

RICHLAND PARK ESTATES
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER—end of Summer
2023



Dear Neighbors,

Please mark your calendars for National Night Out, **October 3, 2023!** Tentative time for this event is 6pm-7:30pm. National Night Out is an event held every year in neighborhoods across the country (in August) and again in Texas (October). The purpose of this event is to promote community and police relations, to meet your neighbors, and to send a message to criminals that we are united and committed to safety. Hope to see everyone there! More details on this event will follow later.

September 1 is the start of our new fiscal year! We will begin the year by asking you again for your contribution to support your Richland Park Estates Neighborhood Association. What would our neighborhood look like without your financial support of \$110 per year? You can imagine the high grass, weeds, no flowers, no security cameras, no lighting - a virtual “welcome mat” for thieves and criminals. Instead, the message we send to criminals with well maintained areas is “we are watching-we pay attention”! Please see the section of “how to pay RPENA dues” in this newsletter.

September 19 is Neighbors’ Night at Tuscany Italian Bistro (743 Brick Row). This is a casual gathering of neighbors at 7pm. Please bring your own bottle, if you wish to have wine. Neighbors’ Night is the third Tuesday of every month. No rsvp necessary. It’s family friendly, neighborhood fun, and all neighbors are welcome!

I’m ending this letter to you with a big thank you! I think it’s imperative to say. Thank you for being caring neighbors who help and support each other. I believe there is nothing more essential than kindness, and you show again and again through your actions that kindness thrives in our neighborhood.

What a great place to live!

Laura

The RPENA Mission Statement:

The purpose for which this Association is organized and operated is to protect and enhance the safety, integrity, beauty, quality of life, and home values of the community.

2023-2024 RPENA BOARD MEMBERS



President: LAURA BIGI
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Secretary: CINDY GAUTREAUX
Treasurer: CALLIE SALLEE
Activities: MEGHAN SLAVINGS
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Beautification: JIM HAMBAY
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Newsletter: TIM GALLEGOS
Crime Watch: DIANE MOTT



**Welcome to new Board Members Joe Gautreaux and Tim Gallegos.

**We appreciate our exiting Board members Cheryl Rielly, Tim and Amy Gill and David Buhler.



HOW TO PAY RPENA DUES:

Send a check to your block captain (listed below) or Membership chair, Brooks Snyder, along with the following information: your name, your address, email address (for newsletter), phone number, and emergency contact information, if desired.

ACKLIN - Bobby Brooks - 9952 Acklin

BURNHAM - Janie Griffith - 9945 Burnham

CLAYMORE – Jessica Welch – 9902 Claymore

FALL MANOR WEST- Dorothy Lewis - 12933 Fall Manor

FALL MANOR EAST- Brooks Snyder - 13040 Fall Manor

HALWIN - Cheryl Rielly - 13009 Halwin

HARKNESS - Susan King - 13203 Harkness

You can also give your Dues check or cash to any Board member or Block captain! They will get it to the right person. Thank you for joining the Richland Park Estates Neighborhood Association!

OR, pay by VENMO

Send \$110 to Richland Park Estates (richland-parkestates) via the Venmo App

If paying your neighborhood association dues by Venmo, please include your street address.

THANK YOU!

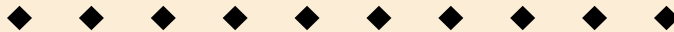
To everyone who picks up trash in the neighborhood! It keeps blowing in and you keep picking it up- over and over again. Someone notices you and what you are doing!

Special thanks to JIM HAMBAY for your continued effort.



To the “flag people” who place flags along the sidewalk for July 4th, Labor Day and Memorial Day! You are noticed and appreciated. Our neighborhood looks beautiful with the flags out.

Special thanks to JACKIE TRACY who sends out reminders to the group.



To all the RPENA block captains: JANIE GRIFFITH, DOROTHY LEWIS, CHERYL RIELLY, SUSAN KING, BOBBY BROOKS, and JESSICA WELCH who knock on doors, email, or call to collect RPENA dues checks.

Without you collecting membership checks, block captains, there is no neighborhood association!



SAVE THE DATE!

RPE National Night Out

Tuesday, October 3, 2023; 6-7:30pm

More details to come!

RPENA ANNUAL MEETING NOTES from RPENA Secretary Cheryl Rielly

We met with our City Council District 10 representative Kathy Stewart at 7:00 on 08/22/2023. She was very informative and casual. One thing she made clear is that Dallas is a data driven city. There's an app that the city wants us to use called "Our Dallas App"- you can take pictures and send in anything going in your neighborhood. The short-term rentals are supposed to end in December, although there are lawsuits fighting this right now. There is a city park going in near Forest/Audelia. It's supposed to have a library/rec-center all in one building along with parks and trails. The best part is that there should be a storefront for the Dallas Police Department.

Kathy wants to be our voice to the city of Dallas and wants us to contact her directly with questions and concerns regarding our neighborhood and surrounding areas. Her office # is 214-670-0777. Her email address is- katherine.stewart@dallas.gov.



NEXT NEIGHBORS' NIGHT at
TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 at 7PM
743 BRICK ROW
EVERYONE WELCOME!
NEED A RIDE? Please let us know
at rpena.president@gmail.com

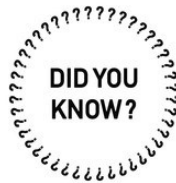


Vice President, David Buhler, reminds us there have been some recent changes to the 911 reporting system. Please check the link below for more information regarding these changes, which are now in effect.

https://reader.dallasnews.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=c4d40e4d-198a-451b-ba44-7faf03fa86fd

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has a website
rpenatx.org



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Has a Facebook page
This Facebook page is NOT
connected to the Richland
Park Estates Neighborhood
Association

Beautification Report---September 2023

It has been a difficult summer for all gardeners here in the DFW area. Not only have we had numerous record setting high temperatures but add to that the only rainfall we have received in June-Aug was a scant fraction of an inch back in mid June. We have struggled to keep the RPE entrance from dying on us and likewise with the new areas at the Claymore bridge over the creek (drainage ditch). We finally got the sprinkler systems at the bridge to work properly after replacing both control boxes and repairing three broken heads. Because of the continued heat you will still see us doing additional hand watering many mornings. Your dues make the repair materials and plants possible and volunteer labor does the dirty hands work just like the replacement of the bridge fences earlier in the year. Thanks for supporting the RPENA by paying \$110 each year. Without your membership dues we would not have money for such repairs. We would not have 4 spot lights illuminating the two trees at our Claymore entrance nor the 2 spot lights illuminating our RPE sign. How many neighborhoods have such lighting at their entrance?

This scorching summer has also been hard on trees, shrubbery and foundations. If you have not been watering your yard twice a week you may have done serious damage to your trees, shrubbery and worst of all your foundation. An article in the Aug 30 edition of the Dallas Morning News went into this issue in detail starting on page B1.

Trash and litter in our yards and streets make for an ugly look when we walk our dog throughout our RPE neighborhood.. Sam and I have three routes that we walk every week picking up this ugliness and will frequently fill an entire grocery bag on one walk alone. On Monday, Aug 28 we walked the route that circles our U shaped block: walking Claymore, Harkness, Fall Manor, Burnham, Harkness and back down Claymore to our home. Among other things we picked up 17 plastic bottles, 2 plastic hangars and 1 wire hangar. This collection did not fit in a single grocery bag. All this had accumulated since the previous cleaning a week earlier. Think about it. What would our neighborhood look like if no one picked up this trash? Thankfully we have folks who love RPE and are willing to stoop down and pick-up this filth to help keep RPE **BEAUTIFUL.**

This year we have tried to honor yards which have never been recognized in recent years. In July we honored another outstanding yard at 9950 Burnham. Tom Clark has been a resident of RPE since 1989 and this year had a beautiful yard in the spring. By the time we put the sign up in mid July, it was looking a little sad just as most of us were losing the battle with the summer heat. We found no other first time yard worthy of honors for the month of August. Let's hope for a more normal summer next year. Halloween is around the corner and we plan to honor a number of yards, so start planning.

Once we get back to more normal temperatures you might plant a bunch of petunias which will give us splashes of color up until the first frost. It looks like that cool down will not come until late September this year.

Jim Hambay & Sam Puentes