

# RYAN PLACE

## IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

April, 2009

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#### President's Letter



With spring now here and summer just around the corner, Ryan Place projects and activities are about to spring into action. These events will range from special smaller theme parties and events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Kentucky Derby Mad Hatter Party to major events and activities such as the Memorial Day Weekend Street Dance, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and the volunteer intensive 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ryan Run.

This spring and summer we will also have some labor intensive projects as we complete the landscaping, irrigation, and lighting of the remaining Ryan Place gates. Plans are in place to officially "adopt" a portion of Daggett Park as well as Ryan Place (Triangle) Park. Adoption entails RPIA taking responsibility for the bulk of proposed improvements and maintenance to the parks.

We always need neighborhood block captains to help our Street Directors disseminate information to residents. These volunteer roles are also important conduits for getting excellent input and ideas from all the various areas of the neighborhood.

As you know from the March NEWSLETTER, Ryan Place was recently named as the Neighborhood of the Year by the City of Fort Worth and The Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods. This only happened because of the innovative ideas, projects, and neighborhood events and activities that were launched in 2008 and that we are maintaining this year. Without the financial contributions to the Ryan Place Sustaining Membership Program as well as countless volunteer hours we would not have been able to do what we did last year and plan to continue this year. Of equal importance, without the time and energy of countless residents, we would never have been in contention for this prestigious award.

With this in mind, as we move into spring and summer, your volunteer help is needed. Please join your neighbors and give an average of one to two hours per month to Ryan Place. That would be 12-24 hours per year. Imagine what we could accomplish if only 10% of our residents volunteered this amount of time!!

Please don't wait for us to ask you to volunteer. If you are willing and able to volunteer, take the initiative and contact one of our event or project chairs listed on page 3. Trust me, they will be excited to hear from you and WILL NOT turn you away.

By stepping up to this request for help, not only can you take pride in the fact that you helped "improve" Ryan Place but you'll also make some great new friends at the same time!

*Keith Head*



**RPIA  
Monthly  
Meeting**

**RPIA Meeting**

**Monday, April 20  
7 p.m. Meeting  
Westside Unitarian  
Universalist Church  
901 Page Avenue  
Meeting agenda at  
[historicryanplace.org](http://historicryanplace.org),  
Discussion Forum**



## Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4  
11:00 o'clock in the morning  
1111 Elizabeth Boulevard

Age Groups:  
3 and under  
4-5 years  
6-9 years



Games  
Petting Zoo  
Photo Opportunities  
Prizes

For all those wishing to participate, please deliver (1) dozen plastic eggs per child filled with wrapped candy by Friday, April 3, to 1111 Elizabeth Boulevard. Place attached form on your bag of eggs, indicating age and name of each child planning to attend.

In the event of rain, Easter Activities will be cancelled by 10am and eggs will be available to be picked up on Saturday, April 4.

(Please call 817.926.2979 for cancellation information)



\*\*\*Don't forget your Easter Basket!\*\*\*

Name:
Phone Number:
Child's Age:

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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)
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#### NEWSLETTER and advertising submission deadlines:

**May NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday, April 17**

Contact: [rpianewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:rpianewsletter@yahoo.com)  
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**Fort Worth Police Department**

## Walking alone

\*Present yourself confidently and scan your surroundings. Stand straight, keep our head up, and make brief eye contact with strangers.

\*Don't look "like a victim" by appearing weak, afraid, confused, or timid. Criminals tend to prey on people who look as though they can be easily intimidated.

\*Wear shoes and clothes that allow free movement so you'll be able to run if necessary.

\*Don't overload yourself with parcels.

\*Leave valuables at home, and conceal or avoid wearing jewelry.

\*Stay on busy, well-lit streets, even if it makes your trip a little longer. Avoid taking short cuts through alleys, parking lots, or anywhere dark or isolated.

\*Don't accept rides from strangers.

\*If someone in a car is following you, turn and run in the opposite direction and toward other people. Go to a shop or business to get help.

\*When returning home, have your keys out and ready.

*Officer Ron*

## Important Numbers

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

**Neighborhood of the Year**

## A Reason to Boast



The City of Fort Worth and League of Neighborhoods have historically selected neighborhood winners in three categories: Spirit, Community Collaboration, and Neighborhood Pride. From the winners of those three categories, a Neighborhood of the Year winner was chosen. This year, making an unexpected change in protocol, Ryan Place was selected as winner of Neighborhood of the Year for 2008 and three other neighborhoods were awarded titles in the three specific categories.

Presently, the City of Fort Worth has submitted a nomination for Ryan Place to Neighborhoods USA in the Social Revitalization/ Neighborliness category. The qualifications for this category were "projects that are initiated by one neighborhood and focus on the social or cultural aspects of a neighborhood . . . that help neighbors feel connected and foster a spirit of cooperation such as neighborhood festivals and celebrations, etc." Specifically, the 2008 Porch Parties were considered such a project. The winners of the national awards will be announced at the annual Neighborhoods USA conference in May.

If you are interested in reading the nominations submitted by Ryan Place for the award, they are on the web site at [historicy-anplace.org/NeighborhoodOfTheYear.html](http://historicy-anplace.org/NeighborhoodOfTheYear.html)



## Let's go to the park!!

Two upcoming events celebrate the heritage of the Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department during its centennial year:

**Greenbriar Great Outdoors - 7 am-9:30 pm April 4, Greenbriar Park, 5200 Hemphill St.:** Families can participate in bow fishing, knot tying, kayaking, wild game calling, hunter education, disc golf and more. Bring lawn chairs, pillows and blankets for an outdoor movie starting at 8 pm. Admission is free. Food vendors will be available. To learn more, call 817-926-6214.

**Spring Fest - Noon to 3 pm April 4, Sylvania Park, 3700 E. Belknap St.:** Activities include egg hunts, face painting, arts and crafts, games, bounce houses and entertainment. Egg hunts begin at 1 pm. The event will take place rain or shine. Admission is free. To learn more, call 817-871-7670

## Our Trees are Coming!



The free trees from the City of Fort Worth are expected to be delivered on April 3rd and may be picked up starting at 10:00 am on April 4th at John MacFarlane's home at 3017 Willing. The forester has informed us that he is planning for this delivery date; the back-up date is the following week (pick up starting at 10:00 am on April 11th). If your name is on the tree list, you will get an e-mail confirming the delivery date. The City forester will be in the neighborhood beforehand to flag yards for the trees. Be sure to notice the flags if you ordered trees and if you're not happy with the locations, make a note to speak with the forester when you pick up your trees. He will also answer any tree related questions you may have.

Please be aware that:

- You must plant the trees in the parkway (area between the curb and sidewalk);
- You must plant trees yourself; and
- You must water trees on a regular basis for the next two years.

John MacFarlane  
[ryanplacetrees@gmail.com](mailto:ryanplacetrees@gmail.com)

**If you have a suggestion for a program you'd like to see presented at the RPIA monthly general meeting, send it to JOHN KLINE — contact information on page 2 of the NEWSLETTER.**



## Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Street Dance: Mariann Taccia, Lana Campbell, Olivia Flynn  
4th of July Parade: (Need Chairman) Contact Gina Roberts  
4th of July Fun Run: Gina Roberts  
Rahr Brewery Trip: John MacFarlane  
Park and Gate Landscaping: John Filarowicz or Kurt Nielsen  
Newsletter: Olivia Flynn  
6th Avenue Block Party: Cindy Baldrige  
Chili Cook-off: (Need Chairman)  
Tree Planting Program: John MacFarlane  
Neighborhood Block Captains: Contact Street Directors  
Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place: Gina Roberts  
COPs: Steve Fruscella  
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Judy Holland

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Judy

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**that because you were listed in the previous Ryan Place Directory that you will automatically be listed in the upcoming one! If you did not complete a directory information form (or give your information to a collector) in the past two months, you will not be in the upcoming Directory! If you want to be in the new Directory, call or e-mail your Street Director (page 2) NOW. The Directory goes to the printer next week!**



# WELCOME

*to the  
Neighborhood!*

There have been so many babies born in our neighborhood in the last year: **Sarita Patton-Stallons, Antonio Acosta, Garrett Thomas Keith, Hadley Wiles, Bianca Garza, Lillian Hackbart, Broadie Prigel, Ryan Michael Parham** and **Cael McFarlane**. Clearly, Ryan Place is not only the best neighborhood in Fort Worth – it's also the best place to raise a family!

If you are a new resident of Ryan Place, or know someone who is, please e-mail me at [junelake.rpia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:junelake.rpia@sbcglobal.net) so we can properly welcome you to the neighborhood!

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# 2009 Sustaining Members

Names in **bold print** are co-contributors since the last NEWSLETTER.

## **Patron**

Linda Clark  
Bill and Lucy Conley  
**Tommy and Susan Drake**  
Keith and Connie Head  
Francisco and KT Hernandez  
Joan Kline  
Benjamin and Lori Loughry  
**Jim and Kitty Loveless**  
**Lin and Randy Parham**  
**Glenn and Patricia Polenz**  
Kevin and Allisen Prigel  
Paula Slease and Norma Kleiber

## **Friend**

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**Lana Campbell**  
**David deVlaming**  
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**Randy and Rainey Dukes**  
Alexis Gazak  
Joe and Anne Gilbert  
Rick and Renee Harding  
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**Lisa Wilson**

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Anita Daniel  
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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.

\$7,000 — **\$6,568.**

\$6,500 —

\$6,000 —

\$5,500 —

\$5,000 —

\$4,500 —

\$4,000 —

\$3,500 —

\$3,000 —

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\$2,000 —

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## Become A 2009 Sustaining Member of RPIA

The RPIA Board has decided to keep the 2008 goal of \$7,000 for 2009, confident that neighbors will step up and maintain their support of our organization. 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!**

Please complete a membership form and mail your contribution in TODAY! If you find the internet more convenient, pay via PayPal at [www.historicryanplace.org](http://www.historicryanplace.org)

**Ryan Place**  
**beautification, events,**  
**and monthly NEWSLETTERS**  
**are only possible through**  
**contributions. You are**  
**invited to become a sus-**  
**taining member of RPIA.**  
**We are recognizing three**  
**levels of**  
**RPIA Sustaining Membership:**

### **Neighbor**

\$35—\$74 annual contribution

### **Friend**

\$75—\$150 annual contribution

### **Patron**

\$151 + annual contribution

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
RPIA  
P.O. Box 11122  
Ft. Worth, TX  
76110



**Christopher Ebert**

## ***Some things change — some don't***

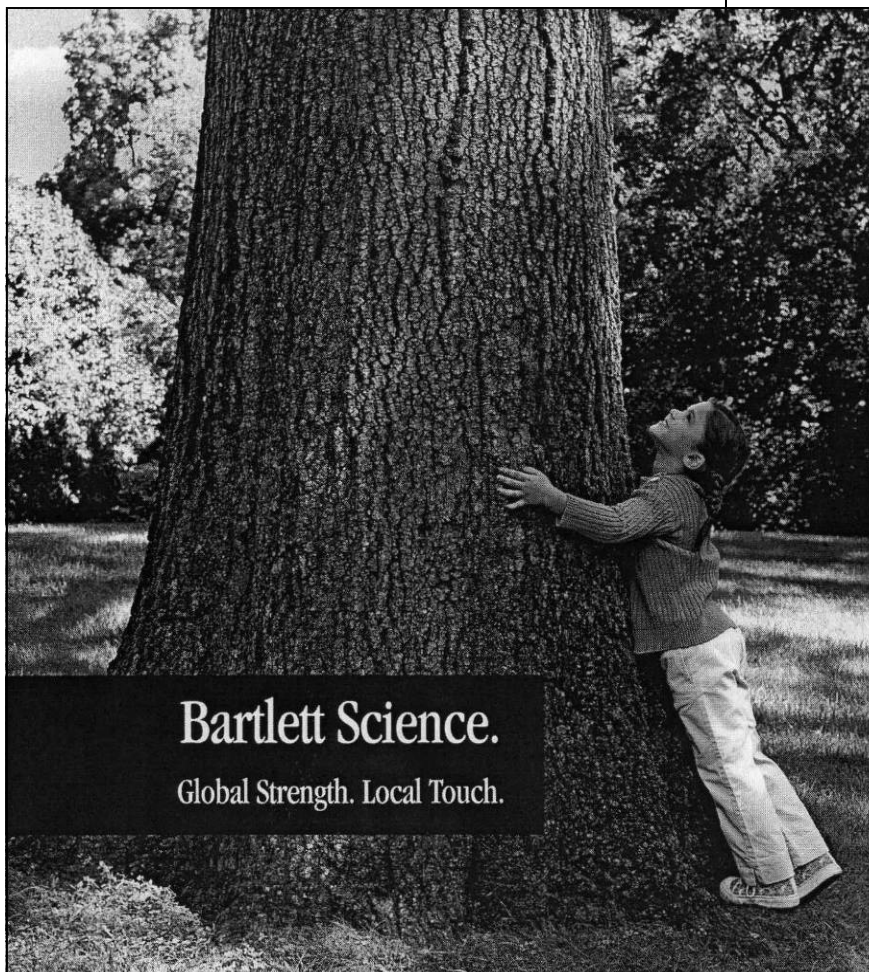
Some years ago I returned a piece of litter from our yard to Daggett Middle School. It was a "lost" letter to a parent from the principal. That experience led me to read each scrap of paper I retrieved from the yard, and as you might expect, I kept the most interesting: a loan offer about late property taxes on a house that now is owned by a bank, a notice of an economic stimulus payment from the IRS, Angelica's Paschal Report Card, John's Record of Discipline Referral (lacking parent's signature), an invitation to a Happy Hour for teachers celebrating the end of TAKS testing for the year, a receipt from the Pizza Hut delivery driver, various notes from/to boyfriends/girlfriends (some well worn like they had been passed back and forth during class). These scraps of people's lives were blown from a recycling cart, thrown from a passing car, or just thoughtlessly dropped on the ground. In an historic neighborhood, whether it is a tree in the parkway, a streetlight, or an historic section of sidewalk, most of us don't throw things away without a sometimes lengthy discussion.

"Throwing away" was exactly what was happening the other day at the corner of Eighth Ave. and Park Place. There is (make that **was**) a section of sidewalk on the east side of Eighth Ave. that laid in front of the 1935-1936 Parkway Theater at the eastern terminus of Park Place. That section of sidewalk had been there for 75 years. It had sparkly flecks embedded in the concrete and was a slightly faded red color. (I don't remember what the theater looked like, but fortunately John Roberts' web resource on Fort Worth Architecture has a photo: <http://www.fortwortharchitecture.com/oldftw/parkwaytheater.jpg> )

Why is that theater so historic that I would have found a piece of its old sidewalk of any interest? My mother worked at the theater in the late '30's or early '40's after high school, taking tickets and selling candy. It was one of several neighborhood theaters that were scattered around Fort Worth in the '30's and '40's. Some of them are still standing: The Isis on N. Main, The Berry near the corner of Hemphill and W. Berry, The Rose Theater also on N. Main, and the Ridglea on Camp Bowie, to name a few. Some were lost just within the last several years: The TCU and The Seventh Street. Neighborhood theaters were located near homes during a time when neighborhood retail was within walking distance (or a short ride north of Ryan Place on the Willing/Fairmount or the College Ave. streetcar lines) and the owners of the shops knew their customers names and habits.

Some of that feeling is still around when you and your family visit the same restaurants on Magnolia year after year, when you walk your dog, or accompany your children or grandchildren around the neighborhood. Ryan Place is much more than a collection of houses in a section of streets with arbitrary boundaries on a city planning map. It is a group of neighbors each with their own ideal of what would be the perfect (or near perfect) place to live: a walk-able neighborhood with close-by retail or one with easy access to major streets and regional shopping or the status quo.

Will economics, gasoline prices or the new urbanism movement bring us back to what some remember as simpler times? I doubt it. But we all can cherish the memories, the family stories, or the pieces of broken sidewalk.



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## RPIA Meeting at a Glance

Monday, March 16, 2009:

Officer **Ron Andriotto** gave a police report and reminded neighbors to report suspicious events and activities.

### Program

Representatives from Fort Worth South (for Magnolia Urban Village Streetscape) and the Hemphill Streetscape Project presented plans for each of the two projects.

### Executive Committee Reports

President **Keith Head** reported on the landscaping projects on Elizabeth Blvd. at 8th Avenue and at College Avenue and at Jessamine and 6th Avenue. The development of Daggett Park is also underway.

Vice President **Mariann Taccia** reported that the Chili Cook-off has been rescheduled for the fall. **John MacFarlane** will coordinate the trip to Rahr Brewery, and there will be a Block Party on 6th Avenue in May, between Elizabeth Blvd. and Jessamine. The **Street Dance** will be held on May 23 with **7 Bridges** for a return engagement.

Treasurer **Kevin Prigel** reported that the treasury contained \$5,453.36.

**Olivia Flynn** reported that data collection for the Ryan Place Directory is almost completed. The Calloway's Yard of the Month program will be starting in April.

**Barbara Tumlin** has been elected President of the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods.

### Committee Reports

2009 CCRP President **Gina Roberts** extended an invitation for volunteers to help with CCRP and homes to be on the tour. **Brenda White** also requested help in getting neighborhood signatures for streetlight installation. (817-223-0101).

**John Kline** is collecting signatures on petitions for the placement of public art in the Ryan Place traffic calming devices.

### Looking for a Home

**Buddy** (gray cockatiel) and **Sun** (yellow parakeet) are looking for a new home. Buddy and Sun have a large aviary that is on wheels. Buddy likes to be petted and loves to help you eat your popcorn and McDonald's french fries." If you are interested, please call **817-349-8328**.



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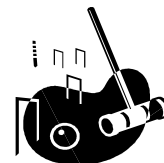
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clutter containment

financial and tax data organization

paper management systems

## Croquet News Flash!



A generous Bonus has been received by the Croquet Tournament from A.I.G.\* as part of the government's bailout of Troubled Neighborhood Traditions program. However the Croquet Czar returned one-half of the bonus to the RPIA.

May is Croquet Month. Wash and iron your "whites" to be ready for Croquet Clinics each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm beginning May 3, 2009. The Tournament will be on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009 at 10:00 am. It all happens at 2526 So. Adams. Bring your family or friends. Equipment and simple training provided. (\*Note: Arts In Grass.)



## Timely Tip for April Gardeners:

Calloway's Nursery offers many organic products to help you develop a "green" environment. We also offer traditional solutions but for the gardener who is exploring the "greener" side here are a few ideas.

It all begins with the soil, so have your soil tested the first of each year FREE at any of our stores. Organic matter is important to the soil composition. It helps with drainage and helps increase the soil microbe population. Expanded shale is also used to break up hard, compacted clay soils. Calloway's Organic Fertilizer contains seven food-grade meals and can be applied to your lawn and other plantings. Top dress your flowerbeds and containers with our organic mulches. They not only break down slowly putting organic material back into the soil but, they also prevent weeds, conserve moisture and cool the soil during the heat of the summer.

Other organic insecticides and fungicides are Neem Oil, Diatomaceous Earth, Dipel Dust and Insecticidal Soaps. These are products which are safe to use around pets and children. There are also beneficial insects available such as Ladybugs, Lacewings and Beneficial Nematodes! These guys will attack the pests and take care of them "naturally".

Join us on April 18<sup>th</sup>, for our Earth Day clinic and learn more about our "natural choices". Or, go to <http://www.calloways.com/clinics.pdf>

## Ryan Place Improvement Association

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## COP's Tip of the Month

Tip of the month: First and foremost, maintain your own safety. One does not reduce crime in Ryan Place by becoming a victim. Observe and report from a safe distance.

Reminder: the next eight-hour training for COPs is Saturday, April 18th at the Police Academy. I will be going to this training and I would be glad to make reservations for our folks as a group so e-mail me at [stevef37@charter.net](mailto:stevef37@charter.net) or call my cell phone at 817-897-4088 to let me know. Food is provided.

Please keep your outside lights on all night long.

If you see a suspicious vehicle, from a safe distance memorize the make of the car and try to remember at least the first three letters of the license plate. Remember to be safe and alert while doing this; you don't want to have a wreck trying to write down the information. If you want to write it down, move around the block or go home and write it down there.

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Have you noticed that the street lights are finally being installed on the bridges east of Hemphill?! Additionally, we're plodding along trying to get dead trees replaced and the landscaping re-installed. Discussions with City staff regarding the Berry/Cleburne transit oriented development are ongoing. Its gonna be an uphill slog in this economy! Good sense demands a plan be in place to maximize land use and tax revenues.

**Linda Clark**

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## Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place New Officers Prepare for 2009 Tour



At the recent Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Annual General Meeting, **Gina Roberts** was elected President for the 2009 Tour Year. Also on the new Board are **Mike Lindner** (Vice President), **Mary Edwards** (Secretary), and **Sian Borne** (Treasurer). CCRP is already hard at work planning this year's Tour. If you're looking for a place to be involved and be appreciated, this is the group for you!

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### Meet Your Neighbor – Rush and Janie Hart

This month our column introduces **Rush and Janie Hart**, long-time Ryan Place residents. The Harts are devoted Ryan Place pioneers who were attracted to the neighborhood at the height of its decline. Our good neighbors choose to overlook the immediate shabbiness and focus only on the potential of the area. We are all thankful for their dedication to their dream!

The Harts moved to Ryan Place 42 years ago in 1967. Mrs. Hart expressed that she was looking for an urban neighborhood with charming architecture reminiscent of her hometown of St. Louis. When they moved to Ryan Place from Arlington, friends questioned their decision; however, they immediately felt at home in Ryan Place. Also, at that time the Fort Worth school system was far superior to Arlington's, and the neighborhood was filled with children.

Rush and Janie say the '70's were an exciting time to live in Ryan Place. RPIA was actually formed in their living room! Major issues were resolved such as the installation of stop signs on Elizabeth Boulevard and code enforcement was a priority. The Harts spoke of the enthusiasm of the RPIA volunteers and the unity of spirit among neighbors.

The Harts have been married since 1956 and have three children who live in Fort Worth, Julie Bell, Cindy Hart, and Michael Hart. Both girls were married in the house on Ryan Place Drive.

The Harts are thrilled to see the neighborhood has become such a village within Fort Worth. They are always pleased to see new folks move in and to see new moms pushing strollers with their babies. They are now the senior members of their block both in age and in Ryan Place longevity, but they vividly remember their move to Ryan Place and the graciousness of their neighbors who gave a dinner party to welcome them to the block.

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### Update

## Fort Worth League of Neighborhood Associations



The Fort Worth League of Neighborhood Associations (FWLNA) held their Board Elections on March 6, 2009. Ryan Place's own past 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Barbara Tumlin**, was elected to serve as President of the FWLNA 2009/2010 year.

At the Ryan Place General Membership meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009, Barbara offered some of the upcoming Forums the FWLNA is planning. Some items are still in the planning stages and details will become available later. RPIA will keep you posted!

□ Taped City Council Candidate Forums — in conjunction with the League of Women Voters. These scheduled tapings will be held in early April. All neighborhoods are encouraged to send their "questions on neighborhood issues" for the candidates to: Melissa Wade, FWLNA Parliamentarian, at [paul-melissa@charter.net](mailto:paul-melissa@charter.net). The FWLNA will post the broadcast links on their website, [www.fwlina.org](http://www.fwlina.org).

□ Annual Neighborhood Awards Reception — will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the FWLNA General Membership meeting. The location is still being determined. All award winners will be formally invited and recognized at that event.

□ Neighborhood Forum – "How Roberts Rules of Order can Benefit Organizations." This workshop will be conducted by a Registered Professional Parliamentarian who will answer questions. All neighborhood leaders serving in this capacity are encouraged to attend. TBA

□ Neighborhood Forum – "How to protect your neighborhood's integrity." This will be an informational meeting to discuss Historic Districts and Conservations Districts, versus no designation at all. TBA



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April 4 8 pm \$15  
Tribute to James Clay

April 18 8 pm \$10-15  
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April 25 \$33 More details TBA  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Trash	2	3	4 Trees (p.3) <b>Egg Hunt (p.1)</b> 
5	6	7	8 Trash	9	10	11
12 <b>Easter</b> 	13	14	15 Trash	16	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	18 COPs Training (p. 8)
19	20 <i>RPIA meeting</i> (p. 1)	21 BIG TRASH	22 BIG TRASH	23 BIG TRASH	24 BIG TRASH	25 <i>RAHR BREWERY (p.8)</i> 
26	27	28	29 Trash	30		



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<b>2817 Willing</b>	<b>2,235'</b>	<b>4 - 2</b>	<b>\$284,900</b>
<b>2310 6th</b>	<b>2,499'</b>	<b>3 - 2½</b>	<b>\$268,800</b>
<b>2924 6th</b>	<b>1,818'</b>	<b>2 - 2</b>	<b>\$232,000</b>
<b>2936 Willing</b>	<b>1,500'</b>	<b>3 - 1½</b>	<b>\$189,900</b>
<b>2909 Ryan Place Dr</b>	<b>1,550'</b>	<b>2 - 2</b>	<b>\$179,900</b>
<b>2620 Ryan Place Dr</b>	<b>2,236'</b>	<b>4 - 3</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>2824 Willing</b>	<b>1,680'</b>	<b>3 - 2</b>	<b>\$174,500</b>
<b>3051 Ryan Place Dr</b>	<b>1,430'</b>	<b>3 - 2</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>2300 Lipscomb</b>	<b>2,542'</b>	<b>5 - 2</b>	<b>\$97,000</b>
<b>2513 Ryan Ave</b>	<b>887'</b>	<b>2 - 1</b>	<b>\$73,500</b>

## Others recognize what we've known for years: Ryan Place is Fort Worth's Best; Named Neighborhood of the Year

The Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods recently named Ryan Place the 2009 Neighborhood of the Year. Congratulations to all the RPIA officers, committee members and everyone in the neighborhood for this recognition of our great place to call home.

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