



# Rustic Woods Neighborhood Association

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## **LETTER FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT**

My name is Patricia (Pat) Cruz, and my husband Isaias and I have lived in Rustic Woods since June of 1993. We have two adult sons who live in the area and a pup.

In the spring of this year my neighbor Laura Kapalka approached me about running for RWNA Vice President. After some thought I told her I would be interested and was voted in at the March meeting.

In June at a neighborhood event, Wine Down Wednesday, our RWNA President Joe Guerra and his wife, our Social Director, Amanda Guerra, let me know that they were moving due to a job opportunity. At the end of July Joe and Amanda stepped down and I assumed the role of RWNA Acting President.

My heartfelt gratitude to Joe and Amanda for their selfless service to our neighborhood. Joe served as Rustic Woods Neighborhood Association's President from January 2019 until he stepped down at the end of July 2019. Amanda served as our Social Director from January 2017 until she stepped down at the end of July 2019. Joe and Amanda are greatly missed, and we wish them all the best at their new home in Temple.

Rustic Woods is one of the most wonderful places to live. First and foremost, it is because of you, the friendly, helpful, watch-out for each other neighbors. We also have a diverse population from young people just starting out, families with a wide range of children from babies, to college age young adults and everything in between, some are empty nesters, others are retirees. Our residents have a wealth of knowledge and experience . . . and are generally willing to share their expertise when asked. This is another reason to get to know your neighbor. Additionally, we have awesome schools, Meadow Creek Elementary, Harwood Jr. High and Trinity High School with fantastic teachers. Some of those teachers are also your neighbors here in Rustic Woods. And of course, there is the convenience of our location with easy access to the surrounding cities.

Several homes have sold over the summer and there are new faces in our neighborhood. Welcome to everyone. You are encouraged whether you've been here since your house was first built or you just moved in to please make the effort to get to know your neighbors, and exchange cell phone numbers. Build relationships with your neighbors, get involved in your community, participate in events here in Rustic Woods. The RWNA Block Captains, Committee Chairman and Officers all volunteer their time. Our neighborhood is not managed by an outside agency. RWNA dues goes largely for landscaping.

Be observant in the neighborhood and watch out for each other. Remember we have lots of children so drive slowly. If you see suspicious activity call the non-emergency number to the police department, 817-952-2440. I have that programmed into my phone. Of course, if there is an emergency don't hesitate to call 911.

Your neighbor,

Pat

## **2020 RWNA Dues**

Great news the RWNA dues for 2020 will remain \$60 a year. Compare this to the two HOAs that are next to us: Villas of Rustic Woods charges \$250 per year. Bandera charges \$495 per year

Dues invoices will be going out soon, keep your eyes out for it and please pay the invoice promptly.

# **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

## **12 October – RWNA Annual Garage Sale**

The RWNA Annual Garage sale is a long-standing tradition. It is October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2:30 pm. You should have received a flyer on this. Janelle Johnson is heading this event up so if you have questions please call or text her at 817-320-3549.

## **2 November – RWNA Chili Cook-off**

This is a popular event where you can enter your chili to be judged by your neighbors. The winner gets bragging rights for a year and goes home with a trophy to house until the next chili cookoff in 2020. Jill Pearson of Rustic Woods II was the winner last year. This is held on Misty Glen in Rustic Woods III their efforts to organize and host this event is appreciated by all!

## **Date: TBD - Holiday Party**

This is a great time to socialize with your neighbors and celebrate the upcoming holidays. More details to follow.

## **2020 Annual Meeting of Rustic Wood Neighborhood Association**

This is held in January. The date and time will be announced as January gets closer. Plan on attending, consider running for office or stepping up and volunteering in some way. Get involved within your own neighborhood. Rustic Woods is run completely by volunteers who live in our neighborhood. You are encouraged to participate and be active, perhaps you would like to serve on the Board?

The following positions will be voted on at the meeting.

RWNA President

RWNA Vice President

Social Director

Legal Committee Chair

We are also looking for a Web Master to update our RWNA website. If you've visited it, you know it needs some work. Once the website is updated, the Web Master will need at least one person but preferably two volunteers who would work as a team and be committed to posting news and keeping the website up. For example, when a newsletter like this is published, the Web Master or one of the volunteers on the committee would upload it to the website.

We are hoping to get our Wine Down Wednesday back up and running. Our previous Social Chairman organized these events every other month. Could you host one? You don't have to do it every month. If we get six volunteers to host once a year we will be set. Everyone brings their own wine, the hostess needs a wine opener, a vessel for the wine to be poured into, some napkins, small plates, and something to nibble on such as grapes, cheese, crackers, etc. Or you can ask those attending to bring something to share when they come with their wine.