



## RPIA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

I hope that everyone has had a great holiday season and is ready for the new year! RPIA held its first meeting of 2018 on January 15, and we are ready for a very active year.

First we introduced new board members. This year we have a new vice-president, Jason Allen. We also have a new secretary, Misty Duke. Both have big shoes to fill, but we know they are up for the job. We also have a new Director of Communications, Kipp Baker, who is a long-time resident and has some great ideas for improving communications throughout the neighborhood. Additionally, Chip Mansfield has agreed to continue as the Director of Public Safety and he will continue to provide a great service to our neighborhood.

We welcome Terri West back to the board as well. For the next two years, she will be the Director of Infrastructure. Terri has held many positions with the RPIA board and her experience is a great asset to the neighborhood.

John Fitzgerald has taken a position as the Ryan Place Street Director and Joyce Davidson has taken a position as the 8th Ave/Stamley/James Street Director. I look forward to their contributions this year and their opinions on issues before the neighborhood.

Finally, Sarah Rucker has agreed to be the Christmas Tour Chair again. The Tour has been very successful under her leadership and we are very grateful for her time and effort in this important part of our neighborhood.

The Board also debated and passed a budget for 2018. Thanks to the Christmas Tour's success in 2017, we are able to completely fund the projects in our neighborhood and place a substantial amount towards the Daggett Park Renovation.

We also approved a calendar for 2018, which is included in the newsletter. We have a busy year ahead!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first general meeting and BBQ on Sunday, March 18!

**Cade Lovelace, President RPIA**

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# 2018 RPIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Please see next month's issue for the list of 2018 Ryan Place street directors.

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*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](http://ryanplacefortworth.com).*



## WINTER

RPIA Board Meeting	Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.	St. John's Episcopal Church
RPIA GENERAL Meeting and Spring BBQ	Sunday, March 18	Time and Location TBD

## SPRING

Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m.	TBD
RPIA Board Meeting	Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m.	St. John's Episcopal Church
RP Membership Drive and Crawfish Boil	Saturday, May 5 at 4 – 8 p.m.	Daggett Park
RPIA GENERAL Meeting	Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m.	St. John's Episcopal Church
Memorial Day Croquet Tournament	Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m.	2530 Ryan Place Drive
Swim Party and BBQ	Saturday, June 16 at 5 p.m.	Javier's
RPIA Board Meeting	Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m.	St. John's Episcopal Church

## SUMMER

Independence Day Parade and Softball Game	Wednesday, July 4	Daggett Park
Back to School Swim Party	Sunday, Aug.12	Forest Park Pool
RPIA Board Meeting	Monday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m	St. John's Episcopal Church
Annual Labor Day Garage Sale	Saturday, Sept. 1	Neighborhood
RPIA GENERAL Meeting and Business Mixer	Monday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.	St. John's Episcopal Church

## FALL

RPIA Board Meeting	Monday, Oct.15 at 7 p.m	St. John's Episcopal Church
Movie Night	Friday, Oct.26	TBD
Boo on the Boulevard	Saturday, Oct. 27	TBD
New Member Event	Thursday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m.	Parham's Home
RPIA Board Meeting, General Membership Meeting & Elections	Monday, Nov.19 at 7 p.m.	St. John's Episcopal Church
Ryan Place Christmas Party	Friday, Nov. 30	TBD
Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place	December 1 and 2	Neighborhood

\*Note: No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

# SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

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

- 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 from February 1 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



# A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Thank you, Ryan Place, for such a wonderful Home Tour in December! For 34 years and counting, people from all over DFW have flocked to our neighborhood to see for themselves what a fun and festive "hood" we have! Thanks to the efforts of extremely generous residents, the tour grossed over \$27,000 in ticket sales and sponsorships. That money will be poured directly back into the neighborhood with park and playground improvements, neighborhood events, and ongoing repair efforts in Ryan Place, just to name a few.

We would like to thank our five incredible tour families for opening up their beautiful homes, all the volunteers who contributed their time, and of course, our incredible tour committee for the countless hours they spent prepping and planning throughout the year. Continued thanks goes to St. John's Episcopal Church for hosting our ticket office year after year, the generous sponsors for supporting our tour, and to the Beignet Bus for the greatly appreciated sugar (and energy) boost Saturday night. Most of all, thank you to the wonderful Ryan Place residents (our friends and neighbors) for being so gracious to our tour guests! It's the people of Ryan Place that make this tour such a big success, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do!

**Please mark your calendar for our 35th Anniversary Home Tour on December 1-2, 2018.** We have some fun things planned to help commemorate this special anniversary tour, and we are looking forward to honoring some of the neighborhood's best this year!

Sincerely,  
**Ryan Place Home Tour Committee**



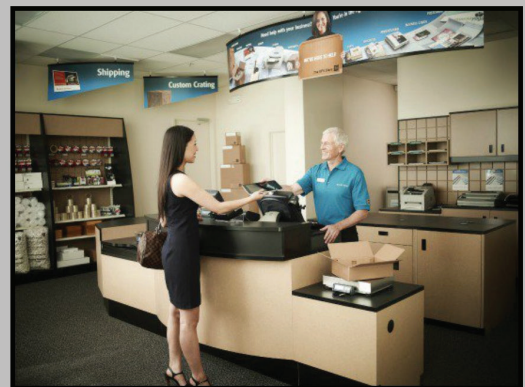
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## COOK CHILDREN'S CENTENNIAL

This March marks the 100th anniversary of Cook Children's Hospital. During the week of **March 18-24**, Cook's 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.**

## AROUND FORT WORTH

The Log Cabin Village, 2100 Log Cabin Village Lane, will be closed for routine maintenance January 22 - February 5, 2018. When it reopens, hours will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; closed Mondays. To learn more, call 817-392-5881 or visit the Village's website.

Water Gardens: [fortworth.com/things-to-do/attractions/fort-worth-water-gardens](http://fortworth.com/things-to-do/attractions/fort-worth-water-gardens)

### Community Recreation

Athletics:	<a href="http://fortworthtexas.gov/athletics">fortworthtexas.gov/athletics</a>
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Pools & Aquatics:	<a href="http://fortworthtexas.gov/aquatics">fortworthtexas.gov/aquatics</a>
Tennis:	<a href="http://mclelandtennis.org">mclelandtennis.org</a>

### Programs

Forestry:	<a href="http://fortworthtexas.gov/forestry">fortworthtexas.gov/forestry</a>
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- Athletic Facilities
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# FROM LOST TO FOUND: HELP BRING YOUR DOG HOME

by Hayley Spinks

It seems like our neighborhood Facebook page and Nextdoor app are overrun with lost dog posts. What can you do to help your dog find its way back home if he or she ever slips out the gate or front door?

**Consider having an Identification tag made.** You can do this at most local pet stores or order one online. Just make sure to get a new tag if your phone number changes. There are also identification collars that have your number right on the collar, which is helpful for dogs that always seem to lose their tags.

Having an identification tag will likely dramatically increase the chance that someone will stop and pick up your dog. It shows that they have an owner and will likely be able to be reunited quickly.

**Having your dog microchipped is also a great way to increase your chances that they will be returned.** Of course, the person who finds your dog has to know about microchips and has to get the dog scanned. Your vet can microchip your dog. There are lower cost options as well. The Fort Worth Animal shelter on Martin Street will microchip for \$12. The Spay Neuter Network has low-cost (\$16.50) and sometimes free microchips. Texas Coalition Animal Protection (TCAP) will chip for \$30 or \$20 if done at the same time as spay/neuter.

After the fee, your chip company may encourage you to pay an annual membership fee. Be sure to ask what this fee is for. Usually membership fees cover insurance in case your pet is found 3,000 miles from home, in which case your pet would be transported home for free. Even if you do not pay the annual membership fee, as long as your dog is registered, you will be contacted if your dog is found. If you have adopted a dog from a rescue or a friend, make sure the microchip information gets transferred to you. You can call your microchip company to make sure your information is up-to-date.

**Consider adding the microchip company's phone number and your pet's microchip number to your contacts** in your phone or address book. This will come in handy if your pet ever is missing. Always call the chip company to let them know your pet is missing.

**Home Again:** 888-466-3242

**24PetWatch:** 866-597-2424

Any veterinarian should have a microchip scanner. Ryan Place is very fortunate to have their very own microchip scanner. This was purchased by neighbors and is kept by a volunteer.

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## MICROCHIP RESOURCES

**Fort Worth Animal  
Care and Control**

817.392.1234

[fortworthtexas.gov/animals](http://fortworthtexas.gov/animals)

**Spay Neuter Network**

817.423.5500

[spayneuternet.org](http://spayneuternet.org)

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[texasforthem.org](http://texasforthem.org)

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**Register the microchip.** After microchipping, there is usually a fee to register the animal. Sometimes this is included in the cost of the chip. After you register your pet, be sure to keep your information up to date. The registration fee is usually a one-time fee.



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# SHARING IS CARING

by *Lisa Lewis*

On a stool pulled up to my kitchen counter, the smell of apricots stewing on the stove and Grandmother's fried pie dough recipe on the counter, my mind begins to melt into the warmth of the sun on my back flooding through the large south-facing windows. Different years, different kitchens, all the same wonderful loving memories of love, laughter, and family. There is no greater joy for me than cooking for others. Something about it beats even shopping and antiquing... which are both high on my list of self-indulgent delights.

It is kind of my anchor, probably because that is how I grew up. In my grandmother's big kitchen, with generations of family involved in food preparation of some kind. It wasn't just cooking. It was picking, plucking, stewing, canning, baking, cleaning, storing, pickling, planting, hoeing, harvesting... all just to get ready to cook!

Recipes weren't on the internet, meals didn't come in a Blue Apron Box, and cooking was a learned behavior, not a made-for-TV experience. Every morning (except Sunday) my great-grandmother got down her BIG wooden bowl, built a wall of flour, and started working buttermilk biscuits in the middle of it. BIG bowl = BIG biscuits.

Enough were rolled out and baked to last through the day for the whole extended family. Let me tell you, that smell of baking bread was the only alarm clock needed. If you didn't come to the table, you didn't eat. Period. Unless you were fast enough to sneak a cold biscuit, but you had to be really fast or a large wooden spoon would end up coming down on your outstretched hand. Pain to the max degree.

They did everything from memory. Cornbread, pie dough, cakes, jams. Granny did have one cookbook, and like her Bible it is well worn and marked. And then there was the Recipe Box. A small, overflowing, green wooden wealth of goodness. Traded church recipes, some on Sunday bulletins. Friends recipes. A few torn out of magazines, some off the back of cans or jars, but my all-time favorites are the ones in the handwriting of different folks.

As I sit here looking at Granny's sweet, shaky printing on a 3x5 notecard I can remember everything about her. She always printed, even when she "signed checks". She had a slight tremor as long as I can remember. She would laugh and say it was the Lord's way of reminding her to stay humble. There are no instructions on the notecard, just a list of ingredients, "cause we cooked them together and therefore you know how to do it."

Just a few short lines hold a lifetime of treasured moments. Memories that are truly priceless and life lessons that are forever. Sharing is caring. So as I sit here watching the light rays bounce off the floor and smell the warmth of something on the stove, my greatest New Year's wish for everyone is that your kitchen always smells like you are expecting the joy of family, love, and laughter.





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# THE LITTLE MONTH

by an anonymous Ryan Place resident

It's February, the little month. Or at least, as a child, that's what I named it.

Certainly never a numbers person and a woefully poor speller to boot, I came up with The Little Month as the perfect way to remember February's two outstanding academic features: the pesky little silent "r" in the middle of its name, and the peculiar "little" number of days the month laid claim to. Once I had my secret label affixed to it, I never misspelled February again or dated a paper February 30. (Never mind the whole Leap Year thing—none of the other first graders grasped that feature either, so I didn't bother with it.)

My private label even worked when, to my delight, I was introduced to the month's big surprise — Valentine's Day. Everything about that wonderful day was little (and delightful!). Little cards in little envelopes with my name in big, sloppy print. Little hearts, mostly pink, with little messages like Be Mine stamped on them. Little lollipops and little gift bags and, best of all, little chocolates wrapped in shiny, red paper.

Ah, childhood! And ah, February!



Even today, all these years later, thinking of it as The Little Month has a magic. Wedged between the hoot and holler of the New Year and the cleaning and decluttering of spring, February sits—often in a bit of bright sunshine—as a little respite of quiet, a time to linger a little longer by the fire or dawdle over a good book, just read. (After all, why not? Christmas is well-over, taxes aren't due yet, and the garden—well, it's still legal for it to look unkempt.)



And when it comes to the big day, February's big moment, well certainly, it's all about little! A little bouquet of roses or a little box wrapped in red. A little chocolate (wait.. maybe a lot of chocolate, but each one little) with a little hand-written note.

A little something for a love or a little love for a friend who has lost one. This is Valentine's Day.

So, a big thank you to the little month, February. Thank you for all the hearts and cupids and truffles and roses and longer hours of sunshine and shorter nights. (And, by the way, thank you for that quirky little extra day here and there. The logic still eludes me but the added hours sure come in handy.)

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# ESSENTIAL SERVICES

by Christopher Ebert

As I write this, it is the second day of the government shutdown, and it got me thinking, "what if Ryan Place shut down?" First, how would we know and, secondly, just which services would be stopped and which would be declared essential?

## How would we know?

More than likely the Fort Worth Star-Telegram would send its only reporter, Bud Kennedy, to the neighborhood for an interview with the RPIA president. Would the moderator of the neighborhood Facebook page be able to notify the "Friends" of the situation? Would "Ryan Place leads" post an alert on NextDoor.com?

My thinking is that neighbors would have to use "word of mouth". Yes, that is an old-fashioned method of communicating where people actually use verbal noises to "talk" to each other!

## Services to stop:

Just as in the Federal Government, some services would be deemed "essential" and would continue uninterrupted: 911 Service, Fire and Police Protection, Tuesday Garbage Pick Up (but not until the second week). Recycling would be on an every-other-block basis for the continuation of the shutdown.

The Facebook page and NextDoor site would be immediately stopped. Lost Dog/Cat notices would be allowed to be on posted on Ryan Place utility poles. Requests for information about the nearest cleaners, chicken fast food shops, best muffler repair etc. would be handled by the above-mentioned "word-of-mouth" procedure. NetFlix and other streaming services would be available only for those with dial-up internet service and a lot of time on their hands.

## Essential Services to continue:

Planning for the next Ryan Place Neighborhood Social activity by Tim's Committee would be deemed to be in the top tier of essential services. Ruth's Welcome to Ryan Place activity would be continued. Jerry and Frieda's Code Blue Red Pickup security services would be curtailed and redirected to function as a Word-Of-Mouth Post-It Note delivery service.

The RPIA's written communication activity (aka, the RPIA Newsletter) would be reduced to just one legal size sheet containing information about the next neighborhood social, a request for membership, and an article by their featured columnist.

All hope that the shutdown ends prior to impacting our annual traditions: Memorial Day Weekend Croquet Tournament, 4th of July Parade and Fairmount-Ryan Place softball game, Halloween Trick-or-Treating, and the Candlelight Tour.



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January & February of 2017

- **74th Golden Globes:**  
Casey Affleck and Isabelle Huppert won
- **89th Academy Awards:** Best Picture to "Moonlight" after mixup in/with La La Land
- **NASA & NOAA announced** that 2016 was hottest year on record, surpassing record set in 2015, which had surpassed a record set in 2014.
- **Rex Tillerson confirmed** as 69th Secretary of State
- **New England Patriots defeated** the Atlanta Falcons, 34-28 in stunning Super Bowl OT comeback.
- **Prairie Dogs of the Lonestar Dutch Oven Society** showcased... wait for it... dutch oven cooking over the fires at our own LOG CABIN VILLAGE from 1-4 p.m. Missed it? Drat the bad luck.
- **Fort Worth Museum of Science & History** showed "Mysteries of China", "Rogue One – a Star Wars Story" and in the Noble Planetarium: "Texas Sky Tonight" and "From Earth to the Universe"

*Missed one or two of these? Check the website calendar for more Fort Worth and neighborhood friendly happenings!*

## DID YOU KNOW?!?

**...This Time 11 years ago:**

The Apple Computer Company announced the release of the very first iPhone in January 2007. Apple co-founder Steve Jobs revealed the product during one of his famous keynote addresses. The touch-screen mobile phone had been in development since 2005 and reportedly cost over \$150 million to create. Apple's first iPhone was exclusively available through AT&T and thousands of people lined up outside of stores in anticipation of its release later that year. It was originally sold for \$599 and within less than three months of its release, more than one million units were sold.

Also that year: The world's most efficient electric car, the Tesla Roadster, was shown at car shows prior to full production in 2008.

## FROM THE RPIA COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

The start of the calendar year begs the quest for new beginnings – and so it is with our newsletter. The RPIA board has seen fit to enlist a small-in-number but dedicated team for it. The team members are:

- Abby Sehgal, whose background includes journalism credits and editorial duties
- Kristin Sloane, whose background includes print and digital marketing and advertising
- Kipp Baker, whose varied background includes communications management, now Communications Director for RPIA

A big thanks is due to our outgoing newsletter producer Kendal Lake who will continue to counsel with us on best practices to help get the work "out the door." Thank you, Kendal!

Over the next few months you'll see subtle - and perhaps some not-so-subtle – changes as we strive to improve our neighborhood publication – and keep it in sync with our website. We hope to bring you the best in design, layouts, and visual appeal as well as excellent journalism and articles of interest. We welcome your input and ideas for your "adds, changes, and deletions" as we work towards this goal.

Do you have a great tip for (insert your passion here...)? How about a pet peeve? (But be nice, be tactful ... it can be done). We're looking for all types of comments and stories about Fort Worth in general and our beloved neighborhood in particular.

We want our efforts to increase our circulation, grow our readership, and perform for our sponsors as we seek to inform, entertain, and sell.

But most of all, through the vehicle of the printed word - our newsletter - we want to provide the most relevant information possible for the inhabitants of our beautiful Ryan Place Neighborhood.



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