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RPIA Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 15

7 p.m.

Westside Unitarian

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October 2007

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President's Letter

Dear Ryan Place Neighbor,

After three years as your President, it is time for me to step aside and bring new ideas to the table. I am most thankful to all of you who have been so supportive. Together we have had many successful ventures. You have put together a good traffic plan, anti-crime program, directory, the July 4th Ryan Run, the parade, the Welcome Committee and gas lease agreement. These things are not my successes; they belong to you, the neighborhood. I thank everyone who has taken leadership of the various activities. You make Ryan Place a good place to live. I am proud of you residents who have made the association meetings a part of your monthly schedule. When I became President, the Association meetings averaged about 8-10 attendees. Now the average attendance is well above 40, and in September 85 residents and guests attended. Ryan Place continues to face many challenges. I hope you will give the next President the same support that you gave to me. This is your neighborhood and your participation is the only thing that will make it successful.

Thanks for the honor to serve Ryan Place.

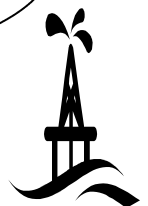
Dan Roberts

President



Gas lease signing date is set for October 30 at Colonial Country Club! See HistoricRyanPlace.org for details.

RPIA Gas-Oil Committee Completes Lease



After eight months of fact finding, meetings and challenges beyond anyone's original expectations, the RPIA Gas-Oil Committee announced that it had completed its mission. The group, working with the Joint Neighborhood Committee (JNC) and the Berkeley Place Homeowners Association, has reached agreement on a gas lease with Fort Worth Energy Company, LLC representing XTO Energy of Fort Worth.

Dan Roberts commissioned the group in February 2007 with the guidance that since it is possible that a well would be drilled in the surrounding area, it was the responsibility of the RPIA to craft the best lease possible for all residents and the adjoining neighborhoods. Roberts asked the gas committee to come up with the best possible terms for a lease, re-

mind the residents "If you choose to sign a lease, we recommend you sign **our** lease, not **their** lease" (referring to the various gas land men who have attempted to promote their leases in Ryan Place).

The committee, staying true to their mission, worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that **all** the significant safety, security and environmental priorities identified by the group were clearly defined and protected in the lease structure.

The lease, which will become the template for all the neighborhoods in the Joint Neighborhood Committee (JNC), will be distributed to all Ryan Place homeowners over the next few weeks. Homeowners can go directly to the

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1 st VP	Keith Head	817-921-6721
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Ryan Place Drive (Alternate)	Tommy Drake	817-926-5789
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November Newsletter — Friday, Oct. 19

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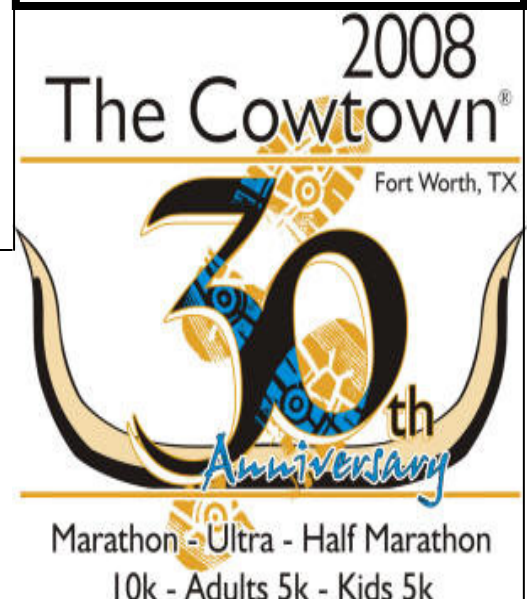
Important Numbers

Fort Worth Police Dept. 817.335.4222
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Want to be involved in the neighborhood, but hesitate to commit to anything "big?" The

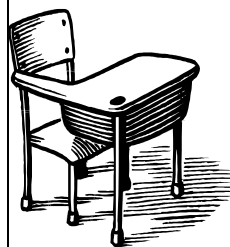
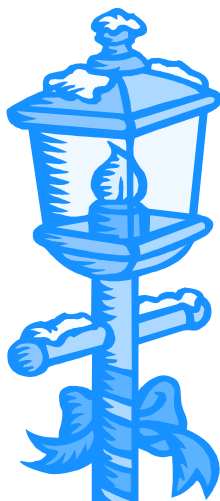
CCRP Home Tour has the perfect opportunity: volunteer for a four-hour shift as docent in one of the homes on the tour! When you show up for your scheduled time, you will be assigned a room in the home (of your choice, if you sign up early!) and given a card with a few highlights about that location. As tourists pass through, docents share that information along with a friendly welcome to our "guests" who are contributing to our neighborhood. It's a great way to start the season and there's a bonus: your four hours earns you a ticket to the tour and an invitation to the traditional "wine down" on Sunday evening from 6-8 pm. Call NOW to sign up and select a date, time, and home — opportunities are limited!

Remember, this is a great way to meet your neighbors, earn volunteer hours for school, contribute to Ryan Place, and/or just have fun. How about inviting some friends to docent a shift together, go on the tour, and then have lunch or dinner at St. John's Tea Room? Just call **MIKE LINDNER** at **817-924-2485**—TODAY!

DOCENT	Friday, November 30th
SHIFTS:	6-10 p.m.
	Saturday, December 1st
	2-6 p.m.
	6-10 p.m.
	Sunday, December 3rd
	2-6 p.m.

Traditional Lanterns Available

Black wrought iron candle stands fitted with glass hurricane globes are an important part of the traditional Ryan Place holiday yard décor. The lanterns are heavy-duty and ready for your personalized, creative touch. A limited supply is still available for \$25 each. Please contact **Rita Thomas** at **817-923-3625** to purchase lanterns for your home.



FWISD Bond Proposal Addresses Aging Schools

A FWISD bond program for District-wide classroom improvements, computer technology and other initiatives will go before voters on November 6th. District leaders say will keep Fort Worth students competitive in a global marketplace.

The bond will be presented as two propositions. Proposition 1 is for \$586.89 million projected to fund six new schools, plus ex-

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Election for 2007/2008 RPIA Board on October 15

Following is the recommended 2007/2008 RPIA Board nominations of officers. If you are interested in self-nominating for any of these positions, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Gilbert Gutierrez (ggutierrez@charter.net), Dawn Taft (dawntaft@charter.net) or Linda Clark (icklineco@sbcglobal.net).

President:	Keith Head
1 st VP:	Barbara Tumlin
2 nd VP:	Allisen Prigel
Secretary:	John MacFarlane
Treasurer:	Gilbert Gutierrez
League of Neighborhood:	to be appointed
Parliamentarian:	Gina Roberts

New nominations of Street Directors :

5 th Avenue:	Terri West
5 th Avenue Alt:	Mary Schroder
8 th /James/Livingston:	John Belknap
8 th /James/Livingston Alt:	open
College:	open
College Alt:	open
Ryan Place Drive:	Angela Crum
Ryan Place Drive Alt:	Tommy Drake
Willing Avenue	John Kline
Willing Avenue Alt:	Mike Lindner

Other Street Directors to be voted on :

Jessamine:	open
S. Adams:	open
6 th Avenue Alternate:	open
Alston/Lipscomb Alt.:	open
Elizabeth Alternate:	open

COMMUTER RAIL STATION PROPOSED AT 8TH AVENUE AND ELIZABETH BLVD.

Most of us who have been following the proposed SOUTHWEST-to-NORTHEAST RAIL CORRIDOR were amazed to learn that the proposed station at 8th Avenue and Elizabeth Blvd. has not been taken out of the plan.

At the Monday, September 17 WORKSHOP MEETING held by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority to discuss conceptual plans for the various Rail Stations, the 8th Ave/Elizabeth station site was presented as a viable alternate to a Berry Street/Cleburne Road location.

Your RPIA Street and Traffic Committee has worked for two years to develop a plan to reduce the amount of outside traffic and traffic speed within our neighborhood. Contrary to this effort, an 8th Ave/Elizabeth station site will create even more vehicular traffic within the Ryan Place area and especially along Elizabeth Blvd.

To find out more about the possible locations of Commuter Rail Stations near the Ryan Place area and to voice your opinion write, call or e-mail:

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Bart Bradford (bartstroud@yahoo.com)



District 9 Special Election Candidate Forum October 18 at Travis Avenue Baptist Church Recreation Center at 7 p.m. Area neighborhood associations including Ryan Place will be participating.

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Have you made your annual contribution to RPIA?

Every October, we ask each Ryan Place neighbor to contribute \$25 per household. These contributions help to offset the cost of producing and distributing this newsletter, producing the meeting signs, getting the RPIA firetruck back on its wheels, hosting the annual potluck, and all the special events that Ryan Place offers for all of the neighbors. Everyone benefits from RPIA and the contributions, and yet, each year only about 10% of the neighbors contribute. Your \$25 is a small amount to stay in touch and to add so much to the quality of our neighborhood. **Please write your check and send it in the enclosed envelope today!**

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A DREAM-COME-TRUE: *FINN MACCOOL'S*

Married thirty-one years, Patti and Robert Holt's move to Ryan Place has been a great experience. Both born and raised in Tarrant County, their careers have taken them as far as Bakersfield, California and more recently Lewisville, Texas. After hearing about the revitalization of South Fort Worth neighborhoods, they decided to settle in Ryan Place.

They were looking for a place to start a neighborhood bar, and South Fort Worth caught their attention.

Robert and Patti had always dreamed of owning their own business. After trips to Ireland and Chicago, they knew they wanted to own a "storefront pub" where neighbors could meet and relax. They found the perfect site for a bar at 1700 8th Avenue, and named it after Ireland's mythological hero, Finn MacCool.

Finn MacCool's has been in business only three years now, but has been honored with several awards, including recognition from Historic Fort Worth, Inc. and Fort Worth Magazine. The best part of the business, Robert and Patti say, is getting to

know all of the great customers, many of whom are their neighbors.

Patti and Robert have two sons, Jarrod, graphic artist, and Justin, who is serving in the Air Force. They are also proud grand parents of five month old Emily Holt. Patti commutes to Irving each day to work at the NCH Corporation, as a personal assistant to an attorney. In their leisure time, Robert enjoys playing the guitar and Patti likes to shop for antiques and scrapbook. Together, they can always be found working on their 1918 bungalow on the 2300 block of 6th Avenue. The Holts say the best thing about living in Ryan Place is the friendliness of the residents. They love visiting with their neighbors and relaxing on their front porch.

The next time you are walking down 6th Avenue, be sure to say hello to Robert and Patti. And if you are looking for a neighborhood hangout, try Finn MacCool's!

— Contributed by Stephanie Gutierrez



Parenting

FWISD and El Hispano News are sponsoring a Parent Step Ahead Program at Daggett Elementary School on October 20. Mike Hall of **Strong Fathers** is the keynote speaker along with eleven experts on different aspects of parenting. The program will begin with lunch and will be offered in both Spanish and English. For more information or to register for this valuable seminar, please call 817 - 814 - 5500.



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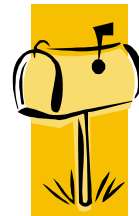
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Ryan Place Neighbors Oppose Curbside Mailboxes



There have been some questions about a request from the Post Office to some Ryan Place neighbors that curbside mail boxes be installed. Following is a letter written to Mr. Hughes, manager of the 8th Avenue Post Office, from our council representative on the matter (reproduced with permission):

September 4, 2007

Dear Mr. Hughes,

Last summer, the United States Postal Service began an effort to transition from door to door delivery of mail to curbside delivery of mail in areas served by the 8th Ave. Post Office.

At the time, the neighborhoods in the area contacted my office to let me know of their opposition. We met on July 13, 2006 at Travis Avenue Baptist Church with Mr. H.R. Sechelski. The USPS heard the concerns being expressed by the neighborhoods and withdrew their plans to install curbside boxes.

It has come to my attention that the postal service is once again launching such an effort. The concerns expressed by the neighborhoods are no different today than they were a

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The anniversary celebration is Friday, October, 26 at Farrington Field during the Timberview game. Kick off is 7:30 p.m. Band alumni will be seated next to the Panther Band, receive special recognition during the game, and a commemorative souvenir marking the 85th Anniversary of the Paschal Band.

Additional information can be found on the Panther Band web site at www.PaschalPanthers.org or by contacting Band Booster President, Trey Eason at JEa-sonIII@aol.com.

If you are a former member of the Panther Band, or a Paschal alum and would like to be included on future email updates about the Paschal Panther Band you can register by sending an email to band-boosterphs@flash.net

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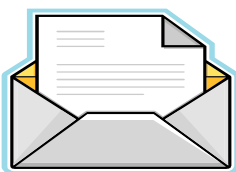
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To the Editor. . .

Friends and Neighbors,

One of Ryan Place's own is running for City Council!

Joel Burns wants to represent us and I believe that he will do an amazing job. Being our neighbor, he has our best interests at heart. Being good at what he does will insure that those interests are represented at City Hall.

Joel has a long history of service to Ryan Place and to the City of Fort Worth. Joel is Wendy Davis' appointee to serve as our Zoning Commissioner. He is the past Chair of the Fort Worth Historical and Cultural Landmarks Commission. Groups and organizations that he has worked with include: RPIA, Historic Fort Worth, Fort Worth South and Leadership Fort Worth.

I have known Joel personally and professionally for almost 15 years. I am convinced that he is far and away the best candidate for this job. He is a smart and capable administrator who cares about this neighborhood as much as we do.

I am asking you to join me at the ballot box on November 6th to elect our neighbor Joel to the District 9 City Council seat.

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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: Randy Parham, DDS

1612 Pennsylvania Avenue, (817) 923-1300

Contact: Lin Parham

This local dentist is also a neighbor! Dr. Parham has been making smiles beautiful in Fort Worth for 27 years. He is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan University and the UT Health Sciences Center in San Antonio. He and his wife Lin, a registered dental hygienist, are restoring a magnificent home on Ryan Place Drive and have been active in our neighborhood for many years.

Dr. Parham welcomes you to find out about his practice. As your neighbor, he wants you to know that he is committed to improve the health and well being of his patients through the delivery of excellent clinical and aesthetic dentistry. He provides this to his patients in a comfortable atmosphere, using the latest technology, research and education. His office staff is gentle and compassionate to even the most anxious patient. The family oriented practice offers both general and cosmetic dentistry, including fillings, crowns, bridges, dentures, veneers, implants and whitening.

They are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 5 and Wednesday from 8 to 3. They accept most types of dental insurance and will be glad to review your coverage and file any claims. The doors are always open for neighbors and new patients, so if you need a dentist, Dr. Parham is right around the corner!

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 raintex@aol.com. Always remember, HELP A NEIGHBOR... SHOP LOCAL!



RPIA Has a New Newsletter Editor!

For over a year, Jennifer Duell has worked to provide Ryan Place with the neighborhood news via the RPIA Newsletter. The publication of the newsletter is a volunteer position that requires many hours of work corresponding, designing, editing, proofing, proofing, and proofing each newsletter every month. An enormous amount of computer and phone work is done behind the scenes and with little reward.

Recently, Jennifer took on business responsibilities which require her full attention and she has resigned as newsletter editor. However, do not fret, readers. Olivia Flynn of 5th Avenue has stepped up to the plate. While she is quite modest in describing her computer abilities, she has nevertheless agreed to learn the volunteer newsletter editor business.

I'd like to thank Jennifer for her many contributions and all the hours she de-

voted to the neighbors and neighborhood of Ryan Place.

If you get the chance, thank our newsletter editors... past and present... for keeping us all informed about everything from "When the heck is Big Trash Pick Up Day?" to Street Improvements, Curbside Repairs and Gas Drilling updates. Watch the newsletter for contribution deadlines and commit to sending in an article at least once a year. It's another chance to have your opinion heard... and it makes for interesting reading!

Dawn Taft

Editor's Note: Dawn, herself, didn't miss a beat as she stepped into the breach and put the newsletter together single-handedly last month. Thank YOU, Dawn, for your initiative, ability, and encouragement!



Note: The RPIA pot-luck dinner that was scheduled for the October 15th meeting has been postponed. Watch for the new date — probably

Bond Proposal

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pansions and improvements to existing facilities. Proposition 2, for \$6.7 million, will refinance existing debt.

This plan follows a year-long study by a team of 25 professionals from Magellan K12 who thoroughly analyzed each FWISD school and facility.

More than 60 percent of Fort Worth ISD facilities are over 50 years old. The bond funding, if approved by voters, would provide:

Classroom and school building improvements District-wide

Improved science labs

Improved classroom technology

220 new classrooms in six new schools

122 new classrooms in eight existing schools

Reduced number of portable classrooms

For more information on the bond program, visit www.fortworthisd.net and click on "Straight to the Classroom." **Early voting will be October 22 through November 2. Election Day is November 6.**

Gas Lease

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Fort Worth Energy offices to turn in the lease or attend a lease signing party to be arranged in mid-October at a location convenient to Ryan Place homeowners. More information will be posted on the Ryan Place web site: <http://www.HistoricRyanPlace.org>, as it becomes available.

The key provisions of the lease include the following:

Fort Worth Energy/XTO Lease

No Surface Drilling or Operation

Lease for Gas/Oil

Lease Term: 48 months

Drill Site: East of Jennings & North of Page

No 8th Avenue Drill Site

No Drill Site Within 600 Feet of a Homesite

No Compressor Within 1000 Feet of RPIA boundary

Shut In Fee of \$25.00/acre

Gas Pooling Unit: 640 Acres

Royalty: 25%

Bonus: \$10,000/acre

Homeowners are encouraged to read the lease and to seek financial or legal advice as appropriate before signing it.

Please extend your Ryan Place thanks to the members of the RPIA GO-Committee for their commitment, and completion of the lease.

Committee Members: Robert Blake, Larry Borne, Dave Frye, Gary Guess, Katie Clifton, Kevin Prigel, Liane Janovsky, Maggie Kenny, Stephen Mosher and Rita Utt.

Bill Conley wlconley@yahoo.com

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Curbside Mailboxes

year ago; curbside mailboxes are not an appropriate design alternative in older neighborhoods—many of which are historically designated. There is no agreement between the USPS and the City of Fort Worth that would allow for curbside mailboxes.

I understand that the USPS views this as a safety issue due to the number of dog bites in the area. Perhaps we need to do some public education regarding Fort Worth's Leash Law. I would be happy to coordinate such an effort with our Animal Control Division and the Community Relations Office in the City of Fort Worth.

In the interim, I would respectfully request that you stop offering curbside mailboxes in the areas served by the 8th Avenue Post Office and that any that have been erected are removed.

Thank you,

Wendy R. Davis, City Council, District 9

**Real Estate Corner
by Judy Holland
of The Helen Painter
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Sub-Prime Players

The buzz in our industry is all about sub-prime lenders going out of business, causing foreclosures, and rippling the market world wide. Someone said it will even effect creators of pop-up ads! These mortgage lenders moved numbers around so that new buyers were in over their heads when their bills came due. We are glad this painful spotlight has been focused on these less than ethical lenders and work hard to match buyers with reliable lenders. I tell buyers that they are going shopping to buy some money and to comparison shop.

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Landscaping Revelation

Jonathan Shipley



I've lived in Ryan Place for thirty-plus years and didn't have a clue until this spring that our neighborhood landscaping had a pedigree all its own. You hear about the architectural heritage of the neighborhood, but never about the landscaping heritage. New information came to light in the course of revising the historic guidelines for Elizabeth Boulevard, but this is broader than the historic district. John C. Ryan had a revolutionary vision for the neighborhood he was creating. We've become so accustomed to landscaping and always-green grass in the modern age that it's easy to overlook what an innovation it must have been to add landscaping as a communal characteristic for an entire neighborhood.

According to local writer-historian Carol Roark, John Ryan (1865-1928) was an advocate of the early 20th-century City Beautiful Movement, which believed that planned urban development based on classical architectural styles and nature could produce park-like residential areas that would uplift the human spirit. In 1919 the John C. Ryan Land Company advertised that "the vision of the planners has been realized in the many features of distinction . . . a proud display of handsome residences, wide park[ways], trees and terraced lawns." This was a vision of green parkways punctuated by lines of trees marching down the streets, of yards terraced to form front and side berms, and of elegant houses sitting in park-like open spaces. But there's more.

A letter surfaced concerning the Adopt-a-Park on the Daggett Elementary school yard. F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer, wrote in 2001, "In any historic district, the landscape elements may contribute as much significance as the buildings. The Ryan Place Historic District has been designated by the City of Fort Worth and was designed by the noted landscape architect George Kessler . . ."

George Kessler? With that name, all sorts of connections start falling into place. Does Dallas Kessler Park sound familiar? It turns out that George E. Kessler (1862-1923) was a landscape architect of the early 20th century. Born in Germany and raised in Dallas, he was – like John Ryan – an advocate of the City Beautiful Movement. He was also famous. Among many other projects, he designed the St. Louis World's Fair (1900-1904), Dallas Fair Park (1907), the Dallas Comprehensive Plan (1911), Dallas Highland Park (1916), Camp Bowie Boulevard (1918), and – my personal favorite – Ryan Place Community Design (date unknown). The date of the Ryan Place plan was probably no later than 1911 when the John C. Ryan Land Company started advertising the double row of trees and "magnificent marble entrance." Hallmarks of Kessler's work included the use of monuments as focal points (the massive gates at College and 8th Avenue), rows of trees flanking the streets, terraced yards, and strict construction setbacks to create a flow of open space that combined both the public parkway and private yards into a park-like expanse of green.

I was impressed. John Ryan had hired a nationally renowned landscape architect to design Ryan Place and produce one of Fort

Worth's first planned City Beautiful neighborhoods. What we have today is the legacy of both John C. Ryan and George Kessler.

Unfortunately, there are issues with open, park-like space. Yes, it looks attractive and yes, it shows houses to their best advantage, but what about privacy and security? There has been a lot of discussion on this issue in the context of the Elizabeth Boulevard guidelines, but the concepts apply to all of Ryan Place as well. The juggling act is balancing what looks best with what feels safe, balancing John Ryan's original intent with functionality. It should be possible to have both. The key seems to be keeping any fence or wall in moderation, setting it well behind the house line, and making it as unobtrusive as possible. We are a neighborhood blessed with exceptional architecture and an exceptional original landscaping plan. Those are the elements that need to pass intact to future generations as John Ryan's legacy.

In only a few years, we will celebrate the centennial of our neighborhood's creation. One would hope that if John C. Ryan could somehow be magically transported from last century to this century, he could walk the boulevards and avenues and say, "Yes, this is how I envisioned my Ryan Place."

We are all invited to the
Daggett Montessori School PTA
Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27



WELCOME


to the neighborhood:

Peggy and Freddy Anderberg	5th Avenue
Kevin & Rebecca Hackbart	Willing Avenue
Kendra McCown	Willing Avenue
Lisa Erickson	Willing Avenue
Kathryn & Eric Hansen	6th Avenue

If you are new to Ryan Place, we'd like to extend a hearty WELCOME to you! We want to help you become an integral part of our unique community. If you have not received a Welcome Package, please let us know so we can get one to you. We are glad you chose to live here and we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

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October 2007

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