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NEIGHBORS COME OUT AND ENJOY 15TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Family, friends, and neighbors attended the 15th Annual Elm Thicket/Northpark Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 14 at the K. B. Polk Rec Center. There was something for everyone at this year's event from live music, dancing, city service information booths, food, and even face painting for the kids.

Thanks go to the Elm Thicket/Northpark Neighborhood Association for organizing the event and to the many sponsors who helped make it possible. Sponsors included State Representative Rafael Anchia, Dallas City Councilmembers Jesse Moreno (D2) and Omar Narvaez (D6), Sewell, SPG, Southwest Airlines, The Maples Foundation, The Meat Shop, and the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department. Special thanks also goes out to our fantastic rec center staff. They always throw a good party and always make sure everyone is included.

Overall, everyone who attended enjoyed the event. Plenty of happy smiles were seen all around and people are already looking forward to next year's Juneteenth celebration which will be held on June 20 so mark your calendars now. Next year's celebration may include the unveiling of another historical marker commemorating the Hilliard Memorial Golf Course (also featured in the June edition of ETNP News).



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Juneteenth attendees gather to hear a Native American speaker honor and celebrate all ancestors, regardless of race, who faced adversity to achieve the freedoms we all enjoy today.



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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello Elm Thicket/Northpark Readers:

Here's hoping this finds everyone well and enjoying their summer.

With the July 4th holiday approaching our neighborhood patrol officers wanted us to remind everyone that shooting off fireworks within Dallas city limits is illegal and comes with a \$2,000 fine.

Let's be considerate of our neighbors who are veterans and can not tolerate the noise that comes from fireworks and guns being shot in the air. The noise from fireworks and gunshots means something very different to them.

That's not to say you shouldn't be able to enjoy fireworks on the 4th. Here are two locations where you can see an incredible show:

Fair Park Fourth:

Fair Park will host a free event featuring patriotic performances, "dancing water" shows, food trucks, and fireworks starting around 9:45 p.m.

Klyde Warren Park Independence Day Celebration:

This event on June 28th, featuring live music, food trucks, and fireworks, takes place in the Dallas Arts District.

If you are looking for something to do this summer, then head on down to the K. B. Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper. Tori Johnson, the Active Senior Adult Program leader, has a month full of fun activities for the seniors.

They are going on trips to different parts of town, grabbing lunch out and then playing Bingo on Wednesdays for prizes. If you are on the fence about joining, you should pick a couple of events to attend to see how it goes. I promise you, you will keep going back. For more information on ASAP please call Mrs. Johnson at 214-670-6308.

Please remember that the first Friday of the month is the Catholic Charities food distribution at the rec center parking lot. That is Aug. 1 for next month. If your family needs some help, then please come.

As of June 16, we have new members of the Dallas City Council. D2 Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Moreno was re-elected. D2 is from University to Mockingbird and Lemmon to Inwood. He is serving his third, two-year term.

D6 Councilwoman Laura Cadena replaces Omar Narvaez. D6 is from University to Lovers and Lemmon to Inwood.

In the August issue we will provide you with all the information you need to contact them and their staff.

Okay neighbors, that's all for now. Here's hoping everyone has a safe month of July.

Your neighbor,
Mimi Perez



K. B. Polk Seniors Page

Seniors Fundraise at Juneteenth Celebration



The K. B. Polk Active Senior and Adult Program (ASAP) group set up a booth at the Juneteenth Celebration and sold sweet treats and handmade jewelry to fundraise to help cover special events they organize. 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: July Word Search

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O W E E E A R I R A W N I D C
L B V D P W T S M K Y Y L O R
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D F Q L I E N R O A I E A S A
A S J X S P A D K N N N R R M
Y B A R B E C U E S I G G S K
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R X A S U N G L A S S E S H Y

American	Parades
Barbecues	RedWhiteandBlue
Family	Sparklers
Firecrackers	SprayPark
Fireworks	StarSpangled
Holiday	Sunglasses
HotDogs	Sunny
IceCream	Sunscreen
IcedTea	Swimming
IndependenceDay	Vacation

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

DART Holding Public Hearing July 8 Concerning Possible Service Reductions and Fee Changes

You have the opportunity to voice your opinion on DART eliminating service routes and changing their fees at a public hearing to be held July 8 at DART Headquarter, 1401 Pacific Ave, Dallas, at 6 pm. The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors has called for a Public Hearing to hear from the community on the potential changes that could go into effect in January 2026.



DART is proposing several changes which include the elimination of 9 bus routes, the reduction of the frequency of bus and rail service, and the increase in fares for ADA Paratransit services. More information on all the proposed changes can be found on the DART website ([click here](#)).

These changes are the result of sales tax revenue being redistributed to other member cities that are served by DART which means there is less money for Dallas services. DART has stated that they are proposing the largest service cuts in their history.

For those who rely or has a friend or family member who relies on DART services to get to and from work, doctor appointments, grocery store trips, and to do other necessary activities, they are encouraged to attend the public hearing to be held at the DART Headquarters at 1401 Pacific Ave, Dallas, TX 75202, on Tuesday, July 8, at 6:00 pm.



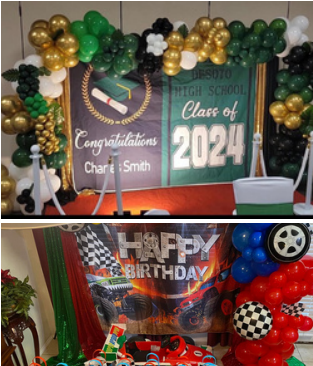
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