



RPIA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The heat has finally broken and it is cool outside – my favorite time of year in Ryan Place!

Be sure to attend the Movie Night at Triangle Park, October 26, at 7 p.m. This year we will be showing "Goosebumps", a kid-friendly Halloween movie. RPIA will provide pizza and refreshments.

As a follow up to last month's highlights about Daggett Elementary School, I would now like to introduce you the Daggett Montessori School principal, Veronica Delgado.

Ms. Delgado has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Texas Woman's University. She and her husband have two married children and are proud first-time grandparents of a precious grandson.

Ms. Delgado has spent more than 20 years as an educator and began her career as an entrepreneur with the aim of working in criminal justice. She was invited to investigate a career in bilingual education and recognized the need to serve the bilingual community in Fort Worth. She later moved from the classroom into administration.

Her educational philosophy was transformed last year in her Montessori training with Dr. Elizabeth Coe. She recognized the difference between traditional and Montessori philosophies and her passion is to empower teachers to fully implement Montessori methods within the framework of public education policies and demands.

Ms. Delgado believes that Montessori methods are the path to equity in education because the philosophy requires the child to be in the center of every decision made by the teacher and the leader of the campus. She is committed to learning with and alongside her teachers to empower them to continue to learn how to be passionately Montessori in their classrooms.

She is proud to be part of the Daggett Montessori community. The impact of the Montessori philosophy has not only affected her professional life but also her personal life, as she has encouraged her children to immerse her grandson in a Montessori environment. You can reach Ms. Delgado at Veronica.Delgado2@fwisd.org

I look forward to seeing everyone this fall!

Cade Lovelace, President RPIA

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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.

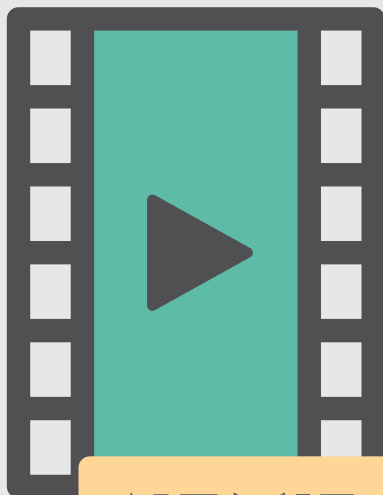
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RPIA GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 15 at 7 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church

DIGITAL RPIA NEWSLETTER

The RPIA Newsletter is posted online at ryanplacefortworth.com under "News, Newsletters+" and is usually available earlier than the print version. In addition, there is an online extra feature to show many more photos of our neighborhood activities and any material that may have missed our print deadline. Check it out!



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RPIA MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in Triangle Park

Back by popular demand! It's time again for the Ryan Place movie night at Triangle Park.

Join us for **Goosebumps**, starring Jack Black. Pizza will be available around 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin after dark, around 7:15 p.m.

BYOB and chair!

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7	8	9	10	11 Christmas in Cowtown begins	12 Friday on the Green	13 Fort Worth Alliance Air Show
14 Fort Worth Alliance Air Show	15 RPIA General Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 Arts Goggle on Magnolia
21 Last day of State Fair	22 Bulk Trash Week	23	24	25	26 Movie Night at Triangle Park	27 Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering in Stockyards
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

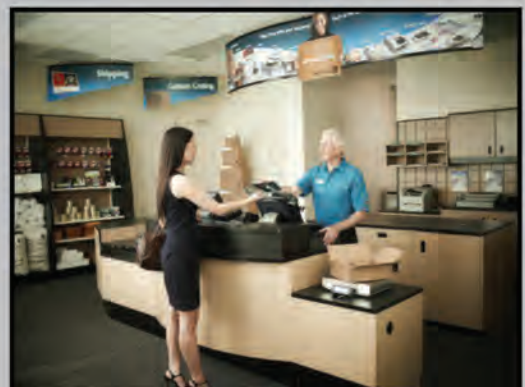
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AROUND FORT WORTH

ARTS GOGGLE

Celebrating 16 years as the Near Southside's premier event, Arts Goggle returns **Saturday, October 20**. Enjoy artwork from more than 800 artists and music from over 50 bands spread across Magnolia and South Main. Festivities run from noon to 10 p.m.

FRONTIER FALL FEST

Celebrate fall at the Log Cabin Village on **Saturday, October 20, from 1-4 p.m.** Go back in time to experience fall on the frontier with appearances by folk singers and the Fort Worth Herd. Admission is \$6.50 for ages 18+, \$6 for ages 4-17 and 60+, and \$5.50 for groups of 10 or more. Ages 3 and under are free. Details at logcabinvillage.org.

BOO AT THE ZOO

Get ready for Boo at the Zoo **October 26-28**! Enjoy treat stations, carnival games, animal shows and more. This entertaining daytime event is free with Zoo admission or membership and packed with fun for the whole family. Details at FortWorthZoo.org.

RED STEAGALL COWBOY GATHERING

Get your Cowboy on at the 27th Annual Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering and Western Swing Festival running Thursday, **October 27 through Sunday, October 29** in the Stockyards! Make your way through the vintage chuck wagons setup on the lawn of the Livestock Exchange Building, enjoy Ranch Rodeo action in Cowtown Coliseum, stomp your foot to classic cowboy music, shop vendors and more. Details at redsteagallcowboygathering.com



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CULTURE CORNER

by Aulstin Gardiner



My wife and I are both born-and-raised Fort Worthians and love to experience all that our city has to offer. I love sharing new restaurants, shows, exhibits, and events that are occurring in our neck of the woods. This has inspired me to share some of those items with our neighbors in the Ryan Place Newsletter.

Back to the Future

Near Southside has seen quite the revitalization in the past two decades. Most recently, South Main has received a nod from some of the same investors as Magnolia. It seems that every time I drive through South Main, a new place has hung their shingle on the outside, and there will probably be many more times I mention another business in this area. For now, transport yourself back to the 1980s and travel to Craftcade Pinball Bar (615 S. Jennings Avenue). Bring cash and quarters for the tokens, but leave the big hair and shoulder pads at home.



Craftcade opened about three months ago. They have almost 20 pinball machines buzzing, ringing, and clicking as soon as you walk in. There are beers on draft from local breweries as well as inventive cocktails - some of which come with a side of candy. Although they do not have a kitchen, they are located right next door to a pizza joint and wisely allow you to venture over, order, and bring your food into their establishment. Forget to bring your quarters or don't feel like waiting for your turn at the Friday the 13th pinball machine? They have one free Skee-ball machine tucked away in the corner you can play.

Craftcade's selection of local beers on tap, and their pricing, is impressive. You can get a Hopfusion Feisty Blonde, my favorite local beer, for less than you'd pay at the actual Hopfusion Ale Works Brewery (200 E. Broadway Avenue), also located in South Main area. As you enjoy the Feisty Blonde, remember that it is 8.27% ABV, so enjoy it more slowly than other beers. And as you are leaving Craftcade, do not forget your life preserver, McFly!

North Fort Worth Historical Society's 13th Annual

Saints and Sinners Tour

Oakwood Cemetery

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October 26—28, 2018

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EXPAND YOUR LITERARY PERSPECTIVES ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

By Layne Craig

The first celebrations of Indigenous People's Day took place in 1992, and since then, the holiday has been adopted in more than 50 cities across the U.S., as a response to Columbus Day's erasure of Native American people. While Fort Worth doesn't officially observe the holiday, for the past three years, TCU has hosted a day of discussion and celebration surrounding Native American culture, and other observations can be found in DFW. This month, in honor of Indigenous People's Day, I have a few book suggestions that highlight the diverse perspectives of indigenous American writers.

There, There, by Tommy Orange: This recently released novel following a large cast of attendees at a powwow in Oakland, California, will suck you in and then break your heart in pieces. Don't say I didn't warn you. But Orange's writing style is so innovative and so engaging, and his flawed but sympathetic characters are so beautifully drawn and relatable, that it is truly worth the pain for this quick and powerful read. Highly, highly recommended.

The Blue Jay's Dance: A Birth Year, by Louise Erdrich: Erdrich's entire catalog is worth exploring, in my opinion, and I almost included her most recent novel, 2017's *Future Home of the Living God*, a dystopia about climate change. Her memoir *The Blue Jay's Dance* is close to my heart, though, for its chronicle of ordinary, beautiful moments of early motherhood, mixed in with observations about nature, beauty, and family. The short chapters make it perfect for reading between feedings and diapers, so I recommend this one as a gift for new parents.

American Indian Stories, by Zitkálá Šá: This is an early twentieth-century text that I teach in American Lit classes. Šá contributed significantly to American literary history as a chronicler of Native American mythology, a memoirist who criticized the abuses at the Indian boarding schools, and a co-author of the *Sun Dance Opera*, the first opera to deal with themes of Native American life, among other writings. Various collections of her work are available today; *American Indian Stories* is the original title of a collection of essays and folk tales published in 1921 and containing some of her most anthologized pieces, such as "Impressions of an Indian Childhood" and "The Soft-Hearted Sioux."

Sci-fi writer Vera Nazarian says, "Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light." Happy reading, and happy light-giving, neighbors!



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TREES IN THE 'HOOD

by Christopher Ebert



Last month we lost a special tree. It had anchored the center of the landscape of our guest house for all of the time we have lived in Ryan Place. It was at least 80-90 years old. It had been the tree that held the children's swings, the bird feeders and the chimes that only rang in the colder times of the year. We had been told it was a 'water elm' but Jerry Lemunyon pointed out that all elms are 'water elms' and it was an American Elm (*Ulmus Americana*). Not unlike all the other elms in Ryan Place.

Trees hold an important place, not only in our landscape, but also in our connection to nature. The species of trees allowed to be planted in John Ryan's subdivision were listed in the Ryan Addition deed restrictions.

It was really probably two trees that had grown alongside each other. Each protecting the other from high winds. The westernmost tree trunk was removed when our construction/remodeling project began. The trunk of the east was thought to be strong enough to stand alone, but evidently its weight was too unevenly distributed, and it fell. While we were saddened by this outcome and looked around for a cause, it was probably just the tree's time to fall. The trunk was hollow and it may have become too weak to hold the weight of the spread of the major limbs.

What now? Our disappointment becomes an opportunity for the next generation of residents to enjoy the benefits of living under the spreading limbs of an American Elm.



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PROTESTED YOUR PROPERTY TAX? HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO LIMIT PROPERTY TAX HIKES

by Dale Craymer, president of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association

If you were one of those who successfully shaved a few thousand dollars off the value of your home, you may be very happy. But don't rest on your success – it could cost you.

All your tax appraisal really does is determine how big your slice of the property tax pie will be. You might feel good that your slice will be a bit smaller, but if the pie is a lot bigger, you're still looking at a bunch more calories on your plate.

The size of the pie will be determined by: the budgets of the various local districts that show up on your property tax bill: school district, city, county and possibly a myriad of special purpose districts, such as a municipal utility district (MUD), community college district or hospital district

Their spending for the next fiscal year will determine how much tax revenue they must raise.

To raise that money, it's simple math: the value of the appraised property in their jurisdiction multiplied by the tax rate they adopt. That will determine your final tax bill.

You see, the property tax is unlike any other tax you pay; there is no permanent tax rate. Taxing units set a new rate every year. This annual process of setting budgets, adopting tax rates and, ultimately, generating your tax bill is now underway across Texas.

Appraisal districts are telling local taxing units (cities, counties, schools, etc.) the value of the property under their jurisdiction. By Aug. 7, taxing units had to calculate their "effective tax rate" – the rate that would raise the same amount of money as last year, essentially a "no new taxes" tax rate. They then go to work deciding on the actual tax rate they want to adopt.

You'll see these tax rates over the next several weeks in notices in the pages of your newspaper, or you can track them down online. If a taxing unit wants to raise more money than last year, it would need to adopt a rate higher than the "effective tax rate." But before it can do that and increase taxes, the governmental entity must hold two public hearings (only one for a school or water district) to allow constituents, or taxpayers, to voice their opinion.



Further, the motion to adopt a higher tax rate requires officials to publicly acknowledge they are raising taxes, and it must be approved by a 60 percent super-majority of the governing board.

If you're concerned about your impending property tax bill, **these hearings are more important than your appraisal.** Unfortunately, they are poorly attended as they take place in the dog days of summer or in the midst of back-to-school activities (rates generally must be adopted by Sept. 30). And if six different taxing units are on your tax bill, **that means six different public hearings.**

Fortunately, you can make your voice heard by picking up the phone or shooting off a couple of emails.

Last session, the Texas Legislature considered, but did not pass, a bill that would have provided a lot more clarity by giving you a real-time tax notice that showed how much more (or less) in taxes each taxing unit wanted from you.

You would have that information before new tax rates were adopted. You could then either attend tax hearings or contact officials before they acted.

Property taxes rise in large part due to complacency. Local officials respond to those they hear from. They constantly hear from constituents who want a new park or road or something else that costs money. But if they don't hear from those who are concerned about their property taxes, then local school, city, county or other budgets – and your taxes that support them — are almost certain to increase.

Moral to the story? **Contact your local officials.** For Ryan Place residents, that is the Tarrant County Appraisal Board and the Fort Worth City Council.



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