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## president's CORNER



Happy spring! As gardens turn green and school winds down for the year, RNNA is as busy as ever organizing events to connect our neighbors!

Early spring brought several opportunities for neighbors to connect, including our Block Captain Brunch, our RANA "Community Connection" meeting, Cowtown Cleanup, Garden-Palooza, our annual "Rock the Block" challenge, Movies in the Park and two fun Ladies' Night Out events. You can see photos of these events on page 4.

RNNA is also excited to present our fourth-annual Ridglea North 5K and our first-ever Ridglea North Garden Tour this May. These two events are fundraisers for our RNNA Park & Green Spaces Fund, which supports supplemental maintenance in Berney Park and beautification projects like our new entryway sign. (We are close to reaching our fundraising goals for this project!) Read more about these events and the entryway sign project on pages 2 and 3.

We live in a wonderful neighborhood with fantastic neighbors. Get involved this spring to meet some of them. You'll be prouder than ever to call Ridglea North home.

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— 2019 —  
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Every year, Fort Worth Magazine asks its readers to name their favorite places in Fort Worth across various categories, including People & Culture, Shopping, Food & Drink, Services and Nightlife. The winners are then featured in the annual "Best Of" issue each June.

This year's online competition garnered more than 94,000 online votes, and Ridglea North received two "Reader Pick" honors: Best Neighborhood Association for RNNA and Best Neighborhood Park for our lovely Berney Park! (The rest of Fort Worth is catching on to what Ridglea North residents already know. Ridglea North is an awesome place to call home!)

If you participated in the online voting, thanks for supporting our neighborhood.

You can visit [www.fwtx.com](http://www.fwtx.com) to see all of the 2019 "Best Of" winners. Interested in attending the magazine's "Best of Party" from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 14 at River Ranch Stockyards? Tickets will be available on [www.fwtx.com](http://www.fwtx.com) soon. Several of the winning restaurants will be providing food samples, and there will be music and other entertainment, too.

Want to get involved or support our great neighborhood? Becoming an RNNA member is easy and only costs \$25 per household! Simply visit our website at [www.ridgleanorth.com](http://www.ridgleanorth.com) to join or renew online using PayPal, or mail in the form found on page 7 of this newsletter. Your help in funding our events, meetings, communication and outreach is greatly appreciated. Thanks for supporting RNNA!



### watering schedule

Fort Worth has year-round restrictions to maintain and encourage water efficiency. Restrictions include no watering by irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., no watering of hard surfaces and no watering during precipitation.

Watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose is allowed at any time, however, and residents can apply for variances to use irrigation for 30 days while establishing new sod or grass seed.

Although two days are allowable in the approved schedule, please remember you don't have to water if your landscape doesn't need it. Here's the schedule:

- Monday – no watering allowed
- Tuesday & Friday – non-residential sites
- Wednesday & Saturday (even addresses)
- Thursday & Sunday (odd addresses)

Visit [www.fortworthtexas.gov/water](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov/water) to learn more or to apply for a watering variance.

## entryway signage project

Now that RNNA has a right-of-way encroachment agreement with the City, exciting progress is being made toward the construction of the proposed entryway sign at Westridge/Greenway/Curzon.

RNNA recently completed its RFP process with several local contractors, and is now conducting detailed interviews about the scope of work and pricing. Once costs are finalized, the Park & Green Space Committee will set additional fundraising goals, if needed.

The pursuit of this project began after a group of neighbors approached RNNA about the possibility of an entryway sign. Neighborhood surveys identified this as a priority for neighbors, too, and several

households have donated funds and time to accomplish this goal. Please note that funding has and will continue to come from donations and targeted fundraisers linked to the project – not RNNA dues.

Next steps include material selection, securing a permit, fundraising (if needed) and construction. Special thanks go to architect/neighbor Hoyt Hammer and The Beck Group, who have designed the sign's plan, pictured above.

Questions? Want to make a donation? The Park & Green Space team will be at several spring events to display plans and answer questions. You can also contact RNNA P&GS Director Chris Miller at [christian.b.miller@gmail.com](mailto:christian.b.miller@gmail.com).



# Yes!

### I want to support Ridglea North's Park & Green Spaces by donating!

As RNNA pursues beautification projects and maintains the improvements we've already made, we need your help. Therefore, we are asking you to donate to RNNA today. To make sure that your donation is designated for our Park & Green Spaces, please include a note on your check.

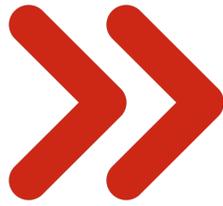
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## walk, run, come join in the fun

Get those running shoes ready because it's almost time for our neighborhood's fourth-annual Ridglea North 5K! This year's event, sponsored by Happy State Bank and underwritten by neighbor-owned Patterson Law Group, will be held on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 8 a.m. in Berney Park. Runners and walkers – as well as dog-walkers, stroller-pushers and bike-riders – of all levels are invited to join in the fun, which will take the participants along a 2.98-mile course through Ridglea North.

Registration fees are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 18 and under. Simply visit the RNNA website at [www.ridgleanorth.com](http://www.ridgleanorth.com) and click on the 5K link to register! You can even order a T-shirt online. (This year's shirt is blue and orange.)

This year's 5K participants will enjoy warm-ups from area fitness instructors, fun music and food by local vendors, including breakfast tacos from Rusty Taco, fruit smoothies from Smoothie King and kolaches from Pearl Snap Kolaches.

RNNA has even invited Ridglea Hills and Ridgmar to organize running teams to compete for the "Golden Brick," which will be awarded to one of the neighborhoods based on its fastest competing runner. Come cheer for the Ridglea North runner!

Join RNNA for this fundraiser that supports Berney Park maintenance and projects that beautify Ridglea North, including our new entryway sign. (See page 2 for more info.) Questions? Contact 5K Chair Katie Wade at [thewadefam@gmail.com](mailto:thewadefam@gmail.com) to learn more.

Special thanks go to these generous 2019 Ridglea North 5K sponsors who donated money, products or services:

Happy State Bank, Patterson Law Group, Spiral Pipe of Texas, Site Barricades, The Culinary School of Fort Worth, Sprouts Farmers Market, Bungo Bar, Lone Star Walking & Running Company, Smoothie King, Pearl Snap Kolaches, Rusty Taco, Camp Gladiator, Nanda Yoga, Brazos Logo Shop and ChemCan.

## take a backyard garden tour

Visit six unique and lovely neighborhood backyards on Saturday, May 11, between noon and 4 p.m., as part of RNNA's inaugural Garden Tour. This event, which is sponsored by Archie's Gardenland, is a great way to treat your mother to something fun on Mother's Day weekend!

Tickets are \$10/person online prior to May 11 - including for children, with the exception of little ones carried by their parents. Tickets can also be purchased in Berney Park on May 11 for \$15 cash or a check made payable to RNNA.

Sales are final and, in the event of rainy weather, will be considered a donation to the RNNA Park & Green Spaces Fund for maintenance and for beautification projects like our entryway sign. (See the previous page for more info.) Simply check in at Berney Park to get your tour map and instructions and then visit the backyards at your own pace.

Questions? Contact Garden Tour Chair Una Bailey at [u.bailey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:u.bailey@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer or for more information about this inaugural Ridglea North event.

# looking back: spring in Ridglea North

## 1 City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards February 16

At this year's citywide awards ceremony, RNNA won the Newsletter Award for our quarterly "Connected" newsletter and the Civic Engagement & Community Collaboration Award for our "Community Connection" event. Thank you to the neighbors who contributed to those achievements! Officer Bel Haddad was also awarded the NPO of the Year Award. Congratulations!



## 2 NPO of the Year Celebration at Rusty Taco March 28

Neighbors gathered at Rusty Taco for a come-and-go celebration for our award-winning NPO. At the celebration, Officer Haddad gave out citizenship awards to three neighbors – Travis Patterson, Garrett Frank and Lynne Frank – who were helpful in a recent police investigation. RNNA's First Responder donations made it possible to provide Officer Haddad and his family with a gift certificate to Del Frisco's.



## 3 Cowtown Cleanup March 30

About a dozen neighbors volunteered this March as part of our neighborhood clean-up crew. They enjoyed a light breakfast and then cleaned up litter all over Ridglea North. Thank you, Luci Digiorgio-Vasquez, for your organization of this annual event!



## 4 Garden-Palooza April 6

RNNA hosted its second annual Garden-Palooza for our green-thumbed neighbors at Ridglea Christian Church. Experts from Archie's Gardenland, Silver Creek Materials and Tarrant Area Food Bank shared gardening tips and provided giveaways. Special thanks go to RCC for providing the meeting space and to Greg and Holly Housewirth for organizing this fun, educational event for the second year.



## 5 Ladies' Night Out at Olivella's April 18

RNNA hosted its second quarterly ladies' social for the women of Ridglea North. Held at Olivella's, the event featured happy hour specials and lots of laughs. Be on the lookout for details about a summer social!



## 6 Movies in the Park: "Wizard of Oz" April 27

Neighbors were "off to see the wizard" over the weekend during RNNA's annual Movies in the Park event. With food offered by The Hamburger Man food truck, Oz-themed door prizes and the classic 1939 film on the screen, it was a wonderful evening of community and fun. Thanks to the Primrose School of Fort Worth West for sponsoring the evening and to the Kid-mittee for their great ideas and concession stand!



# SAVE THESE DATES

# 2019

May 4 Ridglea North 5K

May 11 Ridglea North Garden Tour

July 4 July 4th Parade

Fall (TBD) Litter Stomp

September 7 Neighborhood Garage Sale

October 1 National Night Out

November 19 Fall Social & RNNA Elections

December 7 Cocoa & Caroling

## neighborhood signs

Interested in eliminating visits from door-to-door solicitors or encouraging drivers to slow down on our residential streets? Here are two options for you:

"No Soliciting, No Handbills" signs - Contact RNNA President Andrea Deale at [fwfrog7@gmail.com](mailto:fwfrog7@gmail.com) to order your metal sign for only \$10. There is a limited quantity remaining, so order yours today!

"Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signs - Contact neighbors Travis and Anna Patterson at [travis@pattersonpersonalinjury.com](mailto:travis@pattersonpersonalinjury.com) to get your free sign.

## NPO bel haddad's CORNER



I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe.

With school getting out and neighbors preparing to take summer vacations, please be on the lookout for one another. Make plans to hold your mail and ask neighbors to keep an eye out for delivered packages while you are gone. If you'll be gone, consider installing light timers, too.

Please remember to call 911 if you ever notice anything suspicious. That is the best and quickest way to get the help you need. Call me afterward so I can follow up.

Please remember to lock the doors on your vehicles. Also, please remember not to leave anything within view inside your vehicle. Hide away sunglasses, laptop bags, cell phones, etc.

Stay safe!  
Officer Bel Haddad  
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(817) 253-3501



## code corner: lawn care and high weeds

April showers bring May flowers – or so the saying goes. It also brings fast growing weeds and grass. Not only are high grass and weeds unsightly, but they pose a fire hazard, block visibility for drivers, harbor rodents and snakes and contribute to pests like mosquitoes and chiggers. City code requires property owners to keep grass and weeds in their yards and vacant lots under 12 inches. If your grass is taller than 12 inches, you will receive a certified notice (once per year) and will have 10 days to mow it. If you don't, a city contractor will do the job and you'll be sent the bill – up to \$250, payable within 30 days. Failure to pay for mowing may result in a lien being placed against the property.

It is also a code violation for you or your lawn service to blow leaves and grass clippings into the street. Rain washes the debris and clogs the drainage system. Please inform your lawn service to mulch your lawn and blow leaves and grass clippings back onto your property, or sweep them into a recyclable bag. Make sure your yard bags are of a paper recyclable material. Don't forget that grass clippings and leaves make great additions to a compost pile.

Lastly, make sure that your irrigation system is set with a rain sensor so it won't water while its raining. Let save our precious water resources for when we need them. For questions regarding city codes or to report a code violation, please visit [www.fortworthtexas.gov/codecompliance](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov/codecompliance).



## local voting information

Local elections take place this week and elections for Mayor, City Council, Water Board and School Board are on the ballot. Make your voice heard! You can visit [www.tarrantcounty.com/elections](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/elections) for full details about dates, times and locations, but here is a brief summary:

- **Early Voting (April 22 through April 30)**  
JPS Health Center Viola M. Pitts/Como (4701 Bryant Irvin Road North)
- **Election Day Voting (May 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**  
Harvest United Methodist Fort Worth (6036 Locke Avenue)

## welcoming new neighbors



Late spring and early summer are busy relocation seasons, and there are lots of "For Sale" signs throughout Ridglea North. If a new neighbor moves in on your block, please contact RNNA Neighbor Director Megan Toups at [toups.megan@yahoo.com](mailto:toups.megan@yahoo.com) so she can welcome them officially. RNNA provides new neighbors with sweet treats and a gift bag loaded with community and RNNA information. Thanks for your help in getting those new neighbors connected!

Also, if getting to know your neighbors is something you enjoy, please consider hosting a "Rock the Block" party on your street as part of RNNA's annual challenge to get neighbors connected. You can even encourage your neighbors to attend the Ridglea North 5K or Ridglea North Garden Tour together. Please help RNNA get neighbors connected!

We also have openings for Block Captains on the following blocks: 2900-3100 Bigham, 6100-6200 Calmont, 6400 Camp Bowie, 6500 Darwood, 3000-3200 Edgehill, 6450 Greenway, 6600 Locke, 6000 Malvey, 6500-6600 Malvey, 2800-3100 Marys Lane, 3100 Olive and 3100-3300 Ridglea. Contact Megan Toups [toups.megan@yahoo.com](mailto:toups.megan@yahoo.com) to get involved or to learn more.



## councilman brian byrd's CORNER

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative to the City Council. Here are a few updates:

**Tax Rate:** Most of us received our property tax notices recently and noticed another overall increase. The city portion, which comprises about 25% of the total property tax bill, changed very little compared to last year. Most of the increase stems from school financing. It is important to remember that because of the "Robin Hood" school finance system, FWISD is a net exporter of funds to poorer Texas counties.

**Chapel Creek Bridge:** Residents have endured long waits at the I-30 intersection for many years. The Chapel Creek Bridge Project will bring significant relief. The bridge will add a "Texas Turnaround" and regular traffic will be two lanes in each direction. Traffic engineers say the modified bridge will contain more than enough capacity to handle all traffic, including the population growth expected as developers build over 2,000 single-family homes and a second K-12 school near that intersection. We expect the bridge to be completed in September of this year.

**Ridgmar Mall:** The mall owners would like to develop the mall and have presented some potentially good plans. They are challenged by the proximity to the Joint Reserve Base. If we develop higher-density projects near the Base, it could jeopardize the Base's funding when the Base Review occurs. The mall is in bad shape, however, and is contributing to some of the crime near the Ridgmar neighborhood.

*Brian Byrd*

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Fort Worth Council Member District 3  
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# If you *love* Ridglea North, consider joining **RNNA**.



## household information (please print)

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phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have children living at home? This information is used for event-planning purposes only.

- preschool       elementary school       middle school/high school

## voluntary annual membership dues (check one)

- regular (\$25) (for residents)       associate (\$25) (for non-residents)       business (\$50)

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Contact RNNA Secretary Caitlin Faubion at [caitlin.faubion@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.faubion@gmail.com) with questions concerning membership status. Join or renew online at [www.ridgleanorth.com](http://www.ridgleanorth.com) or complete this form and return, along with your association dues, to:  
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# RNNA leadership

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