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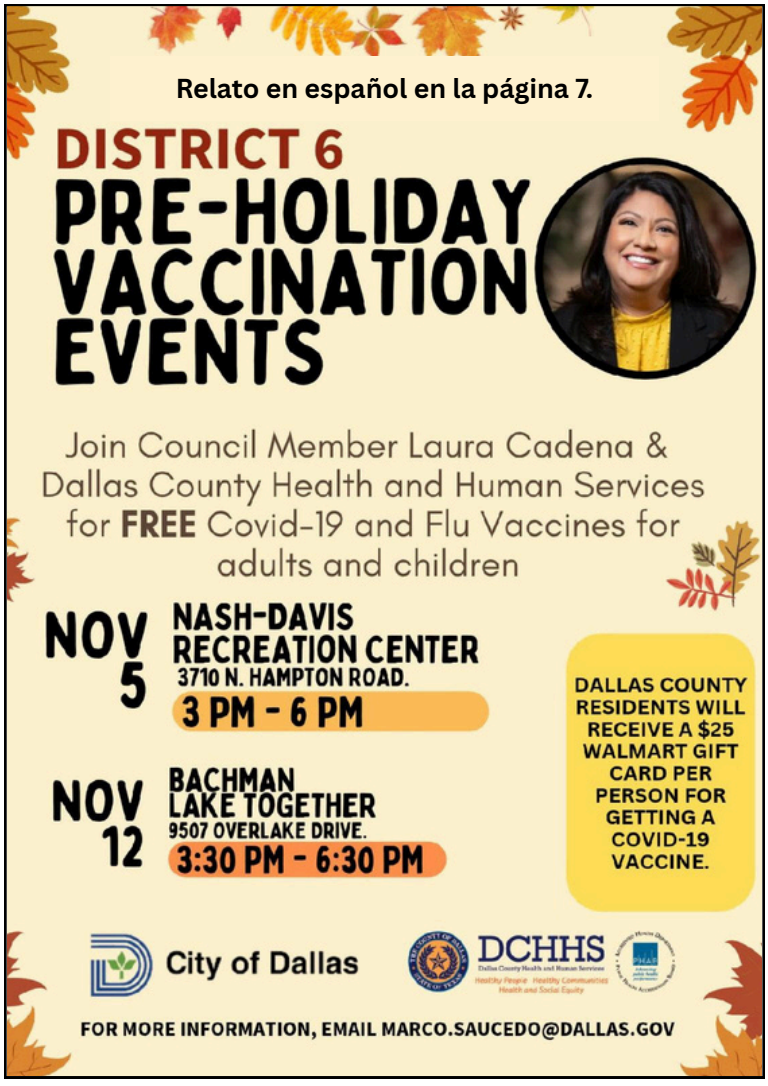
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GET A $25 WALMART GIFT CARD WITH FREE COVID VACCINE THIS MONTH

District 6 Councilmember Laura Cadena along with the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department are offering free flu and COVID vaccines to adults and children in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday gatherings.

As a bonus, every Dallas County resident who receives a COVID vaccine receives a $25 Walmart gift card – just in time for the holiday shopping season.

The closest location for Ellum Thicket residents is at Bachman Lake Together (9507 Overlake Dr., Dallas, TX 75220) which is near Webb Chapel Extension and Northwest Highway. Turn right on Ovella Avenue just past the Pro QuickLube shop to access the Bachman Lake Together parking lot.



Participants are encouraged to bring proof of insurance, if available, and any form of identification.

For more information, email Marco.saucedo@dallas.gov.



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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP Neighbors:

We are sorry to see the month of October come to an end. There were a lot of community events that brought neighbors together. The K. B. Polk PTA held a trunk-or-treat event where parents and teachers got dressed up in costume to give the school and neighborhood children lots of treats. From that event, families and children attended the biggest Halloween party hosted at our K. B. Polk Recreation Center.

Our recreation center staff went above and beyond to make sure families had a good time and made fun, happy memories. The haunted house gave lots of fun scares, everyone enjoyed snacks and dinner and then there was the costume contest. There were also a lot of city departments in attendance to ensure questions were answered and everyone got their fill of candy.

Then on Halloween, the West Inwood NA held a neighborhood-wide Halloween block party on Kaywood Drive between Newmore Ave. and Locksley Ave. There was a bounce house, a little barrel train ride, snowcones, tacos, lots of candy and much more. A good time was had by all.

What made all these events special is that legacy neighbors, new neighbors and rec center staff came together to ensure everyone who lives in Ellum Thicket had the opportunity to celebrate a fun holiday and hopefully got to meet some neighbors. That is what makes our neighborhood special. Here's hoping that Ellum Thicket neighbors come together in the future to celebrate more holidays together. You can find photos from all three events in the newsletter.

Also in the newsletter you will find all the information you need to know about voting in this all important midterm election to be held this Tuesday.

The early voter drive saw Save Elm Thicket volunteers drive members of the rec center senior group to early vote. What a privilege it was to ensure our seniors had the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. If you need a ride to the polls on Tuesday please call us at 214-215-5939 and we will arrange for one of our volunteers to take you to vote.

As we head into the last two months of the year, we will review what we have done well with and what we can improve with the newsletter. As always, we welcome and encourage feedback from neighbors. Our goal is to continue to provide helpful information about events and issues affecting our neighborhood. If there is something you would like to see in future issues please email us at etnpnews@gmail.com.

Here's hoping you and your family have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. May everyone in our Elm Thicket neighborhood know peace and grace as we enter this holiday season.

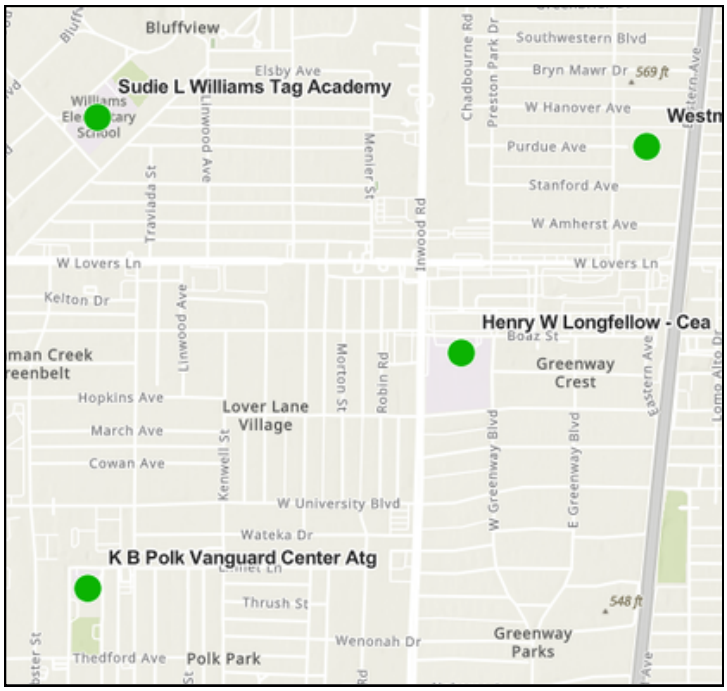
Your neighbor,
Gus Perez

Elm Thicket/Northpark Voting Location Options Provided

All Dallas County voters can use any polling location during the Nov. 3 General Election to cast their vote. If you have not yet early voted, you can use any of the nearby locations:

- North – Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy (4018 Pomona Dr, Dallas, TX 75209)
- East – Henry W. Longfellow Career Exploration Academy (7600 Inwood Road, Dallas, TX 75209)
- Central – K. B. Polk Center for Academically Talented & Gifted (6911 Victoria Ave, Dallas, TX 75209)

If you want to vote elsewhere on Election Day, you can go to the Dallas County Elections Department website (click here) to find one of the 444 voting locations in Dallas County that would be more convenient.



DART Providing Free Rides to the Polls on Election Day

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will provide FREE rides on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to help voters get to their polling locations within the DART Service Area.

Free transportation will be available on DART buses and trains, Silver Line, GoLink, Dallas Streetcar, Paratransit Services, and Trinity Railway Express (TRE).

Important reminders:
Be prepared to show your voter registration card or government-issued ID when boarding DART buses.

GoLink riders can use promo code VOTENOV3 in the DART GoPass app to receive a complimentary Adult Local Day Pass.

Paratransit riders must schedule their November 3 trip by calling 214-515-7272.

Plan your trip using the DART GoPass app or visit dart.org/vote for more information and voting locations.



K. B. Polk Seniors Page



Print & Play Puzzle Corner: Thanksgiving Word Search

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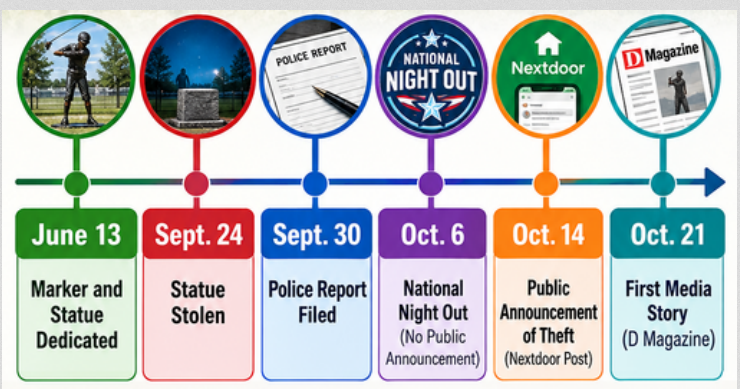
Hilliard Golf Course Marker Statue Stolen; Thieves Sought

Sometime during the evening of Thursday, September 24, thieves stole the African-American golfer statue that was placed next to the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course Texas Historical Marker about three months after the dedication ceremony held June 13, 2026. The dedication occurred during the Ellum Thicket Juneteenth celebration.

Jonathan Maples, who led the effort to get the marker and statue with Ellum Thicket resident Kemeshia Richardson, is asking for the neighborhood's help in apprehending the thieves and getting the statue returned. Mr. Maples and Ms. Richardson also serve as president and secretary/treasurer, respectively, for the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association.

The statue and historical marker, located in the parkway between Mable Avenue and Lemmon Avenue near the intersection with Thedford Avenue was allegedly an easy target for scrap metal thieves given its location away from many homes and poor lighting conditions.

The value of the stolen bronze statue was placed between $8,000 and $10,000 by Mr. Maples with police stating the scrap value is between $900 to $1,200. At the October crimewatch meeting, Mr. Maples said any attempt to sell the statue to a scrap metal dealer would be difficult given the regulations requiring proof of ownership for any sale to be made.



The above timeline shows the order of events both before and after the theft of the statue and the nearly 3-week delay between the theft and any public announcement.

Mr. Maples expressed his desire to get neighbors' help in recovering the statue and apprehending the thieves, but said "we didn't want to get the word out because we were working with the investigators" to explain why it took nearly three weeks between the theft and any public announcement.

In addition, Mr. Maples confirmed that the ETNP Neighborhood Association would not pay for any replacement cost for the statue that was originally paid for by a private donor.

As a precaution to avoid another statue theft, the bench/children sculpture with the ETNP Neighborhood Texas Historical Marker, located on Ms. Richardson's rental property at the intersection of Lockheed Avenue and Thetford Avenue, was removed and placed in storage to ensure it would not be stolen.

If anyone has any information concerning the golfer statue theft, they can contact DPD detective Dante Cunningham (Case No. 820294-2026) at 214-329-8909 or dante.cunningham@dallaspolice.gov.

Election Day Curbside Voting Option for Disabled Voters Explained

Curbside Voting Service is available during 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. A phone number to contact the election official is also provided at the designated curbside area. The election official will then bring everything you need to your vehicle outside the polling location. A physical limitation should never stop someone from casting their vote.

Halloween Parties Wrap Up Safe and Fun October for All

Halloween festivities to end the month of October were enjoyed by the adults and children who participated. This year, we had a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat at the K.B. Polk Elementary School and the Ghosts & Goodies event the K.B. Polk Rec Center sponsored by the K. B. Polk PTA and the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department on October 23. To end the month, the West Inwood Neighborhood Association held a Halloween Block Party on Kaywood Drive between Newmore Avenue and Locklsey Avenue on October 31. Check out the pictures below!

Trunk-or-Treat





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Rec Center Halloween



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West Inwood NA Block Party



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Obtenga una Tarjeta de Regalo de Walmart de $25 al Vacunarse Contra el COVID-19 Este Mes

La concejal del Distrito 6, Laura Cadena, junto con el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Dallas, ofrecen vacunas gratuitas contra la gripe y el COVID-19 para adultos y niños, como preparación para las reuniones de la festividad de Acción de Gracias.

Además, cada residente del Condado de Dallas que reciba la vacuna contra el COVID-19 recibirá una tarjeta de regalo de Walmart de $25, justo a tiempo para la temporada de compras navideñas.

El lugar más cercano para los residentes de Ellum Thicket es Bachman Lake Together (9507 Overlake Dr., Dallas, TX 75220), ubicado cerca de Webb Chapel Extension y Northwest Highway. Gire a la derecha en Ovella Avenue, justo después del establecimiento Pro QuickLube, para acceder al estacionamiento de Bachman Lake Together.

Se recomienda a los participantes que traigan un comprobante de seguro médico, si disponen de uno, y cualquier forma de identificación.



Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Marco.saucedo@dallas.gov.

Let *ETNP News* help you grow your business in 2027!

Contact us at etnpnews@gmail.com and ask about our limited-time neighborhood business rates with half-page ads as low as $20 a month for a 3-month run!

Register Now for Fall and Winter Break Camps at Rec Center

Dallas Parks and Recreation is offering day camps during the extended Fall and Winter Breaks. Fall Break Camp will be during the week of Thanksgiving from Nov. 23-25. The Winter Break Camp will run from December 18-31 with holiday dates and weekends excluded. Camps run from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Recreation Center camps are open for youth ages 5yrs (as of 9/1/26) to 12yrs. To register, you can go to https://www.dallasparks.org/582/School-Break-Camps and select the Register Here button and select K. B. Polk Recreation Center location with the desired dates.

Haz clic aquí para ver este artículo e imagen en español.



DPD: Crime Low But Be on Lookout for Vehicles Tied to Car Break-Ins

At the Oct. 27 Crime Watch Meeting, the Dallas Police Department said our overall crime is low but is asking all Elm Thicket/Northpark residents to be on the lookout for three vehicles that are tied to several car break-ins in the area. The vehicles have been caught on camera, but the thieves are using stolen license plates on their cars to commit the crimes.

October 27 Crime Watch Reported Offenses

Offense Type	Aug 9/22-10/25	Year to Date*	Last Year at Same Time*
Violent Offenses			
Aggravated Assault-Family Violence	1	3	2
Aggravated Assault-Non-Family Violence	0	2	2
Murder	0	0	0
Robbery of a Business	0	1	1
Robbery of an Individual	0	1	1
Aggravated Sexual Assault	0	1	1
Non-Violent Offenses			
Burglary of a Business	0	4	3
Burglary of a Residence	0	2	7
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1	28	16
Theft	2	15	17
Shoplifting	0	5	5
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	2	13	18
Total	**6**	**75**	**73**

**YTD does not include the current month total. Total numbers reported include area outside of ETNP neighborhood but within the immediate vicinity.*

The three late-model vehicles being used are a Silver Lexus NX300, a Gray Kia Sportage (Electric Model), and a White Dodge Charger. The car thieves work in pairs with one person breaking in and stealing visible items in the targeted car.

If you see any of these vehicle models with at least 2 passengers making several slow passes through our neighborhood, you can contact our Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs) Sr. Corporal Jose Gamez at 214-918-7289, Office Mike Villanueva at 214-681-4421, and 911 to report them.





