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## president's CORNER



*Congratulations to the RNNA officers who were elected last night at our Fall Social at Olivella's Pizzeria. I am very excited about these amazing neighbors who have agreed to be the 2017 leaders of our Ridglea North Neighborhood Association.*

*Hopefully, you will want to get involved with them as they work to make Ridglea North an even more amazing neighborhood!*

*After enjoying almost four years as your RNNA President, I look forward to serving as Past President with this group of enthusiastic, energetic leaders.*

*The RNNA Executive Board – with the help of so many of you – has accomplished some awesome things over the past several years. These improvements will continue to make Ridglea North a wonderful place to live.*

*Please take the time to read through our last 2016 issue of "Connected," as it is filled with interesting information about some of our activities and events, as well as information about new and exciting things to come.*

*Una Bailey*  
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# COCOA & CAROLING

*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Lights are going up all around us. Wish lists have been made and some folks have even finished shopping! (Extra points if you've already wrapped gifts!) Holiday music is in every store and the kids are counting down to the weeks off.*

*To help you and your family get into the holiday spirit, make plans to join us for our second annual Cocoa & Caroling event in Berney Park from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 11.*

*Make a cup of cocoa. Add a peppermint stick or some marshmallows. Enjoy some cookies. Take a hayride with your family. Join in the fun as we sing some favorite Christmas carols. It'll be a great way to kick off the Christmas season!*

*Sponsored by RNNA – and thanks to the Social Committee's hard work – this year's event will build upon the success of last year's inaugural event. An extra hayride route is planned for the kids, too.*

*Please invite a neighbor and join RNNA for this new neighborhood tradition!*





# FALL • SOCIAL

NOVEMBER 29 • 6 P.M. • OLIVELLA'S



## RNNA 2017 Executive Board

*Congratulations to the 2017 RNNA Executive Board members who were elected during the Fall Social on November 29. These neighbors are excited to serve the neighborhood and continue the success that RNNA has had in helping to make Ridglea North such a wonderful place to call home.*

*President    Andrea Deale*

*VP Association Affairs    Michael Klein*

*VP Public Safety    Ward James*

*Treasurer    Geri VanStone*

*Secretary    Alex Thompson*

*Director at Large - 5K    Chris Miller*

*Director at Large - Berney Park    Brett Cox*

*Director at Large - Social    Ruben Guerra*

*Director at Large - Neighbors    Megan Toups*

*Past President    Una Bailey*

*RNNA would like to extend sincere appreciation to three neighbors who are rotating off of the Executive Board. Thank you to these dedicated neighbors for jobs well done!*

*Suzie Jary has served on the RNNA Board for at least six years, holding multiple positions. Whatever Suzie does, she does well! Because of her dedication to Ridglea North, we are hoping she will serve as a committee chairman.*

*Robert Pike served on the RNNA Board as a Director at Large for two years, and then as Treasurer for the last two years. His help and advice in the way we do business has been invaluable!*

*Jerry Thompson has been on the RNNA Board for almost three years, serving as a Director at Large for Membership. With his amazing knowledge of Fort Worth and his ongoing involvement in so many civic organizations, we look forward to his continued support of RNNA.*

# RNNA survey results

Thanks to all the RNNA neighbors who participated in our survey, next year's Executive Board can work toward initiatives that matter most to you, our neighbors. Here are some of the results:

- Half (47.5%) of those surveyed have children at home, and 47.4% of those families have preschool-aged kids.
- All age groups are well-represented in our neighborhood, with 36.25% in their 20s and 30s; 27.5% in their 40s and 50s; and 36.25% over 60.
- Most neighbors (85.19%) feel like the frequency of communication is just right, and some neighbors asked to be added to communication lists. Favorite communication methods included email through Constant Contact, the "Connected" newsletter and neighborhood signs.
- Most neighbors surveyed (74.03%) feel like activities and events are enough for building community, but some (25.97%) would like to meet more frequently.
- Our neighborhood events are popular among those surveyed, with the three favorites listed as National Night Out, the July 4th Parade and the annual Ridglea North Garage Sale.
- Most of those surveyed are dues-paying members of RNNA (62.96%), but many were unsure of their membership status (22.22%) or are not currently paying dues (14.81%).
- More than half (59.46%) of those surveyed wish to be contacted during the month their membership expires, and nearly one-quarter (22.97%) support an annual membership drive. Others (17.57%) are interested in a multi-year option for membership.
- While 36.25% of those surveyed know who their Block Captain is, 60% do not know if their block is represented and 3.75% know their block does not have a Block Captain.

- Survey respondents overwhelmingly support the park improvements, with 82.28% saying they are pleased. Respondents were three times more in favor of dawn-to-dusk hours than park times that would require security lighting (5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.).
- Respondents are concerned about criminal activity (52.5%) and traffic in and around the neighborhood (45%).
- Most of those surveyed (86.3%) feel connected to their neighbors and Ridglea North as a whole. One-third of respondents asked to be added to the NPO's weekly offense report.



## yard of the month winners



September 2016  
Candy Wilson  
6311 Rosemont Avenue



October 2016  
Edie Magnussen  
6425 Kenwick Avenue



November 2016  
James & Marge Carr  
6404 Drury Lane



Honorable Mention – November 2016  
Robert Liles & Jaynie Carr  
6400 Drury Lane

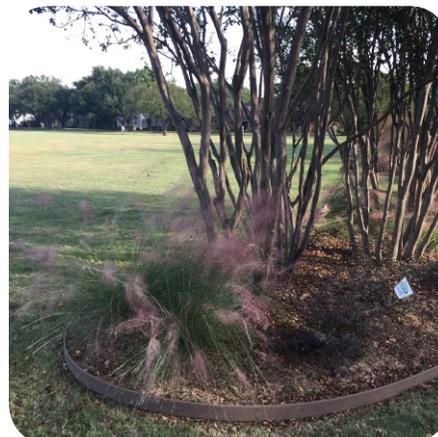
# berney park updates

On Saturday, October 15, about 15 Ridglea North residents and members of Boy Scout Troop 18 met in Berney Park for a fall work day. The group weeded the crepe myrtle beds adjacent to Ridglea Avenue and planted lots of winter color, including pansies, lettuce and chard.

You may also have noticed the recently completed raised stone planters on each side of the monument at the far east side of the park. This stonework was generously donated by Ideal's Art Zavala and now features winter color, as well.

Donors of \$500 or more will be honored with a brick at the base of the monument and stone planters. Please contact Una at [u.bailey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:u.bailey@sbcglobal.net) to reserve a brick for your family or business! Special thanks go to new donors Tom and Susan Howard and Austin's Underdaws!

RNNA continues to raise money for Berney Park, so please consider making a donation to help fund our efforts. You can use the form below to donate. Thank you to all our neighbors who have become such generous "Friends of Berney!"



# Yes!

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## NPO bel haddad's CORNER



*'Tis the season ... for holiday crime! We need to watch out for crime and for each other in the true spirit of the season. Here's what you can do to protect yourself, your family and your property:*

- *Be aware of your surroundings as you shop and return to your vehicle. If need be, get a security guard to accompany you. Take special care in mall parking lots this time of year.*
- *Packages are already being stolen as they are left on front porches. Please make arrangements so that this does not happen to you.*
- *Dispose of boxes discreetly. Don't advertise that you received a 42" TV for Christmas by putting the box out on your front curb!*
- *Be sure to lock your vehicles and remove all items from inside. This is still the most effective thing you can do to prevent a vehicle burglary.*
- *Keep garage doors down and locked, and turn on outside lights at night, if possible.*
- *Consider the installation of an inexpensive security camera near your front door to deter crime.*
- *Don't mention vacation plans or post travel photos on social media.*
- *Report suspicious behavior to police and post it on social media.*

*Each week, I prepare a report of the criminal offenses in Ridglea North and the surrounding areas. Please email Suzie Jary at [sjary@mindspring.com](mailto:sjary@mindspring.com) to be added to the distribution list.*

*Have a safe holiday season and let me know how I can help you or your family.*

**Officer Bel Haddad**  
[bel.haddad@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:bel.haddad@fortworthtexas.gov)  
(817) 253-3501



## block captains needed

*Block Captains are still needed here in Ridglea North! Being a Block Captain does not require a big time commitment and direction will be provided for getting involved and helping your neighbors.*

*Please read the following Block Captain "job description" to learn more:*

- *Introduce yourself to your block and get to know your neighbors.*
- *Gather and verify email addresses.*
- *Pass out flyers for special events.*
- *As new folks move in, let the Welcome Committee know so RNNA can reach out to them.*
- *Encourage your neighbors to host block parties to build community.*
- *Provide RNNA membership forms to your neighbors.*

*Please look at the list of uncovered blocks on this page. If you are able to fill one of these positions, please contact Suzie Jary at [sjary@mindspring.com](mailto:sjary@mindspring.com) to get involved.*

*Your service to Ridglea North and all of your neighbors is greatly appreciated!*

**Curzon Avenue**  
6000 block – 10 homes  
6100 block – 9 homes

**Darwood Avenue**  
6500 block – 10 homes

**East Lane**  
2800 block – 5 homes

**Edgehill Road**  
3000 block – 8 homes  
3100 block – 12 homes  
3200 block – 7 homes

**Fairfield Avenue**  
2900-3200 blocks – 12 homes

**Hilldale Road**  
3200-3300 blocks – 3 homes

**Malvey Avenue**  
6000 block – 8 homes  
6400 block – 29 homes

**Mary's Lane**  
2800 block – 1 home  
2900 block – 8 homes  
3000 block – 12 homes  
3100 block – 14 homes

**Olive Place**  
3000 block – 26 homes  
3100 block – 29 homes

**councilman  
zimmerman's  
CORNER**



*What an awesome year it has been! As the 17th largest city in the United States, we are seeing phenomenal growth:*

- *The Camp Bowie/Westridge intersection was completed with marked pedestrian crossings.*
- *The long-vacant Kroger property will see some new development with a RaceTrac in the former gas station's location. Discussions are underway with another developer for the former grocery store facility.*
- *New plans for Ridgmar Mall include a SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium with over 300 species and 1,500 animals from around the world. Future phases of transformation include new retail, entertainment and dining options.*

*And, as is often true, sometimes we must say goodbye to things:*

- *Ridglea Presbyterian Church – my church home – is set for sale to QuikTrip after they complete their due diligence process. The current form-based zoning for Camp Bowie does not require any request for a zoning change. The QT staff has met with the Camp Bowie District and several of the neighborhoods, including Ridglea North. With only 11 current parking spaces and a soggy basement, it is no longer a feasible home for the church, which is currently seeking a new location.*
- *The Black-eyed Pea Restaurant closed in October and we hope that someone will see the potential in that location soon. Special thanks go to Paul McKinney at Buffalo West Restaurant for reaching out to the displaced employees with job offers.*

*Lastly, I hope you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Zim*



## **zoning around ridglea north**

*RNNA held a meeting on November 2 at Ridglea Presbyterian Church at the request of officials from Quik Trip (QT). While there are no zoning issues, there are some building codes that the QT team has been asked to comply with in order to meet the new Camp Bowie District Form-Based Code. These building code discussions are held between QT and Camp Bowie District, and do not include RNNA – although we are aware of these ongoing discussions.*

*At the meeting, Ridglea Presbyterian Pastor Ryan Baer explained the church's reasons for selling the property, which include a need for more parking and an overall larger campus to support future growth. The pastor – and others from the congregation – provided a back story on how the church arrived at the decision to sell, a process that has been underway for over two years.*

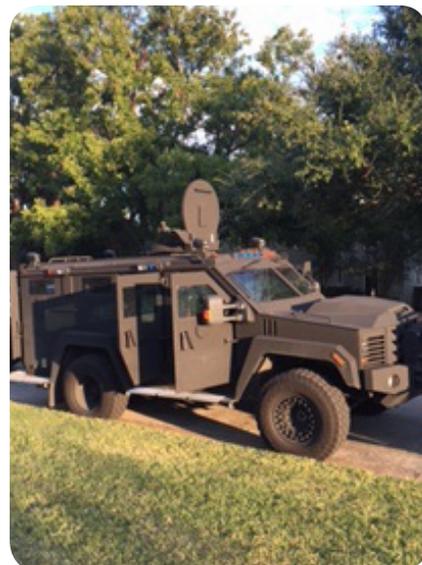
*The property is not yet sold, as the QT team is still completing due diligence. If the process goes as planned, QT would close on the property at some time in Q1 2017. From that point, Ridglea*

*Presbyterian would have up to 18 months to vacate the property. The church has not yet identified a new property for its new location, so it is still too early to predict when QT could start its project. If QT closes on the property, additional meeting(s) will be held to communicate the timeline and keep RNNA neighbors apprised of the planning process.*

*During the meeting, QT reps provided a brief summary of the company and very early planning for the site. They answered questions from the RNNA neighbors in attendance and listened to comments regarding potential concerns. The QT team was very open, honest and receptive to neighbor comments and pledged to keep RNNA involved in the planning process if the sale is completed.*

*Overall, the communication at the meeting was positive and the QT team was thankful to have the opportunity to share about their company and hear from the community. They are hopeful about the project and look forward to building a strong partnership with RNNA, the local community and the City of Fort Worth.*

# national night out



On October 4, more than 300 neighbors enjoyed a beautiful evening in Berney Park to celebrate RNNA's National Night Out. Thanks to the help of NPO Bel Haddad, neighbors were able to meet and visit with Fort Worth police officers, firefighters, MedStar personnel, SWAT personnel, and Code Enforcement officers.

Also in attendance were representatives from Zim Zimmerman's office, the Park & Recreation Department and the District Attorney's office. And even though she was very busy, Mayor Betsy Price stopped by for a visit. We appreciate her support of Ridglea North!

Thank you to all the neighbors and local businesses who volunteered their time or donated items for our door prizes. And thank you to Cori Olivares and Renee Mitcham for working hard to pull off this fun annual event!



# RNNA leadership

EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# 2016



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(817) 392-8803

**Neighborhood Police Officer:**  
Bel Haddad  
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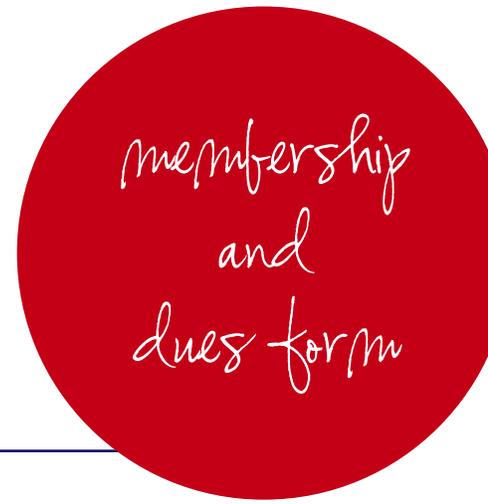
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| <b>ZONING</b>                                  | <i>Michael Klein</i>                      |



## become a member

RNNA is dependent upon your voluntary dues of only \$25 per year. Dues fund all neighborhood communication, as well as activities. If you are not already a member of RNNA, please fill out the form on the next page and pay your dues with a check or by using PayPal online. Thank you!



## 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)

- Block Captain     Park Committee     Cowtown Cleanup     July 4th Parade  
 Crime Watch     Welcome Committee     Garage Sale     National Night Out  
 Traffic/Safety     Yard of the Month     5K Fun Run     Cocoa & Caroling

signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Jerry Thompson at [jerrythompsoniii@gmail.com](mailto:jerrythompsoniii@gmail.com) with questions concerning membership status.

Please complete and return, along with your association dues, to: RNNA c/o Una Bailey  
6216 Locke Avenue  
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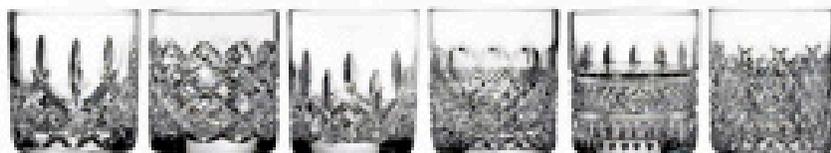
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