

TIME FOR REFLECTION

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and stayed safe. Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place was not the same as it usually is, but I want to thank Cade and Jenny Lovelace as well as the CCRP committee for organizing "Festive Fifth Avenue". No, it wasn't the same event, but it did keep the spirit alive and hopefully we will be mostly back to normal for CCRP 2021. Also, I can't remember another year where so many houses decorated for Christmas in spectacular fashion! The neighborhood looked great!

The RPIA board met last month and was able to pass a 2021 budget. There were a number of business items we discussed, including events for 2021 and issues surrounding the Hemphill Corridor Task Force proposed zoning changes for the southern part of Hemphill. As far as events go, we are still in a "wait and see" approach. We can ramp up our normal events when we feel it is safe to do so in adherence to CDC and City of Fort Worth guidelines. I'm optimistic this will be sooner than later, but for right now things are

still on hold. The proposed zoning changes for the southern portions of Hemphill are something we continue to educate ourselves on. This has been a multi-year effort by the task force to have the city adopt "near southside" zoning standards that will flow continuously down the Hemphill corridor. Richard Riccetti, who is the chairperson of the task force, will be at our February Board meeting on the 15th to answer questions about the zoning and how it might affect Ryan Place. I have also attached a zoning Q&A session that will be online with multiple times for anyone who is interested to learn more about this process. If anyone has any questions about either one of these matters please reach out to me directly.

I would like to welcome Eric Shulman on board as our new communications director for the neighborhood. He is replacing Kipp Baker. Kipp has done a fantastic job in this role the last several years with managing our social media, constant contact, newsletter compilation, and more. Thank you, Kipp!

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RPIA Membership Form

All content not otherwise specified is Copyright, © Ryan Place Improvment Association, 2021 In case you weren't aware, the neighborhood does own a 1932 fire truck that for years made

appearances in the July 4th parade and other events. We recently had it restored to a functional state and would like to use it for neighborhood events again. However, we need to find a place to store it within a few miles of the neighborhood. Ideally, we would like to find a place for it in Ryan Place. This truck is about the same size of a Ford F250 long bed pickup. If you think you have an area that might work please get in touch with me.

Jason Jones and the safety committee are working on a new safety initiative that I hope to unveil soon. They are doing a great job and the board looks forward to their recommendations. In our talks with our neighborhood NPO Officer Garner in our last meeting, he mentioned it's a good idea that when we call in suspicious activity (which we should always do) to request a call back. If you do this the police department will call you back with an update. Many times we call something in but don't know what happens afterwards. If you feel that call back information is pertinent to the neighborhood, please relay that information to Jason Jones or myself.

Finally, the tree initiative is a good one. The city of Fort Worth will give you a free 5-gallon tree to plant in your parkway. There are many

varieties to choose from and there is an article in this newsletter with more information. You can contact George Baker gbaker@yahoo.com or Jerry Lemunyon jllemunyon@att.net for more information.

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.

The newsletter also appears online at ryanplacefortworth.com/newsletters.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 National Wear Red Day	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Chinese New Year	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day	16 Mardi Gras	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22 National Margarita Day	23	24	25	26 Start of Purim	27
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No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY CANCELLED. HOWEVER, SOME RPIA ACTIVITES MAY TAKE PLACE WITH PROPER PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MASKING, ETC. WATCH OUR FB PAGE AND YOUR EMAIL FOR CONSTANT CONTACT UPDATES. STAY SAFE and STAY HEALTHY.





Sold by Karly Johnston, in Ryan Place.

"Being a realtor in my own neighborhood for the last 10 years makes me feel like I've been working from home! With the housing market changing so fast lately, know you can lean on me for all your real estate needs because this neighborhood is my home and my heart."

BURT-LADNER

NEWS & NOTES

RYAN PLACE TREE PROGRAM

The city will provide FREE 5-gallon trees for planting in our parkway - that's the strip of ground between the street curb and sidewalk. Your job is to select the species of trees you want, place your order, dig a hole, and plant the tree. Then, keep the tree watered for the next two to three years until the tree is established. Trees will be available by late February.

A few guidelines for obtaining and planting trees on your location:

- Return the order form (see next page) with your request by February 15.
- Pick up your trees around the end of February.

Follow instructions on locating your tree:

- Must be planted in the parkway
- Dig a proper hole and place the sapling at proper depth
- Plant at least 20 feet from signs, lamps, and street corners

- Protect the young sapling with a stem guard (FREE!) and mulch.
- Maintain water to the young tree for the next two to three years.

If you need some guidance or have questions about the program or species selection and location, you can contact George Baker gvbaker@yahoo.com or Jerry Lemunyon jllemunyon@att.net.

The tree species available for February, 2021 are:

Eve's Necklace
Cedar Elm
Chinquapin Oak
Live Oak
Texas Redbud
Mexican Buckeye
Pecan

Shumard Oak Indian Cherry

Lacey Oak

For further guidance and description of each tree species go to texastreeid.edu or Google "Robert O'Brien Trees of Texas".

TREE FORM TO FILL OUT AND RETURN

PLEASE SELECT THE TREE SPECIES YOU PREFER WITH THE NUMBER REQUESTED (GENERALLY ONLY 1 OR 2 PER HOUSEHOLD).

Eve's Necklace		Mexican Buckeye	
Bur Oak		Pecan	
Cedar Elm		Texas Redbud	
Indian Cherry		Shumard Oak	
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As we approach a year since COVID-19 shut down our country, small businesses continue to struggle. Local restaurants and shops have pivoted the best they can, introducing alternatives including curbside pick up for clothes and books as well as food. Unfortunately, it's still not enough. According to a survey conducted by the Census Bureau, approximately 31.4 percent of small businesses believe it will be at least six months before their business returns to its usual level of operations.

Knowing our neighborhood's penchant for supporting one another, we want to create opportunities for action. Over the next month, we will be developing and curating a list of Ryan Place resident-owned businesses for all of us to support. If you are a business owner or love one of your neighbor's businesses, send us a message at RPIANEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM.

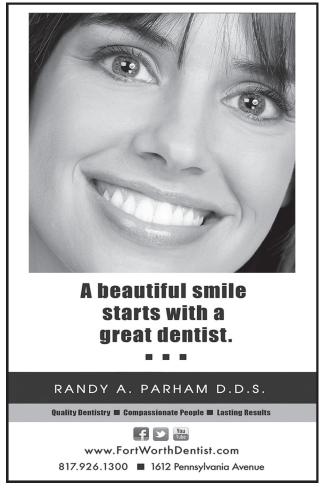
Calling All Writers

Are you a faithful newsletter reader? Do you have an expertise you'd like to share?

The RPIA is growing our newsletter team and developing a wider range of content. As such, we are looking for passionate neighbors who are interested in contributing to join our fantastic group of columnists. Whether you are a great writer or simply excited about sharing helpful tidbits with neighbors, we'd love to have you join. Your involvement level will be decided by you, enabling you to contribute as much or as little as your schedule allows.

If you're interested, please send a message to RPIANEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM.





FEATURE EDITORIAL

What's Your Normal?

By Christopher Ebert, Senior Columnist

As we approach a year since 'things' were normal, I thought I would ask the family to describe what they remember about, what they miss about, and what they will do, when normal returns.

What they remember:

- Being able to smell/squeeze/thump fruit at the grocery store
- Having a waitress bring your hot dinner to your table
- Not worrying SO much about putting your fingers in that bowling ball and putting on shoes that maybe a 100 people had worn just the day before (but worrying just the same!)

What they miss the most about normal:

- Not having to remember to wear your mask everywhere
- When speaking to someone being able to recognize their intent through facial expressions
- Having a dining room that is not also a home office,
 Zoom studio, library, calculus class room



What we have done to overcome the losses of 'normal':

- Learned to smile with our eyes
- Having friends 'socially distanced' on your front porch to watch the big game
- Use of screen time has increased exponentially

But for some the current time is their 'normal':

- To our granddaughter, a freshman at University of Arkansas, the challenges of COVID-19 cautions and rules are the normal of college life
- Young children seeing everyone in masks is their normal

What will we do when 'normal' returns:

- Hug our family and friends
- Meet at the dance hall, drink AND dance



AROUND FORT WORTH

Hemphill Rezoning Proposal

To learn more about the proposed Hemphill Street rezoning and neighborhood protections, please attend one of the following virtual meetings and discussions. These meetings will provide you the opportunity to listen and learn from neighborhood advocates and will be led by the Hemphill Corridor Task force and members of the city staff will be present.

Remember, your participation matters.

Feb. 2, Tues.:

6 - 7:30 PM

Community presentation & discussion via Zoom

Meeting ID (Zoom): 963 4860 5291

Passcode: 627126

https://zoom.us/j/96348605291?pwd=eWIYc0IrUC9o VVNwQmJlelZoeVdIZz09

Feb. 6, Sat.:

2 - 3:30 PM

Community presentation & discussion via Zoom

Meeting ID (Zoom): 921 5872 3397

Passcode: 942425

https://zoom.us/j/92158723397?pwd=QS81eDNKN

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Feb. 7, Sun.:

2 - 3:30 PM

(Spanish) Community presentation & discussion via Zoom

Meeting ID (Zoom): 999 4877 0118

Passcode: 373453

https://zoom.us/j/99948770118?pwd=dWJLaDZ1QII

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Feb. 9, Tues.:

6 - 7:30 PM

Community presentation & discussion via Zoom

Meeting ID (Zoom): 961 1094 5816

Passcode: 271908

https://zoom.us/j/96110945816?pwd=anROSnhC

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Feb. 13, Sat.:

11 AM - 2 PM

(In person live in English & Spanish)

Victory Forest Community Center

3427 Hemphill St, Fort Worth, TX 76110

Also a summary video is available now on Facebook: https://fb.watch/3hr56b-R7Z/



Please visit us at www.teamcade.com

AROUND FORT WORTH

Unwelcome Neighbors

Starting as early as February, the scouts come.

Egrets, a form of heron, have begun nesting in neighborhoods throughout Texas. From February through June, A yellow-ish bird known as the yellow-crowned night heron scout neighborhoods, looking for suitable new homes. While a new species nesting in the neighborhood may sound great for bird watching, the City of Fort Worth recommends against welcoming these birds with open arms.

Warning residents of the copious amounts of white excrement and its accompanying horrendous smell, the City suggests preventing egrets from ever nesting. Once they do, they become protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and impossible to remove.

The City's December article outlines ways to keep these birds out of our neighborhood, helping them settle in more appropriate environments including wild or native areas. These methods include:

- Trimming trees
- Making loud noises if the yellow crowned night heron is seen
- Hanging reflective streamers in your trees
- Scary eye balloons that are filled with helium (if placed so they can fly above the trees)

These tactics have seen proven results over the last few years, preventing the egrets from harm while protecting the neighborhood. The City recommends keeping an active eye out and calling 817-392-1234 to learn more.

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Code Blue/Central Division Coordinator, Alison Golden 817-392-3973

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Streetlight Outages 817-392-8100

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 <u>ryanplacefortworth.com</u>.

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: ryanplacefortworth.com

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

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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!

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