



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ryan Place Residents,

I hope this letter finds you well! We have had a wet spring and we will be glad we had it once the summer gets here. Enjoy this time before it gets hot! It's coming!!

We had to postpone the party in the park scheduled in May due to inclement weather, but we have rescheduled for the evening of July 3. Please wear your new Ryan Place gear from SportsWear Graphics if you ordered! We will have live entertainment and a snow cone truck and maybe a few other surprises, but mark your calendar to come out and visit with your neighbors. Fingers crossed we will have great weather! On July 4, we will have the parade and we have the Fort Worth Mounted Patrol set up to lead the procession. A map of the procession is included in this newsletter. As we get closer to the July 4th we will be posting more details on constant contact and social media. It will be a great time!

RPIA has resumed our in-person board meetings at St. Johns. If you have interest in learning more about

the business of the neighborhood I would invite you to come up and get involved. We are always looking for new neighbors to get involved.

Finally, crime reports have been low but with school getting out soon we typically see an uptick in crime around the hood. Be vigilant. If you see something suspicious please call it in. Officer Garner's contact info is in the newsletter but please call 911 or the non-emergency number first depending on the situation.

Tim

*Tim Keith*  
*President, RPIA*

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JUNE</b>		1	2	3	4 National Doughnut Day	5 World Environment Day
6 D-Day	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 Nursing Assistants Day	18	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21	22 World Rainforest Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

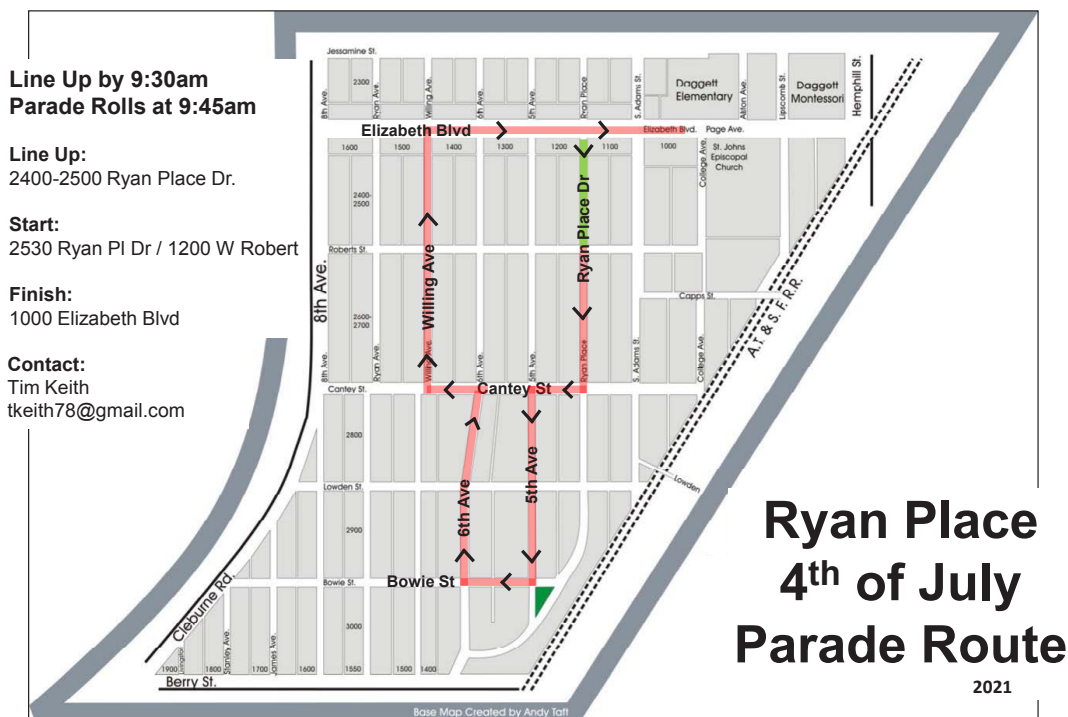
No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

WATCH OUR FB PAGE AND YOUR EMAIL FOR CONSTANT CONTACT UPDATES. STAY SAFE and STAY HEALTHY.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

### July 4th Parade Route

As mentioned in the President's Letter, we will be having our July 4th parade this year! The parade will begin at 9:45 a.m., starting at the intersection of 2530 Ryan Place Drive and 1200 W Robert and finishing at 1000 Elizabeth Blvd. Please see the route below and contact Tim Keith at [tkeith70@gmail.com](mailto:tkeith70@gmail.com) with any questions!





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## A Welcome Note for New Residents

### Ruth Karbach, Columnist

Newcomers, have you had a welcome note from Mari, Rose, Ruth, Sarah, or Sondra and wondered who that person was? These volunteers are your neighbors that you will meet on your street's sidewalks or in the park or neighborhood social events in non-pandemic times; they are truly representative of the neighborhood by their ages, length of residency, occupations, and location of their homes. They are the welcome committee for the non-profit Ryan Place Improvement Association not the Welcome Wagon, a for-profit advertising company.

The welcome committee provides newcomers with a welcome gift of bread from Great Harvest Bakery, and a Ryan Place tote bag, gifted by Sportswear Graphics, whose owner lives in the neighborhood. Inside the RP tote are a Fort Worth city information bag, a Blue Zones healthy living bag, and a bag with gifts, discounts, and flyers from Ryan Place residents. The helpful welcome ladies are an information resource after the delivery to you and can introduce you to other residents at future social events or meetings.

If your move-in has been missed by the Ryan Place welcome ladies, please contact Ruth at 817-909-3585 by text or phone message. Visits/deliveries by the welcome ladies will continue to be made with face masks and be socially distanced until after the abatement of the pandemic. When times normalize, new residents have the choice of inviting their welcome lady in for a short to longer visit, porch or yard visit, or delivery only visit. The entire process provides choices to new residents. In addition to the RPIA welcome letter, you will receive a short newcomer form for you to fill out whichever sections you want. Please feel free to add a note at the bottom or on the back of the form.


Why complete the newcomer form? Your form will provide your welcome lady and other board members including your street director with your contact information to connect with you about future events, RPIA information, and in the event of an emergency situation. You may opt in or out of the Ryan Place directory, which is shared only with residents of Ryan Place and is not to be used commercially. You have the option of indicating interest in volunteering in the neighborhood; this could be a one time or more frequent commitment. There is a separate item for those interested in volunteering in the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place for

a variety of jobs from room docent to marketing and more. The CCRP committee chair will be given a copy of your form if you check this item.

In November, the welcome committee and RPIA board will host a come-and-go social event at one of Elizabeth Boulevard's loveliest homes for the 2020 and 2021 newcomers whose forms have been returned. This event has great food and wines typical of Ryan Place hospitality.

Sometimes we find that people do not know if they live within the RPIA boundaries set by the city. It is confusing since the boundaries include several additions. The north boundary is the middle of Jessamine Street, the south boundary is the middle of West Berry Street, the west boundary is 8th Avenue-Stanley Street, and the east boundary is the west side of the railroad track to Page and Hemphill to Jessamine Street.

Any Ryan Place resident with a suggestion for the welcome committee or who would like to provide a gift or discount to their business, please contact our chairperson Ruth Karbach, [arkarbach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arkarbach@sbcglobal.net).






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## 2530 S Adams, Thomas Guest House – A Home With a Great Story

**Christopher Ebert, Senior Columnist**

In a year when nothing could be called “normal”, our home was selected to be on the 2020 AIA Fort Worth Home Tour. AIA Fort Worth is a professional organization of architects from North Texas that promotes the value of architecture to the public. As you recall, May 2020 was in the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Needless to say, the AIA-FW Home Tour was cancelled. Now fast forward 12 months and we still have not gotten everyone vaccinated and many events are still being downsized or cancelled. To help the Fort Worth architects organization replace the lost revenue, the 2021 AIA-FW Home Tour will be held as a virtual event.

Why was the Thomas Guest House selected to represent the work of talented Fort Worth architects? Because it has a “Great Story!” Many believe that “good architecture” is not only an elegant building, but one that fulfills the requirements of the owners. In our case, the building of an addition is also a continuation of the Thomas Guest House’s story.

Phil and Annabelle Thomas built the Guest House for their daughter, whose Air Force husband went off to fly F-4s during the Korean War. Sixty years and many renters later, we moved across the croquet court into the Thomas Guest House as we no longer needed 4,000 square feet, 52 windows and four doors. But our daughter’s family with four children did.

Our architect, Paul Dennehy, along with a photographer and a videographer, will be coming over to document our story from 800 square foot and a single kitchen sink to a guest house of 1,400 square feet with a double kitchen sink. From space for one renter; to a home for two seniors with a ramp from street level and a brick path; to four grandchildren.

And the Thomas Guest House story continues.

You can see the Virtual Tour online at <https://sites.google.com/view/homestour/virtual-tour?authuser=0>.



**Jennifer Lovelace**

Board, Ryan Place Christmas Tour

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## Preserving Candlelight Christmas In Ryan Place History

Lin Parham, Columnist

The Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place home tour was founded in 1984 to entice realtors and prospective home owners to discover our historic neighborhood, celebrate the season with our neighbors, and raise funds for improvements linked to the neighborhood's history. Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place has funded the following major projects:

- Rebuilding and Maintenance/Upkeep of the Gates at the Entrances on Elizabeth Boulevard
- The Chisolm Trail Historic Marker (Daggett Park) and Vin Fizz Historic Marker (Triangle Park)
- Rebuilding the Gate on 6th Avenue at Jessamine Street
- William and Mary-Style Street Lights Throughout the Neighborhood
- Daggett Elementary School Historical Exterior Lights

In retrospect, the home tour took a giant step forward in establishing Ryan Place as a once again highly desirable neighborhood. The tour is woven in decades of the history of our neighborhood.

After the 2019 Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place (CCRP), my collection of brochures, meeting minutes, and posters founded the archive of the history of Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place at the Fort Worth Public Library. The Fort Worth Public Library Archives was chosen as the most accessible one with certified archivists. Also, the library holds Ryan Place Improvement Association historic records and those for the Fairmount and other neighborhoods and is the

official repository for city records including those of the planning department.

My collection in the basement was gathered with assistance from Ruth Karbach. Since Jon Shipley had stored a number of CCRP boxes in his attic, he, Ruth Karbach, and Randy Parham helped me in getting together those materials for transport to the library. There an archivist received the van load of materials to inventory and organize. It was a rewarding feeling to know the records and memorabilia were in good hands, and all in one place. And there was the bonus of extra storage in my basement.

My collection of CCRP records are now inventoried and are in archival folders and boxes stored in a climate-controlled and monitored environment to preserve them. There remain some gaps in the collected records. It is hoped that those of you who worked so diligently on the Candlelight Christmas on Ryan Place board and committees will join me in donating materials from the home tour to expand this collection. Brochures, pictures, committee notebooks, posters, old newsletters, and the streetlight and other projects are needed. All items are important to form a comprehensive history for future research.

You may arrange a drop off time at my house, 2516 Ryan Place Drive, by contacting me at 817-896-1353. Or you may request pickup of your CCRP items by Ruth Karbach, 817-909-3585. Please call us if you have any questions.



# AROUND FORT WORTH

## Watering Schedule

With summer upon us, the scorching heat always brings with it classic Texas dryness. As such, the City of Fort Worth asks us to conserve water. The city asks we water our yards only twice a week, with specific instructions on the days you can do so.

Residential Addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 should water on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Residential Addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 should water on Thursdays and Sundays.

The city also asks that between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., no watering is done except by a handheld hose, drip irrigation, or a soaker hose. For more information and tips, please visit [fortworthtx.gov/departments/water/savefwwater](http://fortworthtx.gov/departments/water/savefwwater).

# 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD DONATIONS THROUGH APRIL

Thank you to each of the households listed below for their monetary contributions to the neighborhood this year!


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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?  
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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.

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