



RPIA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We are rolling into the summer in Ryan Place! I hope everyone is getting prepared for the heat!

The RPIA general meeting is on Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. and will be held at St. John's (please enter from Page Street). At this meeting, we are going to have a presentation regarding the Ryan Place alleyways. Chip Mansfield is heading up a project to educate Ryan Place on its responsibilities regarding the alleyways. He also has some proposals regarding maintenance and upkeep. Please come visit the meeting and learn about this important part of the neighborhood. We will also have a speaker from the city on this issue, so come meet some neighbors and learn about your neighborhood.

As the Fourth of July approaches, it is time to start practicing for the traditional Ryan Place v. Fairmount softball game. Ryan Place has a three-year winning streak, and we do not intend on stopping that streak this year! If you are interested in playing in the game, please contact Jason Allen. We need both women and men participate, and sponsors as well. Let us know if you are interested in playing or sponsoring.

Another great Ryan Place tradition will occur on Memorial Day, May 28. The Ryan Place Croquet Tournament will take place at 10 a.m. at 2530 Ryan Place Drive. This is a great event, and even if you have never played croquet, it is a fun way to meet neighbors and learn a new sport.

If you are interested in participating in RPIA events, or want to volunteer, we are always looking for folks to join and help. This neighborhood is as great as we want it to be!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the general meeting!

Cade Lovelace, President RPIA

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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.

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The May RPIA Board Meeting will be held **Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m.** at St. John's Episcopal Church.
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33RD ANNUAL RYAN PLACE CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 10 a.m. at 2530 Ryan Place Drive

Save the date and see page 5 for full details!



SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Be one of the households to contribute \$16,000 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

SUBMIT YOUR 2018 DONATION TO RPIA!

1. Select your level of donation:

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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: _____

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

33RD ANNUAL RYAN PLACE CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 10 a.m.
2530 Ryan Place Drive

The 33rd Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament will be held Monday, May 28, 2018 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 a.m., Monday morning, on the Croquet Tournament 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.



Jennifer Lovelace
Board, Ryan Place Christmas Tour

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RYAN PLACE CROQUET CLINICS

Held on Sundays in May at 3 p.m. at 2530 S. Adams.

Each Sunday afternoon in May at 3 p.m. 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 with other teams by a drawing to be held at 10 a.m., Monday, May 28, 2018.

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

Check the Ryan Place Facebook page and ryanplacefortworth.com for up-to-the-minute information from the Tournament Director. The Croquet Czar can be reached at 817-319-2363.

A promotional graphic for 'Joy Massage'. It features a background of green bamboo leaves. In the center, the words 'Joy Massage' are written in a large, elegant script font. To the right, a red circular badge contains the text 'SPECIAL SPRING/SUMMER \$60 1-hour Massage'. Below the text, there is a stack of four dark grey massage stones. At the bottom, the text 'Licensed Therapist' is visible. On the left side, there is a list of services: 'Light to deep tissue massage' and 'Chinese acupressure'. Below that, the business hours and address are listed: 'Open Daily 9am - 8pm', '1302 West Magnolia', 'Fort Worth, TX • 76104'. At the bottom, the phone number '817-714-3333' is displayed in a large, bold, red font.

AROUND FORT WORTH

FAIRMOUNT FUN RUN

Inaugural Historic Fairmount 5k and One-Mile Fun Run, **May 19**, benefiting the Fairmount Community Library and the Women's Center of Tarrant County. For more details and registration visit fairmount5k.athlete360.com.

2018 HIDDEN GARDENS TOUR

In its 15th year, the Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour will feature private gardens in the beautiful Tanglewood and Colonial neighborhoods on **May 20**. All tickets are \$25 each, except for infants in wearable infant carriers. The tour is rain or shine, no refunds. Sturdy shoes are recommended and strollers are not permitted beyond the front check-in table. Pets and food are not permitted, and photography is limited to the plants only. For additional information, call 817-336-2344 x100 or visit www.historicfortworth.org.

AROUND DFW

TEXAS RANGERS GAMES MAY PROMOTIONS AND THEME NIGHTS

- **May 6** - Blue Bell Ice Cream Sunday (\$1, 13 & under)
- **May 6** - Dino Day - Dino Deshields plush giveaway*
- **May 9** - CBS 11 Weather Day, Texas Chili Company Dollar Hot Dog Day
- **May 21** - Marines Appreciation Night - Military themed Rangers cap*
- **May 23** - Texas Chili Company Dollar Hot Dog Night, Dr Pepper Autograph Wednesday
- **May 25** - Star Wars Friday Fireworks
- **May 26** - Medical City Healthcare Star Wars Han Gallo Bobblehead (First 15,000)
- **May 27** - Carter BloodCare Rangers Cap (First 15,000), Blue Bell Ice Cream Sunday (\$1, 13 & under)

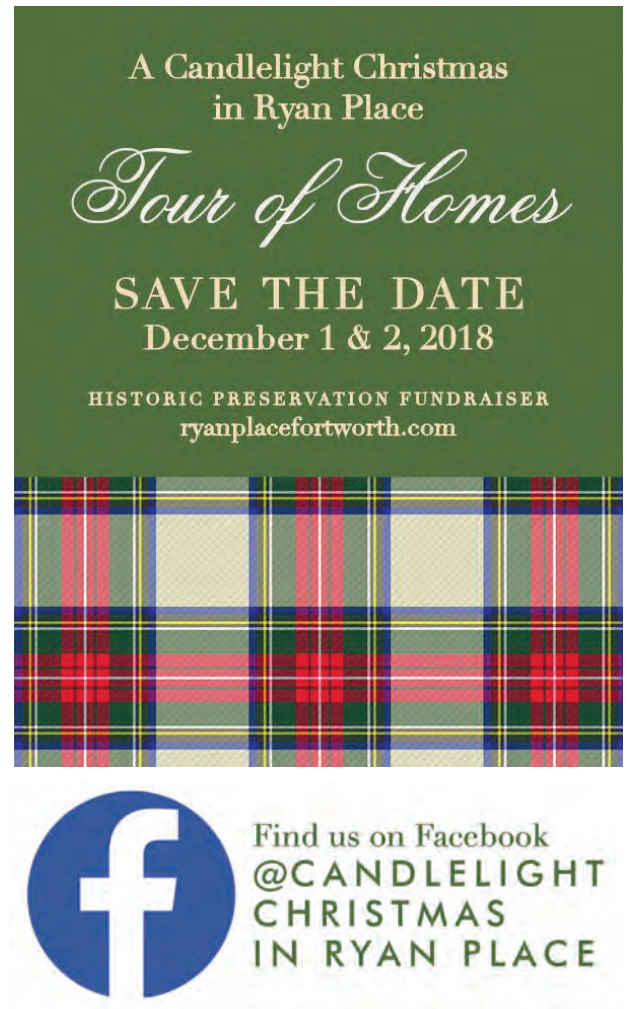
* Special ticket required for theme nights and theme night items.

LEON BRIDGES IN CONCERT

Support one of Fort Worth's most buzzworthy musicians! KXT 91.7 presents Leon Bridges on Saturday, **June 9** at The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory in Irving. Ticket information can be found at artandseek.org.

DON'T GET LEFT IN THE DARK!

Is there a streetlight near your house that's burned out? Help keep your house and your neighborhood safe by making a quick call to the City of Fort Worth's Streetlight Outages line, 817-392-8100 to report the outage. A few minutes of your time is all it takes to make our streets and sidewalks safer and friendlier for everyone!



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ALLEYWAY UPKEEP A CONCERN TO RYAN PLACE RESIDENTS

Unkempt alleyways, with high grass and weeds, pose several challenges. Safety and security top the list when lines of sight are obstructed and undergrowth is so severe that hidden objects become potential "land mines" or the criminal element makes use of this lack of visibility.

The challenges start with accountability. At present, it seems there is no department within the city assigned to maintenance for these alleyways.

The project of alley maintenance involves safety, infrastructure, and beautification – and every resident of Ryan Place.

The RPIA board, and our Director of Safety, Chip Mansfield are leading the charge on this important issue. We ask that as a resident of Ryan Place, you make your voice heard. Let us know your ideas about alley maintenance and upkeep. Suggestions to date have included making the alleys a "lush greenbelt, wildflower fields, or pollination walkway". There are many other ways to address this important issue.

Please use the **contact us** form on **RyanPlaceForthWorth.com** to let us know your thoughts!

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

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THE FEVER: PART II

by Clara T. Clatterly

Last month, Ryan Place residents were alerted of a possible impending outbreak of what pathologists call "Spring Cleaning Fever". As previously reported, there is no known cure, but knowledge of the disease can lessen its effect. We continue now with that much-needed information, kindly shared by an afflicted neighbor.

It begins with an odd itch upon the forearm, usually when hanging the sweater, only recently worn, back in the closet. Ever so slightly, the itch then crawls all the way up the arm. And the neck—whatever is touching it - feels tight. There follows a strange sense of walls contracting and the ceiling appears to lower, just a bit. Distracted, the potential victim starts counting shoe boxes, trying to remember the last time some of them were opened, and then, without any warning at all, the eyes focus on the long-sleeved garments hanging from the rods, zeroing in, with laser-like precision, on any that contain wool.

And just like that, before you know it, before you can shake your head firmly and back out of the closet, Spring Cleaning Fever has you.

Prior commitments—appointments, dinner plans, actually the entire to-do list—cease to exist, as with maniacal strength, you yank winter shirts down and toss them haphazardly on the bed. Pants are ousted next, then skirts and jackets, each new find quickening your pace until the fragile grasp on process disintegrates into general mayhem: winter shoes go flying, suede bags are sent airborne, and the hats and scarves nesting on hooks—they're plucked, one by one, and plunked atop everything else on [Text Wrapping Break]the bed.

(Side note: If you still have any leverage over your faculties at this early point, consider it a good time to ask how much wool—or tweed, for pity's sake—you actually need in Fort Worth, Texas.)

Breathless, half-bent with a newly-pulled muscle, you stop momentarily and stare at your heap of stuff—your hot, prickly, suffocating heap of stuff. Then you kick the air conditioner down a notch and head for the next room, because the stuff has to go somewhere.

In a devilish whirlwind, fully infected now, you flit through the house, the contents of a second closet upended for the first and spilling into a third, and

on and on, resulting in such a septic domino effect that dresser drawers and under bed boxes can't help but get involved, too. Available surfaces pile high. Hallways clutter up. In dire cases, even medicine cabinets are compromised, the fever's toxicity dangerously accelerating in tandem with progressively more erratic behavior until finally, it's as if the top has been popped off the house and its contents stirred with a big, wooden spoon.

But no one's eating. Certainly, not you. (It's been reported in some instances, you don't even recharge your phone.) Your mind's eye sees only what the fever sees: wave upon wave of stuff.

Ugly stuff, broken stuff, was-going-to-return-it-but-didn't-stuff. (OMG, this receipt is a year old!)

Stuff you don't wear. (You last zipped it when?) Stuff you don't want. (Yes, it was thoughtful, but . . .)

Enigma stuff you don't understand. (Does this do something? Where's the other end of it?)

And the worst: stuff mixing its genre with other stuff. (Why is the lint roller with the Band-Aids?)

At this stage of disease, which can last upwards of a week, productivity can be at its highest. (Those in the field have observed accomplishments so impressive that—according to local gossip—Martha Stewart has dispatched spies to take note.) Bedroom closets enjoy complete seasonal makeovers, linen closets experience uniform towel folds, and, in the best-case scenarios, Goodwill piles by the back door overshadow modest stacks of items waiting for storage bins. If you find yourself among this rare, elite group of survivors—those labeled as having "extraordinary levels of resiliency"—congratulations.

Good for you.

If, on the other hand, you naturally suffer from what's called weakened resolve (a munificent label, if you will, for quitter), chances are you'll experience the fever's alternate final stage with a vengeance. Picking up at the point where you are staring at the stuff, it goes like this:

(THE FEVER, CONT'D)

Somewhat dizzy, confusion takes over as your grip on certainty gives way to overriding unease. Is this a spring shirt or a fall shirt? Is this jacket full-on winter or could it be transitional? And those fuzzy socks—should I just keep one pair out? Moving as through a fog, you persevere long enough to hang things back up, generally squashing winter into one closet and summer into another, but, on the whole, zeal for the project as first imagined has evaporated.

Stuff. Stuff. And more stuff.

Cobbling the contents of the drawers back together is even harder, for while you still recognize the difference between paper clips and safety pins, the fine nuance of permanent marker verses dry erase pen is a challenge. And the disparity between leggings and tights . . . well, suffice it to say, you just start stuffing stuff back into drawers.

The final insult is now you can't find the sweater you always leave out in case you get cold, and you are cold because you kicked the air conditioning down too far.

And it's no longer spring outside, because after all, you do live in north Texas.

If not interrupted by something worse (say, for instance, a friend calls needing to stay the weekend) this waning but uncomfortable state can last—just like the more successful strain—well into a full week, so be kind to yourself.

Preferably by leaving the house and buying some stuff.

Author's note: Rare cases of advanced Spring Cleaning Fever have been known to spread to the kitchen, a discussion about which offers no hope. Accordingly, it, as well as reference to the lethal but often-ignored garage-infecting variety, has been deleted.

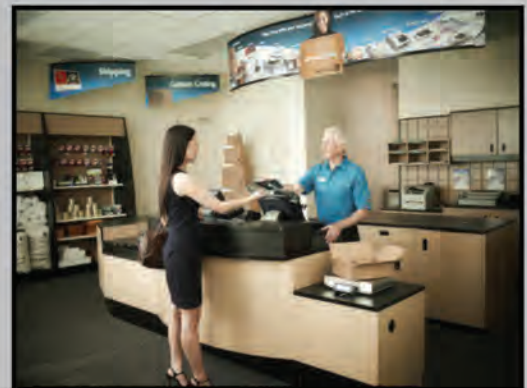
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2018 PULITZER SURPRISES

by Christopher Ebert

The Board of The Pulitzer Prizes was given the discretion by Joseph Pulitzer to make broad changes in the system of awards. Surely the Board has reacted to the dynamic progression of society by beginning this year to award prizes to neighborhood newsletters, websites, and Facebook pages. Who is the Board? Mostly print media executives with ties to large newspapers in the East. Interestingly, of the seventeen board members, two have connections to Texas: the Editor-In-Chief of the Texas Tribune and the Editor & Executive Vice of the Houston Chronicle!

This Year's Awards:

Breaking News – Ryan Place Newsletter, The RPIA President's Update.

The Board recognized the President's Update in the breaking news category due to the President's uncanny ability to report Breaking News in a newsletter with a three-week lag from writing to printing to distribution.

Feature Writing & History – Ryan Place Newsletter, Ryan Place Mid-Century Homes.

In a neighborhood where the development of the housing stock reflects the history of our city, it is important to be reminded of the contribution each "period of significance" has to the overall character of the neighborhood. "The Board" looks forward to future articles on Italian Renaissance Revival, Tudor, Post War Minimal Traditional, Contemporary, and McMansion house types.

Music – Whiskey Pants.

In the tradition of the Ryan Place Bottom of the Barrel Band, Whiskey Pants has entertained at the annual Crawfish Boil.


Fiction & Commentary – Ryan Place Newsletter, Senior Columnist, Christopher Ebert

The above is an example of the witty commentary and fiction that so often exemplifies articles by the RPIA Newsletter Senior Columnist

Public Service – The Ryan Place Facebook page that provides an important neighborhood service of returning escaped animals to their human providers.

Next year:

The RPIA board will recommend entries to be forwarded to the Pulitzer Surprise Office on or before January 25, 2019. Let's keep up the good journalism and win in some of the other categories: Selfie Photojournalism, International House of Pancakes Reporting, Exclamatory Journalism.






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Each household may pick up a free package of two dunks at the Consumer Health Office, 818 Missouri Ave. Residents must show proof of residency, such as a utility bill or driver's license. Pick up your mosquito dunks 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday while supplies last.

The dunks are small tablets comprised of an environmentally safe larvicide (a specialized bacteria that attacks larvae) that targets and eliminates mosquito larvae when placed in standing water.

Place the dunks anywhere standing water can collect, such as in flower pots, air-conditioning units, stagnant ponds, empty containers and even gutters.

The product is not for resale, and residents should follow the instructions on the label. Dunks are also available for purchase at any local hardware store.

The most effective way to control mosquitoes is to reduce their population:

- Remove standing water in empty flower pots, pet bowls, outdoor toys, gutters, etc.
- Properly maintain your swimming pool.
- When outdoors, remember to wear repellent that contains DEET.
- Wear clothing with long sleeves and pants when applicable.

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