



RPIA PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

The heat has arrived and so has summer! Summer in Ryan Place is busy, with many fun events!

The Fourth of July parade is fast approaching, and everyone is invited to participate! The parade will go throughout the neighborhood and conclude at Daggett Park. The parade route is posted inside the newsletter and is available on our Facebook page. We may have some special guests this year, so come and join or watch from your home. Porch parties are encouraged!

When the parade has concluded, join us at the Ryan Place/Fairmount softball game at Daggett Park. Ryan Place has not lost during my terms in office, and I expect this to continue. I know that Fairmount is practicing hard this year, and I expect the Flyers to represent Ryan Place well. This is a great Ryan Place tradition, so bring a chair and some shade to set up around the field and enjoy your neighbors!

There is also a BBQ event coming up this month. The summer BBQ will be held at the home of Javier and Patricia Rodriguez on Saturday June 16, from 5-10 p.m. There is a pool and kids will be allowed to swim from 5-8 p.m. while a TCU student lifeguard is on duty. The pool will be closed after 8 p.m., but the BBQ does not end then. This is a potluck, so bring a dish to share.

In RPIA news, the general membership and the board had a meeting on May 21, wherein we discussed the condition of the alleyways in Ryan Place. We also learned of a program through the city of Fort Worth that will clean the alleyways, with some conditions. Please let your street director know if you are interested in learning more information. Also at the meeting, Jennifer O’Connell was approved as Ryan Place Drive Street director. Thank you, Jennifer, and we look forward to serving with you.

Finally, RPIA has a board meeting on June 18. Please come and join us if you are interested in serving your community. RPIA takes the month of July off, so our next meeting will be in August, and will start the busy fall season.

Cade Lovelace, President RPIA

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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.

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JUNE AND JULY IN RYAN PLACE

Neighborhood Swim Party and BBQ

The Ryan Place Swim Party and BBQ will be held on **Saturday, June 16, 5-10 p.m.** at the home of Javier and Patricia Rodriguez at 2531 S. Adams.

As always, these events are potluck style, BYOB, and kid-friendly. There is a pool and kids will be allowed to swim from 5-8 p.m. while a TCU student lifeguard is on duty. The pool will be closed after 8 p.m., but the BBQ does not end then.

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RPIA General Board Meeting

The June RPIA Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 18, 7 p.m.** at St. John's Episcopal Church.

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Ryan Place Fourth of July Parade and Softball Game

Wednesday, July 4. Parade begins at 9:45 a.m. See page 5 for details and route map.



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AROUND FORT WORTH

CONCERTS IN THE GARDEN

The annual summer music series is held at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. This season features the music of Michael Jackson, Queen, Star Wars, Rolling Stones, Journey, The Eagles, and more. Dallas band, the Old 97s, will also play for one night of the series. Visit fwsymphony.org for details and tickets.

ARTIST TAKASHI MURAKAMI

Don't miss the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth's vibrant summer exhibition, *Takashi Murakami: "The Octopus Eats Its Own Leg"* on view **June 10 through September 16**. During the exhibition, the Museum will offer half-price tickets on Sundays and free admission on Fridays!

TRINITY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of season of TCU's Trinity Shakespeare Festival. The festival runs from **June 19 through July 8** and features a combination of TCU theater students and seasoned local actors. Experience the period costumes and poetic verse of *Twelfth Night* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Tickets from \$20. Visit trinityshakes.org for tickets and details.

SUMMER DANCE CONCERT

Enjoy traditional Spanish dance during **Ballet Concerto's Summer Dance Concert June 22 through 24 at Clearfork**. The weekend of outdoor performances at Clearfork's wooded event space will feature noted flamenco dance Luis Montero. Pack your blankets and chairs. Free for lawn seating; reserved table seating from \$50. Visit balletconcerto.com for more info.

FORT WORTH'S FOURTH

Don't miss a day of fun family activities and music on the Trinity River at Panther Island Pavilion on **Wednesday, July 4!** Events include a local band competition, kidzone with face painting and zip lines, an F-16 flyover, flyboard shows, and the largest fireworks show in North Texas! Visit fortworthsfourth.com for details.

AROUND DFW

PARKER COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL

The 33rd Annual Parker County Peach Festival is shaping up to be one of the best! Beat the summer heat by enjoying some peachy treats on **Saturday, July 14** from 8am to 4pm! \$5 for adults; kids 12 and under are free. More details at peachfestivaltx.com.

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SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

By Layne Craig

Summer is the perfect time to catch up on pleasure reading. Whether you need a book to take on vacation or one to read on the back porch with a glass of wine, here are a few suggestions that are perfect for the season.

The Tale of Dysfunctional Friendship: If summer fiction for you means romance and scandal, be sure to binge-watch *Big Little Lies*! But also check out *Rules of Civility*, by Amor Towles. Set in 1930s New York City, it follows two working girls' rivalry over a handsome new acquaintance. Some of the same themes as Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan novels, but I found this a quicker read.

The Texas-Based Murder Mystery: Detective fiction is my favorite summer reading, and I've been enjoying *Bluebird, Bluebird*, by Attica Locke, already this season. At first, its hero Darren Mathews seems like the typical hard-drinking detective, but Locke nicely weaves his backstory as a black Texas Ranger together with the crime he's investigating, a possibly racially motivated double murder in rural East Texas, to make him sympathetic and complex. The mouth-watering descriptions of food at the roadside diner where a lot of the book takes place are a bonus.

The Gripping Sci-Fi Series: My husband introduced me to *Binti*, by Nnedi Okorafor, and although I'm not the science-fiction fan he is, I finished this short, gripping novel in an afternoon. *Binti* is a mathematical genius from a reclusive tribe who runs away from her family to attend a university across the galaxy, encountering prejudice, danger, and the chance to be a hero along the way. Okorafor has published two sequels to *Binti*, so this one could keep you reading all summer!

The Quiet Dystopia: Students in my "Utopias and Dystopias" class at TCU love *Never Let Me Go*, by Kazuo Ishiguro. Part of the pleasure of this book lies in how long it takes to reveal its real premise, so I will only say that the story about friendship and romance at an upper-class boarding school gives way to something much more chilling, complicated, and satisfying. Perfect for a plane trip or a quiet morning.



The Can't-Miss Classic: If you'd like to catch up on a classic this summer, I recommend *Persuasion*, by Jane Austen. Not only is it short and manageable for a summer read, its settings include the vacation locale of Bath, where Austen lived for several years, and the beach village of Lyme. Sweet but biting satirical, *Persuasion* has replaced *Pride and Prejudice* as my go-to yearly Austen reread.

The Family Read-Aloud: In my family, we love audiobooks that make us laugh. For a long car trip with kids, I recommend the *Ivy and Bean* series, by Annie Barrows. Ivy is a quiet, bookish kid who wants to be a witch when she grows up, and Bean, her never-quiet, always-curious neighbor on "Pancake Court." Their friendship never fails to collapse me and my kids into giggles.

Jean Craighead George said, "I love to travel, but when I really want to escape, I read a book." Wherever your reading travels take you this summer, enjoy them!

NO-BAKE DESSERTS WILL GET US THROUGH SUMMER

by Abby Sehgal

For those of us who love to bake, the summer months present the same question every year: Do I add to this insufferable heat by turning on the oven? For me, the answer is usually no. But we don't have to go without our sweet treats! A few years ago I began exploring the world of no-bake desserts, and I was hooked immediately. Little peanut butter, chocolate, and oat cookies that come together on the stovetop. Coconut snowballs. Rice Krispy treats, of course. And my favorite of all, the icebox cake.

I started out with a strawberry icebox cake, and it's a perfect summer dessert. At some point I swapped bananas for the strawberries and that has become the current favorite in our house. Layers of crunchy graham cracker are spread with freshly whipped cream, topped with banana slices, and left to soften in the refrigerator for several hours. The result tastes like banana pudding, but lighter, fresher.

Neighbors, what are your favorite no-bake desserts that get you through the summer months? We have a lot of hot days ahead, and with them, pool parties, barbecues, and family gatherings just begging for some homemade goodies. If you have a no-bake dessert recipe you love, email it to rpianewsletter@yahoo.com and we'll share it in an upcoming newsletter for all to enjoy.

Banana Icebox Cake

(adapted from Bakeless Sweets by Faith Durand)

About one and a half sleeves of graham crackers

1 ½ C. whipping cream

2 Tbsp. confectioners sugar

½ tsp. vanilla extract

2-3 bananas, sliced

Whip the cream, sugar, and vanilla together until firm peaks form. Using an 8x8 baking pan or dish, cover the bottom with graham crackers, then spread with whipped cream. Cover with banana slices and repeat until you get to the top of the dish, finishing with a layer of whipped cream. Cover with foil and refrigerate for at least two hours. Slice and serve chilled.

*This recipe can be doubled to fit a 9x13 pan



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TRADERS OAK

Submitted by Lissa Lewis

"I think that I shall never see / A poem lovely as a tree."

Especially one tree ... a tree already large and mature when the first trading post in North Texas was established under its large canopy in 1849 by Archibald Franklin Leonard and Henry Clay Daggett. Leonard would become a retail name well-known in a prairie town dubbed Fort Worth.

"A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed / Against the earth's sweet flowing breast."

However, this majestic Oak would be witness to even greater history when, in 1850, it was the site of the first election in Tarrant County. Then on Independence Day 1859 Sam Houston spoke to the masses from the protection of its boughs. Located on Samuels Avenue for over 200 years, this literal piece of Fort Worth and Texas History is in the path of one of the largest development fronts in the city. While it is located in a city-owned park and has general protection under that umbrella, it is only as a tree, NOT as a historical landmark.

"A tree that looks at God all day, / And lifts her leafy arms to pray."

Being "just a tree" does not protect this monument to the historical growth of Fort Worth from suddenly getting cut down one night without any notice or forethought. City parks undergo significant "transformations" in the name of progress where trees are sacrificed during construct. I mean if statues can disappear from city parks in a day and then go up for action to the highest bidder, what stops a tree from going missing?

"A tree that may in Summer wear / A nest of robins in her hair."

According to Historic Fort Worth, a landmark nomination was submitted to the City of Fort Worth by a designation committee a few years back and the proposal was rejected by the city at the time. As stated on a recent HFW publication "with the increase both in population on Samuels Avenue and the increased decline of historic property due to urban sprawl and construction, it is now time to make Trader's Oak a local and state landmark." The park is actually already divided into individual plots so the Tree can be protected with Historical Designation with the remaining land still acting as city park.

"Upon whose bosom snow has lain / Who intimately lives with rain."

Everyday the news shows groups using force and violent protest trying to persuade others of their radial view points. Perhaps we should take a lesson from this stately Oak and show how effective change can be made through peaceful measures. School teachers could use this as a catalyst to have children take part in the research of the history of the site and then write elected city officials, state legislatures, thus being an effective part of the democratic system. Field trips out to see the Tree and have a sack lunch under the branches were so much history has taken place would also provide a hands on learning experience. Lessons in history, government, English, and, if you throw in the poem literature... all in one!

Submitted landmark request from citizens would give state officials would documentation and support to help provide protection through landmark designation for the Trader's Oak. Elected officials need to hear your voices to understand that history is important and is a lasting component of what Fort Worth stands for. Doesn't hurt for them to know that people are watching also... unlike our neighbors on the other side of the Trinity who seem to be running amuck most of the time.

"Poems are made by fools like me / But only God can make a tree."

As this last line of the poem *Trees* by Joyce Kilmer suggests, "only God can make a tree" but we can help save this one. It is't in our neighborhood, but it is in our city and it is part of who we are as citizens told by those who came before. Contact Historic Fort Worth at 1110 Penn Street for more information. See the complete list of Endangered Historical Landmarks at historicfortworth.org



NEWS TO USE



As we settle into summer, here are a few tips to help you keep your pets and plants healthy and happy when the temperatures soar:

Pets: Fort Worth's Animal Care and Control Division urges residents to take note of these important hot weather tips to keep pets healthy:

- Never leave an animal alone in a vehicle, even if windows are partially opened, as it can become like a furnace within 15 minutes. Temperatures can range from 131-172 degrees.
- Dogs and cats need cool, shady places during the hot weather with plenty of clean, fresh water accessible at all times.
- Feed animals in the cooler hours of the day.
- Protect your dog's paws from getting burned on hot pavement; walk your dog on grass or other cooler surfaces. Dogs' paws can burn easily.
- Heatstroke is life-threatening for dogs and cats. Signs to watch for are heavy or loud breathing, a staggering walk or a bright red tongue.

To report animals that may be in distressed situations, call 817-392-1234.


Plants: The onset of summer temperatures is a good time to review watering days:

- Residential addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8) may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Residential addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9) may water on Thursdays and Sundays.

- Non-residential sites can water on Tuesdays and Fridays. This includes apartment complexes, common areas maintained by homeowners or neighborhood associations, businesses, industrial sites, parks and medians.
- No watering on Mondays.

Although the water restrictions allow for watering twice a week, it's not always necessary to water that often. Water use can increase up to 45 percent during periods of hot weather, so it is important to conserve and water plants only when needed. Watering on just one of the two days may suffice to keep landscapes healthy and hydrated.

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2018 CROQUET TOURNAMENT

by Christopher Ebert

The Drake Family continues its supremacy on the croquet court. In a history-repeating afternoon, newlyweds Meghan and Samantha Drake won a string of three matches on a very warm day to win on their first time as partners. Five years after Meghan and her mother beat Mark Debenport and son, Christopher, this time aged 11.

Christopher Ebert, Croquet Czar, awarded the coveted "Waterson" Traveling Trophy to Meghan and Samantha Drake after a marathon croquet event that lasted almost six hours. A total of nine teams began the single elimination tournament.

Though some have said croquet was "a sport that is somewhat less geriatric than shuffleboard," the average age of this year's players was close to 25 years old, nowhere near eligible for Social Security nor Medicare.



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