



SUMMER EVENTS UNDER EVALUATION

Ryan Place Residents, I hope this newsletter finds you well and everyone is staying safe.

Many residents have asked me about the status of our summer events. Right now, we are still evaluating information from the city concerning July 4th. All other events have been postponed, like the summer BBQ. The city of Fort Worth has yet to give any indication whether or not permits will be issued for July 4th. I am told they are working with the Governor's office on the matter along with other cities around the state. We will make a decision one way or the other over the next couple of weeks.

Also, school is officially out now for the summer. Please be vigilant as typically we see a small uptick in crime over June and July. Lock sheds, cars, anything that might look enticing to a thief. If you see something suspicious please call it in. More calls equals more resources for our neighborhood. You don't have to call 911, you can call the non-emergency number as well if it is not immediate emergency.

We value our NPO, Sergio Guadarrama, but asking him on Facebook to investigate something is not the right way to proceed. He might be tied up with other things, time off, etc. Calling

911 or the non-emergency number (see page 10) is the right way to get a problem solved or to provide awareness to FWPD.

One last thing; Bart Bradford passed away May 20. Bart was a founding member of RPIA as well as making life long contributions to Ryan Place. Debbie Crowe another long-time Ryan Place resident passed away unexpectedly over Memorial day weekend. Please kept these long time Ryan Place residents and their families in your thoughts. As always feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have concerning the neighborhood.

Tim Keith
President, RPIA

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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.

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“ It was truly a pleasure working with Katie Roberts. She expertly guided us through both the buying and selling process in Ryan Place, making it seamless. Katie effortlessly met the changing needs of all parties with responsiveness, professionalism and excellent customer service. I could not have asked for a better experience. —Ruth K.



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JUNE	1	2	3	4	5 FULL MOON	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 LAST QUARTER
14 FLAG DAY	15 RPIA Board Meeting (St. John's Episcopal Church)	16	17	18	19	20 SUMMER BEGINS
21 NEW MOON & FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 FIRST QUARTER	29	30				

NOTE: No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

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

Q2: NOTE - DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

- 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

Graduates Note Their Accomplishment in the Season of COVID-19

Striding across a stage to receive a diploma has been a time-honored tradition. This year's graduation ceremonies adapted to prevent spread of the COVID-19 virus have been anything but forgettable. When that tradition is shattered by a global pandemic and with its required concomitant changes, those adjustments are the stuff of strong memories.

Presented here are 17 names of our graduates who were residents of Ryan Place in this memorable time. We offer our congratulations for their accomplishment; wish them well in all their future endeavors; and hope they won't forget us! All the best to you, graduates of 2020!

Name	School
Mary Catherine Parks	Paschal High School
Madi Debenport	Paschal High School
Ava Crum	Paschal High School
Marlyne Hernandez	Paschal High School
Ysabella Reynolds	Paschal High School
Patrick Estes	Paschal High School
Philip Summers	Paschal High School
Blanca Alcala Sancen	Paschal High School
Austin Lee	Paschal High School
Elizabeth Dukes	Paschal High School
Alexis Horn	Paschal High School
Bianca Garcia	Nolan Catholic High School
Isabel Juliao	Fort Worth Country Day
Graham Wolfe	Christian Life Preparatory School
Kristyna Martinez	Calvary Christian Academy
Medora Chidlow	Ouachita Baptist University
Sara Pollard	Tarleton State University



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 Graffiti Abatement <https://fortworthtexas.gov/parks/graffiti/>
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According to the TarrantCounty.com website:

Ryan Place, entirely in zip code 76110, has been relatively lucky regarding the virus so far. From April 30 and its total of 35 positive cases, 0 deaths, thru the current pre-publication date, June 2, zip code 76110 has now had a total of 59 positive cases and, unfortunately, 1 death.

UPDATE! Ryan Place may have found our resident for a volunteer to help with newsletter distribution. Thank you for your responses!

UPDATE! A garage Storage space to house and protect our fire truck may have been found! We are still working out the details, but the fire truck, a restored 1934 American LaFrance type 399 Pumper built on a GMC truck chassis, may have found its home. Details to follow when confirmed.

Discover the about, the where, the why and how Ryan Place discussions are transpiring:

See the *Board Meeting Approved Notes*:

www.ryanplacefortworth.com/administration

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Fraud in your next text?

"Hey Tim, are you free at the moment?" For the past several months this text - or something similar - has appeared on the phones and in emails of many of our board members. Typically, a positive response generates a request for the purchase of debit cards on behalf of "Tim". Perhaps you've seen one of these fraudulent texts or emails yourself? Then you know.

Our RPIA President, the REAL Tim Keith, recently wondered how this occurs, and the answer is simple.

Criminal scam artists are constantly looking for new ways to hook their victims in their "phishing" attempts. It is easy to search via Google to find organizations (like RPIA), churches or other community societies who publish board member's names or governing subordinates along with contact info. This practice provides a needed service and, through the online experience, is a much needed convenience. We could eliminate that information, but that would foster separation and miscommunication and impede the wheels of progress.

Better is to stay healthily skeptical of ANY request of this nature. It's OK to pause and seek verification of the party making the request.

Check against other records (like your address book) to validate the email or phone numbers for texts. Often if you'll simply roll the mouse over the sender's name, or right-click it, the true address of the sender will be revealed somewhere in the window of the email client.

A "trust but verify" attitude could save you a lot of grief. As for the request in this case, you may be available, but being free could turn out to be extremely expensive.

Toss, Keep, Store: Financial Recordkeeping for Packrats &Purgers

It is one of life's mysteries: how long to keep the receipts, tax returns, bank statements, health insurance benefit forms and more that chronicle the large and small financial activities of our lives. Like millions of Americans, you could be so unsure about which financial documents and papers to toss, which to delete from your computer, which to keep, and how long to keep them that you default to the "safety" of keeping everything indefinitely.

If you're not a diligent organizer - and many of us are not - you can easily accumulate an unmanageable excess of financial records in your home office, computer files or both. There could also be a price to pay for ignoring the problem. When a consumer organization surveyed Americans about their financial recordkeeping habits recently, almost a quarter of those surveyed admitted they had lost or forgotten about an important financial document, and more than 15 percent had lost money or incurred a fee or charge because of poor financial recordkeeping.

With a COVID-19 delayed tax season, now could be an especially good time to take control of your financial recordkeeping.

WHAT TO KEEP & FOR HOW LONG

To start, know which financial documents to keep and how long to keep them, and which documents you can shred or delete from your computer files. General recommendations can help, but each person's situation and reasons for keeping a financial document are unique so there may be exceptions applicable only to you. When in doubt, talk with your wealth advisor, CPA or attorney before you make an irreversible decision.

Keep permanently: Birth, death and marriage certificates; divorce decrees and agreements; adoption papers and

decrees; military service records; Social Security card; life insurance policies (or until a term policy has ended); defined benefit plan documents; estate planning documents-wills, trust documents, powers of attorney (keep the most updated versions of each); household inventory for insurance; and safe deposit box inventory.

Keep for at least seven years: Tax returns and supporting records. The IRS can audit your return for up to three years from filing if it believes you made good faith errors and up to six years from filing if it believes you underreported your gross income by 25 percent or more. There is no time limit on audits if you failed to file a return or filed a fraudulent return. Review complete recommendations at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Keep for a limited period of time: Loan documents until you pay the loan in full; vehicle records until you sell or donate the vehicle; contracts until updated or expired; home, auto and renters insurance policies until you renew and receive new policies; paycheck stubs until you reconcile them with your annual W-2; home purchase or improvement records as long as you own the property or are rolling over profits or losses from its sale into new property; banking records-deposit and ATM slips until you reconcile them with monthly statements, then keep monthly statements for at least a year or as long as your bank allows you to challenge incorrect information; documents related to health insurance until treatment and payment are complete and any payment issues are satisfactorily resolved; receipts for large items until you sell, donate or discard the items; service contracts and warranties until you sell, donate or discard the covered item; brokerage statements until you sell the securities; and retirement and savings plan

NEWS TO USE

(Continued from page 5)

quarterly statements until you receive the annual summary statements, then keep the annual summaries only.

How to store

Once you've determined what to keep, decide how you want to store physical and digital documents. A range of options exist, from file folders in a simple fireproof, waterproof box that can be locked to pricey cloud storage. The best system for you, say experts, is the one you'll actually use.

Some documents warrant the added security of a safe deposit box because of the difficulty of replacing them should they be lost or destroyed. Original copies of birth, marriage and death certificates; divorce decrees; auto titles; passports; and stock certificates are among the documents that are good candidates for safe deposit box storage. But other documents shouldn't be kept in a safe deposit box. In many states, a safe deposit box is sealed

at the death of its renter, making access to its contents difficult during an inventory for probate. Experts recommend you keep originals of wills, powers of attorney, insurance policies and other documents that might be needed in the event of death in an alternate, secure place, and store only copies of those documents in the safe deposit box.

Finally, make sure that someone you trust knows where your documents are stored and how they can be accessed in case of an emergency. A letter of instruction can spell out the location of vital documents, (for example, filing cabinet in my office, safe deposit box at ABC Bank, a labeled USB flash drive in the top desk drawer, or XYZ cloud storage provider) and access information (location of a lockbox key or passwords for digital files).

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Know your watering days!

Fort Worth enforces year-round outdoor watering requirements as part of its water conservation program.

MONDAY:

No watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems

TUESDAY & FRIDAY:

Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas, etc.)

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY:

Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

THURSDAY & SUNDAY:

Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

NO WATERING BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON ANY DAY EXCEPT BY HAND-HELD HOSE OR DRIP IRRIGATION. MORE INFO..

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Best method of CONTACT:

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Please use this form - or go online to this page:

<https://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/donations/> ...and make your donation via credit card.

Any amount will do! Your funds enable these benefits to the neighborhood:

- BEAUTIFICATION and landscaping of entrances, etreets, and parks
- CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS in Ryan Place
- EVENTS for families & children and Adult SOCIALS which include
 - JULY 4th PARADE
 - FIRE TRUCK RESTORATION**
- NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE with discussions of issues important to our neighborhood.
- PARKS and Infrastructure Improvements
- PROMOTION and PROTECTION of Historic Ryan Place
- WELCOME Program
- ...and much much more!

* Submitting this form will put your name in our directory, a secure, online listing of our residents.

**Notes a 1934 American LaFrance type 399 Pumper built on a GMC truck chassis. It's been our very own for about 40 years! But it fell into some disrepair...We have been looking for parts and fabricating others to complete the restoration - which, after FOURTEEN (14) years is nearing completion! With your help and a little luck, it should be ready for NEXT years JULY 4th PARADE! PLease donate today!

AROUND FORT WORTH...

Safe Swim programs aim to stop drownings

To help educate Fort Worth residents on water safety, the Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition (of which the Fort Worth Fire Department is a member), is sponsoring a series of Safe Swim programs (which started in May).

The organization leverages the expertise and resources of its members to provide both out-of-water drowning prevention education and in-water swimming and water-safety skills.

Cost is \$10 per student. More info: fwdpc.org/swim-safe-programs

Be safe around water

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4 and the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for ages 1-14. Save a life and prevent drownings by practicing these safety tips:



Ryan Place events such as our Summer BBQ & Pool Party encourage safe water habits.

- NEVER leave a child unattended in the water (bathtub or pool)
- Put the cell phone away. Give your child 100% of your attentions.
- Once the bath is over, immediately drain the tub.
- Store empty tubs, buckets, containers and wading pools away after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach.
- Keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed.
- Learn CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)

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Speaking of water...

New water bill payment site coming June 15

Fort Worth's new water bill payment site goes live on Monday, June 15. The current payment site will be taken offline at 5 p.m. Friday, June 12.

To ensure secure transactions, all customers who currently have an H2Online account must set up a new online account when the change is made. All existing automatic payments, including bank drafts, and e-billing notifications will not transfer to the new vendor. Failure to make individual monthly payments or re-establish bank drafts or automatic online payments may result in past-due bills subject to late fees. The city regrets any inconvenience this may cause, but protecting customer information is a top priority.

The new site, powered by Paymentus, provides enhanced security plus a feature customers have been requesting – the ability to view a PDF image of their monthly bill. Additional features to enhance the customer experience will become available over the next year.

The change in vendors was originally to be paired with the rollout of the MyH2O customer portal, but this switch was accelerated after a data security incident last fall that affected about 3,000 customers. To learn more, call 817-392-4477 or visit fortworthtexas.gov/paywaterbill/

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AROUND FORT WORTH...



Newly-established Office of the Police Oversight Monitor stands ready to assist residents

Whether residents have concerns regarding alleged misconduct by Fort Worth Police Department personnel or want to share accolades about officers, the city's Office of the Police Oversight Monitor is open and ready to hear from them. Key components of the Office of the Police Oversight Monitor will include:

- Complaint/commendation intake, review, audit and mediation.
- FWPD policies/procedures/practices review and analysis.
- Community engagement/information dissemination regarding the office and its components.
- Public affairs including participating in speaking engagements and responding to requests.
- Periodic reporting providing statistics, noting patterns and other noteworthy items as well as summarizing activities...

Several more of these duties are listed at:

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/news/2020/06/Police-Monitor-Services/>

Drinking water quality reports available

Fort Worth's tap water is good and customers can see that for themselves in the recently-released annual drinking water quality report.

The report, based on 2019 test results, is available in English and in Spanish.

The annual water quality report is a federal requirement. It contains information on what is in the water, how these substances may get into the water, the lead service line replacement program and our water supply sources.

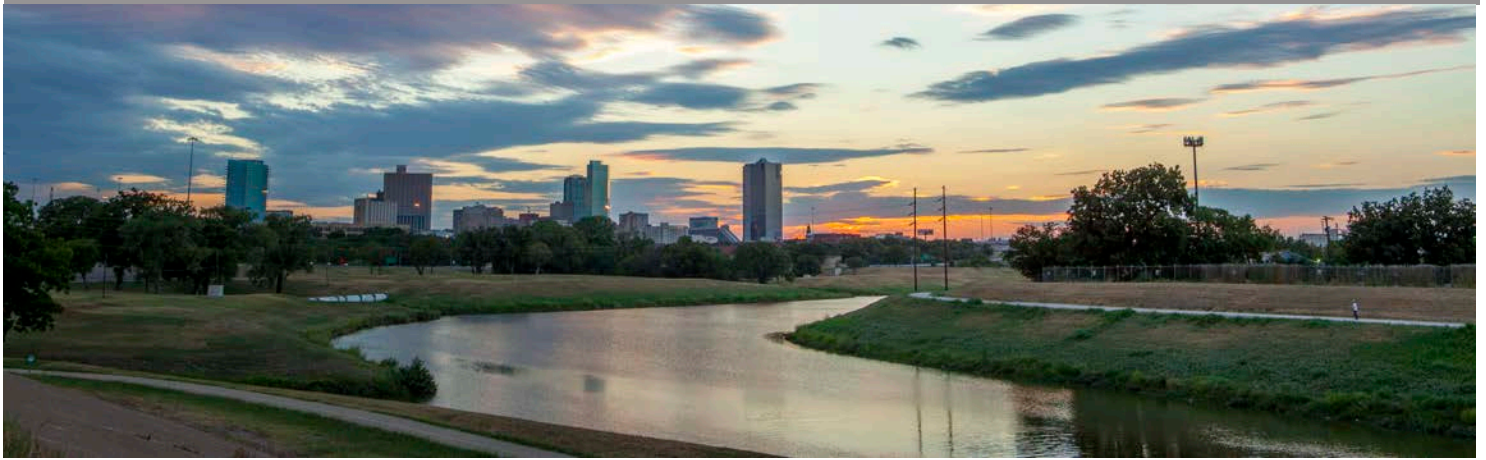
The report also provides an opportunity to educate ratepayers about things the utility is doing to improve its operations and maintain a reliable water system. There are stories about conservation efforts, the use of drones, the cleaning and inspection of water tanks and the process for repairing main breaks.

Water customers are receiving notices about the report's availability in their June bills. In addition, postcards are mailed to multi-family addresses in the zip codes served by Fort Worth Water.

Once city facilities reopen, copies will be available at all Fort Worth public libraries, community centers, municipal golf courses and the water customer service lobby, 908 Monroe St.

Anyone can request a printed copy by calling 817-392-4477 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Organizations or businesses may request multiple copies to distribute to their members, employees or the public.

AROUND FORT WORTH...



Fort Worth's population of 909,585, ranks 13th nationwide

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released population estimates as of July 1, 2019. According to these estimates, Fort Worth's population is 909,585 and the city is ranked 13th nationwide, with 11,032 more people than 14th-ranked Columbus, Ohio, and 1,922 fewer than 12th-ranked Jacksonville, Fla.

Fort Worth's population has surpassed three cities since 2017, first moving up from 16th in 2017, then to 15th in 2018 and 13th in 2019. Fort Worth added 164,761 residents since the 2010 Census base estimate, equating to 22% growth since 2010.

Seattle has been the fastest growing large city (more than 500,000 population) since 2010, with 24% growth between 2010 and 2019, while Fort Worth and Austin are tied for second-fastest-growing large city.

Fort Worth is estimated to have added 16,369 people between July of 2018 and July of 2019, equating to 45 people per day.

Nightly curfew ends

June 4, 2020 - The City Council on Thursday voted to withdraw a resolution that would have continued a citywide curfew aimed at protecting public health and safety. As a result, the curfew ended at 5 p.m. Thursday.

On June 1, Mayor Betsy Price declared a state of emergency and a curfew for all of Fort Worth. The curfew began at 8 p.m. and ended at 6 a.m. the following morning. The concern was due to local protests, the national riots and racial tensions begun in Minnesota, over the alleged brutalization and death of an African-American man in police custody



Just 1.5 miles west of Ryan Place, the major university of TCU, Fort Worth's excellent location and geographic benefits for travel make ESPN's College Game Day festivities an easy call for the sports crowd and contribute to being a major draw for living in the area.

AROUND FORT WORTH...

[CVS Health adds more COVID-19 drive-thru test sites](#)

These sites use self-swab tests and are available to people who meet Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria, in addition to age guidelines. Results of the self-swab test will be available in about three days. (as of June 1, 2020)

Patients must stay in their cars and will be directed to the pharmacy drive-thru window, where they will be provided with a test kit and instructions. Tests will be sent to an independent third-party lab for processing.

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/news/2020/06/COVID-19-CVS-Testing-Sites/>

Fort Worth Botanic Garden, BRIT plan June 1 opening

Starting June 1, the Fort Worth Botanic Garden will reopen from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays only, with the first and last hour of the day reserved for GROW members only (8-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.). Starting June 13, the Garden will reopen also on weekends.

"We know that people are excited to get back outdoors and enjoy some fresh air surrounded by the beauty of the Garden," said Bob Byers. "We're delighted to reopen our gates."

Tickets must be purchased in advance and online to allow for contactless payment and specific entry times. To protect the health of all, guests, staff and volunteers will be screened before entry to ensure they do not have a high temperature or other COVID-19 symptoms.

The Garden Center will be closed except for ticketing and restrooms, and the Trellis Gift Shop will open on a limited capacity, allowing only four guests at a time. BRIT will also open with limited capacity.

More info at:

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/news/2020/05/Fort-Worth-Botanic-Garden-Reopens/>

[Fort Worth Zoo reopens to the public May 29](#)

To help control the flow of people and to distribute guests throughout the day, the Fort Worth Zoo will temporarily enact a reservations system when it reopens on May 29.

All guests, including members, must reserve tickets online for each member of their party and must select a designated time slot. Membership cards and timed tickets will be checked on entry. No tickets will be sold at the zoo.

Social distancing among all zoo staff and guests is vital. The zoo will have visual reminders placed to ensure guests are maintaining a safe social distance along the pathways.

Per state and county officials' suggestions, guests are strongly encouraged to wear facemasks while visiting the zoo. (Please bring your own.) All zoo staff working in the park must wear masks.

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/news/2020/05/Zoo-Reopens/>

[Select city facilities to reopen in early June](#)

Certain city facilities will reopen in early June, as COVID-19 case numbers have continued to level off.

"Although the city never closed, we did temporarily close libraries, community centers and municipal courts," City Manager David Cooke said. "With COVID-19 public health measures holding steady or declining, we intend to reopen these facilities in a safe and phased manner. We are committed to ensuring that staff have the supplies they need and that we are limiting the number of people in our buildings. This summer, the plan is to have all facilities

operating with limited service with a few exceptions."

The city will follow these principles when making decisions about reopening:

- Facilities won't reopen until public health professionals advise it is safe to do so.
- Facilities will reopen when adequate sanitation and protection supplies are on hand to ensure employee and public safety.
- Facilities will reopen when modifications have been completed, such as installing plexiglass dividers and moving furniture to ensure social distancing.

When residents visit the city facilities that are reopening, they will notice some changes. Health screenings will take place at all city facilities. Visitors and staff will also be asked to wear a face covering while in the public areas of the building. The facilities have been modified to promote physical distancing, with some of the furniture removed or spaced farther apart. Protective barriers have been installed where needed.

These selected facilities include:

- Animal Care & Control
- City Council
- Community Centers
- Consumer Health

For more information and a complete list of facilities and their status, please visit:

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/news/2020/05/Reopening-City-Facilities/>

CULTURE CORNER

Masks in Literature

By Layne Craig


It is such a pleasure to walk around the neighborhood and run errands at local businesses and see our neighbors watching out for each other's safety by wearing cloth masks. My favorite so far is our longtime "Welcome Lady" Ruth Karbach's Wonder Woman mask. I thought I would brainstorm a few literary mask-wearers for us to look to as examples (or maybe negative examples—turns out that in books, unlike in COVID-19 America, it's not always the hero who wears a mask!).

"The Phantom of the Opera," by Gaston Leroux: If you've seen Phantom the musical but haven't read the novel on which it was based, I urge you to get on that immediately. This book explores the masked "ghost" in greater depth through his connection to The Persian, a mysterious character who doesn't appear in the musical, and it features some creepy scenes that have stuck with me over the twenty years since I first read it. A fun summer read for mystery lovers.

"The Princess Bride," by William Goldman: Another novel that inspired a famous adaptation but is a fun read on its own. Goldman's frame narrative extends the farcical tone of Rob Reiner's movie even further, and many of the film's iconic lines are taken from the original. Bonus: you get even more content with the Dread Pirate Roberts and his trend-setting mask.

"The Picture of Dorian Gray," by Oscar Wilde: Dorian's mask isn't one he can take on and off, but it's nonetheless a face that hides his identity. When the impossibly handsome Dorian Gray makes a wish that the portrait his friend Basil Hallward is painting of him get older, while he stays the same age, he embarks on a life of no consequences, which takes him down a darker and darker path over the course of the novel. It turns out someone with a young, innocent face can get away with a lot, as long as no one sees the painting hiding in their attic.

"Nino Wrestles the World," by Yuyi Morales: A gorgeously illustrated picture book for fans of lucha libre or of adorable sibling wrestling matches. The masked luchador Nino defeats terrifying foes from Mexican myth, like Olmec Head and La Llorona, but can he take on his "horrendous hermanitas"? We enjoyed this one with our pre-K kid for the fun sound effects and Spanish vocabulary.






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Living (Through) History

By Christopher Ebert, Senior Columnist

"History doesn't always announce its arrival. Oftentimes, historic events begin to unfold before we realize we're witnessing them. That's been the case with the rapidly changing chapter in our American story that we'll forever remember as the coronavirus health crisis of 2020." – National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The following is the result of an interview with the Ryan Place Director of Historic Resource. As you might expect, the esteemed director does not have any personal history with pandemics, nationwide stay-at-home orders, lost wages, or cancelled schools and all that entails.

But lack of personal knowledge has never stopped him from giving his advice nor opinions on any subject that pops up on the neighborhood radar scope:

Social Distancing: I have seen more social interactions on our street corners, neighborhood sidewalks, and rolling bicycles than prior to our quarantine when we were allowed to be visiting in groups of more than ten. Of course it is all from the six-foot distancing requirement. As we have been told over and over the last several weeks, "We are all in this together." Being in this together has made us more aware of our neighbors and their value to our shared fabric than ever before.

But like so many of our neighbors and friends, we've had to adjust our original plans and adjust to the reality of a global pandemic.

Graduation Ceremonies and Celebrations: Our neighborhood parade honoring the 2020 graduates of high schools and colleges is an attempt to bring a small piece of normal to the closing event of a job well done.

"While we're not sure how this unprecedented chapter in our nation will close, we know that we will be telling—and sharing—stories of courage, sacrifice, and triumph through the people and places that defined us in the past and continue to sustain us through this historic time in America." – National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Remembering what we learned during this lockdown will impact our lives for many years to come. Much can be said for "working from home," but we will miss the day-to-day interaction with co-workers. Neighborhood meetings can be successful using your computer to join Zoom with US software and a robust internet connection.

"Preserving our history is vital to understanding our present struggles and guiding generations who come after us." – National Trust for Historic Preservation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Black & White of Our "Sophie's Choice" in Survival

I'm wondering if our definition of survival has become too black and white. If you're comfortably retired, your loved ones are working and both your fridge and garage freezer are full, or if you've a car, money in the bank, and your insurance is paid...then survival mainly means avoiding a virus that can and has killed many. And it's a good choice.

But if your life savings are tied up in stocks or a small business, if you're financially responsible for children and aging parents, payment for food and rent is paycheck to paycheck, your spouse or parents are violent, and bankruptcy is reality with no job in sight...then survival looks very different.

To me, both definitions are valid. A (thoughtfully) reopened economy has little to do with greed or selfishness, just as not opening isn't a sign of wisdom or moral superiority. Survival is a multi pronged and complex thing with no true guidelines or guarantees, and just for me, it's not unkind or misinformed to say so.

So I'm hoping we can keep our hearts and minds open and consider all of our countrymen's needs, because (with apologies to kitties everywhere) there's more than one way to 'skin a cat'.

- Bonnie Pemberton Baker,
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