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KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



RNNA SOCIAL & ELECTIONS
DECEMBER 3 @ BUFFALO WEST



COCOA & CAROLS
DECEMBER 6 @ BERNEY PARK



president's CORNER

Happy Thanksgiving!
One of the things I am
thankful for is where I live –
both my country and my neighborhood!

Congratulations to Ridglea North for recently winning the Mary Louise Michie Arboreal Award of Excellence! We were recognized for the improvements to Berney Park – especially our trees. Thank you to everyone who helped with planting, irrigation and mulching to preserve the beauty of our park for years to come.

Judging for the December Yard of the Month will be based on outdoor holiday displays. Please have your decorations ready by December 15 if you'd like to be considered. Ridglea North always looks so festive!

RNNA is able to do great things because of our wonderful residents and annual membership dues. If you have never joined RNNA or cannot remember if you've paid your \$25 annual dues, please visit our website or use the form inside to get involved. Do it right now, please!

After 2½ years as RNNA President, I have decided to "pass the gavel." The Board – with the help of so many of you – has been able to accomplish some amazing things. I am very excited about the neighbors who have agreed to lead RNNA next year. I hope you will get involved with them to make Ridglea North an even better place for all of us to live!

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holiday socials & elections

2 fun socials for building community 1 new NPO ready to meet your family
enjoy an evening with neighbors and vote in elections for 10 RNNA officers

Join RNNA as we celebrate the holiday season with two fun social events this December. Be sure to save these dates and invite other neighbors who may not already be on the RNNA email list.

Holiday Social & Board Elections Thursday, December 3 (6 to 8 p.m.) Buffalo West Restaurant

Join us for an evening of festive fun!
Order dinner and drinks – if you wish – and then mingle with your neighbors. At 7 p.m., we will have a short meeting and meet our new Neighborhood Police Officer, Matt McClellan. We will also elect new RNNA officers for 2016. The slate of officers is listed here, courtesy of the RNNA Nominating Committee. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor during the RNNA meeting.

President Brian Tucker
VP Association Affairs Andrea Deale
VP Public Safety open position
Treasurer Robert Pike
Secretary/Membership Alex & Jerry
Thompson

Director at Large/Social Lori Haspel
Director at Large/Park Brett Cox
Director at Large/Fun Run ... Chris Miller
Director at Large open position

Cocoa & Caroling Sunday, December 6 (4:30 to 6 p.m.) Berney Park

Join us for a new holiday tradition in our beautiful park! There will be hot cocoa, cookies and carols to sing, and the kids will enjoy short hayrides around the park! Bring the entire family to celebrate the Christmas season with RNNA!



berney park

The Ridglea North Berney Park Landscape Committee recently completed Phase 2 of the Berney Park Improvement and Maintenance Plan. By now, you have probably seen the improvements, and we hope your family is enjoying them!

Just in time for NNO, three new trees were planted, including a Live Oak and two colorful Chinese Pistache trees. Thank you, Archie's Gardenland, for your help!

A new, water-conserving irrigation system has been installed along the perimeter of the park to keep all our trees alive and to irrigate future landscaping. Thank you, Juan Delgado of Guardado Landscaping!

A group of neighbors met for a workday to spread mulch around the trees. Thank you to Silver Creek Materials for the mulch and to the hardworking neighborhood helpers!

We are now raising money for Phase 3, which will include additional landscaping and irrigation that we hope to begin next spring. Please see the next page for more about our "Friends of Berney" efforts.



little free library

Our Ridglea North neighbors, Paul and Karen Galley, have donated a Little Free Library for Berney Park and have arranged for Boy Scout Troop 18 to install it, pending City approval. The donation was made in memory of Jack Rieur, a retired teacher and literacy advocate who lived next door to Karen when she was a child and inspired her to pursue a career in teaching. Thank you, Galley family, for your generous donation! Enjoy the new "take a book, leave a book" library!

how can you be a friend of berney?

Berney Park has changed a lot in the past year. We hope that you and your family are enjoying the improvements. Now that the new sidewalk paths, picnic tables, benches, trees, irrigation and mulch have been installed, we are ready to move forward with Phase 3 of the Berney Park Master Plan, which will include new landscaping and irrigation at the east and west ends of the park.

We hope to begin Phase 3 in the spring, but first need to raise close to \$10,000. And so, we have created a fundraising plan for the continued improvement and maintenance of Berney Park. We are calling this campaign "Friends of Berney" (FOB), and hope that it will help us accomplish our goals for the park.

RNNA has applied for 501(c)(3) status and expect to have it approved by the end of this year. Our official FOB fundraising effort will begin in January, but if you would like to donate now for tax purposes, the donation form is attached below. Simply fill it out and follow the instructions to return it.

Research shows that a viable park within a neighborhood can increase nearby property values by as much as 20 percent. Therefore, all of us in Ridglea North have a vested interest in becoming "Friends of Berney."

Please consider donating to FOB. If you have questions about the fundraising goals or would like to get involved with the fundraising efforts, please contact Philip and Luci Vasquez at pdvasquez@outlook.com or call them at (817) 228-0854. There are lots of ways to help and donations of any amount are helpful. Together, we can all be "Friends of Berney."

Yes!

*Please mail your donation to:
Robert Pike, CPA
6115 Locke Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76116*

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

Phase 3 of the Berney Park Master Plan has a projected budget of \$10,000 and will include the landscaping of three 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!

Name/Company Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Donation Amount _____





crime prevention

The three-fold season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day brings families together each year. Unfortunately, it also brings opportunities for crime. By staying alert and attentive at all times, you can deny a criminal a target and avoid being hoodwinked this holiday season! Here are a few tips to help you and your family prevent crime:

- Remember that solicitors at your door are rarely legitimate. They need a permit from the city.
- Go to the door if someone knocks so they will know you are home. Speak through the door to decline unwanted sales pitches.
- Display a "No Soliciting" sign near your front door. RNNA still has a few signs available for purchase.
- Shopping centers and malls are hotbeds of crime during the holidays. Shop with a companion

and avoid getting overloaded with shopping packages. Ask for a security escort to your car.

- Keep your outdoor lights on at night. This is a big deterrent to crime.
- Remove all items from your vehicle. Remember to lock your car or park in the driveway or garage.
- If you see something, say something. Call 911 so the police can investigate suspicious behavior. Be sure to report details, such as clothing, the direction an individual is headed and a vehicle's make, model or license plate number.

Remember that most crimes are crimes of opportunity, so don't give criminals any opportunities! If you would like to be a Block Captain or wish to receive the weekly crime report from our NPO, please contact Suzie Jary, VP of Public Safety, at sjary@mindspring.com.



yard of the month winner

October 2015
Patrick & Debra Navratil
6408 Kenwick Avenue



NPO news

RNNA would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Officer Marion Collinsworth, who has been our Ridglea North Neighborhood Police Officer for the past three years!

Officer Collinsworth has been reassigned, and we are sorry to see him go! He has always been there when we have asked for help. He has spoken at many of our RNNA meetings, attended our National Night Out events, helped us with Crime Watch and even conducted our first Bike Rodeo last spring.

We are sad to lose him as our NPO and know that the residents in his "new beat" will be glad to have him around.

We are also grateful that Officer Collinsworth helped to select our new Ridglea North NPO, ensuring that we would be assigned "a good guy." Our new NPO, Officer Matt McClellan, will be in attendance at our Holiday Social at Buffalo West Restaurant on December 3. Please bring your family so that you can meet him

Officer Collinsworth, thank you again for your service to our neighborhood. We appreciate you and wish you all the best!

the school scoop



On Wednesday, November 11, six FWISD student-athletes signed their national letters of intent to play their sports at selected colleges and universities. Three of the students previously attended Monnig Middle School:

- Andre Washington, Arlington Heights (3rd from left) Basketball, Illinois State University
- Drew Medford, Paschal (4th from left) Baseball, Texas Christian University
- Alydia Victoria "Tori" Poullard, North Side (5th from left) Softball, Abilene Christian University



councilman zimmerman's CORNER

Congratulations on all your hard work in Berney Park and for winning the Mary Louise Michie Arboreal Award of Excellence! I applaud your neighborhood for its efforts to provide a better park for Fort Worth residents by improving its appearance and usability.

I marvel at the park's increased use and am extremely proud of the way your neighborhood has pulled together to accomplish the improvements and additions. In fact, I have cited Ridglea North as a great example of neighbors working together to accomplish goals.

Lastly, I'd like to wish all of you in Ridglea North a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season.

Zim



Mary Louise Phillips is one of four elementary schools identified as a potential grant recipient for Fort Worth's Blue Zones Project, which encourages kids to increase physical activity by walking to school. In early November, Principal Marty Marion, FWISD officials and several teachers and parents walked the school's surrounding neighborhoods to identify potential safe routes to school and potential crosswalks and walking paths, as well.

MLP is proud to announce that its students have earned three of five distinctions on the 2014 STAAR Test, including Science, Top 25% Student Progress and Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps. In addition, MLP students scored significantly above all benchmarks, including Postsecondary Readiness.



Monnig Middle School recently received a generous grant courtesy of the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation and the Sid Richardson Foundation. These foundations donated over \$550,000 worth of instruments for Monnig's music program and helped further Monnig's ability to provide a premier middle school fine arts program. WOW! As an added honor, Felice Mancini, daughter of Henry Mancini and CEO of Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, traveled from Los Angeles to present the honor in person. Thank you to Dr. Linares, Dr. Scribner, Principal Rhone, Mr. Geren and many more for celebrating Monnig!





learning garden

Our neighbors, Archie's Gardenland and Ridglea Christian Church, have teamed up with Tarrant Area Food Bank to develop the Learning Garden, a demonstration garden and training center that feeds hungry people in our community. They offer tours, tools and training to support local gardeners.

TOURS

Tour the Learning Garden to learn more about the various models employed at the site. Tours by appointment are held on first Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon.

TOOLS

Groups starting community garden projects will be able to borrow tools and obtain other available materials at no cost. The seed bank is open during workdays, classes and special events.

TRAINING

Community groups and individuals will be able to attend classes on a variety of topics at no cost. Gardener classes are held on third Saturdays each month.

Visit www.tafb.org to sign up for tours or for community garden training.

TARRANT — AREA —

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COMMUNITY GARDEN



Happy Holidays FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!

\$10 OFF of \$50

or more on retail purchases, simply show us this coupon.
Offer expires 1-15-15, limit one per garden



ARCHIE'S GARDENLAND

www.ArchiesGardenland.com

a look back at NNO



RNNA's National Night Out in October at Berney Park was a huge success! About 300 people joined in the fun, enjoying the fantastic music, food, activities and other entertainment.

*VERY SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:
NNO Chairman Deb Pruitt
Councilman Zim Zimmerman
Fort Worth Police Department
Fort Worth Fire Department
Fort Worth SWAT Division
Fort Worth MedStar
Kyle Redd Trio
Boy Scout Troop 18
Ridglea Library
Darlene McClearen
Sharon Webber
David Thomason
and all the food vendors
and door prize donors!*



RNNA leadership

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1/4 of a page ad (vertical orientation) - \$25 per issue

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full-page ad (vertical orientation) - \$100 per issue or \$350 for a full year

If you'd like to advertise with us, please send your ad as a PDF or JPEG file to Andrea Deale at fwfrog7@gmail.com and send your check to RNNA to:

Robert Pike, CPA
6115 Locke Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76116

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.

Tips for Holiday Safety

Home Safety

Holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.

When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.

Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.

Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.

If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.

Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

Happy Holidays

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
4:30 TO 6 P.M.
BERNEY PARK**

**HOT COCOA & COOKIES
CHRISTMAS CAROLING
HAYRIDES FOR THE KIDS**

Thanks for helping to underwrite the newsletter!

*Wishing Happy Holidays
from My Home to Yours!*



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