

Ryan Place Newsletter

December/January 2013-14

HistoricRyanPlace.org

A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Flace

Celebrates Our 30th Anniversary Holiday Home Tour

30 Years of Open Doors December 6 and 7

NEW Tour Hours Friday, 6 to 10 pm; Saturday, 1 to 10 pm Tour tickets: \$20 at the door www.historicryanplace.org/CCRPTourInfo

As you read this, the 30th Candlelight Tour weekend is in full swing! I want to thank this community once again for supporting our wonderful historic neighborhood.

Special thanks to the homeowners for sharing their homes and sponsors for their support. Thank you to our docents who volunteered their time to add the special Ryan Place touch! And thank you to the CCRP Board and house captains for planning another successful tour!

Yours truly, Mary Edwards President Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place 2013

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Tour Brochure

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Tour Wine Down

Snap Catering, Timothy Meager, Chef

Advance Tour Ticket Sales

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Hosting

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The Dukes Family, The Hill Family,
The Lewis Family, The Darner Family,
The Fella – Woodward Family, The Rogers Family,
The Prokesh and Gomez Family, and
St. John's Episcopal Church

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Marina Castillo, Anita Daniel, Mary Edwards, Michael Flynn, Stasia Guess, Mike Lindner, Lisa Logan, Anne Menninger, Chris Voigt Ryan Place Drive

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Monday, January 20 **7 PM** St. John's Episcopal Church Mitchell Hall (enter on Page St.)



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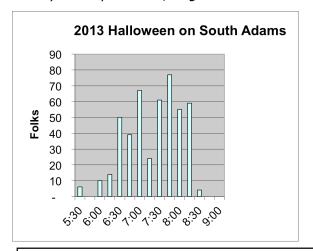
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This year's number of Halloween participants (466) fell below recent record setting turnout of the "teens." However when compared to the average of the "aughts" (478), 2013 was right in line with that decades numbers. This year the traffic seemed to drop significantly as we approached 8:45pm. As no one was approaching from either the north or south and automobile traffic was non-existent, we closed it down.

Madi Beth, 12, said this was the first year we had turned off the lights and still had candy left!

As much of the historic data indicates, this year there were two peaks in the data, one during the quarter hour beginning at 7pm and the second beginning at 7:45pm.

Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor



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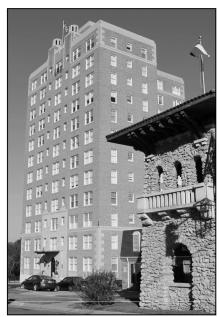
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as of November 17, 2013



INCOME (to date)

Total	\$2	29,064.54
Interest from CD	\$	149.77
Reimbursement Boo on the Blvd Expenses	\$	270.59
Traffic Circle landscaping — from City	\$	9,219.00
Garage Sale Ad	\$	190.00
Event advertising	\$	407.21
Newsletter advertising sales	\$	6,935.00
Sustaining Membership Contributions	\$	11,892.97

EXPENSES (to date)

Total	\$2	26,167.32
Events	\$	1608.11
Memberships/Dues	\$	285.00
East Gate Gardens, Daggett Park		
Traffic Circles, Ryan Place Park,		
Improvement projects	\$	9,372.85
Newsletter printing & Distribution	\$	6,270.50
Web Site Hosting & Email Service		
Gate Lighting Maint., Park Irrigation Rep	airs	
Daggett Park & Eliz. Blvd Gate Maint.		
Water-Eliz. Blvd Gate & Traffic Circles		
Operating expenses	\$	8630.86
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- Leanne Kline, RPIA Treasurer



We asked clients about their real estate experience with Ruth... Here's a little bit of what they said:

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Real Estate Corner by Jeff Anderson



My wife and I are keeping our marriage alive thanks to increased date nights on Magnolia and good outdoor dining weather!

Thanks to those of you who ventured out to the November Neighborhood Open House Tour which took place on a cooler fall day. It was rewarding for those who braved the colder weather! We'll shoot for the next Neighborhood Open House early next year! I know it's exciting to get a sneak peak at new listings in the neighborhood! I'll update on the Ryan Place Facebook page...

In the meantime, enjoy the homes on tour this year! As well as time with your families, friends, the character of your homes and charm of this time of year!

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2937 Ryan Ave	3 bed	2 bath	1,452 sqft	\$ 82,000
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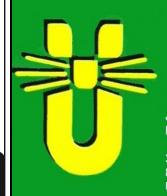


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YARD OF THE MONTH

2600 Block of Willing Ave

This bright, charming bungalow is a knockout! Knockout roses, that is! They are bursting with deep magenta magnificence. The vibrant yellow mums on the porch add another pop of fall color. Be sure to take a peek while everything is in full bloom. Well done, Hay family!

Photo by Lisa Pena



Timely Tips for Winter Gardeners from Calloway's

Winter can be a wonderful time of year in the garden. Winter may lack the wild riot of color and growth that we all so love in spring, but winter has a different kind of beauty. Some of our favorite winter gardens are understated, tranquil and calming. Interesting evergreen shrubs and grasses really stand out in this season, as well as trees with beautiful bark. Flowering shrubs like camellias are winter favorites.

As for annuals, we Texans are quite fortunate in winter choices. The new generation of cool season pansies will provide color from now until late spring. Other flowering annuals like snapdragons, cyclamen, flowering cabbage and kale provide both color and shape for the winter garden.

Even better, winter is the perfect time to plan and lay the foundation for spring. December is the month to plant your chilled bulbs for big spring blooms. This is also a good time to prune and reshape your trees and shrubs. Do not top crape myrtles, simply remove the seed heads and prune for shape.

You should also prepare your garden for cold weather. First of all, make sure that your plants are in excellent shape, well-watered and well-fed, because a healthy plant will survive cold snaps more easily. 3 to 4 inches of mulch provides insulation that keeps the ground beneath it warmer, thus protecting roots. If you have tender plants, stock up on frost cloth now, so that you have it on hand when you need it. Frost cloth is simply an insulating blanket for your plants. It should

be draped over them when cold weather is approaching. To be effective the frost cloth should reach the ground all the way around, so that it effectively captures the heat emanating from the ground and keeps the air around your plants marginally warmer.

It's a lovely season in Texas, enjoy the cool bite of frosty mornings, warm drinks by the fireside, bright lights on trees and homes, and most of all, your treasured family and friends.

For more garden tips visit www.calloways.com.

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Decorating for the Holidays

For most of us Texans, it isn't the 'holidays' until the poinsettias and the cyclamen have been put on display. Even more than the traditional trees and wreaths, the poinsettias and cyclamen say 'Christmas in Texas.'

As in years past, Calloway's is carrying a stunning assortment of floral quality poinsettias. These plants are simply unmatched for quality and beauty. Even more important, when you buy these poinsettias you are helping disadvantaged children and their families. A portion of the proceeds from every poinsettia sold goes to the Lena Pope Home. Make your holiday home beautiful, and the life of a child more beautiful, with poinsettias from Calloway's.

Plus, Calloway's also carries the freshest Christmas trees, as well as North Texas' finest line of pre-lit artificial trees.

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Neighbor \$35-\$74 Friend \$75-\$149 Patron \$150+

NBC Channel 5 has started a *"Ten on Tuesday"* to encourage people to pick up ten pieces of trash on Tuesdays. This includes all people in their viewing area.

There are three neighborhood ladies here in Ryan Place that walk each week day morning. Our trash pick up is on Wednesdays so we have started a "Waist & Waste on Wednesday" so we can deposit what we pick up along the way in the recycle bin, trash bin and even our compost bins. In addition to our cardio workout by walking, we are now bending and stooping on Wednesdays to improve our waistlines! So if you see three ladies wearing disposal gloves and depositing items in your one of your three bins; you will know why! Submitted by Nancy Bradford, neighbor

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201	Pecan Beef Tenderloin/ Horse Radish	3	75.00	91.95
211	BBQ Brisket / 1 Pint BBQ Sauce	5	59.00	74.95
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Applications Currently Being Accepted for Your Neighborhood School of Choice: Daggett Montessori



All students interested in applying for admission to Daggett Montessori must apply online at fwisd.org/choice or complete a paper application from the website. The application deadline is December 13, 2013 at 5 pm. Applications must be returned to FWISD, AAIL Department. Students living within the Daggett Elementary attendance zone are given first priority for approximately 55 kindergarten openings.

Daggett Montessori is a kindergarten through 8th grade school and is one of the most sought-after programs in FWISD. More than 520 students are nestled within the neighborhood's 5-acre campus of gardened walkways including an outdoor learning greenhouse. Daggett Montessori's approach of multi-grade classrooms allows students to learn through reinforcement and peer interaction, preparing students for high school and beyond by creating self-directed, life-long learners. The school encourages responsibility, leadership and personal development.

The faculty is all trained and certified in Montessori education and full Montessori materials complement each classroom. The school offers large blocks of uninterrupted work time that allows for more in-depth and complex study. Each student has his or her own work plan allowing for a very personalized education.

Over the past 5 years, Daggett Montessori students have earned the highest Readistep (formerly PSAT) scores in Fort Worth ISD. The school also has a long history of producing students whose academic success continues into high school. Just this year, 7 of the 41 National Merit awardees at Paschal High School were former DMS students. This is quite remarkable on a percentage basis, considering that there are only about 30 DMS grads in Paschal's 2014 graduating class of around 545 students.

Daggett Montessori families volunteer and participate in many campus-wide events and initiatives. Just this past year, the PTA funded a new Montessori-compatible music curriculum including 32 new instruments. Recently parents hosted a family Fall Fun Fest and helped with the campus-wide run, "The Dragon Dash."

Please come and visit your neighborhood School of Choice: Daggett Montessori. Tours are available by calling Janeen Nelson at 817.814.6300.



CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY from Officer Mark Russell

Happy Holidays everyone!

Wow what a fast paced year it has been. It seems like just yesterday people were taking down their Christmas lights and celebrating the New Year. 2014 is almost here and our little part of the city is making such great improvements. Many dilapidated houses have become beautiful new homes; worn out old buildings are now homes to new businesses, eateries, taverns and specialty shops. Many of the streets themselves have been improved or are in the process of being renewed. New decorative city street lights have found their way back into the neighborhood. New residents have found us and now call the Near South Side home. So many improvements and too little space to fit them all in this article. Thank you to everyone who has had a part in the revitalization and those of you who strive to continue to make it better. You all are what make this part of the city such a great place to live, eat, shop, socialize and work.

Throughout the year we did see a small spike in crime over the summer time. It was just a little over 20 more crimes from the same time last year but 60+ less than that in 2011 and even significantly less than 2010. Overall crime has seen a steady de-

crease not just in the Near South Side but the entire city as well. I strongly believe that decrease is not totally the result of our police department but the total community effort to make our city a safer and inviting place to live. We are now getting more crime watch groups involved, our Citizens On Patrol numbers are increasing and the communication amongst neighbors has seen tremendous growth. Instead of allowing everyone to fend for themselves you all are watching out for one another. The way it used to be, the "ALL FOR ONE AND THE ONE FOR ALL" mentality. As long as we all work together towards the same goal; to make our community safer, we will continue to see crime decrease and the quality of life increase.

Thank you ALL for what you do to make these things happen day in and day out. I hope and pray that each and every one of you have a great holiday season and look forward to an even better 2014.

Officer Mark Russell 817-392-3610 (office) 817-944-1316 (cell)

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- Their caregivers should be employees of the agency, not contract labor.
- Background checks should be done continuously per company policy on all employees.
- You should be able to speak to the owner of the company if and when you need to speak to them.
- The agency will carry "hired, non-owned" automobile insurance in addition to general liability if any transportation is required.
- Use locally owned agencies. Franchises are popping up everywhere and the bar is not high to get one. Locally owned agencies have their personal and professional reputation to uphold.
- Make sure the agency you choose has been in business for at least 5 -10 years.

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Now you know, but it's probably too late

Cedar elm trees (Ulmus crassifolia), also known as Texas elm, grace our neighborhood. These majestic trees are good fits in Ryan Place, very drought tolerant and able to grow on our heavy, limey clay soils. They provide wonderful shade and protection to our yards and parkways.

But, what's up with our cedar elms this autumn? There's been a huge drop of twigs and leaves this fall on our lawns, sidewalks, and curbs. Upon close examination these are the uppermost twigs and leaves from the tree.

What's happening is that cedar elm produces its flowers and fruit in late summer and early fall. Its pollen shed is a notorious heavy allergen, causing many neighbors to sniffle and suffer. The fruits produced at the ends of the leaf twigs look like little ravioli and are apparently quite tasty to our neighborhood squirrels and birds. They perch in the tree tops and chow down on the fruit. In doing so they break off the fragile leaflets and these drop to the ground.

Well, this year must have been a real bountiful harvest because there were cedar elm twigs all over. But, thinking more about this, what a masterful way for nature to shed seeds and place them back to the ground. From these fruits, new trees can sprout and grow. So now we are left to rake and sweep them up and deliver then to our compost pile, place them around our plants as mulch, or as a last resort, pitch them in the green bin or paper sacks. Don't, for whatever reason, blow them into the street or curb. Caution your yard crew. These guys are adept at using their high-powered blowers to rid your space of any and all leaves and grass. It's against city code to push any organic debris off your lawn, sidewalk, or driveway and onto streets, curbs, or neighbors. Rain and wind will take them into storm drains and creeks where they cause environmental problems. Rake or sweep them up. This precious organic material was home-grown on your land and needs to be recycled back.



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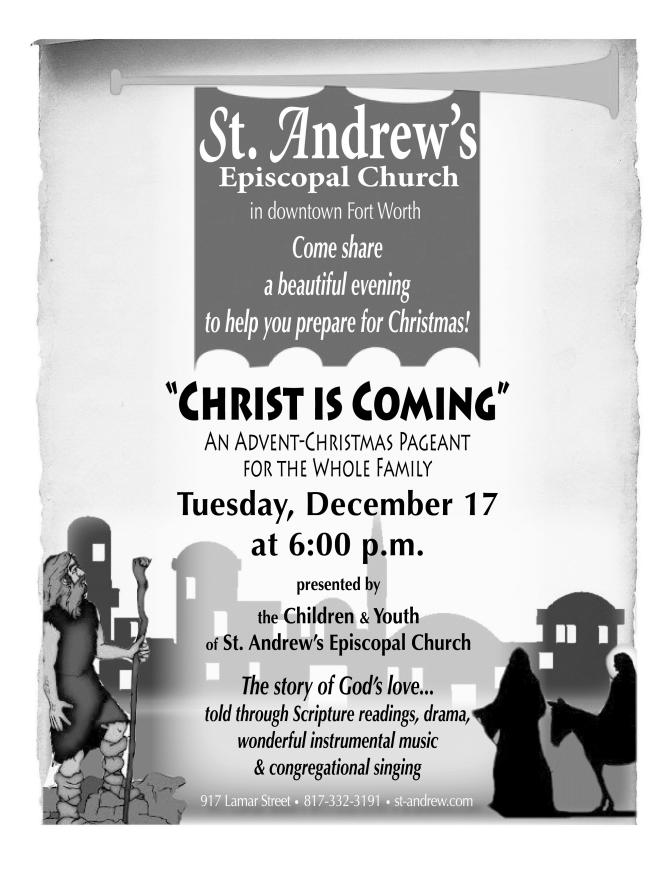
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Nine Heritage Trees Announced in Ceremony

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For 2013, 14 trees were nominated for Heritage Tree status, as recognized by the City of Fort Worth. Nine of the nominated trees were approved by an independent panel for this special recognition. Fort Worth now has 62 Heritage Trees citywide (one died in 2012).

All of the nominations this year were prepared by Board-Certified Master Arborist Wes Culwell and local historian Quentin McGown. The newly recognized trees are found dispersed across areas surrounding Lake Worth.

Five of the nine awarded trees were recognized based on their size and being awarded "champion tree" status by Texas A&M Forest Service. Four of the new Heritage Trees were recognized due to their location and/or contribution to a historic site. More information, including a map of all public Heritage Trees in Fort Worth, can be accessed from the http://fortworthtexas.gov/forestry/.

Since Ryan Place celebrated it's centennial two years ago might we have some trees that qualify?



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Where I was

As I was growing up, I heard my elders talk about 'where I was when.' The 'when' might have been Armistice Day, November 11, 1911, Pearl Harbor Day, the day Franklin Roosevelt died, VE Day or the day of the Waco tornado in 1953. Usually these days were days of great happiness, sadness, fear, or all three.

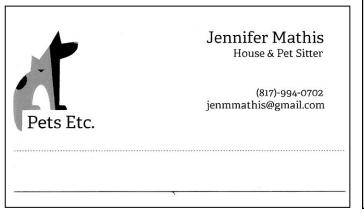
Until November 22, 1963 I hadn't had one of 'those' days: As a college sophomore at North Texas State in Denton I was typing an English class paper due at 2:00 pm. (Not one of my best subjects!)

I remember it being around noon. We had the TV on while both having lunch and doing homework. (Activity not allowed at home but college was all about making your own rules.) I'm sure the twelve o'clock news was about President Kennedy's visit to Fort Worth then Dallas.

There was a sudden quiet, I looked up from my typewriter to see the image on the TV pivot up to what must have been either the studio floor or its ceiling. There were moments when Channel 5 was obviously lost as to what to show or what to do. Being before handheld, highly portable TV cameras those days 'breaking' news was covered mostly by radio. After what seemed like many minutes the audio returned and then suddenly we had our generation's 'where I was' moment.

As with similar moments they are sure to last hours or particularly in our case it lasted all weekend. After gathering as many details as we needed to know, my friends and I didn't know what to do or where to go. We rode around Denton and finally ended up at the café on the highway for a dinner of comfort food. It wasn't very comforting.

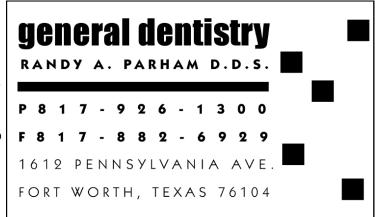
One morning in the winter of 1964 some of those same friends joined me for an early morning ride to Old Red, the Dallas County Courthouse. We stood in line to be some of the few people allowed in to witness a day of the Jack Ruby trial. Witnessing first hand one of the last chapters of my 'where I was when.'

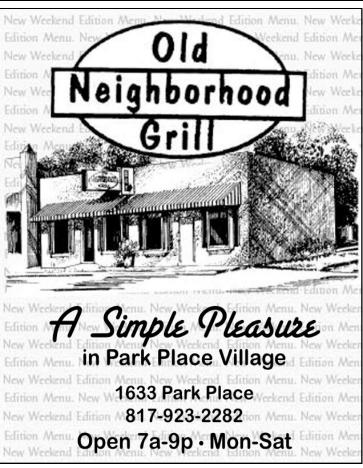


Since that year we have lived through several of 'those days': the University of Texas Tower sniper, the deaths of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy, the resignation of President Nixon, September 11, 2001. What we all learn from those experiences was that people cope the best we can, sure we are changed, but we continue.

On that dreadful day in 1963 even though classes were dismissed for the day and for several after, I typed all of my paper, went to the instructor's office and slid it under his office door by 2:00 almazan.magali@yahoo.com pm. (Just in time, much like this submittal to the RPIA newsletter editor.)

Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor





December 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Trash	5 Hanukkah ends	6	7
8	9	10	11 Trash	12	13	14
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29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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