



December 2017



Candles Up!

We encourage residents in Ryan Place to get their lights up and yards decorated before the Home Tour begins!

On December 2 and 3, our neighborhood will welcome hundreds of visitors to five wonderful homes! This year's Annual Historic Preservation Fundraiser, Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, offers a mix of five cheery homes, all dressed up for Christmas! From a 1919 treasure designed by Wiley G. Clarkson, to two wonderful two-stories built in the 1920s, to an adapted-for-modern-life 1940s charmer, to a mid-century traditional ranch home, lovingly restored to near-original condition—this year's Home Tour has something for everyone to admire and enjoy.

It really is a magical time to be in Ryan Place! We look forward to the home tour every year. Residents get to experience the joy and magic of living in this neighborhood year round, but Candlelight Christmas weekend allows us to share that spirit with others that might be visiting for the first time. Please join us on December 2nd and 3rd for the most wonderful time of the year in Ryan Place!

Tour Hours: Saturday, noon-9 pm; Sunday, noon-5 pm

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 on tour weekend

Available online at RyanPlaceFortWorth.com (volunteer and earn a ticket!)

Tickets also at The Butler's Antiques on 8th Ave and Old Home Supply on College Ave

Ticket Office/Brochure Pick Up: St. John's Church on Page St at College Ave

(Remember to stop by the youth-staffed St. John's Tea Room for lunch or a snack!)

If you're curious about which homes will be featured check out the volunteer page. Just go to SignUpGenius.com and search for Candlelight Christmas. Please consider taking a short shift—we need all hands on deck for this big event. We're grateful to all who help and visit our tour homes as proceeds fund Ryan Place events and improvements. Enjoy!

Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place

<http://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/candlelight-tours>

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The RYAN PLACE NEWSLETTER is delivered each month (except January and July) to every home in Ryan Place. The NEWSLETTER is typically hung on your front door handle. Delivery of the newsletters is a volunteer effort by Ryan Place residents. If you do not receive a newsletter, please contact any RPIA director so we may get you a copy. The NEWSLETTER is also posted online at www.ryanplacefortworth.com.

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IN *Ryan Place*

Home Tour

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017



1200 Elizabeth Boulevard
The Sanders Home



2415 Ryan Place Drive
The Plentl Home



2512 5th Avenue
The Sadowski Home



2504 6th Avenue
The Wittmer Home



2300 Ryan Avenue
The Berry Home

Ryan Place Improvement Association Mission

- Improve, beautify and protect the Ryan Place neighborhood;
- Encourage a friendly association among residents;
- Protect the basic character of the building scale and open space of Ryan Place against increased density and traffic;
- Perpetuate the historical, residential qualities, and traditions of Ryan Place's role in Fort Worth history;
- Ensure Ryan Place's constructive participation in the development of Fort Worth;
- Represent the property owners and residents in community concerns and opportunities.

2017 Donation to RPIA

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A 1954 Christmas Pilgrimage in Ryan Place

In 1954, Goldie (Tripplehorn) Brooks organized a Christmas tour of three Ryan Place homes to raise funds for the Garden Department of the Woman's Club of Fort Worth on Pennsylvania Avenue. The pilgrimage included two distinctive Wiley G. Clarkson-designed houses at 1216 Elizabeth and 2517 Ryan Place Drive and a mid-century modern house at 2312 Ryan Place Drive. Docents from the neighborhood and the Woman's Club of Fort Worth were recruited by Goldie Brooks; among them was a close friend, clubwoman, and creative whiz Willie Ruth Jagoda, the fourth owner of the Fifth Avenue home on the 2017 Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place tour. The 1954 tour homes were decorated for Christmas using the latest trends but with an elegant twist.

The accomplished Goldie Brooks attended the Chicago School of Design and was a professor of interior design at Stephens College for women before her marriage to tax attorney A. Edwin Brooks. The theme she chose was "A Children's Christmas" inspired by her two young daughters. At the front door of the family's Georgian Revival Home on Elizabeth Boulevard, guests were greeted by a large Santa Claus. In the entry hall, the children's sugar plum Christmas tree was spray-painted gold and decorated with popcorn balls and fairies made from the new material Styrofoam. Snowmen and a miniature Santa Claus figurine and mounted wise men made in Mexico were arranged at a child's eye level. The central rooms downstairs were decorated in pink and cyclamen, colors made popular in the 1950s by the president's wife Mamie Eisenhower. Antiques must have been scattered throughout the home since Goldie Brooks gave a talk entitled "Antiques Go with Everything."

The Tudor Revival home at 2517 Ryan Place Drive was originally the residence of the Wiley G. Clarkson family. Adeline (Parnell) and her attorney husband Ercel G. Aycock were proud of the family's lineage which traced back to an American patriot who fought in the Revolutionary War. Eighteenth Century antique furnishings complimented the English-inspired home. The entry hall, living room, and dining rooms were filled with pink roses and carnations and gold-sprayed magnolia leaves and holly. The fireplace was the focal point of a religious vignette with a Madonna painting hung above the mantel, on which boys choir figures rested. On the piano were white angel figurines. Traditional Christmas green decorations decked the kitchen and breakfast room. The family had three older sons.

The home at 2312 Ryan Place Drive of Naomi (Sweeney) Reed and Thomas J. Reed, president of the Braggs-Weaver Machinery Company, was built around 1949. Unusual jeweled ornaments in Williamsburg Blue hung on a small unsheared Christmas tree set on the piano. Native trees again were available after the war and rationing ended, and they were more popular in 1954 than the aluminum tree with a color wheel light introduced in 1950.

Mrs. Reed's color selection from the American Colonial period was part of a wave of nostalgia for the founding of the country. Maple furniture, fireplace bellows and other decorative items not useful to mid-century folks helped them feel a connection to these earlier idealized days.

Submitted by Ruth Karbach, neighbor



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December 2017 Financial Report*

2016 Christmas Home Tour Profit	\$17,000.00
<small>(\$7,000 to park project; \$10,000 to General Fund)</small>	
2017 YTD General Fund Revenue	
Newsletter Advertising Sales	\$6,795.00
Insurance Reimbursement	\$851.00
Neighborhood Contributions	\$14,778.70
Candelight Tour Advertising Sales	\$5,150.00
Candelight Tour Ticket Sales	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$27,574.70
YTD Expenses	
Newsletter Printing & Bags	\$10,028.63
Web Domainset up	\$0.00
Constant Contact	\$404.64
D& O Insurance	\$1,778.00
PO Box Rental	\$108.00
meeting signs	\$0.00
Circles & 8th Ave Gates Water & Irrigation	\$648.36
Parks & Gate Maintenance	\$6,155.74
Irrigation Repairs	\$390.89
Misc. & online fees	\$163.65
Office Supplies	\$0.00
Membership fees	\$285.00
Event Expense Paid	\$4,072.68
Improvement Projects	\$500.00
Candelight Tour Expenses	\$2,282.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,818.17
YTD NET INCOME	\$756.53
Treasurer: Ryan Scharar	
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December 2017

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3 Candlelight Christmas Tour	4	5	6 Trash	7	8	9
10	11	12 Fairmount Festivus Hanukkah Begins	13 Trash	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Trash	21 Last Day for FWISD	22	23
24 Christmas Eve 31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30

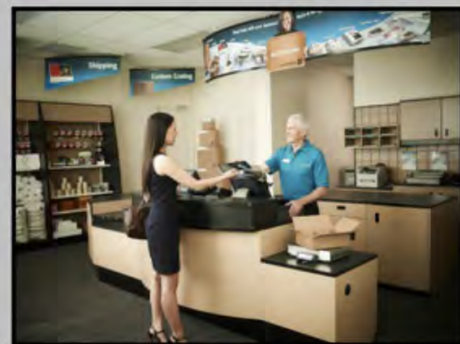
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2018 Month	Artwork Deadline	Distribution
February	January 19	Feb 3-4
March	February 16	Mar 3-4
April	March 23	Apr 7-8
May	April 20	May 5-6
June	May 18	Jun 2-3
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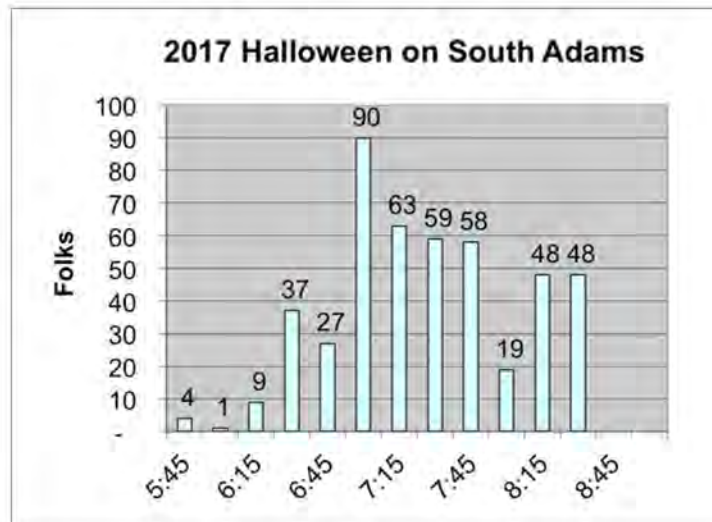
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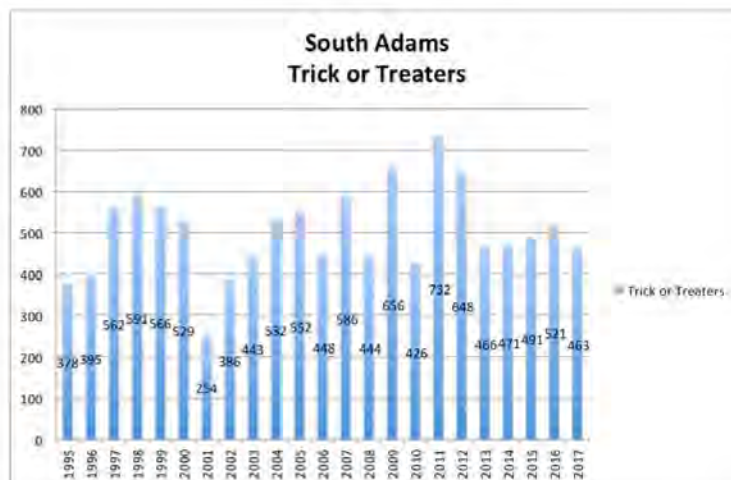
Another year's worth of Trick-Or-Treat data was collected on South Adams. The following graphs show the results of our thorough and pain staking effort to make sense of what happens around us on Halloween Night. An effort that some would say was a total waste of time. But what have we got but time.

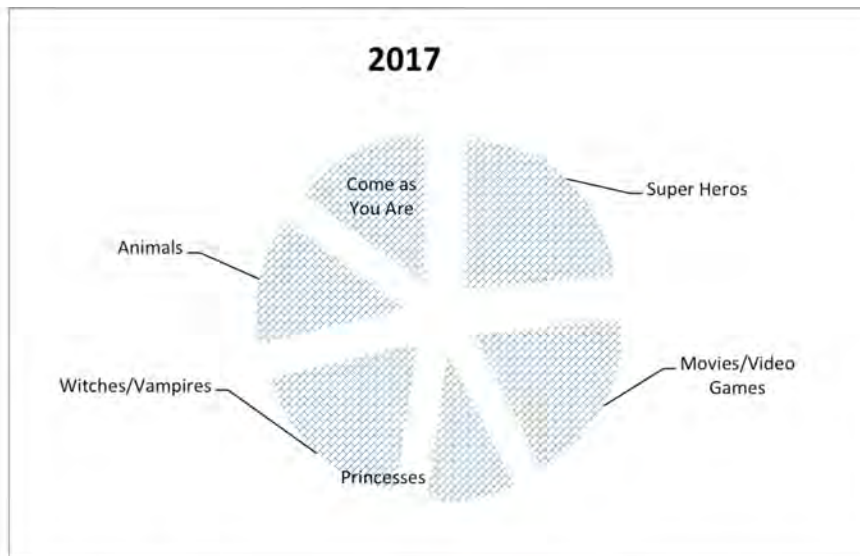
Noticed this year people who had moved away from Ryan Place came back, some with their children to experience one of the things that make Ryan Place a special place!

The quarter-hour-by-quarter-hour graph shows the impact of the unsettled weather in the early hour of trick or treating. Also unusual was the lack of two peaks on this graph. Over the years this graph has had two distinct peaks. This year only one.



The total number of participants on South Adams was slightly down from last year continuing the trend of the previous four years. The average for the 2001-2017 is 529. We think we know why. This year the neighborhood had more decorations, more houses with welcoming porch lights all leading to spreading the total number of Trick-Or-Treaters around to more and more houses.



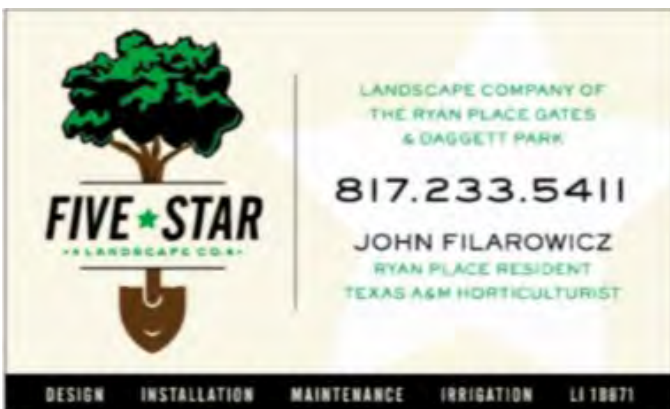


Again this year the costumes were dominated by characters from popular culture (mostly movies and video games) and by the usual Witches and Vampires. In the Animal category Cats outnumbered Dogs by 2:1. Cows came in second to the Cats and Dogs sub-category. The 'Scream' costume has seemed to run its course with only 2 counted out of 463. New Video characters not present last year were counted this year. The emoji had a strong presence. Possibly showing the impact of the ever-present smart phone in our lives.

Again looking for leading indicators was difficult with only one Special Prosecutor Mueller seen, but there were zero Trumps!

Until next year.

Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor



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