

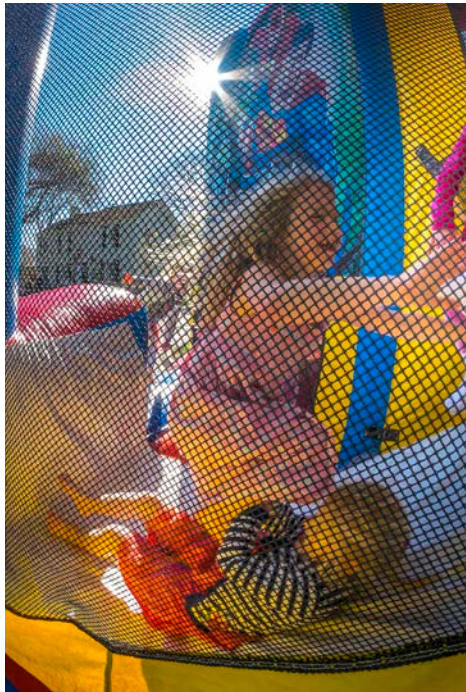


# RYAN PLACE NEWSLETTER

March 2020  
RyanPlaceFortWorth.com

## SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

Spring is almost here.



The Ryan Place BBQ Bounce House in the middle of the street is always a fun attraction.

That means it's time for our spring BBQ. The BBQ and bounce house will be Sunday March 29 between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. It will be located on 5th between Jessamine and Elizabeth. We will block off the street as usual so the kids can run and around and play without worrying about car traffic.

Please bring your food ready to place on the table and eat as we try to serve the meal around 2:30 – 3 p.m.

A couple of other dates to put on

your calendar for upcoming events are the following:

- 1. Cowtown Cleanup** organized by Chris Gee on Saturday April 4 (see the ad inside for details) and...
- 2. Our Annual RPIA Easter Egg Hunt** held at the home of Sunnie Austin at 1111 Elizabeth Boulevard.

There will be more information posted about these events on the RPIA Facebook page.

As the weather gets warmer I look forward to seeing folks working in their yards and spending more time outside. I look forward to seeing everyone at these events as well.

Tim Keith  
President, RPIA

*The Ryan Place Newsletter is published each month (excluding January and July) for residents in Ryan Place. The newsletter is delivered to our homes through the volunteer efforts of Ryan Place residents.*

*If you have not received a hardcopy newsletter - please contact any RPIA director (page 10) for a copy.*

*The newsletter also appears online at [ryanplacefortworth.com/newsletters](http://ryanplacefortworth.com/newsletters).*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Board Meeting at St. Johns	17	18	19	20	21
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NOTE: No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

## LOOKING AHEAD... Ryan Place Improvement Association 2020 Calendar of Events

- Q1:**
- Monday, March 16, 7 p.m. RPIA Board Meeting (St. John's Episcopal Church)
  - Sunday, March 29 2 - 5 p.m. RPIA GENERAL Meeting + BBQ (NOTE: Changed from previous date)  
(2700 Block Willing or 2300 Block of 5th)
- Q2:**
- Saturday, April 4 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Ryan Place and Cowtown Cleanup (2600 5th Ave)
  - Monday, April 20 7 p.m. - RPIA Board Meeting (St. John's Episcopal Church)
  - Saturday, April 11 10 a.m. - Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt (TBD)
  - Saturday, May 9 OPEN EVENT / Municipal Election (TBD)
  - Monday, May 18 7 p.m. - RPIA GENERAL Meeting (St. John's Episcopal Church)
  - Monday, June 15 7 p.m. - RPIA Board Meeting (St. John's Episcopal Church)
  - Monday, June 25 TBD Ryan Place Annual Croquet Tournament
- Q3:**
- Saturday, July 4 10 a.m. - Independence Day Parade and Softball Game
  - July TBD RPIA Summer BBQ and Swim Party (Location TBD)
  - August- TBD Back to School Event (Location TBD)
  - Monday, August 10 7 p.m. - RPIA Board Meeting (St. John's Church) -Bumped up one week b/c of 1st week of school.
  - Saturday, September 5 ALL DAY - Annual Labor Day Garage Sale
  - Monday, September 21 7 p.m. - RPIA GENERAL Meeting and Business Mixer (St. John's Episcopal Church)
- Q4:**
- Monday, October 19 7 p.m. - RPIA Board Meeting (St. John's Episcopal Church)
  - Friday, October 23 7 p.m. - Movie Night (Triangle Park, weather permitting)
  - November TBD New Neighbor Welcome Event (Location TBD)
  - Monday, November 16 7 p.m. - RPIA Board Meeting, General Membership Meeting & Elections, Potluck (St. John's Church)
  - Friday, December 4 TBD Ryan Place Holiday Social (Location TBD)
  - Saturday & Sunday December 5 & 6 - Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Home Tour



# Ryan Place

SUPPORTS



It's time for a little **SPRING CLEANING**, Ryan Place! Join us as we all pitch in to clean up litter around the streets, alleys, commercial areas, and other public spaces in our beautiful neighborhood. It's easy; we'll provide the bags and gloves, so all you need to do is show up!



## Event Info

**Saturday, April 4, 2020 \* \* 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

We're meeting at 2600 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to kick things off, and we will have light refreshments and **FREE event t-shirts** for participants while supplies last. We will then break into teams based on streets and receive further instructions from Street Directors. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to [chriswgee@hotmail.com](mailto:chriswgee@hotmail.com) or the Facebook event page. If you decide to join us at the last minute, that's ok too!



**Open House Upcoming at E.M. Daggett Elementary**

E.M. Daggett Elementary will be hosting an open house on **Thursday 3/26** for parents interested in Pre-K or Kindergarten for the 20-21 school year (all are welcome). We will be offering a presentation, Q&A, and tours. The two-way dual language program will be discussed. The FWISD registration process will be explained.

Yes, there will be coffee!

**On Sunday 3/29:**

An additional educational "info-meetup" coffee and Q&A will be hosted at the home of Jen and Ryan O'Connell

**2745 Ryan Place Drive from 3 PM- 5 PM.**

Prospective parents are welcome, as are any neighbors who would like to learn more about our neighborhood school. Kids welcome! Snacks provided for kids and adults who like snacks!

FWISD Pre-K and Kindergarten registration opens April 1st and the priority period ends April 26.

**Got Bad Medicine? We Have Good Fix!**

Out-of-date medications, expired prescriptions and chemistries from the medical world with a usefulness long since past, are a tragedy just waiting to happen.

Put a happy and healthy ending to that story - dispose properly of your no-longer-needed medications.

NOTE: flushing these now toxic chemistries down the toilet is NOT proper disposal - it just shares the misery to our water supply.)

What to do?

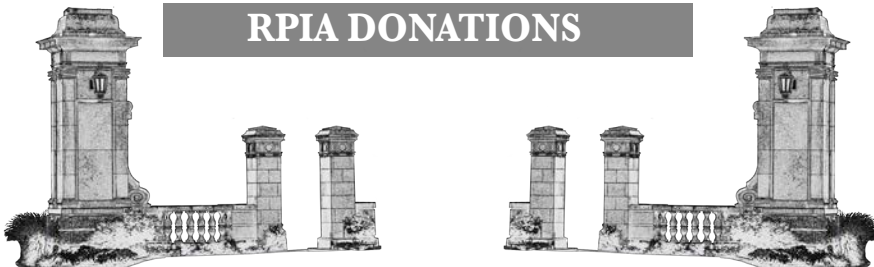
Our lovely City of Fort Worth strongly suggests you bring them to the Fort Worth Police Department Central Division.

It's located at 501 Jones St., Fort Worth, TX, 76102. As of this writing, the station is open 24/7/365 and a drop-off couldn't be easier (except for parking that is...) But access is so quick, just inside the front door, you might be able to park right in front - at the front door - make the drop and be away in less than 90 seconds. Seriously!

See photos at right for the best path to make your way to your expired medication disposal...



**RPIA DONATIONS**



**\*Good Neighbor: Donation \$35.00 - \$99.99**

Ruth Karbach, Ryan & Bronwyn Scharar, Sara Lynch, The Pritchetts, and William Aulstin

\*Editor's note: The five names above were inadvertently omitted from last month's recognition of donors. We truly do appreciate not only their monetary donations to Ryan Place, but also their time and efforts which have been considerable.

We sincerely regret the error. In conclusion, RPIA Donation listings will be presented quarterly. Next listing will be in the June issue (end of Q2).

# AROUND FORT WORTH...

## Learn to be a Master Composter

Learn to recycle food scraps and yard trimmings at your home, build healthy soils and reduce water use.

**The Master Composter course** will be taught March 21-22 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Cost is \$40 for Fort Worth residents, \$55 for nonresidents. Scholarships are available to certified elementary, intermediate and high school teachers who are teaching Fort Worth students at an educational institution.

The Master Composter class is part of a citywide program to reduce food waste, decrease dependence on synthetic fertilizers in favor of organic recycling and empower participants to teach others about composting.

### **Register online. Space is limited.**

Learn more by emailing or calling 817-392-6058.

## Tarrant County Public Health now has testing capability for COVID-19

(NOTE: As of this writing, **there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19** in Tarrant County - or in North Texas.)

**Tarrant County** Public Health's lab now has the capability to test for COVID-19. Tarrant County joins other labs across the state who now have local testing capability, including Dallas, Houston, El Paso and Lubbock.

"We want to reassure the public that Tarrant County residents will now have access to COVID-19 testing at our public health lab," said Tarrant County Public Health Director Vinny Taneja.

Tarrant County Public Health will now be able to test for the novel coronavirus with same-day or next-day results. Tarrant County has received 800 test kits from the CDC, and more are on the way. Taneja expects the TCPH lab will be able to

process 50 to 100 tests per day by next week.

The COVID-19 virus causes respiratory illness with fever and cough and may lead to bronchitis and severe pneumonia.

Symptoms are similar to the flu and include runny nose, headache, cough, sore throat, fever and a general feeling of being unwell. It is similar to the SARS and MERS Coronaviruses. This is more common in people with cardiopulmonary disease and weakened immune systems.

See the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 global cases map from John Hopkins CSSE and [learn more from Tarrant County Public Health.](#)

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## Federal funding announced for TEXRail extension

U.S. Rep Kay Granger has announced that Trinity Metro is authorized to use remaining federal funds from the TEXRail project for an extension of the commuter rail line. The 27-mile route was completed on time and \$80.6 million under budget, with roughly half of those funds coming from federal and half from local.

The \$38.9 million in federal funds can now be used to extend TEXRail another 2.1 miles from the Fort Worth T&P Station to a new station in the Medical District. In 2016, Trinity Metro and the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation signed a \$499.39 million Full Funding Grant Agreement for the \$1.034 billion TEXRail project.

The new station will be located behind Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center, by the Mistletoe neighborhood.

Trinity Metro President and CEO Bob

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Baulsir shared his excitement about the expansion. "The Fort Worth Medical District is an ideal location for the next station because of the 40,000 people who work and visit that area. Extending TEXRail is perfect for medical professionals, patients and visitors."

A timeline for the extension has not been determined. Baulsir said the first steps will be to define the scope and to undergo a competitive bid process.

TEXRail began operating in January 2019, and the existing route runs between downtown Fort Worth and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport's Terminal B. The line has nine stations in Fort Worth, North Richland Hills and Grapevine.

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### Record electricity use expected this summer

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) expects record electric use this summer and grid conditions similar to summer 2019.

ERCOT released its final Season Assessment of Resource Adequacy (SARA) for the spring season (March through May) and its preliminary assessment for the summer season (June through September).

As in 2019, the need to declare an energy emergency will depend on

a combination of factors, including demand, wind output and the number of generators on outage on any given day. ERCOT and its market participants are taking steps to ensure system reliability can be maintained during tight conditions.

Declaring an energy emergency allows the grid operator to take advantage of additional resources that are only available under these types of conditions. Additionally, the ERCOT wholesale market is designed to send appropriate price signals to encourage generators to be available when needed, and for customers to lower their energy use.

Total resource capacity for the upcoming summer season is expected to be 82,417 megawatts. The preliminary summer SARA report includes a 76,696-megawatt summer peak load forecast based on normal summer peak weather conditions from 2004-2018. One megawatt typically powers about 200 homes on a summer day.

The final summer SARA report will be released in early May and will reflect the expected summer weather conditions.

Based on the spring SARA report, ERCOT anticipates there will be sufficient generation to meet system-wide demand under a range of extreme system conditions. The spring SARA includes a 64,233-megawatt spring peak load forecast and is unchanged from the preliminary spring SARA.

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### Ryan Place is STILL looking for:

- **Garage Storage space** needed to house and protect our fire truck. The fire truck is a restored 1934 American LaFrance type 399 Pumper built on a GMC truck chassis and is LARGE. Consequently we are looking for a space that can accommodate a vehicle that stands much taller than most vehicles on the road. There has been funding proposed for securing the space under a rental agreement, but no space has been found. If you know of something, please [contact us! https://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/contact](https://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/contact)
- **A volunteer to help** with newsletter distribution. Duties involve one afternoon a month, receiving the bundle of newsletters from the printer's delivery, separating them according to streets, then coordinating pickup by the street directors for their street's distribution. Interested? Please [contact us! https://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/contact](https://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/contact)
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## THE RYAN PLACE CANDLESTICK

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still available!**

Ryan Place residents may obtain candlesticks for the online price = \$25 each,

Non-residents may purchase the candlesticks for \$30 each while supplies last.

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## CULTURE CORNER

### Words to Inspire

by Layne Craig

This year, I am asking Near Southside neighbors for their book recommendations.

Cameron Szok is the owner and founder of Southside Acupuncture, PLLC, and a 13-year resident of Ryan Place. She was gracious enough to sit down with me and discuss three books that have had an impact on her practice and life.

**Braving the Wilderness**, by Brene Brown: Cameron recommends this book about having the courage to be your authentic self. It took some bravery to pursue a less-than-conventional career at age 37, and the book is a helpful reminder to develop her own style and approach to her patients. Brown reminds readers to dare to be who they're meant to be and trust that authenticity will lead to growth and connection.

**The Law of Attraction: The Basics of the Teachings of Abraham**, by Esther and Jerry Hicks: This book on the power of positive thought builds on Brown's message about developing your own approach in business and life. Cameron notes that Hicks' ideas resonate because the more she focuses on what matters to her, the more she attracts clients and opportunities that reflect her passions.

**Fire Child, Water Child: Which ADHD Type does Your Child Have**, by Steven Scott Cowan: Cameron doesn't typically treat children in her practice, but recommends this book to parents for its thoughtful approach to ADHD diagnosis through the lens of Chinese medicine as well as for its larger arguments about what motivates children and how to avoid overstimulation in our parenting.

Cameron is licensed by the Texas Medical Board and is a NCCAOM Diplomate of Oriental Medicine. Southside Acupuncture is located at 1810 8th Ave; Suite B. If you are interested in learning more or would like to make an appointment, visit [SouthsideAcupuncture.com](http://SouthsideAcupuncture.com) or call 817-913-2421.

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# AROUND FORT WORTH...

## ***New website showcases Fort Worth's best qualities to encourage business, residential growth***



A new website highlights Fort Worth's transportation infrastructure, competitive cost of living and doing business.

[Thriveinfortworth.com](http://thriveinfortworth.com) is a new online platform that showcases the best of Fort Worth — not just when it comes to local landmarks, but when it comes to business and economic prosperity.

Residents already know that Fort Worth is a great place to live, work and play. Fort Worth's welcoming culture, diverse community, and quality of life have garnered the national spotlight as people and businesses rush to relocate and call the 13th largest city in the nation home. A new website has launched to help share these success stories, as well as highlight the countless benefits to decision-makers beyond Fort Worth.

The website, a collaborative partnership between the City of Fort Worth's Economic Development Department and Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, highlights Fort Worth's transportation infrastructure, competitive cost of living and doing business, as well as compares the city and state's population growth (among other demographic information) to that of comparable markets across the country.

"Fort Worth holds great potential for corporate headquarters and other regional players, not to mention the target industry businesses that we have been working to attract as part of our strategic plan," said Robert Sturns, economic development director for

the city. "The Thrive in Fort Worth site is a tool that will better help us tell that story to site selectors and other corporate decision-makers, and ensure that we're top-of-mind in those conversations."

The website features Fort Worth's workforce data, spotlights major employers and universities, and provides overviews of the city's incentives alongside success stories from companies that have recently relocated to Fort Worth.

The Thrive in Fort Worth website is the result of an ongoing citywide effort to establish Fort Worth's competitive edge through a strategic approach to attract new businesses to the area. The platform was formally launched at Mayor Betsy Price's State of the City address on February 28.

"The website highlights our renewed and aggressive focus to strategically further economic development efforts, attract new businesses to the region and lead us in reaching our business goals," said Chris Strayer, executive vice president of economic development for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

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### About our Ryan Place Newsletter

Newsletter deadlines dates are usually the 15th of the month - OR- the 3rd Friday of the month for both content and advertising inserts (or changes), with distribution intended for the first weekend of the following month.

The Newsletter is delivered each month (excluding January and July) to every home in Ryan Place. The newsletter is typically hung on your front door handle and is delivered through the volunteer efforts of Ryan Place residents.

If you do not receive a newsletter, please contact any RPIA director for a copy. The newsletter is also posted online at [ryanplacefortworth.com](http://ryanplacefortworth.com).

Want more news or information, about present and pending Ryan Place matters?  
You can see approved minutes from RYAN PLACE board meetings on our website:  
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Chart updated 1/26/2020

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**A NEIL DANIEL EDITORIAL - REVISITED**

*By Christopher Ebert, neighbor and parent of a past Foreign Correspondent*

RPIA recently embarked on an effort to collect historic items to include in the Fort Worth Public Library's Archives Collection. The Genealogy, History & Archives Unit has a large collection of family history data including federal census, books, periodicals and online databases. The unit collects primary and secondary materials on the history of Fort Worth, its institutions, organizations, and people.

I received a copy of the October 1990 newsletter containing a report from Mary Jane Ebert, the RPIA's "Foreign Correspondent". At that time she was a Junior at Brown University reporting from the state of Rhode Island. Neil Daniel, then the RPIA Newsletter Editor had encouraged her and other Ryan Place displaced persons to send back reports about their experiences abroad and about Ryan Place from the outside.

From Neil's editorial:

"The benefit of a foreign correspondent is that such a person can look at Ryan Place from the outside. We should be instructed by Mary Jane Ebert's letter from abroad." She reminded us that Ryan Place used to celebrate Christmas before there was 'A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place' was devised. She suggested in her report that neighborhoods, like people, grow up, grow older – become different even as they remain the same.

"... the RPIA was a different organism in its early days when it battled City Hall to keep Fifth and Sixth Avenues from becoming one-way thoroughfares to the hospital district. The Association had a different spirit when the residents got out with shovels and picks to plant

the Italian cypress trees along Eight Avenue a whole decade before they were frozen in the freeze of 1983." (A few of those original cypress trees you can still see today 37 years later!)

"The point I am working around to is that the RPIA still has the needs it has always had, mainly active, energetic residents who care about the neighborhood and will spend the time it takes to keep us alive. I don't want Ryan Place to be exactly the same it was when Mary Jane went to college in 1988. But I want RPIA to have the same basic life."

A neighborhood with residents that care about their neighbors, that is lively as ever, facing the current challenges, thinking of new ways to enrich their neighborhood.

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Jan/2020



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### NEW COLLECTION SITE NORTHWEST FORT WORTH!

Our Program has added an 11<sup>th</sup> collection site - the Northwest Branch of the Fort Worth Library now offers 2 compost carts for collection of food scraps, right off their parking lot.

### COMING SOON!

The City of Fort Worth will be expanding its composting pilot program for its employees and residents who work and live downtown by adding a 12<sup>th</sup> collection site conveniently located at City Hall.

### TIPS FOR ODOR CONTROL:

- If possible, drop off your scraps weekly (vs. waiting until bucket is full) to avoid decomposition
- Clean buckets with vinegar and baking soda

### WE ACCEPT THE HARD STUFF:

- ✓ Bones from cooked meats/poultry/fish
- ✓ Nut shells
- ✓ Fruit pits (e.g. peach or avocado pits)

### REMEMBER TO TEXT!

Help us build this program citywide! Nearly half of our active subscribers are sharing participation with us - would you please join in? Text us every time you empty your bucket!

UPDATE: Brennan Drop-off Station site re-opens on 1/13/20 after improvements

LIKE our page on Facebook - Keep Fort Worth Beautiful

HELP us spread the word about our composting pilot program

## AROUND FORT WORTH...

### **How to navigate spring break traffic**

Spring Break week is here again, and that means Fort Worth's cultural attractions will be popular destinations for parents and kids looking to enjoy their time away from school. The following are tips for nearby attractions:

#### **Plan your visit**

Spring Break is the most popular time of the year for parents and children to visit the Fort Worth Zoo. Many families will visit on March 11, half-price day. Visitors will be able to access the zoo using their normal route, but more people than usual will be using this route to reach the zoo. Try approaching the zoo from the south by taking Berry Street to University Drive, which is often an easier route, or try taking the University Drive exit from Chisholm Trail Parkway.

Admission to the Fort Worth Zoo is \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors (65 and over) and children (ages 3-12). Toddlers 2 and

younger are free. Admission is half-price every Wednesday. Zoo hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

#### **Take the Safari Express**

From March 7-15, Trinity Metro's Safari Express bus will run direct service from Bus Bay A, adjacent to the Trinity Railway Express platform, at Fort Worth Central Station, 1001 Jones St., to and from the Fort Worth Zoo's main entrance at Colonial Parkway.

A round-trip day pass for the Safari Express is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 5-19 and seniors 65 and older (with transit agency ID card), and free for children 4 and under.

The Safari Express will run every 30 minutes from 9:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. The first shuttle leaves Central Station at 9:15 a.m. and the last weekday shuttle leaves the zoo at 6:15 pm.

*For more information call 817-215-8600.*

**Heading to Dickies Arena** for the NCAA Basketball Tournament? Exiting I-30 onto Montgomery Avenue is a great way to get to easy parking at Dickies Arena. If you are coming from downtown Fort Worth, take Lancaster Avenue instead of I-30. Alternately, take The Dash from downtown Fort Worth; buses run every 15 minutes.

**Going to Butterflies in the Garden?** If you are visiting the Fort Worth Botanic Garden to see Butterflies in the Garden, consider taking Lancaster Avenue to University Drive instead of I-30 to University Drive.

**Going to Dream Park?** The best option is to use the north entrance of Trinity Park near the duck pond. Visitors from I-30 should exit Henderson Street and take West Seventh Street westbound, then turn south on Stayton Street to enter the park. Follow Trinity Park Drive to Trinity Park court and park in the lot near Dream Park.

Always consider alternate routes!

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