



CANDLELIGHT TOUR THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the incredible volunteers who helped make the 35th Candlelight Christmas a success! From the docents and sponsors to the organizers and patrons, your hard work and attendance paid off!

Special thanks to the generous hosts whose homes were on the tour this year: The Morris family, Chris and Emily Smith, Jenna Lee, The Sellers family, and Kelly and Quin Vidrine. Thank you for sharing your beautiful homes!



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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 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

RPIA BOARD ELECTIONS AND GENERAL MEETING

There will be no board meeting this month due to the Christmas holidays. Please visit ryanplacefortworth.com to view the 2019 calendar for upcoming meeting dates.

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!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The Ryan Place Newsletter will take a break in January and return in February 2019.

Have a safe and
Happy New Year's!

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

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

RYAN PLACE HOLIDAY PARTY

A big thank you Tim Keith, Christina and Nehme of Chadra, and everyone who helped to make our RPIA holiday party at the Wine Haus a fun gathering for all!



AROUND FORT WORTH

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Santa is in Sundance Square now until **December 23**, so if you haven't snapped a photo of the little ones telling him their Christmas wish list yet, head downtown to talk to the guy in the red suit and enjoy the 56-foot spruce tree before time is up!

ICE SKATING AT PANTHER ISLAND

Take a break from the holiday prep and enjoy some outdoor fun at Panther Island Ice. The rink is currently open seven days a week through **January 14** at Coyote Drive-In Theater Complex. Visit pantherislandice.com for daily hours and more information.

AROUND DFW

PRAIRIE LIGHTS IN GRAND PRAIRIE

Upon arriving at the entrance of Prairie Lights, you will be dazzled with 4 million lights set along 2 miles of path. Halfway through the drive, get out of your car for a stop at Holiday Village where for an additional charge you can enjoy food, gifts, Santa, the brand-new indoor Holiday show, and the Holiday Magic Lighted Walk-Through Forest. Through **December 30** at Lynn Creek Park 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy, Grand Prairie. For more information, visit prairielights.org.

ICE! AND LONE STAR CHRISTMAS

This signature holiday attraction is back at the Gaylord Texan with a new theme in 2018. Experience your favorite scenes from Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer brought to life in a walk-through winter wonderland. You'll pile on a heavy parka (provided, but bring a pair of gloves) and stroll through a maze of themed ice sculptures throughout a 14,000-square-foot exhibit hall kept at a numbing 9 degrees.

Runs through January 1. For more information, visit gaylordtexan.com.

FWISD WINTER BREAK

December 21-January 8

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW AND RODEO

Mark your calendar for the annual event beginning **January 18, 2019** and running through **February 9**. A fun-filled extravaganza rich in Western tradition, the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, held at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, is the place to be. Enjoy exciting rodeo action, livestock, horse shows, etc. Visit fwssr.com for tickets and more information.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA will make a triumphant return to Dallas as part of its North American Tour **December 19-January 6, 2019** at The Music Hall at Fair Park. The production, overseen by Matthew Bourne and Cameron Mackintosh, boasts many exciting special effects including the show's legendary chandelier. The beloved story and thrilling score - with songs like "Music of the Night," "All I Ask Of You," and "Masquerade" - will be performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this PHANTOM one of the largest productions now on tour. dallassummermusicals.org.

BOOK OF MORMON

Don't miss The Book of Mormon, the nine-time Tony Award®-winning Best Musical **January 29 – February 3, 2019** at The Music Hall at Fair Park. This outrageous musical comedy follows the misadventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. Now with standing room only productions in London, on Broadway, and across North America, THE BOOK OF MORMON has truly become an international sensation. For more information, visit dallassummermusicals.org.

BOOKS FOR GIFTING

by Layne Craig



Since the holidays are approaching, I asked Tina Howard, the owner of the new, beautiful Near Southside tea shop and bookstore Leaves, to offer some suggestions of great books available in her store. Here are Tina's picks—remember to shop local and give the gift of reading this holiday season!

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks follows a rare manuscript through centuries of war and persecution, telling the story of the people who protect it. Based upon the real life Sarajevo Haggadah, *People of the Book* is not only a fascinating story, but an interesting exploration of what it means to protect history.

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander is a thought-provoking perspective of the criminal justice system in America that will make readers consider issues of race and injustice with greater awareness and understanding of how complex and disturbing the issue is.

Start With Why by Simon Sinek is an insightful book, regardless of whether the reader is an entrepreneur. Sinek posits that no matter what your endeavor, answering the question why will guide all other decisions and lay a foundation for long-term success.

Freedom Over Me by Ashely Bryan is a beautifully illustrated account of eleven slaves, their talents and their dreams. Written from real documents detailing an estate appraisal, Bryan gives them each a voice and an identity through narrative prose.

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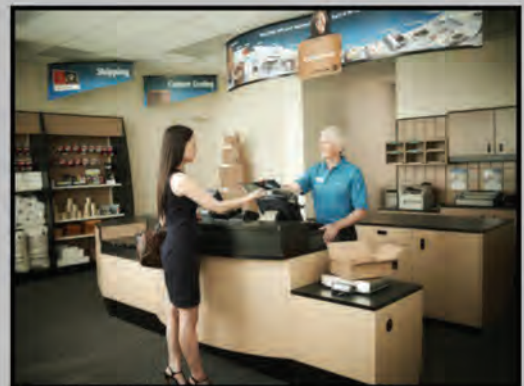
The Ryan Place Directory (for residents of Ryan Place only) is now collecting information! This is an online, secure, and private directory. It will not be used for solicitations or marketing by anyone that is not a resident of – or outside – Ryan Place. Know your neighbors! Know how to contact or be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

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A STORY ABOUT AN ELF NAMED DAISY BANANA

By Kristin Sloane

When Elf on the Shelf became popular, I was a newlywed and had no need for the little thing many of my friends' kids were obsessed with. Fast forward six years, and here I am with my own elf tale to tell.



For those who haven't had the privilege of "adopting" an elf of your own, here's a quick synopsis: the magical elves are tasked with helping Santa manage his naughty and nice lists by observing your family and reporting back to Santa nightly. Each morning, the elf returns to the family and perches in a new spot waiting for someone to find them. Each elf is named by their family after introduction and rumor has it they will lose their magic if kids touch them. Some elves are lazy (cough) and some elves are quite mischievous and creative. It's every bit as ridiculous as it sounds.

My 3-year-old is really into Santa this year and, truth be told, I knew the idea of this thing telling Santa about his behavior might make for better days. It was a bribery tactic. There, I said it. I told myself I'd never get one, that I'd never be that mom. Well, folks, I willingly bought into this; the burden is all mine.

I may have been kind of embarrassed to buy it for the aforementioned reasons. I glanced around before I picked it up and tried to hide it once it was in my cart. I grabbed it off the shelf so fast that I didn't bother to notice the differences in packaging.

Needless to say, I had no idea you could choose different shades or the gender. **No idea.** So when I opened the box, I was pleasantly surprised to find my (er, my kid's) very own miniature Mindy Kaling in elf form. Naturally, I love her.

The first night I introduced her to my son, he was kind of cute about it. He spoke softly like he was shy. Well, we are now on day four of her presence, and I can honestly say that he is genuinely afraid of her. Yesterday, he told my husband she was creepy and tonight he requested that I walk into his room with him. When I asked him why, he said "she's in there," right out of a horror movie. Fun fact: I don't do scary movies, especially ones where kids say creepy things like, "she's in there."

Is it bad juju to return an elf? Will she be hurt and eventually find her way back to my house to haunt us forever, appearing on shelves she never had the chance to grace? I'm not sure I want to find out.

For parents that haven't yet introduced an elf to your littles, consider yourselves warned.

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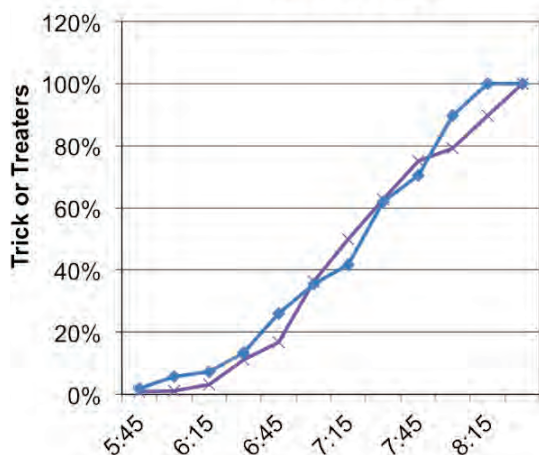
A WET AND COOL HALLOWEEN NIGHT

by Christopher Ebert

A short report of the Trick-Or-Treat data collected on South Adams. The following graphs show the results of our thorough and painstaking effort to quantify the impact of Halloween night on South Adams as a microcosm of Ryan Place.

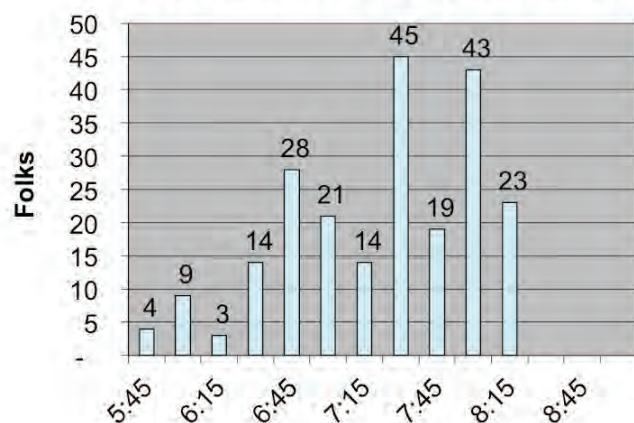
The cumulative percentage by quarter-hour-by-quarter-hour graph shows the similarity of the data streams between 2017 and 2018. Both years had weather impacts early. In 2018 the data reached its peak at 100 percent 15 minutes before 2017.

**Halloween on S. Adams
2017 vs 2018**



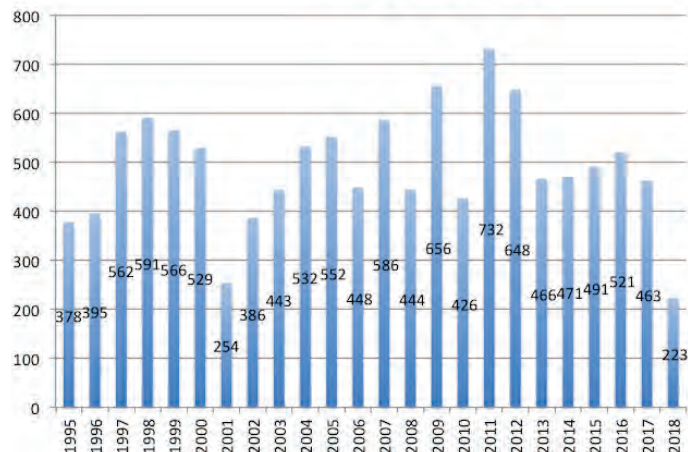
The number of Trick-or-Treaters by quarter-hour continued the norm of many years by having two peaks. This year in the 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. quarter-hours

2018 Halloween on South Adams

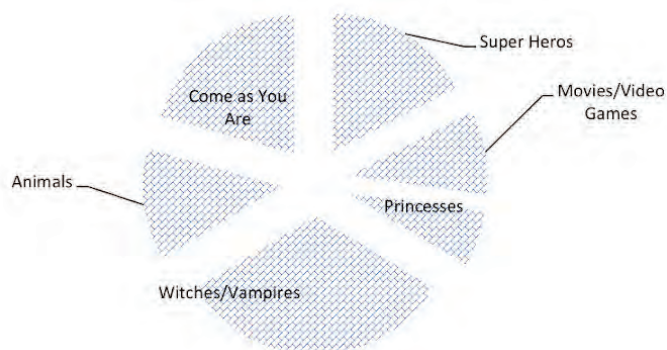


The total number of participants on South Adams was significantly down from last year, to only 223 due to the unsettled weather bringing a deluge in the late afternoon, the cool north wind, and then the 8:15 p.m. start of another rain shower. The average for the 2001-2017 years is 529.

**South Adams
Trick or Treaters**



This year the costumes were dominated by darkly-themed characters including Witches/Vampires and the Grim Reaper. In the Animal category, Cats and Dogs were evenly matched. Cows again made a strong showing, as did costumes based on items from the produce section of the Fiesta Mart. The 'Scream' costume continued its fall with only one counted out of 223. Come As You Are maintained its usual 18 to 19 percent.



In the search for leading indicators to the political process there were no Beto's or Ted's counted and for the second year zero Trumps!

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