

**RPENA BOARD
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CRIME WATCH: DIANE MOTT

**MEMBERSHIP: AMY AND TIM
GILL**

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE: BROOKS
SNYDER**

NEWSLETTER: LAURA BIGI

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President's Message



**RPENA PRESIDENT
CINDY GAUTREAUX**

Hello neighbors!

Hope you are enjoying the cooler temps!
Working in my front yard without being slathered in bug spray is such an improvement

over the summer yardwork days. I can't tell you how much I look forward to seeing and visiting with our devoted walkers as they pass my front yard. If your walks take you to 13121 Halwin on a Saturday or Sunday, please stop to say hello.

Our neighborhood association fiscal year began on October 1 which is the beginning of our membership drive. Please see information later in this newsletter regarding the new and easy ways to join RPENA.

Another new feature is the launching of our website:

RPENATX.org

Many, many thanks to Jeffrey Clark and Laura Bigi for their work on this massive project. This new site will provide information on a multitude of items including City of Dallas waste management, neighborhood events, and more.

Please see the slate of officers for the 2021-2022 Richland Park Estates Neighborhood Association (RPENA) Board in the box to the left.

Thanks to each one of you for volunteering to serve on the board!

Cindy

News

**RPENA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES
THROUGH NOVEMBER**

RPENA WEBSITE DEBUTS...

**DONUTS AND CIDER PARTY NOVEMBER 13
SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS!**





AUDELIA ENTRANCE
SIGN

RPENA BLOCK CAPTAINS 2021-2022

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- OPEN

HALWIN CIRCLE- CAROL EARDLEY (13120 Halwin Circle)

HARKNESS- TIM GALLEGOS (13007 Harkness)



Our Richland Park Estates VIP chairperson, Diane Mott (Halwin), was recognized by the Dallas Police Department at the VIP Awards ceremony on August 12, 2021. Diane was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for "countless hours of volunteer service and dedication to the Northeast Community".

Diane has been our neighborhood's VIP (Volunteer in Patrol) chairperson for many years, and many of us know what outstanding work she has done for Richland Park Estates. Now, she is being recognized and appreciated on a larger scale by the Dallas Police Department as a great asset to them, and for all she does "making the City of Dallas a better place".

Congratulations, Diane, and thank you!

CRIME STATS

Occurrence Start	Addr	Street	Crime
10/14/21 3:10 PM	13314	FALL MANOR DR	BURGLARY-RESIDENCE
10/4/21 12:25 AM	13238	CARTHAGE LN	INTIMIDATION
9/19/21 12:25 AM	13350	AUDELIA RD	MISCELLANEOUS

SPRING
2021
FLOWERS
on
ACKLIN



RICHLAND PARK ESTATES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



SUNFLOWERS on HARKNESS

There is a Block Captain opening on Fall Manor (West).

During the membership drive (starting October 1), block captains meet with neighbors on their street to collect membership dues as well as the contact information for each family. All the information you need, will be provided to you by the Membership chairperson. You can contact your neighbors during the

month of October using a variety of ways, whatever makes you most comfortable. Some block captains knock on doors, others use the US Mail or phone calls. Occasionally, block captains may be asked to distribute a flyer throughout the year to their neighbors (such as a picnic flyer). These can just be left on the doors or porches.

Block Captains report to the Membership Chairpersons. When you collect dues checks in October, you update your membership list (provided) and give the checks to the Membership chairperson, so they can update their records, also. To volunteer for this position, contact rpena.membership@gmail.com
rpena.membership@gmail.com Thank You!

RPENA CRIME WATCH REPORT Diane Mott

With the holidays upon us, we need to focus on the potential for a rise in criminal activity. Statistics show residential burglaries, PACKAGE THEFTS, vehicle break-ins, yard art theft, and vandalism will increase.

There are many things we can do to reduce the potential of becoming a victim of crime and crimes of opportunity:

Put some inside lamps on timers. Change the on/off times occasionally.

If you travel, have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper. Load your vehicle in the garage or a rear entry driveway.

A Christmas tree in the window is beautiful and for many, a tradition. Stacking/placing your gifts under and around the tree is an open invitation for criminals to target your house.

PLEASE, remove all items from your vehicles if you park on the street or the driveway. This type of crime happens year round and increases through the holidays. It applies to out of town family and friends visiting as well.

Thieves will follow delivery trucks stealing boxes/packages as they are dropped off. If you suspect this is happening in your area, get a description and tag # if possible and call 911 to report this activity.

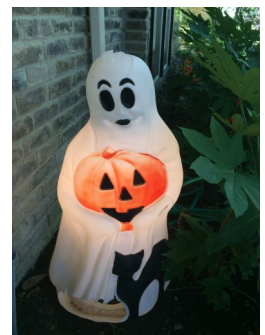
Boxes for TVs, games, computers, are another way criminals will target a home. Break down the boxes, fold them so the item is to the inside and not seen.

And please, watch out for your neighbors.

If we all work together using the DPD message,
 SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING, we can disrupt the criminals system.

The weather is beautiful this time of year. Let's take advantage of it, meet our neighbors, get reacquainted with our old friends and neighbors, and focus on building our awesome community.

Diane Mott



FRIENDLY GHOST on FALL MANOR

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT – October 2021



The RPE Yard of the Month for July was 9932 Burnham. David and Tad Buhler have proved to everyone that you can have a beautiful yard full of varied textures and colors despite having 3 large trees shading the yard most of the day. Notice the use of river rocks, the welcoming bench and the sculpture of 2 majestic cranes. Incidentally, David & Tad are original RPE residents moving here in 1978.

The August Yard of the Month was 9952 Acklin, the home of Bobby & Jan Brooks who have been residents of RPE since 1997. This yard is also shaded by a number of trees. It also makes use of river rocks and a welcoming bench. What is really remarkable is the number (10) of hanging baskets. Through those hot summer days you will find Jan out there every morning watering these hanging baskets which need to be watered daily to survive in our summer heat.

Our September Yard of the month was at 9933 Claymore. Jasper and Linda Chieng have only been here about 2 years, but have transformed a boring landscape into another colorful display despite lots of shade. They have made good use of several varieties of Caladiums, Coleus, Elephant Ears and Impatiens. This was their first time to receive the Yard of the Month award which places a large sign in the yard for the last few weeks of the month plus a small certificate and an equally small garden gnome to keep.



This year's Yard of the Month winners were on Acklin (2), Burnham (1), Claymore (2) and Fall Manor (1). We had no winners on Halwin or Harkness this year. What about next year? Coming up next: Yards decorating for Halloween and then the Winter Holidays.

Submitted by: Jim Hambay & Sam Puentes, Beautification Committee



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.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT—

THIS HAPPENED IN RICHLAND PARK ESTATES

By Jim Hambay

Many of you know Sam and myself as the couple who walk the two (now only one) red Dachshunds throughout our neighborhood. What you may not know is that we frequently pick up litter at the same time, trying to keep Richland Park Estates clean and beautiful.



This past summer I spied in the grass of a home on Halwin, a piece of currency, the right hand end of a \$10 bill. My search for additional pieces turned up nothing more. This yard was the 3rd home south of Claymore on the end of Halwin closest to Audelia. A few days later I found the left end of the same bill (serial numbers matched) in the flower bed of the front entrance on Audelia, the north side! About a week after that I found the missing middle section in the same general area of the Audelia entrance. WOW ! Someone reading this will probably say that was their \$10 bill and I will gladly return it if they can give me the entire serial number. There are two letters before the number shown in the photo. Otherwise: “Finders Keepers”. Picking up litter can be profitable for the soul and the wallet.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—THIS HAPPENED IN RICHLAND PARK ESTATES

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT, David Buhler

Some City Code reminders:

The property occupant or owner is responsible for keeping the street, alley, sidewalk and public grounds clear of obstructions; which includes trimming trees, shrubbery, etc. which may obstruct any vehicle traveling through an alley, or which may obstruct a sidewalk or street or other public grounds. Sidewalks must have an overhead clearance of 8 feet; and streets and alleys 15 feet of overhead clearance.

Homeowners or tenants are responsible for maintaining their property between the curb in front of the house to the middle of the alley; which includes keeping lawns mowed, clipped, or cleared and the property free of litter. (Suggestion – the cracks in the sidewalks and curb are included, so why not ask your lawn service to whip out the weeds growing in there, or do it yourself. Doing this small activity would greatly improve the appearance of the property.)

Any vehicle parked on the street must be headed in the direction of travel for that side of the street, and must be moved once every 24 hours.

Property owners are required to keep structures in good repair. (Peeling paint, leaking roof, electrical and plumbing problems, holes in the wall, floor and ceiling, and decayed wood are building violations.)

The owner of a dog is required to remove, in an immediate and sanitary manner, any feces created by their dog on public property or any private property not owned, leased, or controlled by the animal owner.

Any violation of codes can result in citations and monetary fines. If additional information is needed, or if you need to report a code violation, call 311 or go to the city website, www.dallascityhall.com. You can also download a mobile App for 311.



RPENA Fall Party

We would love to
have you join us!

Donuts, Cider & lawn games provided.



**Donuts & Cider
Neighborhood
Party**

**Saturday
Nov. 13th
9:30am - 11:30am**

Location
In front of
13102 Halwin Cir

What to bring?
Lawn Chair



Richland Park Estates Neighborhood

Association Board Meeting- Oct.14, 2021,

7:20pm

Board members present: Cindy Gautreaux, David Buhler, Laura Bigi, Callie Sallee, Sam Puentes, Jim Hambay, Diane Mott, Cheryl Rielly, Brooks Snyder

Old Business:

1. Website: We started by thanking Laura and Jeffrey for all their hard work in developing the website for our neighborhood. The date to start is still pending. The focus will be basic information about the neighborhood, keeping it simple and benign. We are hoping to have a web master in the future once things get launched.
2. All the block captain positions are filled except for Fall Manor (East). We were all encouraged to help out with this area of the neighborhood. Cheryl Rielly met with Tim and Amy Gill to pass on the information regarding membership and gave the contact info about the block captains to them.
3. Proposed Bylaw changes: The change in bylaws clarified that bylaw changes must be passed by 2/3 majority vote of the BOD. All other issues pass by simple majority.

New Business:

1. The new board members and block captions were acknowledged. There will be a get together on Nov. 6th to welcome everyone. This is a social gathering, not a board meeting. Details will follow.
2. Budget: There wasn't a vote taken about revising the budget. The budget will depend on membership drive and how much money is received. Everyone was encouraged to review their budget to see what needs to be changed.
3. The treasury report was sent out and approved, Callie was reminded that the new year starts on Oct.1 as far as spending goes.

Cindy Gautreaux, President: Once again, Cindy acknowledged the hard work done on the website by Laura Bigi and Jeffrey Clark. She also stated that she would send out an email reminding the neighborhood that the membership drive has started and that members have the option to pay online now that we have changed banks.

David Buhler, Vice president: David reported that he has put code enforcement notices on houses that have put their trash out early.

Laura Bigi: Newsletter/website: Please get your entries for the newsletter in by Oct 20th. She's very hopeful that the launch for the website will be very soon!

Callie Sallee, Treasurer: Callie will send an email out regarding the specific budget items and we can answer her with our edits.

Diane Mott, Crime Watch: Diane joined to meeting via zoom, she didn't report any crime and had no updates at this time.

Cheryl Rielly, Secretary: Cheryl was reminded that the minutes need to go out prior to the deadline date for the newsletter for any changes that need to be made.

Jim Hambay & Sam Puentes, Beautification: they will be changing to winter flowers soon. They were encouraged to send out a date to help pull the current flowers and help plant the new ones when they're ready to do so. They also reported that they came in under budget for the year on flowers!

MEETING MINUTES– continued

Bonnie Ruth & Jason Rolf, Activities: not present

Brooks Snyder, Member At Large: Brooks reported that all cameras are up and running, except the camera behind Miguel's house was out and he was going to double check on that. There are 2 old cameras on a house on Fall Manor that are part of the old system that aren't in working order anymore.

Amy & Tim Gill, Membership: not present

We were all encouraged to pick up trash!! And also to call 311 because of the speeding, loud cars going up and down Audelia.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next board meeting will be Nov. 4th, 2021

- SECRETARY, CHERYL RIELLY

TREASURER'S REPORT RICHLAND PARK ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Fiscal Year Oct. 2020 -Sept. 2021

STARTING BALANCE = 3,397.94																
INCOME	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL	Actual to Budget	BUDGET/YR	LAST YEAR
Dues @ \$110/home	990.00	8,190.00	436.51	220.00	876.51		330.00	110.00	106.51	4.00			9,263.53	(1,736.47)	11,000.00	11,000.00
Dues Over \$110	560.00	50.00											610.00		-	-
Insurance Settlement													-	-	-	-
Misc. Income			12.00										12.00		-	-
TOTAL INCOME	1,550.00	8,240.00	448.51	220.00	876.51	-	330.00	110.00	106.51	4.00	-	-	9,885.53	(1,114.47)	11,000.00	11,000.00
EXPENSES														BUDGET/YR		
Social Committee									134.19				134.19	165.81	300.00	400.00
Beautification Committee				283.83								192.86	476.69	23.51	500.00	400.00
Dues, Taxes, & Legal													-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Electricity (Ambit Energy)	33.99	34.26	34.24	36.72	39.78		64.39	31.55	31.37	33.12	33.82	33.52	406.76	43.22	450.00	450.00
Membership Committee									227.53	149.51			377.04	22.96	400.00	400.00
Grounds Maintenance @ \$45	360.00			405.00			180.00						585.00	1,530.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Miscellaneous Repairs									350.00				739.97	1,089.97	500.00	500.00
Office Supplies													-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Security-Crime Watch-Gas													-	600.00	600.00	600.00
Security-Camera System Serv													-	4,620.00	4,620.00	4,620.00
Security-Camera System Repairs										324.75			324.75	875.25	1,200.00	1,200.00
Security Camera Upgrade		1,258.14	1,353.00										2,611.14	(2,461.14)	150.00	150.00
Security-Dallas Police Services													-	150.00	150.00	150.00
Special Projects													-	-	-	-
Water (5 bills)	70.47	72.96	73.64	54.44	45.80	34.47	86.22	34.47	114.94	98.75	97.94	89.84	873.94	(223.94)	650.00	650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	464.46	1,365.38	1,460.88	779.99	85.58	34.47	330.61	86.02	858.03	866.13	131.76	1,640.99	7,824.38	3,547.45	11,320.00	11,320.00
SUMMARY OF ABOVE	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL			
INCOME	1,550.00	8,240.00	448.51	220.00	876.51	-	330.00	110.00	106.51	4.00	-	-	9,885.53	(1,114.47)	11,000.00	11,000.00
EXPENSES	464.46	1,365.38	1,460.88	779.99	85.58	34.47	330.61	86.02	858.03	866.13	131.76	1,640.99	7,824.38	3,495.76	11,320.00	11,320.00
NET CHANGE	1,085.54	4,874.62	(1,012.37)	(559.99)	790.93	(34.47)	(0.61)	43.98	(751.52)	(662.13)	(131.76)	(1,640.99)	2,061.15	2,381.23	(320.00)	(320.00)
ACCOUNT BALANCE	4,483.48	9,358.10	8,345.73	7,785.74	8,576.67	8,542.26	8,541.59	8,585.57	7,834.05	7,231.92	7,100.16	5,459.17	5,459.17			
PREVIOUS YEAR BALANCE	7,627.42	5,998.47	7,512.35	8,515.96	8,663.84	8,526.75	8,448.54	7,535.89	6,875.19	6,700.33	6,111.64	3,397.94	4,962.00			
Bank Month End Balance	4,483.48	9,358.10	8,345.73	7,785.74	8,576.67	8,542.26	8,541.59	8,585.57	7,834.05	7,231.92	7,100.16	5,459.17				
PR YR MNTH VS CURR YR MNTH	(2,543.94)	3,359.63	833.38	(730.22)	(87.17)	15.45	93.05	1,049.69	958.86	531.59	968.52	2,061.23				

-TREASURER'S REPORT, CALLIE SALLEE