

Ryan Place Newsletter

March 2015

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President's Letter



Cade Lovelace

Spring is quickly approaching and the Ryan Place Improvement Association is planning many events during the warmer weather. We have also been looking at ways to improve communication between the board and the members.

First, a General Membership Meeting will be held in Sam and Jennifer Demel's backyard at 1302 Elizabeth Boulevard on March 22 at 3 pm. The Ryan Place BBQ Company will be cooking several types of BBQ for the event. The BBQ Company events are always a great time and are a fun opportunity to meet neighbors and enjoy each other's company while eating great food. Check out the Ryan Place BBQ Facebook page

if you have any questions or want to participate. Many thanks to Tim Keith for organizing this event and to Sam and Jennifer for welcoming the neighborhood to their beautiful home!

In addition to the great food and community fellowship, we will be welcoming several guests who will speak on different topics important to our neighborhood. Our city council representative, Ann Zadeh, will be in attendance and will discuss local Southside development. Officer Fernando Molinar from Code Compliance and Tracey Edwards from the Neighborhood Education Office will also be at the meeting to discuss issues related to their organizations. If you have any questions or concerns related to these topics, this will be a great opportunity to discuss them. We are excited about their participation in this event, and greatly looking forward to their presentations. This will be a great event, and we hope to see you there!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 10 am at 2529 Willing Avenue. Thanks to Brian Holland for organizing this event and to George and Nicole Havrilla for hosting. More information regarding this event is available on the Facebook page but we already know that volunteers are needed. Please email Nicole at nicolehavrilla@gmail.com to find out how you can help.

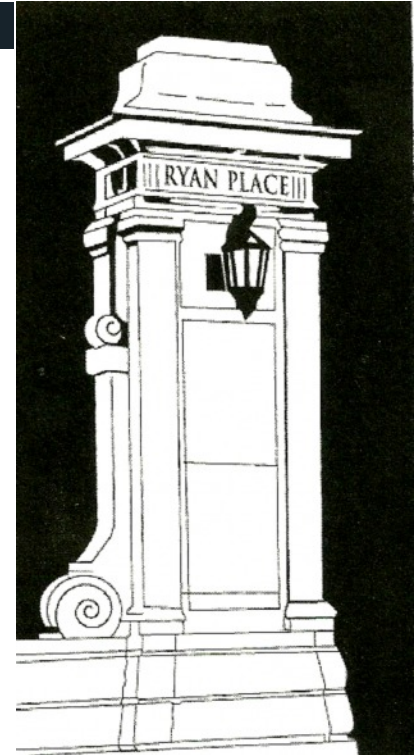
Next, RPIA has a new official Facebook page. The page is titled "Ryan Place Improvement Association" and will include timely posts to update the members on the RPIA's activities, accomplishments, need for volunteers, and general information. Please "Like" us to join the community and be first to find out about what we are up to! Please note that the Ryan Place Improvement Association page is not replacing the Ryan Place Neighborhood page, which will remain an ongoing place for our neighbors to communicate and reach out.

Further, Ryan Place is only as good as our neighbors. Inside this newsletter is a questionnaire about neighborhood communication, activities, and events. This questionnaire will also be available online, via the Ryan Place Improvement Association Facebook page, and via email. We will use the information that we receive from you to make plans and develop future neighborhood goals. Please take time to participate. We ask that you return the survey as soon as possible, so that we can analyze the results and determine what you want and need from us in the future.

Finally, as I discussed in my last letter, we are in need of donations so that we may continue to organize community events. Please donate via the newsletter form below or at the General Membership Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on March 22!

Cade Lovelace, RPIA President



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The RYAN PLACE NEWSLETTER is delivered each month to every home in Ryan Place. The NEWSLETTER is typically hung on your front door handle. If you do not receive a NEWSLETTER, please call **Heather Dills**, at **682-220-3482**, or any RPIA officer or street director so we may get a copy to you.
The NEWSLETTER is also posted online at www.ryanplacefortworth.com.

RPIA Meeting

Board Meeting Monday, March 16, 7:00 pm (St. John's Anglican Church)

General Membership Meeting Sunday, March 22, 3 pm The Demel's Backyard, 1302 Elizabeth Boulevard Bring a dish to share!

Board Meeting Monday, April 20, 7:00 pm (St. John's Anglican Church)

Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
Monday, May 18, 7:00 pm (St. John's Anglican Church)

Take a minute and write your check to sustain our neighborhood events, programs, and improvements. Mail your contribution to RPIA at P.O. Box 11122, Fort Worth, TX 76110.

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Ryan Place Neighborhood - Fort Worth

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Ryan Place 2015 Fund Drive

The Ryan Place 2015 Fund Drive is underway and your financial support is needed to make our goal of \$22,000 happen. Maintaining beautiful Daggett Park as well as neighborhood events such as Boo on Boulevard and the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt require funding and volunteers. No matter what the amount or time available to donate all is appreciated.

The 35 households listed below represent only a small portion of the 800+ households in our neighborhood and have thus far donated \$3,522.50. Don't see your household? No worry, still time to get your support donation in by March 20th deadline.

Make checks payable to: **RPIA**

Mail them to: **PO Box 11122, Fort Worth, TX 76110**

If you are out enjoying a walk in our great neighborhood, just drop them in the slot at 1101 Elizabeth, along with any events or efforts you would like to have a part in. New to the neighborhood, we would love to hear from you and get you plugged in to some of the upcoming fun times. While the homes in Ryan Place are beautiful and outstanding elements to the Fort Worth landscape, I truly believe it is the people who make the difference and make each house a home. Be a part of the difference a great neighborhood like ours can make.

Thanks to all,

LLisa Lewis, RPIA Financial Officer 2105

A BIG "THANK YOU" to these neighbors for supporting our neighborhood fundraising drive with their early contributions.

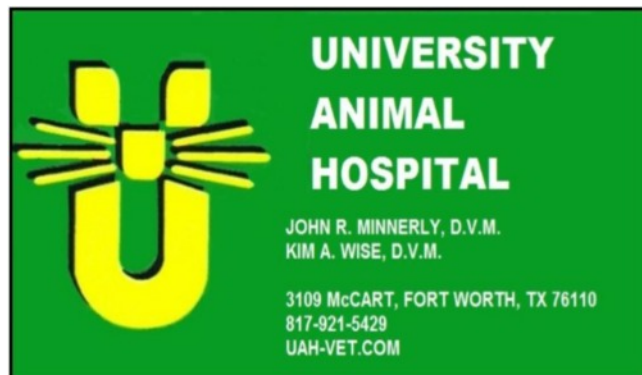
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Up to \$35



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\$35 to \$100 Level

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Treasurer's Report

Net Revenue YTD	\$3522.50
Newsletter Advertising Sales	\$125.00
Sponsorships	\$0.00
Event Advertising Revenue	\$0.00
Sustaining Membership	
Contributions	\$3397.50

Net Expenses YTD	\$41468.29
Newsletter Printing	\$700.00
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Web Domain set up	\$0.00
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Event Expense Paid	\$0.00
Traffic Research Impact Fee	\$0.00
NET INCOME YTD	\$2054.21

Please Note: This is off of the working yearly budget. Totals do not include investment CD or renovation funds.

Presented by LLisa Lewis, Treasurer LLewis0801@icloud.com

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Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4 at 10 am
2529 Willing Ave

Age Groups: 3 and under; 4-5 years; 6-9 years

Piñatas, Easter Bunny, Cascarones for everyone!

For all those wishing to participate, please deliver (1) dozen plastic eggs per child filled with wrapped candy or surprises by Friday, April 3, to 2529 Willing Avenue. Please include on the bag of eggs, the child's name and age.

***** Don't forget your Easter Basket!!**

Needing teen volunteers to hide eggs at 9am. Please email Nicole at nicolehavrilla@gmail.com.

Ryan Place Wine Gathering



Thursday, April 23; 6:30-8:30 pm
Hattie May Inn B&B.
712 May Street, Fort Worth, TX 76104.

Join your neighbors for a social event to enjoy wine and see what folks have planned for the spring. Please bring a bottle to share, and if you have a new recipe to try, hors d'oeuvres are welcomed as well. The location will be the Hattie May Inn Bed and Breakfast, and the event will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm on Thursday, April 23. Prosit!

Submitted by Lamar Brown, neighbor

BrownLamarL@yahoo.com or 214-732-3515

Ryan Place Croquet in Dallas



Representatives from the Ryan Place Croquet Tournament have been asked to share their skills and community spirit at the Dallas Heritage Village Jazz Age Sunday Social in

Old City Park, Sunday, March 22.

For the second year Ryan Place Croquet will provide equipment and offer instruction in our neighborhood style of croquet. The Sunday Social is a fundraiser for Dallas Heritage Village, which is the home to the largest and finest collection of 19th century pioneer and Victorian homes and commercial buildings in Texas. These buildings, moved from throughout North Central Texas to Dallas' first city park help show what life was like over 100 years ago for ordinary Texans.

'The Jazz Age' time period, which the event celebrates, coincides with the development of Ryan Place. Even though John Ryan "laid out" Ryan Place in 1911, intense development didn't really begin until after WWI with the discovery of major oil fields in Northwest Texas. With the exception of Elizabeth Blvd much of early Ryan Place was built in the 1920's - The Jazz Age.

Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor

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March Gardening Hints

A fun project to do with small children is growing two of the yummiest veggies on the planet (in my opinion), and that is sugar snap peas and/or snow peas. The seeds are large (the size of a pea) and are easy for little fingers to handle. The vines need a structure on which to grow. You can buy a package of inexpensive, 6 ft. bamboo stakes for this purpose. Push 6 or 8 stakes straight into the ground in a 24 to 30 inch wide circle. Bending all the stakes toward the center, gather them together at the top and secure them with wire or string, forming the shape of a tee-pee. Two or three tee-pees will take up little space and provide plenty pods for your family and some to share with friends. Then your little ones can plant their pea seeds around each leg of the tee-pee. They can plant several seeds around each leg, as they need to be spaced only two inches apart. The seeds will sprout in about ten days and are easy to see and watch grow. When the peas are ready to harvest, kids love searching their tee-pees for the tender green pods. The entire pod is eaten, eliminating hours of boring shelling. Eat them raw with a veggie dip, throw a hand full in a green salad, or add them to a stir-fry the last couple of minutes. They're simply delish!

By now, all dead foliage from perennials should be cut away and disposed of, as new growth is sprouting and needs air and sun. Roses should be pruned back by about half. This will encourage them to sprout lots of new, healthy growth. The exceptions are climbing roses. On these, cut out any broken or thin, weak canes, but leave the rest. Clean fallen leaves out of the garden and wait till temperatures rise before adding mulch. This will allow the soil to warm more quickly.

If you have planted a spring veggie garden with lettuce, spinach, arugula, chard, or any of the cole (yes, cole, not cold) crops, such as cabbage, Brussels sprout, and broccoli, and these have sprouted, don't be concerned about ice, snow, or cold weather. It won't harm them in the least, and you still have time to plant these, just do it soon!

If you have acid-loving plants such as azaleas, camellias, hydrangeas, rhododendrons, or blueberry bushes, perk them up. Brew them a pot of coffee! Seriously, anytime you have leftover coffee, dump in the grounds, fill the pot the rest of the way with water, and pour it around the base of the plant. This helps to acidify the soil and adds micronutrients your plants will love. If they had legs, they would do the happy dance!

Happy spring to all, and have fun in the garden! *Submitted by Suze Diesel, neighbor*



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Yard of the Month



Kathryn and Erik continue the restoration work on their beautiful vintage home while refining the lovely landscape that compliments it. They have carefully chosen a variety of ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials providing year-round color and interest. In winter, their nandina shrubs glow in bright red and add warmth to the cold surroundings. Spring will bring dramatic flowers on the tulip tree, one of Kathryn's favorites. The "Duchess of Brabant" roses flanking the sidewalk provide loads of fragrant, pink blooms. Later in the summer, there will be brightly colored daylilies, salvias, and a rockrose in bloom. The lovely sky-blue flowers of plumbago shrubs will provide a cooling effect to the Hansen landscape as the summer heat approaches. Their entire landscape provides a warm welcome to the Hansen home. Many thanks go to Kathryn and Erik for contributing to the beauty of our very special community!

Submitted by Suze Diesel, neighbor

Timely Tips for March Gardeners from Calloway's

One of the busiest gardening months of the year is here! March weather can be very fickle – it could still freeze since the average last freeze is mid-March or it could be very balmy and pleasant. You can't predict the weather in Texas.

March is a great month to plant almost every kind of landscape plant. The sooner you plant, the quicker the plant will start getting established. This is important if the plants are to do well through the hot, stressful summer. Calloway's Nursery are receiving weekly shipments of fresh nursery stock and this is the prime to buy and plant.

Do not be too eager to apply fertilizer to your warm season lawn grasses (St. Augustine and Bermuda); it is best to wait until April. Spring green-up results from nutrients that were stored by the grass last fall proving importance of fall fertilization. Pushing the lawn too hard in the early spring could result in a weaker root system going into summer. A few great early season flower choices are sweet alyssum, geraniums, stocks, snapdragons and petunias.

If you missed applying the pre-emergent weed preventer in February, then go ahead and make an application now. You may miss a portion of the weeds which germinate in early spring but it may still control many of the types that germinate in the warmer part of the year.

Shear back Asiatic jasmine, if needed just as new growth starts to encourage new growth from the base. Begin fertilizing roses every 4 to 6 weeks now until September with Calloway's Rose Food.

Saturdays, 10:15 am

March 21–Fashionista Flower Design

March 28–Secrets to Spectacular Roses

April 4–Lavish, Colorful, Stylish Shade Gardens

April 11–Plant for Butterfly & Hummingbird Gardens

April 18–Native Plants for Texas Gardens

April 25–Easy Care Flowers, Top Picks from Proven Winners

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WELCOME



ELIZABETH BLVD.

Alison Speer and Wade Spradlin, five children (including fraternal twins), and two dogs share a large Ryan Place home that they call a “dream come true.” Wade is the owner of Reliable Dental Supply and Allison is a 3rd grade teacher. This family fit right into Ryan Place with their active household and love of cooking and biking. They enjoyed their first Candlelight Christmas in the neighborhood. Traveling is a favorite family activity.

FIFTH AVE.

Kyle and Cally Smoke, who were living downtown, wanted to move to “a great city neighborhood” and discovered a forties home here. Kyle is small business owner. The Smokes love to entertain and travel. Bronco is the cute canine member of the family.

RYAN AVE.

When Melinda Deleon and Frank Pecorino moved from Waco, they looked for a house located near the medical district and with a neighborhood culture. Melinda works in records at a medical family practice and Frankie is an intern biomedical equipment technician at Cook Children’s Hospital and at Academy Sports. This sweet couple is into biking, gardening, shopping, and their adorable dogs.

Roseann Giambro planned her return to Ryan Place when she retired from the Pittsburg Zoo. She worked with primates at four zoos, including here in Fort Worth. As would be expected, Roseann loves nature and is active in conservation, especially in the sea turtle program on the Texas coast. She is a knitter and weaver. Roseann is trying out yoga studios. In her spare time, she enjoys reading.

Cynthia and Robert Steed and their 17-year-old daughter lived downtown in an apartment before finding their remodeled forties home in a neighborhood near their church. They love the diversity on the Near Southside and walkability of our neighborhood. Six years ago Robert was transferred from Atlanta, Georgia, by Lockheed where he works as a manager. The Steeds are parents of four daughters and provided a home to several foster children. Cynthia has been a full-time mother to all. Both Robert and Cynthia are active in a tutoring program, a food pantry, and the “Hope” program for homeless and addicted. They also help with a children’s home in Honduras. Robert modestly says he is an amateur guitarist and songwriter.

RYAN PLACE DR.

Pete Schow and Kimberly Johnson chose the Ryan Place neighborhood because of its location. They work downtown and enjoy Magnolia Avenue venues but wanted to be “far enough away for peace and quiet at home.” Kim is an executive assistant, and Pete is a senior manager with Saxony Partners who provides IT consultation. Pete loves vintage cars and writes about them in auto magazines. They are a charming couple who want to participate in BBQ and wine gatherings and Candlelight Christmas.

WILLING AVE.

Lissa and Jeffrey Goble missed the Ryan Place Candlelight tour because that was during their move to the neighborhood. Lissa is from Upper New York and Virginia while Jeffrey grew up in Kansas. They met in college in Oklahoma. A software engineer at Lockheed, Jeffrey likes college sports especially basketball and has TCU season tickets. He enjoys working in the yard. Lissa has a doctorate in nursing and is a certified midwife. She enjoys oil painting, crochet, and cooking. The neighborhood BBQs caught their interest. The Welcome Lady and Lissa share a love of teatime. The Gobles, empty nesters with two adult sons, were babysitting their grand dog when visited.

Margaret and Christopher Maranuk moved from Houston to Fort Worth for a business transfer with Weatherford. Chris has quite a record as an inventor, the Welcome Lady discovered. He is from Pittsburgh, Penn., and Margaret is from Florida. They have three grown sons all of whom attended different colleges: Tech Tech, University of Georgia, and Texas A&M. They liked Ryan Place’s location near downtown Fort Worth and have furnished their home in a warm, traditional style. They joined RPIA as contributors soon after their move in.

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Mise en Place: Flying Carpet

(putting the local restaurant scene in [Ryan] place)

If you told me at my first wedding anniversary dinner—as my husband and I shared a bottle of champagne over dry, gristly lamb—that we would one day return to I would have laughed.

The location one block off of West Magnolia Avenue held great potential when it opened in 2012, but the food was just not there (yet) to compete with other local eateries when we visited in early 2013. Our disappointment was recently redeemed after the restaurant reopened on February 19, following a 20-month search for a new chef. It was worth the wait.

From our table in the small dining room, I could overlook the kitchen. Although never my preferred seat in any restaurant for the typical chaos and distraction, the proximity in this case only added to the intimacy of my experience. I adore a well-organized kitchen. On that busy Saturday night, lone chef Jebrail Demirtash personally constructed plate after gorgeous plate of well-presented food and even managed a lap of the eight-table dining room to ensure everything was to our liking. Our water glasses were kept full by the attentive wait staff, who also allowed us to enjoy our meal with minimal interruption.

We started with the sigara borek, which consists of flaky phyllo pastry



wrapped around a cigar-shaped (hence the name) portion of salty white cheese and pan-fried until crisp. Our appetizer arrived quickly, and just as we finished, our main course was served. We shared the karisik izgara, a mixed kebab plate including a generous portion of fresh salad greens in a zesty dressing. Atop a bed of rice rests one skewer each: tender lamb; juicy, flavorful chicken; toothsome, well-spiced adana (minced lamb, my favorite); and shaved slices of doner.

We came for the food, but stayed for the traditional Turkish coffee. The grounds are brewed strong and unfiltered, more reminiscent of espresso than of coffee to the uninitiated (but mind the sediment!). We ordered ours at the recommended medium sweetness and found it a perfect complement to the kazandibi, a square of firm but creamy milk pudding with a ground pistachio nut garnish.

The attention to detail—from authentic Turkish music, to well executed dishes, to the check presentation in an intricately carved wooden box—made for a truly special dining experience. Welcome Flying Carpet Turkish Café back to the neighborhood by visiting **1223 Washington Avenue** soon.

Submitted by Diana Cullum, neighbor



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Fairmount Community Library

Nestled next to Arts Fifth Avenue is a hidden surprise that many may have passed without a thought as they traveled along Allen. The Neighborhood Library had its doors open to the public for 14 years, but it officially closed December 18, 2014. However, a group of mothers, students and committed community members came together to bring new life to the library. Led by founders Alicia Bohannon and Christina Carney, the building has re-opened as the Fairmount Community Library (FCL) this past February 14.

The FCL is a cooperative effort to empower knowledge and inspire creativity and is open to everyone with a desire to learn and in need of a place to gather. It is a place where a library is more than just books! The FCL offers neighbors from all communities free wifi, a coffee bar, computers for rental, a reading lounge and library, a children's area for playing and learning, a classroom for meetings and studying, and an open patio for relaxing. Starting in March, staff is on-hand to help students from 3:30-4:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during open Homework Hour. The library is also working with local colleges and neighborhood schools to offer tutoring and specialized courses to benefit community members. A variety of classes are offered each month, so check in with the library to find out what is new!

FCL hopes to be a place where neighbors feel like family. However, it can only keep its doors open with the kindness of its volunteers and participation from neighbors all over Fort Worth! The library is currently seeking volunteers to sort books, cover the checkout desk, and to teach various classes such as Spanish, Writing, Woodworking, etc. If you are interested in volunteering even for an hour, please fill out a form at the library or on the FCL official website: www.FairmountCommunityLibraryFW.org. If you would like to help in another way, please contact FairmountCommunityLibraryFW@gmail.com. Thank you for helping make the library a success!

Fairmount Community Library Facebook Page:

Monthly Events:

- Children's Story & Craft Hours: Held the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 1 pm. Geared toward ages 3-5 and 5-7.
- Author's Night: Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm, come hear a new author speak. Coffee and light snacks provided.
- Open Mic Poetry: Every 4th Sunday at 7 pm, come share your love of the written word!
- Crafting with Classics: Every 4th Thursday at 4 pm, BYOB and make a personalized craft out of an old book that needs new life.

Fire Station Community Center

The Fire Station Community Center is a community center with the City of Fort Worth right here in your own backyard. We offer programs year round for the entire family. We offer classes such as Tumbling, Dance, After School Program, Zumba, Yoga, and Taekwondo. We also offer youth sports (\$20/Sport) throughout the year that begin at age 5. We have monthly special events like Movie in the Park (Every 3rd Friday), Parent's Nights Out, and our Easter Eggstravaganza! We have space that you can rent out for meetings, birthday parties, or other special events. There is a full court basketball/volleyball gym and a 450 sq ft weight room that has free weights, a bench/squat rack, pulley machine and also a cardio area with treadmills, a bike, and an elliptical. To participate in our programs (which require additional fees per class) or use our weight room or gym, each person must have a community center membership which is \$20 a year for youth under 18, \$30 a year for adults 18-59, and \$15 for Seniors 60 and over. If you are looking to give back to your community, there are many volunteer opportunities for young and old in our different programs and special events.

Here is a list of special events that we have coming up.

March 20 – Movie in the Park
March 21 – Baseball/Softball/Tee-Ball Season Start
April 3 – School Break Camp
April 4 – Easter Eggstravaganza
April 10 – Parent's Night Out
April 17 – Movie in the Park
May 9 – Parent's Day Out

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Submitted by Daniel Leach, Recreation Programmer

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How to Live a Clutter Free Life

Hello, you bungalow dwellers! There is hope out there.

Ryan Place is a delightful place to live. Old fashioned charm, beautiful architectural features, established trees, location to downtown, popular restaurants nearby, are just a few of the many reasons our neighborhood is so desirable at this time. I am drawn to old houses and all the character and allure they radiate. When I sit on my porch, I am always thrilled I have a living space to enjoy the outdoors (and a cocktail) and to welcome neighbors as they stroll by on Saturday afternoon.

All those things are terrific, no doubt. However, old homes certainly offer “challenges” to the modern lifestyle. For example, my family seems to acquire a lot of stuff. What I’ve come to realize is that “bungalow living” will teach you one thing, for certain: You Must Live Within Your Means. (And we’re not talking about the limits of your paycheck, but the limits of your square footage and your tiny, turn-of-the-century closets.)


Have you ever been on the Candlelight Christmas Tour and wondered, “Where do they keep all their stuff?” Do you ever think your house could never look like *House Beautiful* because of the clutter? Well, I can help you with that. All you need are a few basic principles to get started. (Ideas adapted from the website, apartmenttherapy.com.)

1. What I tell my 10-year-old daughter often: “Let the size of your room dictate how much stuff you have.” She loves to be reminded of this. If your closet is bursting at the seams, it’s garage sale time.
2. Purge often. Your home will thank you.
3. Just as your mom taught you, “a place for everything and everything in its place.”
4. Junk drawers are lifesavers for those things that defy organization. Pens, tape, notepads, etc....
5. Put it away as soon as you’re done. Hang up that skirt! Put those dog treats back in the cabinet! Put the folded laundry away as soon as you fold it! It’ll only take 30-60 extra seconds and you’ll be finished, instead of looking at folded laundry on the dining room table for three days.
6. Go paper free. This is 2015, right?
7. And the most important one for us: “Teach yourself that life is about experiences, not things.”

Have a great, clutter free spring!


Submitted by Stephanie Gutierrez

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Porch Weather Alert!

Spring is on its way and that means we can head for our porches again!
I'd like to share a simple recipe to enjoy with a wine on your porch.

These little crackers are the perfect porch party bite. They're easy to make--just throw everything in the food processor, then slice and bake. The result is a crispy, buttery bite.

For some reason, my child, who LOVES cheez-its type crackers, does not love these. More for the grownups.

Cheese Straws

Adapted from *Smitten Kitchen* who adapted from [*The Lee Bros. Southern Cookbook*](#)

1 1/2 cups (about 6 ounces) grated extra-sharp Cheddar cheese
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick or 2 ounces) unsalted butter, softened and cut into 4 pieces
3/4 cup flour, plus more for dusting
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1 tablespoon half-and-half, cream, or milk

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. In a food processor, combine the cheese, butter, flour, salt and red pepper in five 5-second pulses until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add the half-and-half and process until the dough forms a ball, about 10 seconds.
3. On a lightly floured surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll the dough into an 8- by 10-inch rectangle that is 1/8-inch thick. With a sharp knife (or a pizza or pastry wheel; both worked great), cut the dough into thin 8-inch strips, each 1/4- to 1/3-inch wide (dipping the knife in flour after every few inches ensures a clean cut). Gently transfer the strips to an ungreased cookie sheet (though I lined mine with parchment), leaving at least 1/4-inch between them. The dough may sag or may break occasionally in the transfer, but don't be concerned — just do your best. The straws can be any length, from 2 to 10 inches.
4. Bake the straws on the middle rack for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the ends are barely browned. Remove from the oven and set the cookie sheet on a rack to cool.
5. Serve at room temperature. Cheese straws will keep in the refrigerator, in a sealed container, for two days. They will not last an hour at a party. Or on your porch.



And now for your favorite part:

Our wine recommendation comes from Lindsey Crawford, owner of the WineHaus on Park Place next to Chadra.

I would suggest a Washington State Merlot with this homemade cheddar snack. Washington Merlots are bright, luscious and slightly earthy. It's smooth texture, mild acid, with nice black cherry and raspberry notes.

Here at WineHaus we are looking to reopen in April, but I will keep you all posted on a more exact date on my website (www.winehausfw.com) and WineHaus's facebook page. Looking forward to see all of my neighborhood friends very soon at the Haus.

Cheers!

Lindsey, Wine Haus

Submitted by Stephanie Gutierrez



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COOKING DEMONSTRATION

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MARCH 19

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Northwest YMCA

MARCH 31

2 - 3 p.m.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

The Stayton

To RSVP and to learn more, visit bluezonesproject.com

MORE EVENTS WILL BE ADDED IN THE FUTURE.



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Snow Day Survival Stories

The last week in February 2015 will be remembered by the snow and ice event that brought most of our usual activities to a halt. In an attempt to fulfill one of the RPIA's missions, that of course being education, I thought I would collect "survival stories" from friends and neighbors so that we can be prepared when the next snow week happens.

We have been lucky that our electricity and other utilities have continued to function. Without the basics our options would be limited to amount of battery power available in our various electronic devices.

Preparations – Sunday

- A visit to the Kroger for a couple of day's worth of comfort food.
- Make sure your Netflix account is paid up.

Entertainment Days – Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

- ESPN's coverage of the NFL Scouting Combine, a test of endurance for the football player and for the home TV viewer;
- PBS' Downton Abbey, are you getting as tired of drippy, dreary Edith as I am?;
- The 87th Annual Academy Oscars telecast, can you believe they have been doing that for 87 years;
- Various TV streaming opportunities

Judy Holland tells me there is a cooking show on Food Network where contestants are given an odd match of ingredients and given a prize for the best concoction they can come up with. And by Tuesday Judy kinda felt like that, since Fiesta doesn't deliver. She made hot chocolate with watered down canned milk which wasn't too bad. Judy's choice for lunch was "Don't Ask Stew."

Wednesday

- Delayed school two hours, one mother told me "the school district shouldn't fool around, either have school or not!"
- Afternoon thaw gave us all time to have a quick Benito's lunch!

Thursday – Out of the woods, return to normal life activities. These snow/ice events seldom repeat in a season much less a week!

Friday & Saturday – Enough is enough already! The good news is that House of Cards, Season 3 became available on Netflix Friday.

Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor



REAL ESTATE CORNER

Submitted by Jeff Anderson, neighbor

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3021 Willing Avenue	1,218	1938	2	2	164,000
3032 6th Avenue	1,324	1946	3	2	225,000
3025 Ryan Place Dr	1,862	1928	3	2	340,000
2533 Ryan Avenue	2,440	2014	3	2.1	355,000
2518 5th Avenue	2,937	1922	4	2	399,900
2521 5th Avenue	2,838	1918	3	3	409,000
2900 6th Avenue	3,990	1929	4	2.1	599,000
1111 Elizabeth Blvd	3,856	1916	4	3.1	724,500
2501 S. Adams	2,867	2003	3	2.1	Contract
3004 8th Avenue	1,012	1947	3	1	Contract
2907 5th Avenue	1,871	1946	2	2	Contract
2739 6th Avenue	1,955	1931	3	2	Sold
2418 5th Avenue	3,068	1925	3	2.1	Sold
2412 Ryan Avenue	892	1944	2	1	Sold
2725 Willing Avenue	2,888	2014	4	3	Sold
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As a resident of Fort Worth, you have the benefit of participating in the Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. This program provides property owners with FREE 5-gallon trees (courtesy of the *Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Dept.*) for planting in the parkways (the strip between the curb and sidewalk).

The number of trees you are eligible for is based on available space in your parkway. All participants will be responsible for planting and watering the trees until they are fully established.

For more information, visit: **www.FortWorthTexas.gov/forestry**
Contact the **Ryan Place Tree Program Coordinator** (Brian McCorquodale) at 817-907-0272 or **hp.brian@gmail.com** for questions or to receive an electronic sign-up form.

NOTE: The personal information you provide will be kept confidential and used strictly for Tree Program purposes.

1. NAME: _____
2. ADDRESS: _____
3. EMAIL: _____
4. PHONE: _____
5. HOW MANY TREES ARE YOU REQUESTING?: _____
6. Please select the tree(s) that you prefer and write the name on the "Preference" line below. Be sure to state how many trees you are requesting. There is no guarantee that you will receive the tree you request. However, we will try our best to fulfill your request based on tree availability.

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| a.) BALD CYPRESS | f.) MEXICAN BUCKEYE |
| b.) CEDAR ELM | g.) MEXICAN WHITE OAK |
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| d.) EVE'S NECKLACE | i.) RED OAK |
| e.) LIVE OAK | |

1ST PREFERENCE: _____ HOW MANY: _____

2ND PREFERENCE: _____ HOW MANY: _____

3RD PREFERENCE: _____ HOW MANY: _____

PLEASE WRITE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Brian McCorquodale
Ryan Place Tree Program Coordinator



Your parent(s) want to stay in their home, yet you begin to see signs that they need assistance. Although you try to be there as much as your schedule allows, you cannot help on a daily basis and maintain the balance you need in your life. Help with transportation, cooking, cleaning, and medication reminders could make life better for them and take some pressure off you. The solution can be found with an in-home care agency.

Here are some keys to identifying the best agencies:

- The agency should be licensed by the state, bonded and insured.
- Their caregivers should be employees of the agency, not contract labor.
- Background checks should be done continuously per company policy on all employees.
- You should be able to speak to the owner of the company if and when you need to speak to them.
- The agency will carry "hired, non-owned" automobile insurance in addition to general liability if any transportation is required.
- Use locally owned agencies. Franchises are popping up everywhere and the bar is not high to get one. Locally owned agencies have their personal and professional reputation to uphold.
- Make sure the agency you choose has been in business for at least 5 -10 years.

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