

## Events Calendar

**Nov 15** RPIA Board Meeting, 7PM

**Dec 4,5,6** Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place!

**There is no RPIA Board Meeting nor Newsletter published in December!**



## Important Numbers

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# *The Official* **Ryan Place** **Improvement Association**

**NEWSLETTER • NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2004**

## **Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place: 21st Anniversary!**

We are really pleased to announce that CCRP will have their first "work in progress" tour home. The Parham's, Randy and Lin, have graciously offered their new home to be on tour. Also, Tommy and Susan Drake are going to host the "Wine Down" Sunday after the tour closes Sunday Evening.

### **TICKET SALES INFORMATION**

\$12 per person, advance purchase

#### **Group Ticket Sales:**

\$10 per person, groups of 20 or more \* Tickets may be purchased in advance beginning Nov. 1, at: D/FW metroplex Tom Thumb stores; The Old Neighborhood Grill, 1633 Park Place, Ft. Worth; and Old Home Supply, 1801 College Ave., Ft. Worth

#### **BY MAIL:**

Beginning October 1st, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with check or money order and contact information to: **CCRP, Attn: Ticket Sales, PO Box 11816, Ft. Worth, TX, 76110-0816**  
Do not send cash.

#### **Walk-up Ticket Sales:**

\$15 per person  
Ticket Sales and Information Porch  
at the corner of Elizabeth Blvd. and 6th Avenue

**CCRP Needs Volunteers!**  
—see page 4

### **TOUR DATES & HOURS**

Friday Dec. 3, 6pm – 10pm  
Saturday Dec. 4, 2pm – 10pm  
Sunday, Dec. 5, 1pm – 7pm

### **TOUR HOMES**

**Jim & Karen Haas**  
1415 Elizabeth Blvd.

**Larry & Sian Borne**  
2721 Willing

**Steve & Sharon Clyde**  
2425 S. Adams

**Meg Kenny**  
2620 Willing

**Dan & Gina Roberts**  
2934 5th Ave.

**Randy & Lin Parham**  
2516 Ryan Place Dr.

### **INFORMATION PORCH**

**Ken & Sherry Pounds**  
1400 Elizabeth Blvd.

**WINE DINE HOST**  
**Tommy & Susan Drake**  
2530 Ryan Place Dr.



## **Word From The Board**

**BY JIM RIEBER**

Our October meeting was one of our two annual general membership meeting and I'd like to thank that those

who turned out for the meeting. October also marks the last month of our RPIA administrative year. Pursuant to that we held an election

that was unanimously approved by all members present. I'm happy to announce **Dan Roberts** as

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# New Website: HistoricRyanPlace.org

BY CAMERON CRUM

It's finally done! The new Ryan Place web site is here. Please check it out at [www.historicryanplace.org](http://www.historicryanplace.org). You can use the .com and .net extensions as well. It took about a month and a half worth of effort mostly spent on trying to get the original registrant to change the IP address so that we could move the site to another server that supported the scripting we were using. After failing several attempts to do so, we were finally able to purchase the domains. Many thanks go to John Belknap who managed to grab the domains as they came up for renewal on the 16th.

As for the site itself, the design credit mostly has to go to Robby Kyser who is the director of Web Marketing for Allied Electronics and a freelance web designer. His services and online portfolio are available at [www.idea-8.com](http://www.idea-8.com). It is definitely worth a look to see how talented this young man is. I took the liberty of using the layout from one of the

web sites he has designed for me and applied it to the Ryan Place site...with his permission of course. Credit also must be given to Tim Aranki ([www.devquest.com](http://www.devquest.com)), another freelance web developer who collaborated with Robby on the original site. I simply took a good thing and put in new content. The site is being hosted gratis by Dot I I Networks ([www.dot I I net.com](http://www.dot I I net.com)).

The new site has links for the newsletter; a calendar of events, pictures, RPIA, a neighborhood lost and found, discussion topics, and of course the Candlelight Christmas Tour, as well as many other things. The development is an ongoing process and an interactive calendar and a real discussion forum for neighborhood issues is planned to keep everyone up to date and in the know. Suggestions are welcome, but please don't be offended if they don't make it. We don't want the site so cluttered it is hard to find what we need. Other than that, take a look and come back often to see what is happening in our neighborhood.



## Ryan Place Street Dance: Another Success!

BY MARCENE BAUER

We had another successful street dance this year! It looked like everyone had lots of fun dancing & mingling with neighbors until we got rained out!

Thank you for braving the weather and coming out to support the neighborhood. A big thank you to the **Holland K. Smith Band and the Street Dance Committee, John Kline, Gilbert Gutierrez, Gina & Dan Roberts, Raelyn Tucker, and Chris Flynn.**

And thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up that day, especially to Jane Kline for providing her electrical expertise. Most importantly, I want to thank ALL the sponsors that donated money to support our dance. We could not have had this dance without them, so

please frequent these businesses and be sure to thank them in person!

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A special thank you to all the individuals that helped support the dance. You make our neighborhood a great place to live!

Christopher and  
Mary Elizabeth Ebert  
Javier and Patricia Rodriguez  
Ben and Lori Loughry

# Neighborhood Pride

BY CHRIS FLYNN

Well, by the time you receive this newsletter, the 2004 Election will be over! Whew! I'm so glad that this day will have come and gone, and now we as a nation can move forward! The last few months have been so negative!

All being said and done, I have to admit that I have been disgusted at the behavior of the general public's lack of respect for each other's views regarding their choice of candidates. This very unsportsmanship behavior has manifested itself in the destruction of opposing candidates' political signs, and you can probably name about a dozen others. When my father stopped over to our neighborhood and brought my wife and me a particular candidates' sign, someone who just happened to be driving by yelled out of their window, "Loser!" right before my father could even say hello. My Dad was quite bewildered to say the least. "Gee, what a great neighborhood you live in, Chris..."

I'm sorry to say that people on both sides of the political spectrum have damaged and destroyed other people's property. Rainey Dukes reported in an email a month ago how some young punks had stolen a candidate's signs, but that the Police had caught the thieves in action! Hooray!

We as Americans should be appalled at the behavior that people engage in to win. Lie, cheat, and steal...is that the only way to get to the top? What happened to respecting other's opinions as well as manners in general? Wrong doing is wrong doing no matter who the perpetrator is, whether it be an individual, a group, a government or business.

My neighbors both across the street and left and right both have differing political views than me, but that doesn't give me a reason to be rude or hateful to them! If I am condenscending towards them then shame on me. Viva La Difference! That's what makes our country great!

Thank you RPIA for being such a wonderful and caring group, respectful and forthright towards one another. I am thankful that those shenanigans who stole the signs and defaced my neighbor's property don't live in RPIA, and if they do, and you know them, colorfully tell them to move out and join up with their own ruthless kind somewhere else. We're better than that in RPIA and don't need any worthless hacks around here. Thank you!

I will now step off my soap box.

your 2004-2005 RPIA President, **Mario Perez** as your First Vice President, **Gina Roberts** as the Parliamentarian, **Dawn Taft** as the 5th. Avenue Street Director and **Sharon Clyde** and **Tom Idleman** as S. Adams Co-Street Directors. Additionally **Gilbert Gutierrez** has agreed to serve another term as Treasurer. Please take the time to thank these neighbors who give unselfishly to serve as a team that makes Ryan Place a better place to live.

I'd also like to extend a special thanks to **Marcene Bauer** and her committee for another successful Street Dance for those who braved the rain and Dawn Taft and Michelle Schmidt for representing us at the "Fort Worth Most Livable-Celebration".

In closing I'd like to thank all the Directors and Committee Chairs who supported me over the last eighteen months as the RPIA President. It has been a position filled with challenges and successes. It has always been my hope that Ryan Place would be a little bit better for my living in the community and I have learned that a kind word, gesture or smile goes a long way as a good neighbor. My God continue to bless this community and those who live in it. Thank you!

—Editor's Note: Jim, We appreciate your service and leadership as much as your friendship!

**This is our last RPIA newsletter of the year.  
Happy Holidays and see you again in 2005!**

## The Shop Around the Corner

BY RAINY DUKES

This column is a reminder to all Ryan Place Neighbors that it's important to support shops and businesses in and around our neighborhood. Every dollar we put back into our community's economy serves to ensure quality of life for Ryan Place and the rest of the near South side. This month's featured business is:

**Spiral Diner and Bakery**  
**1314 W. Magnolia Ave.**  
**Contact: Amy McNutt**  
**817/332-8834**

Vegans on the Southside? I must admit, I was hesitant to try it. I am now a total convert! Owner Amy McNutt serves up some of the best food in the 'hood! Surrounded by pictures of happy cows, you can sample a variety of vegetarian dishes and organic beer and wine. Since the food is plant based, you will find completely cholesterol free fare

and it is delicious. The salads, wraps and mock-burgers are tasty and creative. Try the Mediterranean wrap with hummus and black olives. The spiral burger is so much like a real burger that you won't know you are eating healthy. This establishment strives to be cruelty free, health minded, environmentally conscious and community supportive. A tall order, but they are doing a great job. Check out their website at [www.spiraldiner.com](http://www.spiraldiner.com) and stop by to see them soon. Closed Mondays.

Please help us keep the neighborhood informed of available goods and services. If you would like to include a favorite local business, restaurant or shop, send commentary to Rainey Dukes at [rainetex@aol.com](mailto:rainetex@aol.com). Always remember, **HELP A NEIGHBOR... SHOP LOCAL!**

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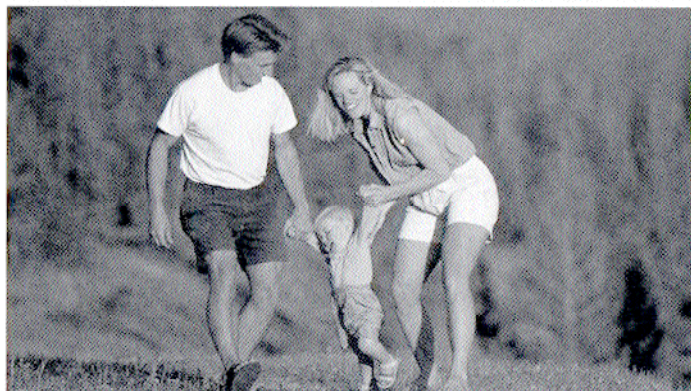
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## From Our New President

BY DAN ROBERTS

Ryan Place neighborhood owes Jim Reiber a debt of gratitude for his strong leadership this past year. Jim shepherded the Association through a year of challenges.

Along with Jim are the many volunteers who work tirelessly to preserve and improve our neighborhood. Among those hard workers is Chris Flynn who edits this newsletter. This is a monumental task and Chris is doing a great job.

Additionally are the Street Representatives and others who attend Board meeting and volunteer for the various functions which have a great tradition in Ryan Place. Whenever you see these volunteers please thank them for doing a good job.

I am humbled and proud to be the new president of the Association. I look forward to working with everyone who wants to make Ryan Place a better place to live. If you do not know the neighborhood is facing several challenges. From crime to deteriorating streets to commercial encroachment. Beginning with the **November 15th** association meeting, we are going to mount a full effort to make Ryan Place better. **Your input is needed and important!** I encourage you to attend and play a role in the direction of your neighborhood. See you November 15th!



## CCRP Tour Needs Volunteers and Docents

CCRP need volunteers to help with decorating and docents during the tour. If you have not been contacted please contact one of the below house captains to volunteer:

### Information Porch

1400 Elizabeth Blvd.  
Brenda White - 817-223-0101

### Tour Homes

1415 Elizabeth Blvd.  
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Pam Cox 817-922-9479

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Molly Jones 817-924-8391

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2516 Ryan Place Dr.  
Mariann Taccia 817-921-9976

Every volunteer that works 4 hours receives a free tour ticket and you invited to the Wine Down party at the close of the tour on Sunday. As with any Ryan Place event it is the volunteers that help make it happen.



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## Nativity Play for Ryan Place Kids!

You are invited to join us and a group of Ryan Place kids for the **3rd Annual Ryan Place Nativity Play**. The event will take place Saturday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. at 1100 Elizabeth Boulevard. This is not a R.P.I.A. sponsored event, but we are

sending postcards to the entire neighborhood inviting them to the play and to join us for cookies and hot chocolate afterwards. Last year we had close to 100 people participate in this fun tradition.

**We need the following things to make this happen:**

- Kids of all ages to participate (call today to sign up)
- A guitar player to accompany us singing four short songs
- A few bales of hay

- Several dozen cookies
- A can of coffee and hot chocolate mix
- Cups and napkins
- Post card stamps (as many as you would like to donate)

If you can help us make this happen, please call today...you can reach Rainey Dukes at 817-923-1165 or 817-366-3530. Please pass this along to any Ryan Place resident that you think would be interested. Help us celebrate Christmas in a truly special way. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Ryan Place Cookbook, 2nd Edition**

The Ryan Place Cookbook was such success last year that we ran out.

A 2nd Addition will be on sale during the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place holiday home tour December 3 - 5.

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Open House

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese Shopping Party

**Saturday, Oct. 30th**

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Open House

1521 Elizabeth Blvd.

(817)923-2494 for information

Visit us online at [HeavenlyBound.com](http://HeavenlyBound.com)

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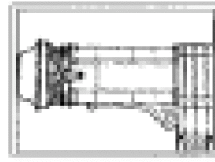
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