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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

Between September 15 and October 15, Ryan Place residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote for a long overdue traffic calming plan for the neighborhood. A special committee has diligently worked for several years with the City of Fort Worth on the development of this plan. Neighborhood meetings as well as website and newsletter updates have provided current information and solicited resident input on the evolving plan.

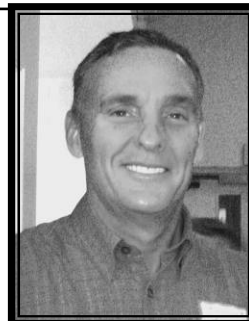
I would encourage all Ryan Place residents to attend the September 15 RPIA meeting. At the meeting, the traffic committee and City staff will do a final presentation on the plan components. Starting now and, through October 3, the committee will coordinate neighborhood voting on the proposal. If approved by the required number of residents, the City will then begin the process of implementing the Ryan Place traffic calming projects.

It is very important that Ryan Place seize this opportunity and obtain some of the limited City funds for a neighborhood developed and sponsored traffic calming plan. More detailed information about the plan is detailed in this newsletter and at historicryanplace.org.

An opportunity to implement a neighborhood enhancement project with this level of City funding won't come around very often. With only \$600,000 in program funding available for the entire City, only a limited number of neighborhoods will be able to participate. Moving forward, there will be no funding for the program in 2009. We are poised to be the first of one of few neighborhoods that will receive project funding. A vote of support by the neighborhood for the program is the final step in the process.

Please join me in supporting this comprehensive plan that will decrease neighborhood cut through traffic and, more importantly, improve vehicle and pedestrian safety on Ryan Place streets.

Keith Head



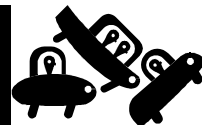
**RPIA
Monthly
Meeting**

**Monday, September 15
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**

TRAFFIC: Here it Calms !!



After three years we are ready for a vote! Thanks to all the volunteers who participated in the process and the City of Fort Worth engineers and staff – we could not have done this without you! This included Rick Vasquez, Chuck McLure and many others within various departments of the City of Fort Worth.

Since the Streets and Traffic Committee was formed in December of 2004, volunteer residents of Ryan Place have contributed about 1,000 hours of their time to the project. We so appreciate the dedication and efforts of Lucy Conley, Charles McGuire, Linda Clark, Mariann Taccia, Jon Shipley, Francisco Hernandez, KT Hernandez, Nino Hernandez, Andy Taft, Dawn Taft, Ben Loughry, Javier Lucio, Cindy Lucio, Penny McCook, Joan Kline, Bart Bradford, Raul

Pena, Ross King, Carol King, Cindy Baldridge, Gary Guess, Stasia Guess and John Block. The City Planning Department has offered help with the design phase of the projects. City engineers Rick Vasquez and Chuck McLure along with many others in various Fort Worth positions worked tirelessly with us to come up with plans that would satisfy all of our needs.

Special thanks go to our volunteer technical advisors, Raul Pena, a transportation engineer with 27 years of experience, and Bart Bradford, a retired Landscape Architect with 40 years of experience. (Go Aggies!) We also had help from Michael King who is a professional Traffic Calmer based in New York and has 22 years of professional experience. Michael grew up in

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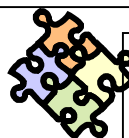
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Editor's Note

Funny thing happened to the newsletter this month — there were more ads than articles! It's a good thing to have lots of big, quality advertisements — but its your news, articles, and stories that make for good reading.

Ever think about sending something in to the newsletter? Quit thinking and do it! Tell us a relevant story, a memory of the neighborhood or of Fort Worth. Remember when Forest Park had the rides right by the zoo? The merry-go-round, ferris wheel, boats going round in a dizzying circle? What else do you remember? Convair? The Press? Let us hear from you!

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Thanks to all of you who are going to fill my answering machine, my mailbox, and my e-mail in-box — on both my accounts!

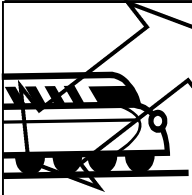
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Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor

TCU / BERRY STREET STATION AREA PLANNING / TOD SESSION

**Wednesday,
September 17, 2008, 8:30 a.m.**

Intermodal Transportation Center

Objective of Meeting: Review and refine a TOD and station area framework plan for the station area that meets the needs and development objectives of station area property owners, The T, the City of Fort Worth, and residents of the station area.

Draft Agenda:

- * 8:30 – 8:35 a.m. Welcome
- * 8:35 – 8:45 a.m. Introductions/Objectives –
- * 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Review of Constraints and Opportunities in Station
- * 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Review of Existing City and Developer Plans and Concepts for the Area
- * 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Review of Economic Development Potential Analysis and Development Templates
- * 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Review Draft Conceptual TOD/Station Area Framework Plan
- * 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Discuss and Refine Framework Plan
- * 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Next Steps and Adjournment

FW Gas Drilling Task Force Continues to Meet



The Gas Drilling Task Force continues their work as directed by the City Council. They have spent numerous hours discussing and reviewing the current ordinance and identifying recommendations to present to Council.

The following upcoming Task Force meetings are not public hearings, but are informational only:

- September 8, 4:30 PM, Pre-Council Chambers
- September 15, 4:30 PM, Pre-Council Chambers
- September 22, 4:30 PM, Pre-Council Chambers
- September 30, 4:30 PM, Pre-Council Chambers

A **Public Hearing** is scheduled for **September 29, 2008 at 6:30 PM** in City Council Chambers, 1000 Throckmorton Street. The Task Force is tentatively scheduled to present recommendations to the City Council during a Pre-Council meeting on October 7, 2008 at 8:30 AM. This date and time is subject to change.

For additional information including various presentations made to the Task Force and initial recommendations, please



Scampi's Adds New Dinner Hours!

Scampi's Café, celebrating 14 years in the Near Southside on eclectic Magnolia Avenue, will add Wednesday and Thursday evenings to the dinner line-up beginning August 27th. Now you can enjoy your favorite pasta, as well as, steak, seafood and chicken during the week! We offer delicious appetizers, fabulous desserts, a children's menu and daily dinner specials. We are still BYOB..so grab your favorite bottle and head on over!

Don't forget about Lunch.....Monday through Friday with daily lunch specials!

Our patio dining is perfect during these warm, but breezy months!

Come in and vote on Sunday Brunch!

*****Bring this newsletter in and receive 10% off your total dinner bill.*****



Repair Your House With a Home Central Loan

A home that's kept in good repair is an asset to its owner and to the community. But not every homeowner has enough cash on hand to fix a leaky roof or shaky stairs, or repair things that get worn out through long use.

Homeowners in Fort Worth's Central City have a new opportunity to fix up their homes and revitalize their neighborhoods. It's called the Home Central Loan Program. It is a partnership of a local financial institution, the City of Fort Worth, and the Fort Worth Housing Trust Fund.

Home Central loans for as little as \$5,000 are available to residents of the Central City (inside Loop 820) who meet the income guidelines. Qualified applicants receive an interest rate slightly lower than market rate. Generally, a project qualifies if it helps make a home safe and habitable. Not qualifying, for example, would be patios, hot tubs and fireplaces.

To determine if you meet the income criteria for a Home Central Loan, please review the following chart:

Household Size	Income More Than		Income Less Than	
1		36,200		54,200
2		41,350		62,000
3		46,550		69,700
4		51,700		77,500
5		55,850		83,750
6		59,950		89,850
7		64,100		96,100
8		68,250		102,350

For more information on the Home Central Loan Program, call 817-392-2574.



Pray ye, poxy dogs, learn yer sea-farin' lingo ~ September 19 be *Talk Like a Pirate Day*. There be no requirement to dress like a pirate. Just talk like one, bucko. Arrrrr, where's me grog and cackle fruit?



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WELCOME to the neighborhood:

Ryan Place has been blessed with another darling baby boy ~ proud parents Tim and Kari Keith on Willing Avenue had their first child, Garrett Thomas Keith on August 12, 2008. We wish the new parents all the best!

A few hardy souls braved the intense heat to move in this month: Jay and Diane Burleson and Scott Peck, both on 6th Avenue. Diane McCusker's (5th Avenue) nephew Steven Kuban, a law student, arrived on Willing Avenue just a few days ago. His cousin, Leslie Ayres, will be staying with him while completing her nursing studies. Please take the time to welcome the newcomers to the 'hood.

If you are a new resident (or know someone who is) and would like to be "officially" welcomed to the neighborhood in this column, please email me at junelake.rpia@sbqglobal.net and let me know you're here.

Nominations are in Order

The nominating committee will soon be looking for 2009 RPIA officers and street directors. If you are interested in serving, please contact Olivia Flynn. The new RPIA by-laws (soon to be presented) will also be calling for Block Captains. These individuals will be critical to getting the word out on immediate issues. Block Captains will be recruited by the Street Directors. Everyone who is interested in being a Block Captain should contact either Keith Head or Olivia Flynn, who will pass the names on to the new Street Directors.

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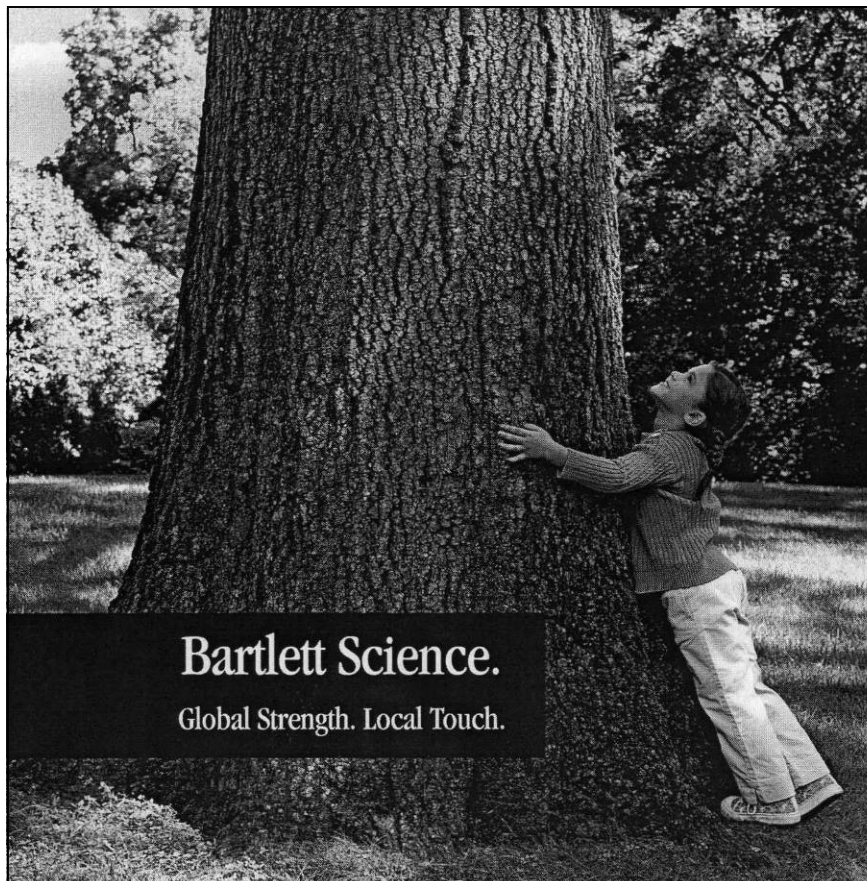
for current and upcoming Ryan Place activities.

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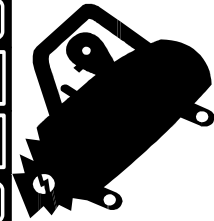


ELM. Environmental Landscape Manager.

Our local Bartlett Tree Expert is Gareth Harrier. He may be reached at 817-732-1541.



Proposals for Traffic Calming



The Ryan Place Improvement Association has devised a Traffic Management Plan for our neighborhood in accordance with the City of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). This is a voluntary program, initiated by the residents of the community. The residents of Ryan Place will also have an opportunity to provide input to the City Staff regarding the design of the projects within the NTMP.

The primary goals of the community's plan are to:

- Increase safety and livability of the neighborhood
- Reduce speeds and cut-through traffic

In an effort to address these traffic issues, traffic circles are recommended for Elizabeth Boulevard, and chicanes are recommended for Cantey Street. The NTMP plan includes four projects and pictures follow on page 7:

1. Elizabeth Blvd. – three traffic circles, approved by the RPIA Board
2. Cantey – chicanes
3. 5th Ave. and Ryan Place Drive - 90 degree turn improvement
4. James at Cleburne Rd. – 90 degree turn improvement

TRAFFIC CIRCLES

Traffic circles are raised islands, placed at intersections, around which traffic circulates. Circles prevent drivers from speeding through intersections by impeding straight-through movement and forcing drivers to slow down to yield. Traffic circles offer an opportunity for landscaping and they visually break up a long,

straight stretch of roadway. Collisions and other traffic accidents are reduced at intersections with traffic circles.

The advantages of traffic circles are that they reduce vehicle speeds, improved safety, and are visually attractive.

CHICANES

A chicane is a series of two or more staggered curb extensions on alternating sides of the roadway. Chicanes create a serpentine route along the street. Chicanes force drivers to slow down and to make lateral movements necessary to maneuver through the chicane.

The advantage of chicanes is that they can be used in places where traffic circles are not appropriate due to street geometry. Comments and concerns should be addressed to:

John Kline
2317 Willing Avenue
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Traffic Calming

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Ryan Place, went to Paschal High School and Columbia University. The professional assistance offered by all these experts was invaluable.

Our project objective was to make the streets safer for pedestrians, children, bicyclists, and motorists. The Traffic Committee and the City focused on solutions to reduce vehicle speeds, reduce cut-through traffic, and prevent accidents and injuries. Numerous reports of reckless driving including cars driving into resident's front yards on Elizabeth Blvd., Willing Ave, Jessamine and Cantey were considered. Public safety was the number one priority. Additional benefits of traffic calming include increased property values and crime reduction. (The articles and studies related to public safety, increased property values, and crime reduction have been catalogued on the Ryan Place website.)

We hope that you will support the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program with a vote indicating you agree

with the plan. A ballot is included in this issue of the RPIA newsletter, and the voting process has now begun. A final presentation will be made on September 15, 2008 at the RPIA monthly meeting. You may vote for or against the plan immediately after reading this newsletter. However, if you need more time you will have until October 3, 2008 to submit your ballot. Each household will get one vote. You can mail your ballot or deliver it to one of the five residences listed on the ballot.

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association leadership supports our plan and has expressed an interest in collaborating with the Ryan Place Streets and Traffic Committee to coordinate traffic calming between our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your participation in the voting process.

Sincerely,
 John Kline, Chairman
 Ryan Place Streets and Traffic Committee

BALLOT PROCESS

The City of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program requires that each household within the planning area have the opportunity to complete one ballot. The City must receive a ballot response rate of twenty-five (25) percent. Of the returned ballots, a minimum of two thirds or 66% of the households must vote to approve the plan for the project to be implemented. Please vote, then sign and return the ballot to John Kline by October 3, 2008.

☐ I agree with the plan.

☐ I disagree with the plan.

NAME:

(Please print)

SIGNATURE:

ADDRESS:

Note: You may also deliver your ballot to any of the following addresses **by October 3:**

1209 Elizabeth Boulevard - Pena Residence

2919 6th Avenue – Bradford Residence

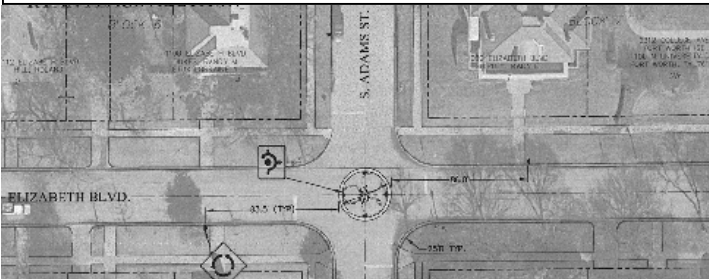
2516 Ryan Place Drive – Parham Residence

2317 Willing Avenue – Kline Residence

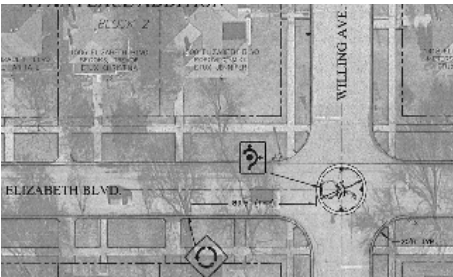
2616 College Avenue – King Residence

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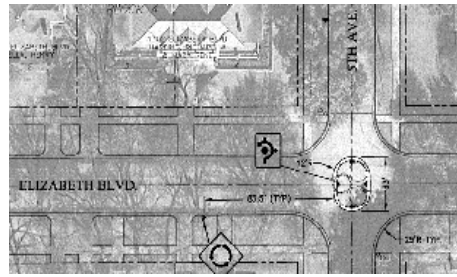
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So. Adams and Elizabeth Blvd.



Willing Ave. and Elizabeth Blvd.



5th Ave. and Elizabeth Blvd.



James Ave. and Cleburne Rd.



Cantey Street



5th Avenue and Ryan Place Drive

Financial News Page



So, what about that \$75,000?

A committee is being appointed to look at ideas for using the funds awarded to Ryan Place by XTO / Fort Worth Energy and Chesapeake Energy for gas leases. The committee will be headed by long-time Ryan Place resident, **Bart Bradford**, a retired City Planner. For years, Mr. Bradford has studied Ryan Place and compiled his data into comprehensive, long-range plans for the neighborhood.

Bart Bradford's plans, suggestions that have been offered to the Board in the past two months, and new ideas will be the basis for discussing the use and management of the \$75,000.

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Send your contribution with your name, address, and phone number to RPIA, P.O. Box 11122, Fort Worth, Texas, 76110 or contribute online through PAYPAL at www.historicryanplace.org.

Neighbor \$35—\$74 per year
Friend \$75—\$149 per year
Patron \$150 or more per year



The following contributions have been made since February, 2008. The names in bold print are additions since the last newsletter.

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What can you do about graffiti? If you see someone in the act of defacing property, call 911 immediately. When you observe graffiti, notify the City of Fort Worth **Graffiti Abatement Program (817-212-2700)**. City employees will respond quickly and attempt to remove the graffiti. In order for a property owner to take advantage of this program to remedy a graffiti incident, the City must have permission from the owner to do so. The RPIA Board suggests that homeowners should have a completed form on file with the City so that if an incident is reported by a neighbor, the damage may be better contained by the Abatement Program's timely response. The example given was of recent graffiti in an alley, of which most homeowners were unaware. If permission forms had been on file, the graffiti removal might have been accomplished much more effectively.

The permission form is available online at http://www.historicryanplace.org/RPIA_NPO.html

A Love Affair With a Neighborhood

by Janie Hart
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(The following is the fourth 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.)

In the early 80's community block grants became available. The Carrera marble gates at either end of Elizabeth Blvd. had been torn down in the '50's in an unwise attempt to modernize the area. We applied for money to rebuild these gates, but were turned down – we appeared too affluent. A group of enterprising young women of Ryan Place developed a Christmas tour of homes as a way to raise the money ourselves. They formed a non-profit corporation and the Candlelight Tours were born. Fortunately, there were very few Christmas Tours of old homes then. The neighborhood responded enthusiastically by volunteering as docents, roaming choirs, and anything else that was needed.

In the ensuing years the corporation has provided the funds for a reconstruction of the gates on 8th Avenue and Elizabeth, and a modified reconstruction of the gates on College and Elizabeth. The architect on the project was Larry Hoskins, who lived on Elizabeth. The corporation is currently providing antique lights like the old ones on 5th Avenue for the entire neighborhood. To date, the neighborhood, through the Candle Light Tour, has raised \$263,000 for gates, lights and many other projects.

About that time the houses along Elizabeth Blvd. were included in the National Register. A young graduate student did the research on the homes and helped the residents achieve this milestone.

The City then instituted a Historic Zoning Designation. I did the proper research to get a historic designation for our home and a City Landmark medallion for it.

Documents show the land belonged to Joshua Ellis as far back as 1855. It became known as the J. N. Ellis survey, passed through many hands, and was sold to John Ryan in 1909. In 1911 it became the Ryan Place Addition. The lots (the house is situated on two lots) were sold to James D. Davis in 1919, but the house was on the tax rolls in 1918. This is so far a mystery. I have documentation indicating that Wylie Clarkson was the architect.

In any case, the first homeowners were Jane and James D. Davis. He was a partner in Stonestreet-Davis Clothing Store. Their reputation for the finest in men's clothing was known throughout Texas and Oklahoma. The Davis's lived in the home until after the death of James. In 1942 it was sold to George and Agnes Hurd. George was a Vice President of Fort Worth Nation Bank. In 1963, after George's death, Agnes sold the home, which was briefly occupied by another family, and we, the 4th owners, bought it in 1966.

(To be continued in October)

Hi, Cleanup Crusaders!



Whether you made or missed the Cowtown Cleanup, mark your calendars for the **Trinity River Trash Bash** on September 20th, sponsored by the Tarrant Regional Water District. Simply sign up at www.trwd.com, look for the Trinity River Tab, then Trinity River Trash Bash. Or, call 817-392-8596.

The 17th annual cleanup will take place from 8:30 – 11:30 AM on September 20th, followed by a Trash Bash Party from 11:30 – 1:30 PM featuring lunch, refreshments, prizes and entertainment by Radio Disney.

Thanks for all that you do to help keep Fort Worth Beautiful!

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TREE PLANTING PROGRAM IN JEOPARDY



by John MacFarlane

The future of the city tree program is in jeopardy. Last October-November, the Ryan Place Tree Committee passed out over 50 **free** city trees to the neighborhood. The plan was to cover half the neighborhood then and the other half this year. However, preliminary cuts in the budget call for the elimination of the city's tree program, which includes shutting down the nursery, eliminating positions, and cutting free tree distribution.

Fort Worth's tree program is one of the best in the country; let's not let it fall to budget cuts. Please write or e-mail all city council members, including Mayor Mike Moncrief, and ask them to keep the city's tree program.

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Fort Worth Weekly's Best of 2008

Vote for RPIA!

by Keith Head

Join me in helping to bring some free recognition and advertising to a few of our local businesses, services, politicians and personalities — and most importantly, to **Ryan Place Improvement Association**. Please take a moment and cast your vote in **Fort Worth Weekly's Best of 2008** competition.

I know I am a bit biased, but Ryan Place Improvement Association has to be one of the best neighborhood associations in Fort Worth. With this in mind, let's do all we can to make sure we are recognized as such by **Fort Worth Weekly**. Be sure to vote for "Ryan Place Improvement Association", *not* "RPIA," in the Best Neighborhood Association Category. To bring shoppers, diners, etc to the area around Ryan Place, be sure to also vote for your favorite surrounding businesses in the applicable category. Finally, in order for your vote to count, you **MUST** vote in at least 15 of the categories listed. Let your neighbors know about this poll and encourage them to participate. The ballot is located at: <http://www.fwweeklybestof.com/ballot/response.asp?id=2>



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Preservation is the Art of the City® functions as a non-profit art gallery to promote and support the success of local studio artists and historic preservation in Fort Worth, Texas.

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1300 Gendy, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Contact: Corry_Smith@historicfortworth.org or call (817) 336-2344, ext. 100.

Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place 25th Anniversary

By Mariann Taccia



This year's Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place will be a wonderful celebration of the tour's 25th Anniversary. Also, this will be the last tour for which proceeds will be dedicated to the streetlight project. For the first time in 25 years, all five tour homes are located on Elizabeth Boulevard.

Tour dates and hours are:

December 5th — Friday, 6 PM to 10:00 PM

December 6th — Saturday, 2 PM to 10 PM

December 7th — Sunday, 2 PM to 6:00 PM

You can be a part of this year's holiday home tour by volunteering to be a docent! All docents will receive a free tour ticket for working a four-hour shift. Please contact **Mary Schroder** at mps2745@att.net or 817-921-5346; or **Mike Linder** at george.lindner@dfps.state.tx.us, or 817-924-2485 to volunteer.



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Join us for Arts Goggle in Near Southside September 5, 2008!

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Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

Ever had your colors done? It's an old idea whose time has come 'round again and relates to our homes this time, not just our clothes. There is nothing worse than reading about a home that has "designer colors" as part of the description. Sometimes home owners watch too many home shows on TV, where a complete re-do comes out perfectly in 24 hours. Nothing is on back order, no paint spills, nothing is tightened too tight and breaks, and they are always on time and under budget. We have seen TCU colors used on walls and I listed a home for a retired U.S. Marine who had Marine Corps red shag carpet in the den. I mentioned that he really needed to replace that carpet. When I returned he had *new* red shag and told me about how hard it had been to find!

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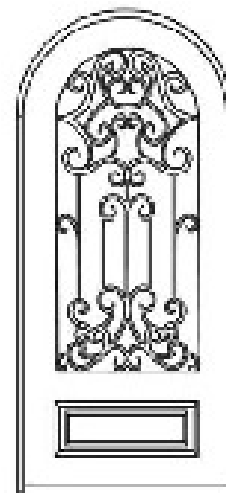
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The Shop Around the Corner by Rainey Dukes

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



This month's featured business is:

Market 1612

1612 Park Place

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Contact: Cherish Plemons

Residents of the Fort Worth South area now have a new specialty food market to enjoy. Market 1612 is a specialty foods market that resembles a European-style market and will feature a wide variety of products including an array of olive oils and vinegars, finishing sauces, marinades, mustards, coffee and tea, jellies, chutneys and confit as well as a wonderful to-go case. Market 1612's to-go case has an ever-changing variety of prepared foods and tastes of the season, courtesy of executive chef Mike MacDonald. They will have a variety of dishes and samples available at Arts Goggle, so don't miss the opportunity to stop by and check them out. Regular business hours are: Monday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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!

PLEASE!!

Once again, it is time to nominate – and pretty soon to elect – the leaders who will serve Ryan Place for the upcoming year. Several of the RPIA officers are retiring, some to start their families (Congratulations, Allisen!), and some after years of faithful service to the neighborhood (Job well done, Barb! We appreciate you.) Ryan Place is a community with a history and with a future. The Ryan Place Improvement Association is the organization that makes the future happen well for the community. Submit names to Keith Head or Olivia Flynn (see page 2.)



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- Guitar, Mandolin, Ukulele, Bass, Trumpet, Piano
- Fine Arts Program for Homeschooled Students

Coming Events! ►

September 5 — 5 - 9 PM — **Southside Arts Google**

September 6 — 5 - 9 PM — Gallery Night

September 8 — Fall Classes begin

September 13 — 8 PM — Jazz Collective in Concert (\$10-15)

September 26-27 — 8 PM Moving Canvas Dance Concert (\$10)

October 3-4 — 7:30 PM **Fort Worth Theatre's Hispanic Playwrights Festival**

October 10-12, 17-19 — 8 PM **Fort Worth Theatre Shakespeare in the Parking Lot:** Much Ado About Nothing (\$5-\$8)

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Save These Dates!

October

Monday, October 20th (6:00 pm - Pot Luck Dinner / 7:00 pm - Meeting)

Saturday, October 25th - Halloween Bash

Friday, October 31st - Trick or Treating on Elizabeth Blvd.

November

Monday, November 17th (6:30 pm - Meet & Greet / 7:00 pm - Meeting)

December

Thursday, December 4th - Soiree

Friday, December 5th - Sunday, December 7th - Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Home Tour

Halloween Bash October 25



Mark your calendar for the **Ryan Place Halloween Bash** — **October 25**. Costumes are encouraged and fun, but optional — smiling faces are mandatory! Plan to bring something good to eat to share with the neighbors; beer and wine will be served. If neither of those is your drink, bring what you like. Details in the October *RPIA Newsletter*.

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