

# RYAN PLACE

## IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

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**RPIA Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, January 22**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Angel of Hope Church**

### RYAN PLACE TO GET NEW STREETS IN 2008

John Kline, chairman of the RPIA Streets and Traffic Committee is pleased to announce that the City of Fort Worth will reconstruct the following Ryan Place streets in 2008:

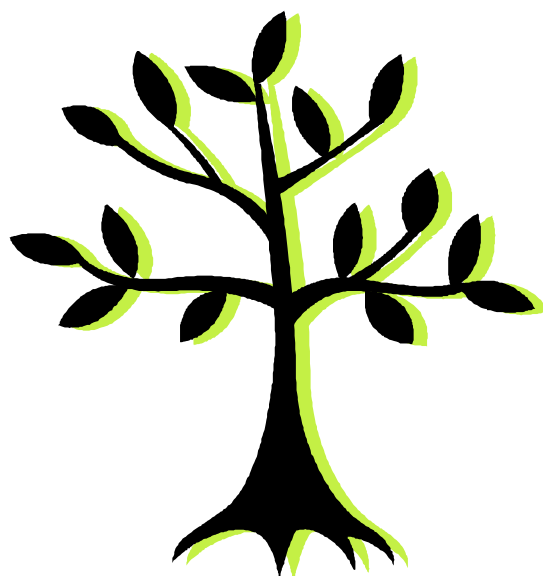
- 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Robert to Lowden (2600/2700 & 2800 blocks)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Robert to Bowie (2600/2700, 2800 & 2900 blocks)
- Ryan Avenue from Cantey to Berry (2800, 2900 & 3000 blocks)
- Ryan Place Drive from Robert to Cantey (2600/2700 block)
- Willing Avenue from Robert to Cantey (2600/2700 block)

The Water Department will fund this reconstruction because of the numerous water line repairs that have occurred in the past. The City anticipates survey and design in the Spring of 2007 and construction in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

### RYAN PLACE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

A brief presentation on a future Tree Planting Program for the Ryan Place area is scheduled for the next RPIA meeting.

If you are interested in helping with this long range program please call Bart Bradford 817/926-6777 ([bartstroud@yahoo.com](mailto:bartstroud@yahoo.com))



## President's Letter

Congratulations to Sian Bourne and the participants in the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place. The parties, Tour and total event looked to be as successful as ever before. Thanks to Sian and all the many helpers, home owners and volunteers that make an event like this successful.

You have probably noticed the conditions of our new sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. It seems like more and more of our neighbors are making use by walking for fun and exercise. More sidewalks are planned and will be completed soon.

More good Ryan Place news! We got word from the water department in November that four of our streets are scheduled for total reconstruction. That means streets curbs and gutters. These will be engineered in 2007 with reconstruction to follow. It will be inconvenient for a while then we will have new streets in Ryan Place. Not a moment too soon. Come to the January Association meeting to see if your street is on the list. Other streets that need redevelopment will be promoted to the next bond program.

Would you like to have trees planted in your yard? The Association is investigating a program, with the city to have reduced price trees available to our residents for planting in our yards. Come to the January meeting for more details.

Gas well drilling and cleaner, safer alleys are the topics that are affecting the neighborhood. An alley committee will meet soon to consider the next step in making alleys safer. A well permit has been let for the Trantula property across 8th Ave. A coalition group of Ryan Place, Berkeley, Fairmount, and Mistletoe Heights will meet in early January and I will report to the Association at the next meeting.

Tired of the Train noise? The City Council met on December the 19th and we will have a progress report for the January meeting.

Ryan Place is an active neighborhood and we need your help in managing the issues coming our way. Get involved and lend your voice.

Happy New Year,

*Dan Roberts*

## CCRP 2006 Tour Update

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Despite the first bitterly cold night of the season, over 120 neighbors and guests enjoyed the Soiree at **Linda and Roland Hill's** lovely home on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Linda and Roland, for opening your home.

Thanks to the wonderful food made by many of our neighbors and the organization of Gina Roberts and her crew of helpers, a wonderful evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The weather continued to challenge us during the tour, as well as a burst water main, a TCU football game, a Dallas Cowboy's game and three other neighborhoods who decided to host home tours around the Metroplex.

Once again, our neighborhood rose to the challenge and our tour was a success. While the number of attendees was less than normal, we still had over 1,600 visitors who toured.

My sincere thanks to the entire CCRP Board of Trustees who worked tirelessly through the year to make the tour seem effortless.

A heartfelt thank you to our home owner **Bonnie & Kipp Baker, Jennifer & Mike Popovec, Maria & David Summers, and Laura & Kenneth Webb** for so graciously opening your homes.

My thanks also to **Lyn & Randy Parham** for hosting the Wine Down event after the tour which gave us an opportunity to thank our docents.

Special thanks to Sherry Pounds and her mother, Sherry Pounds who arranged the very special performance by the Texas Girls' Choir on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Information Porch. If you did not hear them, you missed a very special treat!

We hope that they will be able to return for our 24<sup>th</sup> tour to perform once more.

My thanks to all of you and your friends who were docents in the homes – some of you did double duty and it was very much appreciated.

The planning and preparation for the 24<sup>th</sup> tour has already started - stay tuned for information in the next newsletter and dates to mark on your calendar as we move forward.

If you would like to participate in any aspect of the tour, your contribution will be invaluable and much appreciated.

Please contact me at 817- 923- 8683 or email me at [sianb0803@hotmail.com](mailto:sianb0803@hotmail.com).

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The Historic Fort Worth Inc. Charity Antiques Show will be held this year on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Center in downtown Fort Worth. A champagne shopping preview is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and costs \$75, which includes admission to the show on Saturday and Sunday. The admission fee for both shopping days is \$10 per person.

The Show, an annual event, is presented in 2007 by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. The elegant Masonic Center, built in 1930, is one of Fort Worth's finest Classical Moderne landmarks.

The honoree of this year's show is Fort Worth's premier collector, Martha Rowan Hyder. Proceeds from this charitable event will benefit preservation programs of Historic Fort Worth Inc. including its two

historic properties, Thistle Hill and the Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House.

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Historic Fort Worth, Inc. was established in 1969 and selected in 2001 as a Local Partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Historic Fort Worth is a non-profit, membership organization that is dedicated to preserving Fort Worth's unique historic identity through education and leadership.

For more information contact Corry Smith at 817.336.2344 x 100 or at [Corry\\_Smith@historicfortworth.org](mailto:Corry_Smith@historicfortworth.org). or visit the website at [www.historicfortworth.org](http://www.historicfortworth.org).



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## SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT UPDATE

By the first part of December, 2006 the City had completed the construction 27 Ryan Place resident's sidewalks as well as approximately 575 feet of sidewalk serving Daggett Elementary School. This work has an estimated total value of \$45,000 to \$65,000 and is the result of a 25% property owner-75% City cost sharing. Work will continue until the 38 properties who paid their 25% share have been completed.

If you have submitted a petition for sidewalk replacement and paid your 25% share to the City and have not had any sidewalk construction occur on your property please call: Bart Bradford at 817/926-6777 and ([bartstroud@yahoo.com](mailto:bartstroud@yahoo.com)) or John Kline – 817/922-0731 ([john.kline90@charter.net](mailto:john.kline90@charter.net)).



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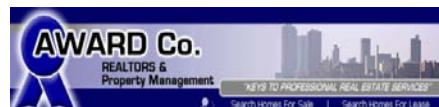
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### Submission Deadlines

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## Fifth Annual Christmas Nativity Play a Success by Rainey Dukes

More than 150 people gathered at 1100 Elizabeth Boulevard in December for the fifth annual Ryan Place Nativity Play. Neighborhood children entertained the audience with songs and the story of the Nativity, written and narrated by Ryan Place resident Mark Burrows. The recounting of the Christmas story was lovely, with animals telling their tale of Christ's birth.

Participants included Cade and Ava Crum, Madibeth and Lily Debenport, Hunter, Catharine and Logan Baldrige, Joey, Annie, Elizabeth and Jack Dukes, Dylan, McKenzie and Hannah Dyson, Mary Catherine and Charlsie Parks, Abigale and Joshua Hepworth, Nicholas and Johnny Scott, Paul, and Mark Simons, Nick and Claire Thompson, Meghan Kline, Christian Morris, Danny and Christopher Galvan, Molly O'Quinn, Emma and Grace Burrows, Maci Langston, Michael, Alex and Emma Leaseburg, Grayson and Gabbye Guess, Hudson Griffin and Katie and Charlie Nesser.

Hats off to these wonderful young people! They were outstanding!

Thanks to all of the parents who supervised and helped get their family ready for the play. A special thanks to the following neighbors who contributed to the production: Nina Burrows and Cindy Baldrige helped manage the kids at the event. Vickie Metcalfe and Ray Romo provided hay bales for the show. MANY neighbors brought cookies and sweets, including Sharon Clyde, Nina Burrows, Joel Burns and J.D. Angle, Michelle Hepworth, Peggy Rush, Sian Borne, Stasia Guess, Patricia Rodriguez, Linda Hill, Kristy Leaseburg, Mica Morris, Shelley Parks, Mary Edwards, Rose Decker, Gina Roberts, Joan Kline and Linda Clark.

Angela Crum gave stamps to the effort and Peggy Rush designed the invitations. Tristan Decker designed, built and donated the new manger. Rmaxx Contracting built and put up the new stable. Thanks to Rick and Renee Harding, Linda Clark, Susan and Fred Harper, Steve and Sharon Clyde and Francisco and Katy Hernandez for donating to offset the cost of the event. A very special thanks to St. John's Episcopal Church, RPIA and Ann Dukes for underwriting the cost of the new stable. Thank you very much, sponsors.

We appreciate the support! It was a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season in our special neighborhood.

We hope to see you all next year at the show!





## OFFICER RON ANDRIOTTO SAYS "PREVENT CAR BURGLARIES"

### FIVE TIPS TO FOLLOW:

1. ALWAYS close your windows and lock your car doors. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a criminal.
2. Park in well lit areas close to the building. While parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk of door dings, a criminal looks for cars parked out of the way in order to help ensure less attention is drawn to them.
3. ALWAYS remove loose valuables from your vehicle. This includes, purses, wallets, cellular phones, laptop computers, and briefcases. A car burglar loves to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort. A brick through the window is all it takes to gain access to those loose items.
4. Report suspicious persons seen wandering around in parking lots or looking into cars as they walk by. Don't hesitate to call 911 to report suspicious persons, you can even call and remain anonymous.
5. Keep a list of serial numbers for your commonly used electronic equipment. Even if you plan on never leaving a cellular phone or laptop computer in your car, you should record all of the following information: make of item: (Motorola, Ericson, Compaq, etc.); model number; and serial number. This information is necessary in order to enter the items into the computer database, aiding the police in trying to locate the items if the offender(s) are found with them or if they are pawned. This will also ensure the property is returned to the rightful owner.

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#### **Officer Andriotto**

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from Mary Hodges of Coldwell Banker-  
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- Inspect fire extinguishers.
- Replace batteries in smoke detectors.
- Check fireplace damper and make sure it closes securely.
- Ensure fireplace damper hinges and handle work smoothly.
- Check fireplace flue for blockages.
- Inspect foundation for holes, cracks, improper drainage.
- Clean exterior surfaces and check for mildew.
- Check roof for holes, cracks, and rotting.
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## Perspective on the Ryan Place Candlelight Christmas Tour by Mary Schroder

As a tour "go-er" for at least 20 years, I decided this year to become involved with the committee that makes the tour happen. As I told a friend, "the tour" has always been like Christmas morning. As a child, you wake up on Christmas Day and look under the tree where gifts have appeared, the tree is lit and the festive atmosphere is everywhere...no work, no stress, nothing but enjoyment.

Well, let me tell you, the Ryan Place tour is a lot of work, some stress, big enjoyment and sense of community accomplishment.

Did you know that a small group of volunteers meet all year to plan the tour? Even in the heat of July they are discussing holiday tea carts, approaching homeowners for tour homes (thank you Brenda White), asking local businesses to be sponsors, meeting with printers, formulating a plan for volunteer shifts (needing more than 200 for the weekend!) and going over every detail for the first week in December.

This article is not simply to praise the committee for another lovely tour, but to let others in the neighborhood know that the tour is a big part of the identity of Ryan Place. None of our neighboring 'hoods can claim such a sparkling holiday event, although Fairmount does a bang up job over Mothers Day weekend.

Ryan Place is known for the Christmas tour not only in the 'hoods, but also throughout the city and even out of state; people mark the tour on their calendars every year. The tour does not just "happen" — it takes many, many hours of work (most of it is behind-the-scenes work).

The kick off fundraiser, The Soiree (thank you Gina Roberts), is a great way to see your neighbors in clothes other than gardening gloves and blue jeans. Did you know that the committee sends out over 800 invitations (adding up to more than 1,000 people) each year?

As the new comer to the committee I asked why we go to the effort and expense of sending these out to every home in the neighborhood plus to local dignitaries and sponsors when the return rate is around 20%. Quickly the answer from everyone at that meeting was: "We want everyone to be included, to know that this party is for them and about them".

The proceeds from the tour weekend go to the street light project — not to frivolities. The food for the party is prepared and donated from households right here in Ryan Place. The ticket price is a bargain for the amount of food and libations that fill the home of the generous Soiree hosts (big thanks to Linda and Roland Hill). The Kick Off and the Wine Down, both so beautifully hosted this year by Lyn and Randy Parham were delightful.

All you have to do is be involved by volunteering as little as four hours of your time as a docent or you join the com-

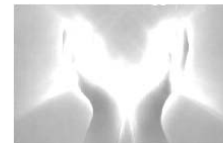
mittee to meet your neighbors and experience the joy of accomplishment and the holiday spirit.

Yes, I had my eyes opened. I was amazed. The work done by the committee members, many of them with full time "day jobs" was impressive. Sian Borne, this year's committee chair, was focused and driven, and under her leadership she made it happen.

Look in the tour guide booklet and note the names of your neighbors who worked for the betterment of your neighborhood. Give them a smile and a word of thanks when you see them. Look at the names of past chairs and you will see many of the same names over and over, year after year...it's amazing, but ya know what? The tour needs new faces (or old faces that haven't been involved for awhile or ever). If you live in Ryan Place, then you should get involved. If not in the tour, then in one of the other many events. Attend the neighborhood meetings, and find out what's happening. It affects YOU.

The tour was a success, we are finishing the street light campaign and I personally have made new friends that I will look forward to keeping and working with again.

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