

Richland Park Estates

Neighborhood Association

CURBSIDE VERSUS ALLEY TRASH COLLECTION

In June 2024, the Department of Sanitation Services briefed the City Council on garbage and recycling collection routing, highlighting safety and operational concerns related to alleyway service. Common challenges with alley collection include limited right-of-way and pavement width, obstructions from overhead utilities and gas meters, and restrictions on the type of waste collection equipment that can be used safely and effectively.

Since that briefing, Sanitation evaluated four potential service scenarios to address these issues, ultimately identifying a path forward known as the staff hybrid approach. Because collection location (alley vs. curb) falls under operational authority, formal Council approval is not required to implement this transition. However, two related items may be brought back to Council for action at a later date:

Update: As of this publishing, our neighborhood is likely to be exempted from switching to curbside pickup. The association will be monitoring <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/Pages/curbtransition.aspx> for more information. You are encouraged to go to the interactive map to see if anything changes.

INTERESTED IN HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF KERR COUNTY?

KERR COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF FUND

The Kerr County Flood Relief Fund supports urgent relief and long-term rebuilding after the devastating floods of July 4, 2025. Your generosity helps neighbors across our region recover and rebuild.

The Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country—a 501(c)(3) public charity based in Kerrville—will **directly distribute funds to vetted local organizations** providing rescue, relief, recovery services and flood assistance. The Fund will support impacted communities including Boerne, Hunt, Ingram, Kerrville, Center Point and Comfort.

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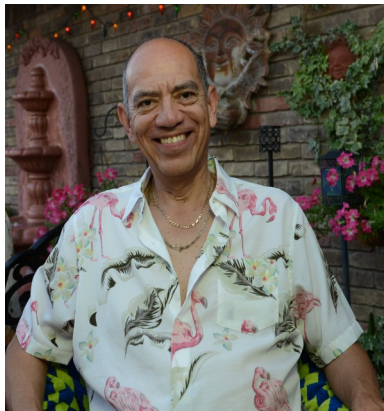
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Any ideas for added content to the newsletter?
- If you spot something you want to share with neighbors while on



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Neighbors!



We are in JULY, my goodness how time is flying. I hope you are all enjoying the cool weather and beautiful clouds in the evening.

Our volunteers on the board continue to press forward and move on with positive energy. The team is changing a little which is good and I know will do a great job going into the next fiscal year. Dues are still only \$110.00 which is a Great Value! Our members can still write a check or Zelle the money, your choice.

We all have seen the news regarding Texans in the hill country tragedy, a sad chapter in Texas. I hope and pray that good changes will come to fruition. I do not have children But when I lost my mother in 2019 it was a very difficult road. Please, if there is anything that you can do to help in whatever form I know will be appreciated. Our brothers and sisters and all the families in the hill country need you, and me,

The time is fleeting, and we know many of us are dealing with various health issues and/or family concerns. We pray for everyone. Please pray for all of the first responders and countless volunteers during this difficult time.

Please check out the website (rpenatx.org) and if you have pictures of our beautiful neighborhood please share.

Thank you all!

Sam Puentes
RPENA President

Meet the new slate of officers for
Sept 25—26.

President -- Sam Puentes

Vice President -- Maria Tran

Secretary -- Carol Eardley

Treasurer -- Brooks Snyder

Membership Chairperson -- Jim
Hambay

Crime Watch Chairperson -- Diane
Mott

Activities Chairperson -- Meghan
Slavings

Beautification Chairperson -- Cindy
and Joe Gautreaux

Newsletter -- Tim Gallegos

Member at Large -- Linda Duy

“A strong and healthy community is the language that the blind can see and the deaf can hear!” unknown

HEALTH UPDATE—WEST NILE VIRUS IN 75243

Yes, West Nile Virus is present in Dallas County, which includes zip code 75243, in 2025. The good news is that the samples coming in report low incidence of positive viral particles for our zip code. However, that doesn't mean the chances of contracting the disease is not zero.

Symptoms:

Most people (about 80%) infected with WNV do not develop any symptoms. About 20% may experience symptoms like fever, headache, body aches, and joint pain

However, this is not the case in other parts of Texas. Be aware and take appropriate precautions for summer travel. Following a significant outbreak in 2024, the first confirmed case of West Nile virus illness was reported on June 24, 2025, in a resident of Brazos County, Texas.

This Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) announcement raises concerns for all Texans as virus-carrying mosquitoes remain active into December 2025. The most effective precaution is “Deet”. All day every day when planning outside activity.

There were 455 cases of West Nile disease in Texas in 2024 and 56 related fatalities.

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT BY CINDY AND JOE GAUTREAUX

Feng Shui – From a Non-Expert!

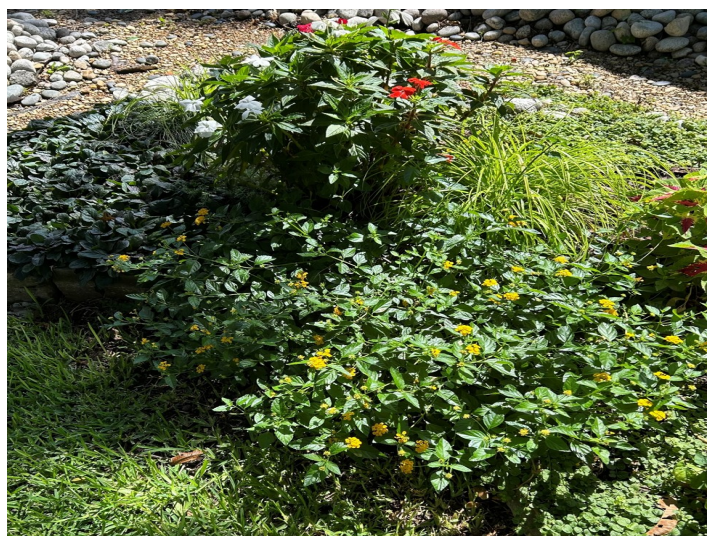
No, I'm not an expert in Feng Shui, but there are a few things I've learned (and practice) from these principles. The one I'm focusing on for this month's article involves the entry to our homes. For most of us, this means the alley entrance to our driveway and garage. We tend to focus our resources and energy on the front of our homes even though as homeowners in RPE, most of us enter via the rear entry. After a quick introduction to Feng Shui several years ago, I learned the importance of what we see and how we feel when we enter our homes.



This is what Joe and I created. The tall plant with red blooms is "Texas Star Hibiscus"; I have seeds to share if you are interested. This is a sun-loving perennial facing due west. After the first hard freeze, it's best to cut it to the ground. With very little care (water), it comes back year after year offering these giant red blossoms. The day lilies on the right are not my favorite, but I always enjoy that one time of year when they are in full bloom. My preference is with perennials that continually bloom and love Texas heat.

RPENA Entrance Update

I hope you have taken a stroll to the Claymore entrance to check the progress of the new perennial garden. The young plants are loving this rain and are beginning to thrive. I must show my respect to the most loyal, hardy perennial I have used for several years. New Gold Lantana loves to be ignored once established. It requires several hours of sun each day to bloom which makes it perfect for our west-facing entrance to our neighborhood. Lantana comes in other colors, but I have never had the success with these like I have with the gold variety.



If you would like additional information, please feel free to email or text:

cindymail@sbcglobal.net 214-532-7728

TREASURER REPORT BY BROOKS SNYDER

RICHLAND PARK ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

June 2025 Treasurer Report -- Final

(Cash Basis)

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	YTD
TOTAL CASH ON HAND -- BEGINNING	7,397	10,126	11,051	11,649	10,088	9,846	9,894	9,682	4,235	4,043	
TOTAL INCOME	2,970	3,135	1,640	385	220	110	110	-	110	200	8,880

EXPENSES											YTD
Social Committee		264		152				195			611
Beautification Committee		385					259	3,565	149	50	4,410
Dues, Taxes, & Legal										16	16
Electricity (Ambit Energy)	36	36	36	36	37	36	36	36	36		325
Membership Committee											-
Grounds Maintenance @ \$48 + tax	205		615	1,701							2,521
Miscellaneous Repairs											-
Office Supplies											-
Security-Camera System Serv \$7.50/mth/camera +tax (1 yr due Mar)											-
Security-Camera System Repairs		295			390						685
Security Camera Upgrade		812									812
Security-Dallas Police Services											-
RPENA Web Hosting (2 yr + domain annual)		50	318								369
Special Projects -- Resod Entry				-				1,624			1,624
Water (5 bills)	-	368	73	56	35	26	26	27	117	101	829
TOTAL EXPENSES	241	2,210	1,042	1,945	462	63	322	5,446	302	167	12,201

ENDING CASH ON HAND	10,126	11,051	11,649	10,088	9,846	9,894	9,682	4,235	4,043	4,076	
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PRIOR YEAR ENDING CASH ON HAND	8,384	12,215	12,343	10,805	13,214	12,647	12,582	11,552	10,477	8,475	
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UP AND COMING

Neighbors, this section is new and was requested by the board to provide notice of RPEHA events but will also be used to announce events of interest around us.

Saturday, August 2nd | 9AM–5PM | Dallas' Original Watermelon Day—Dallas Farmer's Market –[Event Website](#).

Get ready to have a slice of summer fun at our 7th Annual Watermelon Day—a juicy celebration of all things' watermelon! We are bringing 15 different varieties of Texas-grown watermelon for you to sample, shop, and savor. From classic reds to yellow, orange, and even striped varieties—there's a melon for everyone!

August 16 | 4:00 pm–7:00 pm | 11th Annual Sangria Soiree—[Event Website](#).

Our sizzling summer series continues with an afternoon of fabulous sangria and friends - chardonnay, cabernet, rosé, and cider! Enjoy awesome shopping, fantastic restaurants, legendary music venues, and endless adventures as you stroll through Dallas' most historic arts district!

Purchase Early Bird tickets online, and save \$5. When you arrive, your artisan-designed glass(es) will be waiting for you. Scroll down for details, and join the party!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Because June has 5 Mondays, July's first Monday falls later in the month than usual. July collection begins Monday, July 7 and follows the normal Monday-based schedule from there.

Don't know your collection week? Visit [Dallas.gov/Sanitation](https://dallas.gov/Sanitation) or download the Dallas Sanitation app ([iPhone](#) | [Android](#)) to find the collection week for your area.

JULY 2025 BRUSH AND BULKY ITEM COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Collection Week	Setout Dates	Collection Period <i>Materials must be at the curb by 7 a.m.</i>
1st Monday Week	Thurs, Jul 3 - Sun, Jul 6	Mon, Jul 7 - Sat, Jul 12
2nd Monday	Thurs, Jul 10	Mon, Jul 14 - Sat, Jul 19
3rd Monday	Thurs, Jul 17	Mon, Jul 21 - Sat, Jul 26
4th Monday	Thurs, Jul 24	Mon, Jul 28 - Sat, Aug 2

[Full program rules and the 2025 Brush & Bulky Collection Calendar \(in English and Spanish\) are available online here.](#)

SUMMER REFRESHMENTS

The classic summer margarita!

Hot days call for summer cocktails! Maybe fruity, maybe frozen, and definitely refreshing,



- 1 ounce blanco or silver tequila
- 1 ounce orange liqueur, like Cointreau, Grand Marnier, or Triple Sec
- 1 ounce fresh lime juice, plus lime slices for garnish
- ½ ounce agave nectar or simple syrup, plus more to taste
- Ice
- Lime wedge and coarse salt, for the glass rim (optional)

Instructions

- Salt the rim of the glass (optional): Rub a lime wedge around the rim of a rocks glass. Fill a small plate with coarse salt. Dip the glass into the salt to coat the rim. Fill with ice.
- Place the tequila, orange liqueur, lime juice, and agave in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and strain into the glass. Taste and stir in more agave nectar, if desired. Garnish with lime slices and serve.



Dear Neighbors:

Many of you may have already heard the heartbreaking news that the Lake Highlands community lost a sweet child in last week's catastrophic flooding in the Hill Country. Wynne Naylor, was a young camper at Camp Mystic and part of a family deeply rooted in our Lake Highlands community. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. While so many of us feel moved to help, the most important thing we can do right now is give the family the space they need to grieve this unimaginable loss.

Ecclesiastes reminds us there is a time and a season for every matter under heaven. Right now, we are in a season of grief. As individuals and as a community, we are mourning heartbreaking losses – ones that touch Lake Highlands, Dallas, the Hill Country and our State. In a time like this, we find strength in our faith and in community. We know the importance of reaching out and supporting those in need. I'm asking each of you to take a moment to honor the loss we are witnessing – whether by tying a green ribbon to a tree, fence or your front door, or by donating to the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country ([communityfoundation](https://www.communityfoundation.org)) or to any of the many organizations working on the ground in the weeks and months ahead. "For additional ways to support Central Texas flood recovery efforts, CBS News has compiled a list of trusted organizations accepting donations. <https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/where-to-donate-help-central-texas-flood-recovery/>.

Dallas Fire Rescue has sent a rescue and recovery team to Kerrville to assist in the search and rescue efforts. The City Manager has assured me that the Dallas DFR team will continue in recovery efforts as long as is necessary.

I also want us to pause and remember that yesterday marked the 9th Anniversary of the ambush that took the lives of 5 officers at a protest in downtown Dallas. I still recall the American flags lining the path of travel for officers from the Northeast Division. We must always honor and remember their sacrifice.

If you'd like a green ribbon, email my office with your address and I will have one delivered to your door: Katherine.Stewart@dallas.gov.

Kathy Stewart,
Councilmember District 10

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy Stewart'.

WE NEED YOU !



More than 40 years ago the homeowners of Richland Park Estates (RPE) formed an association to represent themselves to the city of Dallas and to improve their neighborhood and thus enhance the values of their properties. Two trees were planted at the entrance and two large flower beds were created. Crepe Myrtles were planted where Claymore crosses over the creek. Over time, lighting was added to the front entrance and sprinkler systems were installed. In more recent years surveillance cameras were installed which resulted in our neighborhood being almost completely free of crime while surrounding neighborhoods face crime almost daily. All this of course costs money and the wise homeowners of RPE have generously funded this association of neighbors over the years. The yearly dues are a mere \$ 110/year, less than \$ 10 a month. Last year (2023-2024) more than 80 of your neighbors supported the Richland Park Estates Neighborhood Association, several giving more than the \$ 110. **WE NEED YOU !**

Our annual dues drive is now in progress and we urge you to act now before you forget or misplace this letter. You may pay by check (payable to **RPENA**) delivered directly to me (or any officer). If you use Zelle you may direct your payment to RPENA.President@gmail.com and please place your street address in the "Memo" area. We can no longer accept Venmo. Please complete the form below and send it with your check or drop it by my home if using Zelle. Thanks for your support. **WE NEED YOU !**

Jim Hambay, Membership Chairman

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972-792-8400 Jim-Sam@sbcglobal.net

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Address: _____

Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Alternate Emergency Contact: _____

May we publish your name(s), address & preferred phone number in a directory distributed to members only? Yes No

Would you be interested in getting more involved in RPENA? Yes No