

#### RPIA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Welcome to spring in Ryan Place! The weather is finally starting to warm up so we can get outside to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood!

Our first fun event of this year is the spring BBQ and General Meeting on Sunday, March 18. The Ryan Place BBQ Company will cook BBQ for the entire neighborhood and RPIA provides the meat and a bounce house for the kids to enjoy. We'll block off 5th Ave from Elizabeth Blvd. to Jessamine. This is a general meeting for RPIA, so we will have some brief introductions as well.

This is a great time for everyone to come out to meet your neighbors. If you are new to the neighborhood and want to learn about RPIA, or if you just want to come eat some BBQ, plan on joining us. This is a free event, paid for by RPIA. There will also be music and maybe another appearance by the snow cone truck! I hope to see you there!

RPIA's major project right now is improving Daggett Park, and I hope to provide an update to the neighborhood next month. We are working with the city to get our park plan approved, and then we will be moving forward with the improvements. Stay tuned!

The next event after the General Meeting will be the Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt. It will be on Saturday, March 31, at 10 a.m. at 1111 Elizabeth Blvd. We will have breakfast foods, coffee, orange juice, and maybe a surprise for the adults. Bring your kids and their Easter baskets for the largest Easter egg hunt in Ryan Place!

We need donations to provide these events for the neighborhood, so please donate as you can.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these event and around the neighborhood!

Cade Lovelace, President RPIA

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Daylight Savings Begins March 11 • First Day of Spring is March 20

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Fort Worth Police Dept. (non-emergency) 817-392-4222

**NPO 8 on Magnolia** 817-871-8885

Officer Sergio Guadarrama 817-944-1316 (cell) 817-392-3619 (office)

**Code Compliance** 

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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

Do you have an idea for something you'd like to see in the Ryan Place Newsletter? Recipes from your neighbors? Photos from neighborhood events? We want to hear your suggestions! Email **rpianewsletter@yahoo.com** and let us know what you'd like to read about!

The Ryan Place 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**.

#### THIS MONTH IN RYAN PLACE

# JOIN US FOR A BQ

### **Block Party and RPIA General Meeting**

Sunday, March 18, 2-5 p.m.

2300 Block of 5th Avenue
All Neighbors Invited!
Barbecue & Bounce House Provided By RPIA



#### Cook Children's Centennial

This month marks the **100th anniversary of Cook Children's Medical Center!** During the week of March 18-24, Cooks is asking that anyone who has been touched by their services light up the outside of their home with their colors of blue and/or green. Anything from a simple porch light to Christmas lights to a display worthy of their windows on Rosedale would show the impact of this community anchor across our community.

Share your lights on social media with the hashtag #cook100years.



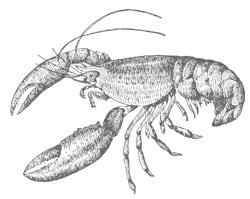
#### Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. at 1111 Elizabeth Blvd.

Grab the little ones and their Easter baskets and join us for breakfast foods, coffee, orange juice and a surprise for the adults!

#### Save the Date for the Ryan Place Crawfish Boil!

The Ryan Place Crawfish Boil is on for 2018! The event will be held at **Daggett Park on Saturday, May 5, from 4-8 p.m.**, complete with all the crawfish, sausage, corn, and potatoes you can eat! For your entertainment, Whiskey Pants will be making a return and will play from 5-8 p.m. There will be a bounce house for the kids, and of course, "the horse". The cost is \$35 per household. (So, if you have five people in your house the cost is \$35 total. If you have two people in your house the cost is \$35 total.) Any \$35 donation to RPIA between January 1 and May 5 will count as you cover charge. Please bring your favorite chair, cooler, and perhaps pop-up tent, and we will see you at the Crawfish Boil!



#### SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Last year 165 households contributed \$15,148 in support of:

- Neighborhood Newsletter and Website
- Parks and Infrastructure Improvements
- Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place
- Family and Children's Events

- Beautification of the Entrances, Streets, and Parks
- Welcome Program
- Adult Socials
- Promotion and Protection of Historic Ryan Place

Every neighbor, newcomer, and board member who donated last year is appreciated, and our hope is that all of you will donate again this year during the **membership campaign now through the May 5th Crawfish Boil finale**, and other neighbors will join in to set a record number of contributors to enjoy our activities and improve our neighborhood.

Every donation of \$35 or more to RPIA entitles that household's members to attend the Crawfish Boil on May 5th. Tim Keith is tweaking the event to be even better than last year. You may contribute by completing the form below and sending it and your check in the envelope enclosed in the newsletter or by donating online via the website.

Ruth H. Karbach, Director of Membership

# **SUBMIT YOUR 2018 DONATION TO RPIA!**

1. Select your level of donation:				
\$35: Good Neighbor	_ \$100: Builder	_ \$200: Patron	Other	
2. Submit payment via:				
Check to RPIA	_ RyanPlaceFortWorth.com (2.	9% processing fee)		
3. A little bit about you:				
Name(s) to be listed in the Newsletter: _				
Address:				
Phone:				
Email:				
Are you interested in learning about volunteer opportunities? Yes No				

Please mail the completed form to RPIA, P. O. Box 11122, Fort Worth, TX 76110.

#### GRAB YOUR RECYCLABLES AND BUILD WITH DAD!

Do you have a little one who loves to build? How about a toddler who finds old cereal boxes and yogurt cups more interesting than that new toy you just bought? If so, grab your (clean!) recyclable items and head to the Fort Worth Central Library for Build with Dad, every second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.!

When Ryan Place resident Ben Fort noticed that his toddler was fascinated by the contents of the recycling bin, he decided to start a program that would encourage her and other little ones to use those items to build something new. Fort says it's a great event for dads (or grandpas, uncles, family friends, or any male with kids), whether they be a left-brained engineer or a right-brained artist.

Build with Dad is free and open to any male caregiver and their child(ren). Attendees are encouraged to bring a few recyclable items with them. The March program will take place Saturday, March

10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Discovery Theater of the Fort Worth Central Library. Build with Dad is connected with the Tarrant County Dads Group of Fort Worth Moms Blog Facebook network.



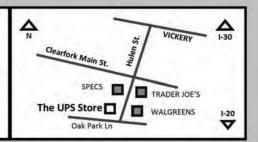
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#### AROUND FORT WORTH

Improvements coming to trails near Panther Island Pavilion: The Tarrant Regional Water District has begun making improvements to the grounds on the north shore of Panther Island Pavilion. As part of these improvements, the existing, narrow and broken 6-foot-wide concrete trail will be replaced with an 11-foot-wide concrete trail. Temporary fencing will be in place during construction and trail users are asked to use the trail reroute around the back side of the Haws Athletic Center, 600 Congress St. Signage will be in place leading up to and along the reroute. Construction is estimated to last through mid-April.

Water Gardens: fortworth.com/things-to-do/attractions/fort-worth-water-gardens

**Community Recreation** 

Athletics: fortworthtexas.gov/athletics
Community Centers: fortworthtexas.gov/parks/centers
Fishing: fortworthtexas.gov/parks/fishing
Parks & Trails: fortworthtexas.gov/parks/info
Pools & Aquatics: fortworthtexas.gov/aquatics

Tennis: mclelandtennis.org

**Programs** 

Forestry: fortworthtexas.gov/forestry
Graffiti Abatement: fortworthtexas.gov/parks/graffiti



#### IN THE ZONE...

The city promotes orderly growth and land use while protecting existing property owners by grouping together compatible development — a practice known as zoning. Before land is developed in the city, it must be zoned and platted. Property in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) is subject to platting only. The Zoning Commission reviews all zoning requests and City Council approves or denies the request after receiving recommendations.

#### What is Zoning?

Zoning is the city's tool to implement the Land Use component of the city's Comprehensive Plan. Through the use of district classifications, zoning helps to regulate land use, promote orderly growth, and protect existing property owners by ensuring a convenient, attractive and functional community. The City Council along with several city boards and commissions, especially the Zoning Commission, make decisions on land uses, compatibility and other zoning matters. The purpose of zoning land in the City of Fort Worth is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public. The Zoning regulations and districts have been adopted in accordance with a comprehensive plan and have been designed to:

- Lessen traffic congestion
- Provide safety from fire, panic, and other dangers
- Provide adequate light and air

- Prevent overcrowding of land
- Avoid undue concentration of population
- Provide and facilitate adequate provisions for transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements

#### Why is Zoning Needed?

A city must have a blueprint to locate streets, parks and business and residential areas. Zoning is the city's tool that allows various land uses, promotes orderly growth and protects existing property owners by ensuring a convenient, attractive community. City Council along with several city boards and commissions composed of citizen volunteers, make decisions on how to zone property and on other zoning matters.

Find out more: fortworthtexas.gov/zoning

#### SO YOU FOUND A LOST DOG...

by Hayley Spinks

Ryan Place is home to many dog lovers, and hopefully they all have an Identification tag with owner contact information. If you have a dog, consider having an ID tag or ID collar made. You can do this at most local pet stores or order one online. But what do you do if you find a stray dog that doesn't have a tag or collar ID?

1. Find a safe place for the dog off the street. If you cannot keep it yourself, find a neighbor or friend that can help. A well-fenced backyard, crate, garage, laundry room, bathroom, or baby gates can help work around most concerns. It is recommended to keep a found dog separate from your pets.

Hopefully, you will be able to find the owner fairly quickly! You should ask for proof of ownership before returning the dog. Have them send you photos, describe the collar the dog was wearing, or show vet bills to prove ownership. Consider meeting them in a public place.

If the animal does not have an identification tag, post a picture of the dog with your contact information on the Ryan Place Facebook page and Nextdoor app. Posting your information is helpful in case someone messages you and it goes to your "other box" or you don't have notifications on. The Nextdoor App is helpful because you can share the post with nearby neighbors. Some dogs just don't seem to stay within neighborhood boundaries. The Ryan Place Facebook page has the information in this article stored under files. Look for "So you found a Dog."

When posting information about a found dog, Include: date and location found; gender; collar/tags; if you've scanned for microchip yet (people will ask); photo (consider taking collar off for the picture in case you need the owner to describe it); contact information for you (cell phone or email).

**2. Scan for a microchip.** This can be done free-of-cost at any vet. Southside Animal Clinic is nearby and open on Saturdays until 2 p.m., and Banfield in Petsmart is open late most days. Emergency Vets are open 24 hours (Southside Vet: 817.923.6719).

Ryan Place is fortunate to have a microchip scanner bought by neighbors who love animals. Anne Kline is currently the friendly neighbor who keeps the scanner. You can reach her at 817-734-6820. Good Neighbors Animal Rescue also has a scanner and you can reach them via Facebook.

3. Let the local animal shelters know that you found a dog. Taking animals in off the street is great, but their owners are unlikely to find their dog unless you jump through a few hoops. Send a poster with information about the dog to the Humane Society and Animal Control, post to the lost dog pages on Facebook, and make a poster at one of the sites listed below:

#### **Humane Society of North Texas**

817.332.4768 ext. 108 lostandfound@hsnt.org Twitter: @HSNTLostPet

#### Fort Worth Animal Care and Control

817-392-1234

fortworthtexas.gov/animals/foundpets Email lost dog poster to Kelly.Dean@fortworthtexas.gov

#### Lost dog Facebook pages:

Good Neighbors Animal Rescue Hey! That's My Dog Lost and Found Pets in Fort Worth and Tarrant County Lost and Founds Pets - Boomer's group

#### Make a Poster:

LostMyDoggie.com Lost Dogs of Texas on Facebook

You can also enter information about the dog on PawBoost.com and the site will push the information out to its "rescue squad" and Facebook page.

Print the poster and post it in the area where the dog was found, as not everyone is on Facebook. Hanging posters may seem outdated, but it works! Just make sure you do not hang anything on our beautiful Ryan Place street lights.

#### 4. If no owner has been found don't give up.

Contact a rescue group that may support you while you foster the dog and continue to look for the owner. Keeping a found dog while you look for the owner keeps them out of the shelter. Just make sure you follow all the steps so that the owner has adequate time to find their pet. If all of these steps have been completed and adequate time has passed (at least two weeks), a rescue is your best bet to help the dog find a new forever home. Rescues will make sure they are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccines, and will screen applicants to ensure they will be in safe forever home.

## RYAN PLACE - FREE TREE PROGRAM SIGN-UP FORM

\*\*\* Please fill-out this form and return it to 2519 5th Ave. \*\*\*

Submission Deadline is March 30, 2018

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.

a.) Bald Cypress b.) Bur Oak c.) Cedar Elm d.) Chinese Pistache e.) Chinquapin Oak	f.) Live Oak g.) Mexican Buckeye h.) Mexican Oak i.) Texas Redbud j.) Shumard Oak
1ST PREFERENCE:	HOW MANY:
2 <sup>ND</sup> PREFERENCE:	HOW MANY:
3RD PREFERENCE:	HOW MANY:

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

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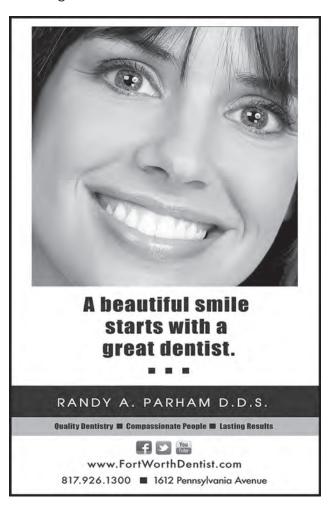




#### WEST ROBERT STREET

by Christopher Ebert

We know a lot about some of the streets in Ryan Place. From the western edge, there's Ryan Avenue, named after John Ryan; Willing Avenue, for the maiden name of John Ryan's wife, Elizabeth; Ryan Place Drive, named after John Ryan, and, of course, Elizabeth Boulevard, named after John Ryan's wife, Elizabeth. (Interestingly, I noticed on an 1910 Sanborn Map that W. Broadway Street was originally named Elizabeth!) The names of 5th and 6th Avenues are more or less self-explanatory. College Avenue passed by the long-gone Texas Wesleyan College, founded by the Methodist Church in 1881, was renamed Fort Worth University in 1889. It was on the site of the current FWISD, Tech High School. There are other streets that



neighborhood legends have mostly forgotten: Jessamine, Page, W. Cantey, W. Lowden, W. Bowie and the subject of this report, West Robert Street.

W. Robert Street continues west toward TCU before finally ending at Lubbock St., an important intersection because it was there that I learned to ride a bicycle around 1954. Drawing a straight line to the east, Robert St. lines up with Morningside Dr. across Hemphill, South Main St., and the South Freeway. E. Robert St. picks up again east of Morningside Elementary School, and is bisected by a railroad. It crosses Riverside Drive and two blocks later curls north into McCurdy St., never to be seen again.

It might be just a coincidence, but I believe the naming of W. Robert St. had something to do with Robert McCart. An attorney with Ross, Herd, and Ross Attorneys, McCart owned hundreds of acres where Arlington Heights would be developed. (McCart, for whom McCart Street is named, signed the bail bond for Luke Short after the Courtright shooting in 1887.) Maybe, just maybe, the mapmakers couldn't wait for the city to grow further south and just picked a small street in Ryan Place to honor Robert McCart.

So what's happening now on Robert Street? Several construction projects are in progress. At 1575 W. Robert Street construction of a new single-family house has begun with forms in place for a slab foundation. In the 1400 block, a green construction fence hides work being done at the rear of a house facing east. In the 1300 block there is a newly constructed garage with upstairs living quarters, maybe for a mother-in-law. At 1220 W. Robert, site of the Ryan Place Croquet Tournament, restoration is underway on the covered side porch. Just in time for a spring wedding perhaps? At 1150, an east wing is being added on to the structure known as the Thomas Guest House.

The other forgotten legends will have to wait for another newsletter.

#### THIS TIME LAST YEAR:

March 2017

'Townes Van Zandt and the Fort Worth Blues' -The late, great Fort Worth-born country artist and widely admired songwriter had a hometown tribute 20 years after his too-early death.

Bruce Payne (who sang and played guitar) wrote the multimedia show that tells Van Zandt's story with help from a small cast of narrators and fellow musicians. It all happened at Arts Fifth Ave **ArtsFifthAvenue.org** (yes, it is in Fairmount, but we're being neighborly in our nostalgia).

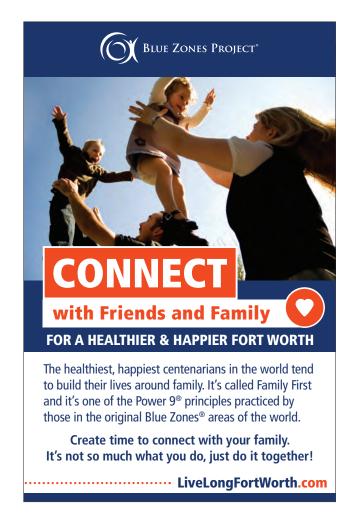


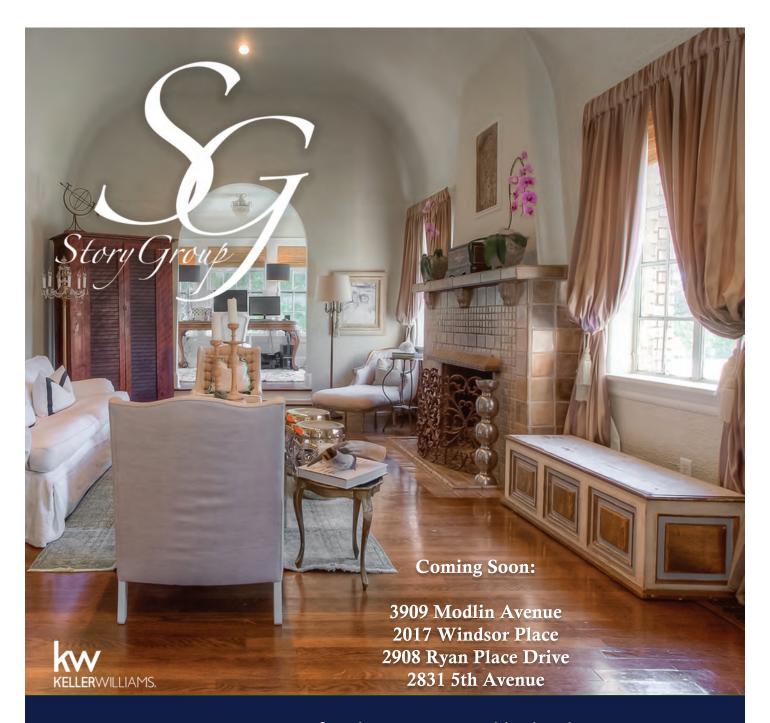


#### DID YOU KNOW?!?

Most of our streets in Ryan Place have bulk (solid-waste) pickup only ONCE each month: during the week of the fourth Monday. Items must be placed on the curb by 7:30 a.m. of that fourth Monday to be considered for pickup. Not sure about your pickup time? Visit the resources page on **RyanPlaceFortWorth.com** and look for the solid waste services link, then use the links on the page to see the schedule for your address.

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