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## president's CORNER

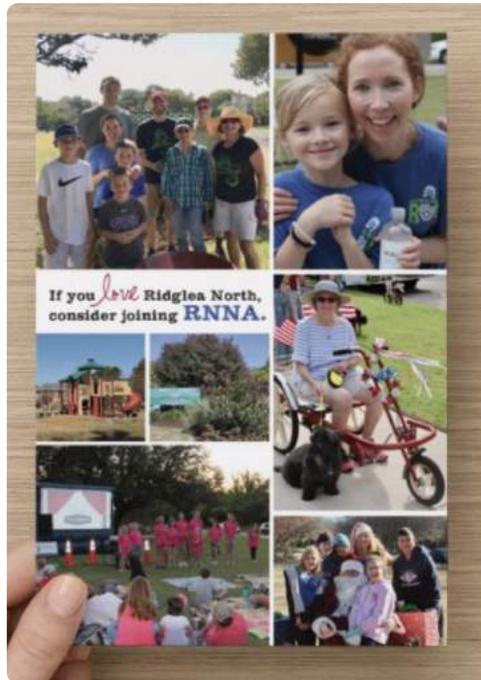
This almost-spring season marks a fresh new start for RNNNA in 2018. The RNNNA Board has been hard at work to plan learning opportunities and events to bring neighbors together. We hope you will take a look at the calendar on page 3 and make plans to join us for some of the fun things we're planning.

One of the biggest new RNNNA initiatives is the formation of a new crime watch program. Neighbors who are interested in taking an active role in preventing and reporting criminal activity will want to take part. RNNNA is working with our NPO and the City's crime prevention specialists to organize this new program. Read more on page 4.

Lastly, please make plans to attend our "Community Connection" meeting for all neighbors, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at MLP Elementary. You can learn more about RNNNA and browse an open-house forum to learn from area experts on a variety of topics. Read more on page 3.

As always, 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 2018 in our wonderful neighborhood!

Andrea Deale  
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## love your neighborhood

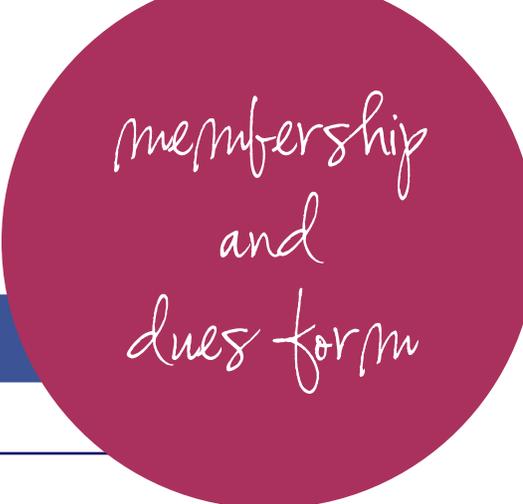
Sometime during the last two weeks, our dedicated block captains and neighbor volunteers delivered membership postcards to each home in Ridglea North as part of our "Love Your Neighborhood" annual membership drive.

As a voluntary neighborhood association, RNNNA relies upon annual dues to fund events and initiatives that bring neighbors together, create learning opportunities and communicate neighborhood news.

Becoming an RNNNA member is easy and only costs \$25 per household! Simply visit our website at [www.ridgleanorth.com](http://www.ridgleanorth.com) to join or renew online using PayPal, mail in your postcard with the provided envelope or print out and mail in the form found on the next page of this newsletter.

Please contact RNNNA Secretary Caitlin Faubion at [caitlin.faubion@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.faubion@gmail.com) if you have a question about your current membership status. RNNNA adopted a quarterly renewal process last year, and reminders are now sent when your membership expires. Don't forget that business memberships are available for local or neighbor-owned businesses for only \$50 a year. Business members appreciate the ability to identify sponsorship opportunities and stay informed about neighborhood news.

So, it's time to "Love Your Neighborhood!" If you're already a member of RNNNA, thank you. Your help in funding our events, meetings, communication and outreach is much appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of RNNNA!



## household information (please print)

name(s) of adult resident(s) \_\_\_\_\_

street address \_\_\_\_\_

phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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"/> Photography      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard of the Month  | <input type="checkbox"/> Park & Green Spaces             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ridglea North 5K | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies in the Park | <input type="checkbox"/> July 4th Celebration            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale      | <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out | <input type="checkbox"/> Cocoa & Caroling                |

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Contact Caitlin Faubion at [caitlin.faubion@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.faubion@gmail.com) with questions concerning membership status.  
Join or renew online at [www.ridgleanorth.com](http://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

# all-neighbor meeting: community connection

As part of RNNA's commitment to extend educational opportunities to Ridglea North neighbors, the RNNA Board is hosting its second-annual "Community Connection" all-neighbor meeting on Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m. The event will be held at Mary Louise Phillips Elementary, which is located at 3020 Bigham Boulevard. Based on the recent neighbor survey about educational opportunities, several topics of interest will be presented in an open-house format. After RNNA officers share some information about RNNA initiatives, neighbors will be invited to browse the room and interact with RNNA, City and local agency representatives, each with a unique expertise to share. Additional information will be shared as planning continues to progress, but some of the booths will include:

- Crime Watch
- Park & Green Spaces
- Membership/Welcome
- 5K/Health & Fitness
- Community Outreach
- Police/Fire Appreciation
- Fort Worth Police Department
- Fort Worth Water Department
- Recycling/Environmental Quality
- Local Voting Information
- RD Evans Community Center
- MLP Elementary & Monnig Middle School
- LVT Rise (Las Vegas Trail Revitalization)
- Ridglea Christian Church (homelessness prevention)

Residents who'd like to donate to the local groups at the meeting are encouraged to bring donations of new or gently used white polo shirts (in all sizes) for students in our two neighborhood schools, single-use toiletries for Ridglea Christian Church's ongoing community service with the homeless or new or gently used children's books for the kids who attend the afterschool program at RD Evans. Thanks for generously supporting these great causes!



## save these 2018 dates

February (all month) "Love Your Neighborhood" Annual Membership Drive

March 1 @ 7 p.m. "Community Connection" All-Neighbor Meeting

March 24 Cowtown Cleanup

April (all month) "Rock the Block" Challenge

April 7 Gardening Seminar

April 21 Ridglea North 5K

May 11 Movies in the Park

July 4 July 4th Parade

September (TBD) Litter Stomp

September 22 Garage Sale

October 2 National Night Out

November 9 Movies in the Park

November 13 Fall Social & RNNA Elections

December 8 Cocoa & Caroling

# RANA

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**STOP  
CRIME!**

## crime watch training

Are you interested in taking an active role in preventing crime here in Ridglea North? RNNA is starting a crime watch program with the help of our NPO and local crime prevention specialists. Make plans to join RNNA representatives at the West Division Police Department (3525 Marquita) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, for the first training session. Dinner will be provided, courtesy of Jimmy John's on Camp Bowie. Neighbors will learn about crime watch, get some tips from the experts and have a chance to talk to our NPO and crime prevention specialists about current crime trends. Questions? Please contact RNNA Crime Watch Chair Ginny Ives at [g.ives@att.net](mailto:g.ives@att.net) to learn more.

## NPO bel haddad's CORNER



I hope everyone is well. FWPD's Intel Unit – along with West NPOs – located the package thief who took a package from Curzon/Fairfield a few weeks ago. The subject was placed under arrest and his vehicle was impounded. He later admitted to theft in our neighborhood. FWPD could not have made the arrest without the victim's solid cooperation and video footage.

We are investigating reports of porch furniture theft, as well as reports of a suspicious male subject who has been seen crouching between cars. We have made contact with him and are watching him closely. Please remember to call 911 if you notice anything suspicious.

I recently received three calls on my personal cell phone from the "IRS." I was informed that I had a warrant for my arrest and needed to contact the number provided. I decided to investigate further, so I called to tell them I was surrendering myself, wished to be picked up and demanded to see the judge. The caller became very nervous and hung up! Please do not fall prey to IRS scams – the real IRS will not call you by robot or request personal information. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on March 1 at MLP Elementary. Be safe!

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

## coffee with the principal



Whether you are exploring school options for your family or are a neighborhood resident who would like to know more about our local school, please make plans to join Mary Louise Phillips Elementary Principal Whitney Clark for coffee, a Q&A with current parents and staff members and a tour of the school. "Coffee With the Principal" will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 10 a.m. at the school, which is located at 3020 Bigham Boulevard. Contact Lindsay at [lgastorf@hotmail.com](mailto:lgastorf@hotmail.com) or at (817) 726-9436 with questions or for more information.

## ridglea north moms' group



As the weather warms up, our Moms' Group will be scheduling some fun playdates in Berney Park. Want more information? Contact RNNA Moms' Group Chair Lori Bruns at [loriell@gmail.com](mailto:loriell@gmail.com) or visit the "Ridglea North Moms" Facebook page to get connected.



## no soliciting signs

RNNA's new "No Soliciting, No Handbills" signs can be reserved by contacting RNNA President Andrea Deale at [fwfrog7@gmail.com](mailto:fwfrog7@gmail.com) or can be purchased at the "Community Connection" meeting on March 1. 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!

how can *you* get involved?

## Cowtown Great American Cleanup

Make plans to join your Ridglea North neighbors for the Cowtown Cleanup on Saturday, March 24. Neighbors will gather in Berney Park at 8:30 a.m. to get their assignments and then spread throughout the neighborhood to collect trash, pull weeds, trim overgrowth, spread mulch, plant flowers and more.

Cowtown Cleanup is a great way to help beautify the neighborhood, volunteer together as a family or complete service hours. A light breakfast and water will be provided, as well as gloves, trash bags and T-shirts.

Contact Luci Digorgio-Vasquez at [lu76110@outlook.com](mailto:lu76110@outlook.com) to register as a Cowtown Cleanup volunteer. Thank you!

Participants are invited to head over to the Earth Party at the Fort Worth Water Gardens afterward for a volunteer lunch, as well as live music, games and a chance to visit educational booths and exhibits. Attendees will be able to learn about recycling, water conservation, air and water quality, waste reduction, environmental issues, alternative transportation, healthy living initiatives and much more.



## neighborhood awards

This January, RNNA representatives accepted three awards on behalf of our neighborhood and supported Officer Bel Haddad as he was recognized for his outstanding service. As part of the Mayor's Neighborhood Awards, RNNA was recognized for excellence in several award categories:

**WINNER:** Newsletter Award  
(for our "Connected" newsletter)

**FINALIST:** Civic Engagement & Community Collaboration  
(for last March's "Community Connection" meeting)

**FINALIST:** Spirit of Fort Worth  
(for our "Movies in the Park" events)

**FINALIST:** NPO of the Year  
(for Officer Haddad's outstanding service)

Thank you to all the neighbors who volunteer their time throughout the year to make Ridglea North such a great place to live! Special congratulations go to Officer Haddad for his recognition by the City. Way to go, Ridglea North!

**councilman  
brian byrd's  
CORNER**



*It is my honor to represent you on the Fort Worth City Council.*

*Fort Worth continues to grow at an astonishing rate, bringing in about 25,000 people a year. That is like adding the city of Waco every five years! Since so many new people require new roads, water lines and sewer lines, we are working hard to make sure each citizen receives the best city services – all while finding ways to lower the tax rate.*

*In an attempt to control speeding, TP&W will place a mobile driver feedback machine – that will flash your speed – on Ridglea Avenue this spring. The machines have been shown to have a positive effect on slowing traffic. If the collected data indicates that the machine's presence works well, we will have the option of placing a permanent, solar-powered feedback sign in the area.*

*The Las Vegas Trail Project is completing its first phase of data collection. Beginning in March, we will deploy a mobile community center that will allow us to gather more data on what works while delivering programming for kids and adults. We are putting legal pressure against a motel and an apartment complex where crime levels are high. Our police force has increased pressure against drug dealers in the area. All in all, we are making slow but steady progress. It is important to remember that this project is a five- to 10-year journey and we will see results little by little.*

*Best to all of you as you settle into 2018. Please contact me anytime.*

*Brian Byrd*

Brian Byrd  
Fort Worth Council Member District 3  
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## gardening seminar

*Do you have a green thumb? Interested in learning more about gardening? Our resident garden lovers – the folks from the RNNA Yard of the Month Committee – are working hard to put together a fun gardening seminar for interested neighbors. Several experts will be on hand to share information about lawn care, landscape design, produce gardening and more! Additional details will be shared as planning progresses, but please save the date for Saturday, April 7, if you'd like to participate. We hope to see you there!*

*Rent a Plot*

## JUBILEE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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# block captains needed



Block Captains are still needed on a few blocks. Being a Block Captain does not require a big time commitment and direction will be provided for helping your neighbors. Please read the Block Captain "job description" below:

- Introduce yourself to your block.
- 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.

Please look at the list of uncovered blocks below. If you are able to serve in one of these positions, please contact RNNA Block Captain Chair Dana Gill at [danalgill@yahoo.com](mailto:danalgill@yahoo.com) to get involved.



## rock the block

Last year's inaugural "Rock the Block" challenge was so much fun that RNNA is hosting it again this April! Organized by our dedicated Block Captains, this month-long event challenges neighbors to schedule something fun together, get to know one another and build community. Last year, neighbors grilled out, swam, enjoyed ice cream sundaes, hosted potlucks, had cocktail parties or enjoyed pizza in a neighbor's driveway while the kids played yard games. It's up to each block to decide how to celebrate, but RNNA encourages all blocks to organize at least one get-together this April. Would you like someone from RNNA to attend and talk to your neighbors? Contact RNNA President Andrea Deale at [fwfrog7@gmail.com](mailto:fwfrog7@gmail.com) with the info about your block's get-together or to send in photos from your block's gathering to be shared via RNNA's Facebook page.

### **Bigham Boulevard**

2900 block – 7 homes  
3000 block – 8 homes

### **Calmont Avenue**

6100 block – 7 homes  
6200 block – 11 homes

### **Camp Bowie Boulevard**

6400 block – 9 homes

### **Darwood Avenue**

6500 block – 10 homes

### **Edgehill Road**

3000 block – 8 homes  
3200 block – 7 homes

### **Greenway Road**

6400 block – 17 homes  
6450 block – 18 homes

### **Kenwick Avenue**

6400 block – 23 homes

### **Malvey Avenue**

6000 block – 8 homes  
6100 block – 20 homes  
6400 block – 29 homes

### **Marys Lane**

2800/2900 blocks – 9 homes  
3000 block – 12 homes  
3100 block – 14 homes  
3200 block – 28 homes

### **Olive Place**

3000 block – 26 homes  
3100 block – 29 homes

## yard of the month awards



December 2017  
Gabe & Kim Pierce  
6337 Darwood Avenue



February 2018  
Phillip Vasquez & Luci Digiorgio-Vasquez  
6324 Curzon Avenue



## park & green space updates

Stop by Berney Park to admire the recently updated recognition area for major donors (pictured above). The flagstone and brick monument – as well as the small granite plaques under the picnic tables and benches – all recognize major donors who supported the Berney Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund between 2013 and 2017. In addition to these individuals, families and businesses, more than 200 other neighbors contributed to the improvement of Berney Park in the form of smaller donations or volunteer hours.

The three phases of the Berney Park Improvement and Maintenance Plan are now complete, except for ongoing maintenance. Improvements have included the walkway around the perimeter of the park, nine new

benches, three new picnic tables, a drinking fountain, six new trees, edging and mulch for the crepe myrtle beds, new landscape beds and irrigation to all the new trees and planting beds. Thanks to our donors and volunteers, Ridglea North is proud to have an amazing park in the heart of our neighborhood.

RNNA recently entered into an agreement with the City to adopt three medians: one at Westridge/Locke, one on Malvey and one at the intersection of Westridge/Greenway/Curzon. Several neighbors have generously donated funds for improvements to these specific areas. Neighbor and architect Hoyt Hammer is generously helping RNNA develop plans and work with the City. RNNA hopes to share specific plans very soon with all neighbors.



RNNA is excited to announce that this year's Ridglea North 5K is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to a generous sponsorship by neighbor-owned Patterson Law Group, registration fees have been lowered to \$10 this year. Simply visit the RNNA website at [www.ridgleanorth.com](http://www.ridgleanorth.com) and click on the 5K link to register yourself and your family!

This year's event will be presented by Happy State Bank and will feature food by several local vendors, as well as fun activities for kids. We're even adding a free Fun Run for the kids, which will be run on the sidewalk that borders Berney Park starting at 10:30 a.m.

RNNA invites runners and walkers of all levels to join us for our third annual 5K as we raise funds for park and green space maintenance and improvements. Be on the lookout for updates as details are finalized. Contact RNNA Health & Fitness Director Katie Wade at [thewadefam@gmail.com](mailto:thewadefam@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer to help.



# 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.

Name/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your donation to:  
RNNA  
c/o Chris Miller  
6228 Curzon Avenue  
Fort Worth, TX 76116

# RNNA leadership

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# 2018



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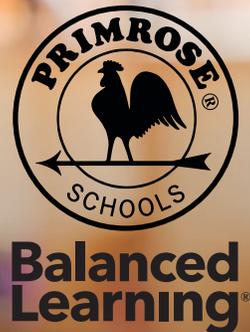
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