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President's Letter

BY DAN ROBERTS

This is a busy time for Ryan Place. With all the back to school activities, several of our neighbors are working within various committees to make Ryan Place an even better neighborhood. The residents of Elizabeth Boulevard are meeting to update the historic overlay guidelines, Vice-President Mario Perez is convening the Nominations Committee, a By-Laws committee is working to update the Association By-Laws and the Streets and Transportation Committee is meeting to improve the transportation issues in the Neighborhood. If you would like to help out on any of these committees please let me

know. I would like to thank all of those involved now for their participation.

This fall I hope that we have progress on the improvement of our alleys and train noise. At September's Association meeting we hope to have a representative from the City to talk about fence heights and building codes. Also scheduled will be information about proposed development along 8th Avenue. I hope we see you there.

In last month's President's message I included information about the July 4th activities which some people found objectionable. In my zealousness to fully inform

the neighborhood of activities and events, I listed those businesses who were contacted but chose not to participate. I regret that some were offended. That is the last thing I would want to do. Some of these businesses are supporters of Ryan Place's other events and activities. We certainly appreciate all of these supporters and everything they do, including supporting the directory, newsletter and CCRP. We could not have such an active and vital neighborhood without the support of all of the volunteers, and I thank you all. Together we can continue to make Ryan Place great.

CCRP-is this anything similar to AARP?

If you are new to the neighborhood or have had a memory loss, I thought I would explain exactly what CCRP is all about.

A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization formed in 1983 to identify, study, preserve and restore the historical characteristics, elements and public facilities in the Ryan Place neighborhood.

CCRP's first project was the restoration of the Carthage stone gates on Elizabeth Boulevard. Subsequent neighborhood improvements have included installation of

historical markers commemorating the Chisholm Trail and the Vin Fiz Flyer, restoration of the iron sconces at the entrance of Daggett Elementary School, and the enhancements at Triangle Park. CCRP's current project, its

largest to date, is the installation of 5th Avenue style streetlights throughout the neighborhood.

Each year, during the first weekend in December, the organization holds its Candlelight Tour of Homes, showcasing several Ryan Place homes and raising an average of \$15,000 to over \$20,000 per year.

We are always looking for volunteers. It is a great way to help your neighborhood raise funds to purchase 5th Avenue Style streetlights and to be an ambassador for your community. Please join us as a docent, house captain or in other ways to volunteer your talent.

Be PART of your neighborhood and get involved!

CCRP DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12, 2005	Board Meeting
October 3, 2005	Board Meeting
November 7, 2005	Board Meeting

Tour Dates

Friday, December 2, 2005	6-10 PM
Saturday, December 3, 2005	2-10 PM
Sunday, December 4, 2005	1-6 PM

The Board meetings are open and we invite anyone to attend. Call Sharon Clyde at 817-923-6434 for meeting times and location.

Letters to the Editor

As a founding member and a proud supporter of the Ryan Place Improvement Association, I was saddened and deeply disturbed by the July issue of RPIA Newsletter. I wish to personally extend my apology to all our Business Friends listed under those who chose not to respond to the requested support of the July 4th parade. Some of these businesses have previously supported our neighborhood events.

In 1971 RPIA celebrated the first 4th of July Parade. The objective was to create a neighborhood social event to recognize the accomplishments and volunteer efforts of those who live in and love Ryan Place.

It is with great pride that we should celebrate all of the opportunities for philanthropy offered when you live in our neighborhood:

- 4th of July Parade
- Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Tour
- RPIA Directory
- Chili Cook-off
- Croquet Tournament
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Garden Tour
- Street Dance
- Swimming Party
- Labor Day Garage Sale
- Tree lighting

Funds and volunteers are needed to support the majority of these events. Individuals and Businesses must make a choice for the use of their philanthropic or discretionary funds and time. I suggest that we thank our many supporters and not use our Newsletter to embarrass our friends and neighbors.

The current Board of Directors of RPIA is to be commended for their excellent leadership. Let us not forget that our newsletter was created as a means of communication to bring our neighborhood together and to identify issues that will improve the quality of life for this community. Thank you one and all for all you do to improve our neighborhood.

Joan Kline
1215 Elizabeth Blvd

This is in response to Dan Roberts' article in the August RPIA newsletter: Mr. Roberts' begins by praising the different people and local companies that contributed to the Ryan Place Fourth of July parade and marathon. Then the article takes a nasty turn. Mr. Roberts lists several companies that were approached about donating, but did not contribute. Mr. Roberts urges Ryan Place residents to inform these companies that they should have contributed and they should reconsider their position for next year.

Apparently Mr. Roberts didn't consider how this suggestion would appear to the average reader: To us, the tone bears too much resemblance to threats, boycotts, and blacklisting. We don't know why the companies listed by Mr. Roberts chose not to contribute, but several valid reasons come to mind. Maybe some of the companies already contributed to their own neighborhood associations, maybe they give to national health organizations, maybe they had a bad business year, and maybe they just didn't want to contribute. When we were involved with the Paschal Booster Club, many of the business we called on told us that they had already budgeted their yearly donations to other causes. We know many of the business listed in Mr. Roberts' article. We know of many occa-

I want to register my vigorous opposition to the listing in Mr. Roberts' article a number of companies that "did not support" the 4th of July activities. Such a listing strikes me as crass and very unprofessional, the kind of thing that could give our wonderful neighborhood a bad name. If I represented a company that gave support I might reconsider doing so in the future. I might say, "If that's your attitude, Ryan Place, you can do without me from now on." It could be helpful if Mr. Roberts and/or the newsletter issued a retraction and an apology in the next newsletter, and it would not be amiss to send an apology to each of the companies listed.

Ryan Place is a special neighborhood. We can do better than this.
Drake Bush

Editor's Response:

Well! Well! Well! People actually read the RPIA newsletter! Hallelujah! It's refreshing to know that our neighborhood is alive and well, and that our community is celebrating our free speech.

That being said, please read the comments in this issue's President's Letter on page one.

As Editor of our newsletter, I personally think it unwise to call out any businesses only to point out that they did not support us in the (name your own) _____ Ryan Place Event. We have lots of advertisers who support us in many endeavors, and it is unprofessional to treat any advertiser who didn't support that particular event as an advertiser that doesn't support Ryan Place at all. I know Mr. Robert's comments probably were meant for our community to encourage advertisers and potential advertisers to support Ryan Place, but the calling out of the actual names I think backfired a bit.

"But Mr. Flynn, you're the newsletter Editor, why didn't you not publish that part of his letter?"

As Editor, I do have the authority given to me by RPIA to edit anyone's submissions; however, I grant the President of RPIA a little more freedom than just any submission. Similar to the what the Editor-in-Chief of Martha Stewart Living would do for Martha Stewart.

At the August board meeting, the RPIA board voted to send an apology to the advertiser's listed in Mr. Roberts' letter. Hopefully we will not lose any advertisers over this recent snafu. Thank you for supporting Ryan Place and for your grace in forgiving our error. We made a mistake, now let's gather together to make it right.

—Chris Flynn

sions that these people gave time and money to Ryan Place. Some of those people have been involved in the Ryan Place Improvement Association for over fifteen years and were instrumental in restoring the Ryan Place gates.

All of the businesses Mr. Roberts listed are located out of our neighborhood. Since contributions were for a neighborhood group for a neighborhood event, we don't find it surprising that businesses out of our neighborhood chose not to contribute. These events were not fund raisers for neighborhood improvement projects – the events were a parade and a marathon.

We have lived in Ryan Place for twenty-seven years. Our neighborhood has always tolerated all lifestyles, incomes, and family styles and has always projected friendliness and openness. The tone of Mr. Roberts' article does not fit in with our neighborhood.

We hope that, in the future, articles are free of the appearance of bullying and of having a 'bad neighbor' attitude. If we are going to solicit donations from business, we need to project positive images, not negative ones..

Margaret and Duran Doak
2416 6th Avenue

Did you know?

Willing Avenue is named after Ryan Place's Founder John C. Ryan's wife's maiden name: Elizabeth Willing

Street Directory Omission

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF THE RPIA STREET DIRECTORY, AND WE ARE PUBLISHING THAT INFORMATION HERE...

Harmon & Dela Greene moved to 2917 Ryan Place Drive in October, 1961 and raised their family here.



Son Mike Greene works for the Secret Service in Washington D.C. Daughter Vicki Dickerson lives in Edge Cliff. Their other son Dwight and his family live in Azle.

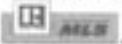
They have 6 grandchildren: Sam, Zane, Woody, Summer, Alexandria and Olivia.

Harmon is retired from Colonial Country Club after operating the Barber Shop for 45 years.


Dela has served as in various organizations such as: PTA, (as President), Sound Side Campfire Assistant, Cancer Society, RPIA, Heart Association, and the Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes.


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Sales in Ryan Place

I pulled up some statistics on sales in our neighborhood since January 1st and thought I'd share what I found. These sales have gone through our Multiple Listing Service at the Board of Realtors. Private sales are not recorded. This is not a comprehensive list but it is a good representation of what's going on in Ryan Place.

Ryan Avenue has had 3 sales, College has had 2, and Willing has had 1. Elizabeth has had 1 sale, Ryan Place Drive 2, 5th Avenue 4, and 6th Avenue has had 6 sales since the first of this year. Two sales were under \$100,000, twelve sales were between \$100,000 and \$200,000, three were between \$200,000 and \$300,000, one in the \$300,000's, and one sale in the \$400,000's. There were 14 homes that either were withdrawn from the market or expired.

Later, Judy

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The Shop Around the Corner

BY RAINEY 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:

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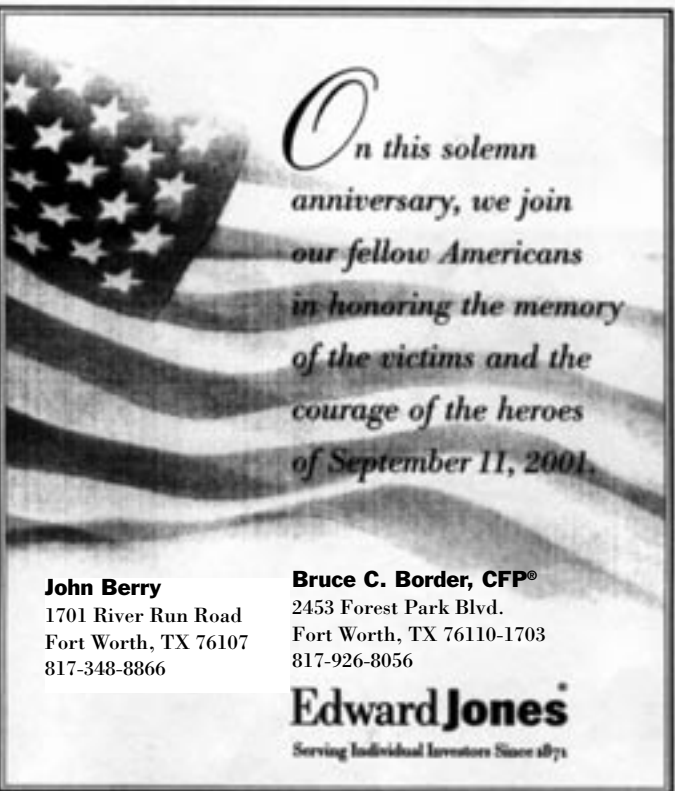
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September Calendar (go ahead...put this on your refrigerator!)

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			Trash Pickup	1	2	3 Annual RPIA Yard Sale. See page 11 for details...
4	5	6	Trash Pickup	8	9	10
11	12	13	Trash Pickup	15	16	17
18	19 RPIA Board Meeting Big Trash Pickup begins and continues all week.	20	Trash Pickup	22	23	24
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