



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ryan Place Residents,

I hope this letter finds you well. Spring is here! I wanted to make everyone aware that the Ryan Place Easter egg hunt will not be on Elizabeth this year. It will be located in the field at the corner of S. Adams and Lowden. It will be held on Saturday April 16th between 10:00 and 11:00. There will be two age categories for little kids and bigger kids. I look forward to seeing everyone at this event. More details will be posted on Facebook and through constant contact.

During the BBQ we spent some time talking about the "Lights, Camera, Action" initiative. Jason Jones our Ryan Place Safety Director will outline a little bit more about this in this newsletter but if you do not have a sign and would like one please reach out to Jason Jones. The signage initiative is based upon rotating the signs out from month to month and April is for "Lights."

I'll keep this letter short but do get out and enjoy this beautiful spring weather. Ryan Place is

always beautiful but even more so when things start to green up!

One last thing, always remember that if you see something that looks suspicious please call it in. You can call 911 or the non-emergency number based on the seriousness of the nature of the event. Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Easter Egg hunt.

If you have any questions about RPIA or the neighborhood in general please do not hesitate to reach out to me by phone, email or text. Thank you!

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Easter Egg Hunt
17 Easter	18 RPIA Board Meeting	19	20	21	22 Earth 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.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2022

April 16 – Easter Egg Hunt

April 18, 7pm – Board Meeting

May 7 – Membership Drive event at Daggett Park

May 16, 7pm – General Meeting

May 30 – Croquet Tournament

June 20, 7pm – Board Meeting

June or July (date TBD) – Summer pool party/bbq

July 3 – Party in the Park

July 4 – Parade & softball game

August 8, 7pm – Board Meeting

September 19, 7pm – Board Meeting

September (date TBD) – Business mixer/happy hour

October 17, 7pm – Board Meeting

October 21 – Triangle Park Movie Night

November 28, 7pm – General Meeting (board elections)

December 2 – Holiday Party

December 3-4 – Candlelight Christmas Home Tour



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1. Paint your front door and plant bulbs now that will bloom all spring.
2. Update paint colors (we have lots of suggestions!)
3. Update flooring in high traffic areas.
4. Replace light fixtures with a more modern style.
5. Choose a high-visibility upgrade for your kitchen:
 - Paint your kitchen island cabinets
 - Replace some appliances
 - Add open shelving



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April is "Lights" Month!

by Jason Jones

Thanks to everyone who is participating in the "Lights, Cameras, Action" campaign to help promote safety awareness in the neighborhood. We decided to have another official rollout at the RPIA Block Party that pushed things forward another month, so now, April will be "Lights" month, May will be "Cameras" month, and June will be "Action" month.

For this month, we're focusing on how lighting up the exterior of your homes can potentially help deter crime and increase safety.

After speaking with Officer Garner and members of FWPD about things homeowners can do to increase safety, they advised that lighting up your homes with exterior or landscape lighting can be helpful, especially when combined with other security measures.

Exterior lighting can indicate that someone is home and makes potential criminals more visible, especially when combined with camera systems that help law enforcement identify suspects. Plus, it may give your wonderful home that extra touch of class it deserves.

Of the thousands of options out there, here are a few recommendations on exterior lighting products that seem well-reviewed and might be worth checking out:

Arlo Spotlight \$89.99 (www.arlo.com)

LEONLITE LED Security Flood Light - \$49.99 (www.amazon.com)

MEIKEE Low-Voltage Landscape Lighting - \$49.99 (8pk) (www.amazon.com)

If any of you would like to join the fun with a set of yard signs, please reach out and we'll hook you up. Cheers!

-Jason

LIGHTS

Install lights on your property
to minimize criminal activity.

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Paul Koeppe, AIA (1936-2022) A Historic Preservationist!

by Chris Ebert, Senior Columnist

We became residents of Ryan Place because Mary Beth wanted a house that reminded her of our grandmother's house. It wasn't long after that we became friends with Paul Koeppe. Though not a resident of Ryan Place his work on historic preservation had an important impact on the future of the Ryan Place and Fairmount neighborhoods. He was interested in protecting the architectural history of Fort Worth, probably because both his grandfather and father had been Fort Worth architects. His grandfather, Herman P. Koeppe, was the chief designer for the Wyatt Hedrick architectural firm. That firm designed the T&P Railroad Complex, the Main U.S. Post Office, the 1930 Fort Worth Central Fire Station and the 1938 Fort Worth City Hall/Public Safety Building.

Because Paul's family had been involved with architecture, he knew the history of both Fort Worth and its buildings. Paul also understood the story behind the buildings – who the players were and what was important to them. Both are essential when developing strategies to save and reuse historic structures.

Paul Koeppe was one of the original supporters of the Historic Preservation Movement in Fort Worth. Representing AIA, Paul was an early member of the Historic Preservation Council. The organization of civic and neighborhood groups with interest in historic preservation was established in 1979. I was also a member representing the Ryan Place

Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt

Spring has sprung and Easter is on it's way! Don't miss this year's Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt on April 16. The event will take place in the field at the corner of S. Adams and Lowden. The hunt will begin at 10:00am and will have two age groups, 0-5 and 6-10.

Families participating should drop off at least a dozen filled Easter eggs at 2512 6th Ave by Friday April 15th (just leave them on the porch).

See you there!

Improvement Association.

Paul was the second chairman of the Fort Worth Historical/Cultural Landmarks Commission. For many years Paul maintained an office in the 1930 Fort Worth Public Market Building. Tom Reynolds, the third chairman of the Landmarks Commission, said Paul was a "true friend of historic preservation. A cool head when others got amped up over the foolishness of some actors..."

Paul had many interests most historical. Robert Adams, AIA and Paul went on archeological digs many summers with the Texas Archeological Society. Sleeping on the ground while sharing a "pup tent."

Paul and I collaborated on two contracts with the engineering firm, Freese and Nichols. In the summer of 2010 we documented several buildings of the Fort Worth Holly Water Treatment Plant which were eligible of the National Register of Historic Places. We wrote descriptions, took photographs and wrote histories. In the summer of 2011 we performed the same activities at the Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant which was soon to be demolished as part of the Trinity River Vision Project.

Quentin McGown, the fourth chair of the Landmarks Commission wrote that Paul's "departure leaves a huge hole in our local architectural community. Few architects could articulate the benefits of historic preservation better." Carol Roark remembers Paul Koeppe "as a gentle soul with a head full of knowledge that he was always willing to share."



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Know a tree with an interesting past? Nominate it for Heritage status

Originally published on April 11, 2022 at www.fortworthtexas.gov

Fort Worth has long promoted urban forestry practices, dating back to 1873 when the city charter declared it illegal to hitch a horse to a tree. The city even hired its first arborist in the 1920s.

So it should come as no surprise that there is an assortment of trees spread throughout the city that are considered significant and are classified as Fort Worth Heritage Trees.

One of those trees, the Turner Oak, is recognized as a Texas Famous Tree. The Texas Forest Service took a core sample and estimated the tree is more than 250 years old.

The Turner Oak has played an important part in the history of Fort Worth. It is named after Charles Turner, one of five men selected to find a location for the camp that was to become Fort Worth. Although opposed to the secession of Texas leading up to the Civil War, he supported the decision of the majority after they voted to side with the Confederacy by organizing a company of men for the war at his own expense. When the Confederacy demanded that citizens exchange their gold for Confederate currency, Turner refused and, with the help of a trusted slave, buried thousands of dollars in gold under a tree growing near the family's home. During Reconstruction following the end of the war, Turner unearthed the gold and used it to pay off debts owed by the firm of Turner and Daggett and stabilized the local economy, allowing the city to get through a financially difficult period.

This is just one of the interesting finds that Hannah Johnson, natural scientist supervisor with the Fort Worth Park & Recreation Department, discovered while updating the Heritage Tree webpage recently.

"The history and significance these trees have to the Fort Worth community is invaluable," Johnson said.

What does it take to become a Heritage Tree?

A tree must be located in the Fort Worth city limits and meet at least one of these criteria:

Possess an unusual size, age, species significance or other characteristic that contributes to its heritage

status.

Be located on a historic site, or contribute to the history of a site.

Serve as a well-known landmark.

Contribute to significant community ties.

Nominations for new Heritage Trees are reviewed annually by an independent panel, and new Heritage Trees are announced at the city's Arbor Day celebration in November.

The Heritage Tree Program helps to foster an appreciation of trees and promotes public awareness that heritage trees are a living and distinct resource for the community. If you know of a tree that meets at least one of the criteria above, take the time to nominate it. The more history and background provided, the better the tree generally scores with the panel.

Browse pictures, locations and learn the history of these magnificent trees on the city's new Heritage Tree webpage. All Heritage Trees posted on the webpage are accessible to the public. You won't find a sign at most of the trees, so be sure to check the map location and cross-reference the photos online to make sure you are at the correct one. Photos of Heritage Trees taken by residents through the years can be emailed to city staff.

To learn more about the Heritage Trees program, email hannah.johnson@fortworthtexas.gov.



Photo: Located in Greenwood Cemetery, the 250-year-old Turner live oak has played an important part Fort Worth's history.

37th Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament

Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th - 10:00am

2530 Ryan Place Drive

The 37th Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament will be held Memorial Day, May 30, 2022 in Historic Ryan Place. The Ryan Place Croquet Tournament is a single elimination tournament with each team consisting of two players.

Play will begin 10:00am Monday morning on the Croquet Tournament's Championship Court at the home of Tommy & Susan Drake, 2530 Ryan Place Drive. Winners of the Preliminary Round will play immediately in the Championship Final.

You may bring a partner or meet a partner at the Preliminary Round. Everyone who comes to the Preliminary Round is welcome to play. All ages and skill levels can compete for a chance to be in the Championship Final.

Croquet Clinics

Sundays in May - 3:00pm

2530 S. Adams

Each Sunday afternoon in May at 3:00pm Croquet Clinics will be held to review the game rules, teach the techniques and learn the strategies of croquet. Previous winners will be the special guests to share their secrets for tournament success.

Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Summary of Rules:


The Game: American nine-wicket croquet

Teams: Each team shall consist of two players. Every age is welcomed and encouraged to play. Players do not have to reside in Ryan Place

Pairings: Teams will be paired for tournament play by a drawing to be held at 10:00am Monday, May 30, 2022.

Format: Single elimination until one team is declared the winner.

Check the Ryan Place Facebook page and historicryanplace.org for up to the minute information from Christopher Ebert, Tournament Director & Croquet Czar, 817-319-2363



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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 ryanplacefortworth.com.

Want more news or information, about present and pending Ryan Place matters?
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 - JULY 4th PARADE
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- 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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