



RYAN PLACE

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Questions about the Directory?

The Number 1, Big Question is: **WHY??**

If you live in Ryan Place you already know that this neighborhood is unusual, more like a small town than a "subdivision." We know each other, our neighbors are our acquaintances and friends; we look out for each other. If you've lived here a long time, you may not realize how very unusual that is in 2009! Many of us have family members who also live in Ryan Place (or would like to!), and there are a lot of folks who have moved from place to place within Ryan Place as their housing needs change, refusing to give up the connections they have here.

The Directory is one of our connecting tools. A basic listing of name, address, and phone number (just like the city directory) allows us to feel connected, even with people we don't know, simply because we know the name of the person who lives in a particular house. We learn each other's names; we drop things off at each other's homes; we call someone to tell them their dog is out or to ask what those beautiful flowers are in their front yard. The Directory welcomes new people to the neighborhood, giving them a way to connect with all the "strangers" here who already know each other.

The Directory will only be given to Ryan Place residents. You may include a cell phone number and/or e-mail address, but only if you wish. Even your address and phone number are optional! We want to know that you are here and that the rest of us care. You are our *neighbor*, and a link in the chain of our neighborhood. **PLEASE, FILL OUT YOUR FORM TODAY AND GET IT TO YOUR STREET DIRECTOR!**



*This is it!!
Last Chance!!!*

*BE IN THE
RYAN PLACE DIRECTORY!*

Your information form is on the back of this page. If you have not gotten your information to your Street Director, PLEASE DO IT NOW!!! Your Street Director will be by your house THIS WEEKEND — TAPE YOUR FORM TO YOUR FRONT DOOR TO BE PICKED UP! Or, mail it in the envelope. We want everyone in Ryan Place to be included in the Directory.

If you miss your Street Director and need a form picked up, please call Olivia Flynn at 817-927-0075.

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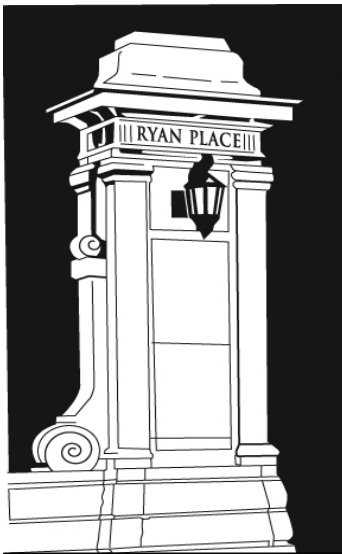
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Anita Daniel 1508 Elizabeth Blvd.
Mary Schroder 2745 5th Ave.
Cindy Baldrige 2317 6th Ave.
Mike Lindner 2728 Willing Ave.
Murphy Parks 2309 Ryan Ave.

By signing, you give RPIA authorization to publish this data in the 2009 RPIA Resident Directory.



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**RPIA
Monthly**

RPIA Meeting

Meeting

**Monday, March 16
7 p.m. Meeting
Westside Unitarian
Universalist Church
901 Page Avenue
Meeting agenda at**

RYAN PLACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March, 2009

www.HistoricRyanPlace.org

News Flash!!

*Ryan Place Wins
Neighborhood of the Year!!!*



On Wednesday, February 25, Ryan Place was notified that we have been selected as 2008 Neighborhood of the Year by the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth League of Neighborhood Associations! Did you get that, folks?? WE WON! Well, sure we did; who could argue with the unique qualities and characteristics of Ryan Place? But, how did we get an award for it?? There are many people who contributed to our banner year in 2008, and the April and May Newsletters will present an overview and offer details. Meanwhile, reminisce on all that happened around here last year and resolve to pitch in this year!!

Right now, if you're looking for a person to thank, it would be Mariann Taccia. During the last two weeks of January, Mariann was stationed at (some would say "glued to") her computer, researching, documenting, gathering stories and pictures, and writing the application materials for the award. There were three award categories, plus Neighborhood of the Year. Mariann submitted applications and supportive documentation for each of the awards, a whopping 200 pages worth!

Next, Ryan Place will be entered at the national level for neighborhood recognition and award. Congratulations to everyone who helped organize, host, and/or participated in all the projects and events in 2008! The City's official announcement of the winners will be early in May.

President's Letter



Since the distribution of our last NEWSLETTER, there is exciting news in Ryan Place. Despite the bombardment of depressing news related to the nation's economy, what is going on within the Ryan Place boundaries makes me proud to be a resident of this unique neighborhood. At NEWSLETTER press time, we were notified by the City of Fort Worth that Ryan Place has been chosen Neighborhood of the Year. What a tribute to the dedication and hard work of many neighbors in 2008! (More to come on this next month!)

As you are aware, we officially launched the 2009 Sustaining Membership Program in our February NEWSLETTER. I expected contributions to come in, but I was absolutely astounded by the response. With a goal of \$7,000 in memberships through 2009, we received over half our goal in the first month of the official program launch!! A list of those early contributors can be found in the NEWSLETTER. Please join your neighbors, Ryan Place friends, and local businesses and become a Sustaining Member today. If every household in Ryan Place contributed \$35, the minimum annual Sustaining Member amount, would have \$28,000 each year to be used toward Ryan Place operating costs and neighborhood expenses!

During February, the RPIA Board made a very significant decision by beginning the roll-out of a series of long term neighborhood improvement projects. The bulk of the money to pay for these projects will come from the gas lease bonus money we received last year. Over the next few months the first very visible projects will begin: The installation of additional "Historic Ryan Place" street sign toppers, landscaping and lighting of the Ryan Place gates at the College/Elizabeth and 6th Avenue/Jessamine intersections, irrigation repairs for the 24 x 7 public accessible portion of Daggett Park, and an entrance marker for 6th Avenue at Berry Street.

I could go on and on about the fantastic news and future activities in Ryan Place. Much of this information is in the NEWSLETTER and I encourage you to add the RPIA NEWSLETTER to your "must read" stack of mail.

Keith Head

2009 RPIA Board of Directors

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President	Keith Head	817-921-6721 keith.head@sbcglobal.net 214-435-1976
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Willing Avenue (Alternate)	(OPEN)	

The RPIA NEWSLETTER is delivered on the first Friday of each month (except January and July) to every home in Ryan Place. The NEWSLETTER is included in a plastic bag with the *Neighborhood Shopper* and is typically hung on your front door handle. If you do not receive a NEWSLETTER, please call **Olivia Flynn**, at **817-927-0075**, or any RPIA officer or street director so that we may get a copy to you. The NEWSLETTER is also posted online at <http://www.historicryanplace.org>

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:

April NEWSLETTER
Friday, March 20

Contact: rpianewsletter@yahoo.com

817-927-0075



Aaron Siegel, Events Coordinator for Samaritan House, has requested volunteers to stand at Elizabeth Blvd. intersections between 8 am and 8:30 am while the runners head west down Elizabeth Blvd. Please contact him at **817-424-8838** or e-mail joes-run@samaritanhouse.org to volunteer.

Important Numbers

Fort Worth Police Dept. (non-emergency)	817.335.4222
NPO 8 on Magnolia	817.871.8885
Officer Andriotto	817.991.8478 817.998.0708 (pager)
Code Compliance	817.392.5158 Ext. 1804



Murphy Parks
Ryan Avenue



John Filarowicz
College Avenue



Derek Arneson
Alston, Lipscomb,
and Page Streets

***Our three
NEW Street
Directors***



***2008 Alternates
who became
Street Directors***



Anita Daniel
Elizabeth Blvd.



Mike Lindner
Willing Avenue

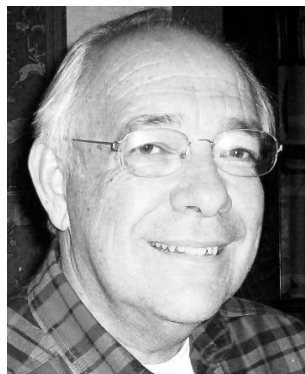


Mary Schroder
5th Avenue

***And the Faithful Four who are continuing
their duties as Street Directors***



Lin Parham
Ryan Place Drive



Chris Ebert
South Adams



Cindy Baldrige
6th Avenue



John Belknap
8th, James, Livingsto

College Ave. Reconstruction
Hemphill Quiet Zone

Urgent New Developments!

Just prior to NEWSLETTER press time, we learned that the City of Fort Worth staff has recommended two Hemphill Quiet Zone options which are counter to those unanimously recommended by the RPIA Board of Directors and the RPIA Streets and Traffic Committee. Also, RPIA leadership was informed that the City has modified the College Avenue reconstruction project from that which was reviewed last year by the RPIA Streets and Traffic Committee and other neighborhood residents.

Regarding the Hemphill Quiet Zone, RPIA's recommendation was to close the Capps railroad crossing as well as the Page crossing east of Hemphill. The City staff's final "compromise" recommendations were that, "Capps Street will be modified to a westbound, one-way street between Lipscomb Street and the alley east of the railroad," and that, "Page Avenue will be modified to become a westbound, one-way street between Hemphill Street east to the driveway just east of the railroad." An audible crossing warning device would remain at each crossing, and we would continue to have cut through traffic into Ryan Place at Capps.

The College Avenue reconstruction project has been modified to require the removal of **at least** ten trees on the east side of College. Although RPIA supports the street reconstruction as presented last year, all efforts should be made to preserve as many trees as possible. At the time of this article, Councilman Burns has delayed construction and the removal of trees until he has discussed the situation with City staff, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3.

If these three recommendations are upheld by the City, the quality of life in Ryan Place will be negatively impacted for years to come. RPIA leadership and other residents are discussing the issues with Councilman Burns and City staff in an attempt to reverse these decisions.

The Board requests that neighbors contact **Councilman Burns (817-392-8809 or joel.burns@fortworthgov.org)** to express your opinion on the City's recommendations. For the Quiet Zone recommendations only, contact **Russ Wiles (817-392-7978 or russ.wiles@fortworthgov.org)** Check historicroyanplace.org, watch your Ryan Place e-mail, or call your Street Director for updates on these very important issues.



WELCOME to the Neighborhood!

Please join me in welcoming **Wendy Ragle** to 6th Avenue. Wendy purchased an old home on 6th Avenue and has made tremendous progress renovating and reconstructing her new (old) home. Good luck, Wendy and keep up the good work!

Paula Slease and **Norma Kleiber** moved to their home on 5th Avenue in late January. Paula and Norma are retired teachers from Washington state and are happy to be back in Fort Worth. If you see them out walking their dogs, Beckett and Dickens, be sure to introduce yourself to these wonderful new neighbors!

Erin and Will Pinnell, along with their one year old son, **William**, moved from the west side of downtown to Willing Avenue last November. The Pinnells are expecting their second son (Harrison) this month. Will and Erin are graduates of TCU and have lived in Fort Worth for the past decade. They are excited to be a part of the Ryan Place neighborhood and we are happy they are here!

Jon and Andie Davis attended the February neighborhood meeting and let us know they had recently moved to Ryan Place. They are living on Willing Avenue in a darling cottage that was one of the homes in the 2007 Candlelight Christmas home tour.

Want to get acquainted with other Ryan Place residents? Plan to attend the monthly neighborhood meeting on the third Monday of the month. Another way to connect is to participate in neighborhood events; contact your street director for information.

If you are a new resident of Ryan Place, or know someone who is, please e-mail me at junelake.rpia@sbcglobal.net so you can be welcomed to the neighborhood in this column.



Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Annual General Meeting

The CCRP Annual General meeting will be held on **March 11, 2009, 7 pm, at 1315 Elizabeth Blvd.** The purpose of the meeting will be to elect the 2009 Board of Trustees. The CCRP Nominating committee met on Thursday, February 12th and produced the following nomination slate: President, **Gina Roberts**; Vice President, **Mike Lindner**; Secretary, **Mary Edwards**; and **Sian Borne**, Treasurer. If you would like to serve on the CCRP Board of Trustees, or if you would like to nominate someone please contact **Mariann Taccia**, at 817-921-9976. Volunteers are needed for committees as well.

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A HUGE "Thank you!!!" to the First Sustaining Members of 2009!



Patron

Linda Clark
Bill and Lucy Conley
Keith and Connie Head
Francisco and KT Hernandez
Joan Kline
Benjamin and Lori Loughry
Kevin and Allisen Prigel
Paula Slease and Norma Kleiber

Friend

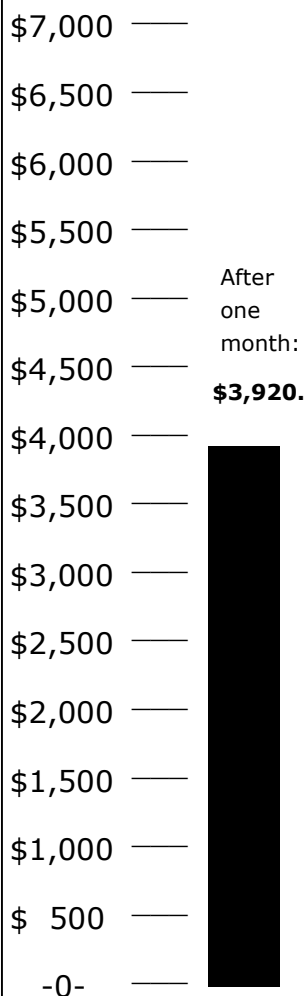
Bart and Nancy Bradford
Alexis Gazak
Joe and Anne Gilbert
Rick and Renee Harding
Ross and Carol King
Debra Locktrog and Bill Carrell
Lou and Barbara Lucignani
Jason and Rachel Manning
Brandy O'Quinn
Jim and Janell Redding
Charles and Pamela Tynan
Ross and Julie Vitek
Evelyn and Elzie Wilson

Neighbor

David and Sandra Barton
J Becker
Ricki and Mark Brannon, III
Bobby and Marina Castillo
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox
Anita Daniel
Eddy Dunn, Jr.
Steve and Debra Flanagan
Paul and Lauren Hable
Paul and Minnie Harding
Martha Hejl
Garry Hill
Jim and Anita Hunt
John and Kay Ivey
Mary Kaszynski
Tom and Peggy Laskoski
Richard Lewis
Joan Loicano
Susana Lopez
Donald and Linda Murphey
Jim and Diane Newsom
Cynthia Pustejovsky
Mary Richardson
Gina Roberts
Julia Stephan
J Carter Matheney Tiernan
David and Angela Tuttle
James and Margie Upshaw
Miguel and Marilyn Vivar
Ellen Warthoe and Blake Hardy

HOW ARE WE DOING?

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



After
one
month:
\$3,920.

Become A 2009 Sustaining Member of RPIA

In 2008, the RPIA Board launched the RPIA Sustaining Membership Program. We set a goal of raising \$7,000, a 30+% increase over the previous year's contributions to RPIA. At the end of the year, we had exceeded this goal by almost \$1,000!! This aggressive target was met through the generous financial contributions of 116 of our neighbors and businesses.

Despite the tough economic times, the RPIA Board decided to keep the same goal of \$7,000 for 2009, feeling confident that the neighbors would step up and maintain their support of our organization. To put this goal into perspective, if every household in Ryan Place would contribute at the minimum level of \$35, we would collect over \$28,000 for the Ryan Place treasury!

With your minimum annual contribution of \$35 for a "Neighbor" level membership, you will make a difference in Ryan Place. A \$35 annual contribution is less than \$3 per month! Not only can **you** become a sustaining member, but your friends, family, former neighbors, and local businesses are welcome to join RPIA as well. **If your employer has a matching contribution program, they, too, can support Historic Ryan Place through a matching contribution!**

Influence the next chapter in Ryan Place history by becoming a Sustaining Member of RPIA. This year's sustaining membership program began January 1 and will end December 31, 2009.

Please complete a membership form and become a "Neighbor," "Friend," or "Patron" level member by mailing your contribution in TODAY! If you find the internet more convenient, pay via PayPal at www.historicryanplace.org. Join your friends and neighbors NOW in making a difference in Ryan Place. Beginning in March we will publish our Sustaining Membership list each month in the NEWSLETTER and on the RPIA website.

Ryan Place beautification, events, and monthly NEWSLETTERS are only possible through contributions. Residents, friends, family, and businesses are invited to become sustaining members of RPIA. We are pleased to announce that we are recognizing three levels of RPIA Sustaining Membership :

Neighbor- \$35 to \$74 annual contribution

Friend- \$75 to \$150 annual contribution

Patron- \$151 + annual contribution

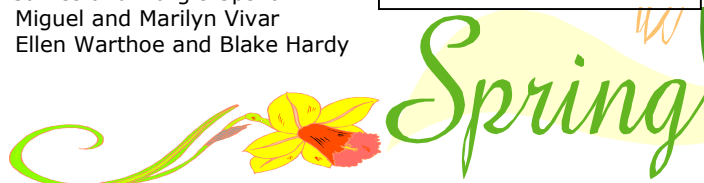
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Cassie Babineaux

Oil and Gas Researcher, Fort Worth

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Kim Spears (mother of two)

Advertising and Public Relations, Fort Worth

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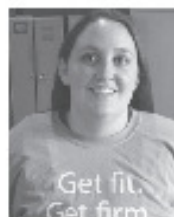
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Pam Musslewhite

Forensic Graduate Student, Fort Worth

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RPIA Meeting at a Glance

Monday, February 16, 2009:

New residents **Jon and Andie Davis** of 2748 Willing Avenue were introduced and welcomed.

Calvin Clayton, Code Blue Coordinator for the Central District, reported that graffiti is a substantial problem for the area.

Executive Committee Reports

President **Keith Head** reported on trans-loading noise at the 8th Avenue FW&W tracks and encouraged residents to monitor the activity. In earlier Board actions, **Anita Daniel** was approved as Elizabeth Blvd. Street Director with **Joan Kline** as her Alternate; \$500 of gas lease bonus money was allocated to initial work on beautification of traffic calming installations; telephone notification system was approved for purchase.

Vice President **Mariann Taccia** reported that the March Chili Cook-off and the trip to Rahr Brewery both need Chairmen. The Street Dance will be held on May 23 with **7 Bridges** for a return engagement; **Jennifer Grimes** will again host the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4.

Joe's Run, sponsored by Samaritan House, will take place on March 28, with a route down Elizabeth Blvd.

Treasurer **Kevin Prigel** reported that the treasury was \$3,901 richer this month due to Sustaining Membership contributions and NEWSLETTER advertising payments.

Barbara Tumlin has agreed to represent Ryan Place in League of Neighborhoods. **Mariann Taccia** submitted documentation to support Ryan Place nominations for awards by the City and League of Neighborhoods.

Committee Reports

COPs representative **Steve Fruscella** (817-897-4088) encouraged residents to participate in the COPs training simply to become better observers.

Brenda White of CCRP reported that over 1700 guests visited the Tour Homes this year and CCRP raised more than \$21,000 to complete the streetlight project. The goal is to have all the lights installed by July 1 of this year.

John Kline reported that street reconstruction will begin soon in Ryan Place. The Traffic Calming projects will be taking advantage of public arts awards to embellish the installations. The Hemphill Quiet Zone is in City and State processes now; they will keep us informed.

Kevin Prigel, Historic Overlay Chairman, commented that the report sent to the City last April was distorted and re-

vised considerably before being sent back to us for our approval. Kevin is comparing the original draft from Ryan Place with the City's revision and will submit an appropriate document back to the City.

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clutter containment

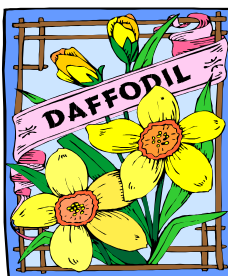
financial and tax data organization

paper management systems

The Street Dance is Coming!

Put on your dancing shoes!

So you've been wanting to dance like the stars? Here's your chance! Come to **Sunday Lindy** for great jazz music and vintage style swing dance. On March 8th, for only \$5, you can enjoy a beginner dance lesson from 2:00pm to 2:30pm, followed by a social dance for everyone from 2:30pm to 5pm. This is fun for ages 10 to 99! Great music and friendly people — all in a beautiful place: The **Marquis on Magnolia** at 1227 W Magnolia in Fort Worth. Open to all. Questions? Check out www.lindyjoy.com or e-mail shirleymartinrn@gmail.com



New feature from Calloway's Nursery: Calloway's will be offering gardening tips and a coupon in the NEWSLETTER, plus, they are sponsoring our NEW Yard of the Month Program!

Timely Tip for March Gardeners:

Create Instant Color!

Container gardens are fun and easy to create. They can be as simple as three small flowers potted together or as elaborate as a small tree or shrub planted in the center of pot with annual color planted around. Follow these simple steps when planting or plan on attending one of our FREE Container Garden Clinics in March.

First, select a container appropriately sized for the job. Make sure it has drainage holes and is large enough for making an impact. **Second**, choose a well-blended potting soil that drains well. **Thirdly**, choose plants that require the same lighting and water needs. The **fourth step** is to start planting. Fill the container half way with soil, position the plants and start filling in with the rest of the potting soil. You can also add a fertilizer such as **Calloway's Professional Flower Food** into the soil. **Lastly**, I add a top dressing of decorative bark or mulch. This adds the finishing touch, plus it will keep the soil cooler and prevent it from drying out as quickly.

After you have completed your masterpiece, sit back and watch it grow! Now you are ready to start planning your next one! Enjoy!

Check our website for Calloway's/ Cornelius upcoming clinics: <http://www.calloways.com/clinics.pdf>

Ryan Place Improvement Association

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YOUR Chance to be a COP in Ryan Place

Thanks very much to Calvin Clayton for attending our RPIA monthly meeting last Monday. Calvin is the Code Blue Coordinator for the FW Police Department's Central Division and assists with the program for Citizens on Patrol (COPs). It was good to get a view of the Central Division program and to understand current issues such as graffiti. As discussed, here are some of the useful phone numbers:

9-1-1 Anytime you witness or suspect that an impending crime might take place. Try to get as much information about the incident as possible including license plate numbers and a reasonable description about the people involved.

817-335-4222 press #9 -- for any non-emergency situation requiring police involvement. Non-emergencies cover those incidents for which rapid response will not make a difference. Examples are if you awaken to find a window broken in your car or find a stolen purse on the ground.

817-392-8100 if you have a streetlight not working.
817-212-2700 if you have a problem with graffiti.
817-392-1234 if you suspect a problem with Code Compliance.
817-392-3737 for Animal Control.
817-332-5367 for the Humane Society.

If you are interested in taking the training for Citizens on Patrol (COPs), the next session will be with the South Division in two four-hour sessions held Tuesday, February 24 and Thursday,

February 26. To reserve a space, please call or e-mail Calvin Clayton, Central Division, 501 Jones St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102, 817-392-3973, Calvin.Clayton@fortworthgov.org.

The next eight-hour training at the police academy is April 18. I plan to attend this training. If you are interested, please call me and I will enroll all of the Ryan Place residents as a group. My phone number is 817-897-4088.

Tip for the month: Take caution around stray dogs. I noticed a couple of stray dogs last Saturday night at Lowden and 6th Avenue just before midnight. Keep your back yards securely locked to protect your family and pets and be observant when you are outside.

Stay Safe!
Steve Fruscella

What's Happening on



Berry Street Initiative and the City are discussing the planning of the Berry/Cleburne intersection and working with "the T," planning the rail station. Original consultant Rich Flierl (Cooper Cary, Newport Beach) and Brett Wylie (Cooper Cary, Atlanta) came last week to share their insights. We traveled the TRE from Fort Worth to Mockingbird Station, Uptown, and Plano with members of the Fort Worth Planning Department to learn from development experiences there. The most exciting part was seeing the Plano station as close to a vintage neighborhood as Ryan Place will be to the TCU Station and the development that has occurred in conjunction with that. Councilman Burns, Assistant City Manager Fernando Costa and Planning Director Susan Alanis joined us later to add their insights. We have many more tools now from that experience. Bids should be submitted in the next few weeks for construction of the Waits-University intersection improvements.
—Linda Clark

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good times rolled!



The beads, cups, and moon pies were tossed amid great glee and wild abandon. It was a parade to end all parades!! The inaugural Mardi Gras parade in Ryan Place was an outstanding success.

The lead off was taken by the King of the parade, **Bud Kennedy** of the Star Telegram, decked out in an outlandish cape and septor, perched on a gold throne, and ensconced in the bed of **Jennifer Renta's** gold pickup truck driven by **Kerry Renta**. Rex Bud's entourage, including **Cathryn Record-Horn** and **Alexis**, followed in Rex Bud's antique (?) Green Checker Cab limo (an impressive vehicle).

Our esteemed Councilman, **Joel Burns**, was the official Grand Poobah. He elegantly saddled the fifteen foot long alligator, "Billy Bayou," and will go down in parade history as being a class A Good Sport. His safety was in the competent hands of driver **Greg French**, whose bead collection was most impressive.

Resident doctor **Fernando Acosta** and his three year old son, "Nando," outfitted his prized Miata convertible with a regal Mardi Gras staff and the Ryan Place flamingos made a winter appearance in the Acosta car.

The amazing float of the *Mystic Krewe of Athena's Owl*, captained by **Gail Carswell** and **Michael Foltz**, carried revelers **Lynn Johnson**, **Glenda Thompson**, **Naomi Sampson**, **Mary Ann Brower** (who later got the baby from the King's cake),

Dewey Oringderff, **Suzanne Nancy**, **Judy** and **Sophia Kelley**, and **Pam Cobb**.

The *Krewe of Bucephalus*, Captained by the notable wordsmith **Gary West**, carried the theme Games People Play, with Games of Chance and Lady Luck. The Lucky Ladies of the Krewe included **Terri West**, **June Lake**, **Jennifer Renta**, **Sara Woodward**, **Karin Cagle**, and **Laura Hanna**. **Bill Hanna** and son **Luke** joined the rhythm to the sounds of New Orleans jazz and brass band as they rolled the route.

Berkley neighborhood residents **George** and **Adair Bean**, son **George**, and friend **Colin** brought their boat float, "Fishing Games." And weaving in and out of the parade were the **Sundance Scooter Gents**.

The gumbo, red beans and rice, Abita beverage and King's cake were fed to the masses after the exhilarating roll. All agreed that it must happen again next year; "Le les bon temps roulle!"

Many thanks go to many folks who helped make this a delightful event: **Officer Ron Andriotto**, who kept us all safe; **Ray Romo's** guys that helped put together Lady Luck; **David Tumlin** for his musical expertise; and **Melissa Acosta's** help with the good eats. A special thanks to **June Lake** and **Jennifer Renta** whose ideas, tool bags, and enthusiasm helped pull the parade together.



March 27th
Friday Night 5pm - 10pm
Free Event

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graffiti

Hello, Everyone! I have had several calls and e-mails concerning graffiti. My goal is to find all the locations, have them reported and then abated as soon as possible. For this to happen I need everyone's help in reporting graffiti when you see it, and in calling 911 immediately if you see tagging in progress. This call has been up-graded by our dispatch system.

The number to call to report graffiti is 817-212-2700, but since photographs are not included, details are crucial. The online citizen report system (www.fortworthpd.com/coplignic/start-report.html) is also available for citizens to make police reports; it will accept two photo images. Another e-mail address for reporting graffiti sites or other pertinent information or to follow-up on abatement is Graffiti@fortworthgov.org. To get on the abatement list, you may e-mail Dionna.Zamora@fortworthgov.org directly.

Don't forget, too, that there is an anonymous reporting avenue for gun or gang crime tips such as addresses or hang-out locations of taggers / gang members or other criminal activity: www.469tips.com.

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Officer Ron



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Christopher Ebert

Ryan Place – A Neighborhood of Historic Proportions

RPIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 8, 1982

Mike Ritchey, now a famous semi-retired newspaper publisher, was a Ryan Place resident on Sixth Avenue until he and his wife, Susan, left for Telluride, Colorado. They returned once a year to inform us of how beautiful Colorado was in the summer and how much fun it was during the winter. Mike went on to become general manager of the weekly *Telluride Times* (Mary Beth and I had a mail subscription "to help keep that boy in Colorado.") Later, Mike started a rival paper, *Telluride Today*, and eventually owned a handful of small newspapers in Colorado, including the *Gunnison County Times*.

I had the good fortune of being RPIA President when Mike was the association secretary in 1982. (Mike was once pulled behind a ski boat in the Fourth of July parade on a float entitled "Ski Sixth Avenue.") His minutes of our Board meetings were the highlight of the next Board meeting, though most had requested a copy long before that next meeting.

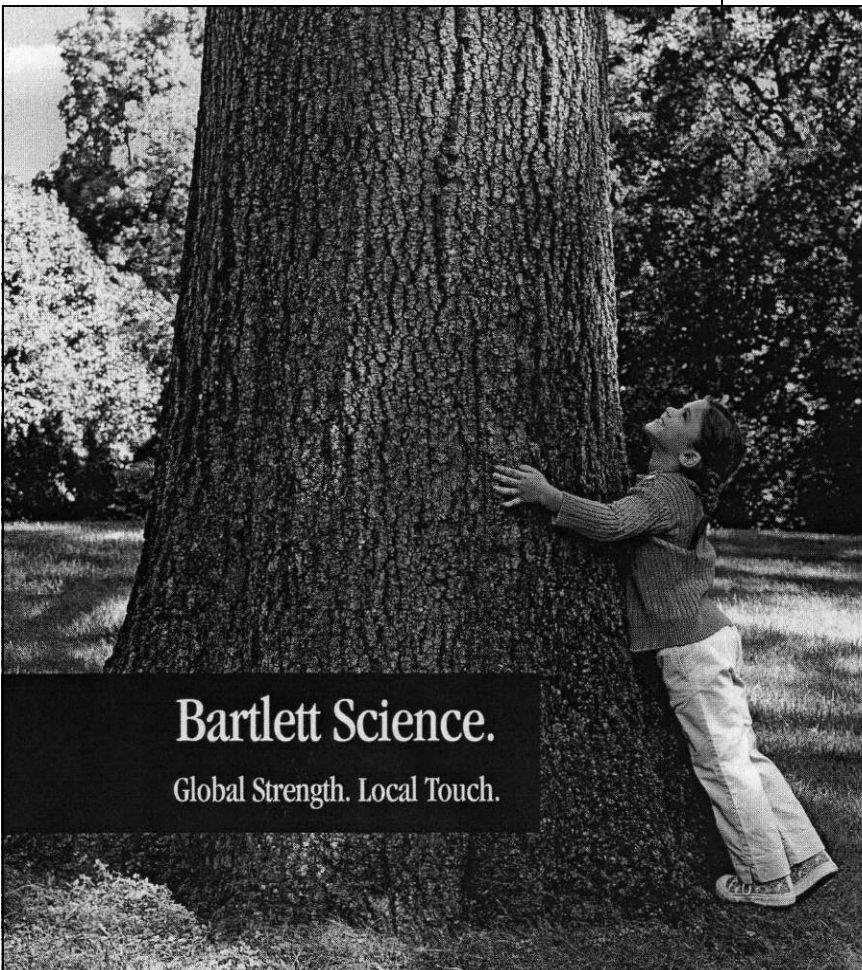
Here are some excerpts from February, 1982:

"The RPIA met in front of a roaring fire at Doren Pulliam's. President Chris Ebert called the meeting to order, more or less, and passed out the agenda as Marcella Daniel asked about the idea of running ads in the newsletter. She seemed to think it was a good idea and so did everyone else. However, it proved to be a plan fraught with cul-de-sacs and other dead ends.... As discussion ensued over the association's non-profit status, Joan Kline brought up the subject (which no one can be found who knows anything at all about) of incorporation. Doren said all we need is

a non-profit postage permit and all agreed until Marcella Daniel pointed out that it costs \$200 to incorporate and I'm not positive, but I think Rudy Lasoya looked at his treasurer's report showing a negative \$19 cash flow for the prior month. Marcella said none the records at the post office indicated that RPIA ever had such status. At that point President Ebert owned up to having "The Box" in his possession. "The Box" is some sort of Ark of the Covenant (so far as I could make out), filled with the association's archives and passed from one disinterested party to another.

Rudy asked again about ads in the newsletter. As we discussed it hither and yon, the thought occurred to an anonymous observer that the whole idea was merely a boondoggle and might be left alone. Someone pointed out that we have a lot of good ideas but lousy follow-through. No one took offense."

In defense of our "lousy follow-through," these projects were in the works during 1981/1982: Documentation for a state historical marker for the McCoy Cattle Trail at Daggett School Park (The State Historical Commission held an installation service on July 4 with our US Congressman, Jim Wright, and Mayor Bob Bolen speaking.); construction was underway to create Daggett School Park by closing that block of College Ave.; we did receive our Non-Profit Mailing Permit; we joined the effort to resist the widening of the I-30 overhead along Lancaster Ave. by voting to join in a suit against the Texas Highway Department, and we helped negotiate a solution by widening Allen Ave. through Fairmount. 1982 was the second year for the Labor Day Garage Sale Weekend and it marked the first appearance of the Lawn Mower Drill Team in the Fourth of July parade — which tied for a First Place Blue Ribbon. But that's another story. (Oh, by the way, I never opened "The Box.")



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Good Luck

In March we think of the 'Luck Of The Irish' and see a lot of lucky four-leafed clovers and other lucky charms. Willy Nelson has a saloon on his ranch called LUCK. He tells people when they are there they are in LUCK, but when they are not there they are out of LUCK. Don't you wish it were that simple! Of course, we in Ryan Place wear lots of green and consider ourselves wise and not just lucky to live in such a wonderful area. If your home is in Ryan Place, you are in Luck!



**Daylight Savings
Time begins
Sunday, March 8**

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 March 27 Arts Goggle
 March 28 Gallery Night (Music by the Fifth Avenue Jazz Collective in Concert 8 pm \$15).

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 Wednesday 7-8 pm
 Zumba Monday or Thursday, 6-7 pm
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