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President's Letter

Memorial Day Weekend in Ryan Place brought with it not only the annual Croquet Tournament, but the rebirth of the Ryan Place Memorial Day Weekend Street Dance as well. **Chris Ebert** once again chaired the Croquet Tournament, an event which has become a mainstay on the Ryan Place calendar. Thank you, Chris.

When the 2008 Ryan Place Board decided to reinvigorate the social aspect of the neighborhood, bringing the Street Dance back was at the top of the list. **Terri West** offered to chair this committee and she did an outstanding job, putting together a dance and neighborhood get-together that also allowed us to show off the neighborhood to our outside friends. It was a great event—the weather was perfect, the crowd was great, and the music was fantastic. A special thank you to Ryan Place's own **Jason Manning** for bringing the **7 Bridges Band** to Ryan Place.

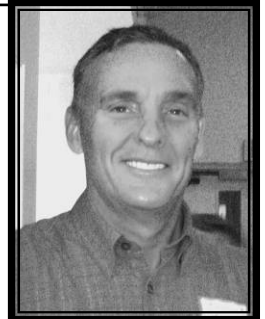
Also in May, we had the Kentucky Derby Mad Hatter Party hosted by **Chris Patton** and **Mark Stallons**. Thanks to Chris and Mark for a great afternoon!

Our activities, newsletters, lobbying efforts at City Hall, as well as other RPIA services couldn't happen without the talents, time, and money from residents and sponsors. I encourage all Ryan Place residents to do their part, stepping up and out to add to the quality of our life with their contributions. Everyone has something to give -- imagine what we can do together!

Finally, and on a very serious note, the possibility of having an 8th Avenue gas drilling site is once again alive and well. Preventing this well from becoming a reality will require considerable effort from not only **Bill Conley** and the Gas Drilling Committee, but from all residents. Check the newsletter for information on what **you** as an individual can do to help keep a drill rig off the 8th Avenue/Elizabeth Boulevard site.

Have a great summer!

Keith Head



CALL TO ACTION!

URGENT GAS DRILLING ALERT!

BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND A MEETING AT 6:30 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008, FORT WORTH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1000 THROCKMORTON STREET (PARKING AT SOUTH OF BUILDING).

Ryan Place Improvement Association and the Joint Neighborhood Committee need your help, support, and a little of your time on Monday, June 9, 2008 at the City Council Chambers.

As you are well aware, RPIA and the JNC have worked very hard on your behalf to ensure that gas drilling within the urban neighborhoods of Fort Worth is conducted in a manner that will protect the integrity of the neighborhoods, and provide for a safe, secure and environmentally friendly operation. The work done by the coal-

tion of Berkeley, Ryan Place, Mistletoe, Fairmont, Park Hill and others has become the model for community involvement and collaboration in working with the gas companies across the city.

As a result of our collective efforts, Mayor Moncrief and the City Council established a "Gas Drilling Task Force" to look at the current city ordinance and the procedures therein as they relate to gas drilling operations.

In reviewing the minutes of the Task Force, most of their focus to date has been on revisions to noise requirements. They need to move on to the myriad of other issues that were referred to the Task Force, but the over-

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**RPIA
Monthly
Meeting**

Monday, June 16th
6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet
7 p.m. Meeting

RPIA Meeting

**Westside Unitarian
Universalist Church**
901 Page Avenue

*Meeting agenda at
historicryanplace.org,
Discussion Forum*

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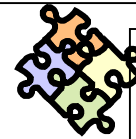
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Editor's Note

The lazy days of summer are upon us—Hooray! We're still asking **The \$60,000 Question**, collecting ideas for how to spend it to improve Ryan Place. So far, sidewalks, curbs, and park development are the main suggestions. Is there nothing else that might improve our fair community? Let us hear from you!

A **big** thanks to all who were concerned about Mookie; she turned up at the Humane Society Shelter after wandering two miles away!

Please remember to do business with our newsletter advertisers and tell them you saw their ad here!

Thanks to all of you who fill my answering machine, my mailbox, and my e-mail in-box — on both my accounts! Remember, there will be no newsletter in July; the next one will be delivered August 1.

Keep those phone calls, letters, and e-mails coming!

Olivia Flynn, rpianewsletter@yahoo.com, 817-927-0075.

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How to Build Community

By Christopher Ebert

I have a bookmark published in 2002 by the Syracuse Cultural Workers which lists simple suggestions on "How to Build Community." All are very good suggestions and they just happen to be a short history of Ryan Place and the Ryan Place Improvement Association for the 32 years that Mary Beth and I have been residents and members:

- Leave your house.
- Turn off your television.
- Know your neighbors.
- Look up when you are walking.
- Greet people.
- Sit on your front porch.
- Plant flowers.
- Play together.
- Buy from local merchants.
- Take children to the park.
- Support neighborhood schools.
- Have pot lucks.
- Pick up litter.
- Dance in the street.
- Talk to the mail carrier.
- Start a tradition.
- Organize a block party
- Bake extra and share.
- Ask a question.
- Open your shades.
- Sing together.
- Share your skills.
- Take back the night.
- Turn up the music.
- Turn down the music.
- Seek to understand.

This month and every month, our cafeteria-style neighborhood association gives us all a way to help build a vibrant and active neighborhood, a community.

(Note: This is the first in a series of articles about recent Ryan Place History by Christopher Ebert.)

GRANT \$\$ AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE OUR PARKS



The RPIA Board recently learned that Ryan Place is eligible for a \$25,000 park improvement grant program that has just been established by the City of Fort Worth. Over the next 30 days we will be developing grant requests for both Daggett and Triangle parks. With this in mind we need to quickly gather ideas for park improvements from Ryan Place residents. Although the Board has already established a list of possible improvements, there are surely more ideas out there that we haven't thought of. **Your input is critical.** Please email **Keith Head** at keith.head@sbcglobal.net or call him on his office line **817-921-6922**. Ideas can also be submitted under the discussion forum of www.historicryanplace.org.

The RPIA Board will be presenting its proposed grant requests to Ryan Place residents at our regularly scheduled RPIA meeting on June 16.

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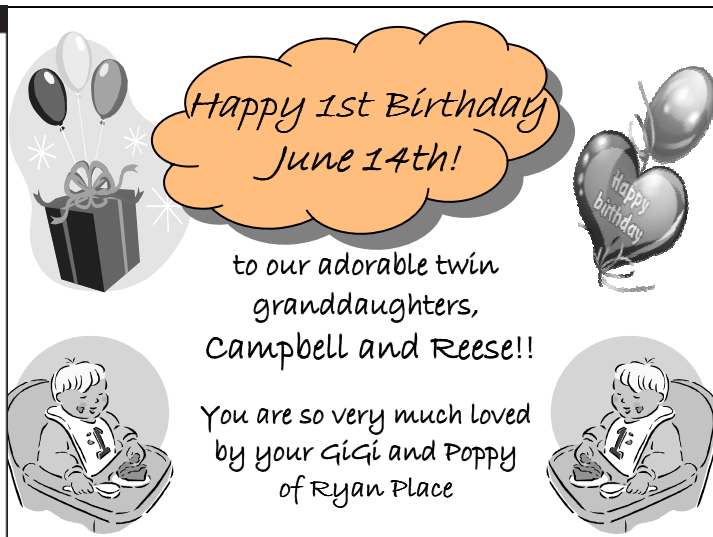
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TOWN HALL MEETING

About two dozen Ryan Place residents attended the District 9 Town Hall Meeting hosted by City Councilman (our own) Joel Burns on May 19. Mayor Mike Moncrief offered opening remarks before Joel Burns delivered his address to the group. Generally, he discussed the recently passed \$150 million bond package, neighborhood street and sidewalk repair, gas drilling, and public transportation.

Mr. Burns referred to the rewards and opportunities that come with service, commenting that District 9 is an active community and willing to work/serve for that which is important. He challenged the attendees to "seek out at least one other person in your neighborhood in the coming couple of weeks to get involved in their neighborhood in a way they never have — whether its just becoming a member of the association, getting involved in a committee, joining Citizens on Patrol or Code Rangers....we can determine if our neighborhoods are successful [by looking] at how many in the neighborhood are involved."

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Dale Fisseler, Assistant City Manager Fernando Costa, the new Police Chief and Fire Chief, plus staff members from planning and zoning, code enforcement, transportation and public works departments. After Councilman Burns' speech, questions were addressed to the different department representatives.



Anyone interested may attend the Daggett Centennial Committee meeting at 5:30 on June 12 in the elementary school library. The Committee is currently looking for stories and photos or mementos for the yearbooks that will be assembled. Please contact **Cathryn Record-Horn** at cathry.recordhorn@fwisd.org if you have anything to share.

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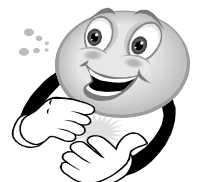
All were dancing in the street thanks to **Jason Manning's** 7 Bridges Band on Memorial Day Weekend. Elizabeth Boulevard looked like a spring break beach with blankets, coolers, and babes young and old.

It was a gathering to inspire -- neighbors, friends, the local politicians and constabulary, folks from the schools and churches, even an old turf writer showed up! Our budding artists, under the inspiration of **Cindy Baldrige**, created a most delightful chalk dance floor that would rival Mary Poppins, and was only visible for brief moments during the evening. It was a special treat to have neighbor **Melanie Macfarlane**, who is a trained operatic singer, lead *The Star Spangled Banner*; not a note was missed!!! The kids and sponsors at **Westside Universal Unitarian Church** and **E.M. Daggett Elementary** did a great job with the hotdogs and drinks and cleaned up with profits for their causes. Because of **John Rihel's** electrical skills, the twinkle lights gave a festive brilliance and the band had enough juice to be heard into the next neighborhood!!! The music was GREATLY appreciated by those that thronged to the shrub-lined dance floor (compliments of **Elizabeth Anna's Old World Garden** on 8th Ave.) and those who felt more relaxed in a supine position. The Eagles never sounded this good!! Thanks again **Jason and Rachel Manning** for your commitment to the neighborhood.

A multitude of thanks to those sponsors (see list) who made this event possible and to those who donated their time and talents to set up tents, pavilions, lights, and tables and take them down again and haul away the trash. **Roland Hill** and **Marissa Taccia**, you should receive a reward for "*Flatbed Handlers of the Year!*" Thanks for your motor skills.

A special thanks to **Mindy and David Hallum** for the use of their electricity and front lawn — without which, none of this would have been possible. KUDOS to the Street Dance Committee, who did its job and delivered a wonderful event — your efforts and donations of time, money, and hospitality gave the neighborhood the continuation of a tradition and a chance to share the goodness that is RYAN PLACE.

A Round of Applause for the Street Dance Sponsors



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WELCOME

to the neighborhood:

Summertime . . . and the livin' is easy. I have a feeling George Gershwin never came to Texas in the summer months. Whew!

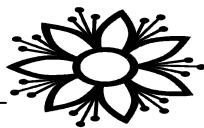
This month, Ryan Place Improvement Association extends a warm welcome to all the new and not-so-new neighbors. Among the not-so-new to the neighborhood: John and Gayle Watson on 6th Avenue; Freddy and Peggy Anderberg on 5th Avenue; and James, Tera, Cady, and Ben Galindo on Ryan Place Drive.

Most recent to the 'hood are Eamon and Amy Wiles on Willing Avenue; James Tynan on 6th Avenue; Randall Turner on Willing Avenue and Keeley Bliss on 6th Avenue.

I hope to meet you at one of the upcoming summer events. If you are a new resident (or know someone who is) and would like an "official" welcome to the neighborhood in this column, please e-mail me at junelake.rpia@sbcglobal.net and let me know you're here.

Meanwhile, stay cool!

Neighborly Notes:



- * Please don't speed.
- * Remember the plastic bags when walking dogs, thanks.
- * Say "hi" when passing by; we're neighbors!
- * Remember to check in on those who don't get out much.
- * Let the neighborhood stores know you live in the neighborhood and are supporting them.

Your Back Yard by Candlelight



How about black, wrought iron lantern stands with glass globes for citronella candles in the back yard? Our front yards are lovely public spaces, but the back lends itself more to the private – family activities and intimate chit-chat. What could be more fitting than candlelight? No electric wires to deal with and rearranging is a snap – just reposition the lantern stand and push down! Our local group, **CCRP**, is now selling just such lanterns for only **\$25 each** – and here's a clever idea: at Christmas, you can move them to the front of the house and use them again to decorate!

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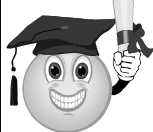
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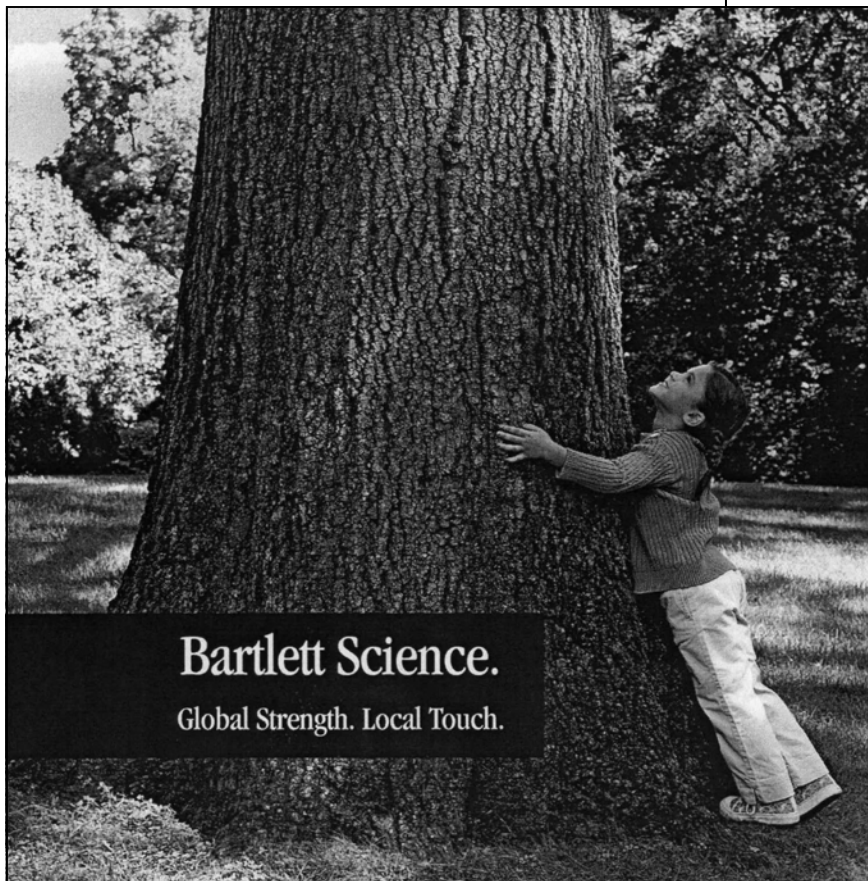
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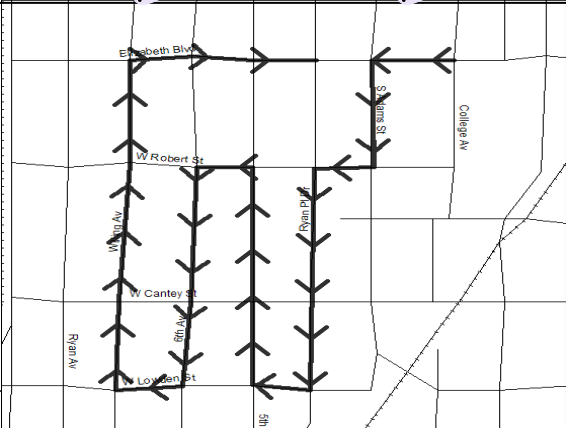
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The line-up is at 9:30 a.m. and the parade starts at 10. Please contact Gilbert Gutierrez ggutierrez@charter.net about making your entry/float the envy of the neighborhood! Don't delay!



Parade Route



A black and white line drawing of a person running. The person is wearing a tank top and shorts, with their arms and legs in motion. There are three horizontal lines behind the person's legs to indicate speed.

Not up to the trek this year? Come on out, anyway and lend a helping hand. If you are an early riser, the event will be set up and the course will have to be marked before 6 a.m. The run starts at 7:30 a.m. and volunteers will be needed for check-in, to assist along the route, to feed the runners, to help pass out awards, then to clean up – in all, about 15-20 reliable, fun-loving folks to pitch in. Not only do helpers get the fun of participating without the distance, but a free t-shirt is part of the package. Call **Gina Roberts** at **817-927-2478** or e-mail her at ginahroberts@yahoo.com with your shirt size and a promise to help.

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The Street Dance



Mad Hatter's Kentucky Derby Party



Urgent Gas Drilling Meeting

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whelming dominance of industry on the Task Force has mired in never-ending discussions on the elements of noise restrictions.

On the schedule for upcoming weeks:

Changes planned to protected public areas including Trinity Trails. Industry's position surfaced through a memo from Tarrant Regional Water in essence making the case that they should not be regulated.

Work will begin shortly on the discussion about a pipeline ordinance and to no one's surprise, industry is not in favor of this.

It is our view that the only way to ensure that the neighborhoods get the protections necessary is **Significant Citizen Involvement**. Industry and the prescribed political process will determine the protections for the future. They need to hear the voices and see the faces of neighborhoods.

The Gas Drilling Task Force meetings are open, but public comments have not been permitted. The June 9 hearing and another scheduled for August 11 are the only Public Hearings currently on the schedule until the group adjourns. **Please mark your calendar to be there! Your presence is important and it will make a difference!**



Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

Flying Ryan

In 1911, John and Elizabeth Willing Ryan platted out our Ryan Place and started building Fort Worth's original suburb. That same year one of the first airplanes was scheduled to land just south of Elizabeth Blvd. in Ryan's pasture. Ten thousand people swarmed the field to watch Calbraith Rodgers land the new-fangled flying machine. When he looked down and saw the crowd on his landing strip, he flew to the far end of the field as if he were landing there. The crowd rushed down to that location, leaving his proposed site free for him to safely land. We have a long history of enthusiasm, don't we!

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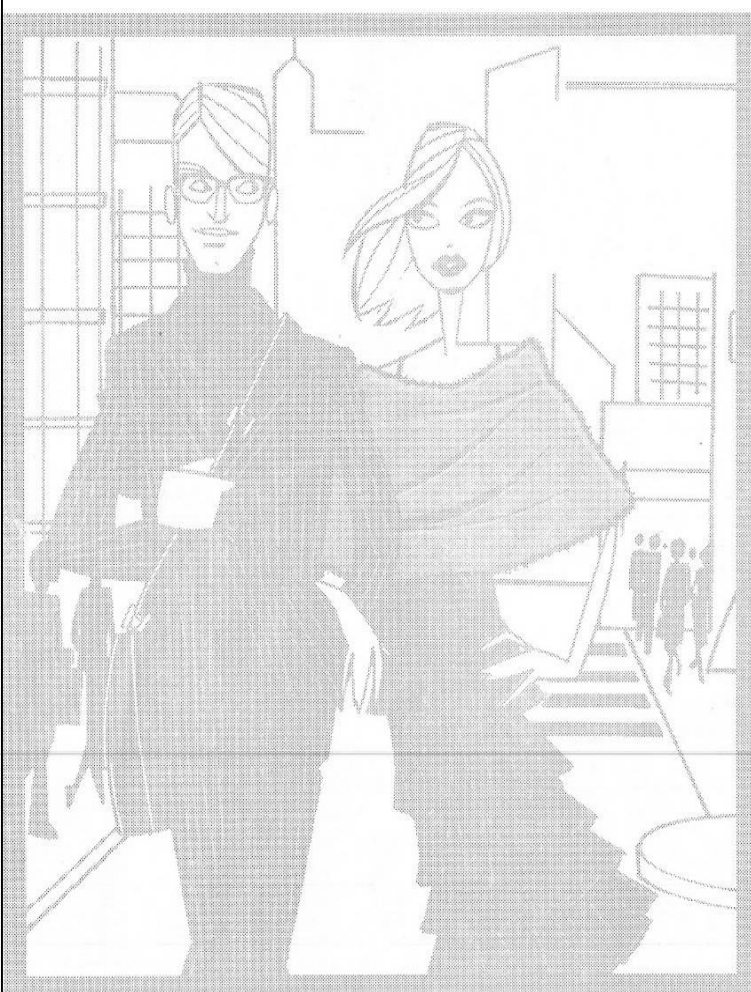
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Gilbert!!

Cheers, Dawn

To make a contribution to your neighborhood improvement association, send it with your name, address, and phone number to RPIA, P.O. Box 11473, Fort Worth, Texas, 76110 or contribute online through PAYPAL at www.historicryanplace.org. The levels of sustaining membership are:

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A Love Affair With a Neighborhood



by Janie Hart
(Copyright 2008)

(The following is the second in a series by Ryan Place resident **Janie Hart**, which she presented to a meeting at the Fort Worth Woman's Club in 2007. The series will continue monthly in the newsletter.)

Our family and friends in Arlington thought we were insane to move from the nice new suburbs to the inner-city. Rush's family had lived in Arlington since 1934. They asked if it was really safe to take two little girls into that neighborhood. In Fort Worth we were a two-block walk from both the elementary and from the middle school. Fort Worth schools in the '60's and '70's were considered to be far superior to suburban schools. Daggett (our elementary) had an excellent staff. We were especially pleased that music (including violin and other instruments) was taught as part of the regular elementary curriculum.

The dark side of old neighborhood revitalization became rapidly apparent. For instance, Elizabeth Blvd. had a real problem with traffic. There were no stop signs from Hemphill to Eighth Avenue on Elizabeth and it was quite tempting for drivers to floorboard the accelerator while passing through the entire length of the Boulevard. The railroad underpass near 6th Ave. on Berry was too low to accommodate modern semi-trucks. It was far more convenient to use Elizabeth than to go all the way down to Magnolia. Additionally, an alarming number of the lovely old homes had become rooming houses. "A1 residential" allowed up to five roomers. Businesses were being illegally run out of some of the homes. Code violations were rife.

As members of the city staff took an interest in the area, some of them moved into the neighborhood. In April of 1968, someone let it be known that the city planned to turn Fifth and Sixth Avenues into one-way streets from downtown to Berry to facilitate rush hour traffic, which alarmed most of us. Bart Bradford, 6th Avenue, organized a meeting of a dozen or so families. It was held in our living room. We decided to hold a larger meeting to become an official neighborhood entity.

The larger meeting was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall. Enthusiasm was high. We formed the Ryan Place Improvement Association and elected officers. They were:

President	Mel Dacus
Vice President	Dr. James Newcomer (later) John "Rush" Hart
Secretary	Polly Davis
Treasurer	Ruby Jo Halden
Technical Advisor	Bart Bradford

We decided on boundaries (Eighth Avenue, Berry, Lipscomb, and Jessamine) and then we elected street directors:

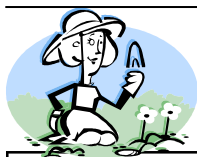
5 th Avenue	Happy (Harriett) Bell
Willing	Bess Witte
South Adams	W. E. Heaton, Jr.
College Avenue	Mrs. Chester Robinson
8 th Avenue	J. G. Bohn
Elizabeth Blvd.	Joan Kline
Ryan Place Drive	Janie Hart
Ryan Avenue	Edward C. Walsh, Jr.
Lipscomb	Marie Anderson
Carlock	Robert S. Phillips

To further facilitate communications, each director found a captain to take responsibility for each block.

Howard McMahan, the City Manager, met with us. He was very encouraging and gave us good advice. He did mention that these neighborhood groups are good ideas, and there had been others before us. Unfortunately, he said, the neighborhood groups never lasted more than six months. I know he would be pleased that ours is going on 40 years.

Our first big project was to get a 4-way stop sign at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Elizabeth. There was a good deal of delay and research, but a traffic death there ended the debate. We got a 4-way stop at 5th and Elizabeth and a signal light at the corner of 8th Avenue and Elizabeth.

(To be continued in August)



Watch for the **Ryan Place Yard of the Month** — coming soon!

Gardeners of Ryan Place, unite! Let's share the wealth of our too-full flower beds and offer the grass we are digging out to a neighbor who can use it. The newsletter will print offers to share or trade what you decide to dig out. Call **Olivia Flynn** at **817-927-0075** or **mslivia@sbcglobal.net**. How about some other projects, too?

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What is a Gang?

It is hard to describe the typical gang, since membership and gang activities differ from one gang to another. In general, "gang" means any combination, alliance, or network of three or more persons with an established leadership hierarchy that engages in criminal activity. Criminal activity is a key factor in labeling a group as a "gang." Criminal activity may include drug and weapon distribution, assault, murder, defacing property, and extortion or protection money.

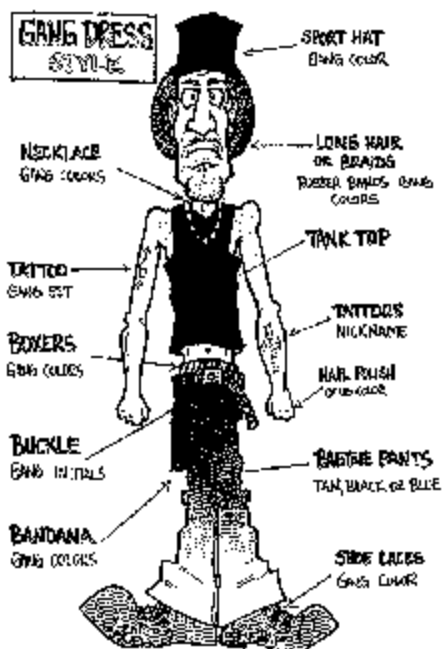
The exact number of gangs and gang members is unknown. Some gangs are formed according to similar backgrounds like black, white, Asian, or other ethnic similarities. Others are structured around territory, commercial activities, corporate businesses, political agendas, religion, music or types of crime.

Gangs include both juveniles and adults. Typical gang members range in age from 8 to 22 with occasional exceptions. Gang members engage in the use of graffiti to publicize territorial control. Another non-verbal method of communication is the "flashing" of hand signs. Hand signs and other gang symbols like tattoos or clothing identify the

user with a specific gang and have certain features in common with graffiti. The use of graffiti, hand signs, and other gang symbols can escalate verbal and physical violence between gangs.

Gang Clothing and Styles

Check with your local law enforcement agency for in-depth information on gang identification in your area.



Is My Child A Gang Member?

While many of these indicators mean nothing by themselves — taken together, they pay point to gang involvement.

- Radical new hairstyle or dress.
- A new group of friends with the same hairstyle or clothes.
- Not associating with long-time friends.
- Overly secretive about friends and activities.
- Change in places frequented.
- Use of alcohol or other drugs.
- Possession of firearms or other weapons.
- Going out with unusually large groups of friends.
- A new fear or disrespect for law enforcement officials.
- Phone threats to family or child.
- Low grades at school, discipline problems, and truancy.
- Lack of interest in school, sports, or other activities.
- Graffiti on or around your home or on child's possessions.
- Frequent injuries caused by fighting.
- A false sense of bravery — brags that no one with hurt him.

If you suspect that your child is involved with gangs, consult your local law enforcement. You and your family may be in danger!



Thank you to Terri West for all of your efforts resurrecting the annual Street Dance. It was a lovely evening spent with family and friends under the influence of twinkle lights and summer breezes. Kudos to you and your committee of helpers!!

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Ryan Place Goes Swimming July 19

Yes, it's another party for the *whole family*! On Saturday evening, July 19, Ryan Place has the Forest Part Swimming Pool **reserved** from 7 to 9 p.m. (That's right — no one there but us!) Brauts and hot dogs with all the fixings will be provided; please bring your own drinks. **Lifeguards will be on duty, provided by the City of Fort Worth.** This is a great party for the kids to enjoy with the family. The pool is located at 2212 Forest Park Boulevard, next to the Fort Worth Zoo. Hope to see you there!



For more information, please contact John Kline or Allisen Prigel (see page 2 of newsletter).

Sidewalk Replacement Program Still Available!

Yes, it is still possible to get help replacing your deteriorating, unsafe sidewalk — the city will pay 75%; the homeowner pays 25% of the cost. The application letter is on the website, in the November, 2007 newsletter, or call **John Kline** (see page 2 of newsletter). **DO IT NOW!**

The Fort Worth Police Department Presents:

Citizens on Patrol Training

On July 12th, 2008, from 8 am-4 pm at the Fort Worth Police and Fire Academy, 1000 Calvert.

Come learn about the Citizens on Patrol (COPS) program and how you can be a part of a proven solution to keep a lid on crime. The police train and equip you to be additional eyes and ears for them as you patrol in your own neighborhood and call in suspicious activity on a non-confrontational basis. For more information contact your Code Blue Coordinator, Central Division at 817-392-3900.



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Summer Events

Seminar I: Friday, June 13, 12-2pm "The Cost of Living in Urban Areas" (Hao Tran, FWUL and Jason Needham, State Farm)

Thursday, June 25, Fort Worth South, Inc. Happy Hour, 5:30-7:30pm

Seminar II: Saturday, July 12, 12-2pm "Remodeling in Texas for Energy-Efficiency and Lower Utility Bills" (Urban Green Build, Inc.)

Sunday Home Tours beginning June 8 at 2pm. We will feature both historic and new urban homes for sale in our neighborhoods.

Tours will begin at our office. Lunch is provided at our seminars. RSVP by sending e-mail to Hao@FortWorthUrbanLiving.com

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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:

Palermo's

1000 W. Magnolia Ave.

817/818-2400

Contact: Manager Faye Sutaj



A great Italian meal is only a few blocks away! Homemade baked pasta and traditional Brick Oven Italian pizza are just a few of the options at this great restaurant. The restaurant is busy at lunch, but quieter in the evenings -- appropriate for dinner with the family or a nice night out.

House specialties include Tortellini Siciliano, Shrimp Marinara, and Lobster Ravioli. My kids like feasting on the yummy garlic bread knots and salad while they wait for their meal. Daily lunch specials are under \$6.00 and there is a choice of great pastas to choose from. If you have a group, the cozy cupola at the front of the restaurant is available for use.

Palermo's is open Monday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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!



And speaking of dancing—! Another treasure that we have nearby is the **Southside Preservation Hall**, located at 1519 Lipscomb. On the first Friday of every month, *Buddy's Big Band* plays from 8 p.m. to midnight for dancing. Admission is \$12.50 / person and the proceeds benefit the restoration of the Hall and the Rose Chapel. Plus — Swing Dance lessons are offered every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. for \$5/ person. For more information, go to **www.southsidepreservation.com** or call **817-926-2800**.

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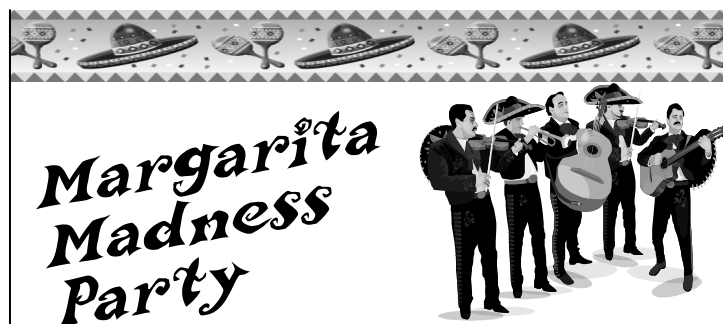
Looking for something to do with your time this summer? Or maybe something for the kids to do? Well, look no more! We've got classes and summer camps for youngsters and oldsters alike. We've got dancing, drumming, music, cooking, yoga, Zumba, and soooooo much more. [Visit Our Fabulous NEW Web Site](#) for more ideas, as well as ways YOU can help Arts Fifth Avenue continue to grow! You can enroll online or call us at 817-923-9500.

Workshops for all ages — June 9-28 and July 7-19

Dance	Tap, ballet, hip-hop, salsa, and tango
Music	Drums, bass, guitar, piano, voice, and more
Visual arts	Sculpture, painting, clay, collage, found objects, and furniture
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Literary arts	Poetry
Fitness	Yoga and Zumba

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What could possibly follow the Mad Hatter's Kentucky Derby party and the fabulous Street Dance?! Well, here it comes: **Margarita Madness** on Saturday, June 28th at Keith and Connie Head's hacienda — 1316 Elizabeth Boulevard. The party will start at 6 p.m. and will be in the backyard. Margaritas will be provided; BYOB for any other beverages. Bring your favorite Mexican appetizer to this south of the border fiesta! Contact hosts **Keith and Connie Head** at keith.head@sbcglobal.net or 817-921-6721 if you need more information.



While you have your calendar out, mark this date:

Saturday, August 9th, Progressive Dinner (We still need a location for one course, either inside or outside — Contact **Allisen Prigel** at 817-924-9924 or aaprigel@aol.com)

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15 Father's Day	16 RPIA meeting BIG TRASH	17 BIG TRASH	18 BIG TRASH	19 BIG TRASH	20 BIG TRASH	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Marguerita Madness Party (p.14)
29	30					



4: Day of Fun — Ryan Run and Parade (p. 6)
 12: Citizens on Patrol Training (p. 12)
 18: Newsletter deadline for August issue
 19: Ryan Place Family Swimming Party and Picnic at Forest Park Pool (p. 12)



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Joel Burns gets RESULTS in Ryan Place

A story of uncommon results

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A few weeks ago I called former clients who had previously said that if their Ryan Place house could ever bring a certain amount, they'd consider selling. Even 6 months ago the market was unlikely to support their desired price. But I showed them that "now's the time," and we started making arrangements to market their home.

I then called an agent from a competing brokerage and told her, "I met two of your clients at one of my recent Elizabeth Blvd opens and I'll soon have a Ryan Place listing that I think perfectly fits what they said to be their wants. I would like to get you and them in to preview it."



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Other Active Ryan Place Listings (5/26)

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2530 Lipscomb	3,344'	4 / 3	\$333,421
2425 College	3,704'	4 / 3	\$318,000
2523 College	2,570'	2 / 2	\$268,000
2319 5th	2,528'	3 / 2	\$229,900
2816 Ryan Place	2,025'	4 / 2	\$194,500
2833 Ryan Place	1,768'	3 / 2	\$164,500
2804 Willing	1,160'	2 / 1	\$155,000
2821 Ryan Place	1,426'	3 / 2	\$115,000