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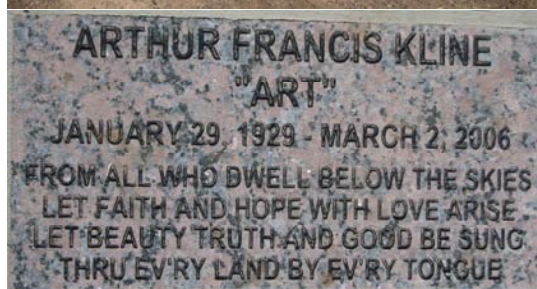
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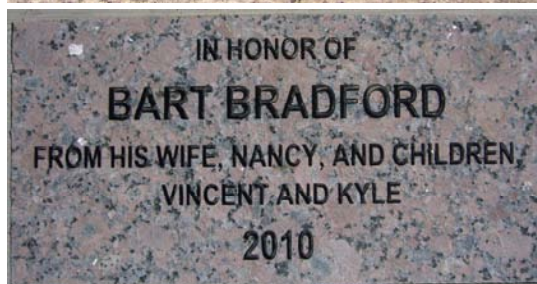
### *DAGGETT PARK BENCHES INSTALLED IN HONOR OF THREE RYAN PLACE RESIDENTS*

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Looking for a place to sit in the sun or the shade in Daggett Park? Try one of the three new park benches recently installed in the park along Elizabeth Avenue in honor of three long-time Ryan Place residents: Bart Bradford, Art Kline and Joe Driggers. Each bench is situated on a permanent cement slab with a marble monument honoring these residents for their contributions to the neighborhood. The funds to pay for the installation of the benches was raised privately by family and friends who wanted a permanent memorial embodying the sense of community created over the years by these neighborhood advocates. The quality of the benches along with their placement and purpose should ensure many years and generations of use by Ryan Place residents. **Stop by, have a seat, and try to contemplate what you can do for Ryan Place in the name of neighborhood and community!**



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## Ryan Place Improvement Association President's Letter

We have received several calls about dangerous dogs in the neighborhood. Recently, a resident was on a walk and was attacked by a pit bull that required a visit to the hospital to treat her injuries. She missed several days from her job. Animal Control attended the November RPIA meeting and suggested carrying a walking stick or golf club to use in self defense. It was also stated that mace, or pepper spray, might not be effective and may only make an attacking dog more aggressive. There are established procedures to report dangerous dogs to the City of Fort Worth and the Animal Care and Control Center. You may contact them at 817-392-7297 or [www.FortWorthGov.org/animals](http://www.FortWorthGov.org/animals).

Thanks to all the Ryan Place residents for their cooperation on Halloween night. Residents requested, and the Police Department agreed, a specific reason be given next year if/when an email is sent out asking residents to turn off their lights essentially shutting down trick-or-treating. A Committee will be formed next year to help make suggestions to the RPIA Board on making Halloween a safe and fun annual event.

Finally, the next major initiative for the RPIA is to solicit your input on ways to get more residents involved and volunteering with activities, events and projects that are of interest to you and our community. We have approximately 800 residents and only a handful of volunteers. Please keep an eye out for future meetings and surveys requesting your help in setting priorities for 2011. Your input on ways to increase volunteer participation in Ryan Place, along with your advice and feedback, are important to the RPIA.

Happy Holidays!!

John Kline, President, RPIA

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**Bart Bradford**, who still resides in Ryan Place, was a charter member of the RPIA and on the original By-Laws Committee. Since his retirement from Carter and Burgess he has walked, charted and documented every square inch of curb, gutter, sidewalk, street and alley in Ryan Place. His contribution of time, talent and resources has benefited the area



immensely when applying to the city for sidewalk funds, traffic calming and our updated park. Bart has lived in Ryan Place for 48 years. He has raised two children, Vincent and Kyle, in the neighborhood. He and Nancy have been married for 36 years and live on Sixth Avenue.—**Linda Clark**



***Clockwise from the top left: Bart & Nancy's wedding at their home on 6th Avenue; Nancy & Bart on their 30th Anniversary, Vincent & Kyle, 2004; Bart & Kyle, 1980; Vincent & Bart, 1980; Bart & Vincent, 2000.***



## Art Kline

was one of the early Ryan Place "urban pioneers". He and his wife Joan came to our neighborhood in the early 60's when property values were in transition and

nothing about the "quality of life" was assured. Art was always sympathetic with the RPIA neighborhood's efforts to better itself. His peaceful nature combined with his focus on family and family values created the envious position of a "silent supporter" and always an ardent backer to Joan's activist spirit. Art's energetic support of every neighborhood effort came from his love of music; he was one of the initial participants in the first and famous Bottom of the Barrel Band which

demonstrated its musical expertise during the annual Ryan Place 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. And nothing was more fun to Art than his leadership of his family's Christmas Caroling to many houses in our neighborhood on Christmas Eve. Art Kline's legacy to our neighborhood is and will continue to be his family; a majority of his children still reside with their families in Ryan Place. - **Bart Bradford**

***Clockwise from the top left: Art & Joan, Mardi Gras 1952;  
Art, Korean War Air Force;  
Art & Joan, 50th Wedding Anniversary; The Band***



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## Patrick Joseph

**(Joe) Driggers** was born on August 12, 1965 in Houston and grew up in Nacogdoches, Texas. He was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin and earned a MBA from Texas Christian University. Joe and his wife Jill moved to Ryan Place in 1995 just days after being married. Their son Matthew, now 9 years old, is a gifted athlete and student and currently attends Trinity Valley School. Joe was one of the kindest, most generous individuals you could ever have the privilege of knowing. He was always doing things for others - he was a very caring and giving person. His outgoing nature and sense of

h u m o r attracted people to him, and Joe loved those people right back! He enjoyed interacting w i t h neighbors and visitors, whether at the annual garage sale,



**Clockwise from the top left: Matthew & Joe at the Mavs game; Joe & Matthew at TVS Fest 2007; Jill, Matthew & Joe in West Texas; Joe & Matthew enjoying a hot dog; Matthew & Joe, always together.**



on Halloween night or just walking the neighborhood. Joe loved our neighborhood. We miss him. - **Joe Cox**



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## Park Place Avenue to Receive Major Streetscape Upgrade

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

Park Place Avenue, just west of 8th Avenue in the Near Southside, has evolved into a small but shining “restaurant row” to complement Magnolia Avenue. Establishments like Chadra Mezza, Old Neighborhood Grill, and Esperanza’s are established favorites. The street itself has been something of an awkward thing, though. What there was of Park Place’s pedestrian nature has eroded over time by way of automobile-oriented development. It’s sort of lacking the feel of being an actual “place,” like Magnolia Avenue has become. Now, thanks to a project from the minds of Fort Worth South, Inc. and Kimley-Horn & Associates, the street is about get a dramatic makeover – one that will take steps to put a lot more “place” into Park Place.



*This shows up close the segment around Chadra Mezza, Old Neighborhood Grill, Esperanza's, and other local businesses. You can see the upgraded north sidewalk and all-new south sidewalk, the new street trees and lights, and the reconfigured parking in front of Old Neighborhood Grill.*



*This shows the pedestrian connectivity into the Berkeley Place neighborhood and the new parking area across from Quarles Lumber.*

These renderings are a glimpse at the new Park Place streetscape, which recently received funding approval from the Near Southside TIF district. The project will result in a major upgrade to Park Place Avenue's pedestrian infrastructure and appearance. A totally new sidewalk, where there isn't one now, will be installed on the south side of the street, and the narrow, inconsistent sidewalk on the north side will be replaced with a wide new one. All-new sidewalk connections will be made from Park Place Avenue across the Fort Worth & Western Railroad into the Berkeley neighborhood to the west, and the new sidewalks will gain street trees and pedestrian-oriented streetlights. Finally, a new shared parking facility will be installed on vacant land across from Quarles Lumber. The entire project will be a serious step up for Park Place's pedestrian compatibility and safety. Construction should begin in 2011.

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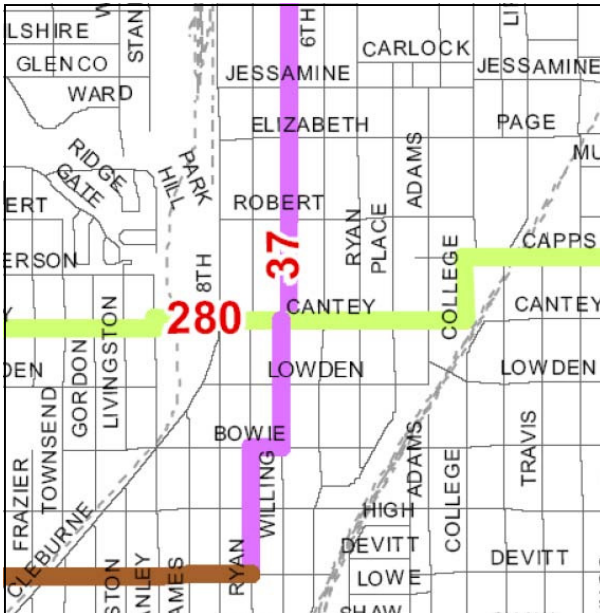




# Bicycle. Friendly. Are You?

*Ryan Place is already home to two of Fort Worth's existing bicycle routes.*

The City of Fort Worth has adopted a plan known as Bike Fort Worth, an ambitious, forward-thinking new bicycle transportation plan aiming to create a more bike-friendly city. The plan addresses a broad spectrum of issues related to bicycling usage, street and recreational routes, and bicyclist safety. The plan proposes



increasing the existing trail system, which is just over 100 miles long including the Trinity River Trail, to almost 1,000 miles by 2015. The plan also calls for the city to earn a "Bicycle Friendly Community" designation from the League of American Bicyclists. Austin is currently the only city in Texas with this particular national designation.

You may not know it, but there are two designated bike routes intersecting in Ryan Place: Route 280 runs east/west on Cantey, and Route 37 runs north/south on Willing. There are numerous other routes throughout the Near Southside, including dedicated bike lanes on Magnolia Avenue.

You may have also noticed the new bike racks recently installed along Magnolia Avenue—a joint venture project by Fort Worthology, Fort Worth South, Inc. and Trinity Bicycles. The 49 bike racks are made by Saris and were installed by AUI Contractors. Funding was provided by the Near Southside TIF District. Taken together, the signage, bike routes & lanes, bike racks, and support of the City Council, the City of Fort Worth is on the path to becoming a nationally recognized bicycle friendly city. Take some time to ride your bike through the neighborhood—you'll be surprised what you will see and who you will meet when travelling on two wheels!



*Bicycle route signs on Cantey at Willing*



*Facing west on Magnolia Avenue in front of Benito's*



*A few of the 49 new bike racks installed along Magnolia Avenue*



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## *'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (IN RYAN PLACE!)*



We knew it was Christmas Eve because the men of Ryan Place (and some ladies) left home around 5:00pm headed to the nearest mall or Walgreen's telling their families they would return in about an hour or two. Everything was quiet until just past the time for the children to be nestled all snug in their beds.

Slightly later that same evening, the Neighborhood Patrol Division of the Fort Worth Police Department received a coded communiqué from Charter Communication that there was higher than normal internet chatter being picked up regarding the download of toy assembly instructions. Supervisory personnel had been alerted earlier in the day about an unusual run on milk and cookies at the Eighth Avenue Fiesta store.

Patrol cars in the south side sector reported seeing multiple carloads of grandparents entering Ryan Place from both the south and north. At around 7:45pm the demographics of folks changed: Grown people were approaching Ryan Place doorways (some in hoodies) seeming to gaze into people's houses while distracting residents with the sounds of singing. Not all disturbing information was circumstantial. Two actual 911 calls were received from Ryan Place addresses reporting hearing what sounded like "clatter" arising from the front lawns and in one case from an actual roof top! Not wanting to repeat the events of Halloween, it was for our own safety that they (FWPD) took the action guaranteed to them by the constitution to control civil unrest.

At about 8:00pm an immediate blockade of the feeder streets to Ryan Place was initiated. However, jolly old St. Nick was more familiar with the historic street grid of Fort Worth than those from areas with cul-de-sac streets in more recently developed neighborhoods. His green transportation alternative gave the FWPD the slip and he was able to start his rounds as he had done at least since John Ryan was a boy. Seeing that Christmas hung in the balance for so many of Ryan Place children, our esteemed RPIA President, John Kline, sent a urgent text to our Neighborhood Patrol Officer, Joel Stary, asking that this nonsense stop.

Officer Joel, realizing that all of the neighborhood had his mobile number and would be calling all night long and into Christmas Day, put in an urgent request to the FWPD command center: "It's only Christmas in Ryan Place. They celebrate holidays a big way, with lots of friends, family and neighbors. It is normal. Call off the helicopter, SWAT team and bomb sniffing dogs."

As what passes for normal returned to Ryan Place, John Kline quietly returned to his Blackberry and pecked out a neighborhood-wide email: "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night." - Christopher Ebert

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## Is parking a vehicle across the sidewalk and blocking that sidewalk illegal? **YES!!**



As you can see from the excerpt taken from the Fort Worth City Ordinances, the answer to the question is **yes it is illegal to park a vehicle on a sidewalk** or to block a sidewalk with a parked vehicle. I know that this issue has been discussed in the neighborhood for several years and I just want to make sure that everyone is on the same page. In the last newsletter it states that you will be fined for doing this and that Code Enforcement is going to be enforcing this policy. Code Enforcement does have the right to issue citations for this, but typically the Police Department will respond and make the decision to issue citations when parking violations are called in. We do have discretion with regards to issuing parking citations, just as we do with traffic citations. However, if you have been approached by a Police Officer or Code Enforcement Officer and been warned not to park on the sidewalk, then a citation will be issued if the problem persists. I hope that this clears up any questions regarding this matter and/or any frustrations related to this issue. If you have further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Sec. 22-178.** - Stopping, standing and parking prohibited in certain places.

(a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

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- a. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
- b. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

**c. On a sidewalk:**

- d. Within an intersection;
- e. On a crosswalk;
- f. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;
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Questions or information:

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Officially a "one cent piece" according to the U.S. Treasury, it costs the U.S. Mint \$0.0162 cents to make a penny (that's 62% more than it's face value!). The Lincoln cent was adopted in 1909, and the Wheat penny was made from 1909 -1958. From 1962-1981

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## Report from The Heights of Ryan Place (a.k.a. College Avenue)

**Robert Ross King** - Connecting the dots: parks, front porches, sidewalks, bikes, kids, and the RPIA.

There they were again, the kids of our block lying in wait for us to take them on a bike ride when we got home from work today. We had to move fast, because it would be dark in another half hour. The parent-in-charge, who was watching over her own daughter plus those from across the street whose parents were off supervising a soccer game, OK'd a 20 minute bike ride. Braum's? Too far for 20 minutes, too near supper for ice cream. OK, then the park by Daggett Elementary.

One of the girls raced ahead; the rest of us in a succession based inversely on age. We all try to obey the rules - watch for cars, walk the bikes across Elizabeth, etc. At the park, we all try to chin (this writer is up to 3½ times) and to hand-swing through all 10 monkey bars (one kid goes all the way, another goes half-way, this writer goes zero-way). Zoom around the walking/jogging track, and then it's time to go. "Please, Mr. King, can I go around once more?" "Sure. One more time." There is one more procrastination: she jumps off her bike to sit on one of the new benches given in honor of a beloved father of Ryan Place. "Neat," she pronounces. Now they are happy. We are all happy. It's wonderful to watch kids negotiate and cooperate and make the best of what's available. The one in whose honor the bench was given would be pleased; he showed many of us how to be fathers and neighbors.

Could it have been 41 years ago that some of our friends proposed making the vacant lot across College Avenue from Daggett Elementary into a park for joint use by the school and the residents if that block of College were closed (this was at a neighborhood meeting that led to the formation of RPIA)? Could it be that the flowers in the park, the ones that the kids are convinced are honeysuckle because they taste like honey, were planted by their grandparents? Could it be that these little girls, who really aren't so little, are the children of kids who were born into and grew up in Ryan Place and live in the same houses as their parents and grandparents? Could those investments in time and vision and patience made over the years still be paying off? Yes, yes, and yes. Two proofs: (1) The new benches along Elizabeth, (2) Today's kids on the bicycles and monkey bars.

It's not all "physical" here in The Heights. Two weeks ago six of our elegantly dressed and well-behaved kids chaperoned four of us moderately-well-behaved adults at the Fort Worth Symphony. See? High culture exists, too - College Avenue-style.

We live in concentric circles. For some, the First Circle is the parents, grandparents, or guardians; the Second Circle is the grandparents, siblings, godparents, etc.; the Third Circle is made up of friends and neighbors; the Fourth Circle is the school; the Fifth Circle is the job, the pool of marriage prospects, the City Council, etc. Each of those circles helps us learn about other people - how to negotiate, how to trust, how to be careful, how to expand our own possibilities - while still protecting ourselves; and how to handle differences. And on and on.

Each circle helps us to move successfully through the other circles. That Third Circle needs front porches, sidewalks, parks, and bikes. From the song that Professor Dr. Neil Daniels wrote (more name-dropping): "Welcome to Ryan Place!"





## Yard-of-the-Month: 1001 Elizabeth Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

**Owners: Drs. Tracy and Frank Papa**

The grandeur of the past is so evident in this imposing Italianate home.

The landscaping is enhanced by yaupon holly hedging flanked by a juniper tree on each end of the

massive front porch. Two large jardinières on either side of the front pillars have red blooming hibiscus plants. Leading from the massive front door the herringboned brick walkway is lined by 8 RPIA Christmas candle lanterns surrounded by an expansive lawn. Festooned for the holiday season, and the RPIA Soiree, this manse harks back to glorious holidays of yore. And lo, here comes Santa Claus.....!



*From Calloway's Nursery*

*Timely Tips for December 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 3 to 4 degrees of warmth. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground thereby utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

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## Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

### Home Sweet Home!

It's good to be home in Ryan Place. This year we got to travel some. We spent a little time in Canada and practiced ordering Mexican food in French. Got to go to Washington D.C. to a marvelous rally. Spent some time in Austin and a lot of time driving back to Fort Worth on I35. Went to beautiful Oklahoma and the Spring Pilgrimage Tour in Jefferson, Texas. So 2010 was a good year. Now I'm looking forward to 2011 and our Ryan Place Centennial!! It's good to be home in Ryan Place!

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## Meet Your Neighbors, The Dilling Family



Rob and Ashley Dilling have two boys, Zachary, age 7 and Gabriel, age 4. Ashley grew up here in Fort Worth and met Rob while attending Texas A&M University. Both graduated in 1997 with degrees in Environmental Design (Architecture) and were married 2 weeks later. Rob served in the United States Air Force for 6 years, which took their family to Georgia and then to New Mexico, where Zachary was born. Rob made the decision to get out of the service and bring Ashley home to Fort Worth in the summer of 2003. They have lived in Ryan Place since December of 2003 and love being a part of such an active and caring neighborhood.

Rob now works as an Architect for Jacobs Engineering (formerly Carter and Burgess) and has been with the company for 6 years. He is also a very talented artist, producing both paintings and graphite portraits. In addition, his hobbies include playing guitar, costume making, and playing with his boys.

Since returning home to Fort Worth, Ashley has been working with her mother as an Interior Designer. They have their own design firm, Steffler Design, and specialize in remodeling and interiors of both commercial and residential spaces. Ashley's hobbies include cooking, entertaining, traveling, and spending time with family.

The Dillings love living in Ryan Place. They love being able to live in such a beautiful, historic neighborhood in the middle of the city. They love the fact that the neighborhood association takes so much pride in its historical nature and is constantly striving to improve the neighborhood. It is a neighborhood of great people, not to mention fabulous houses.— **Stephanie Gutierrez**

## CLIP & SAVE: IMPORTANT FORT WORTH CONTACT INFO



**FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT RPIA BOARD MEMBERS OR YOUR STREET DIRECTORS. CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY FOR ASSISTANCE!!**

### Code Compliance

Trash and debris that has accumulate and not being set out at the curb, high grass and weeds, junk or oversized commercial vehicles, substandard structures, too many animals, vacant and open unsecured structures, and zoning violations are just a few code compliance issues that you should report. The City's code compliance office, for our district, is located at 818 Missouri Avenue, and the supervisor is Moe Carrejo, contact phone number is 817-269-8693. Complaints may be submitted on line at <http://alturl.com/wc3id>.

### Animal Control

You can contact Animal Control Officer Jerry Capshaw at 817-994-4208 or call Animal Control at 817-392-7096. Priority of calls:

1. Schools or Fort Worth Police
2. Animals caught or trapped
3. Strays
4. Delivery traps
5. Picking up traps

### Streetlights and Street Repairs

To report street repairs, streetlights burned out or needs repair please contact the City's T/PW department 817-392-8100.

### Crime/Security—FORT WORTH POLICE DEPT.

In the case of an emergency, crime, or reporting suspicious activity, you should **always call 911**. Our NPO Joel Stary provides the following valuable information:

During the day 0800-1700 hours [8 a.m. - 5 p.m.], residents will also be able to call the Police Station at 817-392-3610. At night, they will not have this option. There is also certain procedures on the FWPD website for filing complaints if necessary.

Below will give an explanation about response times and what affects this. I know that sometimes residents feel like it takes forever for us to get

there, so hopefully this information will help with that concern.

### WHAT DETERMINES POLICE RESPONSE TIME?

#### PRIORITY I

The call poses an immediate threat to human life (i.e., officer in trouble, rape in progress, robbery in progress, shooting in progress, etc.) The goal is to dispatch the nearest available unit within 2 minutes and Officer on scene within 6 ½ minutes.

#### PRIORITY II

The call requires an immediate response (i.e., bodily injury, possibility or probability that injury may result from the existing situation, offense where there is a possibility of apprehending the actor, citizen's arrest, accidents involving injuries or blocking roadways). The goal is to dispatch the nearest available unit within 8 minutes and Officer on scene within 13 minutes.

#### PRIORITY III

The call is considered non-priority; any delay is unlikely to create an adverse effect (i.e., abandoned property, parking violations, minor accidents, meet complainant, etc.). The goal is to dispatch the nearest available unit within 45 minutes and Officer on scene within 26 minutes. This is done to ensure units are available for Priority I and II calls.

#### PRIORITY IV

A call where an offense has occurred or has been discovered and there is no likelihood of apprehending the actor and the caller requests to speak with a police officer instead of making a telephone report or online at [www.fortworthpd.com](http://www.fortworthpd.com). To report a non-emergency crime call 817-335-4222.

### Dispatching of Calls

The dispatcher receives calls from the call-takers after the calls have been prioritized.

- Calls are dispatched based on the availability of officers in the field.
- Some calls maybe "held" for a few minutes until an officer can clear from another call.
- Calls are dispatched according to their priority.
- Priority one calls are dispatched first, after all priority one calls are dispatched the dispatcher will assign priority two calls. Once all priority

two calls are assigned, the dispatcher will dispatch priority three calls.

- Dispatchers will not allow an officer to take a meal break until ALL calls have been dispatched.
- The initial prioritization of each call is the responsibility of call taker who answered the emergency number. Therefore, it is essential that the person calling provide as much information as possible to insure the proper prioritization.
- Should any significant changes occur at the scene, the original caller should report this information to the police.
- Steps to take when a resident believes they are not receiving proper/excellent service from an Officer:
- Get the Officer's name and badge number. Request the Officers business card with this information.
- Request that the Officer have his/her Supervisor/Sergeant come to the location.
- If a Supervisor/Sergeant is not available to come to the location. Request a phone number for the on-duty Supervisor/Sergeant and make the phone call.

### Neighborhood Issues

The RPIA Board of Directors are volunteers and are your neighbors. For neighborhood issues please contact your Street Director whose contact information is published each month in the newsletter on page 2. Your Street Director will be able to answer questions about current neighborhood projects or assist you with a code compliance complaint that you have not been able to get resolved. **If you are aware of a crime in progress call 911—DO NOT CALL YOUR STREET DIRECTOR!** If you would like to report a crime alert please send the information to [rpiacommunication@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpiacommunication@sbcglobal.net) or provide your Street Director with the information.

### City Issues

If there is an issue that you feel needs attention at City Hall please contact our District 9 City Council member, Joel Burns, 817-392-8809, [district9@fortworthgov.org](mailto:district9@fortworthgov.org).

## Welcome To Ryan Place! The Schroder Family

There's a nip in the air in the evenings . . . the leaves on the trees are ablaze with color and the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place home tour is right around the corner. It seems Halloween was just the other day and now Santa is making his presence known. Whew! Time sure goes by quickly.

Ryan Place is pleased to welcome another multi-generational family to our midst. Christian and Karen Schroder, along with their 2 1/2 year old son, 4 month old daughter and two dogs, recently moved to 5th Avenue. Mary and Peter Schroder are thrilled they live just down the street and Karen's mom is tickled that we are living just one block from where she was raised! We hope to meet the new family at one of the upcoming holiday events.

It is families like these that make Ryan Place such a close and caring community. I have never lived in an urban area where three or more generations reside in the same neighborhood. One of the many things I am thankful for are my kind and generous neighbors ~ always willing to loan a tool and a helping hand, roll in my trash bins or toss my newspaper on the porch (which is especially appreciated on rainy days). My life is enriched every day by the efforts of my friends and neighbors. Blessings to you all.

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 call me at 817.921.3463 or email me at [junelake.rpia@gmail.com](mailto:junelake.rpia@gmail.com) and let me know you're here. Also, if you moved here after publication of the latest RPIA Directory, you may not have received one. If you need one, please let me know (supplies are limited). Lastly, I know our new neighbors appreciate being recognized in our newsletter and I depend on all of you to help me in this effort.

I wish everyone a warm and joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year! - **June Lake**



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get a list in. So, with that in mind, if you are interested in receiving 2 free 5-gallon trees to plant in the parkway only, please email John MacFarlane at [treesinryanplace@gmail.com](mailto:treesinryanplace@gmail.com) or call with questions at 817-944-2086. Please choose from these trees: bur oak, red oak, chinquapin oak, Eve's necklace, live oak, Mexican buckeye, cedar elm or Carolina buckthorn.

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## BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 13th

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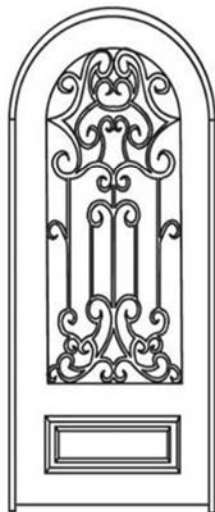
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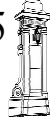





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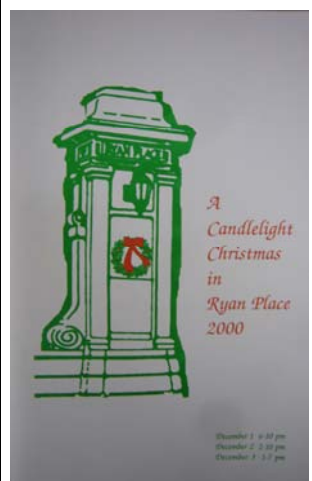
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		DECEMBER 1ST: FW South Breakfast @ Oak Timbers @ 308 E Terrell @ 8am	1  Trash	2  <b>CCRP</b> Soiree	3  <b>CCRP</b> Home Tour 6-10pm	4  <b>CCRP</b> Home Tour 2-10pm
5  <b>CCRP</b> Home Tour 2-6pm	6	7 <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>	8 Trash	9	10 FW South Happy Hour @ T&P Terminal @ 221 Lancaster @ 5:30pm	11
12	13 BIG TRASH	14 BIG TRASH	15 BIG TRASH	16 BIG TRASH	17 BIG TRASH	18 Arts 5th Ave. 10th Annual Jazz Christmas
19	20 <b>NO RPIA MEETING</b>	21	22 Trash	23  <b>Festivus</b>	24	25 
26 Start of Kwanzaa  Boxing Day 	27	28	29 Trash	30	31	 <i>Susana Greetings</i>

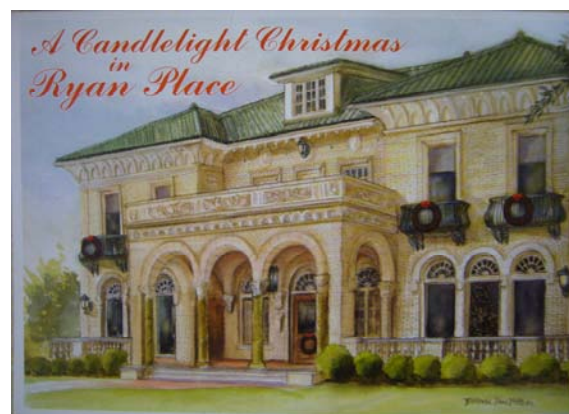
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