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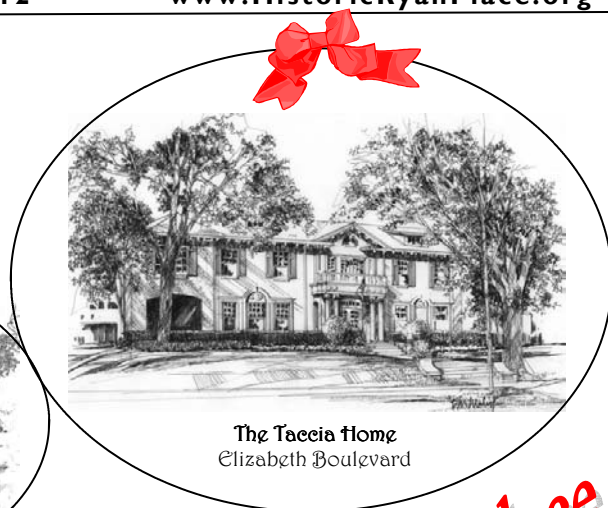
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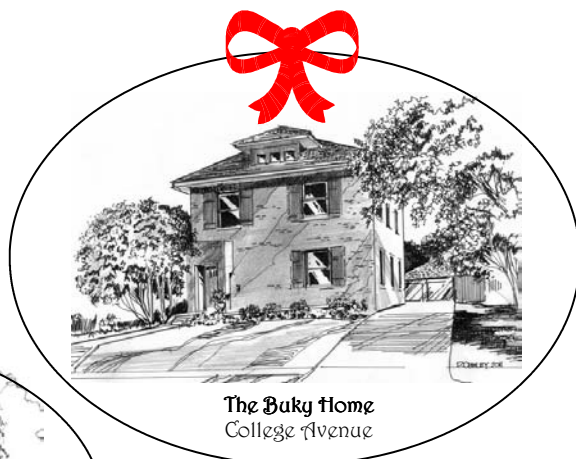
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As promised, the Public Art officials will make a presentation at the January RPIA meeting on the 16th. Local artist Alice Bateman was chosen to complete the art project for the traffic circle at Elizabeth Blvd. and 5th Avenue. The art is scheduled to be installed in April, 2012.

— John Kline



Park News

During the month of December, we will be installing two new trash receptacles in our adopted section of Daggett Park. RPIA funded this and other park improvements using money collected through the sustaining membership program. Daggett Elementary school has offered to help us keep the neighborhood clean by emptying the trash. This is a perfect example of neighbors working together to make improvements in their community.

That being said, RPIA is ready to embark on another big project in our community: the Ryan Place Park Project, and we need good neighbors to step up and help make this happen. The Parks Committee has been working with the city for the past few months to draft an Adopt-a-Park agreement. This agreement will allow us to make physical improvements to increase the appearance, safety, and overall neighborhood enjoyment of Ryan Place Park.

Our park projects are dependent on you and there are many ways to contribute. We'll need people to help organize this effort and volunteers willing to invest some sweat equity into the project. We also need a volunteer capable of creating a scaled plan which will serve as the blueprint for change. If you'd like to help, please contact Kurt Nielsen (kurtryannielsen@aol.com) or 817-308-6126. If you can't donate personal time, rest assured that you can still play a part in this improvement by making your sustaining membership contribution to RPIA.

— Kurt Nielsen

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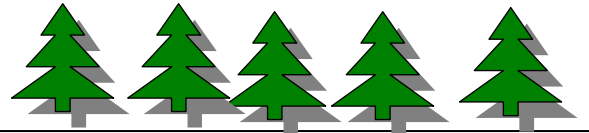
Alley Security



The Alley Committee has come up with several ideas for increasing our security since the alleys were identified as a factor in many of our residential burglaries. Lighting and security cameras have been discussed, but the latest suggestion is much simpler. Working with the Fort Worth Police Department, Alley Chairman **Rick Tucker** and Committee member **Bill Vaughan** are investigating the installation of "Crime Watch" signs at each end of every alley in the neighborhood as well as at appropriate street entrances into Ryan Place.

Ryan Place neighbors are becoming increasingly adept at noticing suspicious activity and reporting it to the police. The saturation of our neighborhood with signs indicating our vigilance will serve notice to criminals and emphasize that we are alert and watching for them. **Laura Crews** and **Courtney Chatfield** have posted a Crime Watch sign on the gate at the south end of the 2600 block of College Avenue on Capps; alleys that are not gated would have signs mounted on existing or on specifically installed posts.

The City of Fort Worth will supply signs for streets that enter the neighborhood; signs for the alleys are available through another Fort Worth neighborhood that sells them as a fund-raiser. The metal alley signs are inexpensive and may be supplied by RPIA.



REMINDER: Improvements (and their maintenance) in Ryan Place are funded by the voluntary financial contributions of our residents. RPIA will be planning its budget for 2012 in the next few weeks and your contributions early in the year will keep our treasury strong and allow for more accurate planning. Walk around, drive around, look around — and see what's been done as well as what might be done. Send in your contribution and your ideas early this year so we can make it happen!

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Burglary Foiled

This is your Citizen On Patrol (COPs) rep for Ryan Place, **Steve Fruscella**, reminding everyone to stay on guard all of the time. Last night [11/18], my wife and I had a scare when someone rang the front doorbell at 11:15. As usual, the dogs began barking immediately. We called 9-1-1 *immediately*. I looked through the window; NEVER OPEN THE DOOR until you are certain there is no threat. Since no one was at the front door, I had a hunch and went to the back and let my dogs out and they immediately stormed a specific spot at my back fence – that means that someone was standing outside the back fence. I think that this was an attempt to burglarize by diverting our attention to the front door and then trying to smash in my back door. Good work, dogs! They probably scared the person(s) away. Two squad cars showed up very quickly at our address and I felt much better then. The officer who stopped at our driveway was very thorough, polite, and genuinely dedicated to helping my wife and me to stay safe. The two officers scoured the neighborhood and reported that all was clear. I have to say, I love the Fort Worth Police officers who risk their lives to keep us safe!!! BRAVO to them. As for us residents of Ryan Place: Stay on guard and hold off the burglars long enough for the FWPD to arrive. My main tip is to keep your doors and windows secure at all times including when you are home. Set your security alarm to "Stay" ALL OF THE TIME when you are home, set it to "Instant" when you go to sleep, and set it to "Away" when you leave.

Safety thoughts:

- Do not leave signs that you are away from home such as newspapers and mail piling up, leaving your porch light on during the day, or leaving the car parked in the same exact spot all of the time – move it around.
- Use some form of reinforcement to barricade the front and back entrance doors. I use the telescoping tubular steel bars that fit under the door handle.
- Use the metal sliding bolt on your garage door to prevent high tech burglars from activating your electronic garage door openers. (Reminder: undo the bolt before trying to open the door yourself!)
- Use timers set at different times to light up your house at night when you're away. Leave a television on where the flashing light is visible from the outside. DO NOT leave your large TVs visible from an exterior window because burglars can see what you have and target your house.
- Bolt your gate to the backyard fence. Every obstacle is a useful deterrent.
- Dogs are one of the best deterrents to keep a would-be burglar from entering your home. Even small dogs are effective as a deterrent to burglary, possibly because they still bite. Besides, one of the important functions of the dog barking is to let you know that they hear something that you didn't and alert you. Most security measures, like an alarm, are after the fact – burglars have already broken in when they go off. Which makes a barking dog a better deterrent. But for heaven's sake, please take care of your dogs, too.
- Keep your exterior lights on all night long. Automatic light sensitive devices are very good for this purpose.
- Last, don't take any unnecessary risks – let Fort Worth's finest do the job – they are very good at it. BE SAFE.
- Keep your house key and car key nearby so you can push the panic button on either one if you hear a noise.

— Steve Fruscella, C.O.P.

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Officers and street directors were elected for two-year terms at the November meeting on the 21st as stipulated by the organization by-laws. Beginning in 2012, **Mariann Taccia** will continue as 1st Vice President and **Rachel Manning** will serve as Secretary again for 2012-13. **Laura Crews** is the only new Board member and she will serve as Street Director for College Avenue. Former Street Director **John Filarowicz** will continue as Block Captain on College Avenue.. **John Belknap**, **Lin Parham**, **Derek Arneson**, and **Chris Ebert** will continue in their respective positions for the next two years.



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RPIA LONG RANGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Streets

This is the fifth of a series of articles dealing with the preparation of a Long Range Improvement plan for the Ryan Place Improvement Association.

As background to creation of the RPIA Long Range Improvement Plan it is important to understand some of the basic functions of a neighborhood street. Most citizens think of a street as having a single purpose: a pathway for motor vehicles. Aside from carrying traffic, a street has several important functions:

- *Acts as a flume to carry storm water away from adjacent building site, drainage-way.*
- *Serves to separate buildings as a "fire buffer".*
- *Serves as a conduit or chase for utilities:*
 - Domestic water supply and distribution
 - Fire protection (fire hydrants)
 - Sanitary sewer collection system
 - Electricity distribution
 - Storm drainage pipes and inlets
 - Cable TV distribution
 - Natural gas distribution
 - Telephone distribution
- *Permits light and air into building sites*
- *Provides motor vehicle and pedestrian access (public and private, emergency and normal) to property*
- *Separates motor vehicles and pedestrians*
- *In some cases provides space for play and other neighborhood activities.*

Not every street within the RPIA area provides all of the functions listed above, for instance, many of the utilities occur in the alleyways. In contrast to a new residential subdivision in the City of Fort Worth where all utilities are required to be placed in the street right-of-way, the location of utilities in the RPIA area does not conform to any standard; some utilities are located in the street and some in the alley.

The 9.5 miles of street right-of-way occupies approximately 75.1 acres or 25.2% of the total RPIA area. The six miles of alleys occupies approximately 11.1 acres or 3.7% of the total RPIA area.

CONDITION OF STREETS – A detailed survey of RPIA streets was conducted in 2004. The results of that evaluations is shown below:

	MILES	LINEAR FEET	% of TOTAL
Streets requiring total reconstruction	3.43	18,110	35.9%
Streets requiring immediate maintenance	3.35	17,688	35.1%
Streets requiring normal maintenance	2.82	14,889	29.5%
TOTAL	9.54	50,371	100%

The City has committed to improving an additional 11,986 L.F. of streets (includes recently paved College Ave. and James St.) by 2013. These new street improvements would put RPIA in line with street conditions throughout the City. These improvements would also reduce the "required reconstruction" category to 1.16

miles or 12.1% of the total.

CROSS STREETS – The RPIA area has seven east/west cross streets. From a traffic standpoint Jessamine, Elizabeth/Page and Cantey are of greater importance than the other four. The 2004 survey of street condition found the following:

Street	Miles requiring reconstruction	Miles requiring immediate maintenance	Miles requiring normal maintenance
Jessamine	.37	.23	.10
Elizabeth/Page	.27	.51	
Robert	.13	.28	.09
Capps		.15	
Cantey	.21	.27	
Lowden		.37	
Bowie	.06	.06	.35
TOTAL	1.04	1.87	.62
% of Total	29.5%	52.9%	17.6%

The City will reconstruct Cantey and add a chicane by 2012, but no other cross street improvements are planned in the near future. Most of the cross streets have no or little curb and gutter and many are being constantly repaired due to their inadequate base (foundation). Most of the intersecting alleys lack proper "driveway" approaches.

Improving the seven RPIA cross streets presents a problem because most are not heavily traveled, thus are low on the City's priority scale.

If you see any of the items listed above that you have an interest in and would like to volunteer to assist in the preparation of the Improvement Plan, please contact:

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Yard of the Month: 2700 block of 6th Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

Owners: **Mary and Mario Camilleri**

Deserving a SPECIAL MENTION, this home was recently honored by the National Garden Conservancy because of its superior perennial garden and landscaping. Not only was there a tour of the grounds, but a special section appeared in the Conservancy's national magazine as well as an article in the Star-Telegram. Many elements of the back yard were incorporated from the owner's homeland of Italy. A focal point is the large grape arbor and flowering perennials around the pool. At the welcoming recessed front doorway, black urns are bedecked with palms, juniper and spilling vines. Since we've had a mild autumn so far, crotons, mums, sweet alyssum, and pentas still abound in garden beds and pots. Happy Holidays to the owners of this wonderful treasure in our midst!



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 Crapemyrtles! 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. Second, **water your landscape** well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. Finally, 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. We are utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

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Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

School

We in Ryan Place have a relationship with six schools: Daggett Elementary, Daggett Montessori, Contreras Elementary, Daggett Middle School (the only Middle School Montessori option in the FWISD), Rosemont Middle School, and Paschal High School.

When we moved to Ryan Place 25 years ago, our son Carter was four years old. We were advised by our pastor not to move to "the inner city" because of the schools, but after some research we became sold on the Montessori program at Daggett. It was in its beginning years, as was Carter, and good schools, even in the dreaded "inner city," were some of the reasons why we chose Ryan Place. Our son Weston said he enjoyed attending Daggett Montessori Middle School because he could look out of the window during math class and see our house. He still managed to do well in math.

Remember, anyone buying a Ryan Place home needs to verify which school area they are in.

2813 RPD	\$ 99,000	2/2	Cottage on tree lined street
2717 Ryan Av	\$108,500	2/2	Close to proposed rail station
2824 RPD	\$149,000	3/1	Inviting porch, oak hwd floors
2709 8th Av	\$175,000	3/1	High traffic w great visibility
2739 6th Av	\$200,000	2/2	Arched front door, original cabinetry
3025 RPD	\$205,000	3/1+	In grnd saltwater pool w deck
2320 RPD	\$209,000	3/2	Master bdrm frplac, great trees
2619 6th Av	\$259,900	3/2	Tall ceilings, batch elder frplc, studio
2508 5th Av	\$275,000	4/3	Bsmnt, new roof, radiant barrier
2932 6th Av	\$279,000	2/2	Updated cottage, new kitchen
2301 6th Av	\$299,000	3/3	1922, over 3500 sf, lrg mstr ste
2425 S Adams	\$344,900	2/2+	Covered porches, guest qtrs, bsmnt
1604 EB	\$350,000	3/2+	Stained glass wndos, cedar closets
2417 5th Av	\$409,900	3/2+	Guest qtrs, pool, A+ landscape
2421 6th Av	\$435,000	4/3+	Mstr w balcony and frplac, bsmnt

Ryan Place Historic Overlay Committee

Next Steps



Ryan Place Historic Overlay Committee

Katie Shumate, Chairman

Now that the survey is complete, the Committee has a clearer picture of the neighborhood's concerns and preferences for an historic overlay. Based on this information, we will be developing two additional options to present to residents early in 2012, along with the existing draft historic overlay guidelines which can be found at www.HistoricRyanPlace.org. The tentative schedule is for all three options to be included in the newsletter at the beginning of next year, and for a "primary" vote to take place the following month. The purpose of the primary will be to choose the preferred option. The neighborhood will then vote for or against the Historic Overlay in a "general" election administered by the City. Watch for Frequently Asked Questions about the historic overlay in the next newsletter.



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Halloween on South Adams — 2011

The traffic round-about construction on Elizabeth Blvd. may have had an impact on the number of trick-or-treaters seen on South Adams this year as we set a modern era record of 732 folks. The count was considerably higher than the average for the last ten years (483), though 2009 was close with 656.

My interest is always the impact current events and popular culture have on the selection of costumes and what those selections tell us about on the state of our city and nation. The easy category to study is local sports. No one wants to be identified with a team that seems to be "down." Therefore, the success or lack of success of our local sports teams can easily be seen in the data. On Halloween night, only one Dallas Cowboy uniform was seen, compared to eighteen other uniformed trick-or-treaters, most of them in Texas Ranger shirts and caps. In fact, there were many more Cowboys from the American West than from that Dallas football team.

The impact of any current Disney pictures marketing bonanza was less evident this year, even though the perennial favorite of princesses in general is hard to separate from Disney movies.

Public Service Providers were well represented by nurses, doctors (and patients), police, and firefighters. We even had an actual Fort Worth Fire Department Captain bring his family by for a candy treat.

Since the rescheduling of daylight savings time to after Halloween, the trick-or-treaters have been coming later in the evening. This year's mild evening temperature may also have had an impact.

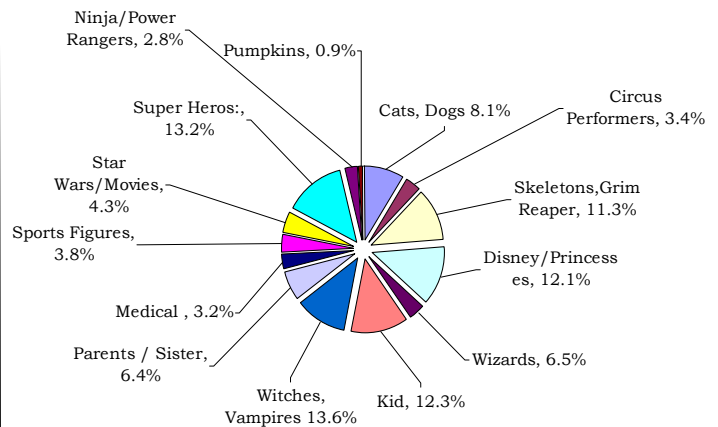
Halloween trick-or-treater counts have been made on South Adams Street since at least the mid-1980's, however due the changes in data storage procedures it appears that the early years' data has been misplaced. There are files available from 1995 to the present. Two years stand out in this analysis: 2001 – The year of the attacks on the World Trade Center less than two months prior to Halloween made people leery of strangers, particularly in costumes and masks.

City officials discouraged people from participating in Halloween. However in 2001, an uptick was measured in the Public Service Provider category of costumes with many more firefighter and police than in previous years. In 2010, our unfortunate candy supply issues (we ran out) impacted our count of trick-or-treaters as we had to turn off our porch lights before the evening's activities were complete.

Another Halloween report will be made in 2012. Our data collectors will be watching for the impact of the presidential election on costumes, neighborhood traffic calming, and who knows what else.

— Christopher Ebert

Costumes 2011



Sustaining Membership Contributions

Give your street a boost — send in your contribution today!

Street	# of Houses	# of Contributions	Participation Rate
College Ave.	43	6	14%
8th Ave.	47	1	2%
Elizabeth Blvd.	44	14	32%
5th Ave.	96	33	34%
James Ave.	28	1	4%
Lipscomb	25	1	4%
6th Ave.	106	23	22%
Ryan Ave.	138	3	2%
Ryan Place Dr.	101	18	18%
So. Adams	75	16	21%
Willing Ave.	121	26	22%
TOTALS	824	142	16%

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RPIA MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the RPIA meeting are published after they are approved by the Board; the Minutes are not edited for publication in the NEWSLETTER.

RPIA Board Meeting September 19, 2011

Meeting was held at the Episcopal Church and was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President John Kline

Present:

John Kline- President; Mariann Taccia- 1st Vice President; Kurt Nielson- 2nd Vice President; Rachel Manning – Secretary; Raul Pena, Elizabeth Blvd, Street Director Alternate; John Filarowicz, College Ave, Cantey, Street Director; Chris Ebert, S Adams, Street Director; Lin Parham, Ryan Place Drive, Street Director; Mike Lidner, Willing, Street Director; John Belknap, 8th, James, Stanley, & Livingston Avenues, Street Director

Motion by Mariann Taccia to approve August BOD meeting minutes with the amendment of taking Ross Vitek off of list of present.

2nd Mike Lidner; All Approve; Motion Passes

An email was sent by Linda Clark to President John Kline wanting the publication of meeting minutes in the Newsletter.

Motion by Mike Lidner to have approved meeting minutes in the newsletter

2nd Chris Ebert; All Approve; Motion Passes

Treasurer Report-Ross Vitek

Working on reinstating the PayPal account to receive online payments

Action item: \$1050.00 owed to Kathy Rogers for Newsletter delivery fees from Nov 2010-June 2011. Kathy Rogers paid \$1050.00 of her own money to the Paschal High School Seniors who delivered the newsletters

Renewal of D&O insurance through Wortham Insurance Policy expense already in approved budget

Newsletter has had a major turnaround and is finally paying for all of the Newsletter expenses.

Chili Cook-off and combined Centennial events cost already budgeted is \$1500.00

The City took off \$100.00 fee

Big Delicious contract fee is \$1000.00

Portapottys fee is \$225.00

Motion by Chris Ebert to pay \$1050.00 to Kathy Rogers for Newsletter delivery fees from Nov 2010-June 2011

2nd Mariann Taccia; All Approve; Motion Passes

Sustaining Membership – John Kline (President projections and goals)

I want to appoint a person to be in charge of sustaining membership and try to have board members bring in more sustaining memberships

Public Money – Nominate a person to look into getting more grants, or any other public money for the Neighborhood

Think about Combining CCRP and RPIA for 2012

Wanting to appoint a delegate to the Berry Initiative

Public Improvement District (PID) Update – Mariann Taccia

The City changed the assessment fees

Not sure if we are able to proceed due to this change

Possibility to go back to City to change

College Ave Gates – John Kline

A generous neighbor has donated connection to their water to irrigate the College Ave Gate flowerbeds

Historic Overlay – Chris Ebert

Survey Results are in with 46 responses. Will have more at next meeting

Berry Street Initiative – Linda Clark

Phase II / University projected start Feb 2012 or after TCU Bowl Game

Biggest Issue is the Railroad on Berry/Cleburne

Suggestion to RPIA is to hold a meeting with The City of Fort Worth and, Rail-Tex to educate and promote involvement of the Neighborhood

Concern about the Rail-Tex, TCU will be an advocate

Storm Sewer-Forrest Park and area near Carshons Deli options presented

Build underground storage tanks

Above ground

Open Land – turn into park area around 7 acres (Linda Clarks Opinion for best option)

Clean Alley Initiative – Olivia Flynn

We had an Alley Rally to kick things off and have all volunteers excited for our clean alleys. 37 Volunteers participated

Traffic Calming and Public Art – John Kline

Projected time of construction is 20 working business days. Do not have precise timeline

Cantey Street construction will take 6 months to a year

Mariann Taccia- Will the public art project have a solar panel / or electrical on the top of the art project?

Need separate meeting with the final presented options

Nominating Committee-Olivia Flynn

There will be several options for each open position will present next month

Misc Items for Discussion and Consideration

None

Meeting Adjourned 7:35pm



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In the [Gregorian calendar](#) there is a leap year every year that is divisible by four *except* for years which are both divisible by 100 and not divisible by 400. Therefore, the year 2012 will be a leap year. (There's another rule to correct for the fractional day correction, but that's another story.)



Crime update

As most of you know, I got back to work on November 8th after being out following shoulder surgery. During October the Ryan Place and Fairmount neighborhoods were hit hard by burglars. I went back to the beginning of October to start research on this trend.

We have some of the best Patrol Officers in the City working right here in Central Division. Although it is difficult to catch burglars, our Patrol Officers (with outstanding help from our residents) have caught and arrested eight different burglars since the beginning of October and another four have been identified. This news tells us a few things: First, we are going to have thieves in the neighborhood and we need to be vigilant. Second, thieves can be caught and taught not to come back if we work together and suspicious activity is reported. And finally, we have got to lock our houses, vehicles, and garages at all times to make things more difficult on these thieves. When I do research on burglary trends, one of the first things I always look at is to see if the house, garage, or vehicle that was broken into was locked or unlocked. Quite often the victim has forgotten to lock things up and when this happens it invites the thief back into the neighborhood because it was too easy the first time.

One other topic of importance at this time is package theft. A lot of us shop on-line these days and have our purchases delivered/dropped off at our home. If you know that someone is sending you a package, please make arrangements to be home when it is dropped off or have it delivered to a secure location until you can pick it up. Thieves do watch for package deliveries, sometimes following the delivery truck, and it doesn't take long to walk up on a porch and take a package.

Please remember to call 911 to report suspicious activity; this is the best way to take care of your neighbors and your neighborhood. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Until next time, *if you see something, then say something.*

Joel Stary
Neighborhood Patrol Officer
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From the FWPD:

Reported Crimes 2005 through mid November 2011

Crimes reported for 2011 have been updated through mid November of this year.

Ryan Place	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	Total
SEXASSAULT	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
ROB PERS	0	2	1	7	3	1	2	16
ROB BUSIN	1		4	1	1	2	0	9
AG ASSAULT	4	4	9	3	3	1	3	27
BURG BUILD	3	10	14	16	7	9	8	67
BURG RES	11	32	19	32	37	31	39	201
SHOPLIFT	3	13	4	4	2	3	2	31
BURG VEHIC	12	32	32	49	29	14	10	178
THEFT	16	26	30	32	17	25	35	181
OTHER	1	5	3	3	1	2	2	17
AUTOTHEFT	9	9	2	7	8	2	7	44
NARC VIOL	4	11	10	11	10	4	3	53
DWI	2	1	5	3	5	3	2	21
Total	66	146	133	169	123	98	114	849

Want to meet new friends who live close by? Take part in neighborhood events? Help keep Ryan Place a great place to live? Become a charter member of the Ryan Place youth group, created by and for the kids of Ryan Place. All ages are welcome to participate. E-mail rpkids76110@yahoo.com to get on the invitation list. Meetings to create a charter and elect officers will be held soon.

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4 <i>CCRP Tour</i> 	5	6	7 Trash	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Trash	15	16	17
18	19 BIG TRASH	20 Hanukkah BIG TRASH	21 BIG TRASH	22 BIG TRASH	23 BIG TRASH	24
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