



NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT SOUGHT FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN DESIGN

There is great news for Ellum Thicket gardeners. The much awaited renovation of the Elm Thicket/Northpark Community Garden located on Victoria Avenue will soon be underway but first, the City of Dallas would like to hear from neighborhood residents about which design they would prefer.



Street view of the Polk Park Community Garden ay 6814 Victoria Ave. from Google Street View (image from October 2025). The garden is almost directly across the street from the K. B. Polk spraypark and the on the other side of the alley from the K. B. Polk Recreation Center.

The designs, Pavilion Commons, Urban Terrace, and Gathering Grove, all entail raised flower beds, areas where residents can sit and enjoy the garden, and a paved path for easy access. For the next three weeks, *ETNP News* will be collecting the input from interested residents and providing that input to the city so they can see what Ellum Thicket residents would prefer to have in the community garden.

Because the community garden is being renovated, the garden can be used to grow fruit and vegetables. Work on renovating the community garden will begin this fall with the ribbon cutting tentatively scheduled for the end of February so community members can begin planting in the spring.

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ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello Neighbors:

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 is election day. From now, until November the *ETNP News* will be publishing information about what you need to know about ensuring you have the ability to have your voice heard through your vote. Never before have there been so many moving pieces in our election process so any information we publish will either be pulled from the Dallas County Elections Department or the Texas Secretary of State.

First things first, if you are already registered to vote you need to check your registration to ensure you have not been put into “suspense.” All “suspense” means is that your address may need to be updated or confirmed. It does NOT mean that you are ineligible to vote.

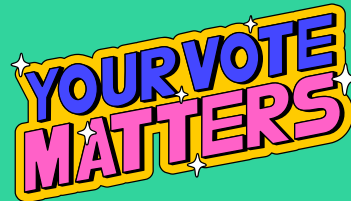
To check your voter registration status, go to <https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voters/registration/lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch> and enter your name and date-of-birth.

When your name appears, look for “Status” and it will tell you if your voting status is “Active.” If your voting status says “Suspense” then follow the steps below.



To update your suspense status, you can either:

- Update your address online: Use the Secretary of State's website at [this link](#). Note that you will need your Voter Unique Identifier (VUID) number to update your address online, which is shown above.
- Submit a new Voter Registration Application: Complete the application and return it to our Voter Registration Department at least 30 days before Election Day using one of the following methods:
 - Fax: Send to 214-819-6307
 - Mail or Deliver in Person:
 - Dallas County Elections Department
 - Voter Registration
 - 1520 Round Table Dr.
 - Dallas, Texas 75247



Providing your current address ensures that your record is accurate and that you can participate in elections where you reside. Please, please, please check your voter status to ensure you are not in “suspense.”

The last day to register to vote or change your address is Monday, Oct. 5, 2026. Also, if you know of anyone who will be turning 18 on or before Nov. 3, 2026, then they can register to vote and they will be eligible to cast a ballot in the upcoming election.

Plus, if you are over 65 or disabled, you can already request a mail-in ballot. You can apply for a mail-in ballot and learn more at the Dallas County Elections Department at <https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/vote-by-mail/apply/>.

We want to make sure your voice is heard and that you make plans to vote for candidates that will serve our diverse and historic community. In the end, we need office holders who we can work with to Save Elm Thicket.

Your neighbor,
Gus Perez



K. B. Polk Seniors Page

Joyful Goldies Celebrate August Birthdays in Style



Left: Mrs. Roberta Mitchell and Mrs. Brenda Oliver celebrated their birthdays this month. The Joyful Goldies held their monthly birthday celebration to honor all the August birthdays. We had a great turnout to honor these wonderful ladies.



Right: Joyful Goldies Vice President Helen Johnson gets ready to serve lunch to members of the group for the birthday celebration.

Print & Play Puzzle Corner: Labor Day Word Search

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

Appreciation	OnTheJob
BlueCollar	Productivity
Career	Profession
Craftsman	Salary
Employee	Skilled
EndOfSummer	TimeOff
Holiday	Unions
Industrious	Wages
Laborer	WhiteCollar
Occupation	Worker

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

Community Garden Input Sought (From Page 1)

If you would like to vote on which design you would like to see for the community garden, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/saveetnp/design-survey> and complete the survey. We are asking ETNP residents about their design preference, what elements they would like to see, etc.

Because Save Elm Thicket is committed to ensuring everyone interested gets to have a voice in this community decision, paper surveys are available for you to complete if you do not have a PC or tablet with internet access (survey is best viewed from a PC or tablet). Please contact us at 214-930-7712 or at etnpnews@gmail.com and we will hand deliver a survey to you.



There are three community garden design options along with options to vote on your preference for the bench style, type of fencing, seating, and planter box type. Please go to <https://form.jotform.com/saveetnp/design-survey> and make your selections by Friday, September 21. All submissions are anonymous, but only one entry per person please. All responses will be collected and sent to the City of Dallas by Monday, September 24.

Note: This will not be the the only opportunity to provide feedback. The City of Dallas plans to hold another neighborhood meeting to review the feedback and begin the process of completing the design.

August 24 Crime Watch Reported Offenses

Offense Type	Aug 7/22-8/21	Year to Date*	Last Year at Same Time*
Violent Offenses			
Aggravated Assault-Family Violence	1	2	2
Aggravated Assault-Non-Family Violence	0	0	2
Murder	0	0	0
Robbery of a Business	0	1	1
Robbery of an Individual	0	1	0
Non-Violent Offenses			
Burglary of a Business	0	4	3
Burglary of a Residence	0	2	5
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1	23	11
Theft	5	13	17
Shoplifting	1	5	5
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	11	18
Total	8	62	64

*YTD does not include the current month total.