## Ryan Place Newsletter

February 2014

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#### **RPIA President's Letter**



Happy New Year Ryan Place!

Our first RPIA Board of Directors meeting for 2014 was held on January 20. We have some exciting initiatives planned for this year that I would like to share with you. Some are a continuation of initiatives started in 2013 and some are new. All directly support our mission which can be found on the home page of our neighborhood website (www.historicryanplace.org) or on page 8.

#### Continued from 2013 and Prior

<u>Revision of RPIA By-Laws:</u> Our objective is to bring the By-Laws up to date (last revised in 2009) and to review items that have been the subject of debate (i.e. voting requirements, term

limits for Board members, etc.). We are also reviewing the need for larger scale infrastructure changes regarding the makeup of the Board of Directors and Committees. We held a few focus groups last year, received some great input and plan to move forward to completion of the revised By-Laws this year.

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#### **Ryan Place Social Events for 2014**

#### **New Ideas Welcome!**

Do you have a passion that you would like to share with the entire neighborhood? Is there an idea that has been rolling around your group of friends that would be enjoyed by the Ryan Place community? Do you want to be an instigator of fun and camaraderie?

The RPIA Board has initiated an Events Fund for that purpose; to help new ideas come to fruition, to help newly established events grow, and to revive those events that have waned. There is an application process if you would like financial assistance for an event not on the 2014 calendar/budget. It is designed to let you, our neighbors, have a larger say in the social events that are most meaningful to you and to let the grass roots efforts have a larger impact.

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#### **Involvement Opportunities**

Here are a few opportunities to consider if you would like to become involved in the neighborhood.

**Parliamentarian** – Serves as a subject matter expert on the RPIA By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Order for RPIA Board meetings. (Read: keep us in line). No previous experience required. Willing to train interested parties. Commitment: Attend Board meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month except July & December.

**Newsletter Advertising Assistant** - This person will assist the Newsletter Editor in tracking and responding to advertising requests. This includes contacting advertisers due for renewal and soliciting new advertisers if and when needed.

New Web Site – If you have technical knowledge, please apply! We need residents to help direct the development of our new web site. We also need a volunteer to maintain the site once it is complete.

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The NEWSLETTER is also posted online at www.historicryanplace.org

#### RPIA MEETING

Monday, February 17
7 PM
St. John's Episcopal Church Mitchell Hall
(enter on Page St.)

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#### President's Letter continued from page 1

Long Range Strategic Improvement Plan: This plan sets forth strategic goals for neighborhood improvement and covers many areas including, but not limited, to communications, parks & recreation, streets & traffic initiatives, land use and crime prevention. It is important that we have a formalized plan in place to share with entities we will contact during the process of implementing these initiatives. Our Strategic Planning Committee is currently finalizing this plan and will be presenting it to the neighborhood for input at a future meeting to be announced.

New Ryan Place Directory: This was last published in 2009 and many neighbors have vocalized a request for an updated listing of residents and contact information. We advertised several times in the newsletter last year for neighbors to submit updated contact information but received a limited response. We plan to provide alternate ways to submit information this year in the hope of completing this project.

Ryan Place (Triangle) Park Improvements: Research is being done to determine the type and scale of improvements to this park. Focus groups will be held with neighbors and surrounding residents to gain input and feedback on desired improvements prior to planning and implementation of any changes.

<u>Landscaping - Elizabeth Blvd Traffic Circles & Cantey Chicanes:</u>
We are researching reasons for the lack of success with these landscaping efforts and hope to have a viable solution within the next few months.

#### **New Initiatives**

<u>New RPIA Website:</u> Our objective is to create a more attractive, user-friendly, intuitive site with more information and functionality that will improve communications both within and outside of the neighborhood.

General Membership Meetings: We plan to hold more general membership meetings during the year that will include programs and presenters of interest to neighborhood residents. This may include presentations from different Fort Worth city and community organizations to provide information about initiatives and development impacting our neighborhood and city. I would appreciate your suggestions and input on programs and presenters.

<u>Crime Prevention:</u> We have tried to generate interest in starting a Crime Prevention Committee over the past year or so with limited success. I believe this is an important initiative for our neighborhood. If you have an interest in starting or participating in a committee to move this forward, please contact me.

Ryan Place Fire Truck: If you have lived in the Ryan Place neighborhood for 10+ years you probably remember our vintage Ryan Place Fire Truck that made appearances in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and other Fort Worth community events. An effort is under way to fix the Fire Truck and bring it back home to Ryan Place! See Involvement Opportunities and stay tuned for further information about the history of our Fire Truck in next month's newsletter.

Yes, this is a lot to accomplish for 2014. We cannot do this without your involvement. Please see the Involvement Opportunities section of the newsletter below. Please feel free to contact me at any time with feedback, suggestions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2014! **Leanne Kline, RPIA President** ls.kline@att.net or 817-832-2861

#### RP Social Events continued from page 1

The RPIA sponsored events this year are:

Easter Egg Hunt 4th of July Parade Back to School Swim Party (Forest Park Pool) Croquet Tourney Boo-on-the-Boulevard

Each of these events will need a chairperson and committee to succeed. Each event can be designed according to those involved; whether they continue in their traditional form or are redesigned to fit the neighborhood's wishes. It is up to those who step up to make them happen.

If an event you loved is not on the list, or if you would like to start a new event, rally your friends, make your plans, and make it happen!

Contact Terri West for additional information on the funding process at 817-927-0727 or terrirpia@gmail.com.

#### Involvement Opportunities continued from page 1

Fire Truck Committee – The Ryan Place Fire Truck has been tucked away at the Texas Fire Museum in Dallas for the past few years awaiting our attention. It is in need of parts, either vintage or modern, repair or a spruce up. We need to form a committee to make recommendations on the method and cost of repair, implementation of work, and housing upon return. Interested mechanics and fund raisers are needed for this committee.

**By-Laws Committee** – Provide input on the By-Laws updates or serve on this committee.

**Crime Prevention** – Serve on a committee to propose and implement solutions for crime prevention throughout the Ryan Place neighborhood.

**Streets & Traffic** – Serve as primary contact for concerns related to street reconstruction throughout the neighborhood.



## WELCOME!

#### Elizabeth Boulevard

Carol and Chuck Bernal lived in the Near Southside twice and thought of Ryan Place when they decided to move from a Candle Ridge home with no large family room. The couple met in Florida after the death of Carol's first husband. Both moved to Fort Worth where Chuck attended Southwestern Theological Seminary, and Carol, an RN, worked in area hospitals. During their thirty-three years of marriage, they lived in Michigan and Fort Worth. Presently Chuck is the minister of a church in Crowley. He stays in shape by weight training and riding his bike. Chuck loves music and plays guitar. Carol enjoys reading and cooking, which is fortunate since they have five daughters, five sons in law, and eleven grandchildren who gather at their renovated Ryan Place home for family holidays and events.

Bernee and Andrea Garcia and Bernee's son Joseph, 20, along with Diego, a French bulldog, are expecting a new addition to the household in February. Bernee played football for TCU so obviously a near Southside home was a must for him, and an older home was Andrea's goal. Since Andrea majored in fashion and design at TCU and is a buyer for Pier 1, it is not surprising that decorating their spacious, historic home is her passion. Bernee has an MBA in Finance and works as a finance manager for Radio Shack. He's into weight training while Andrea is a runner.

#### Sixth Avenue

The Welcome Lady had a wonderful visit with David and Tanya Claire over coffee and muffins. They have a yours, mine, and ours family, which makes for an active household. A native Texan, David is a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel (Reserves). He has a Masters in Industrial Technology from Texas A & M Commerce. Tanya has a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from the University of South Florida and worked for Colonial Life Insurance for over 15 years. The couple manages their real estate holdings and other investments. After quite a search, specifically in Ryan Place, they found a historic house which has retained many of its original features. The home had been vacant for over 20 years, and they have taken it upon themselves to bring it back. Their collection of antique furnishings is well-suited to the home. Tanya volunteers with Girl Scouts and PTA. For over five years, they have been active in COPS (Citizens on Patrol).

#### Ryan Avenue

Mary Johnston is the new art teacher at Daggett Elementary School. A ceramic artist and landscape designer, Mary has lived and worked in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, and New Zealand. Her childhood home is Corpus Christi where her parents were educators. Mary attended Texas A&M and the University of Texas. Because of her involvement in the early xeriscape movement in Austin, Mary was a member of the design team for landscaping around the Austin airport. In the Hill Country, she lived in Dripping Springs and Blanco

where she was the art center director. Her functional ceramics are available in Fredricksburg and other Hill Country venues. Mary's Fort Worth ancestor James Johnston was a saddle maker for Nobby Harness Company, and her cousin has an art studio in Fairmount. Her daughter is attending college in Colorado.

#### **Ryan Place Drive**

The Baker family moved from Burleson to a Ryan Place home to spend more time with their only grandchild and her parents who reside in Fairmount. George is self-employed, and Deborah is attending a culinary school. George has an accounting degree from South Arkansas University and moved to Fort Worth in 1973. He's a long distance biker and golfer. They have a sweet Boxer dog.

Kansas City, Missouri native Brian Schafer lived downtown while searching in Ryan Place and Arlington Heights for 18 months for the right Fort Worth home. Ryan Place was his top choice because of Magnolia Avenue and the short distance to his downtown office for an accounting firm. Brian is very interested in environmental science. He plays acoustic guitar and is an all-around athlete who hikes, runs, rides bikes, plays golf, and participates in triathlons. He's a reader and traveled to Europe twice.

Bob and Becky Plentl share a career in the same field. Bob is a supervisor of air traffic controllers, and Becky is an air traffic controller who is a runway safety manager. They chose Ryan Place because it is one of their favorite neighborhoods. They previously lived in a historic neighborhood in Franklin, Indiana where they were stationed for seventeen years. Son Eric is a junior at Paschal High School and on the rifle team there. Bob and Eric hunt together. Bob is a guitarist, and Becky enjoys decorating and gardening. The household dogs are a red Boston terrier and an unusual black Boxer.

#### **Willing Avenue**

Jay Dauenhauer and fiancé Ashely Sholar selected a Ryan Place home because the neighborhood reminded them of Shreveport, their hometown. Jay and Ashley first met when each moved to Fort Worth. They are planning a June wedding. Ashley, a graduate of Emory University, is a pediatric nurse practitioner. An LSU graduate, Jay is employed in the energy industry, currently as a project manager, but has worked as a television news producer. Ashley displayed her cooking skills by serving brownies and hot chocolate during the visit. Jay is a runner and music lover. The couple is enthusiastic about their involvement with the Make a Wish Foundation. Their dog reminded the Welcome Lady of her Shelties of past years.

Look for the remaining 2013 newcomers in the March newsletter. To contact the Welcome Lady, call 817-924-9653 or email arkarbach@sbcglobal.net

- Submitted by Ruth Hosey Karbach, the Welcome Lady

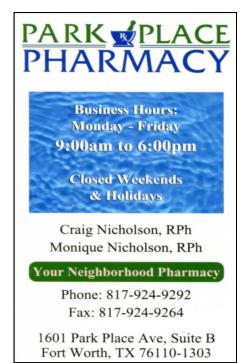
#### **Real Estate Corner by Jeff Anderson**



Usually the two month wait for the next RPIA newsletter perfectly fits the inevitable holiday dip in real estate activity, but look how many homes have sold and gone under contract!

Ryan Place is hot and benefiting from the real estate fever felt across Cowtown!

2900 6th Avenue	4 bed	2.5 bath 2.5 bath 3 bath 2.5 bath 2 bath 1 bath 2 bath	3,990 sqft	\$599,900
1605 Elizabeth Blvd	4 bed		2,964 sqft	\$449,900
2725 Willing Avenue	4 bed		2,888 sqft	\$435,000
2317 Ryan Avenue	3 bed		2,696 sqft	\$395,000
2509 Willing Avenue	3 bed		2220 sqft	\$348,000
2801 Ryan Avenue	2 bed		1,092 sqft	\$148,750
2937 Ryan Avenue	3 bed		1,452 sqft	\$ 82,000
2937 Ryan Place Drive 2939 6th Avenue 3032 6th Avenue 2417 Ryan Avenue 2421 Ryan Avenue	3 bed 2 bed 2 bed 2 bed 2 bed 2 bed	1 bath 2 bath 1 bath 1 bath 1 bath	1,170 sqft 1,605 sqft 1,324 sqft 924 sqft 954 sqft	Contract Contract Contract Contract
2725 Ryan Place Drive	2 bed	2 bath	1,307 sqft	SOLD
2808 Ryan Place Drive	3 bed	2 bath	1,566 sqft	SOLD
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### Ryan Place Wine Gathering

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Hosts: Raul and Lisa Pena To RSVP, please email

Address: 1209 Elizabeth brownlamarl@yahoo.com or join the

Date: Friday, March 7th facebook event that will be created soon!

6:30-9:30 pm Time:

#### Timely Tips for February Gardeners

Pruning is both an art and a necessary maintenance function. Most trees and shrubs can be lightly pruned at any time, however, mid-winter is generally the best time for major pruning. Plants that flower in the spring produce their flower buds the previous growing season. They should be pruned immediately after flowering. Examples of these plants are azalea, Carolina jessamine and wisteria. Summer flowering plants generally bloom on new growth so they can be pruned in mid-winter to early spring. Examples are crape myrtle, butterfly bush, spiraea and honeysuckle. Never top a crape myrtle. Prune to remove seed heads, to thin out or to remove damaged branches or ones which are rubbing together. Shade trees, evergreen shrubs and groundcovers should be pruned in mid-winter. Pruning paint is not necessary unless you are pruning oak trees during the growing season. February is the best time for pruning most roses. Remove any old and diseased canes then cut remaining canes back by 50 percent. Make your cuts above a bud that faces away from the center of the plant. Remove spent blooms on bush roses and you will get more flowers later in the season. Prune climbing roses after they finish blooming in the spring. Trim back perennials and ornamental grasses before the new growth appears in spring. Clean up around the plants and mulch well to protect them.

Treat your special Valentine this year with fresh, living flowers. The rose can be enjoyed all year; cool season flowers such as pansies, primrose and cyclamen can add a burst of color to your landscape, patio or garden

Please join us for FREE in-store clinics. Clinics begin at 10:15 a.m. and are held at every store.

Saturday, February 15:

Earthkind Gardening Practices for Texas Saturday, February 22:

ABC's of Organic Gardening – What You Need to Know

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#### A Farewell to Elms

Recent storms have delivered needed rain and at times destructive winds. One of our neighbors most affected by the storms have been our stately elm trees. These are American elms (Ulmus americana). They have stood guardian in our neighborhood for nearly 100 years. Some living here longer than anyone else. But, now we are having to say 'good bye' to these long-time patriots. They are getting old. And, like many of us, are suffering the maladies of old age. The most serious of these aliments is 'slime flux' or 'wet wood,' which has infected the tree trunks and limbs. Infected trees exhibit wet patches of ooze that seeps down the tree trunk. This bacterial disease has no cure and will eventually rot tree limbs to a point that they become weak and break off during the least bit of wind. Our neighborhood has seen a lot of amputations lately.

If there is no cure, then what should we do? Well, first keep the patient quiet and in good shape. The branches showing signs of wet wood or bacteria ooze are prevalent and are likely to become areas of wood rot and limb breakage. Since there is no cure, just keeping the patient well-trimmed will help. Next, plan for the inevitable. Give a farewell to our old faithful friends. They are slowly going to give up their limbs and die. During this hospice period be alert for falling branches and protect objects within harm's way. Also, now is the time to plan for our next generation of trees. New trees need to be planted in place of the old elms. Be careful to locate the next generation away from our aged citizens. Young trees can grow under the cover of our old friends for a couple of years. Just plant the new trees so the aged elms can be tended and removed when the time is necessary.

Our basic rule in the parkway of Ryan Place (space between the curb and sidewalk, or assumed location if a sidewalk was present) is to plant trees at least twenty-five feet apart and only those species recommended by the Fort Worth forestry department. Check the RPIA website <a href="www.historicryanplace.org">www.historicryanplace.org</a> for details about our next tree planting program in Ryan Place this spring and information on trees recommended for our neighborhood. Or, contact our neighbor, Brian McCorquodale <a href="hp.brian@gmail.com">hp.brian@gmail.com</a>.

-Submitted by Jerry Lemunyon, agronomist and neighbor

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#### The mission of RPIA is:

To improve, beautify and promote the Ryan Place neighborhood;

To encourage a friendly association among Ryan Place residents;

To protect the basic character, building scale, and open space of Ryan Place against increased density and traffic;

To perpetuate the historical and residential qualities and traditions of Ryan Place's role in Fort Worth history;

To insure Ryan Place's constructive participation in the development of Fort Worth; and

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#### End of Year 2013 Submitted by Llisa Lewis, Treasurer

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Interest from CD	\$ 149.77
(Reimbursement from City)	
Traffic Circle Landscaping	\$ 9,219.00
Garage Sale Ad	\$ 190.00
Event Advertising	\$ 407.21
Newsletter Advertising Sales	\$ 6,972.50
Sustaining Membership Contributions	\$12,297.97
INCOME (to date)	

#### **EXPENSES** (to date)

Operating Ex	penses
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	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2	27,443.87
Events		\$	1,608.11
Memberships/Dues		\$	285.00
Improvement Projects		\$	9,070.70
Newsletter Distribution		\$	1,615.70
Newslett	ter Printing	\$	5,586.25
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	Miscellaneous	\$	213.83
	State Filing Fee	\$	7.00
	Neighborhood Welcome	\$	80.11
	Gate Lighting maintenance	\$	258.53
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#### CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY

Hello. My name is Sergio L Guadarrama and as many of you might know I am your new Neighborhood Police Officer. I will be taking over for Officer Mark Russell who I know has been a great asset to all of you. Filling his shoes will be a difficult task but I will do my very best to accommodate you in any way that I can. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email me. I look forward to meeting and working with you and I hope I can make an impact in the area and continue to make this neighborhood a safe place. So far I have been welcomed with open arms but I'm not surprised by that. These past few weeks I've enjoyed driving in the neighborhoods and waving at residents and kids on their bikes or playing in their front yard. I've met many of you personally and I hope to meet many more as the months go along. Thank you again for the warm welcome.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I was born and raised here in Fort Worth and I grew up in the southwest side. I attended catholic school from Kindergarten through 8th grade at St. Andrews Catholic School. I went to Nolan Catholic High School for my freshman year in high school. My sophomore through senior year I went to Southwest High School. I always pictured myself going into law of some sort but I always thought I would be a prosecuting attorney. In February of 1995 I went on a ride along with my cousin who is a Fort Worth police officer. At the end of that shift my goals and aspirations changed completely. I knew what I was born to do. My calling was to be a police officer. I was only 18 years old at the time so I continued my education by taking basic courses at community college and I worked as a sales clerk at Alexander Lumber Company on Montgomery Street for over three years. I applied for the Fort Worth Police Department in July of 1998 and I was hired in April of 1999 at the age of 22. For fourteen years I have worked in patrol on the midnight shift on the east, south, west, and central division. I've been a Field Training Officer for 7 years and a certified instructor at the police academy for 4 years. I first worked this area from 2001 to 2003 and again from 2007 to 2010. It seems that the same problems back then are the same problems that exist today in this area. Burglaries and thefts were the problems then and I see it really hasn't changed much. It just so happens what I enjoy to do the most is catching burglars and thieves. I worked midnight shift for fourteen years so I was able to sneak up on people and creep around so I'm

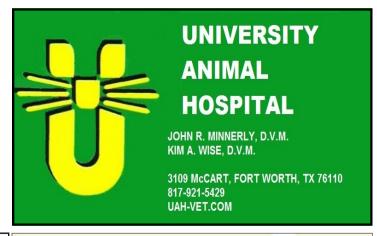
going to have to come up with different strategies. I will. My goal is to be as visible as possible in the neighborhoods and deter any wrong doers that may have bad intentions in mind. I'll also come up with other ways to patrol covertly. I may be out of patrol but the patrol officer in me will always be present. I understand that the true goal of police work is to help people. I have never lost sight of that and I never will.

As far as my personal life I am married to an ER nurse and I have a beautiful, smart, outgoing, and feisty 12-year-old daughter who is the light of my life. I love all sports but I am a huge Dallas Cowboys fan and I have been since birth. I love to eat all kinds of food. Traveling is my passion outside of work and I love to read.

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- The agency will carry "hired, non-owned" automobile insurance in addition to general liability if any transportation is required.
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# Store Your Treasures - Friendly Staff Close to Home!

While doing research for this article (OK, actually, I just typed "Storage" in the Google search box) the above headline popped up in less than a half second among the other 387 million results. It was exactly what we have been doing during the warmer days this past month. New shelves, full trash carts, sweeping, organizing. Some fun has been had.

What to keep or accumulate for future use is the dilemma. The accumulate activity has been pretty much on-going for many years. The large items seem to take care of themselves. You either have the space, know someone who might be able to put it to good use, or as my neighbor says, "Put it on the Delivery Dock."

Our delivery dock is on the curb close to the stop sign.

It is the little stuff that's my problem. I believe on Antiques Roadshow they call them "ephemerals". Things that are not designed to have a long life span, but if you take care of them, not only do they last a long time, they seem to reproduce at an alarming rate. It's the memorabilia, the objects we have kept or collected because of their possible historical interest, especially those associated with memorable people or events.

Memorabilia like the newspapers printed on the day our grandson was born. Not just the *Star-Telegram*, but also the *Financial Times* and London's *Daily News*, as well. Would he want to read just the headlines or check out what was left of the Classified Ads on election day, Nov 4, 2008. This is a real problem in our digital world. Might he just as soon had a link to a web site and let somebody else keep up with the storage issues? Or maybe a DVD of that night's Jon Stewart on *The Daily Show*.

If we think of all this stuff as an entry into our memory, maybe keeping less would be enough. Just keep the One Day Pass to the Colonial Golf Tournament signed by Arnold Palmer, not also the five Colonial Country Club match book covers. We tossed out our now-grown children's grade school report cards, because a couple of years ago one of ours turned up on the memorabilia table at a family reunion! Some memories should best be forgotten.

Organizing is the next step now that we have labeled storage boxes on sturdy shelves. But unfortunately, except for a loose calendar sequence, it is a mixture of memories to be cherished and those not so much. Something to accomplish on those cold winter days with maybe a large bottle of rubber cement and a blank scrapbook. Or with a scanner and a blog out there somewhere on iCloud.

-Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor and historian

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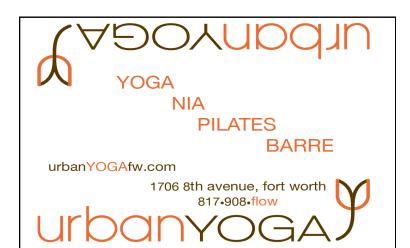
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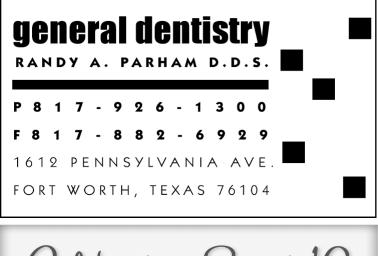
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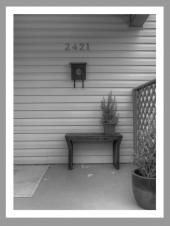






























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