

Ryan Place Newsletter

October 2014

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RPIA President's Update

Hi Neighbors,

It was a delightful sight to see SO MANY neighbors turn up for the Special Called Meeting on September 15th. It confirmed my belief that the neighborhood still cares for a structure that can represent us as a whole. Ryan Place Improvement Association has a new set of bylaws! These will take effect at the Annual Meeting in November. The Nominating Committee is working on selecting a complete new Board of Directors. Their focus is on the Directors of functions, and the new street Directors will still be elected by a caucus of the individual streets. I ask the current Street Directors and their respective neighbors, to help in selecting who they, the streets, want as their new Street Director. Canvas, chat, and discuss, who will best represent you in the next year or two, then offer these names to the Nominating Committee for the slate. This will help facilitate the selection process. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in November.

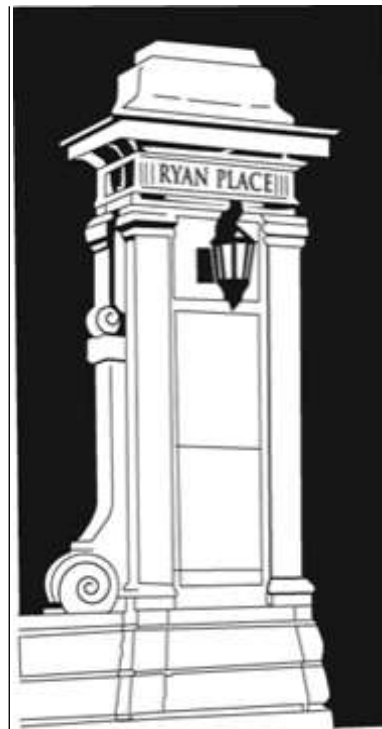
An update on the Circles: the City and RPIA are still in discussion about the best way to handle the drainage issues. A hold was placed on the work, as all parties needed be in concurrence with final solution; one that can be maintained in perpetuity. Please be patient.

We will have a fun filled October, with a Wine Party, BBQ and Fall Fest. Check out the details on the web site and newsletter. Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place is soon upon us. This will be an exciting event, and RPIA is joining in by supporting the Saturday event for the neighborhood.

Long Range Planning/Strategic Planning is back on the books for this fall. This document should be presented in the next few months to the Board of Directors for their approval or revision. Then the plan will be presented to the neighborhood for their input and revisions.

For those who want to be involved, either on a small or large scale, there is ALWAYS someplace, something, or someone that needs a hand or voice. Let RPIA know your interest and your efforts will be much appreciated.

Submitted by Terri West, RPIA President



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**Ryan Place Improvement
Association Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7 pm
at St. John's Mitchell Hall**

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RPIA MEETING

Monday, October 20
7 PM
St. John's Episcopal Church Mitchell Hall
(enter on Page St.)

Take a minute and write your check or go online 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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If you do not receive a Newsletter, please contact

Distribution Managers:

Steven and Heather Dills

at 682-220-3482

NEWSLETTER submission deadline:

NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Friday, October 17

rpianewsletter@yahoo.com 817-996-0675

All submissions are subject to editorial review and approval.



Ryan Place Neighborhood –Fort Worth

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Event Notices	Crime Watch

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Code Blue / COPs Coordinator	
Calvin Clayton	817-392-3973
Animal Control	817-994-4208
Graffiti Abatement	817-212-2700
Streetlight Outages	817-392-8100

NEW Sustaining Members

Names included below have contributed since the last NEWSLETTER.

Friend

Joseph Cowart & Michelle Boes
Rebecca Davila
Kendal & Alan Lake
Chris & Peggy Maranuk
Anne & Jay Menninger
Mary & Bob Weathers

Neighbor

Tanya & David Claire
Teresa Crafton
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Mail to: RPIA
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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.

Compassionate Healthcare is the premier home care agency in Fort Worth. We take great pride in the ability to serve you and your family. We would love to come visit with you and your loved ones about our service and see if we may be of assistance.

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Yard of the Month

The McCullers family has made me a believer...it's fall! I love the colorful way they have transformed their yard into autumn's bounty. Truly, I must wax poetic and quote Emily Dickinson's *Autumn*:

The morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.



Submitted by Lisa Pena, neighbor

Timely Tips for September Gardeners from Calloway's

Usher in the autumn season with creative displays for indoors or out! Pumpkins, gourds and bales of hay all started arriving in our stores in late September. Combine them with pots of mums and other blooming color and a transformation quickly occurs! Create an eye-catching vignette in your landscape with bales of hay, a scarecrow or two, multiple sizes of pumpkins and pots of garden mums or other seasonal color. Create a pyramid of pumpkins and squash by selecting different colors and stacking them one on top of the other. Simply displaying a "pile" of pumpkins in the same color palette and different sizes will draw ones eye and interest to an area of your landscape.

Color creations filled with blooming or colorful foliage plants can be used on patios and porches. Freshen up existing containers and nestle an interesting pumpkin or gourd in amongst the plants. You can also fill a favorite container or pot with a mixture of produce for a simple, impressive look!

If you did not apply a pre-emergent herbicide to your lawn in September apply it by the first two weeks of October. You should also fertilize your St. Augustine or Bermuda lawn no later than the first week of October.

October is bulb buying month. They are in fresh supply, and provide welcome late winter and early spring color for the yard. Bulbs which can be planted right after purchasing include daffodils and smaller flowered jonquils species, tulips and grape hyacinths. The larger showy tulips and hyacinths need to be refrigerated at least 45 to 60 days to provide enough chilling to bloom properly. Plant them in late November or early December.

Saturdays, 10:15 am

Oct. 4 - Fall Displays in the Landscape

Oct. 11 - Long Lasting Fall and Winter Color for Texas Landscapes

Oct. 18 - Fall Grasses for Texas Gardens

Oct. 25 - Spring Bulbs Fall Planting

*Information courtesy of Calloway's Nursery ©2014,
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A Big Apple Neighborhood

We just returned from a trip to a city that's shape has been defined by its street grid. Soon after the city was founded and its expansion went beyond its northern wall, a surveyor laid out the structure upon which the city would grow. Avenues running north-south and streets intersecting at right angles and running east-west. Hills, creeks, forests, lakes didn't matter. The city would soon cover it all. All of the island would be developed. Sometimes over and over again. But with a few exceptions that street grid would control the shape of the city.

It would seem to the casual viewer of prime time television that New York City is the most dangerous place in the United States. But, in fact, it is not even close to the most dangerous. Why? Community policing activities are certainly a factor. But I think the main reason is because the city is just a very large collection of many separate neighborhoods anchored by the street grid. To the tourist, especially from the top of a tour bus, that connection is difficult to see. But spending a week or two in one place. (Our "place" was my cousin's apartment in mid-town near the United Nations). Dropping into the same corner convenience store (the Starbucks was an additional block away) each morning for a coffee and breakfast burrito shows how, even in that short time, the neighbors begin to recognize you as a person to be looked after and to be trusted to do the same.

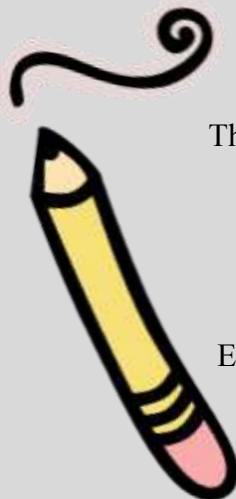
Building a city the size of New York or Manhattan is something that would never happen in Fort Worth or in Texas for that matter. But building and maintaining a neighborhood, though difficult, should not be that hard. After all we have the street grid. Knowing and watching out for our neighbors and depending on those neighbors to watch out for each other is something we all do. Our neighborhood organization augments that with activities designed to build connections to our home in Ryan Place.

We may not have the most people or the tallest buildings, but we have a darn good neighborhood.

Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor



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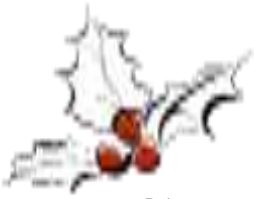
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Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place

Save the Date! Tour: Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7

Progressive Dinner: Friday, December 5

The planning of this year's Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Home Tour is well under way! The 2014 home tour will highlight the architectural work of Wiley G. Clarkson. Wiley G. Clarkson was a prolific Fort Worth architect that started his career soon after John C. Ryan began developing Ryan Place. Many of Clarkson's finest examples of residential work are right here in our neighborhood. His architecture helped define the character and style of Ryan Place. In addition to his breathtaking residential portfolio, Clarkson is also responsible for numerous architecturally significant buildings throughout Fort Worth; including the Sinclair Building, First United Methodist Church, the Masonic Temple and many more. His contribution to the City of Fort Worth's rich architectural history is paramount, and as the tour nears we look forward to showcasing the work of Wiley G. Clarkson and hope to see you all there!

Submitted by the CCRP Board



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YTD RPIA Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Lllisa Lewis, Treasurer

L.lewis0801@icloud.com

Net Revenue YTD	\$14,279.68
Newsletter Advertising Sales	\$5,380.00
Event Advertising Revenue	\$0.00
Crime communication Prevention	\$0.00
Sustaining Membership Contributions	\$8,899.68
Net Expenses YTD	\$15,602.97
Newsletter Printing	\$4,917.75
Newsletter Distribution	\$1,582.70
Web Domain set up	\$192.00
Constant Contact	\$0.00
D&O Insurance	\$0.00
PO Box Rental	\$100.00
Circles & 8th Ave Gates Water & Irrigation	\$1,120.98
Parks & Gate Maintenance	\$5,160.40
Irrigation Repairs	\$645.34
Neighborhood Welcome	\$80.11
Office Supplies	\$207.44
Misc. (paypal)	\$40.38
Membership fees	\$535.00
Event Expense Paid	\$715.32
Traffic Research Impact Fee	\$90.00
NET INCOME YTD	(\$1,323.29)

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FALL FEST!

Mark your calendars for October 25th, 6-9 pm, for a combination of Street Dance, Chili Cook-off and Chili Dinner. Right after Boo on the Boulevard the music starts. Don your favorite Halloween costume, and come to our own version of MONSTER MASH. Not only a chili cook-off, but by request, a full chili dinner. That aromatic bowl of southwest flavor with trimmings and drink. Buy your chili dinner ticket and enjoy! Event has been moved to Daggett Park for safety reasons and to be closer to BOO on the Boulevard.



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- Spread the Word
- Host an Event
- Become a Respite Provider



For more information contact
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boo on the boolevard

Saturday, October 25

- Trick-or-Treating
- Face Painting
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Prizes
- Games
- Crafts

4pm - 6pm

Daggett Elementary Parking Lot
(St. John's Church in the event of bad weather)

Monster Mash Dance & Chili Cookoff
will follow

6pm - 9pm



Costume Contest
- open to children ages 0-9.
Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.
Age categories will include 0-2, 3-5 and 6-9.
Winners will be announced at 6pm.

Please note:

If you plan to attend Boo on the Boolevard,
drop off one bag of individually wrapped candy to
2619 S. Adams St #B by Thursday, October 23.
Be sure to attach a note with your child's name and age.

If no one is home, feel free to leave it on the porch. Also, you will need to bring a bag or plastic pumpkin to the event for trick-or-treating.

We need volunteers!

If you can work a "booth", please e-mail, text, call, or Facebook me with the time you can work.

We would like to fill 30 minute slots, so if you could let us know (4-4:30pm, 4:30-5pm, 5-5:30pm, 5:30-6pm), we would appreciate it very much!

Mikki Clinnin (312) 203-2911

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FREE EVENTS



October 10

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==== *Fridays from 7-10 p.m.* ====

November 14

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NOON TO 10 P.M.

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ARTISTS

80

BANDS

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Questions? Megan Henderson
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Yours,

Jeff Anderson, neighbor and realtor

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2900 6th Avenue	4 bed	2.1 bath	3,990 sqft	\$599,000
2418 5th Avenue	3 bed	2.1 bath	3,068 sqft	\$445,000
2725 Willing Avenue	4 bed	3 bath	2,888 sqft	\$435,000
2533 Ryan Avenue	3 bed	2.1 bath	2,440 sqft	\$355,000
2500 Willing Avenue	3 bed	2 bath	2,190 sqft	\$350,000
2317 6th Avenue	3 bed	2 bath	3,491 sqft	\$335,000
2311 Alston Avenue	4 bed	2 bath	1,890 sqft	\$209,500
2625 Ryan Place Drive	3 bed	2 bath	1,616 sqft	\$190,000
3021 Willing Avenue	2 bed	2 bath	1,218 sqft	\$169,000
1418 Elizabeth Blvd	4 bed	2.1 bath	3,384 sqft	Contract
2416 Ryan Place Drive	4 bed	2.1 bath	3,657 sqft	Contract
2601 Ryan Place Drive	3 bed	2 bath	1,711 sqft	Contract
3021 Ryan Avenue	2 bed	1 bath	1,148 sqft	Contract
2925 5th Avenue	4 bed	2.1 bath	1,992 sqft	SOLD
3025 Ryan Place Drive	3 bed	1.1 bath	1,862 sqft	SOLD
2924 Ryan Place Drive	2 bed	2 bath	1,480 sqft	SOLD

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions In Effect

Monday -

No watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems.

Tuesday & Friday -

Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas)

Wednesday & Saturday -

Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

Thursday & Sunday -

Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

For additional information please go to the City's website:

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/savefwwater/irrigation/>

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RYAN PLACE - FREE TREE PROGRAM SIGN-UP FORM

*** Please fill-out this form and return it to 2519 5th Ave. ***
Submission Deadline = October 31, 2014

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 |
| c.) CHINQUAPIN OAK | h.) REDBUD |
| d.) DESERT WILLOW | 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



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National Night Out in Ryan Place

Tuesday, October 7 * 6 pm (and lasting until about 7:30pm) * 2600 6th Avenue

This may be a first (at least in recent memory)... Ryan Place is participating in National Night Out this year. Our RP NNO will be as big as we all make it... but expect a bit of fun! While we are still in the early planning stages, we expect to host a potluck dinner outside and a chance for a little neighborly camaraderie while we are making a crime prevention statement. Definitely turn your front porch light on that evening, if you don't already do that.

The location is 2600 6th Avenue. Please bring whatever you'd like to drink, a food item to share, chairs or blankets. More details will be posted in the Ryan Place Neighborhood - Fort Worth group on Facebook and also on our snazzy new website: ryanplacefortworth.com.

Questions? Suggestions? Offers to help? Speak up on Facebook or contact me (details below). Thanks!

Submitted by Kris Savage savage.kris@gmail.com ~~ text or call 817-507-6742



RYAN PLACE FALL BBQ EVENT



Sunday October 12 * 2 - 6 pm

Home of Javier and Patricia Rodriguez, 2531 S Adams

Organized by: Tim Keith

We are all set for the 3rd and final BBQ event for this year. It will be held Sunday, October 12th at the home of Javier and Patricia Rodriguez between 2 and 5 pm. Thank you Javier and Patricia for hosting the fall BBQ event!!! We will try to eat around 3 pm. As always this is a BYOB event and please bring your own lawn chairs or something to sit on. Please feel free to get with Tim Keith with any questions or concerns. A list of what people are bringing is posted on the event page on the Ryan Place Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1523574777859470>.

For those of you who have not been to one of these here is what you need to know. Anyone from the neighborhood is invited to come, feel free to bring a dish of your favorite picnic appetizer/side/dessert. We tend to always have just about the right amount of food. This is a kid friendly event, we usually have some type of entertainment for them such as horseshoes or a bounce house. Bring your own chair and it's BYOB. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and eat some great food!! We typically have around 60-70 people for these events. If you have any questions please let Tim Keith know at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1523574777859470>.

ELECTION TIME!!

Monday, November 17, 7 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church Mitchell Hall

Neighbors, the Nominating Committee is putting together a complete new slate of officers, under a new set of Bylaws. Twenty one spots must be filled. It will help if the Streets themselves start by deciding who may be best to represent them. The Street Directors have always been selected by a caucus vote at the Annual Meeting in November. To have your interest best represented, start the process NOW! Discuss amongst yourselves who will best voice your concerns and wishes. Give these names to the Nominating Committee (Chris Gee, Chair, Ruth Karbach, Diane Zemkowski, Tim Keith, Christina Elbitar) and COME VOTE in November.

Submitted by Terri West, RPIA President

Ryan Place Wine Gathering



Tuesday, October 14

6 - 9 pm

Texas White House Bed & Breakfast

1417 8th Ave.

Join your neighbors for a gathering to enjoy and discuss wines of all types. Please bring a bottle to share, and if you feel inclined to prepare something, an hors d'oeuvres would be a great compliment as well. The Texas White House will provide some refreshments and sides. Prosit!

Organized by Lamar Brown, Neighbor

NEWS FROM OUR NPO

Well it looks like we survived the summer! It was an eventful one but not as eventful as others that I've experienced. The summers we experienced here 11–13 years ago were some of the most grueling, action packed, horrific, and glorious days of my career. Those nights that we endured were glaring reminders of why I decided to become a police officer to begin with. I'm glad those days are over. Don't get me wrong. I enjoy the chase and the apprehension of bad guys today just as I did when I was a "boot" with just a year under my belt. I still get that adrenaline dump when we jump on a hot call or have a car chase. I still get that tingle of excitement when we catch a bad guy or are able to return someone's stolen property. That makes me feel like I did when I first started. I'll never lose that. I feel that there ever comes a day that I do lose that it will be time for me to hang it up. I just don't see that happening though.

While I do miss the nonstop action that every shift seemed to bring I'm also grateful that these neighborhoods have come light years from what it used to be. For those of you who have been here for 15–20 plus years you know exactly what I'm talking about. Those of you who weren't here wouldn't understand. West Magnolia was not the vibrant attraction of restaurants, offices, and wine bars that it is now. West Rosedale was far from that as well. Hemphill was what we considered a target rich environment. All we had to decide was how busy we wanted to be for that shift. We couldn't go two blocks without driving up on a felony arrest. There was always somebody being robbed, assaulted, or shot and drug use and sales along Hemphill were the norm. There was always someone wanting to fight us. When I say us I mean all of us. The team of officers that I worked with back then were the most hard-working, brave, caring, and determined officers that I've ever had the pleasure of working alongside. It was a true honor. It was a diverse group of men and women but our goal was the same. Clean this place up. I was a 23-year-old rookie back then and our area went all the way south to West Seminary. I remember thinking that these neighborhoods were just not going to get better. I remember thinking that it was always going to be like this no matter what we did or how hard we worked. I wondered why this was. Why was crime taking over these neighborhoods? The answer was obvious. The Victorian Inn. Built in 1921 it was a two-story historical landmark that became neglected and turned into nothing short of a cesspool of crime. I don't know when or how this place turned into the criminal dwelling it became but it was obvious it morphed into that long before my arrival to the area. Our goal as a team was to put as much pressure on that place as we could. We made dozens and dozens of arrests from and around there. Going into those rooms inside the Victorian was a biohazard situation every single time. The rooms were never maintained it seemed. The prostitutes, drug dealers, pimps, and criminals in hiding turned that place into their haven and were dug in like Texas-sized ticks. It worked out perfectly. The criminals were dug in and the officers of Ida District located at 1000 West Magnolia loved catching criminals. It was a match made in heaven. They ran we chased. They fought we fought back. We put them in jail and they'd come right back and we'd do it all over again. Night after night and day after day we came in numbers. The problem was that the issues of this dungeon of misdeed affected the surrounding neighborhoods.

Fairmount was in their crosshairs. Burglars and thieves preyed upon Fairmount much more back then than we see today. After enough arrests were made and vigorous attention was given to Victorian it finally got shut down and it was boarded up back in 2007. The City of Fort Worth finally came down on the owner and tried to get the owner to make repairs to keep it up to code. What a monumental task that turned out to be. Unsurmountable repairs and fines finally did the place in. Success was felt with each board put up on the windows and doors.

The hard work was done not only by the FWPD, Code Enforcement, and other city officials. The neighborhood had had enough. They said, "No more!" They weren't going to take it anymore as they shouldn't. We did hear their voices that later turned into a roar. Our supervisors along with Code Enforcement were given a task and they rested it on our eager shoulders. We were ready for the challenge and we all took the fight to the miscreants that had invaded Fairmount. Let's be honest. The people who we took to jail and put away for long periods of time were not Fairmount residents. They were invaders and struck fear into the neighborhoods and they had their way for far too long. Many were hardened and career criminals who wouldn't think twice of cutting or shooting someone over a measly two dollars. They realized at some point that their days of reaping havoc were numbered. It got to the point that when we'd drive into the parking lot with our pretty lights whirling and piercing sirens people would scatter like roaches in every direction. They got sick of dealing with us. That was the whole idea. When the Victorian finally boarded up it wasn't the end of the story. Criminals simply took off some of the boards and continued staying there in a futile attempt to continue their ways. We picked them off one by one during the following years. It wasn't until their lair mysteriously burned down almost 5 years later that the curse of that place was finally lifted. Victorian Inn was gone. Lost among the ashes was a history that many don't remember. What should have been a prosperous and historic monument of Fairmount instead turned into a house of horrors. It was abused and neglected. Sadly the only closure for such an eye sore was to watch as it fell to a fiery heap. The only thing that stands now is a Northern Realty For Sale sign. Among the grass and weeds covering the still visible parking lot at one point stood a place that I'll never forget. I learned a lot from Victorian Inn. There was a lot of history there. However, it's a history that many would rather forget.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Trash	2	3	4 Yom Kippur
5	6	7 National Night Out Event, 6-7:30 pm	8 Trash	9	10 Friday on the Green, 7-10 pm	11 Arts Goggle, noon-10 pm
12 BBQ Event, 2-6 pm	13 Columbus Day	14 Wine Gathering, 6 pm	15 Trash	16	17	18
19	20 BIG TRASH RPIA Meeting, 7 pm	21 BIG TRASH	22 BIG TRASH Trash	23 BIG TRASH	24 BIG TRASH	25 BOO on the Boulevard, 4-6 pm Fall Fest, Chili Cook-off, 6-9 pm
26	27	28	29 Trash	30	31 Halloween	

A New Directory for Ryan Place!

The 'hows' are still being worked out, but we need to 'populate' our brand-new Ryan Place Directory with information—yours, please! Of course, it's an opt-in kind of thing. Feel free to give us as much information as you're comfortable sharing so that RP neighbors can find you and find out a little more about you. We hope to have a section for neighborhood service listings and nearby businesses, so if you're interested in that please also let us know by email (below).

The deadline for online input using the form link below is Friday, October 17.

Here's the link to submit your directory information: <http://bit.ly/1C119JG>

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