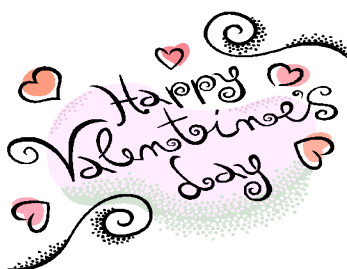


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RPIA Monthly Meeting
Monday, Feb. 19
7 p.m.
Angel of Hope Church

STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS PLANNED FOR FEB. 8

Mayor Moncrief and Council Member Davis to speak

Council Member Wendy Davis will deliver the State of the District Address on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. She will be joined by Mayor Moncrief. The city manager and staff representing Transportation and Public Works, Police and Code Enforcement will participate in a panel discussion. Importantly, staff will be available to answer questions regarding gas drilling, the proposed rental registration and smoking ordinances.

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: South Complex of Travis Avenue Baptist Church
717 W. Berry Street
Dining Room A

For more info, call the District 9 Office at 817-392-8809.

DAGGETT MONTESSORI TO HOST "MASQUERADE MADNESS" FUNDRAISER

Rather than have children out selling cookie dough or wrapping paper to raise funds, the Daggett Montessori PTA has put together a special event for the community and parents of Daggett Montessori.



On February 17, 2007, the PTA will host "Masquerade Madness," a costume party at Preservation Hall. We hope you will come – in costume or just as yourself. An invitation to the party will be sent later in the week.

In the meantime, we have several sponsors who have stepped up to the plate to help us underwrite the costs of this event. But we are looking for additional sponsors as well as for items for our silent auction. *(continued page*

President's Letter

Caution! Caution! Caution!

If you have received communications or have been approached to sign over your mineral rights to a drilling company or a land assembly company, the Ryan Place Improvement Association advises you to not sign until you have attended the next Association meeting. There are individuals and companies quietly trying to get mineral rights together so they can be sold to drillers for gas rights. I have appointed a committee of neighbors who are researching this now and based on the work of nearby neighborhoods we might be able to do better. Some parts of Fort Worth are being offered significantly more than what these people are offering. Do not listen to rumors or hearsay or you will potentially lose a lot of money. At the next meeting of the Association we will learn more than what we know now about mineral leases.

Also on the agenda for February will be information regarding a program which might provide you with free trees for your front yard. You will want to know more about this and how you can participate. Studies have shown that trees clean the air and raise the value of our homes.

Councilperson Wendy Davis has set a district meeting for Feb.8 at 6:30 p.m. at Travis Ave. Baptist Church. Your attendance is welcomed and encouraged. Questions and comments will be accepted.

The Business of the Neighborhood is getting greater and greater. Your participation is needed to make important decisions. Without your input these decisions will be made without you. Please join your neighbors and continue to keep Ryan Place a quality neighborhood.

Lastly, Ryan Place has been nominated for three Neighbor Awards. The Award Ceremony will be February 3rd. Our neighbor Bart Bradford, is nominated for the BenAnn Tomako Award and we will be there pulling for him. For more information contact the City Community Relations Department.

See you at the next Association meeting Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at Angel of Hope Church.

Dan Roberts

CCRP Board of Trustees to Vote on New Trustees

The CCRP Board of Trustees will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 7th, 2007 at 7 p.m. at 2721 Willing Avenue. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the past years activities of the board and to vote on new Board of Trustee members that have been nominated.

A person is eligible for nomination to serve on the Board as a Voting Trustee if he or she has:

1. Has attained the age of 21 years as of the effective date of his/her term;
2. Served as a committee chairman during the last year in which a Candlelight Tour was held;
3. Resides in Ryan Place Addition as of the election of the Trustee.

Each Trustee shall hold office until the expiration of his/her term and until a successor shall have been elected and qualified. Voting Trustees shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office of a Voting Trustee after the term of the initial board shall be three (3) years.

If you have been a committee chairperson (this also includes residents that have had their home on tour) and would be interested in being nominated to be a voting Trustee on the CCRP Board of Trustees, or if you know someone that should be nominated the following nomination By-law requirements should be followed:

“Additional names may be placed in nomination by written form signed by 10 volunteers and submitted to the Secretary prior to the deadline set by the Board of Trustees”

The deadline for nominations to be submitted is Friday, February 23rd, 2007 and needs to be mailed or delivered to Mary Edwards, 2835 5th Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76110. Nominations will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee for qualification and placed on the ballot.

You qualify to attend the General Meeting of Volunteers on Wednesday, March 7th and place your vote if you meet the following By-law requirements:

Volunteers from the previous year's Candlelight Tour, who presently reside in Ryan Place Addition, have attained the age of 18 years, and attend the election meeting, shall be entitled to vote in the election of Trustees.

The Nominating Committee or its authorized representative shall determine the eligibility of any volunteer as set out above, and form the list of Volunteers provided by the Volunteer Chairman.

During the Board of Trustees April monthly meeting (April 2nd, 7pm, at 2721 Willing Avenue) the new Board members will be announced. The new Trustees will take their positions on the Board during the April meeting.



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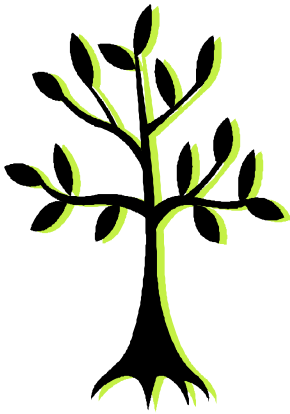
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Proposed Tree Planting Program



The RPIA is asking for your support and help with a **FREE** tree planting program offered by the City of Fort Worth.

The purpose of the program is to increase the amount of tree canopy coverage within your neighborhood.

There are two programs the neighborhood can take advantage of:

- With a minimum of 25 residents signed up with the program, the City will provide **FREE** trees in 5 gallon containers to be planted in the parkway (area between the curb and sidewalk).

- Work with a tree wholesaler who will provide trees at a discounted price. These trees can be placed anywhere in the yard.

The RPIA needs you to sit on a committee and/or sign up for the program.

The committee will:

>petition residents of Ryan Place to sign up for the program

>adopt an implementation schedule

>take orders and distribute trees

>solicit groups/organizations to assist with distribution and planting

Trees are important in an urban area and will:

- > reduce the amount of electricity and water used in summertime
- > increase the value of your property
- > cleanse the air you breathe
- > improve water quality
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OFFICER RON ANDRIOTTO SAYS “TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR PERSONEL SAFETY”

Rape is a violent crime and a frightening experience. Rape affects everyone, no matter what their age, race or economic status. It must also be remembered that men are not immune and can be victims of sexual violence.

Rape can occur anywhere and at anytime, in public or in your own home. Rapists are not necessarily strangers. In Fort Worth, over 65% of victims were previously acquainted with their attacker. Less than 15% of cases involve an “ambush “ type situation.

Rarely will your attacker sneak into your house in the middle of the night. He is far more likely to be invited in through your front door, believed to be your friend, neighbor or acquaintance.

- Install effective locks on all doors and windows and be sure to use them. Never leave your door unlocked.
- Install a peephole viewer in your door and never open your door without knowing who is on the other side.
- When moving into a new home or apartment, make sure the locks are replaced or rekeyed.
- Avoid walking alone at night and avoid doorways, bushes and alleys.
- If you live alone, use only your last name and first initial on your mail box, checks and in telephone directories.
- Be cautious of Internet relationships. Do not give out personal information over the Internet.
- Do not let strangers into your home no matter what the reason or emergency. Offer to make an emergency phone call while they wait outside.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Lock your car door immediately after entering the car.

- Always have your door key ready so you can enter your home or car without delay.
- If you think you are being followed, drive to a public place or to an open police or fire station.
- Think, do not panic. There is no single action to take if you are attacked. Your best defense is to be prepared and know your options and capabilities.

Your Best Weapons

- Trust your instincts, they are usually right. Your gut feelings or intuition work in your best interest.
- Act on your feelings. Do not dismiss them.
- Do not assume that everyone is trustworthy. Many attackers initially appear charming, as these tactics put their potential victims at ease.
- Sexual predators can be any race, color, sexual orientation or socio-economic background.
- Lies and deception are the primary tools used by a sexual predator.

Helpful Resources

FWPD S.C.R.A.M. Unit	(817) 392-4350
Rape Crisis Hotline	(817) 927-2737
Safe Haven	(817) 535-6464
Women's Center	(817) 927-4000
Victim Assistance-F.W.P.D.	(817) 392-4390

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Daggett Montessori fundraiser, continued from page 1

If you can help with either a sponsorship or an item for our silent auction, please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated. The deadline for donations is Monday, February 12, 2007.

Contact Gina Windham at 817.346.0446 (gwindham@charter.net) or Becky Putney at 817.924.7175 (beckyputney@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or to make arrangements for one of us to pick up your item.

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