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**RPIA
Monthly
Meeting**

RPIA Meeting

**Monday, June 21
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*Meeting agenda at
historicryanplace.org,
Discussion Forum*

Fort Worth Neighborhood of the Year — 2008

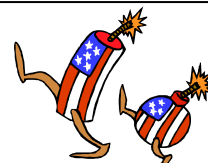
RYAN PLACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

June / July, 2010



July 4th Parade

Tradition Marches On...



Hello, everyone! It's time for the Fourth of July parade again! (It will actually be on Saturday, July the 3rd.) The format will be about the same as it has been for the last three or four years. The parade itself will begin at 9:30 am, with the lining up process at 9 or so. Since we will be unable to use College Avenue, we will move over to So. Adams Street, winding around the block on Jessamine. Once started, the parade route will be almost the same as it has been. (Elizabeth to Ryan Place Drive to Bowie to 5th to Robert to 6th to Cantey to Willing and back up Elizabeth.) We might even go in the correct direction this year!

The Mounted Patrol has been notified, as well as the Fire Department. **Marissa Taccia** will lead the way again with her beautiful horse. We plan to again "water down" Daggett Park at the conclusion of the parade, which should occur at about 10:45 or so. The Grand Marshall selection is still under consideration.

All who entered floats, cars, motorcycles, or bicycles last year are encouraged to do so again. We had a great turnout last year with entries, and if those folks will come back, we will try to grow it from there. Having the Ryan Place Band to lead the way will be a great addition! I am attempting to find a way to get more music and to get a few more horse entries.

I will need two people to carry the banner again, if anyone is interested. I could also use two or three people along the route to help with pacing of the units and/or walkers. The parade markers will go out the middle of the week before the event. Please come and help us in any way you can. It doesn't take much time and we have a lot of fun!

Ben Broadwater
817-921-6042 (home)



RPIA President's Letter

*(Due to the resignation of RPIA President **Keith Head**, Vice President **John Kline** has been appointed by the RPIA Board to serve as President for the remainder of the 2010 term.)*

Since the next newsletter will be the August edition, hold onto this one for reference on the 4th of July parade and improvement initiatives throughout the Ryan Place neighborhood. We appreciate all the volunteers "making things happen" and providing solutions to the challenges we face on a day-to-day basis. We especially also want to thank the Sustaining Members who are helping fund the improvements as well as to comply with the new City regulations imposed on neighborhood events.

The July 4th Parade will continue its tradition; be sure not to miss it or the Ryan Run. Any help from volunteers will be greatly appreciated — I know Ben Broadwater would appreciate any help with the activities on the 4th as well as clean-up on the 5th. A special thanks

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The Ryan Place Centennial Celebration



Ryan Place to the Aid of the American Red Cross

by Mariann Taccia

In 1917, the First World War had been raging across Europe for three years. The American Red Cross called upon U.S. citizens to contribute to the European war relief fund – their needs were monetary donations, supplies, and bandages. Relatives of those involved in the war fulfilled those needs, knowing that it could be their husband, son, or brother marching across battlefields wounded, hungry, and ill-fitted — but for the aid of the Red Cross.

Fort Worth residents were creative in their contributions to the Red Cross. Women met weekly in each other's parlors to make bandages while enjoying a cup of tea. Benefit bridge parties, tennis matches, and school festivals were common and people of all ages saved their pennies and sold items, then donated their winnings and earnings.

On Friday, June 29, 1917, Mrs. I. C. Chase (1100 Elizabeth Blvd.), as general chairman of the campaign's fund raising event, made sure that nothing was overlooked as she instructed a regiment of City employees who transformed Elizabeth Boulevard into a "veritable fairyland" for the *Ryan Place Garden Party and Children's Pageant*. The street was roped off from 8th Avenue to College Avenue, and a squad of police officers were on hand to make sure that vehicles did not enter. Arc lights were brought in to illuminate the "cafés" and "booths" lining the curbs and front lawns that had been constructed by chauffeurs who volunteered their time.

The cafés were fashioned to depict our Allies' cuisine. Mrs. Chase's French café offered baked beans, stuffed eggs, and roast ham, while next door Mrs. W. P. Hardwick served ice cream and soda pop. Mrs. Frank A. Douglass, who was Senora Villa Carranza for the evening, served over 200 dozen tamales with chili and was assisted by Mrs. Will Stripling, Mrs. Edwin Bewley, and Mrs. S. A. Teas (1505 E.B.). Ye Olde English Inn was hosted by Mrs. Amon G. Carter and served meat loaf, salads, and pies. The Italian café served spaghetti and real Italian meat balls prepared by Signora Zuccaro. Mrs. Howard Peak (1209 E.B.) and her daughter-in-law poured gallons of lemonade throughout the hot evening. Frozen deserts were served in the palm garden on Mrs. John C. Ryan's (1302 E.B.) lawn. Orders for hamburgers and hot dogs were filled by Mrs. J. D. Collet (1506 E.B.) and on Mrs. John N. Sparks' lawn (1215 E.B.), a smoking garden offered cigars and coffee. Before or after eating one could go fishing in a pond or Mrs. G. L. Omohundro, the gypsy fortune teller, would tell your fortune if enough silver slid from your palm. The music for the evening was performed by the Armour's band; balloons, confetti, and carnival novelties were sold by pretty girls walking through the crowds.

The much anticipated Children's Pageant began at 6:30 when over 200 youngsters, ranging in ages from two- to ten-years-old, dressed in "fanciful costumes," paraded down the boulevard. General Pershing and his staff led the way, followed by a brigade of Jackies and a miniature aeroplane with a miniature aviator that was a tremendous hit. The surgeon with his instrument bag was followed by the ambulance squad attendants carrying a wounded patient with bandages around his head on a stretcher, and assisted by nurses. A sea shell float representing "Pearls of the Sea" was filled with a group of beautiful children; boys enjoyed being Roosevelt's Rough Riders. The Allies—America, Belgium, France, England, and Russia — were represented as well as Betsy Ross, War Brides, Minuet Dancers, John Bull, British Tommies, and Scotch Lassies. The children took their tasks seriously and performed to perfection.

At the end of the evening's festivities every café and booth was sold out of their fares and parents were proud of their children's performances. Mrs. Chase stated that, "all the women had been faithful, had worked hard, and felt well repaid by the success of the affair."

Thousands of Fort Worth residents enjoyed the evening and contributed to the cause of the Red Cross.

Top left to right: Tom Yarbrough, A. B. Case, and Hal Lattimore selecting pies at "Ye Olde English Inn;" Mrs. Amon G. Carter and her assistants in charge of booth. Musicians from Armour's Band raiding the hamburger stand conducted by Mrs. J. D. Collett.

Bottom, left to right: "Pearls of the Sea;" top to bottom, Maud Sholder, Dallas; Mary McAmis, Hilda Sandegard, Charline Steele and Frances Steele.

The ambulance corps: Dayton Case, surgeon, with instrument bag; Creighton Guthrie, patient; Jane and Beth O'Reilly, twin daughters of Major J. J. O'Reilly, Red Cross nurses.

GLIMPSES OF GARDEN PARTY FROLIC ON ELIZABETH BOULEVARD





RPIA Meeting Notes

RPIA President **John Kline**, having been appointed by the Board to complete **Keith Head's** term, called the meeting to order at 7 pm on May 17. New resident **Mary Jane Debenport** was welcomed to the neighborhood. **Libby Willis**, President of the League of Neighborhoods, was also a guest.

City Councilman **Joel Burns** apologized for the College Avenue street repair debacle and commented that the proposed Special Events ordinance is still under consideration.

NPO **Joel Stary** reported that while the incidence of crime was down in April, we usually have an increase in the summer months. Officer Stary noted a disturbing "trend" of neighbors witnessing offenses and not calling 9-1-1 and emphasized, "If you see something suspicious, CALL 9-1-1!"

Upcoming events include the July 4th Parade (**Ben Broadwater**, Chairman) and Ryan Run (**Gina Roberts**, Chairman).

Mariann Taccia will be 2010 President of CCRP; **Brenda White** will be at the next RPIA meeting with a streetlight update.

Olivia Flynn reported that a group of neighbors is getting organized to upgrade Ryan Place Park.

Speaking for the Streets and Traffic Committee, **John Kline** reported that in addition to our Traffic Calming Initiative, the City is committed to a \$1.2 million investment in Ryan Place for sixteen blocks of street reconstruction through the Water Dept.

Mariann Taccia announced that the publication of the Ryan Place Centennial book has been postponed slightly and photographs of neighborhood life are still being sought.

There were 38 people in attendance at the meeting which adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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(ROOM FOR MORE!!)



The band marches on . . .

Get in on rehearsals now for a performance in the July 4th Ryan Place Parade. We are currently learning a few new marches after our successful holiday performances this past December. We need all instruments from percussion to clarinet to baritone. Give me a call or e-mail to learn more!

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The wheels are s-l-o-w-l-y beginning to turn and Ryan Place (aka Triangle) Park is about to undergo transformation. Park Improvement Chairman **Kurt Nielsen** and Resident Landscape Expert **Bart Bradford** have committed their talents to this new project at the intersection of Ryan Place Drive and 5th Avenue. First on the agenda is a survey offered by John MacFarlane and a friend. Next, the City and RPIA will consider the possibility of our adopting the park.

Currently, about a dozen people have signed onto the project. In addition to those who "formally" volunteer to work on the park, residents who live around the park are encouraged to offer input. At the top of the list for Triangle Park are safety, security, low maintenance, creative use of the space, and beautification.

The RPIA Board allocated funds for the revitalization of Triangle Park in 2009 following a recommendation from the Neighborhood Improvement Committee. To get involved with this project, contact Bart, Kurt, or Olivia Flynn.



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Focus:

Summer is Prime Crime Time

Well, summer is right around the corner again! What does that mean for Ryan

Place? Hot summer days, kids out of school, and, unfortunately, more criminal activity. Last year our summer months were not kind to us in terms of the number of burglaries in our neighborhood. We need to begin to prepare now and stay prepared all year long, so that we do not see a spike in this types of crime.

Things to do:

- ♦ Check all your door and window locks and make sure that they are operating effectively.
- ♦ Check the lighting on your property and replace bulbs that are out.
- ♦ Trim the bushes and trees to ensure that there are no hiding spots in your yard.
- ♦ Make sure to keep blinds and curtains closed when you are away from home.
- ♦ Keep garages and sheds closed and locked – even if you are working in the yard.
- ♦ Don't leave lawn equipment sitting out in the yard or in the bed of a truck.
- ♦ Communicate with your neighbors about ways to better secure your block and things to watch out for.
- ♦ Keep an eye on our alleys.

- ♦ Call 911 – Call 911 – Call 911 when you see suspicious activity, people or vehicles in the area!

That pretty much covers it!

Burglaries of homes, vehicles, garages and sheds are very preventable and everyone needs to be on board to prevent them. If we get lazy and create easy targets, we are inviting criminals to come back for more! If we work together to stop crime, we will stop crime. Also, **Steve Fruscella** is the Ryan Place Citizens on Patrol Captain. He is currently recruiting and looking for Ryan Place residents to build our COP's Team. Please contact him and get involved! Citizen on Patrol is not scary; it is an opportunity for you to become more educated about what to watch for and how to report it more effectively!

Thank you all for helping me to keep our neighborhood safe! Remember: be safe today and safer tomorrow.

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Editor's Note: Steve Fruscella wins the award for the shortest column this edition:

"If I were to write a note for the neighborhood this month, I would say to stay more alert than ever. This summer could possibly be the worst for crime in several years -- statistics seem to be pointing that way."



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Yard-of-the-Month: 2800 block of Ryan Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

(No name listing in RPIA Directory)

This is the "quaint little cottage that could." A small property, it has been enhanced to its fullest potential. Neat as a pin with shaped shrubs out front, flanked on both sides by antique rose bushes, and fronted by colorful pansies and deep red begonias. The porch welcomes with an ice cream table and two chairs with potted geranium and wreath above for pizzazz. Two large pots of fragrant rosemary waft the air as you ascend the front steps.



From Calloway's Nursery

Timely Tips for June and July Gardeners



Calloway's Nursery is dedicated to educating young and old alike in being better stewards of our earth. Our weekly Saturday clinics are designed to provide gardening information for adults. Last summer, we offered several children's clinics during the week and had a great response! This summer we will offer the Callie's Kids Summer Series on the first and third Wednesdays in June, July, and August at 9:30 am. Kids will plant, color, learn, and explore plants and nature with one of our garden experts. Go to <http://mytexasgarden.com> for more details.

Planting a butterfly garden is fun for all ages. First, choose a location with plenty of sun and protection from strong winds. Add a supply of dark rocks or mass of dark pebbles to collect the morning sun for the butterflies to rest and warm up. Sink a container full of sand or gravel into the ground and keep it moist; this will serve as a resting spot for some to drink and to obtain minerals.

Attracting butterflies to your garden is easy. Select foliage plants as food for the larvae or caterpillar, and flowering plants to provide nectar for adults. Butterflies are attracted by fragrance, flower-shape, and color. They are mostly active in mid- and late summer, so you should make sure that you have lots of nectar-rich plants and flowers blooming by then. If you plant large sections of flowers of the same color, it will make it easier for them to find your garden. You should plant flowers that will bloom at different times of the year and ones that bloom even at different times of the day and night so that you will always have something in bloom to attract butterflies. Our free clinic on June 12 at 10:15 am will go into more details about planting a Butterfly Garden.

We will be hosting a free clinic in every store on **Fall Vegetable Gardens** on **Saturday, July 3rd at 10:15 am**. Get the scoop on Fall Gardening-Texas style! Visit www.mytexasgarden.com for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club! Success in the garden made fun and easy at Calloway's Nursery!

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Was it only last month when the temperature did not exceed 90 degrees? I have a pretty short memory when I get dew-y just walking from the parking lot into the grocery store. Even though I've been in Fort Worth for four years now, I am still surprised by the breathtaking (literally) heat. Perhaps my short memory span is a blessing in disguise -- I don't remember the disagreeable weather from last summer!

Take a minute and welcome **Evan and Lisa Fowler** to Ryan Place. The Fowler's recently moved here to make their home on Willing Avenue. We are so pleased to have them here and look forward to meeting them at one of the upcoming RPIA events.

The arrival of summer means lots of activities in Ryan Place. Be sure to watch or participate in the July 4th Parade and Ryan-Run; let your flag fly on Flag Day (June 14); and celebrate your dad on Father's Day (June 20). Blessings to all the fathers in the neighborhood!

If you are a new resident and/or would like to be "officially" welcomed to the neighborhood in this column, please e-mail me at: junelake.rpia@gmail.com and let me know you're here.

(Continued from page 1)

President's Letter

to Ben and his team for all their hard work.

Improvements throughout the neighborhood continue. Walk, bike, or ride by Daggett Park, the College Ave. gates at Elizabeth Blvd., the 8th Ave gates, and Triangle Park when you have a chance. Kurt Nielson and his crew have improved the appearance of Daggett Park with landscaping and a beautiful new fence. The gates at College Ave and 8th Ave. are a sight to see with color by day and lights by night. Triangle Park is at the "before" stage and is next on the list for an overhaul. This initiative will be led by Kurt Nielson, Bart Bradford, and Olivia Flynn along with an energetic group that is ready to get started.

The Streets and Traffic Committee obtained approval from City Council in May to have an engineering firm engaged to help with the design of the traffic calming projects. The Design Committee will work with the public art officials and the engineering firms to develop plans to ensure that each project is an asset aesthetically and will improve safety for our children, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. A construction timeline is currently being developed by the City. In addition, the Streets and Traffic Committee has written commitments from the City to reconstruct many streets within the neighborhood that are in dire need of immediate attention. The estimated cost of these street repairs is approximately \$1.2 million that will be invested in Ryan Place.

On behalf of the Ryan Place Improvement Association Board of Directors, have a nice summer and we'll see you at the parade!

John Kline
President, RPIA

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Christopher Ebert

A Report from Upper Ryan Place

Editor's note: Mr. Ebert (aka the Croquet Czar) has been planning, coordinating, watering, weeding, and mowing in preparation for the 25th Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament. He asked Mr. King to address a topic that was great interest to the neighborhood — a topic with impact and implications beyond the narrow interest of a few folks. Maybe he didn't make his assignment very clear or there is hidden meaning in the following. You be the judge.

Dear Chris,

Since College Avenue is the highest part of Ryan Place, and since some of Ryan Place's crustiest residents live up here, it follows that we as the Upper Crust owe you Lowlanders a report on the status of our street.

Paving College Avenue: An Adventure Story

Chapter 1. Setting: The street in 2009



Chapter 2. Action: In 2010, the contractor removes the old paving and pours concrete on the west half of the street.

Chapter 3. Conflict: The City cancels the agreement with the contractor, leaving 18' of concrete and 18' of dirt.



Chapter 4. Resolution: The residents convert the east portion of the old street into an 18' wide linear park.



You probably remember that there was some discussion last year regarding the width of our street and the future of the parkway trees as the street rebuilding project was contemplated. As of this date, the trees are in good shape. That topic of discussion has been replaced with the status of the street itself.

First the facts. (1) The old paving has been removed. The west half of the street has been paved with concrete. The east half of the street has been excavated and is about a foot lower than the concrete. (2) The City has terminated the contract and contacted the Performance Bond Surety, which means that there has been no work on the street recently. (3) The east half of the street is only muddy after it rains.

The Upper Crust (see above) is cheerful. There has been talk of the following: (a) Selling our mud to British Petroleum to use for plugging the runaway well in the Gulf, as well as asking BP to take over our paving project. (b) Leasing our mud track to Ford Motor Co. for use in making TV commercials for Ford-Tough trucks. (c) Converting the deep trenches on the west side of the street into either Urban Fishing Sites or miniature landfills for small bags of trash. (d) Making a Linear Park (see *Paving College Avenue: An Adventure Story*).

On the serious side, we do need to watch for fast automobile traffic, an inevitable consequence of smooth paving, as the parents on the way to Daggett Elementary, as well as our own local teenagers, have discovered. And we need to be sure that the work on College Avenue is well-coordinated with any future work on Capps St. — the portion of College Ave. south of Capps being several feet narrower than that north of Capps, and Capps St. itself being less than half as wide as the portion of College now being paved. We also need to be aware of the dangers presented by the deep trenches (the City has responded promptly and appropriately by placing tall traffic cones beside each driveway cut, for which we are grateful) and by the sharp drop off from concrete to dirt/mud. Some of the west-side residents have welcomed the east-side residents to place their trash containers on the west side to facilitate City garbage pickup.

Sincerely yours,

Ross King

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Ryan Place Events

URGENT CALL TO ACTION!



Editorial by Mariann Taccia

Gone are the carefree days of events such as the *Garden Party and Children's Pageant* held on Elizabeth Boulevard in 1917 (page 4). And gone are the days of events on our neighborhood streets — unless we pay for permits and liability insurance. Last month the City of Fort Worth presented the City Council with a proposed Special Events ordinance prepared by a Council appointed Special Events Advisory committee that reportedly worked on it for over a year. The City has posted the proposed Special Event Ordinance for public review and the public may submit feedback on their website. During the May RPIA meeting, Councilman Burns spoke about the ordinance and assured us that the ordinance would not be approved as it was currently written because the Advisory committee members would consider changes based on feedback from residents and neighborhoods. He also stated that he would request that the current approval timeline be postponed; his request was approved and it has been postponed by one month.

Depending on what is changed in the proposed ordinance, or **if** it is changed, our events will likely be affected. Below are *some* of the currently **proposed** Special Event regulations and requirements that would govern neighborhood events:

- Application **and** Permit Fees.—*Fee amounts will not been made public until October, after the ordinance is approved.*
- No structures, including barbeque grills, tents, or picnic tables will be allowed in the public right-of-way (streets, sidewalk, or parkway).—*This is governed by Fire Safety requirements.*

• No admission fees may be charged.—*This will prevent us from raising neighborhood improvement funds at events.*

• An applicant must provide a Certificate of Commercial General Liability Insurance, listing the City of Fort Worth as an additional named insured, in the amounts prescribed by the Risk Manager or designee.

• Residents will not be allowed to bring alcoholic beverages, but may purchase/obtain them from an authorized vendor at the event.

• An applicant for an Event permit at which alcohol is to be sold must provide a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 as liquor liability insurance (in addition to the previous requirement).

Ryan Place has many annual events and in 2009, we were recognized nationally with a 3rd Place Award, based on our social events. We must not allow new legislation to deprive us of our traditions because of their restrictive nature or prohibitive fees. If we are to continue to have neighborhood social events, we must **act now**. Let our City leaders know that they are destroying the quality of life in the City's neighborhoods. Write to the City Council members at City Hall and attend the scheduled public hearings.

Ryan Place resident's voices were heard against gas drilling when it threatened the quality of life in our neighborhood. **Continue to support Ryan Place quality of life!** YOUR voice is needed against the proposed Neighborhood Event restrictions.

Special Events Advisory Committee Public Hearing

Monday, June 7th, 6:30 p.m.

3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Botanic Garden Center Lecture Hall

City Council Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 15th, 10 a.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall, 1000 Throckmorton St.

**Write to Mayor Mike Moncrief
and City Council Members!**

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For further information, go to HistoricRyanPlace.org/RPPSEO.org for links to all referenced City website pages and documents, and e-mail links to the City Council members.



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This statement was taken from the City of Fort Worth's Water website. However, I want to tell you about another issue prevalent in Ryan Place. While driving around the neighborhood, I see lawn maintenance companies and residents themselves blowing leaves and grass clippings into the street. Out of sight, out of mind, right?

Blowing your yard waste into the street can cause many problems. The extra debris can cause the inlet to become blocked, causing unnecessary flooding in the street. Flooding can cause unsafe conditions for your fellow residents and can cause damage to homes and cars. The grass and leaves flow into the drain and then to a local creek. Once that material is in the creek, it can clog the waterway, causing fish and other aquatic organisms to die. It can also cause additional flooding concerns. Also, once that biological material begins to decompose, it depletes the oxygen in the water, thus killing the aquatic organisms that utilize the creek.

Please tell your lawn maintenance company to place the extra clippings and leaves in your green yard bin or to bag it up instead of blowing it in the street. If you are guilty of doing the same, please bag it up.

John MacFarlane



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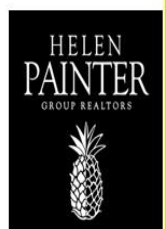
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About those baby animals — especially the squirrels: Another Ryan Place resident has offered that baby animals are particularly vulnerable to ants, predators, etc. and if you find one, you may call her — **ANY TIME** — at **817-422-4710** — that you find any **WILD** (not domestic) animal that is injured or helpless. Jane has access to rehab experts for all wild animals.

City Building Permits

If you are having any type of construction done or you are doing the work yourself, be sure to check with the City about permits as new items have been added. Listed on the City's website under "Residential Building Permits" are:

- Building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits are all required for new residential construction.
- Changing, moving or repairing walls, floors, ceilings etc. requires a Building Permit.
- Changing, moving or repairing electrical requires an Electrical Permit.
- Changing, moving or repairing mechanical requires a Mechanical Permit.
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City's website page — fortworthgov.org/planninganddevelopment/permits/



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by Judy Holland

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Shrimp on the barbie

We recently had houseguests who were passing through Fort Worth on their way back to their home in Seattle. He had been building an airport and a seaport in Iraq and she had been to visit their new grandbaby in Australia. Just as she had gotten home, their son-in-law called and asked her to come back because her daughter had an emergency appendectomy as well as the new baby to care for so back she went to Australia a second time! Finally she and her husband met up in San Antonio, he from Iraq, she from Australia, bought a new car, and headed back to Seattle. She gave me a beautiful magazine her daughter had given her and I wondered why the recipes were for fall vegetables. A Christmas party was pictured as a patio party with shrimp on the barbie and sleeveless dresses. What if in July we had our winter tour of homes and cold winter weather!?!

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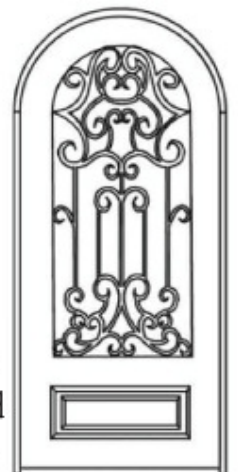
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