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Ridglea North

president's CORNER



Happy 2017, neighbors!
It's a new year, and there are lots of new things happening in Ridglea North. RNNNA has been working on several exciting initiatives that will bring neighbors together, improve shared spaces, develop alliances with surrounding neighborhoods and build upon the past successes that have made Ridglea North such a wonderful place to live.

Our newly redesigned website is now live (www.ridgleanorth.com), a new membership drive kicks off today and we have a new goal of getting a block captain for every block in our neighborhood in 2017. There are also new events planned for this year, including a "Community Connection" event on March 2 (read more on page 3), outdoor movie nights in Berney Park and a new "Rock the Block" challenge coming to every block this April.

It's an exciting time and we hope you'll want to get involved. Great neighborhoods begin with great neighbors, and we are fortunate to have both here in Ridglea North. I look forward to meeting more of you this year and hope you'll be in touch and get involved. Looking forward to a great 2017!

Andrea Deale
fwfrog7@gmail.com

February is definitely the month of love. So if you love Ridglea North – and want to support RNNNA throughout the year – our annual membership drive is a great way to "Love Your Neighborhood."

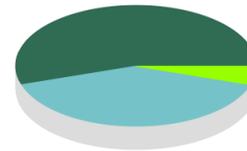
As a voluntary neighborhood association, RNNNA relies upon dues to fund the events that bring our neighbors together and accomplish the beautification projects that we all love and enjoy. Becoming an RNNNA member is easier than ever now and only costs \$25 per household! Here are the top three reasons you should become an RNNNA member today:

1 – Support RNNNA's fun events.
RNNNA committees work hard to organize fun events that bring neighbors together. From the annual garage sale and July 4th Parade to neighborhood socials and the 5K Fun Run, there really is something for every neighbor.

2 – Get to know your neighbors.
Our neighborhood is filled with history, diversity and households ranging from young singles and newlyweds to families and empty-nesters. Because we share a love of our neighborhood, we are stronger together. By supporting

opportunities that connect neighbors or volunteering for a committee, you'll find community, support and lasting friendships. When neighbors know one another, they look out for one another. This keeps Ridglea North safe.

3 – Keep Ridglea North beautiful.
Do you care about the well-being, beauty and longevity of our shared spaces, including Berney Park? Paying RNNNA dues helps the Board fund initiatives that raise money for the park. The Board is currently investigating opportunities to beautify other shared spaces throughout the neighborhood, too.



What do dues do?
55% – events/meetings
40% – communication
5% – operating costs
(legal/financial)

So, it's time to "Love Your Neighborhood!" Simply visit www.ridgleanorth.com to join or renew. You can also print out the form on the next page and return it with a check or respond to the postcard that will be delivered to homes this week. Renewal reminders will now be sent as memberships expire. We hope you'll love these changes. Thanks for supporting RNNNA!



household information (please print)

name(s) of adult resident(s) _____

street address _____

home phone _____ cell phone _____

email address _____

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)

volunteer with RNNA (check all your interests)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Clean-Ups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of Berney 5K Fun Run |
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signature _____ date _____

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:
RNNA c/o Caitlin Faubion
3001 Westridge Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76116

neighborhood meeting: community connection

One of the purposes of RNNA is to extend opportunities to residents for education about topics that affect both the neighborhood and surrounding community. We have heard from neighbors who are concerned about criminal activity in and around Ridglea North, as well as neighbors who are interested in developing community solutions for the homelessness challenge Tarrant County currently faces.

And so, RNNA will host a "Community Connection" meeting at Ridglea Christian Church (6720 W. Elizabeth Lane) on Thursday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. Neighbors will hear short presentations from Neighborhood Police Officer Bel Haddad and Bruce Frankel, the Executive Director of DRC (formerly known as Day Resource Center for the Homeless), a local leader in community-based solutions for homelessness. Ridglea Christian Church is deeply invested in addressing the homelessness challenge here on Fort Worth's west side, and neighbors will be able to tour their facilities, learn more about their efforts and get involved in the solution.

Come meet your NPO, talk to the RNNA Board and browse a selection of volunteer opportunities for 2017. Please bring a donation of single-use toiletries or a canned good to help with Ridglea Christian Church's ongoing community service. We look forward to seeing you there!



NPO bel haddad's CORNER



I hope everyone is well. In the past three months, there have been three burglaries near the Calmont service road. The subjects are targeting detached garages, sheds and residences by coming over the fence and stealing items, including coolers, a TV, ladders and even a pair of boots. Please note that this is NOT a nightly occurrence, but that you should pay attention to backyard motion lights and barking dogs. If you feel something is wrong, call 911 and request that an officer be sent out to investigate.

Tax season is now upon us, and we must be vigilant about over-the-phone or email requests for private information. Please do not respond to "threats" of immediate action from people claiming to be with the IRS. These scammers promise to remedy your tax problems if you'll load money into an account or send a gift card. If you are uncertain, please contact your local IRS office for clarification. And please look out for neighbors and family members susceptible to this type of crime.

I look forward to seeing you at the neighborhood meeting on March 2 at Ridglea Christian Church.

Officer Bel Haddad
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(817) 253-3501

save these 2017 dates

- February (all month) "Love Your Neighborhood" Annual Membership Drive
- March 2 @ 6:30 p.m. "Community Connection" at Ridglea Christian Church with NPO Bel Haddad and DRC Director Bruce Frankel
- Spring (TBD) Outdoor Movie Night
- April 1 Cowtown Cleanup
- April (all month) "Rock the Block" Challenge
- April 29 Ridglea North Garage Sale
- April 30 Hot Dawg - Let's Celebrate!
- May 20 Friends of Berney 5K Fun Run
- July 4 July 4th Parade
- Fall (TBD) Outdoor Movie Night
- September (TBD) Neighborhood Litter Stomp
- October 3 National Night Out
- November 28 Fall Social & RNNA Elections
- December 9 Cocoa & Caroling

how can you be a friend of berney?

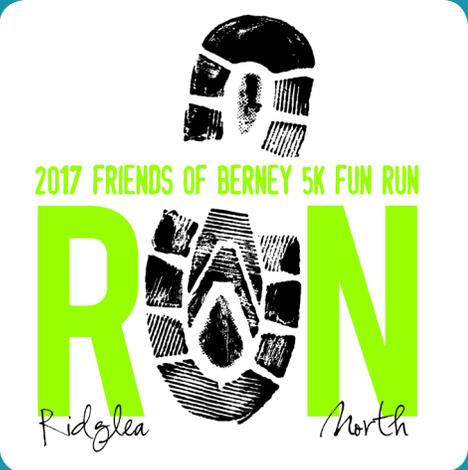
Because of the generosity and hard work of so many neighbors, Berney Park looks amazing. RRNA has completed all three phases of the initial Berney Park Master Plan, which included new sidewalk paths, picnic tables, benches, trees, irrigation, mulch and plants.

As part of our Adopt-A-Park agreement with the City, RRNA has a responsibility to maintain all its own improvements. RRNA manages an ongoing fundraising campaign called "Friends of Berney" to support maintenance and fund future improvement plans. If you'd like to participate, simply use the form below to make a donation. Donors of \$500 or more will be honored with a brick at the

base of the planters. Contact Chris Miller at christian.b.miller@gmail.com to reserve a brick for your family or your business! Special thanks go to the Blakeney family for their recent support.

Have ideas for future plans? The Park Committee is working on a plan for additional improvements in Berney Park and around Ridglea North. Contact Brett Cox at BCox@bbptx.com with ideas.

Don't mind getting your hands dirty? Join RRNA on Saturday, April 1, for Cowtown Cleanup. T-shirts and lunch from Jimmy John's will be provided. Contact Luci Digiorgio-Vasquez at lu76110@me.com to sign up.



RRNA is excited to announce that this year's "Friends of Berney 5K Fun Run" is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Early registration (before April 1) is only \$20 per person, so visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/FortWorth/FriendsofBerney5K> to sign up! (Prices go up to \$25 after April 1.)

With a goal of 300 registered participants, this year's family friendly event will feature new sponsors, lunch by local vendors and activities for kids. And this year, we are honored to have Mayor Betsy Price as our Official Starter and Honorary Pace Leader!

RRNA invites runners and walkers of all levels to join us for our second annual 5K as we raise funds for further improvements and maintenance. Be on the lookout for updates as details are finalized. Contact Chris Miller at christian.b.miller@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to help.



Yes!

I want to be a FRIEND OF BERNEY by making a donation!

As part of our Adopt-A-Park Agreement with Fort Worth, RRNA is responsible for ongoing maintenance of all new landscaping and related items. Therefore, we are asking you to become a "Friend of Berney" by donating today!

Please mail your donation to:
 RRNA Berney Park Fund
 c/o Chris Miller
 6228 Curzon Avenue
 Fort Worth, TX 76116

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development updates

The love affection for Texas is certainly not fading, and more and more companies are looking to enter the Texas marketplace. There has been a lot of speculation, news, discussion and feedback over the past several months about new businesses entering the areas surrounding the neighborhood. While we all know that change is constant, RNNA will do its best to report facts and keep you updated on new activity through our official communication outlets, including this newsletter, our redesigned website, our Constant Contact communications and Facebook.

Here is a short update on 2017 activity to date:

QuikTrip (Camp Bowie and Westridge) – The development team is still in the due diligence process, but expects to go to the Fort Worth Urban Design Commission (UDC) with a plan at the end of the month. Neighbors are encouraged to contact UDC’s Laura Voltmann at (817) 392-8015 or at Laura.Voltmann@fortworthtexas.gov to ask questions or seek clarification about design standards and guidelines.

R Taco (Winthrop) – The build-out continues in the former Wild Mushroom space, and is expected to open this spring.

RaceTrac (Camp Bowie and Clayton) – Planning is already underway and the company’s conservative timeline has construction starting in August 2017.

“Kroger” space (Camp Bowie and Clayton) – There is a potential buyer for the former Kroger building, but no public details have been released to date.

In other news, Little Lilly Sushi is closed temporarily due to a kitchen fire, but plans to reopen soon. New businesses nearby include the Primrose School of Fort Worth West and The Serenity Room at Legacy Salons and Spa. RNNA would like to welcome these new businesses to our area.

If you want to keep up on the latest developments in our area, check out the Zoning page on the City’s website: <http://fortworthtexas.gov/zoning/>

the school zone



If you have a student entering Kindergarten this fall or want to learn more about our local elementary school, now is the perfect time to contact ML Phillips Elementary to schedule a school preview tour. Tours will begin during the week of March 20, and slots can be scheduled by calling (817) 815-1600.

You can also call to get more information about the upcoming Kindergarten Round-Up event, which is scheduled for April 24 through April 28. During that event, incoming Kindergarteners can be enrolled and signed up for Kindergarten-readiness testing.

If you are passionate about public schools or would like to find a way to serve the local community, please consider some of these volunteer opportunities that will greatly benefit ML Phillips teachers, students and their families:

- *Crossing Guard – Volunteers are needed before and after school each day at the corners of Bigham/Locke and Marys/Locke.*
- *Front Office Support – Volunteers are needed to greet parents and answer phones.*
- *Copy/Lamination Room Assistant – Volunteers are needed to make copies and laminate materials.*
- *Reading/Mentoring – Volunteers are needed to join efforts sponsored by local churches, including Read2Win, Kids Hope USA and Good News Club.*
- *Revitalization Project – Volunteers are needed to brainstorm ideas and help revitalize the front of the school’s campus.*

Contact Addyson Green at addyson.green@gmail.com if you’re interested in volunteering or want to learn more. You can also contact her to receive an ML Phillips sign to display in your front yard. There is no cost for the sign.

cocoa & caroling event



Thank you to everyone who attended our "Cocoa & Caroling" event on December 11. Special thanks go to RNNA's awesome Events Team for organizing the fun. Save the date for RNNA's 3rd Annual "Cocoa & Caroling" event scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2017!

holiday yard of the month



December 2016 Yard of the Month
Don & Elaine Stogsdill
6309 Malvey Avenue





in other news



If you haven't been on the Ridglea North website in a while, please check it out at www.ridgleanorth.com! It's been newly redesigned and now features contact information for each member of the RNNA Board, newsletter archives, links to local amenities, a map of our boundaries and the ability to pay dues online.



At the Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards Luncheon on January 7, 2017, RNNA received recognition in three award categories:

- *Finalist – 2016 Fort Worth Pride Award for Ridglea North's improvements to Berney Park*
- *Finalist – 2016 Health & Wellness Award for our inaugural Friends of Berney 5K Fun Run*
- *Winner – 2016 Newsletter Award for outstanding achievement in communicating news about neighborhood events and issues*

be a block captain

RNNA has a new goal of finding a Block Captain for every block in our neighborhood. Currently, less than half of the blocks in Ridglea North are covered with a Block Captain. That means we need more volunteers!

Block Captains have an impact on crime prevention, reach out to neighbors, communicate information about special events and encourage neighbors to get involved.

Please read the Block Captain "job description" below:

- *Meet the people in your area or on your block. Consider having a casual block party so neighbors can meet.*
- *If everyone on your block agrees, put together and distribute a contact list so neighbors can stay in touch.*
- *As you meet your neighbors, encourage them to join RNNA if they are not already members! Let them know they can visit www.ridgleanorth.com to sign up online. Membership forms can be made available, too.*
- *If a new neighbor moves onto your block, try to meet them and let the RNNA Welcome Committee know so we can officially welcome them to the neighborhood.*
- *Pass out flyers to your assigned area or block for RNNA's special occasions and events.*
- *Encourage neighbors to prevent crime by increasing communication, looking out for one another and calling 911 to report anything suspicious.*

Please contact Una Bailey at u.bailey@sbcglobal.net to volunteer. A fun gathering will be held at the end of March so all the Block Captains can get together and share ideas.

RNNA leadership

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