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RPIA Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 16
7 p.m.
Angel of Hope Church

RYAN PLACE EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th at 11 AM

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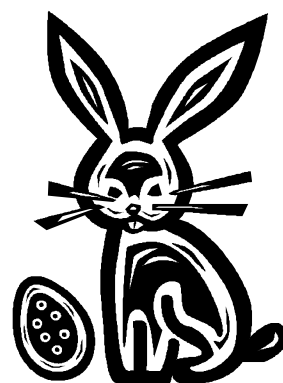


The Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bunny Story Time & Bunny Games will be held Saturday, April 7th at 11 a.m. at 1111 Elizabeth Blvd.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be divided into three age groups: toddlers through age 3; 4 and 5 years old; and 6 through 9 years old. **Please deliver 1 dozen plastic eggs per child** filled with wrapped candy and surprises (no money please) by Friday, April 6th. Place the attached form on your bag of eggs, listing the name and age of each child that will participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Drop the eggs off at: 1111 Elizabeth Blvd. All children should bring their own Easter baskets for the hunt.

All Ryan Place residents are invited to participate in the Bunny Story Time & Games. The Bunny will read stories and lead the following games: Easter egg toss, Easter egg spoon race and Bunny hop races. Prizes will be awarded.

In the event of rain, the Easter activities will be cancelled. Should there be a question about the weather, a decision will be made at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. Call Kiki Jacobs for the verdict at 817-922-0018.



ATTACH TO EASTER EGGS

NAME _____

PHONE _____

CHILD'S AGE _____	CHILD'S AGE _____	CHILD'S AGE _____
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CHILI COOK-OFF

HOT STUFF:

Cook-Off Winners

(pictured on bottom row from left to right)

John May for Hottest Chili; Richard Parks for Most Creative; David Tumlin for Veggie; and Mike Cagle for the Best in Show.

The 7th Annual Ryan Place Chili Appreciation Society's event was held on Sat., March 24. We had eight worthy entrants and three happily involved judges from Fire Station 8. The weather for this cook-off was beautiful and we had a wonderful time with our neighbors.

At the risk of leaving a few names off the following list I would like to recognize a few very helpful neighbors. Thank you Dan for obtaining and setting up the tables; Randy Downy for seeing that we had electricity; Al-lisen Prigel for showing up with a camera and helping with cleanup; Dawn for getting the date and time of the chili cook-off out in mass email distribution; Dusty for doing a great job of decorating and providing patio furniture for this event; Peter Schroeder of the Neighborhood Grill, and Albertsons for their generous donations; Robert Holt of Finn McCool's and Gary Guess of 6th Ave for being available to judge; the other neighbors in the area who helped with cleanup and for hauling off the trash; and all of our contestants who provided us with wonderful and creative chili. I especially want to thank the judges from Fire Station 8. Tony Caseres, Alan Lindsey, Ricky George and Scott Streeter were great and impartial judges. See you next year.

CCRP Needs Homes for 2007-2008 Tour

Do you love your home? Are you proud of what you have accomplished with your historic treasure? Have your friends and family said "you should be on the Christmas Tour". Well. If you say yes to ANY of the above questions, you need to consider being on the 2007-2008 Tour!

Is it hard work to be on the tour? YES! Is it rewarding to be on the tour? YES! Are you doing something good for your neighborhood and community? YES! So, what are you waiting for?

We would love to talk to you about being on the tour. We can answer any questions you might have or try to get an answer. The sooner we have our tour homes lined up, the sooner we can begin our publicity and the sooner you can make plans for your Christmas decorating. Remember that you will be among the first to have your Holiday decorating finished. You can enjoy December while the rest of us are getting out boxes with decorations and making bows.

Please consider being a part of this wonderful Ryan Place tradition. Help us complete the project of raising money for our streetlights. Our deadline has been extended to complete this project. We are almost done but we still need your help.

For more information, please call Sian Borne at 817-923-8683.



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.



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New construction downtown forced the store to relocate from the area where they have been for over 70 years. Their loss is our gain, as we are now that much closer to such a neat shop. Stop by and browse and you will be certain to find something fun to take home for dinner.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Welcome to the neighborhood!

REMINDER

If you have information that you would like the neighborhood to know about (garage sales, house sale/rent, lost pet) please utilize one, or all, of these posting options: place your signs on yard stakes and place them through out the neighborhood; Ryan Place website; and/or neighborhood information emails to distribute your information.

When signs are placed on the streetlights the tape plus the paint off leaving the primer paint showing and requiring the light to have to be repainted. Thank you for your cooperation on this neighborhood issue.



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FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED IN FORT WORTH

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth announced today that they are stepping up their campaign to raise awareness of the need for foster parents in the area. The agency's Therapeutic Foster Care Program recently hired Kim Benefield as a Recruiter/Trainer for the program and she is excited about the challenge of recruiting volunteers in this area.

"My background is in volunteer recruitment, but I have never worked with such a unique program," Benefield says. "Foster parents are a very special group of people and it is going to be a challenge to find just the right type of volunteer who can fulfill the role of foster parent."

The Therapeutic Foster Care Program at Catholic Charities began in 1985 to provide temporary and permanent therapeutic family care for children between the ages of 0-17.

These children all have behavioral and emotional difficulties. "That is why it is such a unique challenge to recruit volunteers," Benefield says. "I am not going to sugar coat this volunteer opportunity and say it is going to be a positive experience all the time. It can be very difficult to foster a child who has a history of abuse and neglect. But I will tell you that the stories I hear from current foster parents make it all worthwhile. It can be the most rewarding experience a family can share."

Every year, an estimated 20,000 children age out of the foster care system before ever being placed with a family. A recent study by the University of Wisconsin found that 27% of the males and 10% of the females aging out of the system had been incarcerated, 33% were receiving public assistance, 37% never finished high school and 50% were unemployed.

"As you can see the children who are never placed in foster care can have a negative impact on the community," Benefield says. "It is also important to realize that it is not a lifelong commitment, but a commitment that will change a life and possibly an entire community."

Applicants interested in becoming foster

parents should prepare themselves for an extensive process. "This process protects not only the children who are being placed in these families, but it allows us to get to know the applicant, find out their motivation, and make sure it will be a good fit for the child placed in their care."

A series of interviews, home visits, reference checks and criminal background checks insure that all applicants are well qualified for the role of foster parent.

Anyone interested in finding out more information about becoming a foster parent should contact Kim Benefield at 817-534-0814 extension 2278.

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OFFICER RON ANDRIOTTO SAYS: “BEWARE OF CREDIT CARD SCAM”

This one is pretty slick since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want and need. Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

The scam works like this: Person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?" When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card". He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers". ; There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers' that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation.

The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that later that week he got a call from a "Jason Richardson of Master Card" with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time he didn't let him finish. He hung up and filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

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Got Gas?

Some of us here in Ryan Place have questions about gas drilling. You know that federal taxes must be paid on gas drilling income and some mortgage loan companies keep dividends and apply them to your mortgage. Banding together with other neighborhood associations gives us more information about these prospects. The drilling companies also can give back to the neighborhoods when they are represented as a group. Right now their reserves are full so taking our time might prove wise.

Judy

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Code Compliance

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LANTERNS FOR SALE

CCRP has lanterns for sale. These lanterns are a tradition in our neighborhood at tour time in December but there are so many other times of the year that you can decorate and use them for festive events or holidays.

If you have not purchased some for your yard or if you need additional ones, please contact Rita Thomas at 817-923-3625. You may also go to the RPIA website and download the order form and send it to Rita. Our prices have gone up slightly due to manufacturing increases in cost but they are still a wonderful bargain. Supplies are limited so call Rita and get them as soon as you can.

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8 EASTER	9	10	11 trash	12	13	14
15 Big trash pickup all week	16 RPIA Meeting	17	18 trash	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 trash	26	27	28
29	30					



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3rd Annual Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 22nd, 2007. Noon to 5 P.M.

Bring the family and enjoy local artists, community businesses, food, fun, live music from Fort Worth musician Brad Thompson from 1-3 PM and organic awareness by organic expert James Samudio.

• **"Butterfly Away"**, by Elizabeth Anna Samudio.

A delightful tale that illustrates the importance and kindness to the Earth and each other. Book signing and reading at 2 PM.

- Lectures on "Green Living" (such as rainwater gathering, global warming etc.) at 3:15 PM.
- Kid's face painting, games and activities throughout the day.
- First 25 people (1 per family) receive 30% off a tree of choice.
- Additional discounts throughout the shoppe.