

RYAN PLACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome new residents:

Michelle Brown
The McCullers

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NPO 8 on Magnolia

817.871.8885

Officer Andriotto

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817.998.0708 pager

Code Compliance

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CCRP SEEKS DONATIONS FOR STREETLIGHTS

The 15-year charge to get historic streetlights installed throughout Ryan Place could come to a successful end this year if residents pitch in and donate funds to cover half of the cost of the streetlights, which cost \$2,100 each.

Only 118 streetlights remain to be installed out of the total 234 streetlights that were originally planned for the neighborhood, says Steve Clyde, head of the streetlight committee.

All corners in Ryan Place have been adorned with streetlights, which are often referred to as Fifth Avenue-style lights because they were originally installed on Fifth Avenue in the 1920s.

The next phase of the installation will be the "mid-block" lights. Proceeds from the annual Ryan Place Candlelight Christmas tour have paid for 50 mid-block lights. The city will install the 50 mid-block streetlights over the next several

months and will rebate roughly \$500 per light back to RPCC, according to Clyde.

CCRP is turning to residents to match CCRP's \$800 investment for each of the remaining 68 lights. Depending on the number of houses on the block, the donation per house could be as low as \$118.

The decision to ask for donations was driven by the city's budgeting process. "It's important to finish the streetlight installation this year because the city has already allocated funds to install the lights, and we don't want to risk losing that allocation," Clyde explains.

All donations are tax deductible. Moreover, Clyde encourages all Ryan Place residents to see if their employers have charitable matching programs as well.

For questions related to the streetlight installation program, contact Steven Clyde at sclyde@sbcglobal.net or

NEW CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR RP

Ryan Place has a new code compliance officer – Amelia Martinez. Officer Martinez replaces Officer Morris Carrejo.

As a 17-year veteran in the city of Fort Worth's code compliance division, Officer Martinez has plenty of experience dealing with code violations. She has toured the neighborhood with RPIA President Dan Roberts to identify possible code violations and has put

together a strategy to tackle these violations.

Officer Martinez attended RPIA April meeting at the Angel of Hope Church and invited Ryan Place residents to contact her regarding any possible code violations at Amelia.martinez@fortworth.gov.org or 817.392.5158 ext. 1804.

Officer Martinez's patrol vehicle is equipped with a computer so she can access her e-mail remotely.

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Letter from the Editor: Jennifer Duell-Popovec

Hello Ryan Place neighbors,

This issue of the newsletter is my first as editor. I am excited to take on this new role. Over the next several months, you'll notice some changes to the RPIA newsletter – some small and some large. One thing will *not* change: the newsletter will continue to provide Ryan Place residents with information that is critical to the neighborhood.

As the new editor, it's my goal to expand the newsletter to include articles and tips that will enhance your daily life. You, as my neighbors, can help me achieve this goal by letting me know what issues and topics are important to you and your families. If you have some type of expertise that you'd like to share with the neighborhood, I invite you to contact me so we can discuss how you can best contribute to the newsletter.

Like all of you, I take pride in my home and my neighborhood, and I look forward to producing a newsletter that captures the greatness of Ryan Place. Contact me at rpianewsletter@yahoo.com or 817.903.2432.

Cheers,

Jennifer Duell

New CCRP Board Members

President	Sian Borne	817-923-8683
VP	Marilyn Vivar	817-924-6340
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The Shop Around the Corner *by Rainey Dukes*

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

This month's featured business is:

Panther City Bicycle Shop

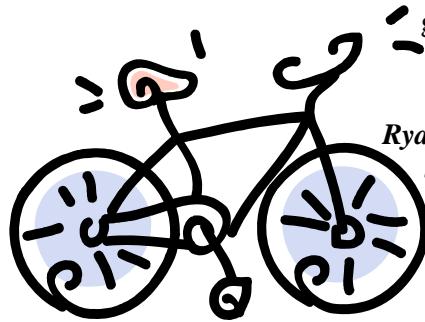
1306 W. Magnolia Avenue

Contact: Bernie Scheffler or Jason Magby

817.348.0660

Ryan Place bike enthusiasts have already discovered this place, but the rest of you "sometimes" bikers should visit as well!

The shop has been at the present location on Magnolia for one year and is going strong.



Everything you need to ride, you will find here. They offer a wide range of bicycles, trailers, parts, clothing and accessories.

Additionally, they offer repairs and service, so if the bike in your garage needs an overhaul before Spring, they can help you out.

The owners will give any Ryan Place resident who mentions this ad a 10% discount on any part or accessory purchase.

HELP A NEIGHBOR...

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*Please help us keep the neighborhood informed of available goods and services. If you'd like to include a favorite **local** business, restaurant or shop, send commentary to Rainey Dukes at raintex@aol.com.*



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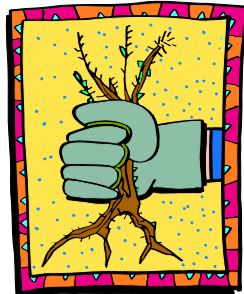
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Officer Martinez, continued from page 1

Officer Martinez will be looking for furniture, trash, debris and junk cars on a street-by-street basis.

During the summer, the most frequent code vio-

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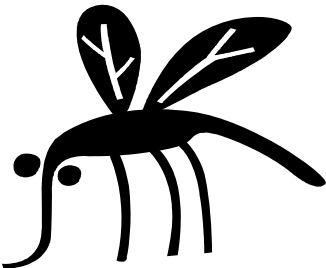
Watch out for mosquitoes

As summer approaches we need to again be mindful of mosquito control, especially because of West Nile Virus.

Controlling mosquitoes and exposure to diseases they might carry can be done by chemical and non-chemical methods.

Your first line of defense begins at home by removing their habitat where they live and breed.

1. Keep curbside gutters swept and free of debris and don't forget to keep our alleys clean



including mowing the grass and trimming bushes and trees.

2. Eliminate all standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys or any other containers where mosquitoes might breed.

3. Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays at least once a week to destroy potential mosquito habitats.

4. Drain or fill temporary pools of water with dirt.

5. Keep swimming pool water treated and circulating.

By: Nancy Bradford, Ryan Place resident

MOSQUITO FACTS

Mosquito-borne diseases kill more people than any other single factor in the world.

Furnished Guest House For Rent \$900/per month 2530 South Adams

The Thomas Guest House has served as a home for professionals: a Harris Hospital RN, a professor on the TCU economics faculty, a criminal defense attorney and, most recently, a FWISD middle school science teacher. All of our renters have stayed several years.

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21st Anniversary Ryan Place Croquet Tournament

Memorial Day,
Monday, May 29th

The 21st Anniversary Ryan Place Croquet Tournament will be held Monday, May 29, 2006 in Historic Ryan Place. The Ryan Place Croquet Tournament is a single elimination tournament with each team consisting of two players. Play will begin 10 a.m. Monday morning at the Croquet Tournament Home Court at 2526 South Adams. The winners of the Preliminary Round will play immediately for the championship.

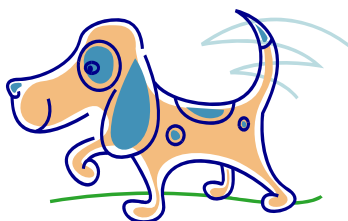
Players may bring a partner or meet a partner at the Preliminary Round. Everyone who comes to the Preliminary Round is welcome to play. All ages and skill levels can compete for a chance to represent that court at the Championship Finals.

Croquet Clinics will be held Sunday afternoons May 7 to 28 at 5 p.m. at 2525 South Adams to review the game rules, teach the techniques and learn the strategies of croquet. Previous winners will be the special guests to share their secrets for tournament success.

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Neighborhood Bulletin Board

A message from the Art Kline Family:

"To our Dearest Ryan Place Neighbors,

Never have we been more aware of how much the support of family and friends means than now, during this time of the loss of our cherished Art (Dad, Gramps). Your kindness and thoughtfulness strengthened and comforted us in our time of greatest need and sorrow."


A message from Officer Ron Andriotto:

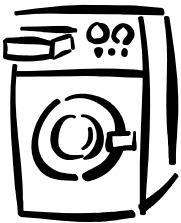
"School is almost out, but teenagers still have to abide by Fort Worth curfews. All children under age 17 must be inside by 11 pm on Sunday—Thursday and inside by midnight on Friday and Saturdays. If you see any teens out after curfew, call the police." 817.335.4222 or Ronald.andriotto@fortworth.gov.org.

A message from Sian Borne, president of CCRP:

"We are still looking for houses for the Candlelight Christmas tour, which is scheduled for December 1—3, 2006." 817.923.8683

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24th Annual Fairmount Tour of Historic Homes Seeks Volunteers

Our neighbors to the north are having their annual historic home tour this month and have asked for our help. The home tour is seeking volunteers to act as docents in the tour homes as well as man the ticket tables.

As a reminder, our Fairmount neighbors often pitch in to help Ryan Place with its Candlelight Christmas Tour. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Home Tour Director **David Thrapp** at 817.923.4807 or david.l.thrapp@lmco.com.

Date: May 13 & 14 (Mother's Day Weekend)

Time: Noon to 6 p.m.

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Making Our Sidewalks Safer

By John Kline, RPIA Streets and Traffic Committee

Thousands of purple and blue flags recently were staked along curbs and sidewalks throughout Ryan Place as part of "Safe Sidewalk Saturday," an event held to mark the areas in our neighborhood that are in dire need of repair.

The event prompted city officials to tour Ryan Place and enabled us to demonstrate the need for their help in correcting these problems.

City officials met with Bart Bradford, Dan Roberts and John Kline to discuss potential solutions to the cracked and decaying sidewalks and curbs and the process for initiating the repairs.

The officials felt the areas of primary focus should be 5th and 6th Avenues and Willing Avenue south of Elizabeth

Boulevard. These areas have suffered extensive damage from water leaks.

The city officials encourage us to continue to communicate our neighborhood's needs to the city in a coordinated and organized manner with the help of RPIA president Dan Roberts.

The RPIA Streets and Traffic Committee will provide updates on the progress of sidewalk and curb repair during the monthly RPIA meetings. Although we would all like to see immediate results, please remember this will be a marathon, not a sprint.

The Committee will continue to enlist the assistance of RPIA volunteers with this ongoing initiative.

Twenty-five volunteers demonstrated their support to

help mark the sidewalks and curbs during "Safe Sidewalk Saturday" – the event was truly an RPIA community effort.

In particular, Angela and Cameron Crum deserve special recognition from the neighborhood for their efforts.

The Crums have young children and devoted a tremendous amount of time to this event. Cameron even offered to post the pictures from the event on the RPIA web site.

Bart Bradford also deserves special thanks; he prepared all the coaching materials to help educate our volunteers on which areas needed to be marked with the flags.

Bart spent more than two years surveying and documenting the problems with our sidewalks, streets and curbs.