

# RYAN PLACE

## IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

April, 2008

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#### President's Letter

Spring is finally here and neighbors all over Ryan Place are doing home improvements and sprucing up their yards. Many neighbors also participated in the Ryan Place clean up on May 29<sup>th</sup>. One of the things that makes Ryan Place so special is the pride our residents take in the neighborhood.

One area that I would personally like to see included in the pride factor is the maintenance of our beautiful streetlights. Over the years, the proceeds from A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place and contributions from generous individuals have given Ryan Place the most beautiful neighborhood street lights in Fort Worth.

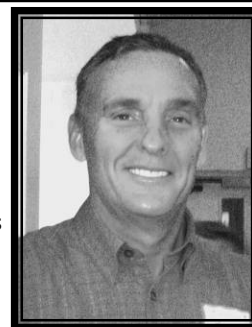
To keep them beautiful we need to join forces to keep signs from being taped to the poles of the lights. Not only is this activity against City code, but it also damages the light poles. Often, when tape is pulled off of the pole, the paint comes off with it. Take a look at some of the original lights on Elizabeth Boulevard and on other major street corners in Ryan Place to see what this practice has done to the poles.

Let's all join together to stop this unnecessary damage. When you see a sign taped to a light pole, carefully and immediately remove it. Contact the individual who put the sign up and tell them that you have taken their sign down and why.

Many of the signs are posted by people from outside our neighborhood, and I've asked the President of Fairmount Association to join us in this campaign to maintain our street lights. She plans to communicate with Fairmount residents encouraging them to work with us in maintaining the poles in both neighborhoods.

Thanks in advance for your support and diligence in this effort. Have a great Spring and I hope to meet many new neighbors at meetings and monthly social events scheduled over the next few months!

*Keith Head*



### ***Thank You, XTO and Fort Worth Energy!***



Sometimes a picture really is worth a thousand words. Dub Stocker, president of Fort Worth Energy and Tarah Fagen, from XTO, with Bill Conley and Dan Roberts of the Gas Lease Committee at the March 17 RPIA meeting.

**DON'T  
FORGET!**

**RPIA  
Monthly  
Meeting**

**Monday, April 21  
6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet  
7 p.m. Meeting**

**Westside Unitarian  
Universalist Church  
901 Page Avenue**

Meeting agenda at [historicryanplace.org](http://historicryanplace.org), Discussion Forum.

## 2007-2008 RPIA Board of Directors

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### \* Volunteers, Please!

We currently have THREE openings for Street Director Alternates. **It's time to get involved, meet your neighbors, and make some friends!** Call **Keith Head** or e-mail him today to volunteer.

### RPIA Newsletter

#### Advertising Rates

One month free when you prepay for 1 year.

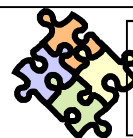
Full Page: \$100	(8.5 x 11 inches)
Half Page: \$65	(8.5 x 5.5 inches)
1/4 Page: \$45	(4.25 x 5.5 inches)
Business card: \$25	(3.5 x 2 inches)
Announcement: \$15	(1.75 x 2 inches)

#### Newsletter and advertising submission deadlines:

**May Newsletter**  
**Friday, April 18**

Contact:

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### Editor's Note

Spring is surely a busy time in Ryan Place! There are so many fun activities, every shade of green imaginable is on display, increasing by the hour — even the weather shifts capriciously, determined to surprise us. Its amazing that so much happens, so much gets done, and so many benefit in Ryan Place, all because people give their time and energy — volunteering. Thanks to all of you who fill my answering machine, my mailbox, and my e-mail in-box! The material in the newsletter comes from advertisers, organizations in which RPIA participates, city government information documents, the police department, and the arts. The residents of Ryan Place contribute articles, pictures, invitations, and interesting tidbits to share. Thanks to all of you.

Please remember to support the businesses that advertise in the newsletter; they pay for its production and distribution.

Keep those phone calls, e-mails coming!  
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**817-927-0075**

### Important Numbers

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<b>Code Compliance</b>	817.392.5158 Ext. 1804



## FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN ALERT WARNING

Due to a high number of vehicle burglaries in the area, we are asking that you take the following precautions to ensure that you do not become the next victim of a vehicular burglary:

- \* Remove all valuables from your vehicle.
- \* If you must store valuables in your vehicle, lock them in the trunk or place them out of sight.
- \* Roll up all windows.
- \* Lock your doors.
- \* Remove the key from the ignition.
- \* Never leave your car running, even for a few seconds.

**Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility!**

Remember —

### *Water Your Trees!*



Don't forget to water your trees. It has been an unusually dry spring so far, and the trees that you planted over the winter are about to start their summer growth. Be sure to water them deeply every week, starting now and through the summer if we don't have good rain. In the first year after transplanting, carefully water to avoid letting the roots dry before they are established in the soil. This is crucial to the life of newly planted trees and shrubs.

## A WORD TO THE WISE .



A Ryan Place resident contacted me to ask if the "annual spree of porch furniture and potted plant thefts" had begun. If you've been a victim of the "spring theft spree," the question makes a lot of sense. I have observed that after the weather gets warmer and before Mother's Day, yard furniture, toys, bicycles, plant pots, or any thing of value that is left outdoors and in sight is at risk for disappearing at night.

Remember to secure patio furniture, place toys out of sight, LOCK your vehicles and take all valuables inside or lock them in the trunk. Leave your home's exterior lights on all night. Patroling police officers cannot see a thief lurking around your house if it's too dark. The cost of a light bulb on all night is certainly less than having to replace valuable belongings.

We all have a lot of power to prevent crime simply by being responsible and careful.

Mariann Taccia

**In Memory of**

**JIM KASZYNSKI**

Ryan Place resident passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 29th. We extend our sympathy to the family.



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# Financial News Pages



## *Sustaining Membership Program Successful — So Far!*

Last month we included pre-addressed envelopes inside the newsletter to facilitate contributions to RPIA. The response was good, indicating that the envelopes are helpful — so we are doing it again! The big news this month is that if you find the internet more convenient, you can contribute via PayPal at [www.historicryanplace.org](http://www.historicryanplace.org). These contributions are needed to offset the cost of producing and distributing the newsletter as well as the expenses approved in the RPIA annual budget.

If you live in Ryan Place, you are automatically a member of RPIA. The program initiated last month for Sustaining Membership levels is to demonstrate our appreciation to those who contribute above and beyond the minimum suggested annual donation. The program also allows for friends, family, former neighbors, local businesses, and anyone else to join RPIA as well. If your employer has a matching contribution program, they, too, can support Historic Ryan Place through a matching gift at any level.

(Please note: these levels were reported incorrectly in the March newsletter. The corrected levels are listed below.)

Have you noticed that our social calendar is becoming filled with fun events all year? We have a budget for those activities, and we need the financial backing of the neighborhood to maintain our momentum. Support your neighborhood by joining in the fun, attending the meetings, and contributing to our neighborhood fund!

*"But what about that \$60,000 lease signing bonus from XTO and Fort Worth Energy,"* you ask. The RPIA Board has decided to put that money in savings for now, guarding it against impetuous spending. Suggestions and ideas will be solicited soon regarding projects and plans for best using our windfall.

## APRIL RPIA FINANCIAL REPORT

RPIA Checking Account

PROFIT & LOSS STANDARD (January 1 through March 28)

RPIA Directories	2,939.70
Available Funds	<u>1,200.20</u>
Beginning Balance	<u>4,139.90</u>

### ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

#### Income

Contributions and Support	2,970.00
Newsletter Advertising	1,755.00
FTW Energy Gas Lease Bonus	30,000.00
XTO Energy Gas Lease Bonus	<u>30,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u><b>64,725.00</b></u>

#### Expense

Dues and Subscriptions	320.00
Postage and Delivery	48.13
Printing and Reproduction	1,010.00
Supplies and Materials	<u>27.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u><b>1,405.13</b></u>

Net ordinary income	<u>63,319.87</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u><b>63,319.87</b></u>
Checking Account Balance (March 28)	<u><b>\$67,459.77</b></u>

## **Ryan Place Improvement Association** **2008 Sustaining Membership Program**

Ryan Place improvements, newsletters and events are made possible through your generous contributions. Residents, friends, family, businesses, and individuals interested in the continued improvement of Historic Ryan Place, are encouraged to become sustaining members of Ryan Place Improvement Association.

### **The three levels of Sustaining Membership are:**

#### **Neighbor**

**\$35 - \$74 Annual Contribution**

#### **Friend**

**\$75 - \$150 Annual Contribution**

#### **Patron**

**\$151+ Annual Contribution**

(2008 Sustaining Membership period includes any contribution made between January 1, 2008 and Dec 31, 2008)

# Contribution Levels Prove Popular and Profitable for RPIA

Our goal is to raise \$7,000 through neighborhood contributions to RPIA to cover annual budgeted expenses.

*HOW ARE WE DOING??*

The following contributions have been made since the inception of the new RPIA Sustaining Membership Program in February of this year.

## Patron

Joe Cox  
Keith and Connie Head  
Dr. Randy and Linn Parham  
Kevin and Allisen Prigel  
Mariann Taccia

## Friend

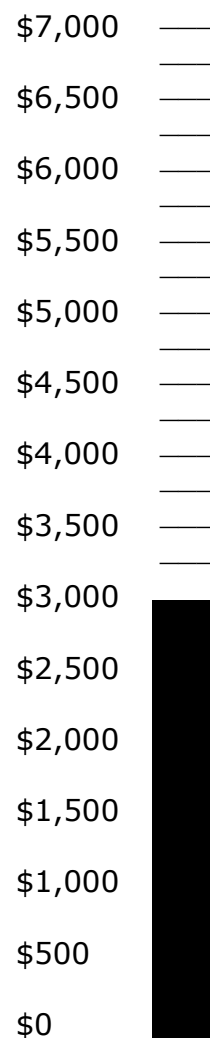
Mack and Cindy Baldridge  
Bill and Lucy Conley  
David DeVlaming  
Robert and Gay Donohoo  
Randy and Lorraine "Rainey" Dukes  
John and Jennifer Grimes  
AJ and JR Hart  
Ross and Carol King  
Joan Kline  
Alan and Kendal Lake  
D. Michael Lynn  
Richard Neville and Jane Torgerson  
Rosanne Vaughn  
Ross and Julie Vitek  
Elzie and Evelyn Wilson

## Neighbor

Fred Anderberg and Petra Rios  
David and Sandra Barton  
J Becker  
Larry and Sian Borne  
Bart and Nancy Bradford

## Neighbor (continued)

Ricki and Mark Brannon III  
Mr and Mrs Yates Brown  
Allan and Sue Butcher  
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Pam Hill  
Roland and Linda Hill  
Robert and Patti Holt  
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Fort Worth, TX 76110

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Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the RPIA email list



## Spring Plant Sale at the Botanic Garden

**Saturday, April 19th ONLY, 9 AM to 2 PM**

Come to the Botanic Garden's spring plant sale and stock up on plants that thrive in the Fort Worth area. Choose from a wide assortment of trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, ground covers, perennials, vines, vegetables, and annuals. Specialty plants include lime trees, tropicals, hybrid begonias, and scented geraniums. Rose, African violet, begonia, cactus and succulent, and daylily societies will also be selling their plants. The Wild Bird Center and other vendors will be selling garden-related merchandise as well. Garden staff will be on site to answer your plant questions. BYOW (Bring Your Own Wagon) for loading plants!

An added feature to the sale will be informative talks on the spring migration of monarch butterflies and demonstrations of caterpillar rearing in the gazebo of the nearby Trial Garden. Learn about the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, a citizen science program. Seeds of milkweed, the monarch's host plant, will be distributed.

**LOCATION:** "The Grove," the wooded area west of the Trial Garden and the Japanese Garden parking lot.

**PARKING:** From I-30, take the Montgomery Street exit (#11) and follow the signs on Montgomery to the Linden Street parking lot. Parking is free.



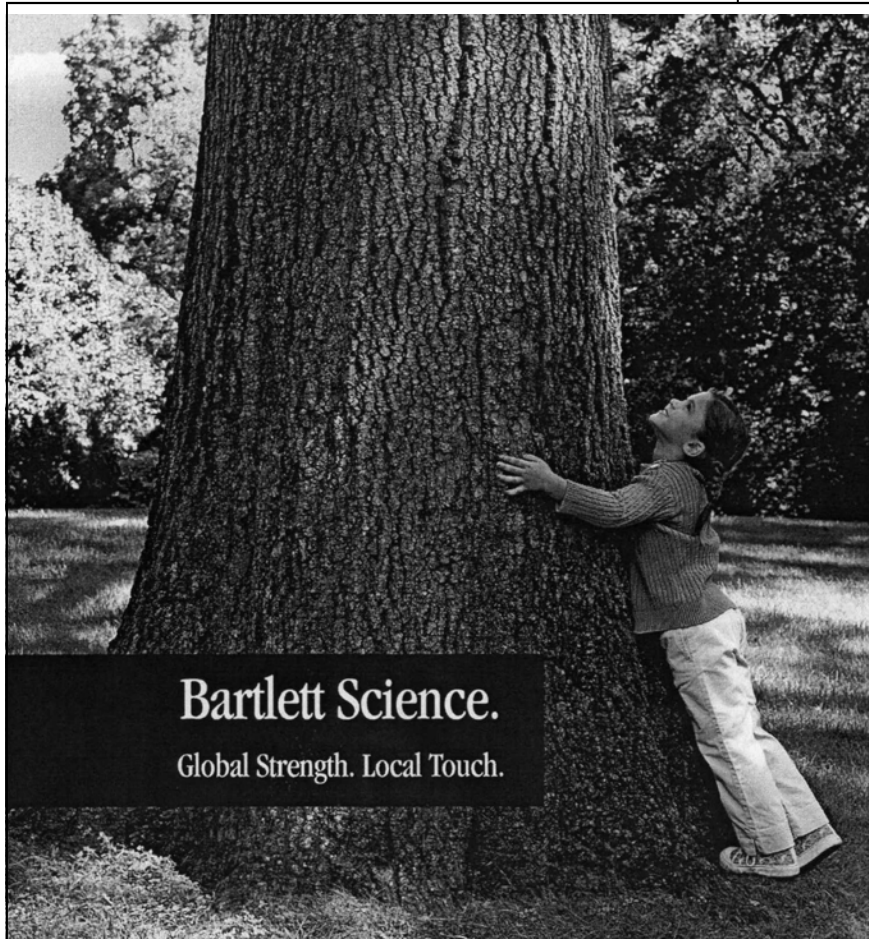
April foolishness,  
anyone?



Hello again, neighbors! Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 6 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM to join us on our porches. Since the two families hosting are completely aware that April Fool's Day is the 1<sup>st</sup>, there is no prank involved in the invitation. We'll have some beer, some wine, and some snacks. (Non-alcoholic drinks as well.) You are welcome to bring anything you like for yourself, or to share.

Because shaking off the cold is hard to do unless your focus is elsewhere, the Tumlins and Cagles will attempt to bring a bit of **Hawaii** to the gathering. If you are so inclined, break out your floral print shirts, flip flops, or coconut bra; you will blend in. If you have close friends you'd like to bring along, please do. It's 2614 and 2618 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Rain or shine, the party will go on!. It's co-ed: ALOHA, KANES & WAHINES, MAHALO!

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## Volunteers Clean and Bag Ryan Place



Hats off to **Allysen Prigel** and her Cowtown Cleanup volunteers. A crew of twenty volunteers donned yellow t-shirts and rubber gloves, gathered up their black trash bags, and hit the mean streets of Ryan Place to collect — garbage. "Watch out for fire ants and toxic waste," they warned us. We did see some fire ants, but what does toxic waste look like?

The campaign was a part of the *Keep Fort Worth Beautiful Cowtown Community Cleanup*. Several trunk loads and pickup truck loads of garbage were taken off the streets and put where they really belong, in the city dump. Mostly we collected empty cold drink cups, plastic straws, and discarded wrappers, but there were some interesting finds, too. At least one long-dead possum, some old political signs, and a big piece of quartz crystal were among the oddities.

Save room on your calendar for the seventeenth annual *Trinity River Trash Bash* on September 20. They will need Ryan Place's experienced trash collectors as well as new recruits willing to learn the fine points of . . . well, maybe there are no fine points. But twenty or thirty people working together can make a difference in the community.

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<b>Doors</b>	<b>Room additions</b>
<b>New garages</b>	<b>Tile</b>

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employees, not subcontractors**



## 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:

### Double Exposure

1714 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Contact: Lezlie Davis or Heather Harris



An established Camp Bowie area store is coming to our neighborhood! Over 60 years ago, the Junior League of Fort Worth opened a resale shop to earn money for its many projects. In mid April, the League plans to move **Double Exposure** to its new location, right around the corner from us!

**Double Exposure** is an upscale resale store that has been rated "Best in Style" by *Fort Worth Weekly Magazine*. Junior League members donate merchandise and their time to keep the store well-stocked and running smoothly. The new location will offer more space and a "new look" to their effort, featuring toys, clothing, home furnishings, books, and more. Merchandise is closely examined before it is placed for sale in the shop to ensure quality.

So come and shop, and know that your dollars are being cycled back to support the many good causes that are championed by the ladies of the Junior League. See you there!

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](mailto:raintex@aol.com)**. Always remember, HELP A NEIGHBOR...SHOP LOCAL!

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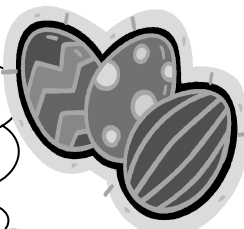
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I wonder how the  
Easter Egg Hunt  
turned out...?

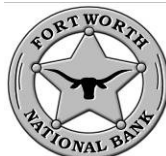


We would like to thank everyone that participated in the Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt for making it such an enjoyable event. The overwhelming generosity of those that donated eggs and all the little smiling faces that showed up with Easter baskets in hand on what turned out to be a beautiful day was fantastic. We're looking forward to carrying on this Ryan Place tradition in 2009!

—Michael & Jennifer Grimes

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## Arts Fifth Avenue

**SPECIAL TO RYAN PLACE RESIDENTS:** AFA is offering Ryan Place residents one free lesson each and a 20% discount on all events.

### APRIL AND MAY EVENTS, 2008

- 4/19 Fairmount Yard Sale, 9 AM-5 PM
- 5/3 Mondo Drummers in Concert, 8 PM (\$15.)
- 5/4 TCU Performing Arts Student Showcase
- 5/10 11th Fairmount Home Tour
- 5/25 19th Annual National Tap Day, 8 PM (free)

### **ARTS FIFTH AVENUE**

1628 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue @ West Allen  
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Have you been to Gallery Art Café? Under new ownership, it is located at 609 South Jennings (formerly the Coffee House Gallery and Art Café), serves breakfast and lunch only, and the owners are interested in getting more involved with Ryan Place. Their menu at [www.galleryartcafe.com](http://www.galleryartcafe.com) looks quite good; give it a try!

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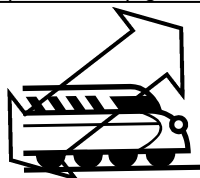
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## Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor

### SUMMARY OF MARCH MEETING

The draft of the Environmental Impact Study for the rail corridor is 98% complete and the printed document should be available by mid-June. The route impacting Ryan Place will be accessed through a contract between the Fort Worth and Western Railroad and the T. Most of the existing track will not accommodate passenger traffic and will be replaced.

Eight Quiet Zones from Biddison to Park Place have been identified. Median barriers 60 to 100 feet long and street closures are the most likely mitigation. Quiet Zones will also eliminate freight horns. Landscaping has not been mentioned, but should be affected by community input.

Base line noise and vibration levels have been determined by monitoring over 24 hour periods. Consultants say vibration should not be an issue and noise impact is from the horns and crossing bells. (I might add that in my home, I hear a great deal of wheel on track noise from the UP line. Replacing track and hopefully, road bed, may be helpful on the FWW line.)

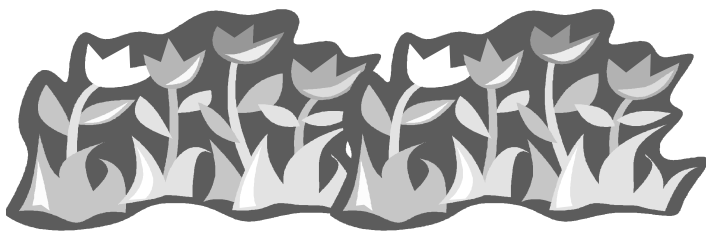
Implementation of Quiet Zones will be in the same 2012-2013 time frame as the opening of the line. I spoke to Russ Wiles (TPW, 817-392-7978) and he indicated that the request for hiring a consultant for the Hemphill/Page Quiet Zone will be going before the City Council this month.

It was reported that there is some effort being made to insert language in the gas well ordinance that will protect the station locations. The language will be something on the order of, "no drilling 300 to 500 feet from where people gather, and 75 feet from the rail bed." Some recommended station locations are already being impacted by this issue.

There will be 22-58 property acquisitions, both residential and business, including those on the TCU Berry preferred alternative site plan.

More information is available at [www.sw2neRAIL.com](http://www.sw2neRAIL.com).

—Linda Clark



## Register now for Da (11th Annual) Zoo Run Run



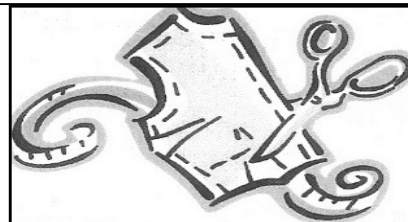
Register now for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Zoo Run Run

Go for a *wild* run while supporting a worthy cause at the Fort Worth Zoo's 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Zoo Run Run** on **Saturday, April 19, 2008**. Every year, proceeds from the **Zoo Run Run** support animal conservation efforts. This year, that includes our work benefitting all 25 of the Zoo's frog species in honor of the Association of Zoo and Aquariums' Year of the Frog.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Zoo Run Run** includes competitive Timed 10K, Timed 5K, and 1-mile Fun Run. **Zoo Run Run** will take place along the Zoo's main pathway and throughout the beautiful neighborhoods surrounding the Zoo.

Race entry fees include a 2008 **Zoo Run Run** T-shirt, one free pass to the Fort Worth Zoo, food, drinks and activities after the race. After **April 4, 2008**, entry fees are \$25 per individual and \$30 per individual on race day. **The final deadline for all school groups and team entries is April 4, 2008.**

For more information on **Zoo Run Run**, please call 817/759-7337 or visit the Zoo's website at [www.fortworthzoo.org](http://www.fortworthzoo.org).



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# WELCOME to the neighborhood:

Snow, heat and torrential rains . . . it must be springtime in Texas!

Please join me in welcoming Rochelle Avina and Dave Flanagan to College Avenue. They've just moved in and are already remodeling ~ a Ryan Place tradition! Dave lived in Ryan Place a few years ago and we're glad to have him back in the neighborhood.

Want to get acquainted with other Ryan Place residents? I recommend attending the monthly neighborhood meeting. There is a meet and greet session that starts at 6:30, immediately before the meeting. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

Another way to connect is to volunteer at one of our monthly events ~ contact your Street Director for information.

If you are a new resident of Ryan Place, or know someone who is, please email me at [junelake.rpia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:junelake.rpia@sbcglobal.net) for an official welcome to the neighborhood!



## Daggett Seeking Volunteers for Year-Long Celebration

Daggett Elementary is gearing up for its 100th anniversary celebration in 2009. A team of teachers, parents and district employees will be meeting on April 10th at the School at 4:00 PM to begin discussions on the activities that will be planned for the celebration. Any interested parties should contact Cathryn Record-Horn at 817-921-6121. The School and the PTA are working in conjunction with a local sign company to complete a design for a marquee that we should be able to install in the summer. When the sign company completes the mock up of the sign, we will present it at the RPIA board meeting.

E. M. Daggett elementary is a group of four separate buildings that began serving the children of the south side of Fort Worth in the fall of 1909 in the original structure that stands on the northwest corner of the campus. Daggett is the oldest continuously occupied structure in the Fort Worth School district. Even though there are older buildings in use, none have the distinction of being continuously occupied. Daggett was originally referred to as the Tenth District school. E. M. Daggett Elementary School, located in historical Ryan Place at 958 Page Street, was named for Ephraim M. Daggett, one of the pioneering spirits who was a merchant, legislator, and early promoter of Fort Worth. Ephraim Daggett was inducted into the Texas Trail of Fame in 2006.

—Cathryn Record-Horn

On Saturday,  
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Historic Fort Worth will offer its first annual educational workshop to promote and sell homes in historic neighborhoods. There will be presentations on appropriate rehabilitation strategies for historic properties including compatible additions, window restoration, period appropriate paint colors for historic designations, and financial incentives. Ryan Place will be represented to promote our neighborhood's assets. Advice will be offered on mortgages and home improvement loans and there will be a construction-oriented children's area.

General admission is \$5 per person; children under twelve are free. From 3 PM until 5PM, local realtors will conduct a tour of historic homes that are available for sale.

The workshops will be offered at Thistle Hill, 1509 Pennsylvania Avenue, and Coburn's Catering will be providing the food at the refreshment stand. Contact **Corry Smith**, Communications Director at **817-336-2344 ext. 100** or at **Corry\_Smith@historicfortworth.org**.

RPIA Vice President **Barbara Tumlin** will be representing Ryan Place as a historic neighborhood at the event. She has invited anyone who is planning to attend to consider volunteering to promote the neighborhood at our table. Barbara plans to be there all day, and says, "help is welcome! It will be a good opportunity to share your pride in Ryan Place and encourage others to invest in our community." Contact **Barbara Tumlin @ 817-921-0158** or **817-675-4804** for volunteer scheduling. Thanks!

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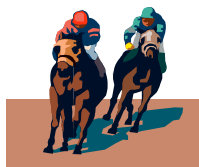












Coming up in May:  
**Mad Hatter's  
 Kentucky Derby Party**

Save the Date! What is going on when a bunch of RP-ites get together on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, wearing our wildest hats, to eat barbeque and drink mint juleps while watching the Kentucky Derby? It must be the **Mad Hatter's Kentucky Derby Party!**

The party will start at 3 pm to 7 pm (or officially end at midnight!) at 2600 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There will be prizes for the best Mad Hatters and plenty of Mint Juleps! Hosts **Chris Patton and Mark Stalions** will provide all the beverage mixes and the mint juleps; if you prefer different spirits then please BYOB.

Mark and Chris will also provide BBQ Brisket sandwiches with chips etc. for the first 25 couples or singles that RSVP at [markstalions@wildaboutfood.com](mailto:markstalions@wildaboutfood.com). The couples or singles will each receive a different password in order to receive their free meal. Without the password, each plate will be five dollars or your own rendition of *My Old Kentucky Home* to the other guests. Sounds like fun – see you there!



**Real Estate Corner**

by Judy Holland

**Listen to Ryan Place**

Last weekend we were working outside and were in surround-sound from our neighbors. I heard lawn mowers, chain saws, hammering, kids playing, people laughing, and birds singing. We could smell the sweet earth, new flowers blooming, and barbecues cooking in backyards here and there. Pleasant sounds and smells were everywhere. Take time to smell the roses and hear the good sounds of Ryan Place.

Later,

Judy

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# What's going on Memorial Day weekend????



## The Return of the Street Dance!!!



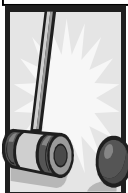
Get ready to dance *under* the stars, Ryan Place! THE STREET DANCE IS COMING BACK! That's right! The dance will be on Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend, May 25th. As in the past, the east end of Elizabeth Boulevard will be blocked off so that we can dance in the street and there will be the usual food concessions in addition to your own picnics, coolers, and blankets. Friends and family, old-fashioned fun -- just like the Street Dances of the old days.

The Street Dance committee has plans that promise to make this an evening to remember. Brave Combo (2003) and Holland K. Smith (2004) are hard acts to follow, but how about a nationally acclaimed "Eagle experience?" And what if the leader of the band -- **7 Bridges** -- just happens to be a neighbor here in Ryan Place? Well, **Jason Manning** is the man and **7 Bridges** will be in the metroplex, including Ryan

Place in their tour. Their extensive repertoire is guaranteed to have everyone moving and shaking!

And that's not all. Plans are in the works for an exciting raffle (that we'd *all* love to win), enhanced lighting, fun programs for the kids, and innovative fund-raising activities.

While the dance is free to all Ryan Place residents, friends, and family, there will be opportunities to donate to RPIA and sponsorships will be solicited. All proceeds from the event are dedicated to the beautification of Ryan Place and the Near South Side. **Terri West** and her team are looking for helpers, both for preparation and on the day of the dance; please contact her at **817-927-0727** or at [hatwest@gmail.com](mailto:hatwest@gmail.com). For more about the band, go to [7bridgesband.com](http://7bridgesband.com).



## Start practicing now!

As this goes to press March Madness is in full swing and the Super Bowl is a dim memory. It is time to put Croquet in better focus as **the** sport of Ryan Place.

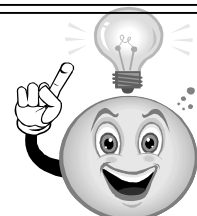
Though you don't hear Croquet mentioned with the likes of other popular (i.e. money-making) sports like baseball, football, or basketball, neither do you worry about the use of illegal performance enhancing drugs on the Croquet court -- unless you are talking about fertilizing the grass or an occasional shot of Round Up for that persistent weed.

The Ryan Place Croquet Tournament has a history that is only 23 years old, but croquet was envisioned here by John Ryan when he encouraged prospective property owners to buy a second lot specifically for a croquet court; he was unaware of soccer and didn't think football would last much longer.

Though millions of people have played backyard Croquet under the standard -- or not-so-standard -- rules, there are fewer than 10,000 Americans seriously involved in the more professional six-wicket game.

Reserve Your Spot NOW

## Sponsorship



What a great way to kick off the summer -- a neighborhood street dance! A balmy evening of eating, visiting, good music -- maybe even a little dancing, who knows? And this year there will be a new opportunity: the RPIA Sponsorship Lawn. As usual, the street dance is free to all Ryan Place residents, their families, and friends. For those who want to help defray the cost of the dance, however, an area of lawn will be roped off, and "rented" for the evening in exchange for a donation of \$100. There will be 30 spots available, and a portion of the proceeds from the Sponsorship Lawn will be applied to a selected neighborhood improvement project.

To reserve a spot in the RPIA Sponsorship Lawn, call **Terri West** at **817-927-0727** or email **Mariann Taccia** at [mariannt@hawkpci.net](mailto:mariannt@hawkpci.net). Reservations are not guaranteed until your donation is made.

## Croquet Tournament Summary of Rules



### CROQUET CLINICS 2526 SOUTH ADAMS

**Sunday afternoons, May 4, 11, 18, 25, at 5:00 pm, Croquet Clinics will be held to review the game rules, teach the techniques, and learn the strategies of croquet. Previous winners will be on hand as special guests to share their secrets for tournament success.**

**The Game:** American nine-wicket croquet  
**Teams:** Each team shall consist of two players. All ages are welcome and encouraged to play. Players do not have to reside in Ryan Place  
**Pairings:** Teams will be paired with other teams by a drawing to be held at 10:00am Monday, May 26, 2006.  
**Format:** Single elimination until one team from each is declared the winner.  
**Preliminary and Championship Finals:** At the Croquet Home Court, 2526 South Adams.  
**Information:** Tournament Director, Croquet Czar, 817 926-

**Twenty-Third Anniversary**

**Ryan Place Croquet Tournament**

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