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## president's CORNER

*I hope you and your family have had a happy and healthy 2018.*

*As the year comes to a close, I am reminded of all the wonderful volunteer neighbors who helped with RNNA events and initiatives throughout the year. After meeting so many of you, there is no doubt that Ridglea North neighbors are the best!*

*The volunteers on the RNNA Board worked hard all year to create community, advocate for our neighborhood, engage neighbors and improve and maintain our shared spaces. They are already planning for next year, and I hope you'll find a way to get involved.*

*RNNA is able to do great things because of our dedicated residents and voluntary membership dues. If you have never joined RNNA or would like to renew your \$25 annual dues, please use the form on page 7 or visit our website at [www.ridgleanorth.com](http://www.ridgleanorth.com).*

*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 for our "traditional" or "whimsical" categories.*

*Enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones and your neighbors!*

*Andrea Deale*  
[fwfrog7@gmail.com](mailto:fwfrog7@gmail.com)



# COCOA & CAROLING

**SATURDAY • 3 TO 5 P.M. • BERNEY PARK**

*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here in Ridglea North. From holiday displays and lights to wreaths and tinsel, neighbors are preparing for the holiday season ahead. One of the best ways to get into the holiday spirit is to join RNNA for its Cocoa & Caroling event, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Berney Park.*

*For the fourth year in a row, neighbors are invited to join RNNA in Berney Park for some delicious cocoa, sweet treats, a fun hayride around the park and, of course, some Christmas carols. Don't let the singing part scare you – all voices are welcome for the sing-a-long!*

*Santa Claus will be back again this year, too, so he can greet kids and talk to them about their Christmas wish lists. You and your family can take photos with Santa or head over to our new selfie station for some fun photos with an assortment of festive Christmas-themed props.*

*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, please email RNNA Events Director Shannon Wallace at [shannonkelly1979@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shannonkelly1979@sbcglobal.net). Please invite a neighbor and join RNNA for this annual Christmas event!*





## neighborhood survey overview

RNNA is grateful to the neighbors who participated in our 2018 Neighbor Survey. The responses will be helpful as the RNNA Board works toward the initiatives that matter most to you. Here are some of the results for your review:

- Survey responders fit into three main age categories: 20s/30s (36.2%), 40s/50s (29.31%) and 60+ (44.84%). Neighbors describing themselves as retired equaled 13.79%. The largest age group consisted of adults in their 30s (34.48%). Families with preschool-aged (20.69%) or elementary-aged children (13.79%) continue to increase, supporting our observations that young families are a growing neighbor base.
- Constant Contact emails were rated as RNNA's most effective communication tool, with 98.21% of respondents rating them as "very/somewhat effective." Respondents similarly rated signs (89.47%) and the "Connected" newsletter (83.93%). All RNNA communication tools were rated by the majority of respondents as "very/somewhat effective."
- Neighbors continue to be concerned with criminal activity and traffic safety, with several specific concerns listed as comments. The two biggest wishes were adding sidewalks in specific areas (76.78%) and speeding solutions (75.44%). The Traffic & Safety Committee will meet to discuss strategies to address these concerns.
- Despite 55.17% of respondents feeling connected to their neighbors and neighborhood, 29.31% feel disconnected. (This question was skipped by 16% of the question's respondents.) This is an opportunity.
- Of the three lighting upgrade options provided by the City, respondents expressed the most support (88.24%) for the replacement of existing wood poles with metal poles/LED light fixtures. And 74.51% of the respondents were supportive of new placement for the poles so that the lighting upgrades could be compliant with City standards for placement and light distribution. Several commenters expressed their desire for carefully designed lighting distribution to avoid light pollution.
- The majority of neighbors offered support for three types of development in the Ridglea area, including restaurants/cafes (90.57%), specialty retail (67.92%) and additional grocery stores (52.83%).



## TSU & Atmos continue gas line upgrades

Progress sounded like underground drilling on several blocks this fall as Texas State Utilities and Atmos continued their upgrades to and relocation of old cast-iron gas lines. Although the project has been loud, the affected neighbors should have safer and more modern gas service for years to come. Construction should end by early January, with plumbers remaining onsite for a couple of weeks to connect the new meters. Atmos anticipates returning in February for one or two days to finish up the project. Future upgrades are planned for other areas within Ridglea North, and Atmos will be in touch with neighbors on those blocks. If you have questions about the project's scope, contact Jose (TSU) at [jl@tsu1.com](mailto:jl@tsu1.com) or 817-822-3045 or Ray (Atmos) at 469-261-2117.



## water storage tank repair/repainting project

You have probably noticed that construction has begun on the water storage tank on Calmont. This construction is part of a City project to repair and repaint the tower. Some areas in Ridglea North may be impacted by traffic, noise and dust by the project. Construction is estimated to last until March 2019. Questions? Please contact City of Fort Worth Project Manager Seivash Mir at 817-392-8404 or [Seivash.Mir@FortWorthTexas.gov](mailto:Seivash.Mir@FortWorthTexas.gov).



## no soliciting signs

Interested in a “No Soliciting, No Handbills” sign? You can purchase one at the Cocoa & Caroling event on December 8 or reserve one for your home by contacting RRNA President Andrea Deale at [fwfrog7@gmail.com](mailto:fwfrog7@gmail.com). 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!



## light up the neighborhood

The Yard of the Month Committee is looking for the best and the brightest among us – this year’s winners for the Best Christmas Lights Contest! The Committee is looking for Ridglea North winners in two categories: 1) best traditional lighting and 2) most whimsical lighting.

Judging will be completed by December 15. If you would like to nominate a neighbor – or your own home – please contact the Yard of the Month Committee at [greg@fwfamilylaw.com](mailto:greg@fwfamilylaw.com).

## RNNA 2019 Executive Board

Congratulations to the following volunteer neighbors who were elected to serve on the 2019 RRNA Executive Board during the Fall Social & Elections at The Culinary School of Fort Worth on November 13. 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 - Ginny Ives
- Treasurer - Jennifer Tayag
- Secretary - Caitlin Faubion
- Director/Events - Shannon Wallace
- Director/Neighbors - Megan Toups
- Director/Outreach - Suzie Jary
- Director/Park & Green Spaces - Chris Miller
- Past President - Una Bailey

RNNA would like to extend special thanks to Katie Wade, who served last year as RRNA’s Health & Wellness Director. In that role, Katie took our Ridglea North 5K in exciting new directions, including the addition of the popular Kids Fun Run. Katie and her husband, Scott, also hosted the Fall Social & Elections at The Culinary School of Fort Worth, generously donating the venue and the food! Although Katie is leaving the RRNA Board, she is excited to stay involved with the Ridglea North 5K and has already begun organizing next year’s event! Thank you, Katie, for being a great neighbor!



## entryway signage project

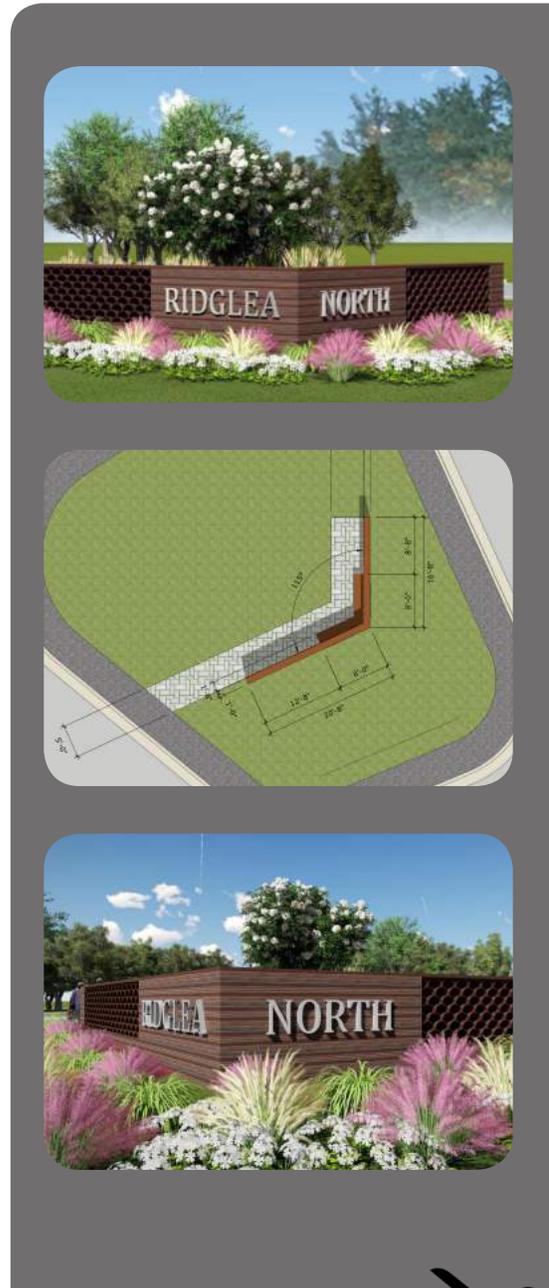
In response to neighborhood surveys and designated donations from neighbors, RRNA has been working with several City departments to secure permission for the bidding and construction of an entryway signage project at Westridge/Greenway/Curzon. After successfully adopting the median through Parks & Recreation and executing a right-of-way encroachment agreement with Planning & Development, RRNA has been granted the go-ahead by the City to pursue the project's next steps, which will include soliciting bids for construction, securing a permit and raising additional funds, if needed.

The renderings featured here, courtesy of architect/neighbor Hoyt Hammer and The Beck Group, show the current design. The terracotta tiles tie in Ridglea North's rich

history and proximity to Ridglea Village, and the stacked brick facade, tops and end caps provide a tie-in to some of our neighborhood's more traditional homes.

Once the project costs and design elements are finalized by the Park & Green Spaces Committee and Board, those details will be shared with all dues-paying members via email for approval. The voted-upon design will then be shared with all neighbors.

Questions? Want to make a donation? Would your sign or construction company like to participate in the bidding process? The P&GS team will be at Cocoa & Caroling on December 8. You can also contact RRNA's 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 RRNA pursues beautification projects and maintains the improvements we've already made, we need your help. Therefore, we are asking you to donate to RRNA 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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# looking back: fall in Ridglea North

## 1 National Night Out October 2

Neighbors enjoyed good food, an opportunity to interact with first responders and fun challenges for kids. One neighbor even won a VIP tour to the local police station! 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 RTaco and Jon Smith Subs, Ridglea Public Library, MLP, Monnig and neighbor Sam Elkind of Audible DJ Company & Entertainment. Thank you to NNO Chair Renee Mitcham for her hard work in planning this year's NNO event.

## 2 Litter Stomp October 20

A group of neighbors worked hard to "stomp out litter" around the neighborhood and help beautify Berney Park this October. They picked up trash on the streets and around both schools. Special thanks go to Suzie Jary for organizing another successful clean-up day.

## 3 Fall Social & Elections November 13

Neighbors gathered at The Culinary School of Fort Worth for a social and RNNA's annual elections. Cooking demonstrations and delicious appetizers were enjoyed by everyone and board members brought their favorite wines to share with neighbors. Special thanks go to neighbors Scott and Katie Wade for hosting the event and to all the staff and students of The Culinary School of Fort Worth for the wonderful food!



# prevent holiday crime

'Tis the season to be jolly, but it is also the season to be wary of burglars, thieves, pickpockets and other holiday Grinches. Here are a few tips to prevent crime this holiday season:

- Don't openly display your Christmas gifts in the front window. It's too tempting for a criminal to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
- Criminals look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning all day or piled up newspapers and mail. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask trusted neighbors to pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Don't leave voicemail or automatic replies on email like, "We're away skiing for the Christmas holidays." Criminals love hearing that they have time to ransack your home.
- Ask delivery services to place packages behind a plant or porch furniture so the packages are not visible. Better yet, ask a retired or work-from-home neighbor if you can have your packages delivered to their home.
- Don't pile empty boxes on the street for trash pick-up. Break the boxes down to conceal the items better.
- Most importantly, if you see ANY suspicious activity or are a victim of a crime, call 911! This is FWPD's preferred method for receiving reports of criminal or suspicious activity.

Interested in learning more? Contact RNNA VP of Public Safety Ginny Ives at [g.ives@att.net](mailto:g.ives@att.net) for information about our RNNA Crime Watch program and crime-prevention training.



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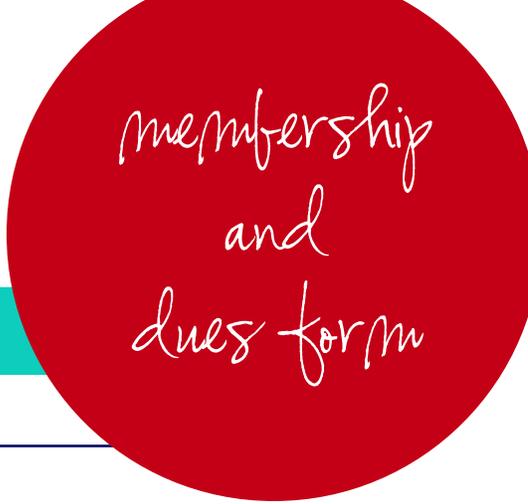
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  middle school/high school

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# RNNA leadership

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# 2018



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