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RICHLAND PARK ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors: I hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter! It is fun for me to write it, and I'm learning a little about publishing, also. My husband, Brooks, and I have lived in this neighborhood for 22 years; there is just not another place I would be happier to call home. The kinds of people who live here and the volunteer work that is done to keep our neighborhood beautiful are very hard to find in other neighborhoods. We have so many volunteers! Not everyone, though, volunteers all the time, or, in the same capacity.

Right now, we need a few more volunteers for the 2022-2023 Board. Every June, a nominating committee is formed just for this purpose. Your nominating committee this year is: Callie Sallee, David Buhler, and Laura Bigi.

If you are interested in serving as an Officer, please let one of us know in the next several weeks.

The nominating committee is also looking for a Webmaster position. This future position will be a Board position, meaning you will be expected to attend monthly Board meetings. In addition, your responsibilities would include adding/changing content, updating the calendar, and general maintenance.

Please consider serving as a Board member in the upcoming year. Thank you for your consideration.

**Laura Bigi (laura.bigi@att.net), Callie Sallee (callie_sallee@yahoo.com), David Buhler
(dbuhler@sbcglobal.net)**

We look forward to hearing from you!

—Laura

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

—by Jim Hambay & Sam Puentes

Don't you just love all the Crepe Myrtles we have in our neighborhood? They give us color all through the scorching summer months. These 3 are part of a planting of 9 along Harkness at Claymore.

Our job as the Beautification Committee is to encourage our fellow neighbors to help make RPE an attractive, beautiful place to reside—a neighborhood to be proud of. We maintain the front

entrance at Claymore & Audelia—planting flowers there and attempting to keep that area and our entire neighborhood free of ugly trash and litter. Our limited budget could always use more money if anyone would like to contribute additional funds solely for additional flowers.

OUR HIDDEN, SECRET BACKYARDS

On Saturday, June 18, 9:00-11:00 AM, five of our neighbors will share their hidden, secret backyards. Details about the Richland Park Estates Secret Garden Tour will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope you can join us and return home inspired. Let us know if you would be willing to share your secret garden next year.

YARD OF THE MONTH HOMES

April through September, special honors go to some of our neighbors for their outstanding front yards.

April—Carol & Brent Eardley—13120 Halwin for their beautiful display of spring blooms especially the tulips. This is always a wonderful show beginning in February.

May—Keith & Melanie Martin—9901 Claymore for their extensively re-designed landscape including shrubs & flowers. Fortunately for us all, the severe February 2021 storm did not hurt their 9 lovely Crepe Myrtles mentioned in the opening of this article.

June—Manuel & Gladys Jovel—13109 Harkness for their colorful yard. The white Shasta Daisies have for years been a special treat every June.

Recipients receive a small plaque and garden gnome plus a large sign in their yard for the last 2 weeks of the month.



TOP PHOTO: CREPE MYRTLES
(CLAYMORE)

MIDDLE TOP PHOTO: WHITE
SHASTA DAISIES (HARKNESS)

NEAR TOP PHOTO: CLAYMORE



LEFT PHOTO:
HALWIN



RIGHT PHOTO:
HARKNESS



Transform the sidewalks of Richland Park Estates

Calling all sidewalk chalk artists: Send us your masterpieces!!

Here is how it works:

1. Draw your best chalk art
2. Take a photo of your art submission
3. Email a picture of your art to rpena.president@gmail.com between June 22nd - 30th include name, address, and a good contact phone number
4. Vote for your favorite on The Neighborhood Facebook Page between July 1st - 3rd

Winner will receive 3 Season Tickets to Bright Lights Theatre Productions (\$105 value) OR 1 free camp experience for a school aged child (\$250 value).

SPONSORED BY BRIGHT LIGHTS THEATRE

June 2022

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JUNE 18: SECRET GARDEN TOUR (see next page for details)

JUNE 23: FIRST DAY to set out Bulky Trash Items

JUNE 27: BULKY TRASH WEEK (Bulky Trash Items will be picked up on any day Monday through Friday this week).

See the last page for your July 2022 Calendar of Events!

The Richland Park Estates

Secret Garden Tour



We have many beautiful yards in RPE cared for by homeowners who enjoy making their yard and home something to be admired. But what about those back yards, hidden away from most neighbors passing by on foot or in their vehicles. We have some amazing hidden, secret gardens here in RPE. Join us Saturday morning, June 18, as 5 of our neighbors open their back gates and welcome us into their secret gardens. Expect to return to your home inspired.

Saturday, June 18, 9:00-11:00 AM

Visit the 5 homes in any order

9945 Acklin—Glen & Geri McCleskey (1983)

A yard literally full of perennials both inside & outside a circular walkway which once surrounded an in ground pool. This yard can actually be admired year round if you walk their alley.

9926 Claymore—Jim Hambay & Sam Puentes (2001)

A yard filled with a mix of annuals & perennials surrounding a pool. Additional features include 3 wall fountains & an outdoor kitchen.

13040 Fall Manor—Brooks Snyder & Laura Bigi (1999)

Corner lots have more room for a garden on the side of the home which we find here. In addition to this relaxing space they have developed a butterfly garden on the other side of the alley.

13126 Fall Manor—Gary & Michele Buehler (2020)

These new RPE residents had just completed new landscaping when the February 2021 freeze killed everything and they had to start over. Come see their stunning back yard which includes a pool.

13121 Halwin—Joe & Cindy Gautreaux (1996)

These homeowners have been remaking their front yard over the last few years but you have to see their fantastic backyard with undoubtedly the best outdoor kitchen in the entire neighborhood. This home also has a pool.

- **RSVP to jim-sam@sbcglobal.net by Friday noon so we can have an idea as to how many to expect**
- **Signs both in front and alleyway will direct you to enter via the back gate—Do NOT Ring doorbell—Do Not Block Alley**

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SECRET GARDEN TOUR– CONTINUED

- Light refreshments may be available at some homes
- Do NOT Ask to use the bathroom
- Children should be well supervised especially at the 3 homes with pools



READY FOR A DIFFERENT MOWING/LANDSCAPING SERVICE ?

RPENA has engaged a new yard service company to mow and edge along Audelia and the four bridge areas on Claymore. They have met our expectations for two months now and their pricing is very competitive. New customer referrals can generate a \$50 credit for both the new customer and RPE which would mean more money for flowers. Contact us for details if interested in trying them out. Jim-sam@sbcglobal.net

YOUR RPENA DUES MONEY AT WORK:

\$256.60 **Buying Flowers and plants for the front entrance and bridge area**

\$68.86 **Water Bill**

\$33.81 **Lighting and Electricity**

*****please note: These are expenses for only one month (May 2022).**



LEFT:
OAK LEAF
HYDRANGEA
(BURNHAM)

RIGHT:
FLOWER
MEDLEY
(BURNHAM)



RIGHT:
MAY LILIES
(FALL MANOR)



COMING NEXT MONTH !

JULY 2022

HERE ARE SOME UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NEXT MONTH.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN JULY.

JULY 2022

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JULY 1 through JULY 3: VOTING PERIOD FOR CHALK ART CONTEST

JULY 11: NEIGHBORS' NIGHT AT AMIGOS RESTAURANT (940 EAST BELT LINE RD, 6:30pm)

JULY 21: FIRST DAY to set out Bulky Trash Items

JULY 25: BULKY TRASH WEEK (Bulky Trash Items will be picked up on any day Monday through Friday this week).

LOOKING BACK:

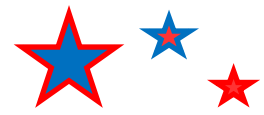
**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE ALL
MEMORIAL DAY MAY 30, 2022**

SIDEWALK CHALK ART by LIZ MacCLEAN (Burnham)



RICHLAND PARK ESTATES ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

May 15, 2022



SPECIAL THANKS TO COOL AIR
MECHANICAL FOR SPONSORING
OUR PARTY!

THANKS TO NICK AND ALEX FOR
MAKING THIS A MEMORABLE EVENT.

