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Thank you to all who participated in the **Ryan Place July 4th Parade** this year—you make it a great memory every year! Pictures, like this one of **Marissa Taccia**, are on the Ryan Place Neighborhood Facebook page.

Thank you to **Ben Broadwater** for organizing the parade, **Officer Stary** and **Officer Russell** for making our parade safe, and all of the volunteers who helped make the parade a success! (Photo by Megan Borne)



Heather Hague and her dad, **David**, both participated in the Ryan Run for the first time this year. Heather won first place in her age division. David Hague is a national marathon runner who runs in local races on weekends. Photo by Heather's grandfather, **Richard Hague**.



The 25th Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament was won by **Mark Debenport** and his daughter **Madi Beth Debenport**. They had come close in prior years' tournaments, having finished in second place in 2008. **Jason Needham**, State Farm Insurance Agent, presented the trophies to the winners.

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Tale of Two Trails

In 1860, Texas, as it had been for many years, was the chief producer of livestock in the Western States. The few hundred thousand Longhorns had multiplied until there were an estimated 3.5 million head. The outbreak of the Civil War brought upon the ranch owners a peculiar embarrassment of riches since the Northern market was cut off, and Southern business life was demoralized. Driving northward had not been practiced, and now, with the sharp skirmishing along the Kansas and Missouri frontier, there was no opportunity to begin it. Stock was neglected and considered valueless. Men were "cattle-poor," and it was a time of discouragement to those who had looked for fortunes in their enterprises.

One of the first comers was an Illinois stock-dealer, Joseph G. McCoy, to whom is due the honor of originating the Kansas and Texas cattle trails. He was familiar with the situation in the Lone Star State, and conceived the idea of forming a great shipping point on the new railroad. He was encouraged by the officials of the Kansas Pacific Rail and arrangements were made for the location of the proper yards at Abilene, Kansas. The station was 165 miles from Kansas City, situated in the midst of a richly-grassed prairie section for grazing of incoming herds. The town had less than a dozen houses, and was less than 30 miles from the end of the railroad, as then completed. Yards were built and steps were taken to induce the cattlemen to make this a point from which to ship their herds.

McCoy advertised extensively throughout Texas to encourage cattle owners to drive their cattle to market in Abilene and by 1868, about 75,000 cattle were shipped from there. By 1870, thousands of Texas longhorn cattle, which were ideal for cattle trails due to their long legs and hard hoofs, were being driven north.

By 1871 the number had increased to 600,000 and as many as 5,000 cowboys were being paid off during a single day. Abilene soon became known as a rough town in the Old West. McCoy lived in Abilene, where he served as mayor, until 1873. When rival railroad terminal towns began to be developed farther west, trade was diverted from Abilene and McCoy moved to Kansas City, Missouri.

Though Jesse Chisholm blazed the famous cattle trail that took his name, he never herded cattle. Rather, he used the path to transport goods from his trading posts. The first herd to follow Jesse Chisholm's wagon trail to Abilene was led by O. W. Wheeler and his partners, who brought 2,400 steers in San Antonio in 1867. At the North Canadian River in Indian Territory they saw wagon tracks and followed them. Others continued on the path that was referred to simply as "The Trail." Later it was also called the Kansas Trail, the Abilene Cattle Trail, or McCoy's Trail. Though Chisholm's path was actually only north of the Red River, the Texas cowboy soon gave Jesse's name to the entire trail from the Rio Grande to central Kansas.

As the railroad expanded in Kansas, the trail changed a number of times and by the early 1870's, the cattle business in Abilene had diminished. In its place, new cattle markets at Ellsworth and Newton were established. The Chisholm Trailhead moved south to Newton in 1871 and that city became one of the most notorious and violent cattle towns that ever existed. Just a year later, Wichita acquired the railroad and, along with it, the cattle business, which it retained until 1876. By 1880, the cattle only had to be driven to Caldwell, which competed with another popular cow town — Dodge City. Once the Plains tribes had been subdued and the buffalo were gone, ranches began to spring up all along the trail. By 1884, much of the old trail had been closed off by barbed wire and was open only as far as Caldwell, Kansas.

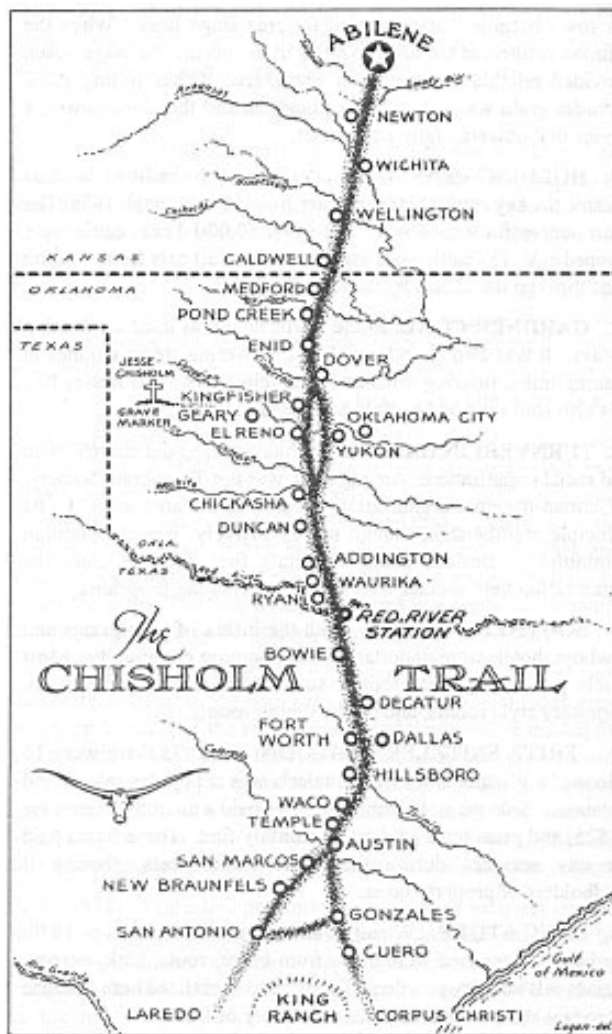
During its heyday, between 1867 and 1884, some five million cattle and an equal number of mustangs were moved along the trail -- the greatest migration of livestock in world history. By 1887, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad had arrived in the Lone Star State and the long cattle drives to Kansas were no longer needed. The Chisholm Trail generally went north from Austin through Waco and Fort Worth before crossing the Red River near Preston and through central Oklahoma and into Kansas.

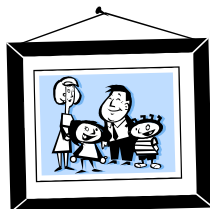
The McCoy Trail traveled through the area that became Ryan Place and there is a historical marker located in Daggett Park near the gates to commemorate the trail's crossing.

In 2007, the 110th State Congress passed the HR 2849 Bill, titled "Chisholm and Great Western Cattle Trails Act." The purpose of the Act is for concrete post markers identifying the location of the main Chisholm Trail to be placed through cities and counties in Texas.

Ryan Place has been contacted to receive a Chisholm Trail marker and a presentation will be given by Billy Cate and Steve Myers during the RPIA August 16th meeting. Please attend to hear more about the marker and the history of the trails.

Information for this article is from *LegendsofAmerica.com*.





Photos(*really!!*)
needed

Ryan Place, an Historic Fort Worth Neighborhood

Remember that historic photo book we're working on?? Well, we are still in need of photos; without them, there will be no book. **Please** submit photos that previous owners have shared with you or photos that you have taken of your family at Ryan Place events. Keep in mind that we are highlighting the *people* who have lived, or currently live, in Ryan Place, not just the architecture of Ryan Place.

If you have questions, contact **Mariann Taccia**, **817.921.9976**, or **mariannmt@sbcglobal.net**. Photos may be dropped off at 1315 Elizabeth Blvd; there is a plastic container on the side covered porch. Place your photos in an envelope with your name and contact information. All photos will be returned after being scanned.

Note to the helpful, cooperative individuals who have submitted photos: I apologize for having your photos so long, but I have had computer problems all this summer. I will have your photos returned to you within the next couple of weeks if not sooner. Thank you for your patience.

Look what's coming!



Sometimes it's difficult to find the motivation to do anything outside when the thermometer crosses that 100 degree mark. But soon, we'll all have a reason to take a stroll down to Daggett Park – because when you get there, you can rest! A few of our neighbors have very generously offered to sponsor park benches which will be installed at Daggett Park. Working with the City Parks Department, we were able to select benches that are the perfect fit for our neighborhood and will compliment the other improvements we've made in our adopted park. The benches will be installed by city crews in early September for all to enjoy for many years. To help keep the park clean, RPIA is also working with the city to have refuse containers installed near the edge of the park. Thanks again to the neighbors whose generosity made the park benches possible. — Kurt Nielsen



Park's



has come!

The news on Ryan Place Park is good. First, the winter damage to the trees was removed by the City last month and they look so much better. Next, while the park has an irrigation system, it hasn't been used for several years. A City representative came out and unlocked the control box for a test run and — it worked!! Phone calls and e-mails have confirmed that the City is willing to work with us on the park. At this time, we are still drafting proposals and applications; the wheels are turning, though! Stay tuned . . .



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RPIA President's Letter

During the months of June and July we did not have a meeting, but our momentum has kept moving forward. Here's a brief summary of what's going on in Ryan Place:

The revised special events ordinance will require us to purchase insurance for specific activities that was not required or enforced in the past. RPIA has been involved in the revision process and discussions with City Hall to help minimize some of the demands that were initially proposed by the City. **Mariann Taccia** spent a great deal of time on this and we appreciate all her hard work.

How about a round of applause for **Ben Broadwater** and **Gina Roberts**? Ben led the effort that made the 4th of July parade a success and Gina Roberts organized and conducted the various aspects of the Ryan Run as she has done for the past eight years. Thank you, Ben and Gina for the excitement you bring to summer! We also appreciate your day to day involvement related to RPIA activities throughout the year and your consistent attendance at the monthly meeting.

Engineering crews have begun the topographical surveying aspects related to the traffic calming projects which include traffic circles, chicanes and other intersection safety improvements. Our public art initiative will help make sure the projects are consistent with the historical nature of the neighborhood.

The quiet zone on the eastern side of the neighborhood will help mitigate the noise associated with the train horns and allow us to sleep better at night. This project has been in the works for many years and is scheduled to be completed in late 2011. We will get an up date and post it on the neighborhood web site.

The City has also apologized to the College Ave. residents for the slow street project progress and is in the process of hiring a contractor to finish the job.

Kurt Nielson and our dedicated park improvement group has initiated work on Triangle Park. Daggett Park continues to develop and we have received two gifts for park benches in honor of deceased friends and relatives. Thanks to Kurt and his team for a job well done.

Finally, I want to thank the Board and all the Sustaining members for your contributions to RPIA. We are making every effort to be good stewards of these funds and have developed a plan to implement various improvements over time in a prudent, methodical and organized fashion.

Sincerely,
John Kline

FROM: NPO Joel Stary

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Focus:

Gang Recognition

I hope everyone is well this month and that you have not melted from the heat or been swept away by the downpours we had earlier. I want to discuss gangs with you this month and hopefully give you some information that will help you determine when a group of kids roaming through or hanging out in our neighborhood needs to be looked at a little more closely.

We all know that graffiti shows up from time to time on fences, vacant building, garages, signs, and other structures in our area. Like with other types of crime – and graffiti is a crime – we tend to see an increase during the summer months when kids are out of school.

So now for some statistics: since 1983 there have been 12,000+ gang members and 400+ gangs documented here in Fort Worth; today there are approximately 60 active gangs. Gangs are dealt with all over the nation and there are many types of gangs. In our specific area, we deal with two main “turf” gangs – Varrio Centro (VC) (whose colors are blue and white) and Surenos (SUR 13) aka Varrio South Side (VSS) (whose color is mainly brown). These gangs are considered “turf” gangs because they spend most of their time fighting over turf, or area. The majority of the fighting is done by means of tagging and marking their turf for each other to see. Although these two are typically not considered to be violent gangs or organized criminal gangs, we have found that VC and SUR 13 may be involved in burglaries and thefts in this area. Gang members communicate to each other and the public by

the colors that they wear, graffiti/tagging, hand signs, tattoos, and language.

The gang unit within the Fort Worth Police Department is the largest in the state and they work tirelessly to stop gang crime in our city and neighborhoods. Just as important as being able to recognize gang activity in our neighborhood, please pay attention to what is going on in your own home with your children. Your children could become prey to the recruiting that occurs in school or just about anywhere by these gangs. Pay attention to your children’s behavior, dress, language and new friends.

If you have questions about gangs or gang activity or you are having a problem with your own child, please do not hesitate to contact me or the FWPDP Gang Unit. Our Gang Unit consists of Enforcement, Intelligence, Investigative Division, Intervention-Prevention, and Graffiti Abatement sections and can be contacted at 817-392-3670.

As always, please take care of our neighborhood and call 911 when you see something or someone suspicious. Please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.

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Yard-of-the-Month: 2800 block of 6th Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

Owners: **Francisco and KT Hernandez**

Drive down Cantey toward 8th Avenue and your eyes can't help noticing this striking home on its raised corner lot. This traditional beige brick two-story has arched windows surrounded by precisely clipped vines and a side window of exquisite stained glass. The private backyard is enclosed by a boxwood privacy hedge, the front yard is a year-round pleasure to behold. From azaleas awash in scarlet and pansies in two rectangular cement planters at the front steps, this home is tastefully enhanced with hydrangea bushes and then begonias through the summer. A signature wreath enhances the mullioned front door. Background trees and shrubs accent this expertly manicured manse.



From Calloway's Nursery

Timely Tips for August Gardeners



Color for the heat of summer! How many of you scoff at the idea and mumble under your breath that it's impossible? Well, we have a summer color program called "FlameProof for Texas" which will make a believer out of you!

Every year over 3,000 plants are tested at the Dallas Arboretum Trial Gardens. The very best of those are awarded the "FlameProof™" Plant award. This award is reserved for those plants that can take the Texas heat and thrive in our hot summers. If you're looking for plants that will flourish in our hot tropical summers, then look no farther. These winners will look great in your garden from May right up until first frost.

Our "FlameProof" Plants program started in June but the selection will continue through the end of August. Each week a new variety is featured and for this month we will be receiving the following plants:

- **Lobularia 'Snow Princess'**-Blooms fragrant white flowers and grows only 4 to 6 inches tall.
- **Torenia 'Catalina Midnight Blue'**-Dark blue Snapdragon-like blooms on plants 8 to 16 inches tall.
- **Coleus 'Kingswood Torch'**-Vivid dark foliage thrives in full to part sun.
- **Coleus 'Royal Glissade'**-Light moss-green leaves with raspberry touches will tolerate full sun or part shade.
- **Salvia 'Mystic Spires'**-True blue flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Don't let the heat of the summer keep you from enjoying your gardens. Check out our collection of "FlameProof" plants and enjoy garden color through fall!

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Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

Good Old Days?

A few of you are old enough to remember summertime before air-conditioning. Even church was not air conditioned. I remember a Sunday morning in August sitting in the congregation with the stained glass windows open to try to create a breeze. The preacher was preaching away and a bird flew in! It was so exciting – especially to a little kid who had to sit very quietly, all dressed up for church. But, it made the parson mad because it diverted attention from his sermon so he stopped and said, "Okay, let's all look at the bird. There it is, The Bird!" Of course, we were afraid to look at the bird then and I guess it was scared, too, and flew out of the window. Some things in our history (like no AC) don't really need to be preserved. It was pretty funny, though.

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Summer is almost over and the CCRP Board of Trustees is already planning for the holiday home tour the first weekend of December. Please mark your calendar now for December 3rd — 5th to be available to docent for a four hour shift.

Two homeowners have volunteered to have their homes on the tour and another has offered their home to host the soiree. If you would like to show off your home this is a perfect opportunity. Please contact **Mariann Taccia, 817.921.9976**, or by e-mail **mariannmt@sbcglobal.net** if you would like to participate.

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Match Point

Mary Beth and I have been sorting through our collection of the stuff they call ephemera on the PBS program, "Antiques Road Show."

She's working on the important stuff: letters, cards, newspaper clippings, baby announcements; I'm sorting through my matchbook collection. Not the cool little metal cars and trucks, but actual matchbooks.

I've got a good sized box of, maybe, a couple hundred matchbooks. Now matchbooks have become rather rare – replaced, I guess, by the little rack with business cards at the cashier's counter in your local restaurant or convenience store. I picked them up everywhere I went. Friends would come back from vacation with a sack full for me.

When I was a kid my parents wouldn't let me keep the matches; I had to strip them from their covers. This was rather embarrassing when I showed my collection to friends. Now I find out that they were right. (Don't you hate when that happens!) The matchbook collectors are not called "matchbook collectors," but "match cover collectors." For display purposes and for safety, almost all collectors strip (remove) the matches from the covers.

I have established a few guidelines. I must actually have visited the establishment advertised on the match cover. Places that have since closed are given priority over ones still in business. Chain stores and franchised business without a unique address are the first ones in the trash.

So far this is what's left:

Businesses near Ryan Place: Casa Linda Restaurant (Eighth Ave. at Allen); House of Mole (Park Hill at Forest Park Blvd.), which later became Mac's House; South Side State Bank (Hemphill at Rosedale).

Other Fort Worth: Caravan of Dreams, Moreland Drug-stores, Star Café. Original Italian Inn (East Lancaster) and Italian Inn Ridglea. Cross Keys Restaurant.

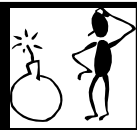
Matchbooks from our travels: Cottonwood Cove Lodge at Wagon Wheel Gap, South Fork, Colorado; The Ascott Hotel, Singapore; The Palmer House, Colorado Springs; Old Ebbitt Grill, Washington, DC; The Ranchman's Café, Ponder, Texas.

And that's just the first couple of handfuls.

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Special Event Ordinance Update



Thanks to feedback from citizens during the past couple of months, there have been numerous changes to the original proposed event ordinance, including a new name: *Outdoor Event Ordinance*. Additional **positive** changes that affect Neighborhood Events and Neighborhood Parades (NE/P) are:

- *Neighborhood home / garden tours are exempt from permits;
- *NE/P applicants are not required to attend Calendar Meetings;
- *Permit applications may be submitted at the beginning of the year for all annual NE/P;

- *All NE/P requirements and regulations have been moved to the end of the document for clarity.

Regulations and requirements that have **not changed** for NE/P are:

- *\$1 million liability insurance for parades and run;
- *\$1 million liability insurance for events that have structures (stage, bounce house, etc.) within the event location;
- *Paid off-duty officers if required by FWPD for public safety.

The Special Advisory Committee has recommended to Council that application and permit fees not be applied to NE/P. Sarah Fullenwider, assistance city attorney, has stated, "The issue of fees is still outstanding and will be resolved separately from the ordinance."

In summary, the Special Advisory committee was receptive to citizens concerns and made revisions. Application and permit fees being decided separately is disturbing. As the City cuts expenses, it is forcing tremendous financial burdens on our events. Whether we will be able to continue our events will be based on the financial burden to RPIA and the willingness of residents to continue their financial support. The ordinance will be approved on August 3rd, before this newsletter is published, but whether fees will be required has not been decided yet. **Ryan Place residents — PLEASE let the Council know that they oppose fees being applied to our events and parade.**

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The HistoricRyanPlace.org website moved to a new server on June 30th. Since the new server does not accept the discussion forum format that we used, the forum is no longer available.

Now, to get to the discussion forum, log onto the Ryan Place Neighborhood Facebook page. All of the same discussion topics are listed under the "Discussions" tab. If you have found or lost a pet you will be able to post pictures — which was not an option with the previous site. If you are not already registered with Facebook, it is very simple, and you do not have to participate with any of the other Facebook functions. Please go to facebook.com, complete the registration information, and then search for Ryan Place Neighborhood.

Thank you **Cameron Crum**, Dot 11 Networks, for hosting the Ryan Place website for so many years.

Ladies, You are invited . . .



Wondering about the next local Bible study? Beginning Thursday, September 9, at 6:30 pm, we will be exploring the book, *Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller. We would love to add to our group so if you can make it, please come. We will be meeting in our home at 2511 5th Ave. RSVP to 817-922-9280; **Paula Sease** and **Norma Kleiber**

Ryan Run Review



Whew!! Another Ryan Run — without a hitch!

Thankfully, another Ryan Run was successfully completed by approximately 170 runners on July 3. There were no injuries and although it was EXTREMELY HUMID, everyone had a wonderful run/walk. There was great food, plenty of water, massages, **Muscle Milk**, and Kona Ice for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to our sponsors — **XTO Energy, Albertson's, Baylor Sports Medicine, Fiesta, Greg French Allstate Agency, King's, Marathon Design, Sportswear Graphics, FW Running Co., Kona Ice, and Muscle Milk**. We appreciate their support and couldn't put on the run without their help.

As usual, our volunteers picked up all the necessary tasks and made everything work beautifully. Thanks to **Pat Ford, Steve Fruscella, Greg French, Katie Shumate, Peggy Rush, Chris** and **Kathy Rogers, Sian, Larry and Megan Borne** and **Barbara Tumlin** for your "sweat" equity.

We should have numbers soon to see how much the neighborhood will benefit, but I know it was a successful day when no one gets hurt and so many people get to visit this beautiful neighborhood that we call home.

Gina Roberts



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MAKING PEACE WITH THE 'POSSUM

PART I



by Linda Hill

Poor opossums. Loathsome to most people, they're about as harmless a creature as you can find. They are also one of the more interesting. Opossums are the only marsupial species in North America and have been around for over 80 million years.

Captain John Smith, who in 1617 established Jamestown, the first permanent settlement in North America, took the word opossum from the Algonquin Indian name *apasum*, which means "white face". Like humans, the animals have opposable thumbs on their rear feet which function like hands for grasping. They also have a prehensile tail that they use as a fifth limb to balance themselves as they move through the trees – but they cannot hang by their tails.

Opossums are harmless to humans; they can't jump up and bite you. They have over 50 teeth – more than any other mammal – which they flash when they're cornered or frightened. That behavior makes people think it is going to jump up and attack, but it's definitely a bluff meant to scare you away. Opossums are almost silent, but when cornered or attacked, they will rumble, growl, and hiss.

When they feel threatened, opossums will slowly walk away,

crawl under something or climb a tree if available. However, when caught in the open or attacked, if all other bluffs have failed, they will play "possum." They fall down, stick out their tongue, emit a foul odor, and by all appearance will appear dead. These are true seizures and the animal has little control over when it begins or ends. Poking and prodding will produce little or no movement and the animal may remain in this state for several minutes to several hours. Do not assume the animal is dead and do not put in a plastic sack or trash can or bury it as it may still be alive.



Opossums eat almost anything: snails, slugs, insects, rats, fruits, vegetables, cockroaches, small mammals, and carrion. They aren't particular about their cuisine and aren't territorial. They act like vagabonds, moving from one food source to another and move on once they've exhausted a food supply and had a good rest. Opossums in the wild don't live more than one to two years. They

age more rapidly than other mammals and continue to grow throughout their life.

For more information about the opossum and other mammals go to www.dfwwildlife.org.

YOU CAN PREVENT THE MAJORITY OF CRIMES BY BEING PREVENTATIVE!

- ♦ Do not leave anything in your cars - put things in the trunk or in the house.
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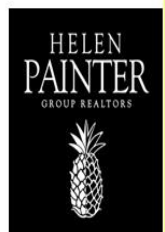
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April '10 Review

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Assault - 1

6 Part 1 Crimes compared to 8 in '09**May '10 Review**

Burglaries of Vehicles - 4
Burglaries of Homes - 2
Burglaries of Garages - 1
Theft - 3
Assault - 1

11 Part 1 Crimes compared to 11 in '09**June '10 Review**

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