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November, 2010

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**Friday, November 19**

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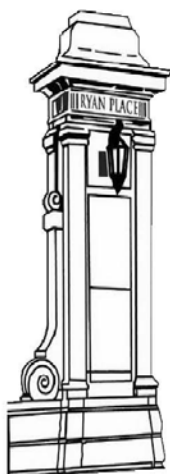
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# **A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS IN RYAN PLACE HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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***SATURDAY — DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> — 2 TO 6 PM OR 6 TO 10PM***

***SUNDAY — DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> — 2 TO 6 PM***

The CCRP board is very excited to announce the homes participating in the Holiday Home Tour this year. Advance tickets will be on sale at Albertson's, Old Home Supply, Old Neighborhood Grill, and Butler's Antiques. Individual tickets are \$12, and group tickets are \$10 each for a group of 20 or more. Tickets will be available during the tour at the Information Porch. If you would like to docent during the tour for a four hour shift please contact Mike Lindner, 682-429-6759. A letter of community hours volunteered will be provided to students.

## **2010 CCRP Holiday Tour Homes**

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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

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(Names in bold print have contrib-  
uted since the last NEWSLETTER)



During the November RPIA meeting, the Streets and Traffic Committee will present the drawings of the various projects that are included in the **Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP)** and approved by the neighborhood residents. The planning for this project began 2004 and was completed in October 2010. The drawings were prepared by the City of Fort Worth and the consultant engaged to help with this plan. During the planning phase, the Committee involved volunteers from Ryan Place--professional transportation engineers, landscape architects, a professional traffic calmer and the City Transportation and Public Works Department. The City Planning Department was also involved at one point. Meetings with the City will take place over the next several months. After the November meeting, the City and the consultant will present the final drawings some time during the first quarter. After that, a preconstruction meeting will be held to review the timeline and the construction process. Each of these meetings will be held during the regularly scheduled RPIA monthly meetings. Please read the newsletter to learn about exact dates and times.

An application for **public art** was submitted and was not approved in the initial effort to obtain these funds. However, other funding sources became available and the artist selection process is about to be finalized. Once the process is completed, the Artist Selection Panel will report back to the Design Committee. We will also make sure this information is presented at one of the RPIA meetings after the Design Committee completes their work.

New **street construction** is planned for Cantey St., Willing Ave., Ryan Place Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Ryan Ave. in the near future. We are in the process of obtaining an updated timeline from the City. Many of these streets will also receive new water lines in addition to the new streets. It is estimated that the new streets, traffic calming and public art represent an approximate **\$1,860,000 investment in Ryan Place**. This excludes the new water lines that will be replaced in the process and Cantey St. reconstruction because we have not received cost estimates for these two items. Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to this accomplishment.

The volunteers involved with **Daggett Park** and **Triangle Park** have also been busy. Please drive or walk by Daggett Park when you have a chance. Additional trees have been planted and the benches are about to be installed. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Parks initiative, please call Kurt Nielson at 817-308-6126 for more information.

This is the last issue until January and best of luck to all the individuals involved with the **CCRP Holiday Home Tour - PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO DOCUMENT** in exchange for a **FREE TICKET**. I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season!

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**Focus:**

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I sat down to write my article for this month and realized how much information is floating around out there which pertains to **crime prevention** and related topics. I know that we have gone over a lot of different things in my articles and at meetings, but usually everyone has a different question on their mind about some topic that they do not know much about. The year 2011 is drawing near, and what I would like to do is get feedback from you about what topics interest you and what questions you would like answered with regard to crime prevention. So, everyone think of something and send me an e-mail. Keep an eye on the **NEWSLETTER** in 2011 and I will provide answers.

It has been a busy year once again, but **we have survived** and I appreciate all your help addressing concerns in the neighborhood and solving crimes this year. I will touch on holiday safety next month, but please begin to **send me your questions and topics** to be addressed next year. Thank you all for making our neighborhood a safe and wonderful place to live. Until next time, please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.

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## “The Pulse of Ryan Place”

### ***Olivia Flynn Says Goodbye But Not Farewell After Three Years Of Publishing Our Newsletter!***

The **RPIA NEWSLETTER** welcomes **David Tuttle** as its new General Manager! You’ve seen David’s name in the **NEWSLETTER** regularly for the past year or so as the initiator of the Ryan Place Community Band. He and his family have been residents of Ryan Place for ten years, previously on Willing Avenue and now on 5th Avenue. Two of his kids, daughter Abigail and son Luke, are students at Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center where his wife Angela is a teacher. His twelve year-old daughter Manda attends McLean Middle School.

I have so enjoyed the past three years with the **NEWSLETTER**! I have been blessed to get to know more people and the interesting history of our neighborhood than I ever dreamed possible. I feel like I’ve lived here all my life! When I hesitantly volunteered for the job just over three years ago, I knew little more about computers than how to turn them on and off. Thanks go to **Dawn Taft** who gave me a crash course on *Microsoft Publisher* and then carefully proof-read every issue for the next year. She and **Gilbert Gutierrez** were great encouragers as I struggled with the computer and *Publisher*. Most recently, **Brooke Downing** has helped enormously by managing all of the advertising business for the **NEWSLETTER**.

Thank you to the faithful crew who send in articles, columns, stories, and advertisements every month for publication - the **NEWSLETTER** wouldn’t exist without you. Finally, I thank all of you in the neighborhood for your words of appreciation, your contributions, and your involvement in Ryan Place – which provides the news that we look forward to reading. I won’t miss the late nights before going to the printer, but I will miss the pulse of Ryan Place.—**Olivia Flynn**



## Yard-of-the-Month: 2420 Willing Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

Owners: Mary & Bob Weathers

"We're FROGS here!" Such was the declaration when I talked with the owners of our November YOM. Nowhere is FALL more obvious than at this cream brick cottage with its welcoming autumn ambience. A red brick walkway leads up to a "straw-bonneted" door with trailing roses wrapped around the two front pillars. Flower beds in front of lush nandina bushes are bedecked with orange zinnias, yellow marigolds, red pentas and a plump pumpkin. Striped awnings and a TCU banner to herald football season round off this picture. Of note is the backyard: Bushes, trees and blooming flowers edged by monkey grass surround the

perimeter with a towering tree in the center of this peaceful greensward. The deck and patio provide a perfect setting for a morning meditation!



From Calloway's Nursery

## Timely Tips for November Gardeners



Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled.

Prune summer flowering shrubs and vines now. They will bloom on new growth. Remember—do not top your Crape myrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape. Trim evergreens only to reshape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2-to 3-inch layer of mulch. **Mulching** is necessary year-round, but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Secondly, **water your landscape** well before a cold spell. A drought-stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. Thirdly, for more tender plants, purchase **frost cloth** for extra protection. Frost cloth is a fabric which adds three to four degrees of warmth. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground so you are utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

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## Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

One year our son Carter was tramping through Europe with a couple of friends and was not home on Thanksgiving. It was the first time our little family of four had not been together on a holiday. Later, when he came home I asked him where they were on Thanksgiving and he said, "Venice." When I asked him what they ate he said, "Duck". So I stopped feeling sorry for us all and have served roasted duck ever since! The pilgrims had duck as well as swan and turkey and they too were far from their original home. Don't we have wonderful times to be Thankful for!

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## Meet Your Neighbors, The Burr Family

Meet the Burr Family, Chris, Ami, Jonathon 17, Katherine 14, Isaiah 12, Laura Beth 3, and Maisie, 1 ½ . The Burrs recently moved to Ryan Place from Wedgewood. They have lived in Fort Worth for 9 years and now make their home on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Chris and Ami were high school sweet hearts and have been married for 18 years. They love to take walks and enjoy the special architecture of Ryan Place. Chris also enjoys running and Ami is devoted to taking care of their home and the domestic arts.

The children have many interests also. Jonathon is a talented musician and Katherine enjoys playing the violin and developing her business making and selling hats. Isaiah loves anything to do with art. The older children recently returned from a three month mission trip to Koboko, Uganda and are planning another mission trip to India.

The Burr Family loves to go hiking and a favorite vacation spot is the state of Maine. They truly love people and their house is always open and welcome to friends and neighbors. - **Stephanie Gutierrez**



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## Part of the Community

Humans must have a strong need to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Of course, we like it to be something successful, exciting and fun. Just like in the days of the cave men (& women) when our early ancestors survived by joining a community. Now in the 21st century many of us have found just the thing: the Texas Rangers and/or the TCU Horned Frogs. As I write this column, it is not unusual to see cars and trucks with red Texas Ranger Flags flapping in the wind as they drive by. The Rangers in the World Series seems even more special since it has taken 40 years for the Texas Rangers to even win a playoff game. In our time of instant communication and instant 24-hour everything, we usually don't have the patience to wait 40 years for anything. But when the wait is over we all want to become a part of the moment. By the time this newsletter is published, edited, printed and delivered we will all know if the Texas Rangers could handle the Giants as well as they handled the New York Yankees.



Being part of a neighborhood/community is special for far too many reasons to list in just one newsletter. But how about we start now: Being part of a group of people who joined together to solve a problem, pave a street, slow traffic down to make everyone safer, improve a public school, protect and beautify a small piece of public space or welcome newcomers to Ryan Place.



I like to think the folks of Ryan Place have been working toward the ideal community for at least 40 years. If there were a Super Bowl, a BCS Game or a World Series for neighborhoods I would get a flag for my car and wear our neighborhood colors. Meanwhile I will join up with the folks that cheer for the TCU Horned Frogs. - **Christopher Ebert**



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7	8	9	10 Trash	11	12	13
14	15 <i>RPIA MTG. @ 7:00pm</i> BIG TRASH	16 BIG TRASH	17 BIG TRASH	18	19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> BIG TRASH	20 <i>Arts 5th Avenue FUNDRAISER</i>
21	22	23	24 Trash		26	27
28	29	30				

# December 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8 Trash	9	10	11
12	13 BIG TRASH	14 BIG TRASH	15 BIG TRASH	16 BIG TRASH	17 BIG TRASH	18 <i>Arts 5th Ave. 10th Annual Jazz Christmas</i>
19	20	21	22 Trash	23	24	
26	27	28	29 Trash	30	31	

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# Modern Streetcars in Fort Worth?

An Update on the Fort Worth Modern Streetcar Project

by **Kevin Buchanan**, [fortworthology.com](http://fortworthology.com)

The City of Fort Worth has been studying the construction of a modern streetcar project for some time now. The latest step in the process has been the hiring of HDR, Inc. to conduct a full-on study of the concept, evaluate possible routes and funding and identify economic potential from the system.

After several months of work, HDR has recently recommended to the city an economically feasible starter route, as well as feasible funding sources. The proposed starter route would connect the Near Southside, Downtown, and the forthcoming Trinity River Vision areas with a three-mile alignment running from JPS Hospital to near LaGrave Field, running along South Main, Jennings, Commerce, Houston and North Main.

This initial starter system would be fully viable on its own, both from economic and ridership standpoints, but would also serve as a backbone for potential future expansions - including Magnolia Avenue, West 7th Street, and East Rosedale - though if we decide to build the starter system, we would not be obligated to build any expansions.

The starter system would cost approximately \$80 million, and would require no money from the general fund - it would be funded entirely by a combination of the Near Southside TIF district, the Trinity River Vision TIF district and a Federal Transit Administration grant that the city has already been awarded. Operating costs are covered as well - The T has committed to \$2 million/year to run the system.

A conservative economic impact analysis shows the starter would generate \$335 million in additional economic development along the route (though based on economic benefits seen in other cities, the actual number is likely to be higher).

Modern streetcars are steel wheel electrically-powered articulated vehicles that run in tracks in the street and are powered by a single thin overhead wire. Unlike the streetcars that built Fort Worth's central city in the early part of the 20th Century, they are fully climate-controlled, very smooth riding, and feature curb-height floors for easy ingress and egress of riders (including those with bikes, strollers and wheelchairs). They have been shown in other cities to generate strong economic development along the route in the form of mixed-use urban development, and have been shown to shape that development in such a way that it requires fewer cars and provides more space for people. It is believed that a modern streetcar system would spark strong economic benefit for Fort Worth while also improving the livability and mobility of the districts it runs through.

In addition, many of Fort Worth's peer cities across the United States - cities as diverse as Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Tucson, Cincinnati, Dallas and more - are planning or constructing new streetcar systems. Modern streetcars help keep and attract young up-and-coming creatives and professionals who increasingly wish to live in walkable urban neighborhoods, and by investing in such a system Fort Worth could position itself as a desirable city in this regard.

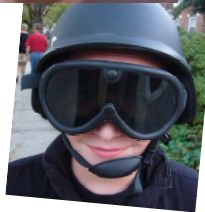
HDR will be presenting a full business plan in November, after which the City Council will decide whether or not to move into the preliminary engineering phase. Citizens are urged to contact the City Council and the Mayor if they wish to express their support for the project. For further information on the Fort Worth Modern Streetcar project, visit the city's site at [www.fortworthstreetcar.org](http://www.fortworthstreetcar.org), and the informational site [www.streetcarfortworth.com](http://www.streetcarfortworth.com).



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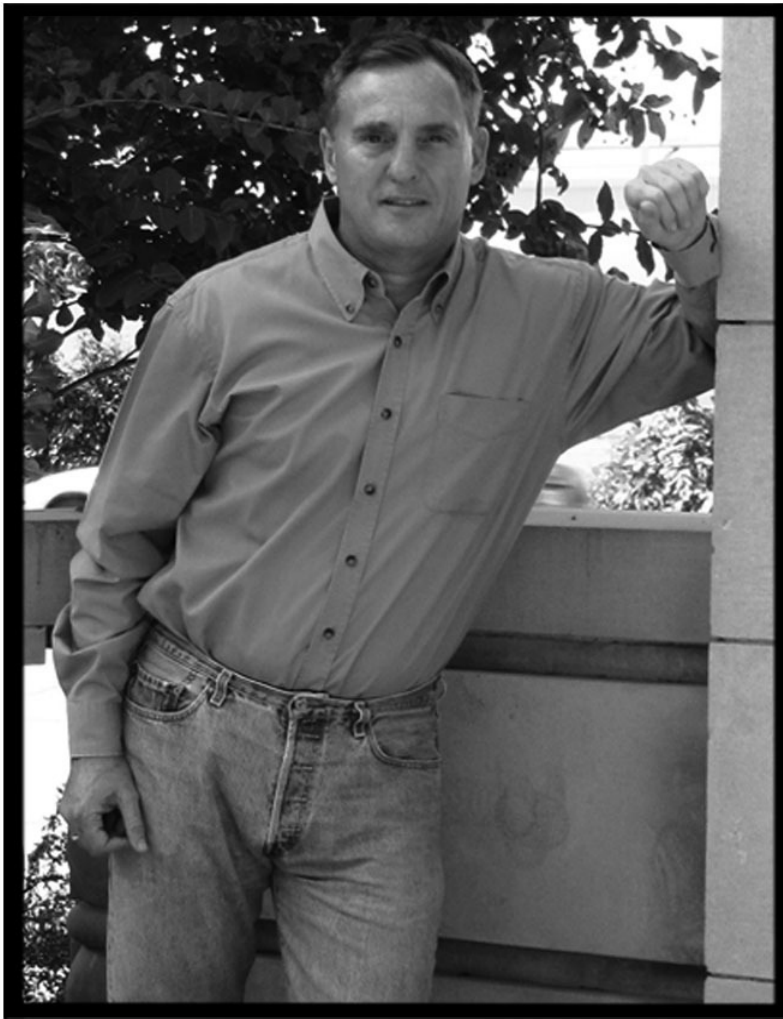
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