



AS SUMMER ENDS, A YEAR OF PATIENCE LINGERS

Ryan Place Residents, I hope this newsletter finds you well and everyone is staying safe. It has been a hot summer I know everyone is looking forward to cooler temperatures...even though they may be a ways off. I know I am.

Usually, I would say something about good luck to the students in the neighborhood headed back for a new school year. This year, because of the Coronavirus, circumstances are a little different. Things are still somewhat up in the air as to how, when and where kids will return to school on a regular basis.

I know local leaders and the school board are getting this sorted out and kids will be learning one way or the other. I would also invite any one that is interested to sign up for the Academy 4 mentorship program at Daggett Elementary. We typically have a presentation by those folks every August board meeting but not this year. The program will still function and they are working out the details as well. Many neighborhood residents participate in the program.

Our longtime NPO Sergio Guadarrama has transferred into a different department and will no longer be serving as our NPO. I will be notified of who the new

NPO is soon and will pass that information along.

In the meantime still use 911 and the non-emergency number listed in the newsletter to call in any suspicious activity. We want to thank Officer Guadarrama for his years of committed service to this neighborhood and wish him well as he serves on the FWPD Crisis Intervention Team.

In closing, it has been a year of patience for all of us. I know a lot of things are up in the air concerning our fall scheduled events, school, and beyond, but they will be sorted out and we will keep you aware of these changes as we have updated information.

— Tim

Tim Keith
President, RPIA

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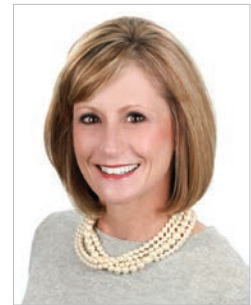
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2	3 National Watermelon Day + Full moon	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 RPIA Board Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 New moon	19	20	21	22
23	24 National Waffle Day	25	26	27	28	29 National Lemon Juice Day
30	31 National Trail Mix Day					

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

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

NOTE - DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC ALL ACTIVITES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

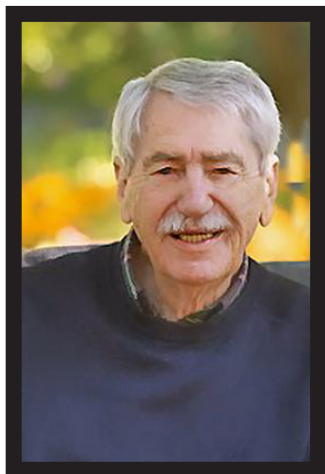
Q3:

- July TBD (Cancelled / Postponed) 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:

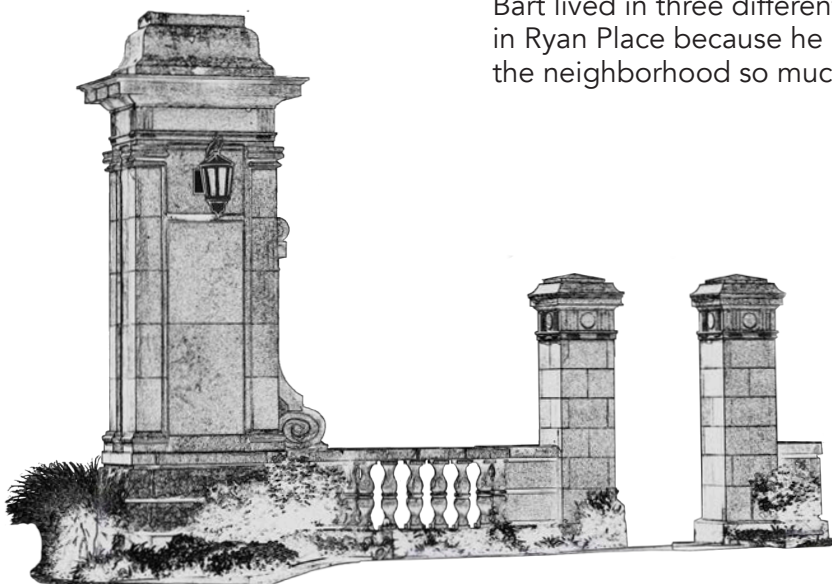
- Monday, October 19 7 p.m. – RPIA Board Meeting (St. John’s Episcopal Church)
- Friday, October 23 7 p.m. - Movie Night (Triangle Park, weather permitting)
- November TBD New Neighbor Welcome Event (Location TBD)
- Monday, November 16 7 p.m. – RPIA Board Meeting, General Membership Meeting & Elections, 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

A Remembrance



**Bart Bradford
1932-2020**

Bart Smith Bradford, a 57-year resident of Ryan Place passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2020, after a long, well-lived life.



He was born August 27, 1932 and this RPIA Newsletter would have marked his 88th birthday.

Bart was instrumental in helping establish the Ryan Place Improvement Association in the early 70s and he always bragged to his friends and family that he lived in the best neighborhood in the world and, of course, he was right.

Ryan Place is where he chose to settle with his first wife, Sharon Millican Bradford, and raise his first child, Vincent Bradford. Bart remarried in 1974 to Nancy Gene Bailey Bradford, and chose to stay in his favorite neighborhood to raise his second son, Kyle Bradford.

Bart lived in three different houses in Ryan Place because he loved the neighborhood so much and

wanted to live nowhere else.

When Bart moved to Ryan Place in 1963 it was considered an old, out-of-fashion neighborhood and most families were looking to move into the new suburban homes instead of old dilapidated houses of yester-yore. But Bart's love of history, his sense of design and ability to visualize, made him see the potential of Ryan Place. W

It turned into a life long project for him.

Although Bart had a very busy professional life and he had a busy family life, he stayed involved over the years with RPIA participating in various improvement projects.

One of the earliest RPIA projects was a crepe myrtle tree planting campaign and many of the big old beautiful crepe myrtles you see in the neighborhood today were planted by his hands back in the 70's.

Bart's profession was City Planning and he was a master at organization, coordination, and long term planning.

His skills proved to be a great asset to the RPIA. After retirement, he turned his energy towards creating a Community Renewal Plan for Ryan Place.

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Ryan Place, entirely in zip code 76110, has been relatively lucky regarding the virus so far. From April 30, its total of positive case stands at 535 and 4 deaths, thru the current pre-publication date, of July 28, 2020.

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

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He surveyed and recorded the condition of every street, tree, sidewalk, curb, and empty lot in Ryan Place. He then made detailed recommendations to the City of Fort Worth and used his influence, contacts, and know-how to help the RPIA obtain funding to improve the streets, curbs, and sidewalks in Ryan Place.

He was a key player in the implementation of traffic calming measures in Ryan Place, which include three traffic circles on historic Elizabeth Boulevard and chicanes throughout the neighborhood.

Bart helped obtain "Sewer Improvement Initiative" funds from the City which resulted in markedly improved streets and he further assisted RPIA in the designation of the neighborhood railroad crossings as "quiet zones".

Almost twenty years ago Bart played a large part in a second tree-planting initiative in the city area between the sidewalks of Ryan Place. These trees are now mature and bring beauty, reduce the heat, and reduce rain runoff in our lovely neighborhood. The next time you walk on the sidewalks or look up at the trees throughout Ryan Place, take a minute to think about Bart.

He's smiling down on you.

- Submitted by Vincent Bradford and John Kline



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CULTURE CORNER

FIND SOME DISTRACTION IN A GOOD BOOK

By Layne Craig

I don't know about y'all, but my attention span is shot to heck these days. Between teaching college students over Zoom, entertaining children whose summer activities have been canceled, and constantly refreshing my social media feeds for public health announcements, I have too much on my mind to get lost in a good book.


But a few times this summer, I've hit the jackpot and found a book that sucked me in and distracted me from real life for a while. Here's a list of those books, in hopes that you'll get the same much needed break!

"The Vanishing Half", by Brit Bennett: This book-club friendly novel lived up to its hype. A story about twin sisters from Louisiana who are separated when one leaves her family to pass as white in 1960s New Orleans, its twists, endearing but complicated characters, and breezy movement among different times and places made it impossible for me to put down.

"The Glass Hotel", by Emily St. John Mandel. Similar to The Vanishing Half in that it follows numerous characters over decades of their lives, this novel begins with a seemingly small mystery: who vandalized the window of a beautiful and isolated resort with a threatening message? As the solution, and the act's consequences, are slowly revealed, the reader becomes invested in a sister and brother whose lives intersect only slightly, but with serious consequences for them both.

"The Witch Boy", by Molly Knox Osterberg: The first book of a middle-grade graphic novel trilogy my 10-year-old and I both sped through, The Witch Boy is suspenseful and heart-warming. Aster is part of a magical family, but since he's a boy, he's limited to the shapeshifting magic his father and brothers practice. He knows, though, that he has the potential to be a great witch, if only he could learn the magic spells his sisters do.

I've recommended this one to 7-year olds and moms of teenagers—a sweet and quick read.






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DISPOSABLE CAR THEORY REVISITED

I'm sure you remember the June 2012 newsletter. I was preparing for my 50 year High School Reunion with a summary of what I'd learned the previous 50 years.

In the 1970's it was my disposable car theory: Purchase a car for the equivalent cost of two car payments. If the car doesn't require repair in the first two months, you have broken even.

Unfortunately this wasn't just a theory: it became a practice. I had a series of disposable cars. The list, looking back, is embarrassingly long. The cars fell into at least two categories:

1. Those that were purchased as disposable cars; and
2. Those that I had so long they became disposable.

I believe the first car in category one was my brother-in-law's **1968 Dodge Dart**.

Right away I should have known not to buy a car that had spent winters in Connecticut, and certainly not from a brother-in-law. But it served me well when I needed a "work car" that only needed to start twice a day. Which was pretty much its limit. It's major fault was overheating in the FW National Bank drive-through on paydays. Direct Deposit had not been invented in the mid-1970's.

Gasoline was beginning to edge up from 35 cents a gallon. So in a fit of craziness I bought a white **1970 MG Midget**. Yes, it only had two seats, but I hoped for much better gas mileage. Sure enough, gas was not a large expense. The Midget was great when the weather wasn't too hot or too sunny. With one of those notorious 'Lucas' electrical systems, reliability wasn't one of the MG's strong points. But I wanted more fun than transportation.

In the winter of 1976 I owned a **1965 Oldsmobile 98** luxury sedan! Four doors, a working radio, air conditioning (especially in the winter) and almost a collector's classic. During those previous four years our primary family car had been a **1972 Ford Pinto** hatchback. It became the first car to span categories one and two. We had it so long that when it came time to sell (or rather tow to the junkyard) the title was nowhere to be found.

Around this time in our automotive history we moved to Ryan Place. Our new home required a new car. How about a diesel **1980 VW Rabbit**. When loaded with a family of four you had to turn off the a/c to start up a hill. But it was fun to leave with the valet parking attendant. The noise and cold-start procedure of the diesel was always a worry for them.

Our Colorado vacations required a more roomy and powerful vehicle. How about a **1978 Buick Le Sabre**?

A smooth summer trip to the mountains. I think of that

By Christopher Ebert, Senior RPIA Columnist

Buick each time we hear 'Sweet Caroline'. Not the car's nickname, but the Neil Diamond cassette tape we played over and over on our trip.

Next was a **1967 Chrysler Newport**, big enough for the whole family and a couple of friends. But wait! Some of us are slow to learn the lessons of our more youthful days. May 1984 - a **1979 red MGB**. (And yes, I got a speeding ticket before the summer was over!) We sold it when the daughters started driving.

September 1986 - a 1968 metallic brown **Oldsmobile Delmont 88**. Proudly, with a decal, we displayed our daughter's university - BROWN. With gasoline prices down under a dollar, it didn't cost much more to operate than the **MG**. One time at a gasoline pump a driver in a much newer car mentioned to me, "That Brown is a good university." I assumed he thought the sticker was on the Olds because of its color!

July 1989 - 1970 **Chevy Chevette Pony**. It's idiosyncrasy was that it would lose power, usually as you were speeding down the freeway at 50-60 MPH. It would coast to about 30 MPH then power amazingly returned and you would be on your way - shaken but not late to your destination.

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(...continued from page 9) August 1991 – As a gift for our 25th wedding anniversary, my best friend gave me his 1980 Cadillac Sedan DeVille (A living room on wheels.) However, once the weather turned cold, and usually in the dark of night, the car's horn would blast away. Disconnecting the car from it's battery was the only solution.

Unfortunately this theory was passed down to our younger daughter, Elizabeth. In 1992 she bought a 1976 two-door Volvo 242 with the \$300 her grandmother gave to buy clothes for school. Reliable transportation but no hubcaps, grill or radio. Only real issue with "School Clothes" was the driver's side door wouldn't open, but fortunately the window did. Thus allowing for some graceful ins and outs. Lost in the above listing was a diesel 1982 Toyota Camry (probably one of the few ever built.) You would have thought that we would have learned our lessons with diesel vehicles, but no. It spent most of our ownership-time at Morgan's Service Center, W. Seminary Drive.

Our second car and first new one purchased – a 1967

Mercury Cougar (should have held on to that classic), the reliable 1988 Volvo 240 (bound to still be running) and a 1992 Acura Legend (a successful attempt to break out of the disposable car practice.)

There might be others, but I hope not. Needless to say no one arrived at the reunion in a disposable car.



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From Nextdoor (Ryan Place)UT Southwestern Medical Center and Texas Health Resources recently launched the DFW COVID-19 Prevalence Study <https://utswmed.org/covid-19/prevalence-study/> to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on the community.

The first wave of invitations have been mailed to residents across Dallas and Tarrant counties. Now residents are asked to help share information about the study on social media using #DFWAnswerTheCall and #DFWResponderALaLlamada. Visit UT Southwestern's social media pages for additional information.

Email your questions about the study to:

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FYPD POLICE CHIEF TO RETIRE

Chief Ed Kraus will remain with the department through the end of the year. A national search will be conducted for a new chief.

WELLS FARGO LAUNCHES SMALL BIZ RECOVERY EFFORT.

Following an April commitment to donate all gross processing fees from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Wells Fargo has unveiled the details of an approximately \$400 million effort to help small businesses impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic keep their doors open, retain employees and rebuild.

Through Wells Fargo's new Open for Business Fund, the company will engage nonprofit organizations to provide capital, technical support and long-term resiliency programs to small businesses with an emphasis on those that are minority-owned businesses.

Through June 30, Wells Fargo funded loans under the PPP for more than 179,000 customers, with an average loan amount of \$56,000, totaling \$10.1 billion. Of the loans made, 84% of those are for companies that have fewer than 10 employees; 60% were for amounts of \$25,000 or less; and, 90% of these applicants had \$2 million or less in annual revenue.

SUMMER HUNGER CHANGED FOR KIDS DURING COVID-19

Ever since Tarrant Area Food Bank began operating in 1982, the organization has been devoted to making sure everyone in the community has food to eat year-round. One of its busiest seasons is the summertime when kids are out of school and can no longer rely on school-provided breakfasts and lunch to stay full and energized.

Studies show that one in four children in Texas experiences hunger, and a major cause of that may be because during the summertime, kids lose the access to free meals.

When schools shut their doors in March 2020 due to the risk of

COVID-19, the districts scrambled to ensure free meals were still available for students who relied on them. Many schools succeeded by organizing drive-thru meal distributions with lines of cars that wrapped around the block. Furthermore, some schools like Jack C. Binion Elementary School in Birdville ISD provided emergency boxes for students and their families. In a time of rampant job loss and empty grocery store shelves, many people were thankful for pantry staples and emergency provisions.

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has a program called Food for Kids to help children receive better access to nutritious meals, both inside and out of school. The Summer Food Service Program is a May-August effort to supply kids with free meals and snacks they would typically receive from schools ([More info on the Fort Worth city website.](#))

NEW REPORT FINDS CITIES ADOPTING SAFE STREET POLICIES

CityHealth released a new report showing that cities across the country, including Fort Worth, are adopting Complete Streets policies that allow residents to safely walk, bike, drive and take public transit around their cities. These laws lead to transportation networks that ensure all residents have safe, convenient ways of getting around and staying active.

Street safety has taken on new relevance during the COVID-19 pandemic, as millions of Americans seek alternatives to public transit, and millions more look for opportunities to safely exercise outdoors.

The new report includes findings from CityHealth's latest assessment of the 40 largest cities in the nation, in which Fort Worth and 28 other

Safe street policies continued...

cities received gold medals for their Complete Streets policies.

“Adopting a Complete Streets policy was an important step in improving equity, safety and public health, but now the real work is occurring,” said District 9 Councilmember Ann Zadeh. “As we move forward, it is actually the implementation and delivery of the physical design that delivers streets with sidewalks, bike lanes, accommodation for transit and the stops that service transit, frequent and safe crossing opportunities – to name just a few – that improve the quality of life for all.”

Across the nation, cities are rapidly adopting these policies with new urgency to protect those who do not travel by car, including walkers, bikers and those who use micromobility options, like scooters. In the past decade, the number of pedestrians killed in the U.S. increased by 35%, and a sharp rise started to occur in 2009, according to the National Safety Council. More walking Americans were killed by car in 2016 and 2017 than any other year since 1990. While the total number of all other traffic deaths declined by 6%, pedestrian deaths represent a larger share of all traffic deaths, rising from 12% to 16% over the last decade.

The City of Fort Worth’s Complete Streets Policy, adopted in 2016, promotes a transparent process to achieve a network of transportation facilities that are routinely designed, constructed and operated for all roadway users. It is Fort Worth’s goal to provide a complete and connected, context-sensitive transportation system for all users that supports mobility, healthy living and economic benefit.

Fort Worth’s Complete Streets philosophy is a major element of the Master Thoroughfare Plan and

Active Transportation Plan which guide the development of the city’s transportation network with appropriately-sized roads, and reflects the surrounding context of each transportation facility.

A Complete Streets Implementation Plan was finished in 2019 to assess the current application of the policy into design and implementation processes. The implementation recommendations in this plan are intended to provide process improvements for developer, capital and maintenance projects, and a better product for transportation users in Fort Worth.

CityHealth’s assessment of Complete Streets policies first looks at whether a city has a Complete Streets policy in place. If so, the assessment then includes whether the policy requires compliance, accommodates pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and public transit vehicles, as well as all ages and abilities, assigns a department to oversee implementation, and requires development of performance measures.

GROUND SPRAYING FOR WEST NILE VIRUS SCHEDULED

Tarrant County Public Health completed ground spraying in unincorporated portions of southeast Tarrant County in response to positive West Nile virus mosquito samples from the areas. Spraying occurred overnight between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, July 29 and July 30, after all resident notifications had been completed.

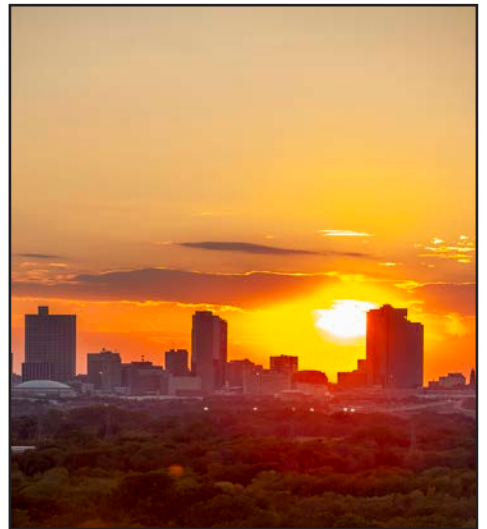
The first West Nile virus human case

and death of the 2020 season was reported on July 21.

So far this season, 2,146 mosquito samples have been tested since West Nile virus seasonal surveillance began on April 1. A total of 137 samples from the Tarrant County region have tested positive for West Nile virus.

The City of Fort Worth, in conjunction with the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) and Tarrant County Public Health, conducts weekly mosquito testing at 50 locations. To date, the city has had 38 positive tests this season and has conducted five targeted spray missions. The decision to spray is based on scientific data and is made in conjunction with partners at UNTHSC.

Tarrant County Public Health reminds residents to take measures to safeguard against West Nile virus. Residents should dump standing water on their property, use repellent and, whenever possible, dress in long pants and long sleeves during all hours of the day.



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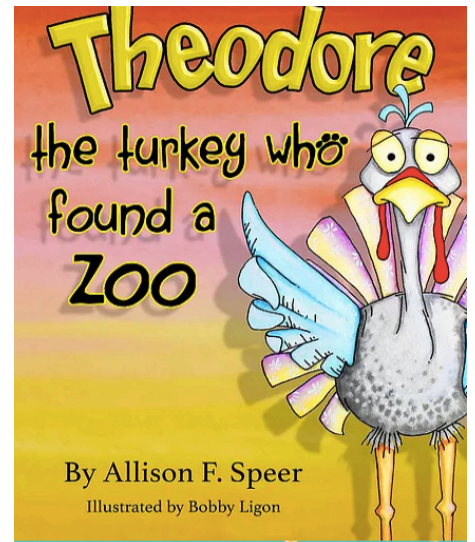
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A COVID-19 YEAR: SOME OF THE THINGS WE'LL MISS



"READ-ALoud" SESSIONS FOR EMERGING YOUNG READERS

Author Allison F. Speer, will hold "read-aloud sessions from her children's book, "Theodore the Turkey Who Found A Zoo."



Book cover design for Theodore the Turkey Who Found a Zoo...

She tells us, "Theodore the Turkey is one smart bird who loves to read. Sadly, he doesn't have anyone to read or play with. Stroll through the neighborhood with Theodore as he searches in the strangest habitats for his identity, a friend and place to put up his boots." This is Allison's first children's book and it can be found at these websites and locations:

- www.allifishpress.com
- Amazon.com
- Monkey and Dog Books and
- TCU Barnes & Nobles Bookstore

Allison and family have been residents of Ryan Place for 5 years.

For more information about when and where of the "read-aloud" sessions contact Ms. Speer at allifishpress@gmail.com or www.allifishpress.com or on Twitter, @speer_teacher



Keeping physically distanced, masked and unmasked patrons queue up to order from the TACOHEADS food truck at Daggett and Park.

Ryan Place, Fort Worth, Texas August, 2020 - Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, both residents and "passers-through" of Ryan Place and Fairmont have had the chance to sample the delicious culinary goodness from "pop-up" delivery or food truck vendors like the one shown

here from TACOHEADS. Previous food vendors in the Daggett parking space have included the Cannon Chinese and Shinjuku Station fares.

These intrepid business operators provide a much needed service of convenience. Often serving a low-cost set of items in a limited

menu they seek survivability for their businesses and better access to nutritional needs for all of us in these travel impaired times.

Want to know more about the next "meal deal"? RPIA uses the email service Constant Contact to notify you by email. Sign up on our [website under STAY CONNECTED.](#)

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