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Richland Park Estates Neighborhood Association



RPENA President

Laura Bigi

February 2023

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

Have you ever wanted to meet more of your neighbors? Here's a great opportunity! On the third Tuesday of every month, neighbors are invited to gather at 7pm at Tuscany Italian Bistro. This is a family owned restaurant located at 743 Brick Row in Richardson. If you haven't tried this restaurant, I think you will be pleasantly surprised by the food and the ambiance. The next Neighbors' Night is February 21. No RSVP necessary; if you can join us, please do!

Your RPENA Board is planning to replace the Claymore Bridge fence this Spring. RPENA will purchase the materials. The labor will be an all-volunteer neighborhood project. We will need many volunteers to tear down, hammer, and paint. The date will be announced later. Please consider helping; we promise we'll choose a day with mild temperatures and no precipitation.

Thank you for paying your RPENA dues. Your Board members could not make plans to improve/maintain this beautiful neighborhood without your dues check. It is the operating budget for every improvement and every project. We appreciate your contribution!

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WEBMASTER Needed!

A volunteer is needed to maintain the rpenatx.org website.

Please contact rpena.president@gmail.com.

The Vice President Talks Trash

Weekly Garbage Pickup

What if collection is missed/not done on our regular pickup day of Tuesday of each week?

First, be sure your roll carts are facing the point of collection, **allowing for a minimum of 2 feet of space on all sides** from the alley and any obstructions (e.g. fence, gas meter, utility box, additional collection container, or other potential obstruction); set out by 7 a.m. the morning of your collection day; and not be blocked by vehicles, objects, or overhanging tree limbs. If your roll carts are not serviced by 8 p.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day, report the missed pickup to 311, and they should be picked up the following day. Roll carts not set out in time for collection will not be collected until the following week.

Monthly Bulky Trash Pickup

What if you miss the regular bulky trash pickup, or what do you do to get rid of large items prior to the regularly scheduled pickup (the week of the 4th Monday of each month)?

- You can take your own trash materials to the Transfer Stations at no charge. (A current, valid Texas driver's license showing a Dallas address or a current Dallas water utilities bill is required as proof of residency.) The Northeast (Fair Oaks) Transfer Station is located fairly close to us at 7677 Fair Oaks Ave., (214) 670-6126. It is open to residents from 7:00 am to 9:00 am Monday through Friday and 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday (**note new hours/days beginning 12/5/2022**) to accept anything you would normally put in your regular trash, anything you put out for bulky trash, grass clippings, recyclables, electronics for recycling, and even tires (limit 6 per year, not to exceed 25 inches in diameter).

Damaged Trash Carts

What do you do if your roll cart/trash container is damaged (Gray – Garbage & Blue – Recycle)? - Report any damaged carts (missing/broken lids, wheels, etc.) to 311 or the City of Dallas website (www.dallascityhall.com), and they will be repaired/replaced at no cost to you. (It is important to have lids in place to help keep items from being accidentally released from the containers, animals/varmints from getting in, and contamination of recyclables from rain.)

Hazardous Waste Disposal

What do you do about Household Hazardous Waste? This includes chemical products for home use; paint & home repair products; lawn & garden chemicals; aerosol sprays; pool chemicals; craft & hobby supplies; cleaners & polishes; batteries of all kinds; automotive fluids & oil filters; fluorescent light tubes; and computers & cell phones. You can take it to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center (DCHCCC), which is conveniently located at: 11234 Plano Road, Dallas, Texas 75243 (Just south of Forest Lane/One mile north of 635/LBJ) (214) 553 – 1765. Hours of Operation: Tues.: 9:00 am - 7:30 pm; Wed. and Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; and 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.



Beautification Report---January 2023

It is difficult to find natural beauty during the dreary winter months. The extreme cold we had just before Christmas stunted the pansies at our front entrance. That was \$200 worth of plants! *If we had more neighbors supporting RPENA, we might have been able to replant.*

Fortunately, we had a dazzling display of holiday lighting on homes—more so than in past years. Several of our newest residents joined in celebrating the season with lights decorating their homes and yards. We set out to identify the 5 best displays and found that to be quite a challenge due to the number of elaborate displays. Then we discovered we only had 4 signs. *If we had more neighbors supporting RPENA we might be able to order more signs.*

Our 4 winners were as follows:

9945 Burnham (Janie and Barry Griffith)—this 1st time winner had lit items in the windows as well as a walk lined with candy canes each with a small star hanging from the hook.



9939 Claymore (Sergio & Veronica Olavarrieta)—this repeat winner included a number of angels and deer as well as lighting along the roof lines and sidewalk.



13039 Fall Manor (Ruben & Miguel Diaz)—this 1st time winner featured a number of lit trees including a cedar that was much taller than the home itself.



13121 Harkness (Nelson Kuhnagle & Omar Hernandez)—this 1st time winner featured a simple pallet of red and white lights outlining the roof lines and walk. A large wreath hung on the chimney.



Winter is not yet over. On more than one recent year we have received significant snow fall in February. That is why our Claymore entrance at Audelia still features the snowmen.

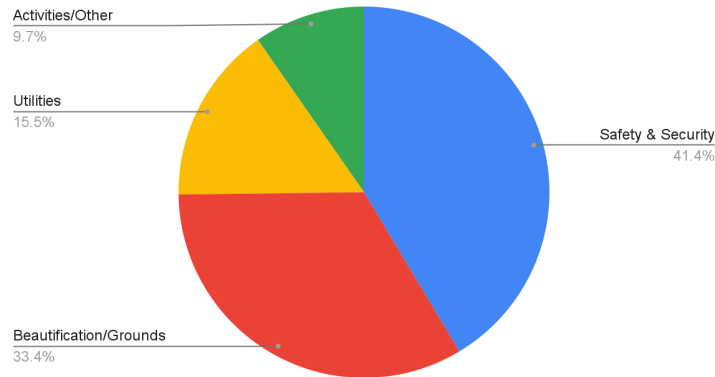
Do you have your snow shovel and ice melter ready? We do!

Jim Hambay & Sam Puentes

**RICHLAND PARK ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (RPENA)
2022– 2023 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

WHAT: RPENA Membership Drive
WHO: ALL Richland Park Estates residents
WHY: To maintain the safety, beauty, integrity and home values in our neighborhood.

Last year, only about 50% of residents paid their membership dues. We need **EVERYONE'S** support in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live. Dues help fund security, including cameras, lighting, police patrols and signage, grounds maintenance and beautification, utilities, neighborhood activities and more. Below is a breakdown of funding allocation for these neighborhood services.



WHEN: **October 2022**
COST: **\$110 annually**
HOW: There are several options: (1) return your check made payable to **RPENA** with the completed form below to your Block Captain, (2) pay with PayPal on the new neighborhood website: www.rpenatx.org or (3) via the Venmo app [@richland-park-estates](https://www.venmo.com/richland-park-estates). When using Venmo, please complete the contact information section.

BLOCK CAPTAINS:

ACKLIN	Bobby Brooks	9952 Acklin Drive	972-761-0047
BURNHAM	Janie Griffith	9945 Burnham	214-773-7961
CLAYMORE	Jessica Welch	9902 Claymore	972-231-8787
FALL MANOR (East)	Need Volunteer		
FALL MANOR (West)	Dorothy Lewis	12933 Fall Manor	972-680-2286
HALWIN	Joe Gautreaux	13121 Halwin Cir	214-797-2966
HARKNESS	Need Volunteer		

RPE sends neighborhood newsletters and special crime alerts via email.
Email addresses and work phone numbers are **NOT** published in the directory or shared with others.

Please remit dues to your Block Captain (or to Tim Gill) with the form below -- even if your info has not changed!

Address: _____

Name(s): _____

Cell #: _____ Alternate #: _____

Email: _____