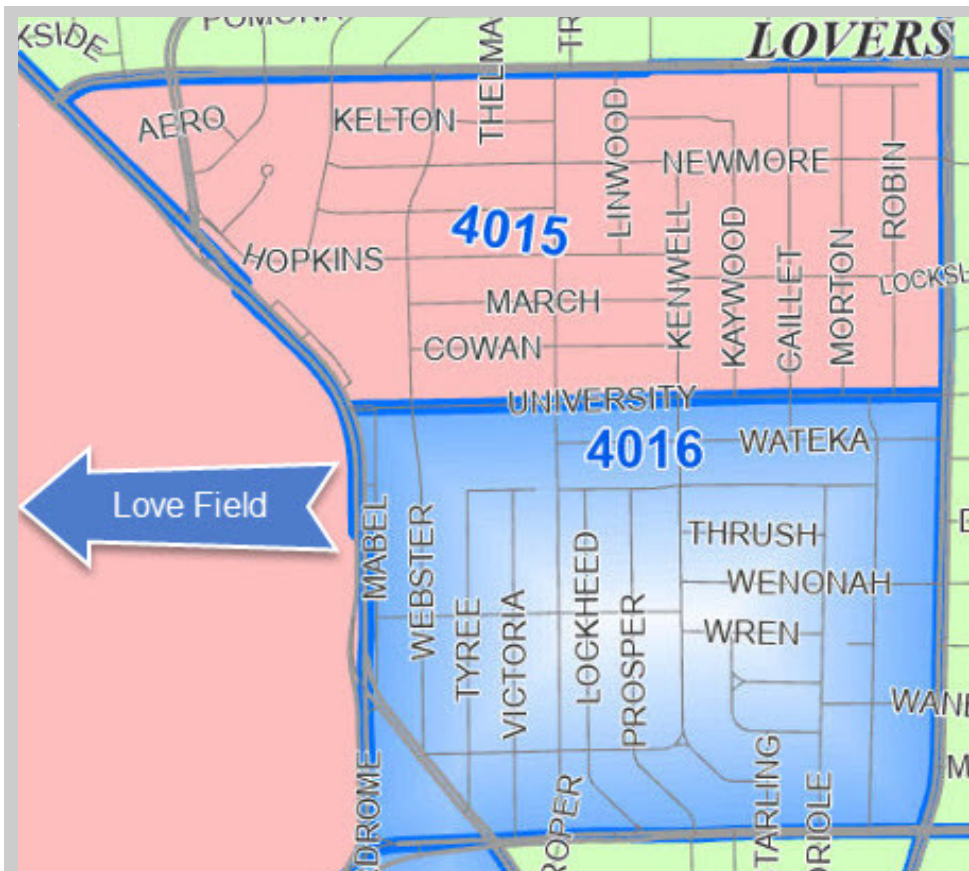


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Candidate Laura Cadena (www.laurafordallas.com)

ETNP VOTERS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE IN CRUCIAL MAY 3 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The May 3 City Council Election is the most important election we have that directly affects our quality of life and our beloved neighborhood. City councilmembers not only influence the laws they pass, but also the various boards and commissions that we depend on to protect and enhance our community.

Councilmember appointments, like who will serve on the City Plan Commission, the Board of Adjustment, and the Park and Recreation Board, are just a few that impact our lives. Please make your plan to vote on May 3 if you haven't early voted.



Above: Those living in Precinct 4015 are in District 6 and those living in Precinct 4016 are in District 2. *ETNP News* has endorsed Councilman Jesse Moreno for re-election in District 2 and Laura Cadena, former Chief of Staff to Councilman Omar Narvaez, for District 6. See the endorsement message on pages 2 and 6).

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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP News Readers:

Save Elm Thicket was created and exists to protect and preserve the legacy of this historic freedmen's community we all love and call home. As we did in the November general election, Save Elm Thicket through its publication the ETNP News, we will be endorsing a candidate for City Council District 2 and District 6 in the upcoming Dallas election set for May 3, 2025.

In the council race for District 2, which is boarded by University Boulevard, Lemmon Avenue, Mockingbird Lane and Inwood Road, we are endorsing incumbent Jesse Moreno. Councilman Moreno is the proven leader we need to help us continue to preserve the history of our neighborhood and help us fight the good fights.

Councilman Moreno has a long history with the Elm Thicket/Northpark neighborhood. Before being elected to his first term in office in 2021, he served on the District 2 Park Board and was the force behind getting us the Thedford Spray Park next to the K. B. Polk Rec Center. That spray park was a huge quality of life improvement for everyone who lives in our neighborhood.

More importantly, however, Councilman Moreno's support for the neighborhood zoning case he inherited from his predecessor has earned him another term. Councilman Moreno and his staff made a point to listen to every voice. Councilman Moreno spearheaded the effort to have the city council unanimously pass the zoning case which restricted the height, roof type and lot coverage for new homes constructed in Ellum Thicket. This cemented the neighborhood protections that we fought to put in place since 2016.



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Jesse's only opponent responded well to the question that was published in our April edition of ETNP News; however, Councilman Moreno has visited our neighborhood more times than we can count to hear from his constituents. He knows our neighborhood.

The District 6 council position, which is bordered in Elm Thicket/Northpark, by University Boulevard, Lovers Lane, Lemmon Avenue and Inwood Road, is the most contested race in the City of Dallas. We are grateful to all the candidates who chose to run. It makes for a stronger republic when we have options. We can only endorse one candidate, however, and that candidate is Laura Cadena.

From the moment the northside of Elm Thicket/Northpark became a part of District 6 after redistricting, Ms. Cadena made a point to attend crime watch meetings, neighborhood events and be a liaison between the Councilman Narvaez's office and our neighborhood. As the chief of staff for Councilman Narvaez, Ms. Cadena learned the concerns of our residents. She made a point to learn where the northside of the Ellum Thicket lacked curb cuts. It may not seem like a big issue, but for residents who need them it is a quality of life issue and that is what is needed in the elected officials that represent our neighborhood. We fully anticipate Ms. Cadena will continue to be a visible leader at our community events and meetings.

We liked hearing from some of the other District 6 candidates when we asked them to respond to the question "If elected to the Dallas city council, what is one thing you would do to help preserve and protect the character and legacy of our historic freedman's community of Ellum Thicket for future generations?" Those responses were published in our [April edition of ETNP News](#).



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OUR CHAMPION FOR DISTRICT 6

CITY OF DALLAS ELECTION

MAY 3, 2025

VOTE EARLY: APRIL 22 - 29

CALL OR EMAIL LAURA AT

(214) 616-3058 OR

LAURA@LAURAFORDALLAS.COM

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:

WWW.LAURAFORDALLAS.COM

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

ETNP Easter Egg Hunts Bring Joy to Children and Adults Alike

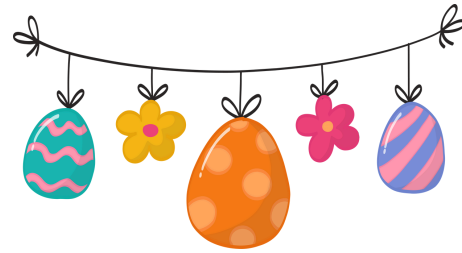
The Easter Bunny made his appearance and delighted the families who came out to enjoy the neighborhood Easter egg hunts held April 12 at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church's Easter Extravaganza and the K. B. Polk Spray Park Eggstravaganza.



More ETNP Easter Egg Hunt Pictures (Continued From Page 4)



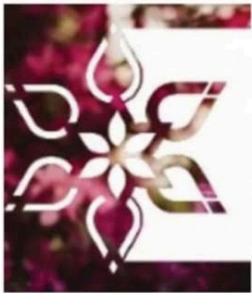
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Ms. Cadena's response to that question was the most direct and clear in our opinion because she knows the neighborhood and the people who live here. Ms. Cadena's roots run deep in District 6. She understands the needs of the people who live here.

While it seems as though it is the fate of the Ellum Thicket neighborhood to always be fighting to preserve our boundaries and our history, Save Elm Thicket is looking for partners at city hall who will help us in our fight to protect and preserve our beloved neighborhood and improve the quality of life for ourselves and our neighbors.

This is why we are endorsing Councilman Moreno for District 2 and Ms. Cadena for District 6. Election day is Saturday, May 3. More election day details can be found in this edition of *ETNP News*.

By casting your vote for Councilman Moreno if you live in District 2 Jesse or Ms. Cadena if you live in District 6, we take a step to ensuring our neighborhood is positioned to preserve and protect what we have. All of us standing together and making our voices heard can Save Elm Thicket.



D2 City Councilman Jesse Moreno, District 2 Candidate



Laura Cadena, District 6 Candidate

Connected Futures Program Offers Free Laptop and Hotspot for 6 Months

The Connected Futures Program offers eligible Dallas residents a FREE laptop & hotspot loan for 6 months!

Get access to job opportunities, online resources, and personalized digital support. Apply today!

Learn more: www.connecteddallas.org. You can also call 214-449-1276 or text to 817-200-4657 for more details.

CONNECTED FUTURES
PROGRAMA DE PRÉSTAMOS DE COMPUTADORAS PORTÁTILES Y INTERNET PORTÁTIL

Ayudando a los residentes de Dallas a mantenerse conectados

El Programa Futuros Conectados ofrece a los residentes elegibles de Dallas la oportunidad de **tomar prestada una computadora portátil y un punto de acceso por seis meses**, brindándoles las herramientas necesarias para mejorar sus habilidades digitales, solicitar empleo, acceder a recursos en línea y mantenerse conectado, todo con apoyo personalizado durante todo el programa.

- Préstamo de computadoras portátiles y puntos de acceso:** tome prestadas herramientas tecnológicas esenciales para mantenerse conectado.
- Acceso a oportunidades:** Empodérate con las herramientas necesarias para tu carrera, educación y crecimiento personal.
- Asistencia personalizada:** Reciba apoyo de los embajadores digitales a través de mensaje de texto, correo electrónico y sesiones **en persona o en línea**.
- Apoyo en habilidades digitales:** aprenda a buscar empleo, realizar operaciones bancarias en línea y acceder a recursos.

¿Necesita ayuda? Visite un sitio web de Community Anchor para obtener ayuda con el proceso de solicitud.

CONTACT US: Llámanos! (214) 449-1276. Envíanos un mensaje de texto! (817) 200-4657.

Para más información: www.connecteddallas.org (busca clic en la pestaña "Programa Futuros Conectados").

CONNECTED FUTURES
LAPTOP & HOTSPOT LENDING PROGRAM

Helping Dallas Residents Stay Connected

The Connected Futures Program offers eligible Dallas residents the opportunity to **borrow a laptop and hotspot for six months**, providing the tools needed to enhance digital skills, apply for jobs, access online resources, and stay connected—all with personalized support throughout the program.

- Laptop & Hotspot Lending:** Borrow essential tech tools to stay connected.
- Access to Opportunities:** Empower yourself with the tools needed for career, education, and personal growth.
- Personalized Assistance:** Receive support from Digital Ambassadors via text, email, and **in-person or virtual check-ins**.
- Digital Skills Support:** Learn job searching, online banking, and accessing resources.

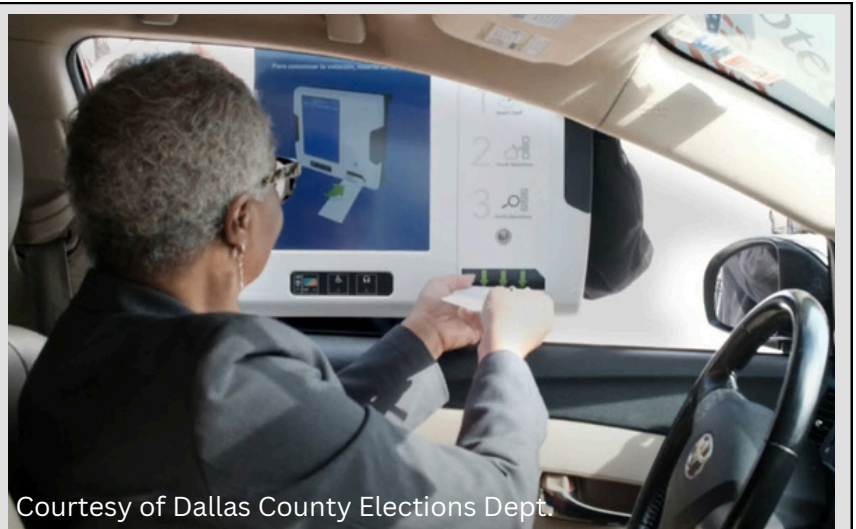
Need Help? Visit a Community Anchor Site for assistance with the application process.

CONTACT US: Call Now (214) 449-1276. Learn more at www.connecteddallas.org - Connected Futures Program.

Curbside Voting an Option for Disabled Voters

Curbside Voting Service is available during Early Voting and Election Day to any voter who is physically unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or has a likelihood of injury if they attempt to enter the polling place.

If you have an assistant with you, have them notify the election official when you arrive at the polling location. The election official will then bring everything you need to your vehicle outside the polling location. If you do not have an assistant, please call 469-627-8683 ahead of time to notify the Election Day clerk that you want to vote curbside. A physical limitation should never stop someone from casting their vote.



Courtesy of Dallas County Elections Dept.

If you cannot enter the polling location without assistance or there is a risk of injury if you do, you can vote from your vehicle. An election worker will bring you a ballot and the polling machine right to you.

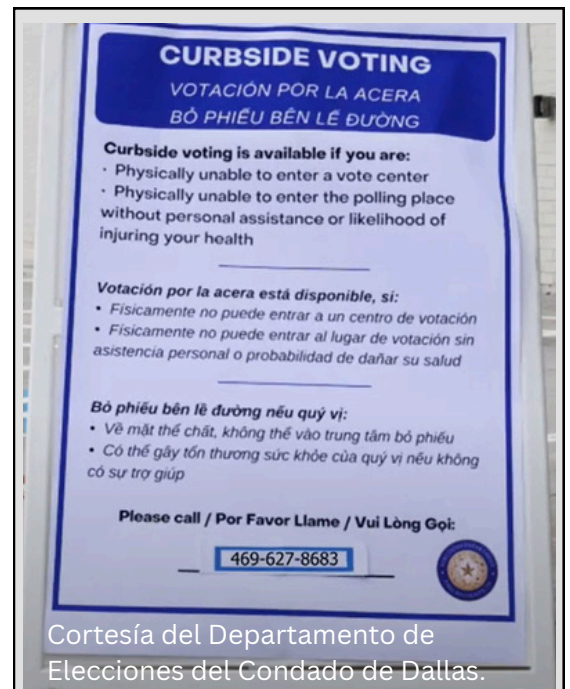
For more information on curbside voting and the process to take advantage of this service, including a video you can watch, you can visit the Dallas County Elections Department ([click here](#)).

Votación en la Acera: Una Opción para Votantes con Discapacidad

El servicio de votación en la acera está disponible durante la votación anticipada y el día de las elecciones para cualquier votante que no pueda ingresar al centro de votación sin asistencia personal o que corra el riesgo de lesionarse si intenta ingresar.

Si tiene un asistente, pídale que notifique al funcionario electoral cuando llegue al centro de votación. El funcionario electoral le llevará todo lo necesario a su vehículo, ubicado afuera del centro de votación. Si no tiene un asistente, llame al 469-627-8683 con anticipación para notificar al secretario del día de las elecciones que desea votar en la acera. Una limitación física nunca debe impedir que alguien emita su voto.

Para obtener más información sobre la votación en la acera y el proceso para aprovechar este servicio, incluyendo un video que puede ver, puede visitar el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Dallas ([haga clic aquí](#)).



Cortesía del Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Dallas.

Si no puede ingresar al lugar de votación sin ayuda o existe riesgo de lesiones si lo hace, puede votar desde su vehículo.

Know Your ID Requirements to Vote on Election Day

Be sure you bring the appropriate identification to vote on Election Day to ensure your vote is counted.

If you're aged 18-69, the ID should be current or can be expired for up to four years. If you're 70 or older, your ID can be expired for any length of time but must still be otherwise valid.

If you cannot present one of the forms of ID above and have a valid reason, you can use a supporting form of ID from List B and execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

If you possess one of the following forms of acceptable photo ID, you must present it when voting in person:*

- ★ Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- ★ Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- ★ Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- ★ Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- ★ United States Military Identification Card containing your photograph
- ★ United States Citizenship Certificate containing your photograph
- ★ United States Passport (book or card)



From www.votetexas.gov

For voters who were unable to present a photo ID and had to vote provisionally on Election Day, they have until Friday, May 9, to cure their ballot.

The logo features the name 'MÓNICA R. ALONZO' in white, with 'FOR CITY COUNCIL ■ DISTRICT 6' below it. A stylized bridge graphic is above the name. Below the logo is a purple button with 'AlonzoForDallas.com' in white. At the bottom, it says 'EARLY VOTING April 22-29, 2025' and 'ELECTION DAY May 3, 2025' in white.

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.

POL AD PAID FOR BY MÓNICA R. ALONZO CAMPAIGN

A portrait of Monica R. Alonzo, a woman with dark hair, wearing a purple blazer and a patterned scarf, smiling. The background shows a city skyline at sunset with a bridge.A photo of Monica R. Alonzo with two other people, a woman and a man, standing outdoors in a grassy area.

“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.”

K. B. Polk Seniors Page



Happy Birthday! Kemeshia Richardson (left) blows out the candles for a birthday cake presented by Sherrill Hearne (right) of the Active Seniors Adult Program (A.S.A.P.). The April 24 birthday surprise at the K. B. Polk Rec Center was in recognition of Kemeshia's work and support of A.S.A.P. Thank you Kemeshia!

Print & Play Puzzle Corner: May Election Word Search

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Alonzo	Endorsements
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Blewett	Kissinger
Booth	Moreno*
Cadena*	Morgan
Campaign	Polls
Candidates	Quintanilla
Carrillo	Spiller
Democracy	Vote
Election	Wells

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

Conozca los Requisitos de Identificación para Votar el día de las Elecciones

Asegúrese de traer la identificación válida para votar el día de las elecciones y así garantizar que su voto sea contabilizado.

Si tiene entre 18 y 69 años, la identificación debe estar vigente o puede tener una vigencia de hasta cuatro años. Si tiene 70 años o más, su identificación puede tener una vigencia de cualquier período, pero debe seguir siendo válida.

Los votantes que no pudieron presentar una identificación con fotografía y tuvieron que votar provisionalmente el día de la elección, tienen hasta el viernes 9 de mayo para “corregir” su boleta.

LLEVE 1 DE LAS 7 IDENTIFICACIONES APROBADAS A LA CASILLA ELECTORAL.



Certificado de Identificación Electoral de Texas*



Tarjeta de Identificación Personal de Texas*



Licencia para Portar Armas de Fuego en Texas*



Certificado de Ciudadanía de EE. UU. con Fotografía



Cédula de Identificación Militar de los EE. UU. con Fotografía*



Pasaporte de EE. UU.* (Libro o Tarjeta)



Licencia de Conducir de Texas*

¿NO POSEE Y POR MOTIVOS RAZONABLES NO PUEDE OBTENER UNA DE ELLAS?




Aún puede votar. Solo llene una Declaración de Impedimento Razonable y enseñe una copia u original de una de las siguientes identificaciones aprobadas:

- Acta de Nacimiento Nacional Certificada o documento admisible en un tribunal de justicia que confirma su identidad y nacimiento
- Estado de Cuenta Bancario
- Cheque del Gobierno
- Cheque de Pago
- Documento del gobierno con su nombre y domicilio, y su Certificado de Registro de Votante
- Factura Reciente de Servicios Públicos

De www.votetexas.gov

FYI: Recent Home Sales in Elm Thicket/Northpark

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

 <p>\$481,250 Sold · 3 months ago 2 bedrooms · 1 Baths · 1388 sqft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">273 sqft Larger Living Space0.04 acre Larger Plot Size	 <p>\$487,500 Sold · 4 months ago 3 bedrooms · 1 Baths · 1013 sqft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 More Bedroom1 year Newer Property102 sqft Smaller Living Space	 <p>\$468,600 Sold · a year ago 3 bedrooms · 2 Baths · 1076 sqft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 More Bedroom1 More Bathroom0.02 acre Larger Plot Size
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A TRUSTED AND EXPERIENCED LEADER FOR DISTRICT 2

**CITY OF DALLAS ELECTION
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Re-elect
 **Jesse Moreno**
FOR DALLAS CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Registration Open for K. B. Polk Rec Center Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is ongoing at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center but spots are filling up quickly. If you want your children to have a fun and safe summer then get down to the rec and save their spot.

Summer camp begins Monday, June 2, and runs through Friday, Aug. 1, 2025. Camps will run Monday - Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm each day. The cost of the camp is \$75 per week for Dallas residents.



The K. B. Polk staff always does a great job keeping the campers safe and entertained. There are scheduled field trips every week, arts and crafts and other really fun activities that will make for great summer memories.

For more information on what you need to to register your child for summer camp please call the K. B. Rec Center at 214-670-6308.

15th Annual Juneteenth Celebration Coming June 14 to the Rec Center

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 15th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at the K. B. Polk Rec Center on Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Like the celebrations held in prior years, this event promises to be a fun, family-friendly day for everyone.

A parade kicks off the day of celebration starting at the Thedford Spray Park that winds through the neighborhood -- complete with decorated cars, motorcycles, and parade floats.

Everyone can also enjoy the free food and live music in store to feed both the body and soul.

Several vendor and city service booths also be set up in and around the Rec Center with plenty of giveaways and valuable information.

For more information, contact Jonathan Maples at 214-868-5760.

