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president's CORNER



It's been a wonderful year here in Ridglea North, and it's been a pleasure to serve alongside an amazing group of volunteer neighbors on the RNNA Board. These neighbors are passionate about building community, advocating for our neighborhood and improving the shared spaces we all enjoy.

RNNA is able to do great things because of our wonderful residents and voluntary membership dues. If you have never joined RNNA or cannot remember if you've paid your \$25 annual dues, please visit our website or use the form on page 7.

Judging for the December Yard of the Month will be based on outdoor holiday displays. Please have your decorations ready by December 15 if you'd like to be considered. From elegant simplicity to Griswold-worthy efforts, Ridglea North looks great in lights!

As you make your New Year's resolutions this year, we hope you'll plan to get involved in 2018 as RNNA continues to make Ridglea North one of Fort Worth's best places to live.

Enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones and neighbors!

Andrea Deale
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cocoa & caroling

'Tis the season of Christmas parties, mile-long shopping lists, gift wrap galore and all the fun traditions that make the holiday season festive and fun. And that means it's time to join RNNA for its annual Cocoa & Caroling event, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Berney Park.

Make a cup of cocoa. Add some fun fixings, like peppermint sticks or mini marshmallows. Enjoy some sweet treats. Take a hayride around the park with your family. Join in the fun as we sing some favorite carols. Then, make your way over to our special guest – Santa – who will be there to greet kids, hear about their Christmas lists and lend his grin for some fun Christmas selfies. It'll be a great way to kick off the Christmas season!

Neighbors are invited to wear their favorite holiday outfit, ugly Christmas sweater or even their favorite winter pajamas.

This year, students from the Monnig Middle School choir will be there to help lead the caroling. RNNA proudly supports our neighborhood schools, and we're honored to welcome these students!

Sponsored by RNNA – and thanks to the hard work of the Cocoa & Caroling Committee – this family friendly event is, as always, free for all participants.

If you are interested in volunteering at Cocoa & Caroling, please email Lisa at Lisa.Schuessler@gladney.org to sign up. Please invite a neighbor and join RNNA for this annual Christmas event!

yard of the month

*holiday winners
to be announced
after 12/15*



October 2017
Louis & Vicki Felty
3263 Marys Lane



November 2017
Jackson & Morgan Dean
6425 Darwood Avenue



no soliciting signs

RNNA's new "No Soliciting, No Handbills" signs can be reserved by contacting Andrea at fwfrog7@gmail.com or can be purchased at the Cocoa & Caroling event on December 9. Each pre-assembled aluminum sign costs \$10 and has a sturdy, two-screw construction, steel stakes and rounded corners.

Jo Ann Royer, a Ridglea North neighbor and Williams Trew Broker Associate, generously supplemented the production costs to keep prices low for all interested residents. Thank you, Jo Ann, for your generosity!

safe-driving sign program

At the RNNA Fall Social & Elections, several neighbors expressed interest in displaying signs to encourage neighbors to slow down and drive more carefully. After the meeting, Ridglea North neighbors Travis and Anna Patterson contacted RNNA to let us know that their firm, Patterson Law Group, would like to purchase and place "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signs in the yards of interested neighbors. The 18x24" double-sided signs are printed on corrugated plastic and are supported by a wire stake.

Please contact Travis at travis@pattersonpersonalinjury.com if you or your family is interested in displaying a sign (pictured at right) on your property. Thank you, Patterson Law Group, for your dedication to Ridglea North!





One of RNNA's goals is to inform residents about community affairs and local topics of immediate interest. In working with local agencies and organizations throughout the year, we have learned of some volunteer opportunities that may be of interest to you or your family. Read below to get involved.

Mary Louise Phillips Elementary School
 Contact: kimberly.martinez@fwisd.org

- **Volunteer Readers** – English and Spanish readers are needed to read to second-graders in their classrooms. Hours are flexible.
- **Mentoring Programs** – MLP partners with local churches for the Kids Hope USA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Read2Win mentoring programs. Mentors are needed.
- **Donate School Supplies/Clothing** – School supplies of all kinds are always welcome and can be dropped off in the school office. Clothing items are also in high demand, including all sizes of white or navy polo shirts, khaki pants, jeans, underwear and socks.
- **Office/Library/Copy Room** – Assist the staff and faculty by helping with administrative tasks, like copying and filing. Hours are flexible.

Ridglea Christian Church
 Contact: office@ridgleachristian.org

- **Room in the Inn** – Every Friday night from December to February, RCC hosts 10 local residents experiencing homelessness for a home-cooked meal, laundry, games, showers and a warm place to sleep. Volunteer to bring food, do laundry or help host. Donations of single-use toiletries, detergent and winter wear are also accepted.
- **Leaf Composting** – The Tarrant Area Food Bank's Learning Garden at RCC needs rich soil to thrive. Drop off your leaves for use in the compost area of the garden.
- **Make "Will Be Fed" Bags** – Fill gallon-sized plastic bags with a water bottle, protein snack, sweet snack, salty snack, socks, a toothbrush and deodorant. These bags are shared with those who stop by the church looking for help and hope.



RNNA 2018 Executive Board

Congratulations to the following volunteer neighbors who were elected to serve on the 2018 RNNA Executive Board during the Fall Social at Olivella's on November 28. These dedicated neighbors are excited to work together to continue making Ridglea North a wonderful place to call home.

President	Andrea Deale
VP Association Affairs	Michael Klein
VP Public Safety	Ward James
Treasurer	Jennifer Tayag
Secretary	Caitlin Faubion
Director - Events	Shannon Wallace
Director - Neighbors	Megan Touns
Director - Health & Fitness	Katie Wade
Director - Park & Green Spaces	Chris Miller
Past President	Una Bailey

RNNA would like to extend sincere appreciation to three neighbors who have rotated off of the Executive Board or who have moved away from Fort Worth. The RNNA Board is grateful for your service and accomplishments.

Alex Thompson has served on the RNNA Board for several years, most recently as Secretary. Aside from her detailed and professional documentation of RNNA business, she has joyfully volunteered at special events and dutifully displayed promotional signs throughout the neighborhood. She will continue to help with special projects and events for RNNA.

Brett Cox served on the RNNA Board as Director at Large for Berney Park and later as the RNNA Beautification Director. Under his tenure, Berney Park received many improvements that countless neighbors enjoy every day, including benches, picnic tables, sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation. He and his family recently moved to Midland, and will be missed.

Ruben Guerra served on the RNNA Board as Director at Large for Events and worked hard to make the July 4th Parade and Cocoa & Caroling event a success each year. His enthusiasm for bringing neighbors together was a true asset to Ridglea North. He and his family recently moved to the Texas Hill Country, and will be missed.

looking back: fall in Ridglea North

1 Litter Stomp & Neighbor Workday September 16

A group of 24 dedicated neighbors worked hard to “stomp out litter” around the neighborhood and help beautify Berney Park this September. They picked up trash on the streets and around both schools, pulled weeds, trimmed crepe myrtle shoots and spread mulch. Jimmy John’s donated lunch for our volunteers and Silver Creek Materials donated the mulch. Thank you! Special thanks go to Suzie Jary and Ginny Ives for organizing another successful clean-up day.



2 National Night Out October 10

NNO brought neighbors together for good food, an opportunity to interact with first responders and fun challenges for kids. One lucky girl even won a VIP tour to the local police and fire stations! Thank you to the first responders who joined us, and to NPO Haddad for helping us coordinate with the folks from Fort Worth Fire, MedStar, SWAT and NAS JRB. Special thanks also go to Buffalo West, Alchemy Pops, Ridglea Public Library, MLP and Monnig, neighborhood magicians David and Donna Thomason and neighbor Sam Elkind of Audible DJ Company & Entertainment. Thank you to NNO Chair Renee Mitcham and her volunteers for their hard work in planning this year’s NNO event.



3 Ridglea Area Neighborhood Alliance Social October 12

Ridglea-area neighbors met at Olivella’s for a happy hour social and to learn more about local initiatives that affect our community. Councilman Brian Byrd and Camp Bowie District President Wade Chappell spoke about issues affecting our community, and Karen Molinar and Cynthia Rincon from FWISD shared information about the propositions on the November 7 ballot.



4 Movies in the Park: “Monsters, Inc.” October 27

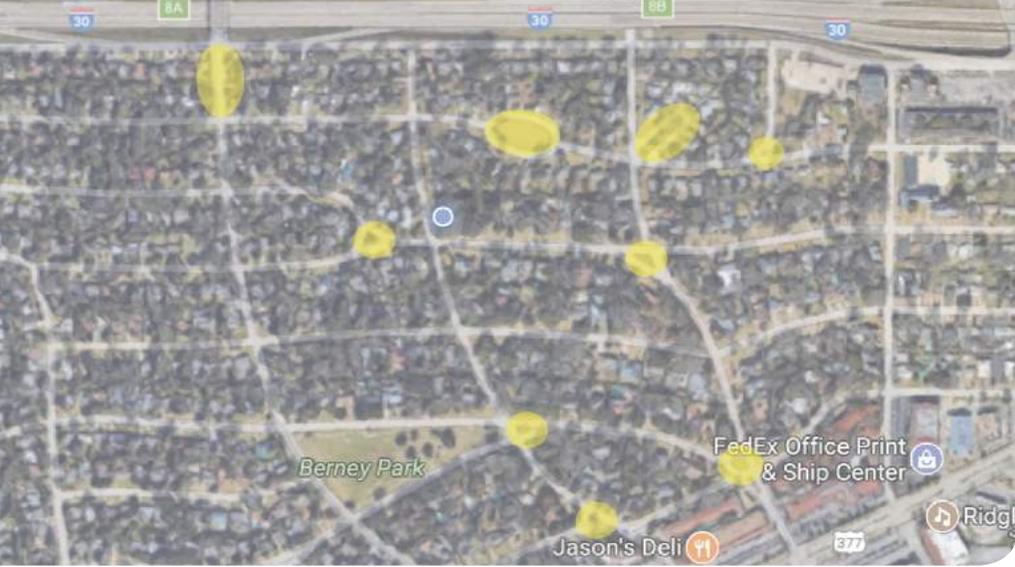
About 40 fun-loving neighbors braved the cold for a screening of “Monsters, Inc.” in Berney Park. The RNNA Kidmittee was on hand to greet neighbors and sell concessions. Campisi’s provided personal pizzas for sale and Primrose School of Fort Worth gifted RNNA with a vintage-style popcorn machine! Over \$400 was raised through concession sales for RNNA beautification and maintenance projects.



5 Fall Social & Elections November 28

Ridglea North neighbors met at Olivella’s for a social and to elect the 2018 RNNA Executive Board. Special guests included Councilman Brian Byrd, Camp Bowie District President Wade Chappell, FWPD Sergeant A. Martino, NPO Bel Haddad, Community Engagement Liaison Tabitha Butler and representatives from Code Compliance.





park & green space updates

This year's RNNA Neighbor Survey showed that our residents are most interested in developing our entryways, continuing Berney Park improvements and improving the nine medians located throughout the neighborhood. Because of these findings, RNNA has been working with representatives from the City's Park & Recreation Department and Transportation & Public Works to adopt all nine medians (highlighted in yellow above) within our boundaries.

RNNA is close to reaching an agreement with the City to officially adopt those green spaces, which will grant RNNA permission to plan for improvements. Additional details will be shared as plans progress and needs are determined. In the meantime, a generous group of neighbors has made donations and

offered volunteer hours to beautify and add Ridglea North signage to the large triangular median at the intersection of Westridge, Curzon and Greenway. Plans are being made for this entryway, and neighbor and architect Hoyt Hammer has agreed to review the plans to ensure that they fit Ridglea North's aesthetic.

RNNA is also working to find a solution for off-road driving in the large Malvey median, reduce redundant traffic control signage, upgrade the donor bricks and update signage in Berney Park. New signs reminding neighbors to pick up after their pets will also be coming to Berney Park soon. Don't forget that RNNA supplies pet waste stations to make pet clean-up easy. Thank you, P&GS Committee, for all you are doing to keep Ridglea North beautiful!

Mae & Maury Horton Memorial Bench

If you've walked along the Ridglea Avenue side of Berney Park, you may have noticed a new bench and lovely new Live Oak tree. These were generously donated by the family of Mae and Maury Horton, longtime residents of Ridglea North. After losing Maury in 2005, Mae continued living here until she passed away earlier this spring.

The Horton family first moved to Marys Lane in 1950, relocating to Drury Lane in 1961. The Hortons' three sons grew up here, too, attending the neighborhood schools. Mae truly enjoyed Berney Park for decades and took daily walks there after retiring. The Hortons were best known for their warm and welcoming personalities and for befriending many neighbors during their years here.

Please enjoy this newest addition to our lovely park – now and for years to come!



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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Fort Worth, TX 76116*

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Donation Amount _____

councilman brian byrd's CORNER



I am honored to be the Fort Worth City Council representative for Ridglea North. Here are a few updates.

New Berney Park playground equipment is part of the City's five-year Capital Improvement Plan. If PayGo funding is approved every year, design would likely begin in October 2020, and would include a public meeting to select equipment. Construction could begin in mid-2021.

The City has purchased 60 driver-feedback machines to control speeding by checking speed by radar and flashing the results as you drive by. We will be placing the signs in different areas around the city for a month at a time, and I'll work with RNNA to determine suggested placement in Ridglea North.

Phase 1 of improvements to Ridglea North's street lights – including lighting along Ridglea, Fairfield, Westridge, Curzon, Rosemont and Hilldale – is proposed as part of the 2018 bond program. The City has suggested a \$980K investment to remove older light fixtures and replace them with 70 new metal poles with LED lights. These are less expensive to maintain and have a longer lifespan. Schedules will be shared publicly if the bond program is passed.

The Las Vegas Trail Revitalization Project – which we are calling LVT Rise – is in its very early stages and we have a long way to go. We have seen some encouraging responses from the community that have helped a lot of people. The latest example was a private citizen who purchased a refrigerator, filled it with beef and donated it to the Western Hills High School football team. You can follow our progress at the LVT Rise Facebook page.

Please reach out to me anytime.

Brian Byrd

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If you haven't visited the Ridglea North website recently, please take a peek! Notifications of upcoming events are now promoted at the top of the landing page so you can mark your calendar and join in the fun. You'll also find a map of Ridglea North's boundaries, contact information for the RNNA Executive Board, a copy of the RNNA bylaws, archives of the "Connected" newsletter and notifications about zoning variances and proposed developments in the surrounding Ridglea area. You can even join RNNA – or renew your membership online – using the online form and payment option. Visit www.ridgleanorth.com to learn more!



The Code Compliance Department maintains Fort Worth's status as a clean, liveable city by ensuring that property complies with rules set by City Council. Code Officers routinely patrol assigned neighborhoods for code violations and investigate complaints with a mission of abating issues and educating residents. Issues addressed by Code Compliance include animals, garbage, recycling, environmental management, parking, high grass and weeds, illegal dumping, junk vehicles, substandard structures, trash and debris, open and vacant structures, zoning issues, rental property, health inspections and abandoned shopping carts. Download the "myFtWorth" app from the App Store or Google Play to easily and anonymously report suspected code violations on the go.



first responder treats

Thanks to our NNO "Adopt-a-Puppy" fundraiser – in which neighbors "adopted" plush fire and police puppies for \$5 each – RNNA collected \$80 to be used for the purchase of treats for our local first responders throughout the year. RNNA hopes to show our first responders that Ridglea North neighbors appreciate all the work they do to keep us safe and protected every day.



The photo featured below shows the firefighters at Station 16 receiving a delicious Grandma's Chocolate Cake purchased from Central Market. RNNA's Outreach Committee took these yummy cakes to both the fire and police stations during the week of Thanksgiving as a gift on behalf of all our Ridglea North neighbors.

If you would like to make a donation to RNNA for this purpose or are willing to purchase or deliver treats, please contact Outreach Chair Suzie Jary at sjary@mindspring.com to get involved. Let's show our first responders how much they mean to Ridglea North. Thank you for your generosity!

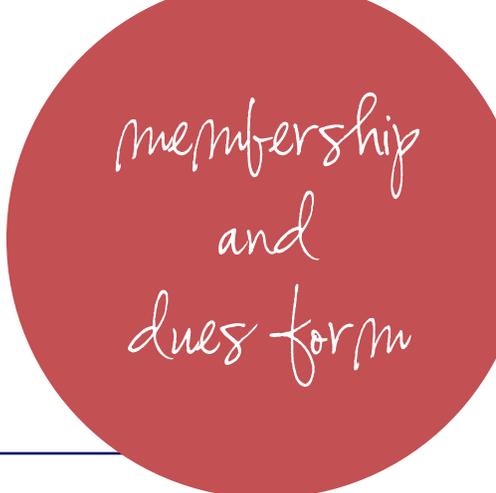
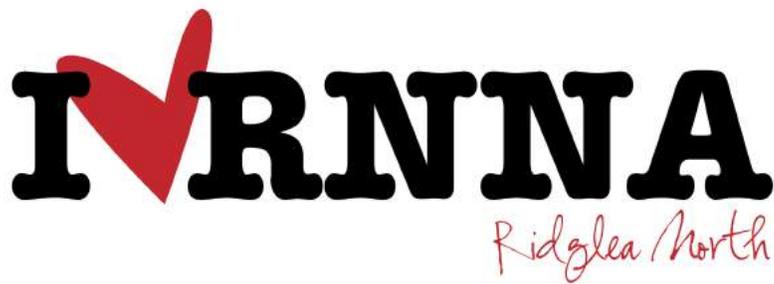


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Contact Caitlin Faubion at caitlin.faubion@gmail.com with questions concerning membership status.
 Join or renew online at www.ridgleanorth.com or complete this form and return, along with your association dues, to:
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