

TIME FOR REFLECTION

The end of the year is often a time of reflection. I know 2020 is not the year we wanted it to be but we still have a lot to be thankful for and I'm very excited about 2021! It's almost here!

With that said, "A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place" will present "Festive Fifth Avenue" on Saturday, December 5, from 2-5 p.m. RPIA has researched and purchased 30 new yard signs (thank you CCRP team!) and these will be on display. To be clear, this is not an event, just a designated time to view the yard signs, grab a bite to eat from a couple of food trucks we will have set up, and honor the long standing CCRP tradition. Be sure to wear your facemasks if you plan on walking the neighborhood in that area on December 5.

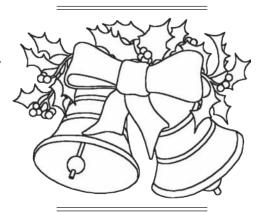
Our new NPO Officer Isiah Garner has been on the job for a couple of months now. As I have stated before, please contact him using texts or cell calls. His number is 817-944-1316. He will not be on social media. Also, if you see suspicious activity always call 911 first. The NPO will have a schedule that can fluctuate and he may not be readily available. Call 911, then text/call Officer Garner. If it is not an emergency please use the FWPD non-emergency number listed in this newsletter. It's important to get the incident or perceived incident called in. Once it has been called in a report gets created. The more reports, the more attention

Ryan Place will receive. That's just the way it works. If you have any questions about this please reach out to myself or Jason Jones, who is our neighborhood safety director.

As we always say, "beware the porch pirates this time of year." Get a plan with a neighbor if you are going to have packages sitting on your porch for more than a few minutes... It can happen very quickly! Also, please lock your car doors at night and if something looks like a package or something of perceived value please take it inside.

Please be safe and have a great holiday season!

Tim Keith / President, RPIA



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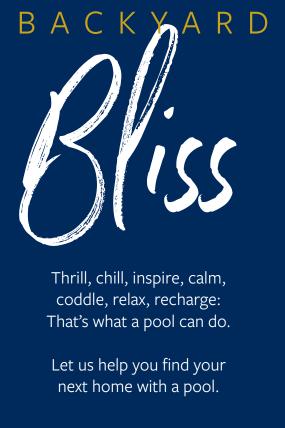
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No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY CANCELLED. HOWEVER, SOME RPIA ACTIVITES MAY TAKE PLACE WITH PROPER PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MASKING, ETC. WATCH OUR FB PAGE AND YOUR EMAIL FOR CONSTANT CONTACT UPDATES. STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY and HAVE A FABULOUS 2021!

Spring Tree Planting along our streets in the parkway...

Ryan Place Tree Program

The City of Fort Worth gives away FREE trees. Planting trees in our neighborhood helps reduce summer temperatures, calm storm runoff, improve air quality, beautify the neighborhood, and even increase the value of your home and lawn.

The city will provide FREE 5-gallon trees for planting in the parkway (that's the strip of ground between the street curb and sidewalk). Your job is to select the species of tree(s) you want, place your order, dig a hole, and plant the tree. Then keep the tree watered for the next 2 to 3 years until it is established. Trees are usually available by late February.

More details will be in our next issue of the Ryan Place Newsletter. Be thinking now of the species of FREE trees you want and the location where you want to plant them. If you need some guidance or have questions about the program or species selection and location, you can contact George Baker gbaker@yahoo.com or Jerry Lemunyon jllemunyon@att.net.

The tree species we hope to see available for 2021 are:

Bald Cypress
Bur Oak
Cedar Elm
Chinese Pistache
Chinquapin Oak
Live Oak
Mexican Buckeye
Mexican Oak
Shumard Oak
Texas Redbud



For further guidance and description of each tree species go to texastreeid.edu or Google "Robert O'Brien Trees of Texas".

NEWS & NOTES

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR SCALES DOWN, NO LOCKDOWN

With the COVID-19 pandemic case count on the rise during these fall and winter months, the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place committee and RPIA board have worked to continue the tour tradition, but in a more safe, healthy, reduced fashion.

The Tour consists of a walking tour (no inside home tours) and only along 5th Avenue. Roughly 30 signs in the yards of homes that have been engaged in previous home tours inform pedestrians who wish to make the walk up and down 5th Avenue.

Strategically parked food trucks along 5th Avenue offer their cusine to strollers who may develop an afternoon As of this writing any appetite. congregation of 10 or more people is discouraged, but spontanous bursting into songs of the season will be tolerated by muscians and carolers who may be part of this year's Candlelight Christmas Tour in Ryan Place.

This tour format is slated for one day only, Saturday, December 5th from 2-5 p.m.

RYAN PLACE BOARD MEETING **REVEALS ANTI-CRIME EFFORTS**

The November 16 RP Board Meeting allowed our new NPO Officer, Isiah Gardner to tell us crime was down over the last reporting period. There were still a few incidents, however, with an alleged assault occuring on the grounds of the Dagget Elementary school playground by several individuals deemed to be "not from the Ryan Place neighborhood."

In a separate incident, cameras recorded an individual's criminal behavior, making an identification possible. The suspect evidently already had a warrant for arrest and officers are aware of the individual.

Security cameras and their recording devices are playing an ever-growing role in crime detection and prevention. In the meeting Officer Garner urged anyone with a camera system to register the cameras with the city's police force.

Officer Garner also revealed there are a number of cameras already in place with several more cameras planned for additional placement at strategic spots in our neighborhood of Ryan Place. Locations of these cameras are non-descript and their exact locations were not revealed, but just know they are there.

Reminder (again!): Remove valuables, lock your vehicles and don't make it easy for the criminal to take advantage.

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AROUND FORT WORTH

BASS HALL ANNOUNCES PHASED REOPENING

Performing Arts Fort Worth, the nonprofit owner and operator of Bass Performance Hall, announced a phased reopening plan for early 2021 that sees a hybrid of streaming opportunities and limited-capacity, socially distanced general admission performances, with the goal of full-capacity performances later in 2021. While additional details on the phased reopening plan will be announced later, the current timeline is:

- January-February 2021. Bass Performance complex remains closed.
- **March 2021**. Limited onstage streaming/recording opportunities in Bass Hall without audiences.
- April-May 2021. Select limited-capacity performances for up to 100 ticketed patrons with general admission, socially-distanced seating. Later dates to be announced

PUBLIC WI-FI INSTALLATION TO BEGIN

The City of Fort Worth will begin installing equipment in the Rosemont area next week that will help connect more residents to the internet as early as January. An estimated 60,000 Fort Worth residents lack home internet access, making it difficult to attend online classes, apply for jobs or tap into other social service resources.

Rosemont residents can expect to begin seeing city crews and other contractors using bucket trucks to install equipment on utility poles. When the system is up and running, the city's public Wi-Fi signal from buildings such as community centers will reach nearby neighborhoods, allowing residents to connect to the internet at home.

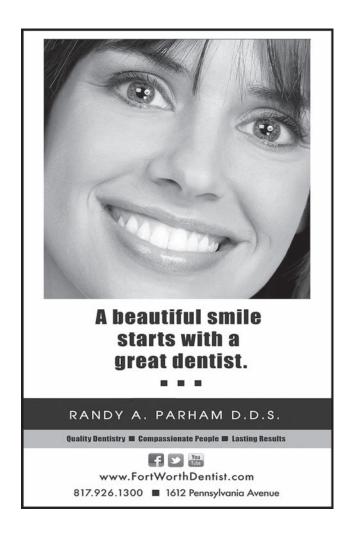
The city has designated \$5 million in federal CARES Act funds to provide free public Wi-Fi access to five low- to moderate-income neighborhoods in all, including: Ash Crescent, Como, North Side, Rosemont and Stop Six. The city identified the areas through its Neighborhood Improvement Program, which relies on data such as household income, poverty and crime rates to concentrate improvements where they're needed most. The neighborhoods also have low internet subscription rates, said Kevin Gunn, the city's director of information technology. Installation and testing in Rosemont will take several weeks. After that, installation will begin in the remaining four neighborhoods simultaneously.

How it works - Crews will install equipment on utility poles near city facilities that offer public Wi-Fi. Using radio technology, the equipment relays the city's wireless signal so that it reaches into the neighborhood. Anyone with a Wi-Fienabled device, such as a smartphone or laptop, could use the signal to access the internet.

City public Wi-Fi would be filtered, meaning some streaming, gaming or other sites would be blocked."It won't be similar to purchased service," said Gunn, "but it will allow children to do their online homework or let someone fill out an online job application from home, for example."











COVID -19 / EDITORIAL

by Kipp Baker, Communications Director

Yes, cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) are on the rise. We expected this with the onset of cooler weather. People get closer together indoors and thus more easily spread pathogens like the flu and COVID. Not to panic (and we've all heard this before) but we <u>can</u> act to avoid infection - or substantially *reduce the risk* of transmission - and it's all about reducing exposure and RISK REDUCTION:

- 1. Wear a mask when you are in an enclosed public place, and especially if that place has more than a dozen people there. More people equals more risk! It's a barrier, folks and it works both ways. Some masks make better barriers than others. Wear the best you can afford, (with filtration in the .01 to 3.0 micron range). Use of a mask outside or in breezy conditions is essentially pointless and may do more harm than god by restricting your breathing.
- 2. Watch where you touch be aware of common touch places like door handles and elevator buttons, cashier counter stands, grocery cart handles, railings (indoors), etc. Because UV (ultraviolet) light kills the virus almost immediately, get your shopping cart from the outside cart bin where its been in the sun risk reduced!
- 3. Wash your hands as soon as possible whenever you've been out in public. If there are no new entries (people or packages) to your home, or your private spaces, there is no need to wash your hands every 10 minutes!
- **4. Use hand sanitizer** if you cannot immediately wash but you should know, overuse can dry out your skin, leading to painful cracking, even bleeding or infections.
- **5. Avoid crowds** (More folks equals more risk) and if you must pass through a crowded space...
- **6. ...Stay physically distanced** six feet is suggested as a MINIMUM. Greater distances are BETTER.

There certainly are more things one can do to help reduce risks, but one of the best things? Help your own health and psychology with an understanding of ALL HEALTH MATTERS, especially the odds. They ARE in our favor.

In the USA, with a population of 330 million plus, <u>most people will not get sick!</u> Most certainly will not die from COVID-19. This does not mean that we can be cavalier; that we do not need to take precautions, like wearing a mask. Neither does it mean we must keep a mask on at all times "except between bites". That is patently ridiculous and defies common sense. Good hygienic practices, some refreshed awareness of risks and some good ol' common sense will see us through this crisis.

FEATURE / EDITORIAL

I'LL JUST ASK SANTA!

By Christopher Ebert, Senior RPIA Columnist

In 1978 our 5-year-old daughter wanted a kitten for Christmas.

Our family was already the caretakers of Patrick and Erin - two Irish Setters, Willie Nelson - a Guinea Pig (return from loan to her Daggett Kindergarten class), Beethoven - a yellow canary, plus a few yet-to-be-named goldfish.

But she was not convinced that our family had maxed out on pets. Her response was, of course, "I'll just ask Santa!"

Her older, wiser sister, becoming more of a Christmas skeptic, thinking she knew more about how the world worked, wasn't so sure the ask-Santa-approach would work.

Nevertheless the younger sister was not deterred. Ask she did of every Santa and would-be Santa the she encountered. Now her Mom and I were sure there was no kitten in her immediate future. We had not purchased any cat-appropriate supplies. Nor were there any known gifts purchased from Petsmart wrapped under the tree.

Soon it was Christmas Eve and upon returning from grandmother's house late on Christmas Eve as we drove into the drive there appeared in the headlights of the car a full grown jet black adult cat. Elizabeth jumped from the car exclaiming about how Santa had brought her exactly what we all had said was impossible. Even our skeptic was returned to the age of Christmas wonder!

Knowing that this cat must belong to a family that loved it dearly we searched for its owner. Signs posted on our Facebook page (oops wrong century.) Signs posted on phone poles. A door-to-door canvas, yet no one stepped forward to claim this cat. It soon became Elizabeth's cat, which she named "Christmas" We continued to look for some sign of the previous owner in the cat's behavior:

It would not get anywhere near the fireplace especially when a warm fire was available. Without introduction it would jump into the lap of any grandmother.

Even though it was a cat, it was a very good cat. It became our family's first cat. We came home one evening a couple of years later and the family cat was gone without a trace, gone as mysteriously as it had come.





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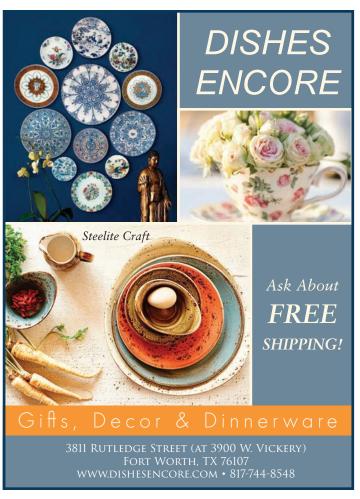
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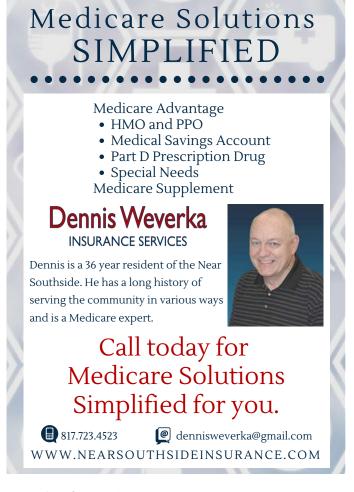
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