



## RPIA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Fall is here and hopefully some cooler weather! I hope that everyone is ready to get back to school and for TCU Football.

In this letter I am going to introduce you to a very important person in our neighborhood – the new Daggett Elementary School principal, Kendall Miller. Mr. Miller graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor Degrees in Elementary Education and Communications. He completed his M.Ed at Texas Wesleyan University in Elementary Science Education as well as his Principal Certification. He is married with an 8-year-old son.

For the past 15 years he was at D. McRae Elementary. Over the last 11 years he was Principal and before that the Assistant Principal. He was a teacher at Bill J. Elliott Elementary and Lowery Road Elementary from 1996 to 2002.

Daggett Elementary is a very special place for Mr. Miller. His wife, Rebecca, was the music teacher there before he became principal. They were introduced through a mutual friend on a blind date on Labor Day weekend 2006. Mr. Miller has had a relationship with many of the Daggett Staff for years, and he believes the Ryan Place/Fairmount/Daggett Neighborhoods have the potential to make Daggett Elementary one of the highest performing campuses in the district.

He sees the biggest challenge for Daggett as ensuring all students are reading on grade level. He also wants to see an increased involvement of parents and membership of the PTA.

Mr. Miller is looking for volunteers through collaboration with the PTA and school. Daggett has several upcoming events (Academic Nights, Open House on October 10) and will need help at each. The school is also looking to upgrade the sound and video system for the auditorium so that they can be used for community events.

Please stop by and say hello to Mr. Miller and let him know if you can help!

**Cade Lovelace, President RPIA**

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Soak up the summer heat while you can! Fall starts September 22.

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



## **RPIA GENERAL BOARD MEETING AND BUSINESS MIXER**

Monday, September 17 at 7pm

St. John's Episcopal Church

## **DIGITAL RPIA NEWSLETTER**

The RPIA Newsletter is posted online at **ryanplacefortworth.com** under "News, Stay Connected" 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!

## **RYAN PLACE DIRECTORY**

The Ryan Place Directory (for residents of Ryan Place only) is now collecting information! This is an online, secure, and private directory. It will not be used for solicitations or marketing by anyone that is not a resident of – or outside – Ryan Place. Know your neighbors! Know how to contact or be contacted. Please visit **ryanplacefortworth.com/directory** to enter your information.

# 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
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- Promotion and Protection of Historic Ryan Place

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### 2. Submit payment via:

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### 3. A little bit about you:

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



# DEAR RYAN PLACE NEIGHBORS

Grass roots and neighborhoods - they go together. When social matters come into play, discussions often start by mentioning "the grass roots". We know what that means. That's us. Ryan Place. We are together one of the best - if not THE BEST - neighborhoods in the city ... or state ... or region, for that matter. We have fun - and we can get things done.

In the spirit of "getting things done", the editorial staff of the RP Newsletter urge you to enter your contact information in our online Neighborhood Directory.

Yes, we know you can use Facebook or Nextdoor to find a neighbor and contact them. However, neither of those venues provide a method to concentrate, sort, and contact groups of neighbors you may or may not know. They cannot isolate the data to show those neighbors on a particular street, or of a particular group, should the need arise.

Our online electronic directory will do that.

What are those needs? Right now, we can only speculate. What about a power outage? Happens all the time. What about flash floods, or a street maintenance issue? Street light repairs, "the circles", "stealth dorms", real estate overlays, city council decisions, incidents of crime, etc. It's okay to use your imagination.

The point is, the RP Online Directory will allow anyone who is a Ryan Place resident, (but particularly those who help in our governance) contact us as specific groups or individuals, in time of emergent need. It will speed communications to you to not only to help you make decisions about you and your family, but also between us as we engage in the governance of our society known as Ryan Place.

We respect your privacy. This information will not be used frivolously. It will be closely guarded for residents of Ryan Place ONLY and for matters that benefit Ryan Place as a whole.

Yes, we can manually enter your information over time from public records (and we have been), but we need your help to speed the process. Think of it as a "weed and feed" for the grass roots.

Enter your information at your earliest convenience, please. Go to [ryanplacefortworth.com](http://ryanplacefortworth.com) - under RESOURCES, find the first drop-down DIRECTORY and enter your contact information on that page. Thank you.

- The RP Newsletter / editorial team



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## AROUND FORT WORTH

### ARTIST TAKASHI MURAKAMI

Last chance to experience the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth's vibrant summer exhibition, *Takashi Murakami: "The Octopus Eats Its Own Leg"* on view **until September 16**. During the exhibition, the Museum will offer half-price tickets on Sundays and free admission on Fridays!

### TEXAS BALLET THEATER PRESENTS CLEOPATRA

Experience the mystery, deceit, and romance as the Queen of the Nile comes to power. Begins **September 28** at Bass Hall for one weekend only. Visit [texasballettheater.org](http://texasballettheater.org) for more info and to purchase tickets.

## AROUND DFW

### GRAPEFEST

The 32nd Annual GrapeFest is back for four days of family-friendly festival fun on **September 13 - 16** in Grapevine. Make plans to sip and sample premium Texas wines and champagne while enjoying live entertainment, delicious festival food and much more. Info [atgrapevinetexasusa.com/grapefest/](http://atgrapevinetexasusa.com/grapefest/)

### STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Celebrating 132 years of tradition, the State Fair of Texas will return for another season of food, festivities, and family fun. Themed "Celebrating Texas Innovation," this year's exposition kicks off on **Friday, September 28** in historic Fair Park. Visit [bigtex.com](http://bigtex.com) for more info.

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# AUTUMN LISTENING

by Layne Craig



I love to curl up with a detective novel, and fall weather (or strong air conditioning) provides just the right atmosphere for it. At the same time, when fall (i.e. soccer, ballet, school projects, work deadlines) gets started, I have a lot less time for curling up, so I rely on audiobooks to get my mystery novel fix. Here are a few books I enjoyed on audio—perfect in tone for darker evenings and (slightly) crisper weather, but packaged conveniently for a season of commutes and errands.

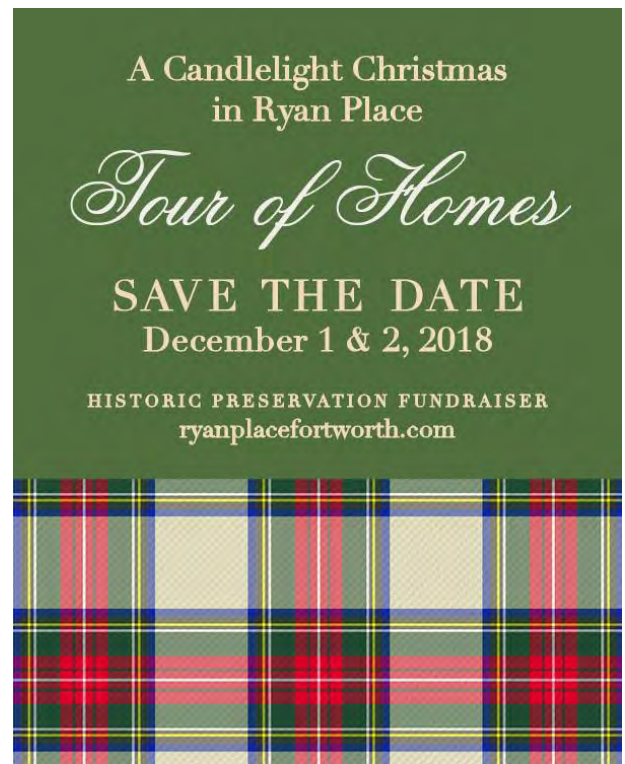
*Chief Inspector Gamache Series*, by Louise Penny, Books 1-10 read by Ralph Cosham: Penny's popular series combines lovely cozy-mystery scenery with thoughtful explorations of serious issues like drug addiction and police corruption. After ten of these novels, I came to associate Cosham's deep baritone and beautiful pronunciation of the French-Canadian place names with the voice of the philosopher-detective Gamache himself. Robert Bathurst reads the series' most recent books, which I haven't listened to yet; I look forward to hearing if he can capture the combination of humor, suspense, and wintery atmosphere I love in Penny's books.

*Emma in the Night*, by Wendy Walker, read by Therese Plummer and Julia Whelan AND *The Book of Essie*, by Meghan MacLean Weir, read by Tara Sands, Robbie Daymond, and Erin Spencer: I love stories where the narrator keeps secrets (I loved Christie's *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*), and books with multiple narrators with competing agendas. Both of these novels focus on daughters plotting to escape the influence of their controlling mothers; while *Emma in the Night* is the more traditional thriller, both are psychological suspense stories with strong main characters who alternately gain and lose our sympathy with their choices. The different

narrators' voices helped hold my attention listening to the audio and highlighted the conflicts among the characters' points of view.

*I.Q.*, by Joe Ide read by Sullivan Jones *I.Q.* is a straightforward detective novel, combining aspects of LA noir, like Raymond Chandler's novels, and the Sherlock Holmes books. Its hero, Isaiah Quintabe, emerged from a tough childhood with a guilty secret and a mission to use his genius-level intelligence to help his neighbors. In this, Ide's first in the series, *I.Q.* is looking for a big pay day for reasons that are slowly revealed; he finds it in a paranoid former rap star being pursued by a strangely creative hitman. I loved how this novel alternated between that case and revelations about *I.Q.*'s past, and I ended the book excited to listen to Ide's next book.

Bonus: My kids and I started listening to the mystery podcast *The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel*, and it is a big hit so far. Lovable characters and slightly spooky with some "irreverent" humor, it seems like it would work well for ages 8 and up.



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# HOMEMADE MARSHMALLOW PLAY-DOH

By Abby Sehgal

During those several rainy days in August, my daughter and I came up with many fun indoor activities to keep ourselves busy and entertained. One of my favorites was marshmallow play-doh, and I wanted to share it with you because it was too fun not to brag about!

This is a great project for kids of all ages who like to mold, squeeze, and squish. And it's entirely edible, making it safe for the little ones who still put everything in their mouths.

## Homemade Marshmallow Play-Doh

Ingredients:

6 large marshmallows

¼ C. cornstarch

2 tsp. coconut oil

Food coloring, if desired

Place the marshmallows, cornstarch, and coconut oil in a microwave safe bowl and heat for 30 seconds, then stir to combine (the marshmallows will likely still be whole, which is fine). Once the mixture is cool enough to handle, knead by hand, adding more cornstarch as needed to reduce the stickiness. Add the food coloring as you knead.

Once you have a consistency you like, start molding! Happy smushing!

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# SCAM SPOTTING AND SPEAR PHISHING

By Kipp Baker

Early on we learn most about life in elementary school. It teaches basic tenets of life and how to deal with ourselves, others, and how we respond to directions and advice. Fourth or fifth grade had one very significant learning experience with a test of about 20 questions. It began with this text:

Read the entire test BEFORE you begin:

1. Write your name on the top of the paper
2. Write your address underneath your name
3. (Other questions followed, like what is the capital of our state? Who was our first president? The questions then became progressively harder, more complex, and even required an essay answer, until:

**Question #20:** "Now that you have read the entire test, you need not answer ANY question at all. Put your pencil/pen down and wait until everyone has done this (and finished...).

What did I learn? To follow directions, remain skeptical (not cynical), and how to foster critical thinking.

In that spirit of critical thinking, I offer this guidance - directions if you will - about spotting and avoiding malware, ransomware, and other nastygrams of woe and malfeasance within our networked world. What prompted this? Recently, Cade Lovelace, our RPIA president sent me a short one-liner email:

On Aug 1, 2018, at 7:23 PM, Cade Lovelace <[lwyubty8@gmail.com](mailto:lwyubty8@gmail.com)> ← ALWAYS ASK: WHO IS THIS? wrote:

{name here}, are you free at the moment?

Regards

Cade

Sent from my iPhone

Immediately red flags flew. Why?

1. Cade never communicates this way.
2. The use of language was not his.
3. His signature line (ALWAYS there) was missing.
4. He's never sent anything from his iPhone, that I can recall, or at least that was notated that way.
5. There has never been any degree of urgency to his communications like this appeared to have.
6. His return email address was totally foreign to all the email addresses I knew.\*

\*This last red flag confirmed this was a malevolent email, a phishing attempt. (By gently rolling over the email address without clicking, most time the underlying email address will show up somewhere nearby. Sometimes immediately by the mouse pointer or in the corner of the program's window.

The point is – if any of the items in a correspondence seem odd or out of place (see #'s 1-6 above), be very skeptical and slow down! It's okay to be skeptical! Tap the brakes during your speedy workday to do some critical review. Be brief, but in the long run, a thorough inspection will save you a ton of time and conserve your hard-earned resources. Any idea how expensive ID theft is, anyone? How about an expensive computer systems restoration after a ransomware encounter or crash?

Learn to be healthily skeptical. If you are still unsure, call a friend, neighbor (got your directory?) or advisor you already know and discuss if you are unsure.

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# FROM THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

by Christopher Ebert



We are in Krueger National Park in a best of Africa tour.\* We left Johannesburg a few days ago and have been on a Photo Safari in the back of a 4x4. Some tourists have their long-lens cameras, others only an iPhone several generations old with a weak battery. The goal here is to see in their protected but natural habitat the "Big Five": Giraffe, Cape Buffalo, Elephant, Rhino, and Lions.

As always, I look for comparisons to Ryan Place. Seweto Township did not compare to any place we had ever seen, much less than any place back in the states. The "Big Five" however, were different: Paschal Panthers, TCU Horned Frogs, Daggett Elementary Bulldogs, Daggett Montessori Dragons ... well, that's four out of five!

Best of Ryan Place is easier.

These annual events: Halloween night, Candlelight Christmas Tour, RPIA Croquet Tournament, Fourth of July Parade and Softball Game with Fairmount, Labor Day Garage Sale.

The RPIA annual sponsored events, the potluck dinners, the visits to city council and school board meetings, and the neighbors that both participate and those that volunteer to make our events a success are truly the best part of Ryan Place.

*\*Thanks to modern technology, Mr. Ebert was able to send his monthly column from across several continents. Thanks to the patience of the Ryan Place Newsletter editor, the column was typed from a photo of the text that was sent from across several continents.*



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## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON PROPOSED 2019 CITY BUDGET

*From City News, City of Fort Worth, Texas*

The City Council is scheduled to vote on adopting the budget and the property tax rate at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at City Hall. The city manager recommended a \$1.91 billion budget that continues to focus on sustainable solutions while also decreasing the property tax rate.

Residents can give their feedback online at [fortworthtexas.gov](http://fortworthtexas.gov)

## NEWS TO USE

### *Whatever Happened To ...*

#### **The Ryan Place Historic Overlay**

The Historic Overlay for Ryan Place has been a dormant issue for the last few years, but needs review. Are you for or against an historic overlay? Let us know your thoughts at [ryanplacefortworth.com/contact](http://ryanplacefortworth.com/contact)

#### **Alley Cleanup**

In late July of 2018, the city began mowing the alleys designated for this service. If your alley was NOT one of these and you think it should be, please let us know. We feel this is an ongoing issue. It has relevance to the neighborhood regarding not only security issues but also health and aesthetic matters as well.

#### **Classified Ads in the Newsletter**

Let us know your interest in adding a monthly classified ad section to the newsletter. Currently, there are plans to provide an online classified section, but interest has been inconsistent, and we need to know how to plan this. If you are a business, we now have an online payment option for the newsletter. Select your ad size, make the payment, and we'll see your ad run in the newsletter. Visit [ryanplacefortworth.com/ratecard](http://ryanplacefortworth.com/ratecard) for more information.

#### **Fire Truck Restoration**

Recent RPIA Board Meetings have shed some light on this. Just know that it is tough to restore an antique piece of machinery, no matter how durable and tough it was designed to be. We will have more information to share soon.



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