

RYANWOOD WAY

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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Join us at First Jefferson Unitarian
Church — 1959 Sandy Lane,

December 10th, 2015 — 6:30 - to
7:30pm.

For a Winter
Celebration & Pot Luck
Dinner

PRESIDENT'S NOTE



New Beginnings: The leaves have begun to fall and winter comes just a little closer with each advancing cold front. Christmas excitement, with its cornucopia of possibilities, challenges us to consider new and fresh ideas for a new year. In this month's newsletter I'll review 2015 and place it in the context of where we've come and where we hope to go. Membership, expenses and income were carefully monitored this year to provide data for a budget and comparisons with 2014 data. The Board believes these data will prove to be invaluable as we consider the future. Remember we can't do any of this without your participation. October 1st, 2015 marks the beginning of the 2016 membership year and we encourage your continued support. If you haven't paid your dues for the 2016 year, please fill out and return the membership application you'll find attached to this newsletter. We are excited to share new ideas that will effectively employ the trust you have placed in us.

Positive Signs: Over 90% of our members in 2015 were members in 2014. Over 20% of those 2015 members, were new first time members. Our membership is up 2 households from the beginning of this year and up 6 from the end of last year, an 8% increase. With regard to our expenses, they're down 30%, and even with outreach and newsletter costs significantly up, we still managed to end the year with a bank balance down by only 4%. Improvements like these gives us a clear path and the Board is pleased to approve a 2016 budget that is realistic, progressive and sustainable.

Expense Driver: It was easy to identify the major expense driver. In the absence of subsidized printing, a color Newsletter costs \$3.01 to print and mail and 5 newsletters per year are \$15.05 per member, which is substantially more than the \$12 dues we receive from that single member per year. You might think increasing dues is the answer but that won't happen on my watch, so if information is the objective, then the default is high quality black and white Newsletters, delivered to your door. That cost is \$1.55 per Newsletter or \$7.75 per member per year, and that's inline with our income. Still incremental savings will come from switching Newsletter subscribers to digital as soon as it is realistic or possible and that will take time.

Website: I encourage you to try out the new site. It's not especially impressive for now but it's free and adequate for distributing the Digital Newsletter to all those with computers. It's not intended to deliver information on the scale and precision required by an association, so we will phase in a premium version of it sometime next year. There will be a signup sheet at the Dec. 10th meeting for those members to sign that KNOW they want to receive their Newsletters online. Those that do sign, save RNA \$7.75 per year and that money can go to other more worthwhile purposes.

Just a reminder about our next general meeting: It's a pot luck dinner and Mr. Cary Moon, our District 4 Representative, is on hand to answer your questions; We will furnish meat, bread, dessert and drinks. **We are asking you to bring a vegetable or salad.** Please come and join us.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HIGHLIGHTS



Our National Night Out observance on the evening of October 6th was an excellent occasion for relaxed conversation and fellowship over yummy food. In the picture to the left, Gloria Kennard, Susan Carter and Charlene Lawrence catch up on neighborhood news. The evening was a little warm to start with but it cooled off rapidly and the weather remained pleasant for outside activities. Through the evening we had visits by police, fire fighters and code workers, and they shared many

our
our NPO, did a
horseback was a special treat,
attendance, including two small
county health worker talked
mosquito dunks. The gift bags
celebration
up and



interesting stories about the work they do to keep neighborhood safe. Officers Speed and Martinez, great job of answering questions. The officer on especially for the children. We had 42 in children. We had a drawing for gift cards and a about spraying for mosquitos and provided free from the City for were eagerly appreciated by



our
snatched
all.



The food
and more
simply no better way to enjoy hot dogs than
outdoors. Our thanks to Charlene Lawrence,
Kennard, Diane Bradley, Alyce Boyd and

was excellent.
than adequate.
to Linda Wilson
helped with

system for the event and
Carolyn McCauley, who
membership and name
Unitarian Church for their
all.



tags, and a special thanks to First Jefferson
continued hospitality and support. Thank you

My heart felt thanks to all others who played a part, and with your help, next year we'll make NNO even better.

You'll never
find a better
way to meet
your
neighbors.



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TYPE or double click our LINK:

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Access **INFORMATION** about Ryanwood Association, view our **CALENDAR**, **MEMBERS**, **OFFICERS**, **PAGES & LINKS**.

Access **CITY & DISTRICT 4 NEWS**, see **PICTURES** from Association Events, print the **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**, access external Links to other Ryanwood pages on **SOCIAL MEDIA SITES** like *Facebook* and *Nextdoor*.

View our **NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE**, register for a **MEMBER ACCOUNT**, and participate in discussions with other Ryanwood members.

GENERAL MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Thursday Feb 11

Thursday May 12

Tuesday October 4 (NNO)

Thursday December 8 (party)

FOR 2016

On 2/11/16; **Mr Ken Shetter**, executive Director of the **Safe City Commission**, will review crime prevention programs for Fort Worth, specifically in life safety, education and law enforcement, for The Crime Stoppers Call Center.

On 5/12/16; **Ms Jessica Latchaw**, will present an overview of the cities health initiative called **The Blue Zones Projects**, especially those programs for Eastside neighborhood involvement.

MEMBERSHIP & TREASURER'S REPORT

	Treasurer's / Membership Report - combined for Ryanwood Neighborhood Association Linda Wilson, Treasurer & V.P. Membership Chairman September 15, 2015 thru November 22, 2015 - FINAL					
Activity Summary						
	Deposits/ Credits	Withdrawals/ Debits	Totals	2016 Membership		
Beginning Balance on 09/14/2015 Brought Forward			\$ 6,592.10	Oct. 1 - Nov. 22, 2015		
Deposits/Credits (+) - Renewals/New Members	\$ 90.00					
Advertising Ad in RNA Newsletter	\$ -				Households	Individuals
Expenses - Deposits/Credits (+)	\$ -			New	2	3
Total	\$ 90.00			Renewals	12	19
Total			\$ 6,682.10	Lifetime	2	3
Expenses - Withdrawals/Debits (-)		\$ 256.42		Totals	16	25
Y-T-D Bank Stmt. balance on 11/22/2015			\$ 6,425.68			
Outstanding Checks (-)						
Total		\$ -				
Y-T-D Available Balance as of 11/22/2015	Total		\$ 6,425.68			
Petty Cash - Linda Wilson			\$ 123.00			

ADVERTISING



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2016

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2016

We welcome new members to the Ryanwood Neighborhood Association

Membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Spouse/Other: _____ Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone: (H): _____ (C): _____

Email Address: _____

We meet four times a year – good programs, good fellowship, good opportunities to interact with the Fort Worth Police and Code Blue.

Household dues are \$12 per year and business dues are \$30 per year which help defray meeting costs, newsletter and other expenses.

Business card advertising in the newsletter is \$40 per year.

Please place a checkmark by the committee(s) that interest you:

___ Hospitality: help with meeting refreshments/meals and special activities.

___ Telephone: share in calling/reminding members of meetings and special events.

___ Newsletter: assist with newsletter, call on businesses for ads and put out meeting signs

___ Code Blue: after one day of initial training, drive RNA neighborhood, observe and report suspicious or criminal activities to the authorities.

Mail your application and dues to: RNA, P.O. Box 24787, Fort Worth, TX 76124.

Please visit these Web-sites for additional information:

Ryanwood.tx.nextdoor.com and facebook.com/RyanwoodNeighborhoodAssociation

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