

HISTORY

The secluded Ridglea Country Club Estates neighborhood lies seven to eight miles west of the Fort Worth Central Business District. The area is included in the 1855 J. Rogers Survey and the 1858 James Rogers Survey. It is bordered by the Clear Fork of the Trinity River, Highway 183 and railroad tracks, but is surrounded by a golf course and trees giving it the ambiance of country living. Part of the neighborhood is in the Benbrook city limits, but most is in Fort Worth.

Early owners of the land on which Ridglea Country Club Estates now stands included H.B. Herd, who purchased the land in 1918; Earnest Allen, who owned Allen Farms and was instrumental in developing the area; Mary Armstrong, Jack Danciger and Mrs. M. Annie Ritz.

The area's oldest landmark is a cemetery which was constructed in the 1850s and lies near present day Streamwood Road. The cemetery contains the gravesites of several Civil War veterans and members of the Willburn Family, including Rachel Willburn Snyder, who donated land for churches and schools in Benbrook. The last person buried in the cemetery was

a member of the Snyder family in 1924. The neighborhood association helped clean up the area before it was fenced, then the Tarrant County Historical Society cemetery division took over using Boy Scouts to help maintain it.

In 1966, J.T. Luther and Fritz Barton bought and began to develop the area. Land was first selected for an 18-hole men's championship golf course and clubhouse, which was to be owned by Ridglea Country Club. The remainder of the land was divided into residential lots that were sold by the Earnest Allen Development Company, which formed in 1970 to facilitate this process.

Allen Place was constructed as an addition to Ridglea Country Club Estates and is located on the site of an old farmhouse that belonged to the Allen Family. Earnest Allen, Jr. remembers when Allen Farms had horses and cattle and was considered way out in the country. He says it took six miles of poles to hook up their phone and electricity. Today Ridglea Country Club Estates features more than 600 homes, some condominiums and the golf course.

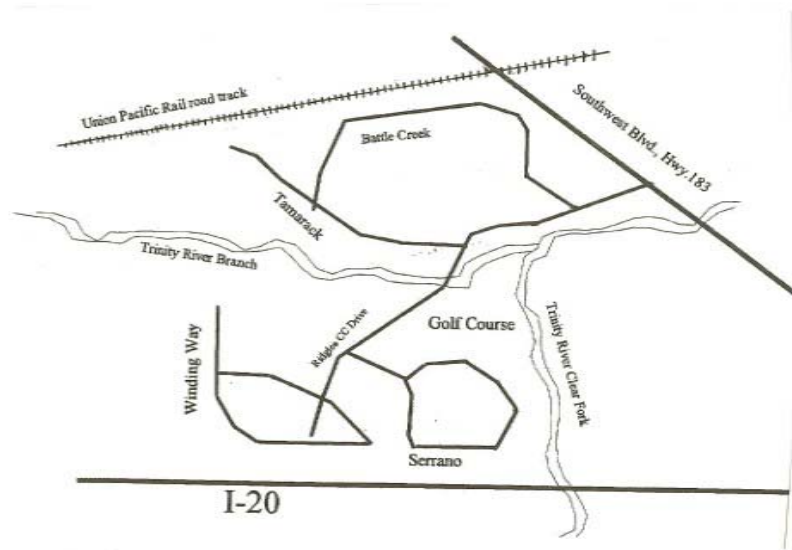
The Stoney Creek Addition is a separate addition from Ridglea Country Club Estates, developed by Guy Burke. Stoney Creek Court is a private street.

NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

Ridglea Country Club Estates is accessible through one street only, making it a very safe and secure area. Tree-lined streets curve through the neighborhood and many of the ranch style homes adjoin the golf course. The houses are brick with side or rear entry garages and are predominately one story, though some two story homes are scattered throughout the neighborhood. A few apartments, condos and garden-type homes line the main thoroughfare and many overlook the golf course as well.



RIDGLEA COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES
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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The Ridgela Country Club Estates Homeowners Association is an active group, making sure the neighborhood stays the desirable place it has always been and helping to welcome newcomers. The Allen Place Garden Home Homeowners' Association merged with the RCCE Homeowners' Association, participating together in activities including a newsletter. RCCE is a Flag Neighborhood with the Boy Scouts of America.

SCHOOLS

Elementary

Ridgela Hills Elementary,
6817 Cumberland Rd.,
817/377-7345

Middle

Wm. Monnig Middle,
3136 Bigham Blvd, 817/377-7250

High School

Arlington Heights High,
4501 W. Rosedale, 817377-7200

OTHER INFORMATION

Nearest fire station: 4416

Southwest Blvd., emergencies 911.

Nearest medical facilities: Baylor All Saints and Harris Hospitals, City View

Nearest post office: Benbrook Station, 9500 Hwy. 377 S.

Nearest grocery shopping: Tom Thumb in City View

Nearest malls: Hulen and Ridgmar Malls

Nearest parks: Clear Fork Park and Z. Boaz Park

Nearest library: 3628 Bernie Anderson Ave.

Voting Precinct Number: 4339

FORT WORTH FACTS

History: Fort Worth was established as a frontier army post in 1849 and named for Gen. Wm. Jenkins Worth. The outpost became a stopping place on the Old Chisholm Trail and a shipping point for great herds of cattle being sent to northern markets.

Population: 700,000

Land Area: 293 square miles

Altitude: 670 feet above sea level

Weather: Normal sunshine averages 250 days a year

Average mean temperature: 65.5 F

Annual avg. precipitation 29.46 in.

Medical Facilities: 46 hospitals

Education: 66 elementary schools, 19 middle schools, 12 high schools, 13 special education schools, 11 major private and parochial schools, 9 college and university campuses.

Libraries: 1 main library with 1 regional library and 9 branches

Museums: 11

Parks : 9,026 + acres

Churches and Synagogues: more than 910 with 45 denominations

Communications: 1 daily newspaper, 2 weekly papers, 10 TV stations plus cable.