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OCTOBER 6 @ BERNEY PARK



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OCTOBER 17 @ BERNEY PARK



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COCOA & CAROLING
DECEMBER 6 @ BERNEY PARK



president's CORNER

Happy fall, neighbors!

There are some exciting things happening in Ridglea North!

First up is National Night Out on October 6.

This annual event is a fun way to meet your Ridglea North neighbors and increase crime prevention efforts in our neighborhood.

Also in October, you will notice a new phase of development in Berney Park as part of our ongoing beautification program. Many thanks to Archie's Gardenland, Silver Creek Materials and Juan Delgado of Guardado Landscaping for their fabulous donations and pricing that are making this phase of our park's improvement possible! We hope to see you at the "Beautify Berney" work day in Berney Park on Saturday, October 17.

If you'd like to get more involved, please join RNNA, become a Block Captain, donate funds for park improvements or volunteer on the Board. There is something for everyone!

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national night out

1 big event for building community 2 clowns and 1 band to entertain us all
meet members of 4 public safety departments and buy food from 2 vendors

Join RNNA on Tuesday, October 6, for an evening of community and fun as we celebrate our biggest neighborhood event of the year – National Night Out! Invite your family and friends to join us in Berney Park from 5:30 p.m. until dark as we enjoy food from neighborhood vendors and a variety of entertainment, including live music from Kyle Redd, clowns, a magician, balloon artists and more! The Ridglea Public Library will even host a fun story time for children.

Special guests include Fort Worth police officers, helicopter pilots, firefighters, SWAT team members and MedStar service personnel. Councilman Zim Zimmerman has also been invited.

With so many public safety personnel planning to attend, National Night Out is the perfect opportunity to increase crime prevention awareness and thank the folks who work so hard to make our community a safe and family-friendly place to live.

Fuzzy's Tacos will be offering \$1 tacos and Campisi's will be offering \$3 small pizzas. Papa Murphy's is donating free cookies, Sprouts will provide free fruit and Walgreen's will bring free water. Door prizes include gift cards from The Egg & I, Szechuan, TCBY and McAlister's Deli, as well as a bike donated by Walgreen's!

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved and meet other Ridglea North neighbors!



berney park

Exciting changes are coming this fall to Berney Park! The Landscape Committee has been working with the city for the last couple of months to secure approval for the second phase of the Berney Park Master Plan. Starting this month, you'll begin to see some of the changes and will even have some opportunities to contribute to the progress by volunteering or donating.

Planting New Trees

Three new trees will be planted in time for the National Night Out celebration! Archie's Gardenland has generously priced three new trees for the park and will plant them for us. A 100-gallon Live Oak will add shade to the middle of the

park and will complement the size and shape of the park's existing trees. Two smaller Chinese Pistaches will flank a bench on the park's north side and will provide beautiful fall color.

Installing Irrigation

Days after National Night Out, irrigation installation will begin for the trees along the edge of the park and for future landscape beds. Guardado Landscaping has generously priced the materials and labor for this project. The irrigation will utilize sustainable concepts through rain and freeze sensors, smart timers and drip lines. In an additional effort to conserve water, irrigation will NOT be installed for the grass areas in the park.

Volunteer for "Beautify Berney"

As part of RNNA's Adopt-A-Park agreement, we are required to maintain all new park landscaping. Therefore, the Landscape Committee will be hosting a come-and-go "Beautify Berney" volunteer work day on Saturday, October 17. Please join us between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to spread mulch provided by Silver Creek Materials. Please bring your own water, shovels, work gloves, rakes and wheelbarrows. Jimmie John's will provide a free sandwich lunch for our volunteers.

Fundraising for the Next Phase

We are currently raising money for Phase 3, which will include planting native plants around the existing crepe myrtles. We hope to begin next spring. Please see the article on page 3 for more information about these efforts.



how can you be a friend of berney?

Berney Park truly is the gem of our neighborhood. Since the completion of its Phase 1 improvements – new sidewalk paths and the addition of new picnic tables and benches – usage of the park by our neighbors has skyrocketed. From daybreak to dusk, folks are walking their pets, exercising, playing on the playground, meeting up with friends, playing frisbee, hosting youth sports practices and more.

The Phase 2 improvements coming soon (see page 2) will be paid for using available funds in the RNNA Berney Park Improvement Fund. However, before we are able to move forward with future phases, we need to raise additional funds. We have a projected budget of \$10,000 for the planting of three new beds and will also need to raise funds for additional phases and ongoing maintenance.

And so, we are in the process of creating 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 our park. We are going to need your help in at least three distinct areas. Please look over our needs to the right and let us know how you can help.

We will be kicking off the FOB Campaign at National Night Out on October 6. There will be a “Friends Of Berney” table where you can get more information about the Berney Park improvements. And, of course, there will be donation forms available!

Contact Philip and Luci Vasquez at pdvasquez@outlook.com or call them at (817) 228-0854 to learn more about FOB or to volunteer to help. Together, we can all “Be a Friend to Berney.”

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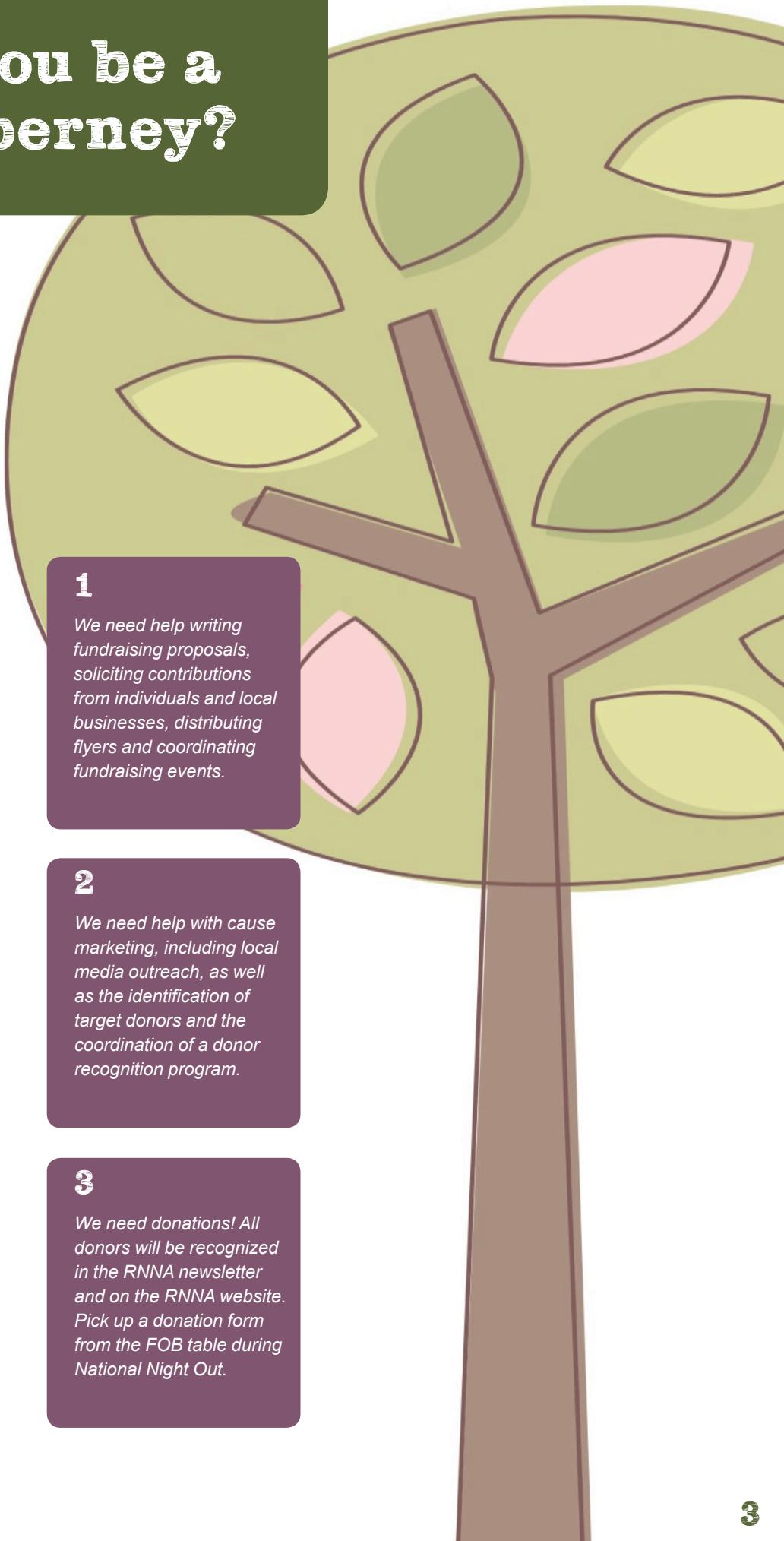
We need help writing fundraising proposals, soliciting contributions from individuals and local businesses, distributing flyers and coordinating fundraising events.

2

We need help with cause marketing, including local media outreach, as well as the identification of target donors and the coordination of a donor recognition program.

3

We need donations! All donors will be recognized in the RNNA newsletter and on the RNNA website. Pick up a donation form from the FOB table during National Night Out.





prevent crime: think like a criminal

The weather is changing and fall is here. And while pumpkin loaf and pumpkin spice lattes are only in season for a little while, crime is always in season.

The good news is that there are ways to reduce your risk of being victimized. When it comes to preventing crime, it can be helpful to change your perspective. In addition to securing your family and home, take a look at your property and imagine it the way a criminally-minded individual sees it. You may be surprised to find that there are things you are doing – or not doing – that increase your risk of theft, burglary or other crimes. Consider these criminal perceptions and give the suggested precautions a try. With some simple changes, you'll be able to deny a criminal an easy target!

"Maybe there's an iPad in that bag ..."

Be sure to clear your vehicles of all items, including bags, sunglasses, CDs and coins stored in the console. With less in view, your vehicle will be much less attractive to a criminal.

"It's locked! I'll find an unlocked car."

Double check your car doors each time you exit. Most criminals do not want to draw attention to themselves by smashing a window. They'll usually move on and look for an unlocked car.

"Breaking into a garage? No thanks."

Park in your garage, if possible. Breaking into a garage is noisy, so most criminals will limit their search to cars in driveways or on streets.

"It's too bright – I prefer the dark."

Turn on all of your outside lights each night. Criminals will usually choose the dark house with lots of big bushes over the well-lit homes on the block.

"Locked doors? I'll find another one."

Lock all exterior doors and check that your garage doors are down and that your gates are secured.

"No one ever calls the police or 911."

If something feels or looks suspicious, call 911 right away to report it. Don't give criminals extra opportunities.

"No one will think this is suspicious."

Stay vigilant. Many criminals walk neighborhood streets daily, looking under doormats and trying car door handles and windows. Criminals are always looking for opportunities.

There are several other ways you can help prevent crime in our neighborhood. Volunteer as a Block Captain (see the article on page 5 for more information). Or send an email to Suzie Jary at sjary@mindspring.com if you would like to be included in the email blast from Officer Marion Collsworth, Ridglea North's Neighborhood Police Officer. Visit www.crimemapping.com to view the police reports from our area and to sign up for crime alerts that can be sent to your smartphone or computer. And finally, please join us for the Citizen's on Patrol (COP) meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Meetings are held at the West Division Police Department located at 3525 Marquita Drive. Contact Maureen Beaucond at maureen.tx@gmail.com for more information or to get involved.



get the scoop on school

Mary Louise Phillips Elementary School is the FWISD school for Ridglea North. Even if your family does not have students in attendance there, we think it's important to share some of the good things happening at our neighborhood school. Here is a list of just a few of the exciting things happening on campus:

- The school welcomed new principal Marty Marion to the campus this year.
- Over 535 students are currently enrolled at Mary Louise Phillips Elementary.
- FWISD offers an after-school program for third- through fifth-graders that includes running, computer, optimist, drama, dance and arts and crafts clubs.
- Fifth-graders are instructed in ballroom dancing and learn how to tango and waltz, as well as how to do the foxtrot, swing, meringue and rumba. They have been awarded gold and silver medals for dance in past area competitions.
- The school's library is the sixth highest circulating elementary library in FWISD.

build community: who is my block captain?



Bigham Boulevard
2900 - Richie Brooks
3000 - Veronica Gaffney
3100 - Richie Brooks
3300 - Richie Brooks

Calmont Avenue
6100 - Keith Guthrie & Brenda Pegueros
6200 - Keith Guthrie & Brenda Pegueros
6400 - Deb Pruitt
6500 - Deb Pruitt

Camp Bowie Boulevard
6400 - Charlotte Reed

Curzon Avenue
6200 - Mary Jane Webster
6300 - Betsy Griffith
6400 - Ryan & Misty Smock
6500 - Ryan & Misty Smock

Drury Lane
6400 - Dorothy Gregory

Garland Avenue
6400 - Scott Wade
6450 - Curtis & Janet Basham
6500 - Curtis & Janet Basham

Kenwick Avenue
6100 - Brian Tucker
6300 - Glenda Aslin

Lindell Avenue
6400 - Thuy Howeth

Locke Avenue
6000 - Ed Judge
6200 - Steve & Melissa Muskyens
6400 - Suzie Jary

Lovell Avenue
6000 - Linda Beranek

Malvey Avenue
6200 - Robert Ryan
6300 - Richard Luke
6500 - Brett & Molly Cox
6600 - Greg Johnson

Olive Place
2800 - Yvette Lyons
2900 - Yvette Lyons

Ridglea Avenue
3100 - Alison Busick
3200 - Alison Busick
3300 - Alison Busick

Rosemont Avenue
6300 - JoAnn Royer
6400 - Jo Ann Royer

what is a block captain?

Block Captains reach out to neighbors, encourage neighborhood involvement and have a positive impact on crime prevention. Currently, less than half of the blocks in Ridglea North have a Block Captain. That means we need more volunteers! If your block is not represented in the list to the right, please consider volunteering. Also, some of our Block Captains are representing multiple blocks and need additional help! Please read the Block Captain "job description" below and contact Suzie Jary at sjary@mindspring.com to get involved or learn more.

- Meet your neighbors. RNNA will give you a list of names and addresses.
- As new folks move in, introduce yourself and welcome them to the neighborhood. Let the Welcome Committee know so RNNA can reach out to them, as well.
- Pass out flyers for special events and encourage involvement. Talk to your neighbors about hosting block parties to build community among neighbors.
- Provide membership forms and collect contact information for RNNA.
- Serve as your block's point person for the Crime Watch program.



yard of the month winners



July 2015 Yard of the Month
Simon & Mana Mota
3117 Bigham Boulevard



August 2015 Yard of the Month
Darren Alexander
6374 Greenway Road



September 2015 Yard of the Month
Nolan & Megan Toups
6100 Kenwick Avenue



traffic & safety news

Numerous complaints have been received concerning loud traffic noise in Ridglea North. Most of the complaints came during the late night or early morning hours, and usually involved motorbikes, revving engines, loud trucks and loud music with excessive bass.

According to Fort Worth officials, these types of noise in residential areas are prohibited and should be enforced by FWPD. Noise ordinance #20191-05-2012 states that "it is the intent of the city to control the level of noise in a manner which promotes commerce; protects the sleep and repose of citizens; promotes the use, value and enjoyment of property; and preserves the quality of the environment."

There are penalties for noise violations, including fines up to \$500. The RNNA Traffic Committee is working with the FWPD to receive their help in enforcing these violations. We are also working to determine whether signs can be posted stating the hours, fines and penalties for noise ordinances and violations.

We are currently waiting for news from the city concerning the proposed lighting upgrades. These upgrades will affect many streets in our neighborhood, and we will keep you informed as we learn more. In the meantime, please let us know how else the Traffic Committee can help make Ridglea North an even better place for you and your family!

furry friends

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





water pressure

As you know, RNNA appointed a task force to conduct sample readings of water pressures in our neighborhood and present the findings to city officials. Their goal was to get a representative sample of readings from homes – both those with old pipes and new pipes – so that RNNA could encourage the city to provide the necessary infrastructure for adequate water pressure.

This Water Pressure Task Force, made up of Philip Vasquez, Joe Bailey and Bob Ebeier, met with city officials in late July and learned several things about what is being done by the city to address Ridglea North's water pressure issue. In addition to the task force members, City Councilman Zim Zimmerman and his assistant Sandi Breaux were in attendance. Representatives from the City of Fort Worth Water Department were also present, including Planning Development Engineering Manager Wendy Chi-Babulal, Assistant Water Director Charly Angadicheril and Assistant Director Travis Andrews.

The City is Aware of the Problem
Andrews explained that the city has been aware of our low water pressure situation for a number of years, adding that the city has been working on short- and long-term solutions for this problem.

Explanations of Elevations

Chi-Babulal showed us a topography map of our area to show us its varying elevations and geological features. She explained that a home's water pressure is determined not by its distance from the water tower on I-30 – although homes closest to it will normally have lower pressures – but by the elevation of the home in relation to the tower. She also showed us how Ridglea North is bordered by two high geological features, with the lowest area being approximately where the new dog park is being completed. In that area, water pressures are 15 to 20 psi higher than in homes with the highest elevations.

Water Study of Western Fort Worth
Chi-Babulal informed us that the city has been conducting a comprehensive water study of western Fort Worth that will be completed next spring. After its completion, solutions will be proposed and implemented over the next three years. Possible solutions could include running a high-pressure water line from the lowest areas of the neighborhood to the highest areas. Homeowners will have to evaluate whether or not they wish to tie their homes into the new line, especially because the higher pressures could create problems for old plumbing or closely spaced sprinkler systems.

Temporary Solutions

Angadicheril shared that the city recently began adjusting the water levels in the water tower to maintain a 3 to 5 psi increase in our neighborhood's water pressure. Although it is only a remedial action, it should add some pressure to the homes in our neighborhood.

Lowering the Water Tower Levels

The tower has a capacity of 1 million gallons, which the city allows to drain almost entirely for water quality reasons before refilling. In order to maintain the temporary increase in water pressure, however, the city has only been allowing the levels to decrease by 15 feet before replenishment. Because the city would like to drain the tower below the 10-foot level, Angadicheril asked us to poll our neighbors to determine the best time to bring the water tower to its lowest level. The rest of the time, the water would be kept at a higher level to maintain higher pressures in the neighborhood.

Next Steps for the Neighborhood

Although we have gotten the attention of the city, we intend to continue working with Councilman Zimmerman to find a long-term solution for Ridglea North's low water pressure problem. He has promised to keep us informed as the city's water study and solutions unfold. With your cooperation and patience, we will continue to build a unified voice and seek a better quality of life for us all. If you would like to discuss this matter in more detail, contact Philip Vasquez at pdvasquez@outlook.com or at (202) 664-0292.

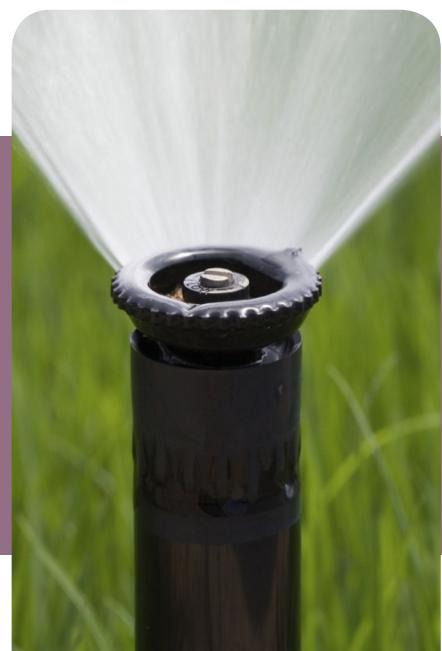
free irrigation system audit

Did you know that the City of Fort Worth provides free irrigation system audits? Irrigation problems often go undetected, resulting in excessive water use and waste.

Much like a car's tune-up, audits ensure that your system is operating at its peak.

During the audit, a licensed irrigation inspector will evaluate your system and recommend ways to help you improve your system's efficiency while saving money.

For more information or to schedule your free audit, please call (817) 392-8740.



a look back at july 4th



Thank you to everyone in Ridglea North who attended this year's July 4th Parade!

Our new parade route was a huge success and lots of families participated. After the parade, lots of neighbors stayed to enjoy Berney Park's new improvements, while others headed back toward home to attend community-building block parties.

Special thanks go to Marilyn Sammons for all of her dedication and hard work in organizing this perennial patriotic party!

membership memo



councilman zimmerman's CORNER

Exciting things are happening in our area this fall!

Construction to replace old water and sewer lines on Camp Bowie and Westridge will be coming soon. New crosswalks will be installed afterward.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association is retracing the Army's 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy. Camp Bowie was part of that original route, so watch for the vehicles during the afternoon of October 4. The public is invited to see them on display at Farrington Field through October 6.

We are discussing grand-opening dates for the new dog park at Z Boaz. Please put on your thinking caps for a "Name the New Dog Park" contest!



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!

RNNA is a tireless advocate for our wonderful neighborhood. In the last year alone, the RNNA was involved in organizing National Night Out, the July 4th Parade, Cowtown Cleanup and the Bike Rodeo. It was also instrumental in raising the funds for Berney Park's renovation, which included a 1,500-foot concrete trail, eight park benches, three picnic tables, a new water fountain and the ongoing watering of new trees. Your annual dues help to ensure that these events and improvements will continue. By investing in Ridglea North, we are able to preserve the wonderful culture and history of our neighborhood.

Visit www.ridgleanorth.com to join RNNA, make a donation or pay your annual dues. You can also talk with your Block Captain about membership or visit our table at National Night Out on October 6. Your support is appreciated!



Save the date for Sunday, December 6, for "Cocoa & Caroling," a family-friendly event to be held in Berney Park. We'll kick off the Christmas season together with cocoa and candy canes before enjoying some Christmas lights, hayrides and fun Christmas carols. And even if you can't carry a tune, it will still be a great way to get to know some of your Ridglea North neighbors and spread some holiday cheer! Be on the lookout for RNNA's December newsletter, which will contain more details about this fun Christmas event.

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RNNA leadership

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annual meeting & elections

Save the date for our RNNA Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 3, at Buffalo West Restaurant. While the meeting will mostly be a social time for meeting neighbors, we will also be holding elections for new RNNA officers. The term of office will run from January 1 through December 31, 2016, and the Nominating Committee has several offices to fill, including President, VP of Public Safety and several committee positions. If you have any special interests or are interested in becoming more involved with RNNA, please let us know! The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in early November, so please contact Una Bailey at u.bailey@sbcglobal.net soon to get involved.

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
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-OR-

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and join online using PayPal.

Thanks for helping to underwrite the newsletter!

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- **Senior at Fort Worth Country Day**
- **Babysitting since age 14**
- **CPR Certified**
- **Camp Longhorn Counselor (9 y/o girls)**

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