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RPIA Monthly Meeting

RPIA Meeting

Monday, October 18 **7 PM Westside Unitarian Universalist Church** 901 Page Avenue

Meeting agenda at historicryanplace.org, Discussion Forum

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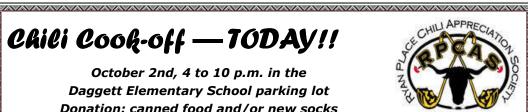
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October, 2010

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Chili Cook-off — TODAY!!

October 2nd, 4 to 10 p.m. in the Daggett Elementary School parking lot Donation: canned food and/or new socks



Chili Cook-Off Contestants arrive by 4 p.m. to set-up; registration at 4:30; Judging at

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National Night Out FWPD information on crime prevention

Questions? Contact Chris Handy at 817-601-5253,

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Visit our website: http://bit.ly/ryanplacechili





WANTED: FORMER AND CURRENT BAND GEEKS!! Join the band! We are always looking for current and former musicians to join our community band! Are you a current band student at Paschal or another local school? Did you march in college 20 years ago and haven't touched vour instrument since the last football game you played? Do you have a flute or tuba sitting in the corner of your living room, covered in dust, begging to be loved again? Then you are perfect for our casual community band! Join us for weekly rehearsals as we prepare to play selected holiday music for the upcoming RPIA Candlelight Tour. Contact David Tuttle at 817-917-0436 or david@tuttlecommercial.com



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mariannmt@sbcglobal.net with offers

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The Ryan Place Centennial Celebration





Take Me Out To The Ballpark

by Mariann Taccia

2912 5th Avenue

In 1926 **Paul LaGrave** was settling into two new homes – his family at 2912 5th Avenue and his baseball team in Panther Park. The ballpark opened as "Panther Park" and replaced a park by that name that was a few blocks away on the other side of North Main Street.

LaGrave's career as part-owner, secretary, and business manager of the Fort Worth Panthers began in 1916 when he and W. K. Stripling purchased the franchise Class B Texas League. They hired Jake Atz as the field manager and the three developed a baseball team that was "one of the most consistently successful minor league teams in baseball his-

The Panther team was not just "the best of the Texas League." The Dixie Series was then a major attraction in southern baseball circles, between the pennant winners of the Texas League and Southern Association. From 1919 to 1925, the Fort Worth Panthers won the regular season title seven straight years. They lost the playoff of the 1919 season, but for the next six years represented the Texas League in what became the Dixie Series. In the early 1920's when Fort Worth's population was just over 100,000, the Series was quite an event. Attendance figures ranged from 140,000 to 160,000. Amon Carter and other supporters arranged special trains to transfer die-hard Panther fans to the contests. Five of the six Series Championships were won by Fort Worth; their only loss came in 1922 to Mobile.



Paul LaGrave Ir.

The demise of the independently owned minor league team has eliminated any possibility of a modern minor league franchise attaining a record approximating that of the Fort Worth Panthers. In addition, the professional minor league player has largely disappeared from the scene.

The current LaGrave Field is built literally on the "grave" of the original LaGrave Field. The club's name was officially the Fort Worth Panthers (so named since Fort Worth was the "Panther City") with "Cats" originally being just a nickname until the '30s. The Panthers were a founding member of the Texas League in 1988 and an affiliate of the Brooklyn Dodgers (1946-56).



PAUL LAGRAVE, SR. & PAUL, JR. AT HOME IN 1928

In October 1928, La-Grave was in El Paso and suffered a heart attack. He remained there, too weak to return to Fort Worth, and by January of 1929 had suffered several more heart attacks before he died on Monday, January 21, 1929. His funeral service was held on Wednesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and he was

buried at Greenwood Cemetery. He was survived by his wife and son, Paul La-

CREGINAL LAGRANT FIELD

A major portion of his estate was the stock interest he had accumulated in the Panthers, and the sale price of the franchise was estimated at more than \$100,000, possibly equivalent to three to four hundred thousand, today. W. K. Stripling renamed Panther Park in his honor.

Information and some images for this article are from sabr.org; aabfan.com; and fwcats.com. Thank you to Christian and Karen Schroder, the current homeowners of 2912 5th Avenue, for the image of LaGrave at his home.



Liability Issues

Halloween night on Elizabeth Boulevard



by Mariann Taccia

For the past eleven years the residents of Elizabeth Blvd. have obtained a block party permit from the City to close the street on Halloween night to provide a safe environment for children to trick-or-treat. While the expense of this was minimal, each year Elizabeth Blvd. residents paid for the barricades and road closure signs that were required by the City.

With the City's adoption of a new Outdoor Event ordinance the requirements for street closures have changed. Fort Worth police representatives offered us three options:

- 1. Obtain an Outdoor Event Permit. Permit requirements are: Permit fee; 50%+1 signatures of Elizabeth Blvd. residents. in favor street closure; pay for off-duty police officers; a \$1 million commercial general liability insurance policy naming the City as an additional insured; adults to man barricaded areas during the closure.
- Do not close the street; offer a Fall Festival in the park for anyone to attend.
- Do not close the street to vehicle traffic. Sgt. Jones, our NPO sergeant, will monitor the area and bring in NPO officers to block off Elizabeth Blvd. at 8th Ave. at her discretion.

The City's heightened liability concerns on public property has alerted residents of their own liability. Several attorneys who live in Ryan Place have advised that any individual connected with the closure in any way could be held liable if a lawsuit were filed as the result of an accident. Due to concern regarding these liability issues, Elizabeth Blvd. residents have decided for option #3 by vote — not to continue the closure of Elizabeth Blvd. on Halloween night. The police department has been notified of the decision.

Further, Officer Joel Stary has advised, "It is perfectly acceptable for any resident to call 911 if a vehicle is blocking their driveway preventing them from entering or exiting their property. And, reporting traffic congestion is always acceptable as well." Remember that only law enforcement officers should direct traffic. Some nearby neighborhoods offer trick-or-treating for their children at an alternate date. If Ryan Place residents are interested in an event for Ryan Place children on a different evening, or to observe trick-or-treating on October 30th next year, please let me know mariannmt@sbcqlobal.net, 817.921.9976.

Be safe, and enjoy Halloween Night in Ryan Place!



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If every household in Ryan Place contributed at the minimum level of \$35., we would collect over \$28,000 for the Ryan Place treasury! Please mail your form and contribution in TODAY! If the Internet is more convenient, use PayPal at http://www.historicryanplace.org/RPIASustaining.html

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Amount Please contact me to help with (circle any / all): Parties Outdoor projects Events Other	Mail to: RPIA P.O. Box 11122 Fort Worth, TX 76110	\$35—\$74 annual contribution Friend \$75—\$150 annual contribution Patron \$151 + annual contribution

2010 Sustaining Members



(Names in bold print have contributed since the last NEWSLETTER.)

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Thank you, Keith Head!

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have volunteered and served on the Board to help make Ryan Place a better place to live. In particular, I want to thank **Keith Head** who is the past President of Ryan Place Improvement Association (RPIA).

I first met Keith soon after he moved here, as I was walking through the neighborhood. Soon afterwards, I noticed that he had volunteered to have his home on the tour sponsored by Candlelight Christmas, which is the organization that has installed all the beautiful streetlights throughout Ryan Place. He then donated personal funds to help install a streetlight on Willing Avenue. These were some of the first of Keith's many and varied contributions to our great neighborhood. I have tried to summarize in a list some of items that Keith was involved with and led as President of RPIA:

Two revisions of the By-Laws which were improvements over the past ones

Initiated the Sustaining Membership program

Daggett Park beautification

College Avenue gates landscaping

Eighth Avenue gates landscaping

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)

Street improvements, maintenance, and reconstruction

Neighborhood approved gas lease negotiation

Comprehensive plan for gas lease bonus money

Historic overlay

Railroad Quiet Zone

Defeat of gas well drilling located at Elizabeth Blvd. and Eighth Avenue

Noise control at 8th Ave. train off-loading

Public art initiatives

Hosting neighborhood parties at his residence

Encouraged street dance, block parties, and theme events

Effective liaison with the City of Fort Worth

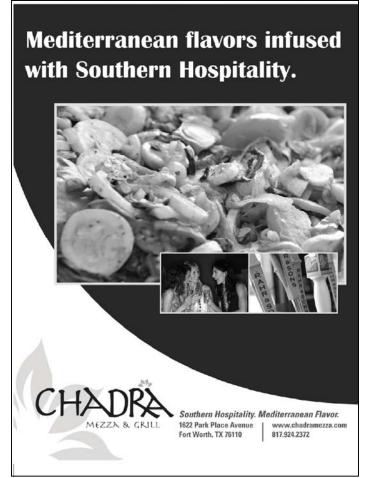
While Keith served as president of RPIA, Board meetings became regular and lively; attendance at monthly RPIA meetings increased dramatically. Keith, I cannot list each and every accomplishment and I know I have missed some. On behalf of Ryan Place and RPIA, thank you and your family – for all that you have done to make our neighborhood a model in Fort Worth and a better place for all of us to live.

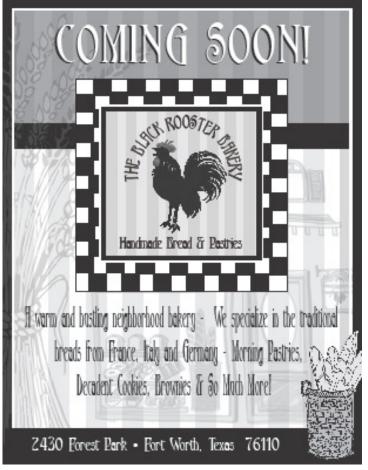
Sincerely,

John Kline

President

Ryan Place Improvement Association







Recognizing Suspicious Behavior

This month, I wanted to re-visit reporting suspicious persons, vehicles, and activity. So many times we see something that we know is strange

and we dismiss it because our list of "things-to-do" that day is consuming our mind. Instead, when we see something going on that is out of the ordinary, be willing to stop, think, and react. Remember, your phone call to the police could stop a major crime spree from even getting started!

"When should I call 911?" and "What is considered suspicious behavior?" Well, here are some answers to those questions:

Keep in mind that when you call 911, you will speak with a call taker. The call taker's job is to prioritize the call and pass the information on to a Police Dispatcher. Once the dispatcher receives the information a call will be set up and an Officer will be sent to the call location. Officer response time will be determined in large part by Officer availability and based upon the priority level the call was given by the call taker.

Next, what about "suspicious behavior?" Anything that seems strange to you would be considered suspicious behavior. Anything that makes you stop and think, "I wonder what he/she is doing?" would be considered suspicious behavior. These are the best guidelines to follow and you have to remember that if something looks, feels, smells or sounds strange to you, then it is "suspicious."

Based on this definition of suspicious behavior, answering the question, "When should I call 911?" is very easy. *Call 911 and have an Officer come out anytime you see, smell or hear*

something suspicious or when you have a feeling that something is suspicious!

Here are some things you need to notice and tell the call taker when you call:

For Persons – race, age, height, hair description, facial hair, glass/no glasses, clothing description, shoe description, bags/backpacks, direction of travel, behavior and demeanor if you spoke with the person

For Vehicles — use the CYMBAL acronym

C = Color

Y = Year

M = Vehicle Make (Ford, Chevrolet, etc.)

B = Body Style (Van, Pick-up, etc.)

A = Additional Details (direction of travel, damage, bumper stickers, etc.

 ${f L}={f License}$ Number (even partial plate numbers are helpful) I know everyone is very busy, but take the time to help your community and your neighbors by reporting suspicious activity. Thank you all so much for the help you provide to the Police Department and your neighbors. Keep up the good work and remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.

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POLICE ALERT

If you see someone dressed in a costume like this, report it to 911 immediately — this is not about Halloween or school mascots. Police have identified this character as "Pedo" and he is reportedly the "spokesperson" for pedophiles, who are using the character to identify each other. The emblem has been appearing on the Internet, bumper

stickers, etc. The costumed figure may also be in parks and areas where children are, posing for pictures with them. Do not allow your children near this costumed person; call 911 immediately if you see someone dressed this way. (**This is NOT a joke!**)

Remember the "white or Hispanic female, 50-60 years old with dark hair and a missing front tooth . . . seen in a maroon vehicle" (August, 2010 Newsletter) whom we suspected of burglary? Well, we caught her! She is in jail and we are investigating the possibility that she has been connected with many of the recent burglaries in our area. More good news: when comparing the August, 2009 statistics with those of August, 2010, crime has decreased by 60% in Ryan Place. Keep up the good work!

NPO Joel Stary

Reward for Burglary Information



Dear Ryan Place neighbors,

I'm new to the neighborhood, and recently experienced a break-in at the house I'm renting at 2508 Ryan Avenue. I've talked to two eyewitnesses and have met with Officer Stary. I'm offering a reward for any information that leads to the return of my stolen property or the capture of the culprits.

On Thursday, September 9th, 2010 between approximately 2:00-2:10 pm, two individuals were seen breaking into 2508 Ryan Ave. They took off the screen of the tiny bathroom window and somehow got inside. I'm guessing the window wasn't locked. Reportedly, one was an Hispanic male in his 20's, athletic build, clean cut with a dark complexion, and one Hispanic female in her 40's, black hair, in a T-shirt and shorts, hair possibly in a ponytail.

They were seen moving things into their black, 4-door BMW (pulled up into the driveway), older model, with something unusual about the rear license plate, possibly bent or dented.

They got about \$2500 worth of my property, and I have been checking local pawn shops to see if they've tried to pawn anything. I'm offering a \$1000 reward for information that leads to their capture. Please contact me by e-mail: carlo@zscafe.com. Thanks —

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Yard-of-the-Month: 2700 block of 6th Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

Owner: **Dean Brown**

Thick bermuda grass enhanced by hedging leads up the steps to this cream-colored manse and its most inviting front porch. Large pots of juniper and asparagus ferns top the entrance to a shady enclave with wicker furniture set on an outdoor rug - more potted plants, an outdoor fan, and a hanging whimsical monkey! Outer rim of the front yard is lined with liriope, roses, and a winding, earth-colored flagstone path. A green, dome-shaped awning pulls the scene together. The piece de resistance is the bench sitting in the yard surrounded with plants, outdoor lighting, and a TCU banner. Iced tea, anyone?



From Calloway's Nursery

Timely Tips for October Gardeners



Fresh Fall Color

Transform the appearance of your landscape with fresh, colorful blooms. Blooming Garden Mums offer a wide range of instant Fall color. Choose plants which are just showing color and you will enjoy them longer and select an area that gets at least six hours of sun a day for planting. Dianthus (also known as "Pinks"), Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Violas, and the fragrant Alyssum are also good choices for cooler weather annuals. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale provide striking foliage forms in the landscape as well as colorful foliage. For best effect, limit your plantings to two or three colors per bed.

The key to growing beautiful annual flowers is soil preparation. Select a well drained flowerbed and add lots of organic matter. **Calloway's Flower Bed Mix** contains compost plus a boost of fertilizer, water-management crystals, and a wetting agent. Add either **Calloway's Flower Food** or **Blood and Bone Meal** to the soil at planting to provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. When removing the plant from its container, carefully score the roots with a knife if they are growing in the shape of the container. This will encourage the growing of additional roots and produce a sturdier plant. Apply 2-3 inches of mulch to reduce moisture loss and to insulate the soil.

These same annuals can be used in patio containers. Fill your containers with fresh potting soil and plant food. Keep them watered as necessary. "Deadheading" or pinching off faded blooms will encourage repeat blooming.

Drop by any Calloway's Nursery and visit with a Texas Certified Nursery Professional for all your planting needs. Remember, Fall is a great time for planting!



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Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

1911-2011

One hundred years ago Fire Station #5 was built and TCU moved to a 50-acre site on the southwest side of our City. Classes started on September 16, 1911. Jarvis Hall is the only building remaining from that original 1911 campus. I wonder what the tuition costs were.

We will be celebrating our centennial soon. On March 12,1911 the Fort Worth Star-Telegram ran an article titled "Fort Worth To Have Model Addition." The addition was to comprise the best features of eighteen different cities that John Ryan and his wife Elizabeth Willing Ryan visited before designing Ryan Place.

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2620 Willing Ave	\$187,000	2/1	817-795-2500
2817 Willing Ave	\$227,000	3/2	817-354-7653
2932 6th Ave	\$269,900	2/2	817-923-7321
2844 6th Ave	\$379,900	4/3	972-724-9010
2412 5th Ave	\$424,500	3/2+	817-632-9500
1111 Elizabeth Blvd	\$579,000	4/3+	817-732-8400
2900 6th Ave	\$599,500	4/2+	817-795-2500

What's Your Favorite Tree?



Do you have a favorite tree? Would you like to have that tree planted in the neighborhood? If you answered "yes" to both of those questions, you may be interested to hear that you can adopt a tree to be planted in Daggett Park! A few of the live oak trees didn't make the transport into our neighborhood when we planted them last January so we've got spaces to fill. Instead of replacing them with the same variety available from the city nursery, you can choose whatever you want in the park and I'll plant it (you can help, if you want). John Filarowicz is using his connections to make trees available at wholesale cost to anyone willing to sponsor—less than \$150 for most species. Call or e-mail **Kurt Nielsen** for details (817-308-6126 or kurtryannielsen@aol.com). Act quickly because there are only a few spots available!



Ryan Place resident **Clark Griffith** (Third Place in 2007 Cliburn Amateur) is the pianist in Dallas Theatre 3's production of "33 Variations" playing September 30 to October 30. Go to theatre3dallas.com for information and tickets.



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Nominations Sought for RPIA Board Positions

According to the RPIA By-laws, the following Board of Director positions are expiring and are to be filled in even years:

Executive Board: President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer

Street Directors: Elizabeth Blvd., 5th Avenue, Ryan Avenue,
6th Avenue, and Willing Avenue

The Parliamentarian will be re-appointed.

Qualifications to serve on the RPIA Board of Directors are stated in the By-laws in Sections 3.01 and 9.02 as follows:

3.01 "Directors," when used in relation to any power or duty requiring collective action, means "Board of Directors." Any person who meets the eligibility requirements for Sustaining Membership in the Association shall be eligible to serve as a Director.

9.02 A Sustaining Member is a General Member who has contributed an amount greater than or equal to the minimum annual contribution as established by the Board of Directors.

If you have a nomination, please contact the Nominating Committee chairman, **Lin Parham**, 817-94027,

rap32dds@aol.com. Nominations will be accepted till October 15th and nominees will be published in the November newsletter. Election will be during the November Annual RPIA meeting on November 15th at Westside Unitarian Universalist Church, 901 Page Ave., 7:00 p.m.





Daggett Middle School Turning Around

Joan Kline described to the RPIA meeting on Sept. 20 that our own Daggett Middle School is making some dramatic changes. The Star-Telegram carried an article that day about Daggett's new principal, Erin Deel, who is specifically trained as a "turnaround" leader for the FWISD. Academic performance and discipline at Daggett are primary targets for change. According Principal Deel in the S-T, "discipline referrals are [already] down 62% . . . and more than 70 families showed up for open house this year compared with four last year." This past summer, the school was freshened with new plantings outside and paint inside. Daggett also secured a \$10,000 grant to revive the school's band.

When interviewed by the RPIA Newsletter, Principal Deel mentioned that she plans to be at the Ryan Place Chili Cook-off (maybe as a contestant!) and will host a booth for students' projects at the Christmas Crafts Show at St. John's Episcopal Church this year. Ryan Place middle-school students are in the Daggett District.



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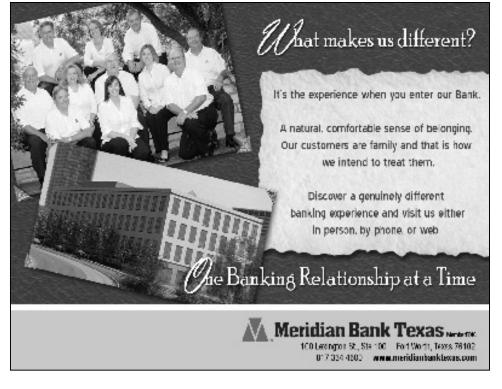


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to the Neighborhood!

Loy Rooke and wife, Rita "Sam" Cody have come back to Ryan Place after a couple of years in another part of town. They reside on the southern end of Ryan Place Drive. Their daughter, Mary Camilleri and her husband Mario (along with their three sons) have lived in Ryan Place for many years.

Welcome back, Loy and Rita!

If you are a new resident (or know someone who is) and would like to be "officially" welcomed to the neighborhood in this column, please email me at junelake.rpia@gmail.com and let me know you're here.



Christopher Ebert

(Will return)



Ours is one of the old ones – built in the early 1920's – Tudor style. When we could no longer ignore the chalky, peeling paint, the missing window caulk, and rotting wood here and there, it was time for a paint job. We knew that our neighbor across the street was a painter and had watched him paint another neighbor's house, so we called him.

Ron showed up as scheduled with his shadow, Luke (an Australian heeler – another fine story) and his helper, Victor, and began much more than a "paint job." Ron *refurbishes* – he repairs and replaces the old rotten wood. As he stripped and ground away the years of accumulated paint, our house has emerged with lovely decorative moldings that had been buried in the layers. Ron's ladders haven't even disturbed my chickweed! Though not a large house, we have nearly 50 windows and Ron is carefully renewing and cleaning each one. It is slow work, to be sure, but the quality is worth the time. Ron has done many jobs in Ryan Place and in the area – references are available.

-Olivia Flynn



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Updates from the City:

Note from City Councilmember Joel Burns:

Folks, I asked for a status report on the Hemphill/Capps/Page Quiet Zone railroad crossings and received the info below. This delay is not what I prefer, but I am relieved that since TxDOT funding seems to be drying-up on projects around Fort Worth and around the state, funding for this project seems secure now. Construction will begin in early 2011 and is scheduled to conclude in October 2011.

Note to John Kline from City on RPtraffic calming:

Consultant was authorized to proceed with the design effective June 14, 2010. To date the firm has completed design survey in the field, preliminary layout of traffic circles, and served on selection panel for the public art project. I have asked for additional information as it relates to traffic flow around the traffic circles and consultant is still working on preliminary design for chicanes. I will have something to review by end of month. The consultant has 8 months (Feb. 2011) to complete the design. We will then let the contract and take bids from contractors and proceed to Council for awarding contract. This process will take another 2 to 3 months before actual work begins (estimate late May 2011). I do not have time line on estimated number of working days to build the project as of yet since this will be developed as a part of their design contact.



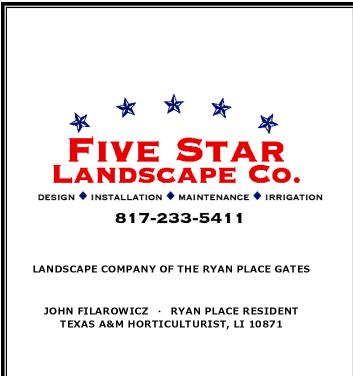
Anyone who would like to donate items to the North Texas Humane Society may bring them to 2927 5th Avenue. Leave your gift on the front porch.

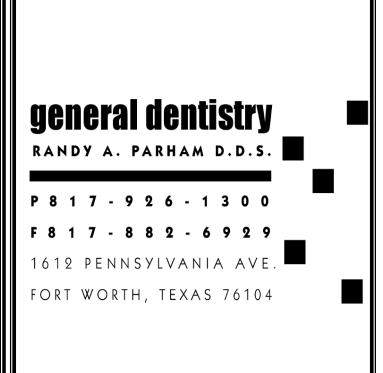
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- Make sure that all exterior home doors and windows are locked.
- Leave exterior lights on all night. This not only deters criminals, but also, police are able to see criminals. The cost of running a few light bulbs is not as expensive as replacing stolen property.
- Let your neighbors know if you will be out of town.







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**, at **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.



College Avenue Street Construction



College Avenue Street Construction: On September 11th and 13th, Conatser incorporated lime into the existing soil in the roadbed and then graded and compacted it. The soil was then subjected to a compaction test, which it passed. On September 16th, the construction crew installed the rebar and the forms, and on the 17th, they poured concrete. The concrete now needs to set up and have a compression test performed which should take four days. We should be driving on it by Wednesday, the 22nd. From what I have heard, once the sidewalk crew on Lipscomb finishes with that street, they will install the College Avenue sidewalks and driveways.

John Filarowicz, Street Director



The Tarrant County Elections Center needs workers for general elections. They are looking for people who are registered voters and who enjoy interaction with the public — especially people who are bilingual. Election officials are paid for the days they work during the election process. Hours of elections are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The next general election will be November 2, 2010. To apply, go online to www. tarrantcounty.com/egov or call 817/831-8683.



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