

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ryan Place Residents,

Ryan Place Residents, I hope this newsletter finds you well and everyone is staying safe. Although we have had a milder summer, the last month has been hot! Cooler temps are right around the corner and I know I am looking forward to them.

Moving into the fall means it's time for fall events! We will be setting a date soon for movie night in Triangle Park in October. Much like last year, this year has been challenging as well. That said, right now we are a GO for all fall events, including the home tour and associated events.

Thank you, and as always, please contact me directly with any questions you might have.

Tim

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 <u>ryanplacefortworth.com/</u> newsletters.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Rosh Hashanah	7	8	9	10 Suicide Prevention Day	11 Patriot's Day
12	13	14	15 Yom Kippur begins	16 Mexican Independence Day	17 M.I.A. Recognition Day	18 AIDS and Aging Awareness Day
19	20	21 International Day of Peace	22 Start of Fall	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

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### **NEWS AND NOTES**

### **ArtsGoggle Postponed**

The ArtsGoggle annual event, originally scheduled for October 16, 2021, will be postponed to April 23, 2022. The event, which takes place in Near Southside and highlights artists, food vendors, and entertainers, has been pushed back as the event runners prioritize public safety with the ongoing pandemic. The organizers remain in close contact with the Medical District's public health officials.

For more information, please see ArtsGoggle's website at www.artsgoggle.com.

#### **Growing Fall Flowers**

With fall finally upon us, our focus can transition from keeping any blade of grass in our yard alive to planting flowers that will actually thrive. Steve Huddleston, Senior Horticulturist at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, recently spoke with the City of Fort Worth and gave a number of recommendations on what you should be planting.

To start, Huddleston recommended zinnias. These flowers are actually tolerant in the summer as well as fall, offering a wide range of colors for your garden. They can be found in red, yellow, pink, orange, purple, white or lime green as well as two-toned and freckled.

Huddleston also recommended marigolds, a plant typically targeted by spider mites in the summer. However, placing them in 4-inch pots in the fall can help you avoid infestations and allow them to thrive. Similar to zinnias, marigolds come in a range of colors including yellow, gold, orange, and mahogany.

For a more extensive list of recommendations, including ornamental peppers, head to https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/news/2021/09/FWBG-Fall-Plants.





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### AROUND FORT WORTH

### A Woofing Good Time

The Fort Worth Animal Shelter threw a party to remember on Saturday 18. Inviting the community to join, the Shelter decided to celebrate cats and dogs that have never been celebrated. These adorable animals were each given a special piece of birthday cake (pet friendly) from Three Dog Bakery and the Cowtown Friends of Fort Worth Animal Care & Control. Of course, there was some human food served as well!

While the party was a great time for some deserving animals, the main goal was to raise awareness for pets searching for a home. The Fort Worth Animal Shelter is welcoming anyone interested to reach out for more information about adopting, volunteering, touring the facility, or fostering.

### **Forest Park Pool Update**

A polarizing issue in our and surrounding neighborhoods, city officials met September 16 to discuss the future plans for the Forest Park pool. There are growing concerns amongst officials that the unofficial historic site is becoming unstable, with leaks to the existing pool shell growing.

Some knowledgeable of the plans to replace the existing center with a four-lane, 25-yard pool, believe it could cost the city and taxpayers more to continue trying to fix the existing site. Others believe more should be done to protect a place that works and has historical value.

While no final decisions were made at the meeting, Parks and Recreation officials have hired a consultant to work up the cost of three different plans. These plans will be presented to the public before a decision is made.

\*Please note that the RPIA has no official stance on this issue at this time; our newsletter is merely summarizing information as provided by Madison Simmons of Fort Worth Weekly.



### FEATURE EDITORIALS

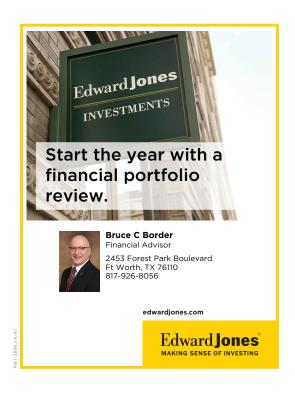
### Ryan Place Croquet Tournament In Our Times Christopher Ebert, Senior Columnist

It is time to put Croquet in better focus as the sport of Ryan Place.

You don't hear Croquet mentioned during the Tokyo Olympics or with the likes of the other popular (i.e. money making) sports like baseball, football or basketball. Croquet hasn't been in the Olympics since the 1900 Olympics in Paris. Neither do you worry about the use of illegal performance enhancing drugs on the Croquet Lawn. That is, unless you are talking about fertilizing the grass or an occasional shot of RoundUp for that persistent weed.

The Ryan Place Croquet Tournament has a history that is only 35-years-old, but Croquet in Ryan Place was envisioned by developer John Ryan when he encouraged prospective property owners to buy a second lot specifically for use as a croquet lawn. Mr. Ryan had never heard of soccer and didn't think professional football would last much longer.

Croquet, though millions of people have played "backyard" Croquet under the standard rules or not-so-standard rules, there is thought to be much less than 10,000 American players seriously involved with the more professional sixwicket game. Not many spectators will attend a professional Croquet game.



### The 35th Ryan Place Croquet Tournament May 28, 2022 (Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend)

This will give us an opportunity to knock around the competition without losing friendships. If the COVID-19 Pandemic is still among us fully vaccinated players will be given preference "seeding" - preliminary ranking for the purposes of the draw and match schedule times.

You don't have to be experienced to play on Day 1. (We will teach you at the Croquet Clinics 3 p.m. on Sundays in May.)

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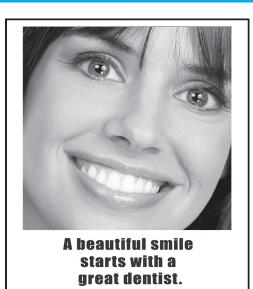
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### **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

This September, the National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, local nonprofit The Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation is shining light on how over the counter (OTC) medicines play a role in the growing number of pediatric suicide cases here in Tarrant County.

Often stored in easily accessible medicine cabinets and thought of as relatively harmless, the Foundation is asking community members to help save lives by pledging to lock up your OTC medicines. For more education on this issue, the organization is hosting a free, one hour evidence-based training October 7th. To learn about the training or take the pledge, visit:

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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.

About our Ryan Place Newsletter

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.

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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- 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
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<sup>\*\*</sup>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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