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ELM THICKET PREPARES FOR 15TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

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

ETNP News will have a booth. See you there!



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Free AC or box fan for qualified seniors

Aire acondicionado o ventilador de caja gratuito para personas mayores que cumplan los requisitos

June 9 monthly food distribution planned

Distribución mensual de alimentos prevista para el 9 de junio

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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP News Readers:

Welcome to June! This is probably our most favorite month of the year. There are graduation celebrations, weddings, our Ellum Thicket Juneteenth Celebration, the K. B. Polk Spray Park is open, and so on. Our neighborhood is alive and popping and it is good to see.

I'd like to start this note with a lot of thanks for our advertisers. In case you do not know, along with publishing the newsletter via email, we also publish in hard copy form and deliver to seniors or those who do not have internet access or simply would prefer to have a copy to refer back to for information. We have been incurring that printing cost because we are committed to neighbors having information about events and news happening in our beloved neighborhood. The more information neighbors have the better decisions we can make for our respective families and neighborhood.

And while I did not get a chance to welcome our newest advertiser last month, I'd like to do so now. Inspired Assurance Events & More is a business owned by legacy residents Eva Smith and Diane Johnson. If you have an upcoming personal or business event that you want planned and decorated then these ladies will do a fantastic job. They helped with creating the most popular backdrop at the Mother's Day Celebration. You can find their ad on Page 5 for more information. Thank you Eva and Diane for supporting your neighborhood newsletter for our senior residents. Contact us at etnpnews@gmail.com to learn more about our discounted ETNP neighborhood business ad rates.

Pickleball, pickleball, pickleball - have I gotten your attention now? The K. B. Polk recreation is now offering Thursday NIGHT open pickleball from 6 pm to 7:45 pm. This is in addition to the Tuesday/Thursday morning pickleball sessions that run from 10 am to 12:30 pm. All you need to participate is a recreation center membership which is \$15 for the year and can be used at any recreation center in the city. So if playing pickleball in the morning didn't work for you, then please check out the Thursday evening session.

Don't forget that our neighborhood spray park is open from 10 am to 8 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Sunday. On Wednesdays, the park opens at 2 pm and closes at 8 pm. As far as parks go, if you have a skater in your family and you have not gone to the new Bachman Lake Skatepark then you do not know what you are missing. This park is free to the public and open to skaters of all kinds - rollerblades, scooters, BMX bikes and skateboards. Or you can just go to watch and see the show. It is located in the northwest corner of Bachman Lake Park at the intersection of Webb Chapel and Denton Drive.

Okay that's all for now. Please put the monthly food distribution on your calendar for every first Friday at the rec center parking lot. Please look for us at the Juneteenth Celebration coming up on June 14. We will have back issues of newsletters if you missed a month and also have an opportunity to sign up if you would like a newsletter hand delivered.

Here's wishing everyone a safe and fun June.

Your neighbor,
Mimi Perez



ETNP News Congratulates Councilman Moreno and Councilmember-Elect Cadena for May Election Wins

ETNP News congratulates Councilman Jesse Moreno and Councilmember-Elect Laura Cadena for their election wins during last month's city council races.

District 2 CM Jesse Moreno easily won re-election to represent the south side of Elm Thicket/Northpark south of University Blvd. to Mockingbird Lane and west of Inwood Road to Lemmon Avenue.

District 6 CM-elect Laura Cadena narrowly avoided a runoff in a nine-person race to represent the north side from University Blvd. to Lovers Lane and west of Inwood Road to Lemmon Avenue.

ETNP News endorsed both Moreno and Cadena because they are proven advocates of our neighborhood and will listen to us when we speak up to protect and preserve Elm Thicket/Northpark.

Thank you to everyone in Elm Thicket/Northpark who voted. Regardless of the outcome, we all win when we stay united and make our voices heard.



D2 City Councilman Jesse Moreno



D6 Councilmember-Elect Laura Cadena

Dallas Public Library Offering SMART Summer Reading Challenges for Kids and Adults; Prizes to be Awarded

Read, discover and create to earn great prizes! For every 10 days of reading or being read to, kids earn a prize, up to 3 times over the summer. After completing 10 discovery activities and 10 create activities, kids earn a food coupon, up to 2 times over the summer.

Kids who complete 30 days of reading, make 10 discoveries and create 10 new things by August 9 will be entered in the grand prize drawing!

Adults ages 18 and up who read, discover, or create can earn prizes. After logging 15 days of reading, earn a free book up to 3 times over the summer. After logging 5 activities, adults can either pick up book or a prize from the adult goodie bag up to 2 times over the summer. Adults who complete a combination of 45 days of reading, 5 discoveries, and 5 creations by August 9 will be entered to win a grand prize!



To learn more and register, go to <https://dallaslibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>.

Hilliard Memorial Golf Course Historical Marker Closer to Unveiling

The process of getting a new Texas Historical Marker commemorating the 9-hole Hilliard Memorial Golf Course placed in Ellum Thicket took another step forward with the marker order being sent to the foundry to be cast earlier this year.

The Hilliard Memorial Golf Course was billed as the first municipal golf course open for African-Americans in the South when it opened on April 16, 1950. The course was named to honor Thomas J. Hilliard who advocated for a city golf course for African-Americans to use while he was working in the Greens Department of the Cedar Crest Country Club. There, he organized times for African-Americans to play during the country club's off days and times when it was closed to members. He then went on to organize the first exhibition match for Dallas African-American golfers and the formation of the Dallas Negro Golfers association.

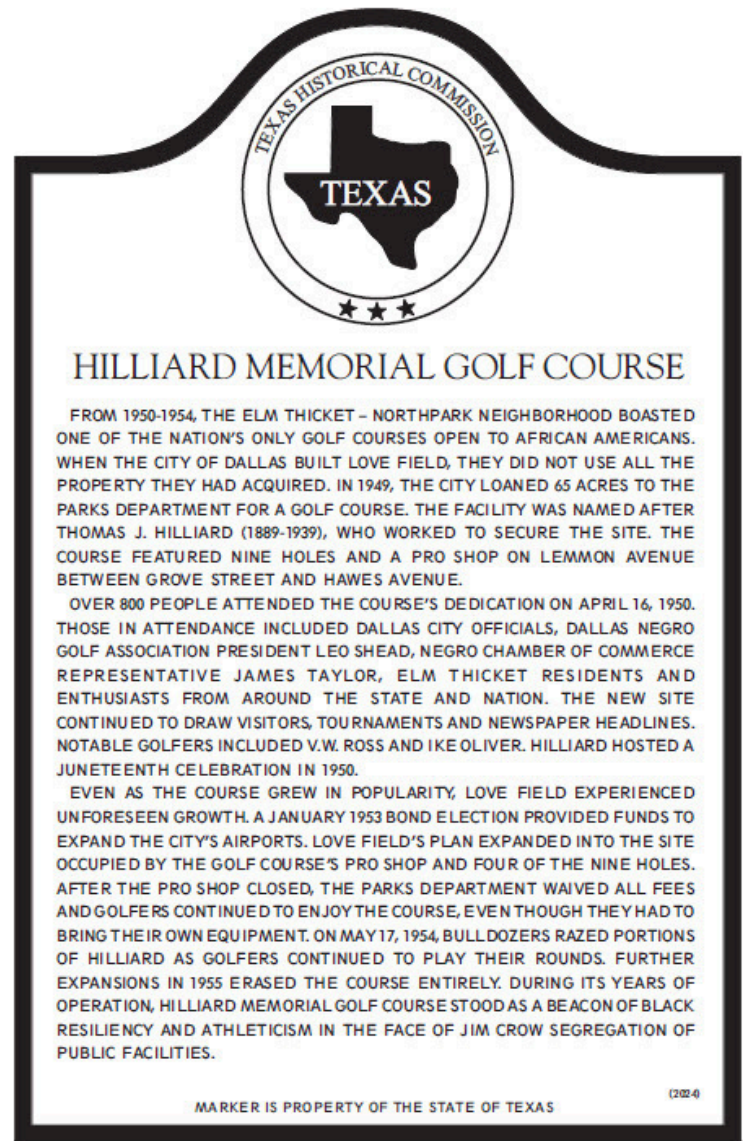
Sadly, Mr. Hilliard passed away before his dream of having a municipal golf course for African American golfers was created. His widow, however, was there at the opening ceremony to help cut the ribbon on the course along with other city dignitaries.

As Ellum Thicket prepares for another Juneteenth celebration, it is important to note that the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course was a source of pride within the community. Seventy-five years ago, the golf course hosted a Juneteenth (Emancipation Day) celebration complete with a parade, speeches, a carnival, refreshments, singing, baseball, and – of course – a golf tournament.

Although the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course was demolished between 1954 and 1955 to make way for the Love Field expansion, this Texas Historical Marker will continue to remind us all of the legacy of this historic freedmen's community.

No time for the unveiling ceremony has been announced given that the historical marker has yet to be delivered to the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association who is leading the effort. The marker is set to be placed at Mable Street and Thedford Avenue in the city-owned parkway next to Lemmon Avenue and across the street from the Frontiers of Flight museum, according to the paperwork filed with the state.

Once an unveiling time is announced, *ETNP News* will communicate the time to our readers.



Beat the Heat with a Free AC or Box Fan for Qualified Seniors

The Senior Source is partnering with TXU Energy to help seniors stay cool this summer by providing free window air conditioning units and box fans to those who qualify. To be eligible, you must live in Dallas County, be at least 60 years old, have no air conditioning in your home or are unable to afford repairs, and be able to attend a Beat the Heat Senior Expo featuring valuable information and free food and prizes (see times below). To register, click [HERE](#).

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 28,
2025**

9:00 - 11:00am

**Community Missionary
Baptist Church**

115 W Belt Line Rd,
DeSoto, TX, 75115

**SATURDAY,
JULY 12,
2025**

8:00 - 10:00am

Irving Cares

440 S Nursery Rd Ste 101,
Irving, TX, 75060

**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 23,
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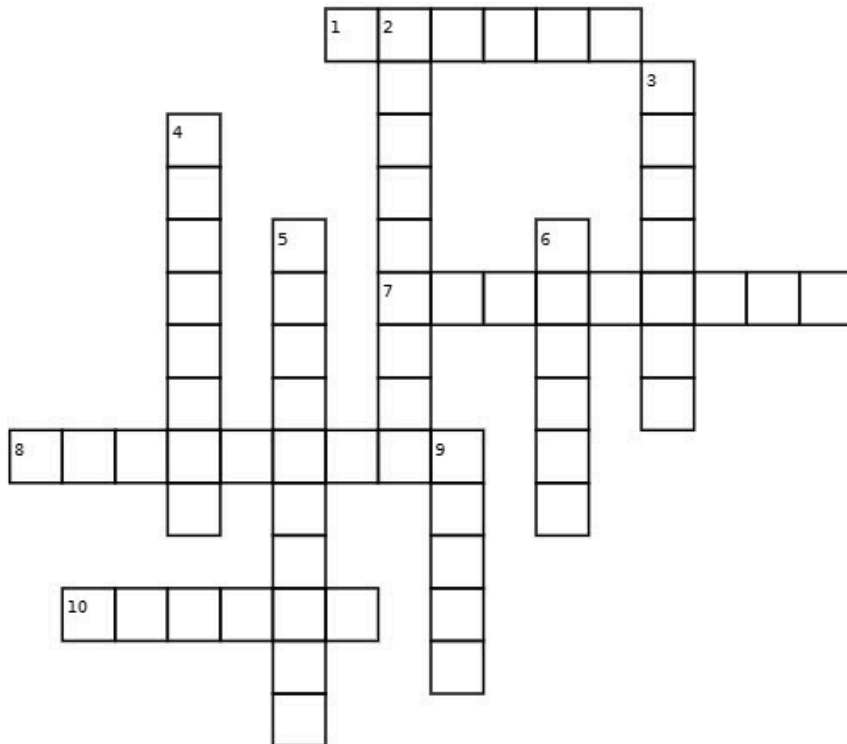
K. B. Polk Seniors Page

ASAP Group Makes it a Fun Day at the Arboretum



The K. B. Polk Active Senior and Adult Program (ASAP) group took a trip to the Arboretum in May. If you have not already, find out how you can join the senior group and participate in the many field trips, activities, and all around good times. For more information on joining the group, please call Tori Johnson at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 214-670-6308. The group meets Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Print & Play Puzzle Corner: June *ETNP* News Crossword



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1. D6 Councilmember-Elect Laura ____ (pg 3)
7. The K. B. Polk Seniors visited the Dallas ____ in May (pg 6)
8. Catholic ____ holding next monthly free food distribution June 9 (page 7)
10. D2 Councilmember Jesse ____ (pg 3)

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2. Inspired ____ *ETNP* News advertiser (pg 5)
3. The Active Seniors Adults Program hosted a ____ Day Event on May 9 (pg 7)
4. ____ Memorial Golf Course (pg 4)
5. 15th Annual Celebration to be held June 14 (pg 1)
6. The Senior ____ partnering with TXU Energy to give away free ACs or box fans (pg 5)
9. The name of the library summer reading program (pg 3)

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

May 9 Mother's Day Event Brings Joy to Moms

More than 100 people attended the K. B. Polk Mother's Day Celebration held May 9. There were guest speakers, lots of line dancing and a delicious lunch of barbecue chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese and much more. Members of the senior groups from Grauwylar, Mattie Nash-Myrtle Davis and Arlington Park also attended the celebration. A good time was had by all.



Next Monthly Free Food Distribution on Friday, June 6, at Rec Center

Every first Friday of every month, from 9 a.m. to noon, Catholic Charities of Dallas will distribute food boxes at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper Street. The boxes of food will be on a first-come, first-served basis. On June 6, the next distribution date, Catholic Charities of Dallas will arrive with their truck and set up the distribution which includes items like milk, eggs, fresh fruit, and vegetables.

Próxima Distribución Mensual Gratuita de Alimentos el Viernes 6 de Junio en el Rec Center

Cada primer viernes de mes, de 9:00 a. m. a mediodía, Caridades Católicas de Dallas distribuirá cajas de alimentos en el Centro Recreativo K. B. Polk, ubicado en 6801 Roper Street. Las cajas se entregarán por orden de llegada. El 6 de junio, próxima fecha de distribución, Caridades Católicas de Dallas llegará con su camión y organizará la distribución, que incluye artículos como leche, huevos, fruta fresca y verduras.

La Biblioteca Pública de Dallas Ofrece Desafíos de Lectura de Verano SMART para Niños y Adultos; se Entregarán Premios

¡Lee, descubre y crea para ganar premios increíbles! Por cada 10 días de lectura o de que les lean, los niños ganan un premio, hasta 3 veces durante el verano. Tras completar 10 actividades de descubrimiento y 10 de creación, los niños ganan un cupón de comida, hasta 2 veces durante el verano.



¡Los niños que completen 30 días de lectura, hagan 10 descubrimientos y creen 10 cosas nuevas antes del 9 de agosto participarán en el sorteo del gran premio!

Los adultos mayores de 18 años que lean, descubran o creen podrán ganar premios. Tras 15 días de lectura, podrán ganar un libro gratis hasta 3 veces durante el verano. Tras 5 actividades, podrán recoger un libro o un premio de la bolsa de regalos para adultos hasta 2 veces durante el verano. Los adultos que completen 45 días de lectura, 5 descubrimientos y 5 creaciones antes del 9 de agosto participarán para ganar un gran premio.

Para obtener más información e inscribirse, visiten <https://dallaslibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>.

Combata el Calor con un Aire Acondicionado o Ventilador de Caja Gratuito para Personas Mayores Qalificadas

The Senior Source se ha asociado con TXU Energy para ayudar a las personas mayores a mantenerse frescas este verano, ofreciendo aires acondicionados de ventana y ventiladores de caja gratuitos a quienes califiquen. Para ser elegible, debe vivir en el condado de Dallas, tener al menos 60 años, no tener aire acondicionado en su hogar o no poder costear reparaciones, y poder asistir a la Exposición para Personas Mayores "Combata el Calor", que ofrece información valiosa, comida gratuita y premios (consulte los horarios a continuación). Para registrarse, haga clic [AQUÍ](#).

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