



TIME FOR REFLECTION

That winter storm was something else! On top of everything else, it delayed our February newsletter quite a bit. This newsletter is a mid-March catchup edition. We should be back on track in April and beyond at this point. I'll keep this brief, but we will have candidates speaking to the RPIA board on Monday, March 22, starting at 7 p.m. This is a virtual meeting. If you would like to learn more about our candidates this is a great place to do it. They will introduce themselves and briefly explain their positions/platforms. As we get a little closer to the 22 I will get the word out on Facebook.

We are having a virtual meeting Tuesday, March 23, at 7 p.m., to discuss the proposed zoning changes for the southern portions of Hemphill. This is something we continue to educate ourselves on. This has been a multi-year effort by the task force to have the city adopt "near southside" zoning standards that will flow continuously down the Hemphill corridor. Richard Riccetti is the chairperson of the task

force, and he will present to us and take questions. If anyone has any questions about either one of these matters, please reach out to me directly.

FYI – Mentioning this again!! In case you weren't aware, the neighborhood owns a 1932 fire truck that made appearances for several years in the July 4 parade and other events. We recently had it restored to a functional state and would like to use it for neighborhood events again. However, we need to find a place to store it within a few miles of the neighborhood. Ideally, we would like to find a place for it in Ryan Place. This truck is about the same size of a Ford F250 long bed pickup. If you think you might have an area that would work, please get in touch with me.

There will also be more detailed information about the tree program in this newsletter. This was something else that was delayed following the

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storms, and the deadline has been extended. The city of Fort Worth will give you a free, 5-gallon tree to plant in your parkway. There are many varieties to choose from and there is an article in this newsletter with more information. You can contact George Baker gvbaker@yahoo.com or Jerry Lemunyon jlemunyon@att.net for more information.

Tim Keith
President, RPIA

The Ryan Place Newsletter is published each month (excluding January and July) for residents in Ryan Place. The newsletter is delivered to our homes through the volunteer efforts of Ryan Place residents.

The newsletter also appears online at ryanplacefortworth.com/newsletters.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Red Nose Day	20 Start of Spring and Persian New Year
21 World Down Syndrome Day	22 Mayoral Candidate Zoom	23 Fort Worth Zoning Zoom	24	25	26	27 Passover
28 Palm Sunday						

No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

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



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JUST SOLD

Sold by Karly Johnston, in Ryan Place.

" Being a realtor in my own neighborhood for the last 10 years makes me feel like I've been working from home! With the housing market changing so fast lately, know you can lean on me for all your real estate needs because this neighborhood is my home and my heart. "

NEWS & NOTES

RYAN PLACE TREE PROGRAM

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

A few guidelines for obtaining and planting trees on your location:

- Return the order form (see next page) with your request by March 25.
- Pick up your trees around the end of March.

Follow instructions on locating your tree:

- Must be planted in the parkway
- Dig a proper hole and place the sapling at proper depth
- Plant at least 20 feet from signs, lamps, and street corners
- Protect the young sapling with a stem guard (FREE!) and mulch.
- Maintain water to the young tree for the next two to three years.

If you need some guidance or have questions about the program or species selection and location, you can contact George Baker gvbaker@yahoo.com or Jerry Lemunyon jllemunyon@att.net.

The tree species available for March, 2021 are:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Eve's Necklace</i> | <i>Bur Oak</i> |
| <i>Cedar Elm</i> | <i>Chinquapin Oak</i> |
| <i>Live Oak</i> | <i>Texas Redbud</i> |
| <i>Mexican Buckeye</i> | <i>Pecan</i> |
| <i>Shumard Oak</i> | <i>Indian Cherry</i> |

Lacey Oak

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

Editor's Note: This notice was prepared for the February newsletter prior to the snow and freezing temperatures the week of February 15. Trees are being inspected for damage and should be available by the end of March. If you would still like a tree, please see the order form below and deliver it to the physical or email addresses provided by no later than March 25.

TREE FORM TO FILL OUT AND RETURN

PLEASE SELECT THE TREE SPECIES YOU PREFER WITH THE NUMBER REQUESTED

(GENERALLY ONLY 1 OR 2 PER HOUSEHOLD).

Eve's Necklace	_____	Mexican Buckeye	_____
Bur Oak	_____	Pecan	_____
Cedar Elm	_____	Texas Redbud	_____
Indian Cherry	_____	Shumard Oak	_____
Chinquapin Oak	_____	Lacey Oak	_____
Live Oak	_____		

Name _____

Planting Site Address _____

Email / Text _____



THE RYAN PLACE FIRE TRUCK *NEEDS YOU!*

Did you know Ryan Place owns an antique firetruck? Well, we do! It has been repaired and restored recently at significant cost, but we need neighbors' help to keep it.

We need:

- A place to store it within a couple miles of Ryan Place. It must be secure and climate-controlled.
- Trained volunteers to drive it regularly to keep the engine in good working order.
- Funding for long-term storage, maintenance and additional restoration.

How can you help?

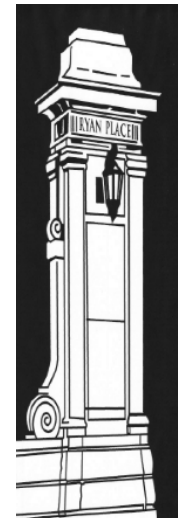
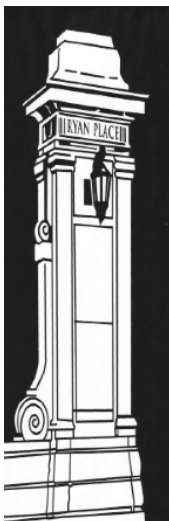
- Help us find a storage space!
- Donate to the Firetruck Fund!
- Organize a fundraiser for the Firetruck!

🔔 Historically, the firetruck was the star of the annual 4th of July parade, and that would be wonderful to get back to!

🔔 We can also use the firetruck during the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Home Tour!

🔔 We can get creative for other uses- photo ops/ events/ you name it!

If you can be of any assistance or want to share any great ideas, please contact a Board member.



Neighborly Help

Last month was a difficult one. Yet, Ryan Place once again proved why it is an incredible place to live. Neighbors offered firewood, places to warm up or stay, plumbing services, and even food and supplies to one another, whether we knew them or not.

While we don't need to dwell on the difficulties of last month, it's important to recognize all those who helped a fellow neighbor. To the many Ryan Place neighbors who helped one another out so selflessly, we thank you. This is the reason we all love the neighborhood; simply put, the people are the best.

If you are interested in learning more about some of the specific actions our neighbors took, Eric Prokesh has written a fantastic article over on candysdirt.com titled "With Fort Worth Fighting The Weather, Neighbors of Ryan Place Become True First Responders." I highly recommend giving it a read.

Again, thank you all for being such great neighbors.


Calling All Writers

Are you a faithful newsletter reader? Do you have an expertise you'd like to share?

The RPIA is growing our newsletter team and developing a wider range of content. As such, we are looking for passionate neighbors who are interested in contributing to join our fantastic group of columnists.

Whether you are a great writer or simply excited about sharing helpful tidbits with neighbors, we'd love to have you join. Your involvement level will be decided by you, enabling you to contribute as much or as little as your schedule allows.

If you're interested, please send a message to RPIANEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM.



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A Look Back on Eleven Years of My Newsletter Columns, by Christopher Ebert

This was the first. Occasionally in the coming months we will check in with the subjects and issues of 2009-2020.

Ryan Place – A Neighborhood of Historic Proportions

At the leading edge of the baby boomer generation, we moved into the Knox and Evelyn Thomas Home in 1976. Our decision to buy the house was a reaction to the lessons we learned from our parents, whose definition of success was to move away from where you grew up, to move west, to move out of the city center, from urban to more and more suburban environments. We weren't the first wave of young families to discover Ryan Place with its sidewalks, shaded tree-lined streets, neighborhood schools, garbage pickup from the alleys, homes that reminded us of our grandmother's, and neighbors that actually knew each other.

The Ryan Place 4th of July Parade was already a tradition when we got here, and the neighborhood had fought city hall several times with varying degrees of success. Traffic calming along 8th Ave was yet to be accomplished by a combination of Italian Cypress trees and the late afternoon "picket-fence" effect on drivers' windshields as they headed to the suburbs.

When you live in a neighborhood you automatically become a part of its history. You become what President Obama called "part of our patchwork heritage." Our neighborhood patchwork was in part created by the economic cycles and history of Fort Worth and the nation. This patchwork is what makes it possible for young families to rent, buy, and buy again in Ryan Place as their family economics dictate.

Why am I qualified to write a personal history of Ryan Place? (Glad you asked!) Back in the 1980s, I raised my hand at the wrong time and became the newsletter editor; that was when "cut and paste" meant just that. And if you have plenty of storage space available, it is possible to archive old RPIA newsletters, which means plenty of data to write a "Ryan Place – Then and Now" column.

A review of the stories five, 10, 15 years ago, however, reveals that things were pretty much like they are now -- you could just change the names: Councilman Herman Stutte becomes Councilmember Joel Burns; Gas "pot" meters become natural gas wells; Lone Star Gas becomes Chesapeake; 1985 becomes 2009.

I will draw on the written record when it agrees with the points I want to make, interviews with people that have gotten Ryan Place to where it is today will mostly be true (as true as personal histories ever are). Future articles will give you my opinion on stockade fences, protecting set-back requirements on new construction, and some other stuff that will just be fun.

Coming soon: an interview with the Director Emeritus of the Ryan Place Bottom of the Barrel Band, the publisher of several newspapers in Colorado, and the brains (or lack thereof) behind the Labor Day Garage Sale Weekend.

Stay tuned.

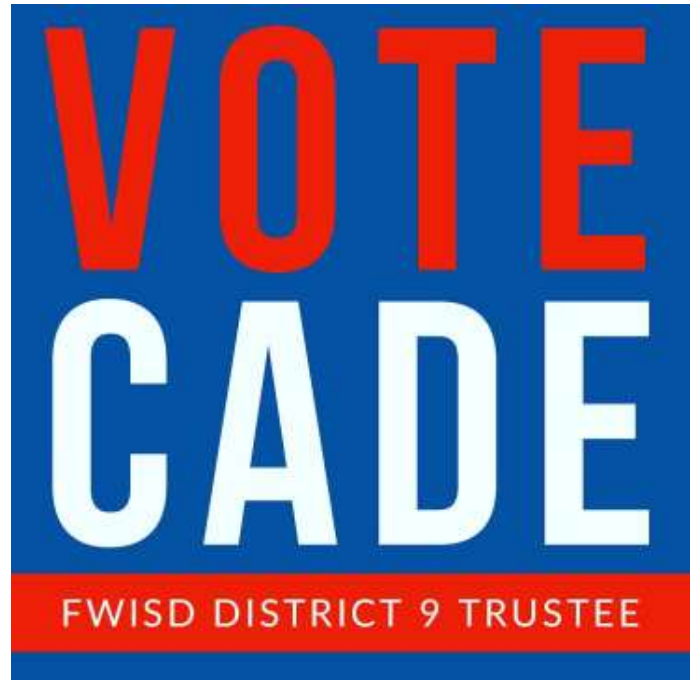
AROUND FORT WORTH

Water Bill Assistance


With all the plumbing issues resulting from last month's inclement weather, many of us are seeing significantly higher than usual water bills. Fortunately, Fort Worth is willing to work with homeowners to reduce those bills.

If you had a pipe leak or burst and have had a plumber repair the pipe, contact the city of Fort Worth. You will need to submit an application within 60 days of the completed leak repair and be able to provide a bill from the repair.

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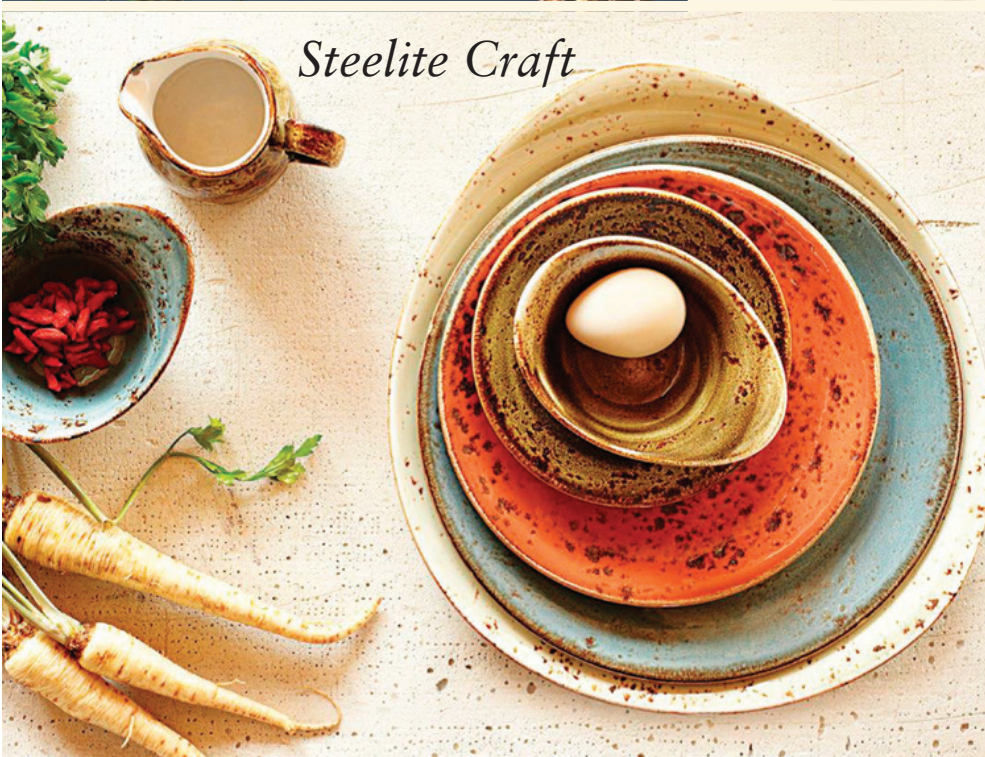
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The Newsletter is delivered each month (excluding January and July) to every home in Ryan Place. The newsletter is typically hung on your front door handle and is delivered through the volunteer efforts of Ryan Place residents.

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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- EVENTS for families & children and Adult SOCIALS which include
 - JULY 4th PARADE
 - FIRE TRUCK RESTORATION**
- NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE with discussions of issues important to our neighborhood.
- PARKS and Infrastructure Improvements
- PROMOTION and PROTECTION of Historic Ryan Place
- WELCOME Program
- ...and much much more!

* Submitting this form will put your name in our directory, a secure, online listing of our residents.

**Notes a 1934 American LaFrance type 399 Pumper built on a GMC truck chassis. It's been our very own for about 40 years! But it fell into some disrepair...We have been looking for parts and fabricating others to complete the restoration - which, after FOURTEEN (14) years is nearing completion! With your help and a little luck, it should be ready for NEXT years JULY 4th PARADE! PLease donate today!

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