

# RICHLAND PARK ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello neighbors!

Hope you all are enjoying this beautiful spring weather!

You may have noticed that a group of volunteers truly embraced the glorious weather early on a Saturday morning in March. "Early on a Saturday" is not how I usually begin a sentence, but I made an exception. We had refreshments, hand sanitizer and eager people ready to rake, pick up trash and take care of the giant hole on Audelia next to our wall. I still have hand sanitizer in large bottles to give away – let me know if you are interested and I'll deliver to your front door. Many thanks to all who worked that day!

As I mentioned last month, we have a tentative plan for a late spring/early summer contest to see who has the best-looking, well-maintained alley entrance. I'm pretty excited about this and I know at least one other neighbor who has accepted the challenge. Who will join us? I can't compete with the butterfly garden that my opponent is working on, so I'll need to get creative. A member of my family suggested artificial flower installation to secure the win. That crosses a major line in my world, but I'm not judging those who prefer no-water-needed landscaping.

You may have noticed new signage in alleys and streets. Many thanks to the team who made this happen: Laura Bigi, Brooks Snyder, David Buhler and Joe Gautreaux.

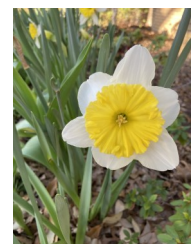
Please remember to check out our website:

[rpenatx.org](http://rpenatx.org)

You'll find a tremendous amount of useful information including:

- Bulk trash pickup week and the first date it can go out front
- Board members & block captains
- Upcoming events
- [How to join RPENA!](#)

Hope to see you around the neighborhood!  
Cindy



ABOVE:  
DAFFODIL  
(HALWIN)



ABOVE:  
SPRING TULIPS  
(HALWIN)



## YOUR RPENA BOARD MEMBERS 2021-2022

PRESIDENT:

CINDY GAUTREUX

VICE PRESIDENT: DAVID  
BUHLER

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ACTIVITIES:

ALEX AND NICK ROSS

BEAUTIFICATION: SAM  
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CRIME WATCH: DIANE MOTT

MEMBERSHIP: AMY AND TIM  
GILL

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: BROOKS  
SNYDER

NEWSLETTER: LAURA BIGI

## BEAUTIFICATION REPORT —by Jim Hambay & Sam Puentes

SPRING officially began on March 20 and we had a show of daffodils and tulips at our Claymore entrance. One week later, March 27, we reached a high of 92. What a short SPRING we had? Well we all knew that the 90's wouldn't continue. Now is the time to be planting your flowers to get them well established (rooted) well before our real SUMMER begins on June 21. Bruce Miller, on Beltline, Plants & Planters on Greenville, North Haven Gardens on North Haven and multiple locations of Calloway's, Home Depot and Lowe's are ready to furnish you with color to brighten your yard both in front and back.

Speaking of backyards: we have some very special back yards that are hidden from view since nearly all of us have wood fences surrounding our back yards. Some owners like Sam and myself have taken over 20 years to develop our very special oasis which includes in addition to our pool: 3 fountains and numerous tropical plants in pots (being tropicals they need to be moved and protected over the winter) and others in the soil all around the pool and patio. Our 21 year old fence features 16 arches each showcasing a different terra cotta sun. Another neighbor's yard features an elaborate cooking cabana. Still another is all flowers with a circular walkway which many years ago circled a pool. Last year we tried to plan a neighborhood garden tour of some of these "HIDDEN" or "SECRET" "GARDENS" but were unable to pull the details together in time for a late June date. This year we are starting earlier. Here are a few questions:

1. **Which name sounds best—Secret Garden Tour or Hidden Garden Tour ?**
2. **Do you have a backyard you would be proud to share with other neighbors ?**

**You would be expected to be present in your back yard with the gate propped open for about 3 hours on a Saturday morning.** People would come into your yard and will probably ask questions about your plants and other features of your yard. You might have lemonade to offer guests, if they are thirsty. RPENA can help with that. Guests would not be entering your home. Guests will all be RPENA neighbors. We will not be advertising this event beyond our neighborhood.

Please respond back to Jim-Sam@SBCGLOBAL.net with your answers and/or comments.



# ACTIVITIES



ABOVE:  
NICK and ALEX ROSS  
(Burnham)

## MEET YOUR NEW ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSONS!

Alex has lived in Richland Park Estates since 2014. She and Nick were married in December 2019, just prior to the Covid shutdown. Alex is a Cardiac Nurse at UTSW. Nick is a HVAC Technician at Cool Air Mechanical. They have one spoiled fur baby named Charlie Rae, a Labradoodle, and they are expecting their first child in October 2022.

## NEIGHBORS' NIGHT OUT at AMIGO's

The second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm is NNO at Amigo's (940 E. Belt Line Rd.) Please mark your calendar and join us there for Happy Hour specials. All neighbors invited!

### NEXT NEIGHBORS' NIGHT

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MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

PLEASE  
CALL 911 to  
report  
suspicious  
persons and  
activity in  
the area .

## CRIME STATISTICS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STREET ADDRESS</u>	<u>CRIME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>METHOD OF OFFENSE</u>
03/20/22	9930 BUCKINGHAM RD	ALL OTHER LARCENY	THEFT OF PROP > OR EQUAL \$2,500 <\$30K (NOT SHOPLIFT) PC31.03(e4A)	UNK SUSP TOOK VICT'S PROPERTY
02/24/22	13329 FALL MANOR DR	MISCELLANEOUS	ROBBERY OF INDIVIDUAL - PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION	UNK SUSP STABBED COMP AND TOOK PROPERTY
02/08/22	13306 AUDELIA RD	DESTRUCTION/ DAMAGE/ VANDALISM O	CRIM MISCHIEF >OR EQUAL \$750 < \$2,500	
01/17/22	13340 AUDELIA RD	BURGLARY-BUSINESS	BURGLARY OF BUILDING - FORCED ENTRY	UNK SUSPS MADE FORCED ENTRY TO CLOSED COMP BUSINESS W/O CONSENT
01/16/22	13350 AUDELIA RD	BURGLARY-BUSINESS	BURGLARY OF BUILDING - FORCED ENTRY	UNK SUSPS BROKE INTO STORE AND TOOK ITEMS

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By David Buhler

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BRUSH & BULKY ITEM COLLECTIONS** - This is a once-a-month large item collection, but does not include debris from construction, demolition or clearing of land unless an additional fee has been paid. Additionally, no dirt, rock or concrete will be removed. No material may be placed out front earlier than 7:00 am. on Thursday prior to collection week, and must be in place by 7:00 am. the Monday of the pickup week. (The collection week for our neighborhood is the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.) Violators of the bulky trash ordinance are immediately ticketed, and fines can range from approximately \$250 to \$500.

**Please Read (New Information?)** - The amount of Brush and Bulky Items is **limited to 10 cubic yards**. (One cubic yard is about the size of a kitchen stove – 3 feet x 3 feet x 3 feet.) This limit on brush and bulky item collection has been in effect since July 2020. Previously to that, there were no restrictions on the amount of items that could be set out for city pickup. Customers may request an oversize collection of up to 20 cubic yards once per calendar year by calling 311 or submitting a 311 service request online (<https://dallascrm.force.com/public/servicetypes>). The service request must be submitted the week prior to the customer's brush/bulk collection week. A service request can be submitted up until Sunday 11:59 pm. the day before the scheduled Monday collection Week. The service request cannot be cancelled once submitted.

Set outs exceeding the 10 cubic yard limit (or once annual 20 cubic yard exception) or which contain prohibited items will generally be collected, and **the customer will automatically be billed for the non-compliant set out at the rate of \$60 per 5 cubic yards, billed in 5 cubic yard increments.** Major violations (generally over 120 cubic yards) will be referred to Code Compliance for enforcement action. **Violations of these limits and resulting fines are being enforced, SO BE AWARE!**

**Definitions of Brush & Bulky Trash** - Brush is cuttings or trimmings, individual pieces not exceeding 8 inches in diameter or 10 feet in length, from trees, shrubs, or lawns and similar materials, which also may include yard trash consisting of leaves, twigs, and other similar objects. Bulky trash is furniture, appliances (freon removed, if applicable), mattresses, small household trash that is bagged or containerized, and other objects too large for routine placement in the gray rollcart. This does not include household garbage (bagged or un-bagged), wet solid waste, construction debris, automotive parts, soil, rocks, stones, tires, electronics, or household hazardous waste (e.g. chemicals, paints, fuel).

**REMINDER – WATERING GUIDELINES** - City Code states that watering is prohibited during any type of precipitation, as well as between April 1 through October 31 between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. The City Code also requires all Dallas water customers to limit the watering of lawns and landscape with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to twice a week and on designated outdoor water use days. Customers with street addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8) may water on Sundays and Thursdays. Customers with street addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9) are allowed to water on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Drip irrigation, hand watering and soaker hoses are allowed at any time. Rain and Freeze sensors are required on all automatic sprinkler systems.

Thanks to everyone for all you do! If you want more information on these or related items, or want to report a problem or concern, call 311 or go to the city website, [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com). If you make a request, be sure to get a service number so that you can follow-up on it.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

As Cindy mentioned in her President’s letter, several great neighbors came out to help March 19, 2022 at 9:00 am to cleanup the front entrance area at Audelia and Claymore. Several hours were invested in pulling weeds, removing trash, and raking. A big THANK YOU to Carol Eardley, Bobby Brooks, Cindy and Joe Gautreaux, and Hanif Akhawala. And, of course, thanks to our kind hearted neighbor, Shari Hicks, who provided the donuts!

Please look for more opportunities for neighborhood/alley cleanup in the future. They will be announced as scheduled.



ABOVE:  
SIGNS OF SPRING (HALWIN)



ABOVE:  
EBBY  
FRIEND OF BRENT AND  
CAROL EARDLEY  
(HALWIN)



LEFT:  
FLOWER MEDLEY  
(HALWIN)

### YOUR RPENA DUES MONEY AT WORK

Last Electric Bill (for lighting front entrance)	\$34.25
Last Water Bill (for watering landscaping)	\$65.32

PLEASE NOTE: Electricity and Water Bills are *recurring* charges for the Neighborhood Association, just like your own home’s utility bills. These are paid every month by your neighbors who have joined RPENA.

What would it be like if the Claymore/Audelia entrance was dark and there were only weeds instead of beautiful flowers? What would happen to our home values?

**If you haven’t joined RPENA**, please read our 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.

Please don’t think your membership check doesn’t matter!  
Every single check received is an investment in our neighborhood.  
**JOIN TODAY!**

Thank you to all neighbors who have joined RPENA.

[www.rpenatx.org](http://www.rpenatx.org)

## NEIGHBORHOOD PHOTOS



**ALL THE BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE WERE TAKEN IN THE FRONT YARD OF CAROL AND BRENT EARDLEY (HALWIN)**