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president's CORNER

Happy summer!

We hope you will all enjoy the new look and name for our newsletter. We have chosen the new name "Connected" because we hope it will connect us as neighbors! Andrea Deale is our new editor and is excited about getting involved. Thank you to Danyelle Keenan, our former editor, who is moving this summer. We truly appreciate your service to the neighborhood.

In March, the RNNA voted to amend our bylaws and change the start of our fiscal and election year to January 1. Because some of our present officers and chairmen could not serve another six months, our Board has a new look, too. See inside for more details.

If you'd like to get more involved, please let me know. And, please join RNNA or renew your membership. All of our activities and communication are paid for with your dues. We can't do it without you!

Andrea Bailey
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parade patriotically

1 improved park in the middle of it all 3 long blocks added to the route
8 new park benches for your front-row seats 1 patriotic reason to celebrate

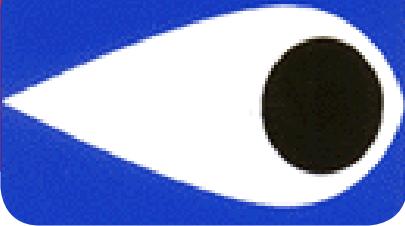
This July 4th, join RNNA for our most fun-filled neighborhood tradition – our annual July 4th Neighborhood Parade in Berney Park. Invite your friends and family to join us for this perennial patriotic party! This year's festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include an extended parade route circling from Curzon to Edgehill to Rosemont and back to Curzon again. The parade usually lasts about an hour.

Dress up in red, white and blue. Show your national pride by decorating your bikes, strollers, wagons and pets! Make a homemade sign or poster. Walk the parade route with your friends and family or relax in the shade to view the parade.

You can scout out one of Berney Park's new benches or create your own front-row seat along the parade route with your own lawn chairs or shade canopies.

After the one-hour parade, stay and play at the park to meet more Ridglea North residents or head back to your block to enjoy a block party with your neighbors. Several blocks in Ridglea North are planning fun get-togethers and potlucks to encourage further community and celebrate July 4th together.

If you would like to help or learn more about RNNA's July 4th Neighborhood Parade, please call Marilyn Sammons at (817) 300-8055.



staying safe

Around 25 Ridglea North residents attended our June 4 crime watch meeting at Ridglea Christian Church. Kala Sloan, a crime prevention specialist with the Fort Worth Police Department, emphasized that crime prevention begins with each one of us and that communication between neighbors is vital. She also emphasized that since we live here, we know who and what "fits" in our neighborhood. Because we recognize what is out of place, we can be valuable eyes and ears for our FWPD law enforcement officers.

During the meeting, Sloan shared the following useful crime prevention tips:

- **Call 911 to report anything that appears out of place.** Dialing 911 is easiest for citizens. The call center will prioritize calls by urgency. When you call, identify yourself as a "Crime Watch" member of RNNA and describe the incident in detail. The more information you can supply, the better. You might provide a valuable piece of a crime-prevention puzzle.
- **Provide a detailed description.** When describing an individual of interest, include gender, age, height, weight and build. Note any clothing, accessories or special features, such as hats, footwear, facial hair, scars, tattoos or glasses. Time and location is important, too, especially the direction the individual headed after the incident.
- **Describe vehicles in detail.** If a vehicle is involved, look for the basics, such as make, model, color and license plate number. But also look for unique features, such as markings, loud pipes, custom paint jobs, tires and wheels. And don't forget to provide information about which direction the vehicle was headed at the time of the incident.
- **Sign up for www.nextdoor.com** This is a great resource for sharing and posting information about what is happening in the neighborhood. The site verifies that you are a resident of the area before allowing you to participate, and there is even an easy-to-use smartphone app.
- **Get to know your neighbors.** Meeting the people on your block is a vital part of preventing crime. Talk to one another and host block parties to build community. Each block or group of blocks that have a Block Captain will be eligible to erect a Neighborhood Crime Watch sign to further deter criminal activity. See below for more information.
- **Partner with the local police.** Crime prevention specialists from the FWPD will provide a crime prevention assessment for your home or block at no cost. They will also make recommendations for additional security. Contact Sloan at kala.sloan@fortworthtexas.gov or (817) 991-8476 to get started.
- **Be a Citizen on Patrol (COP).** Contact Maureen Beaucond at ourfortworth@gmail.com or (817) 239-7533 to learn more.
- **Protect your home during travel.** Activate your alarm system and tell at least one neighbor that you will be gone. Use light timers in different rooms and put your newspapers and mail on hold. Throw the bolt on your garage door and be sure to put padlocks on your gates.

Preventing crime begins with all of us.
Get involved and support each other!

— Suzie Jary



what is a block captain?

Block Captains reach out to neighbors, encourage involvement and have an impact on crime prevention. Less than half of Ridglea North's blocks currently have a Block Captain. That means we need more volunteers! Read the following "job description" and contact Una Bailey at u.bailey@sbcglobal.net to get involved or learn more.

1. Meet your neighbors. We will give you a list of names and addresses.
2. As new folks move to your block, introduce yourself and let the RNNA president know so that the Welcome Committee can reach out to them.
3. Pass out flyers for special events and encourage involvement.
4. Provide membership forms and collect contact information.
5. Serve as your block's point person for the Crime Watch program.

church neighbors



councilman zimmerman's CORNER

I hope you and your family are enjoying your summer and looking forward to celebrating our great nation on July 4th.

We need residents from your area to provide programming and design input on the Como Community Center that was approved in the 2014 Capital Improvement Bond. Please attend one of the following meetings at the current Como Community Center (located at 4900 Horne Street) to share your ideas.

- Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Looking forward to hearing from you.
Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Zim

In May, Ridglea United Methodist Church and Thompson Chapel United Methodist Church voted to merge into a single, unified congregation, the newly named Harvest United Methodist Church. Although the name has changed, the church location remains at 6036 Locke Avenue in Ridglea North.

Ridglea UMC has been a wonderful supporter of our neighborhood for years. Their very active Boy Scout Troop has volunteered at many of our events, most recently the Cowtown Cleanup in March. In addition, we are very grateful for their generous donation to our Berney Park improvements last year.

The senior pastor of Harvest UMC is Rev. Louis Carr, who was the pastor of Thompson Chapel UMC before the two churches merged. He and the Harvest UMC congregation would like to invite their Ridglea North neighbors to join them for Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

— Janice Gumm Culpepper



Have you seen a moving van on your block? Have you noticed new neighbors getting settled in here in Ridglea North? If so, please email Ginger Dickson at ginger@williamstrew.com or call her at (817) 291-0141.

As RNNA's new Welcome Committee Chairwoman, Ginger would love to welcome new residents with a freshly baked treat and a personal invitation to join our neighborhood association. Please help us make Ridglea North a welcoming place for new neighbors!



Mark your calendar and save the date for Tuesday, Oct. 6, when Ridglea North will gather together in Berney Park for the 2015 RNNA National Night Out!

This is always a great event and is a fun opportunity to meet your neighbors and visit with members from FWPD, FWFD, MedStar and other service organizations that help keep our neighborhood safe. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will go until dark. Check out the new park improvements and join us for some music, fun, food and more!



yard of the month winners



April 2015 Yard of the Month
George & Robin Dunham
6229 Kenwick Avenue



May 2015 Yard of the Month
JoAnn Royer
6412 Rosemont Avenue



June 2015 Yard of the Month
Doug & Misty Green
6401 Kenwick Avenue

neighborhood traffic

A traffic engineer recently drove through Ridglea North to assess our signage and lighting needs and to identify areas of concern. The assessment was done during the early morning hours and several recommendations were made. We were also able to get additional information about plans and timing. Here is what we learned:

- Yield signs will be considered for the intersection at Hilldale and Rosemont, as well as the one at Hilldale and Garland. These areas of concern emerged from the traffic survey we conducted last summer.

- Outdated signs will be upgraded, but street markings, such as stop sign strips and crosswalks, will not be added back in after street construction is complete because there are no funds. The city may be able to budget for this in the future.
- We are waiting for updates about the timing of lighting upgrades.

The RNNA Traffic Committee remains determined to keep working to improve our neighborhood's safety. Please call Skylar Baxter at (682) 230-0574 with any concerns, questions or ideas.



furry friends

To report a lost or found pet,
email ridgeleapetwatch@gmail.com
or call Ginger Dickson at (817) 291-0141.



berney park

At the RNNA meeting this March, Brett Cox, AIA, LEED AP, presented a scaled drawing of a landscape master plan concept for Berney Park. Brett, who heads up our RNNA Park Committee, is also an architect with Bennett Benner Partners Architects + Planners, which is based here in Fort Worth.

Those present at the meeting agreed overwhelmingly that our neighborhood should move forward with the proposed plans for Berney Park, and in May, the RNNA Board voted to approve the Berney Park Landscape Concept Plan. The members of the Berney Park Landscape Committee are now in the process of refining their proposed plan.

The committee agreed that irrigation for the beds at the east and west ends of the park, as well as new trees and some replacement crepe myrtles, were the top two priorities. The committee is now interviewing licensed irrigation companies. As soon as one is selected, the plan will be sent to the Fort Worth Parks & Community Services (PACS) Department for approval, along with the concept plan, which is pictured below.

It has been indicated by PACS that the first two phases – irrigation and trees – will be approved. The rest of the plan will be accomplished in subsequent phases, as PACS gives approval and as RNNA raises additional funds.

The money we presently have in the Berney Park Landscape fund should cover the cost of irrigation. And we have a very good bid for three large trees from Archie's Gardenland as part of the second phase. However, we need to raise additional funds for trees and color in the east and west beds. So, please be on the lookout for more information about "buying a tree" for Berney Park.

We hope to begin work on the irrigation soon, so watch for progress and for the good things happening in Berney Park! Our hope is to continue making Berney Park the pride of our neighborhood for many, many years to come!



a look back at spring



march 28 cowtown cleanup

This year's Cowtown Cleanup was the best ever! Almost 30 neighbors met at Berney Park to fan out across Ridglea North, picking up trash and recyclables in our neighborhood's public areas. Participants included 11 National Junior Honor Society students from Monnig Middle School, two Boy Scouts and even a 3-year-old toddler! Many thanks to Philip and Luci Vasquez for making this such a fun and successful event! We'd also like to thank FedEx Kinkos for printing flyers at no expense to RNNA and to Jimmy John's on Camp Bowie for the delicious sandwiches, pickles and drinks they provided for our volunteers.

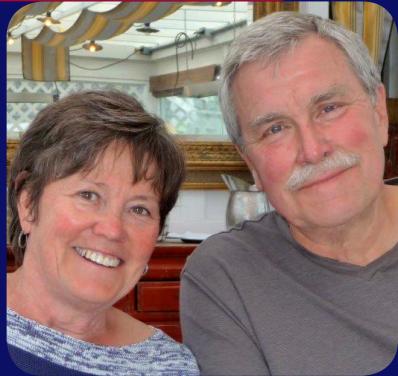
may 2 garage sale

The 2015 Ridglea North Garage Sale was a huge success and included 28 participating families! Ros Rogers, who chaired the event, printed out maps of all the sales locations for shoppers. Goodwill Industries even picked up leftover items from anyone wishing to donate items that did not sell. Ros is not going to chair this event next year, but she has amazing records and notes for anyone wanting to take it over. If interested, please email Una Bailey at u.bailey@sbcglobal.net to get involved.

may 16 bike rodeo

Ridglea North's first-ever Bike Rodeo was a lot of fun. Our neighborhood's NPO, Officer Marion Collinsworth, along with others from FWPD, conducted the bike rodeo in Berney Park to teach bicycle safety in a really fun way – with an obstacle course. Most kids brought their own bikes and helmets, but some used the equipment provided by FWPD. It was a fun event for the whole family!

volunteer SPOTLIGHT



Jim & Janet Nolte

The Noltes moved to Ridglea North in 1999 and knew the importance of a strong neighborhood association. When a zoning issue came up that could change the look of Ridglea North, Jim and Janet became part of a group that rallied the neighborhood into action. The Noltes have held several positions on the Board, including publishing the newsletter. Until two years ago, Jim printed the newsletters at his own expense and Janet was in charge of delivering them by hand. Jim was treasurer for many years – including the last four years – and has kept detailed financial and membership records for the association. They have also been very involved in events like National Night Out and Cowtown Cleanup. Jim has often spoken on behalf of RNNA before the City Council and various commissions. Jim and Janet have shown unwavering dedication to RNNA, with untold hours of commitment and personal financial support. We are very grateful for them both!



water pressure

Not unlike many residents of RNNA, I discovered a problem with low water pressure when I moved into the neighborhood last year. I called several sprinkler companies to price out the installation of a new sprinkler system, only to be informed that we have some of the lowest water pressures in the city. That was code for, "It's going to cost you a fortune because you'll need twice as many sprinkler heads and/or add an expensive water pressure booster."

Forming a Committee

After discovering that I wasn't the only Ridglea North neighbor suffering from low water pressure, I joined a committee with Joe Bailey and Robert Ebeier to conduct an informal study of our neighborhood's water pressure. Our goal was to get a representative sample of readings from homes – both those with old pipes and new pipes – so that we could encourage the city to provide the necessary infrastructure for adequate water pressure.

Robert had a list of neighbors who wished to participate, and we contacted several other Ridglea North residents, as well. The test consisted of simply screwing on a pressure gauge to an outside water faucet while the water inside the home was not running.

Testing & Results

On June 1, armed with a list of 14 participating homes, we conducted an informal water pressure test. First, we ensured that the test occurred within a two-hour window in the late afternoon when sprinklers and showers would be less likely to be running. Then, we listened to hear if water was flowing and looked at the city meters, when possible, to make sure water was not flowing. Lastly, we attached the pressure gauge to an outside faucet and took the water pressure readings.

Readings ranged between 32 psi and 40 psi, all well below the desired pressure for municipal water pressure. Here are the results:

*39 psi – 6336 Kenwick Avenue
32 psi – 6425 Rosemont Avenue
40 psi – 6201 Curzon Avenue
38 psi – 6432 Drury Lane
42 psi – 6517 Calmont Avenue
37 psi – 6448 Rosemont Avenue
40 psi – 6324 Curzon Avenue
40 psi – 6216 Locke Avenue
40 psi – 6210 Locke Avenue
39 psi – 6224 Curzon Avenue
39 psi – 6337 Kenwick Avenue
38 psi – 6220 Greenway Road
39 psi – 6325 Greenway Road
40 psi – 6320 Curzon Avenue*

Next Steps

Within the next 30 days, we will be meeting with Councilman Zim Zimmerman to discuss our findings and to find out which solutions from the city are possible. We will report our options to the neighborhood, and with a unified electorate, perhaps we can rectify the low water pressure problem that plagues our neighborhood.

Low Water Pressure Can Affect You

It is generally accepted that city water pressure should range up to 100 psi – with 40 psi being the very lowest acceptable pressure. Aside from the extra costs of added water pressure boosters and more sprinkler heads, low water pressure can make your drinking water unsafe for human consumption. Obviously, if your home suffers from low water pressure, you will notice it every time you get in the shower, fill your tub or try to wash items using your hose.

Test Your Pressure

Although it's too late to participate in our informal study, we are happy to check your water pressure. Please contact me at pdvasquez@gmail.com or (817) 228-0854 if you are interested.

– Philip Vasquez

city watering restrictions

Although area lakes are at capacity, year-round watering restrictions are still in effect. City Council felt that it would be right to continue the message of conservation. You can sign up for a free irrigation system evaluation by calling (817) 392-8740 or going online at www.fortworthtx.gov/savefwwater/residential-irrigation-audit/



RNNA leadership

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YARD OF THE MONTH	<i>Judy Griewe</i>

We are fortunate that so many talented people have chosen to share their expertise, enthusiasm and time as members of the RNNA leadership. Six of those individuals are rotating off the Board, and we want to thank them! Danyelle Keenan, thank you for your work on our award-winning newsletter and Facebook page. Jim Nolte, you have done so many amazing things for Ridglea North! Marilyn Sammons has been our Social Chairwoman for two years, and among other things, started the RNNA July 4th Parade. So fun! Jennifer Eggleston totally redesigned our website, making it easier to use! Judy Griewe started the Yard of the Month program and has diligently recognized the owners of Ridglea North's most beautiful yards. Ros Rogers organized two of the most successful neighborhood garage sales we've ever had and even arranged for a non-profit to pick up our leftover items.

Many thanks to these wonderful neighbors. You will be missed!

RNNA Membership & Dues Form

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? If so, please check the applicable boxes for event planning.

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 Welcome Committee Park Committee Crime Watch
 Traffic/Safety National Night Out Social Committee Yard of the Month

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
6216 Locke Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76116

-OR-

Visit www.ridgleanorth.com
and join online using PayPal.



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2015 Schedule

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	NYM 7:05 1:05	4
5	OAK 9:07	OAK 9:07	OAK 9:07	OAK 2:37	HOU 3:05	HOU 7:05
12	HOU 2:05	LAA 7:05	LAA 7:05	LAA 1:05	16	SEA 9:10
19	SEA 3:10	20	ARZ 8:40	21	ARZ 8:40	24
26	LAA 2:35	27	SEA 7:05	28	SEA 7:05	29
				30		

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			EXHIBITION GAMES	BAL 6:05	BAL 6:05	LAA 7:05 8:05
5	LAA 6:05	6	ARZ 7:05	7	ARZ 7:05	10
12	SD 2:05	13	All-Star Game	14	15	17
19	HOU 1:10	20	COL 7:40	21	COL 2:10	24
26	LAA 2:35	27	NYY 7:05	28	NYY 7:05	29
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MAY						
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17	CLE 2:05	18	BOS 6:10	19	BOS 6:10	20
24	NYY 7:05	25	CLE 3:10	26	CLE 6:10	27
31	BOS 2:05		texasrangers.com 972-RANGERS			

AUGUST						
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9	SEA 3:10	10	MIN 7:10	11	MIN 7:10	12
16	TB 2:05	17	SEA 7:05	18	SEA 1:05	19
23	DET 12:08	24	TOR 7:05	25	DET 6:08	26
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JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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14	MIN 2:05	15	LAD 7:05	16	LAD 9:10	17
21	CWS 1:10	22	OAK 7:05	23	OAK 1:05	24
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SEPT/OCT						
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27	LAA 2:05	28	DET 7:05	29	DET 7:05	30
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Thanks for helping to underwrite the newsletter!