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Happy summer!
So many wonderful things
have happened this spring in Ridglea North,
and we look forward to a great summer.

This May, we had 37 families participate
in our annual Ridglea North Garage Sale,
many of whom donated a small percentage
of their earnings to the Berney Park Fund.
A day later, Austin's Underdaws Food Truck
sold hotdogs in Berney Park and donated a
portion of its proceeds back to the park, too.
Then, a week later, we held our inaugural
Friends of Berney 5K Fun Run, presented by
Olivella's Pizza. There were 129 registered
participants and many other neighbors who
came to cheer them on and enjoy the fun.

Because of these events – plus donations
from many other generous neighbors – the
Phase 3 improvements to Berney Park are
almost complete! The new landscaping
looks wonderful, thanks to Ideal Partners
Landscape and Juan Delgado Irrigation.

This summer, please join RNNA or renew
your membership. All of the activities, as well
as our means of communication, are paid for
with your membership dues. We can't do it
without you! Hope to see you this July 4th!

Unea Bailey
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Ridglea North JULY 4TH celebration

This July 4th, please join RNNA for
our third annual July 4th Celebration!
Beginning in Berney Park at 9:30 a.m.,
the celebration will include a shorter
parade route around the sidewalk.
The vintage fire truck from Buffalo West
will be there for the kids to enjoy, along
with several new activities and contests.
There will be lots of fun awards, too, so
decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons and
pets to win a "Best Decorated" award!

This year, Councilman Zimmerman will
be in attendance. And as a neighborhood,
we'll be collecting canned food donations
for the Tarrant Area Food Bank. (Learn
more in the article featured on page 6.)

Steel City Pops will be there to keep us
cool, and will be asking for donations
of only \$2 per popsicle. And the 5K Fun
Run lemonade stand may make an
appearance, too, once again asking for
donations to benefit Berney Park.

Dress up in patriotic colors. Make a
homemade sign or poster with your kids.
This fun event will be a great opportunity
to meet other Ridglea North neighbors
and enjoy the ever-lovelier Berney Park.
If you'd like to help, contact Ruben Guerra
at guerra.ruben97@gmail.com or at
(817) 682-1705.



berney park

Thanks to all the "Friends of Berney" who have made generous donations, we have been able to start Phase 3 of the Berney Park Improvement Plan. This includes the preparation and landscaping of eight beds at the east and west ends of the park, drip irrigation, mulch and edging.

It looks awesome, but we are not finished. So, if you have not yet donated, please do! All donors will be listed on our website and in the September RNNA newsletter. In addition, all donors who give \$500 or more to Berney Park will be recognized with a personalized brick, which will be incorporated into a new rock planter surrounding the existing donor plaque.

At this point, we have received two donations of \$1,000, seven donations of \$500, 10 donations of \$100 to \$180, and 25 donations of \$5 to \$80. We are also grateful to the 129 registered participants of the "Friends of Berney 5K Fun Run," who each paid \$25 to support our wonderful park. Thanks to everyone who has become a "Friend of Berney" so far!

thank you to these "Friends of Berney" for their work on Berney Park!



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Yes!

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

Phase 3 of the Berney Park Master Plan had a projected budget of \$12,000 and includes the landscaping of eight beds at the east and west ends of the park near the existing crepe myrtles, as well as drip irrigation for these beds. As part of our Adopt-A-Park Agreement with Fort Worth, RNNA 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:
RNNA Berney Park Fund
c/o Una Bailey
6216 Locke Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Name/Company Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Donation Amount _____

berney park 5K fun run



Our inaugural Friends of Berney 5K Fun Run was a huge success this spring, bringing in more than \$3,500 for Berney Park through sponsorships and race registrations!

This fun-filled event drew in 129 participants, including 51 folks from outside Ridgela North. But the top two finishers, Michael Somerville and Katie Wade, are Ridgela North neighbors!

Special thanks go to 5K Fun Run Chairman Chris Miller, Olivella's Neo Pizza Napoletana, several generous business sponsors and the volunteers who made this event a success.





save these 2016 dates

- July 4 July 4th Celebration
- October 4 National Night Out
- October (TBD) Berney Park Workday
- December 8 RNNA Holiday Social & Elections
- December 11 2nd Annual Cocoa & Caroling

how can you get involved?

If you're looking for a place to get involved, look no further! RNNA is looking for neighborhood volunteers to help us make these events a success! Please look through the options below and contact the appropriate contact person. He or she will answer your questions and help you get involved. Thank you for making Ridglea North great!



Tuesday, October 4
Ridglea North's popular annual event, National Night Out, needs you! Join the planning committee to continue this event's tradition of success. Please email Una Bailey at u.bailey@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in helping.



Sunday, December 11
Coming back for a second year, this holiday gathering will be fun for all ages. Join the planning committee and help your neighbors get into the holiday spirit. Please email Lori Haspel at lorihaspel@gmail.com to get involved.



garage sale & hot dawg event

This May, 37 Ridglea North families participated in our annual RNNA Garage Sale. It was a very successful day, thanks to RNNA's Cyndi Cason and Shannon Wallace, who co-chaired the event, distributed neighborhood maps and scheduled the pick-up of leftover items through Goodwill.

The next day, participants who wished to donate a portion of their proceeds to the Berney Park Fund gathered in the park for an event called "Hot Dawg, Let's Celebrate!" There, they feasted on hotdogs from Austin's Underdawgs Food Truck, and even enjoyed an impromptu visit from some Fort Worth firefighters. Austin's Underdawgs donated half of its profits to Berney Park, as well. In total, \$530 was donated that day!



yard of the month winners



May 2016
Jim Travis & Cindy Reed
6433 Darwood Avenue



June 2016
Michael Williams & Aaron Coolidge
6433 Drury Lane



block captains needed

Currently, less than half of the blocks in Ridglea North have a Block Captain. That means we need more volunteers! Block Captains have a positive impact on crime prevention, welcome new neighbors, communicate information about special events and encourage neighborhood involvement. Being a Block Captain is not time-consuming, and direction will be provided for anyone who volunteers.

Please contact Suzie Jary at sjary@mindspring.com to get involved or learn more about the role of a Block Captain. Suzie plans to reach out to volunteers this summer to help them formalize how to help their neighbors in Ridglea North.

camp bowie construction

According to the Camp Bowie District, the construction at the intersection of Camp Bowie and Westridge should be completed in July. Rainy weather this spring delayed the completion, but the project is almost done and looks great.



**councilman
zimmerman's
CORNER**



The fun – and heat – of summer is upon us. And so, I'd like to share a few tips to help you have a healthy, happy summer!

- *West Nile-positive mosquitoes have been found in Tarrant County. Remember to use a DEET insect repellent when you'll be outside.*
- *It only takes a tablespoon of water to incubate mosquitoes. Be diligent about checking around your home. Check your flower pots, gutters and birdbaths frequently.*
- *Remember that everyone needs sunscreen and plenty of fluids. Check on elderly or homebound neighbors. Provide a shady spot and plenty of cool water for outside pets.*
- *Enjoy the fireworks, but leave them to the professionals. Items requiring ignition – including sparklers – are illegal within the city limits.*

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neighborhood food drive

For more than 20 years, the employees of the City of Fort Worth have held a food drive to benefit the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB). In recent years, they have collected between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of food and donations each year. Despite their contributions, the demand on the TAFB – which is the primary source of donated food for hunger-relief charities in 12 North Texas counties – has only increased. Last year, more than 47,000 households – many of whom could be a neighbor, co-worker or even a family member – received TAFB hunger relief.

Two years ago, neighborhoods were invited to participate in the food drive. Mayor Betsy Price has extended a personal invitation to the residents of Ridglea North to get involved!

Once again, a competition will be held to determine which neighborhood can collect the most food and donations. It will be a friendly competition, with Mayor Price recognizing and bestowing bragging rights



to the neighborhood that collects the most pounds of food. And so, let's show Fort Worth how much Ridglea North cares about hungry people in our community!

Bring your canned good donations to our July 4th Celebration in Berney Park. We'll have a container there for dropping off your items. Or, you can leave canned goods at 6216 Locke Avenue before July 6 in the basket on the front porch. Thanks for caring about those in need!

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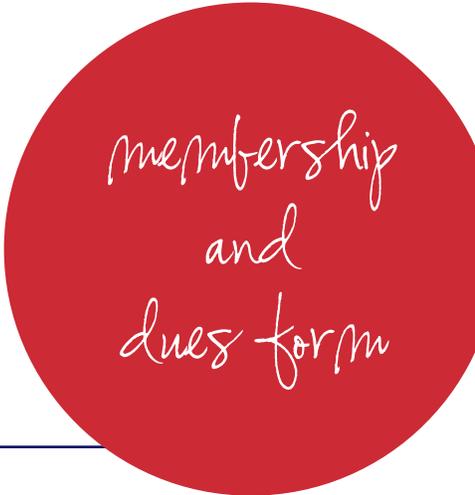
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home phone _____ cell phone _____

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"/> Block Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Cowtown Cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> July 4th Parade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard of the Month | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K Fun Run | <input type="checkbox"/> Cocoa & Caroling |

signature _____ date _____

Contact Jerry Thompson at jerrythompsoniii@gmail.com with questions concerning membership status.

Please complete and return, along with your association dues, to: RNNA c/o Una Bailey
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-OR-
Visit www.ridgleanorth.com
and join online using PayPal.

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