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**RPIA
Monthly
Meeting
NO MAY
MEETING!!**

RPIA Meeting

**Monday, June 15
7 p.m. Meeting
Westside Unitarian
Universalist Church
901 Page Avenue
Meeting agenda at
historicryanplace.org,
Discussion Forum**

Fort Worth Neighborhood of the Year – 2008

RYAN PLACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

May, 2009

www.HistoricRyanPlace.org

President's Letter



Despite the constant bombardment of depressing news about the economy, in particular the negative impact on giving to non-profits, the news on Ryan Place giving has been just the opposite. As you are aware, our goal for this year was originally \$7,000 in contributions, equivalent to last year's giving. Just three-and-a-half months into the year, we've already hit that goal! As a result, the RPIA Finance Committee has adjusted our income projections by \$2,000 for a 2009 target of \$9,000. If we achieve this target, our membership contributions will have increased by 100% over what they were just a short year-and-a-half ago.

This strong financial support is enabling Ryan Place to fast track several improvement projects while at the same time maintaining a healthy operating budget. First, we have placed an order for Ryan Place street sign toppers. The fifty signs on order will complete a project started years ago by Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place (CCRP). This RPIA project will mean that every intersection in our neighborhood will have a "Ryan Place" street sign topper by the end of May.

During the month of May, we will also begin improvements to part of Daggett Park. RPIA will be "adopting" a portion of the park between the South fence line and Elizabeth Boulevard. The fence line will be moved to the North and the current chain link fence will be replaced with a period, black, tubular steel fence. Ongoing improvements to this section of the park will continue into the Fall.

Speaking of parks, we are proactively working with the City to adopt Triangle Park. Once adopted, RPIA will submit applications for matching funds grants for the improvements in that park. And, through a generous contribution from Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, the gate landscaping projects at all Ryan Place gates will continue! Thank you, CCRP!

As you can see, after one-and-a-half years of record contributions, RPIA is focusing on the "I" in our acronym, which is "Improvement." I am confident that 2009 will go down as a milestone year in Ryan Place for noticeable, non-City funded neighborhood improvements. And remember, *we are just beginning!*

The RPIA improvements, in addition to the completion of the street light installation project by CCRP, will visibly demonstrate why Ryan Place is a vibrant and proud neighborhood. These improvements should also provide proof to all of how Ryan Place earned its recognition as the City of Fort Worth Neighborhood of the Year.

If you haven't done so already, catch the wave and become a part of this enthusiastic momentum by becoming a RPIA Sustaining Member today!!!

Finally, I hope to see you all at the largest RPIA event of the year, the Ryan Place Street Dance on May 23rd. It will be a great evening where we can celebrate being named Neighborhood of the Year!

Keith Head

Here it comes!!

Ryan Place Rocks!



Street Dance May 23!

Sponsorships Available!

See page 3 for details!



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The RPIA NEWSLETTER is delivered each month (except January and July) to every home in Ryan Place. The NEWSLETTER 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.

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NEWSLETTER and advertising submission deadlines:

June / July NEWSLETTER

Friday, May 22

Contact: rpianewsletter@yahoo.com

817-927-0075

*Be informed every day; register with
Ryan Place Communications*

For Ryan Place e-mails, go to **HistoricRyanPlace.org**

For the Ryan Place Discussion Forum, go to **HistoricRyanPlace.org/forum/login.asp**

*Looking for
something to do?*

Street Dance: Mariann Taccia, Lana Campbell, Olivia Flynn

4th of July Parade: Ben Broadwater

4th of July Ryan Run: Gina Roberts

Park and Gate Landscaping: John Filarowicz or Kurt Nielsen (KRNielsen@bellhelicopter.texttron.com)

6th Avenue Block Party: Cindy Baldrige

Chili Cook-off: (Need Chairman)

Tree Planting Program: John MacFarlane

Block Captains: Contact Street Directors

CCRP: Gina Roberts

COPs: Steve Fruscella

Vice President / Events: Mariann Taccia

Important Numbers

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NPO 8 on Magnolia	817.871.8885
Officer Andriotto	817.991.8478
	817.998.0708 (pager)
Code Compliance	817.392.5158 Ext. 1804

Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Placeis taking names and numbers



You might ask, what is CCRP and what does it have to do with me? Good questions; I'll try to answer.

CCRP is Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, a non-profit organization created to identify, study, preserve, and restore the historical characteristics, elements, and public facilities within the residential community. Its primary purpose is historic preservation and/or restoration within the Ryan Place Addition.

What does this have to do with you — a Ryan Place citizen? Think about what our neighborhood would look like without the following additions:

- 1) Restored gates at entrances to Ryan Place
- 2) Permanent lighting at the gates at East Elizabeth and at Jesamine
- 3) Period streetlights throughout the neighborhood
- 4) Street sign toppers throughout the neighborhood
- 5) Lighted sconces at Daggett Elementary School
- 6) Replaced and improved sidewalks throughout the neighborhood — maybe in front of your lovely home!
- 7) Historic markers near College and Elizabeth regarding the Chisholm Trail and in Ryan Park (Triangle Park) regarding the Vin Fiz Flyer
- 8) And who has ever used *The Ryan Place Cookbook* or eaten at some past Soirees without being grateful for the gifted chefs of Ryan Place!?

These are tangible, charming enhancements to the community we all enjoy—and there are probably hundreds of intangibles — the joy of spending time with neighborhood friends during the holidays, the pride of homeownership and sharing that jewel with others, the feeling of accomplishment after cleaning, decorating, cooking, and hosting for thousands during a Tour, the feeling of nostalgia upon driving into the neighborhood, the fun of strolling our children, then our grandchildren, down our sidewalks, the comfort of nosy neighbors who watch out for one another. I cherish all these things and more; I love my home in Ryan Place and fight every day to keep it. I know we all share some of these feelings; that's why we're here and why we care so deeply about Ryan Place.

So, I write these thoughts to keep everyone aware of what CCRP and RPIA (Ryan Place Improvement Association) do for all of us. We ALL reap the benefits of the hard work of dedicated volunteers who work year 'round putting on events and creating ways to keep Ryan Place beautiful, up-to-date, and vital — and continuously striving to make it better.

If you feel the same way and want to get involved in ANY way that you feel comfortable, please contact **Gina Roberts** by e-mail or phone (ginahroberts@yahoo.com or 817-927-2478). We are currently seeking homes to participate in this year's Tour, do-cents to guide guests through the homes, a Public Relations professional who can get the word out, not only to Fort Worth, but to all who might be interested in historic and beautiful homes, and more help in general, preparing for this year's Tour. We are also encouraging volunteers to help Fairmount during their tour May 9 and 10.

Please get involved; only by being actively involved can you hope to effect change. You won't regret it!

Thank you—

Gina Roberts

Ryan Place Becomes Finalist for NUSA Neighborhood of the Year Award!

Ryan Place has received notification that we are a finalist for the Neighborhood of the Year award from *Neighborhoods, USA!!!!*

On May 22nd, the winner will be announced at NUSA's annual conference held in Spokane, Washington. Ryan Place is a finalist in two categories: Grand Prize, which is the Neighborhood of the Year award, and the Social Revitalization award. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Social Revitalization category. Results will be announced at the Street Dance.

*Congratulations, Ryan Place residents,
for making your neighborhood a
wonderful place to live!*

Ryan Place Street Dance
1000 Block of Elizabeth Blvd.
Saturday, May 23rd, 7 to 10:30 PM
with music by
The 7 Bridges Band

(You have to BE there to BELIEVE IT! What a crowd of fun, friendly people! Music for everyone! Come on out and enjoy the evening with friends and neighbors under the stars — Bring a picnic blanket, chairs, coolers, and the kids. Food concessions will be available or you can bring your own. Don't miss this once-a-year tradition!)

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Corporate Sponsorship:

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Neighbor Sponsorship:

\$25 per person

Contact M. Taccia marianmt@sbcglobal.net for further information.



**Councilman Joel Burns cordially invites you
to attend the District 9 Town Hall Meeting**

DATE: May 18, 2009

TIME: 5:30—8:30 PM

LOCATION: Travis Avenue Baptist Church South Complex, 717
West Berry Street, Fort Worth, TX 76100

NOTE: The May RPIA monthly meeting has been cancelled so that
Ryan Place residents may attend Councilman Burns's meeting.



Fort Worth Police Department

Purse-onal Safety

Hello, Everyone — here are some tips for personal safety:

Purse snatches are most often committed as a crime of opportunity. Property loss and injury can be greatly reduced or prevented by following some simple crime prevention techniques:

- *If at all possible, leave your purse at home. Carry just what is necessary (ID, and money) in a wallet, tucked safely in an inside pocket. If you must carry additional items (keys, phone), consider putting them in a "fannie pack" that wraps around your waist and can be hidden from view with a jacket.
- *Bring only what you need. Don't carry any more cash or credit cards than you need to do your shopping.
- *If you must carry a purse, don't hang the strap on your shoulder, diagonally across your body, or hung on your arm. A strong strap will not yield easily and you could be injured.
- *Never carry anything more valuable than you can afford to lose.
- *Take notice of people walking or driving near you at all times.
- *Hold your purse tightly and close to your body. If possible, wear it underneath a jacket. Also, secure the purse closure.
- *Shorten the strap on your purse so you can carry it tightly between your elbow and body.
- *If someone grabs your purse, let it go! It is more important to avoid injury than to save a purse.
- *Report anything or anyone suspicious. If someone seems to be acting suspiciously, contact security if you are in a mall, the manager if you are in a store, or the police if anywhere else.

Officer Ron

RPIA Meeting Notes

Monday, April 20, 2009:

Officer **Ron Andriotto** was not at the meeting and there were no new neighbors in attendance.

President **Keith Head** reported that train loading noise on 8th Avenue has increased, and is outside agreed-upon hours. There may also be air quality / pollution issues related to the trains. Solutions are being sought.

Fort Worth Animal Control Officer **Christina Hotchkiss** presented a broad overview of stray and aggressive animal problems and advised of laws and codes currently in effect, as well as solutions.

Executive Committee Reports

President **Keith Head** advised that RPIA has met its contribution goal of \$7,000 and the Board has increased the goal to \$9,000 for budgeting purposes. Fifty street sign toppers have been purchased and will be installed in the next few weeks at every intersection in Ryan Place. The first Daggett Park improvements are scheduled for completion before the Street Dance.

Vice President **Mariann Taccia** reported that our new neighborhood e-mail system, Constant Contact, is functioning smoothly, and she presented a list of upcoming Ryan Place events.

Treasurer **Kevin Prigel** reported that the treasury contained approximately \$7,400 from memberships. Also, the Historic Overlay will soon go to public hearings.

Olivia Flynn reported that the Ryan Place Directory is expected to be delivered in June. The Calloway's Yard of the Month winners for April were **John Nowland** and **Peter Fowler** at 2521 5th Avenue.

Committee Reports

Gina Roberts asked for help distributing flyers on the Ryan Run to other area runs. Ben Broadwater volunteered to oversee the July 4th Parade. Gina also requested homes for the CCRP Tour and volunteers at every level.

Croquet Czar **Chris Ebert** quizzed attendees on their appreciation of The Game. (Gina aced it.)

Lana Campbell reported that the Street Dance will be BYOB, and that **7 Bridges** has a new sound man who is punctual.

John Kline announced that Traffic Calming is in the design stage and the sidewalk replacement program has been suspended due to budget cuts.

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Here comes OUR Parade

With so many neighborhood activities coming up soon (Street Dance, Croquet Tournament, Derby Day, etc.), it's hard to believe that it's time to start planning for the Ryan Place 4th of July Parade. But, yes, it's time to get rolling.

The plan for the parade will be very much like last year's. We will begin lining up on College Avenue between 9 and 9:45 AM. Bring your entry whenever you wish and get in line pretty much wherever you wish. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 AM.

The route will be the same as last year, with So. Adams, Robert, Ryan Place Drive, Cantey, 6th, 5th, Willing, and Elizabeth all on the route.

We need ENTRIES! Antique cars or trucks, classic cars or trucks, motorcycles, scooters, floats, bicycles, walkers, pets, the "Band on Wheels," horses, organizations riding pickups, etc. You get the idea. We will also canvas many of our "Shops Around the corner" to see if they want to put a float in the parade.

The parade committee will also be looking for two volunteers of any age to carry the Ryan Place banner at the front of the parade. We will also try to put spotters along the route to ensure good spacing between entries. The route signs will go out on July 1st.

My home phone number is 817-921-6042; my cell is 817-851-3520. Please come help us to make this our biggest and best 4th of July parade ever!

Ben Broadwater
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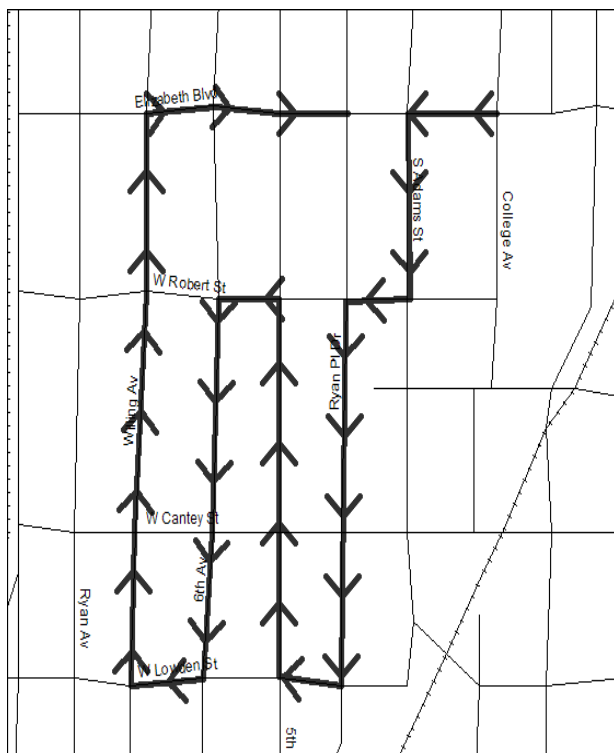
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Volunteer— and add this to your resume

Two major events in Ryan Place which require a great deal of publicity are the 4th of July 5K Ryan Run and Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place. These events generate a lot of income for Ryan Place improvements so we need to attract people from outside Ryan Place to come and enjoy themselves in our lovely neighborhood.

We are looking for someone to assist the committees for these two important Ryan Place activities. Ideally, the volunteer(s) would have knowledge in obtaining potential contacts and experience producing press releases and developing ad campaigns. Whoever you are, whatever time you have available to offer would be highly appreciated.

This is a great opportunity for someone to share their talents with Ryan Place and get involved – either a little bit or a whole lot—in making the most of two of Ryan Place's largest fundraising events.

If you are interested, know of someone who might be, or have questions, please contact **Gina Roberts** at gina.roberts@yahoo.com or 817-927-2478.

REVENTS

Kentucky Derby & Mad Hatters Party -

Saturday, May 2nd, 3:30 to 7 PM

Corner of 6th Ave. and Robert St.

Traditional or non-alcoholic Mint Juleps served and mixers if you choose to BYOB

Kentucky Derby attire not required, but will add to the fun! Officially registered Derby party hosted by: Chris Patton and Mark Stallon; catered by Tim Meagher

Contact: Chris Patton artbluecoco@mac.com

RPIA General Meeting Pot Luck Dinner

Monday, May 18th

Rescheduled to June due to Town Hall meeting.

Ryan Place Memorial Day Street Dance

Saturday, May 23rd - 7 - 10:30 PM

1000 Block of Elizabeth Blvd.

Featuring the 7 Bridges Band

Contact: Mariann Taccia marianmt@sbcglobal.net

Ryan Place Croquet Tournament

Monday, May 25th, 10 AM

Corner of S. Adams and Robert St.

Contact: Chris Ebert cwebert@hotmail.com

1st Annual Ryan Place Summer Festival

Saturday, June 13th

2300 Block of 6th Avenue (Details in June NEWSLETTER)

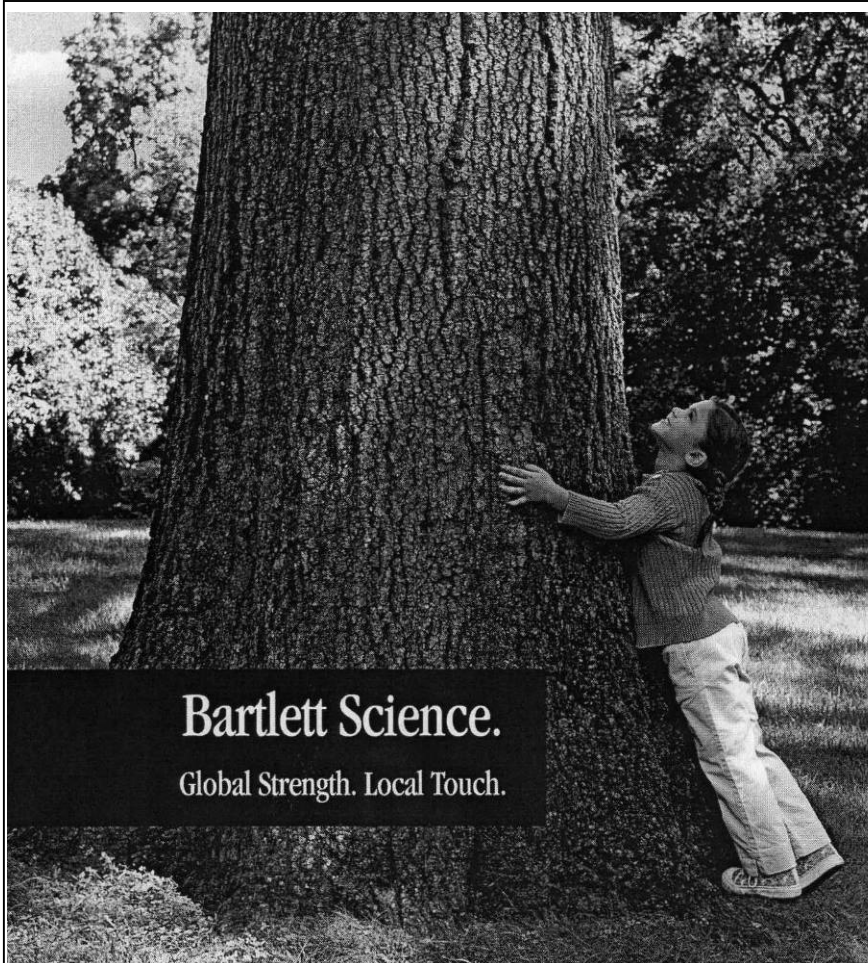
Hosted by: 2300 Block 6th Ave. Residents

RPIA General Meeting Pot Luck Dinner

Monday, June 15th, 6 PM

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WELCOME

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This month, Ryan Place extends a warm welcome to **Greg and Sarah Nurse** on Willing Avenue. The Nurses moved here from Boston, MA and we look forward to getting to know them. Take a minute to introduce yourself to these new neighbors.

Plan to bring your friends, coolers and lawn chairs to the Ryan Place Street Dance on Saturday, May 23. Last year's multi-generational event was my first street dance and I had a blast! The tunes were lively and watching all the children, parents and grandparents dancing together in the street was truly heart-warming. I hope to see you there.

Memorial Day used to be a solemn day of mourning for our country. At 2 PM on May 25, please participate in the national moment of remembrance. It is a time to show our deepest respect for those who died protecting and preserving the freedoms we enjoy. To honor these men and women on Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon only, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset.

In addition to remembrance, Memorial Day is also used as a time for picnics, barbecues, family gatherings, and sporting events. Some Americans view Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer.

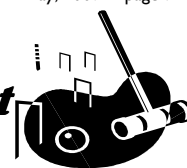
If you are a new resident and/or would like to be "officially" welcomed to the neighborhood in this column, please e-mail me at junelake.rpia@sbcglobal.net and let me know you're here.

Art is on the way!

As a first phase of applying for the City of Fort Worth Public Art award, Ryan Place has circulated petitions to discover whether residents support Public Art projects in the neighborhood. One of the petitions was sent via our new e-mail system to our 287 member neighborhood e-mail list. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of the application; of the 131 responses, 130 were in favor of applying for Public Art projects for Ryan Place.

Additionally, residents offered positive, supportive comments which will be submitted with the petition results to the review committee for Art in the Neighborhood. Thanks to all who responded to the petitions, both by e-mail as well as by signing the papers. We are an award-winning neighborhood because we care and we work!

The 24th Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament



will be on Monday, May 25, 2009 in Historic Ryan Place. The traditional Memorial Day event is a single elimination tournament with each team consisting of two players. Play will begin at 10:00 AM Monday morning at the Croquet Tournament Home Court at 2526 South Adams. The winners of the Preliminary Round will play immediately afterwards for the championship.

You may bring a partner or meet a partner at the Preliminary Round. Everyone who comes to the Preliminary Round is welcome to play. All ages and skill levels can compete for a chance to be in the Championship Finals.

Information: Tournament Director, **Croquet Czar**, 817 926-2366

2526 South Adams

CROQUET CLINICS

Each and every Sunday afternoon from May 3-25 at 5:00 PM, Croquet Clinics will be conducted. The purpose of the clinics is to review the game rules, teach techniques, and learn the strategies and fine art of croquet. Previous winners will be special guests, on hand to share their secrets for tournament success.

Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Summary of Rules:

The Game: American nine-wicket croquet

Teams: Each team shall consist of two players. Every age is welcomed and encouraged to play. Players do not have to reside in Ryan Place.

Pairings: Teams will be paired against each other by a drawing to be held at 10 AM, Monday, May 25, 2009.

Format: Single elimination until one team from each pair is declared the winner.

Preliminary and Championship Finals: At the Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Home Court, 2526 South Adams.

Information: Tournament Director, Croquet Czar, 817-926-2366

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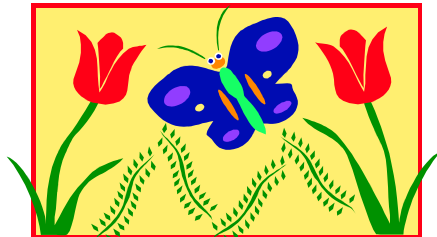
OPEN MOTHER'S DAY! Now accepting reservations.



Calloway's Yard of the Month

April's winner for Calloway's Yard of the Month is 2521 5th Avenue, owned by **John Nowland** and **Peter Fowler**. The two agreed that John gets most of the credit for the recent landscaping, as he created new, asymmetrical beds flowing across the terrace. He plans for waves of color, with lots of yellow to complement the house. And, yes, John says a lot of his plants did come from Calloway's! Keep your eyes on this beautiful yard as it "grows up" and develops.

Timely Tip for May Gardeners:



This month is a good time for planting ground covers, either as a lawn or in other locations of your landscape. Now is the time for planting seed or sod for your lawn grasses. Bermuda grass has the best traffic tolerance, and requires full sun to prosper. It is very drought tolerant. St. Augustine grass has the most shade tolerance, but is the least drought tolerant and is most susceptible to diseases, insects, and iron chlorosis.

Other ground cover plants should be used where grass is difficult to grow or maintain. These can range from low growing evergreen shrubs, vines, grasses, perennials and even annual color. Groundcovers can provide solutions to a landscaping challenge or just add a bit of much needed texture and color. They help to define space and create various moods. Small-leafed, smooth textured groundcovers used in broad curved plantings can convey a feeling of spaciousness, whereas large-leafed, coarse textured groundcovers create a feeling of closeness.

Selection of a suitable plant for ground cover depends on the area where it will be grown. Some ground cover plants prefer partial shade, others thrive in deep shade or full sun; a few grow well in either sun or shade. Some, however, prefer moist soil while others need dry or well-drained soil.

Check out our collection of STEPABLES® which are tough, earth-friendly, easy-to-maintain perennials that take foot traffic. You can find the perfect plant for your needs within this group!

Join us in May for a variety of free clinics. In keeping with this topic, our clinic for **Saturday, May 16th** is titled, "**Covering Ground with Ground Covers.**" Visit www.mytexasgarden.com for a complete listing and details of our free clinics. Have a wonderful May!

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HOW ARE WE DOING?

Our goal is to raise **\$9,000** through neighborhood contributions to cover annual budgeted expenses.

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Become A 2009 Sustaining Member of RPIA

Having quickly met the \$7,000 goal we originally set, the RPIA Board decided to increase the 2009 goal to \$9,000, 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

Ryan Place

beautification, events, and monthly NEWSLETTERS are only possible through contributions. You are invited to become a sustaining member of RPIA. We are recognizing three levels of RPIA Sustaining Membership:

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\$35—\$74 annual contribution

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\$75—\$150 annual contribution

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\$151 + annual contribution

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COP's Tip of the Month

The eight-hour COP's training (April 18) will be over by the time you read this and one of our neighbors, **Bill Conley**, has planned to attend. More to come on his experience. **Gary West** and **Tera Galindo** had conflicts on that day, but plan to attend a later class. COP's is gaining the neighborhood coverage that we need, slowly, but surely. We probably need six or seven regular patrollers to give enough coverage and observation around various points in the neighborhood. Please volunteer to attend one of the training classes — they are very informative and enjoyable (not to mention good, free food!). After the class, you can decide whether to participate directly — either way you will become an asset to our community.

On Saturday, April 11, I volunteered at the *Komen Race for the Cure* booth set up by the FWPD. Eartha Pitre was the city's main contact person. Our primary interest was to address children aged six months to seventeen years regarding the "Operation Safe Child" program and give out free ID cards to those children. Several COP's were on hand and it was a great success with dozens of children going through the FWPD van and getting their own ID cards. This is a great program - it is continually offered at schools and various events so if you don't have ID cards for your children, watch the school news, newspaper, and TV for the next opportunity.

Reminder: The Fort Worth Police Department will hold a Police Public Awareness Forum on Monday, May 18, 2009, 7 to 8 PM at the Shamblee Branch Library, 1062 Evans Avenue.

TIP OF THE MONTH - LOCK YOUR ITEMS ON YOUR PORCH - IT'S SPRING AND WE HAVE HAD PROBLEMS IN THE PAST WITH STOLEN PORCH FURNITURE, FLOWER POTS, AND SO ON.

For a safe neighborhood, this is "COPPER" Steve saying to the would-be criminals, "You dirty rats, stay outta here!" (hear James Cagney's voice in the background).

Steve Fruscella

WATCH FOR THE NEW RYAN PLACE 1ST ANNUAL
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If you would like to subscribe to receive Ryan Place and RPIA information e-mails, go to the Ryan Place web site, HistoricRyanPlace.org, and enter your e-mail address in the "Join Our E-mail Mailing List" box.

We will not sell, rent, or give your name or address to anyone. E-mails may only be sent by an RPIA board member; the Ryan Place e-mail database is maintained by RPIA and is private and secure.



Two Ryan Place Artists to Exhibit

Two Ryan Place residents are having their art displayed this month. **Dawn Taft** and **Larry Borne** will have works exhibited along with fifteen other artists. The show will be at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy (Montgomery Street and Camp Bowie, just south of the Amon Carter Museum, 817-738-1938). Art will be exhibited from May 14-29th, and there will be a "Meet the Artist" reception" on Thursday, May 14th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The exhibiting artists are all students of the Fort Worth Country Day School Adult Education Art Class. Come see some great art and support our local artists!

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Good memories Great Beginnings

Since the mid-1960's to the early '70's when the early urban pioneers began moving back from the suburbs into Ryan Place, it has been said that our Ryan Place "traditions are easy to begin, but hard to stop." This month I have gathered four people who were there when some of our longest running activities began: the 4th of July Parade, the Candlelight Christmas Tour, the Croquet Tournament, and the Labor Day Garage Sale Weekend. These events have made Ryan Place well known in Fort Worth and all of north Texas. We have other activities -- the Ryan Run, the Chili Cook-Off, the Ryan Place Musical, the Porch Parties and the Mardi Gras Parade, but none have had the impact nor the longevity of these four.

In 1970, **Joan Kline** was at a meeting in her living room. (Joan and Art Kline had so many children that legend goes they always left the front door unlocked so none would be accidentally locked out. Their house was always "open for any meeting.")

CE: How did Fort Worth's first neighborhood 4th of July Parade and picnic begin?

JK: Mel Dacus, the first RPIA president, suggested a parade on the 4th of July since up until that point in the life of our organization it had only been hard work and no fun! Mel, the producer of Casa Manana Summer Musicals, knew how to run a board meeting and throw a party. He made a few calls, called in a few favors, and that first year the parade and the picnic to follow had free Dr. Pepper and a band led by Joe Stecko, the Casa musical director, along with other musicians from the orchestra pit at Casa Manana.

Ross King, our neighborhood pipe organ builder, assumed the responsibility for the band at the parade and picnic the next year, and the Bottom of the Barrel Band came to be.

RK: The First Annual Rehearsal of RPIA Bottom of the Barrel Band, an egalitarian organization of musicians interested in justice and fair play, was established for the purpose of raising funds to preserve and encourage the installation of the historic two foot tall, iron, ring-topped hitching posts, a few of which remain along Elizabeth Blvd. (Note: BOB refers to the five-gallon paint barrel which, turned upside down, was the Band's first drum; BOB does not refer to what one finds when the wine or all the good musicians are gone.)

CE: Ross, did anyone in the neighborhood suggest that the BOB Band needed to have more than one rehearsal and performance each year or that the band might actually march in the parade?

RK: What, practice? In order to sound better? That might have defeated the real meaning of the band's name.

What "march?" No. We always depended upon Pendley's or Gary Brown (BRECO) for a flat bed trailer or truck for structure. Besides, none of the band members could walk and play at the same time!

Sarah Jeffers, her husband John, and their four children lived in the John Ryan house on Elizabeth. I always thought she and John moved there to be close to the baby-sitting training facility at the Kline house just across the street. Sarah initiated the Christmas Home Tour.

SJ: For a few years my family had gone with me on Mother's

Day to the Swiss Avenue Home Tour in Dallas. I loved their tour and began to think that we could do it also in Ryan Place. I thought of Christmas because everyone's home is at its prettiest and also so it would not conflict with the Swiss Avenue Tour. The offices of the Swiss Avenue Tour were very welcoming and helpful to me in answering questions about how they organized their event each year.

The Ryan Place home tour was an ideal project, since our homes were the "jewels in the crown" of the area, and it was time for them to shine!

CE: Did you have a goal in mind immediately or did you just want to have fun? Did you have any idea the Tour would continue for so many years?

SJ: Yes, our goal was to have a fundraiser to restore our gates that were wrongfully removed and to showcase our unique and beautiful neighborhood. Our pride in the neighborhood and in this tradition continued the tour, and as new children come along, it is a rich tradition to pass on to them, also."

CE: Ross, you have now been successful in stopping a tradition, the Annual Rehearsal and Performance of the BOB Band. Why and how was this done?

RK: Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place (CCRP) was organized to raise funds to restore the twenty foot high gates at the entrances to Ryan Place, a goal ten times taller than the hitching post inspiration of the BOB Band. Women who are about ten times better looking than BOB band members organized CCRP. They raise a lot more money. The handwriting was on the wall for the BOB Band; who can compete against an organization with the initials CCRP?

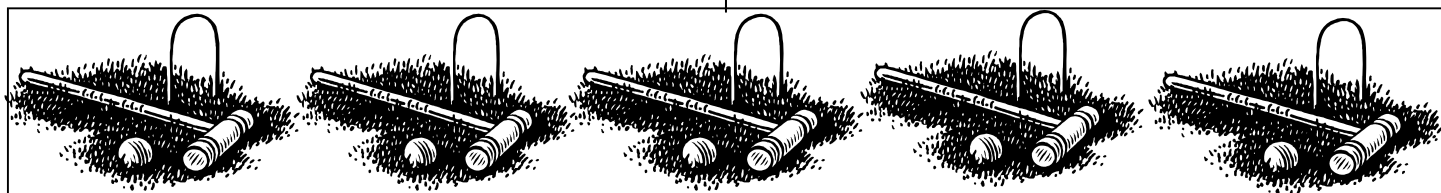
CE: Joan or Ross, what was the most memorable 4th of July Parade?

RK: I'll answer that one. There were two years: In 1976. RPIA made a terrible mistake -- scheduling the 4th of July Parade a day early so as not to conflict with the City's Bicentennial Bash on the banks of the Trinity on July 4. Unfortunately this invoked divine punishment in the form of a terrible thunderstorm during the 3rd of July Parade. Witnesses claimed to have seen the fastest (and wettest) parade in history that year.

The next day, on July 4th, the City received its own divine punishment for scheduling a conflict on the traditional date for the RPIA Parade and Picnic and Annual Performance of the BOB Band. Punishment took the form of a second, even more major thunderstorm coming out of a Cloud from the East, raining out the City Bash on the banks of the Trinity, and extinguishing the City fireworks extravaganza.

The second was maybe 1980 when the BOB Band director wrote a special arrangement for the 3rd-4th grade violin novices, Mary Jane Ebert and Michael Gonzales, to play their instruments. (I think they only played one or two notes.)

CE: You three have used up all the NEWSLETTER editor-allotted space and we haven't heard from the Croquet Czar or the brains behind the Garage Sale Weekend (previously thought to be in the Federal Witness Protection Program). Their comments will be offered next month along with the results of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament!





The Shop Around the Corner

by Rainey Dukes

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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!

Update

Fort Worth League of Neighborhood Associations



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, June 4

6:30 PM Reception

7:00 PM Program

On Thursday, June 4, the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods and the City of Fort Worth will co-sponsor the 2008 Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards Presentation. The reception will feature a smorgasbord of fabulous food from Fort Worth's neighborhood restaurants. At 7 PM, Keynote Speaker State Senator Wendy Davis will present a legislative update (particularly as new legislation affects neighborhoods) on the just-ended Texas Legislative session.

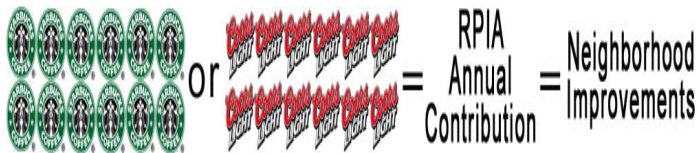
The main event of the evening is presentation of the Fort Worth Neighborhood awards including 2008 Neighborhood of the Year and the Ben Ann Tomayko Award. **Please mark your calendar and join us!**

Neighborhood and Public Safety Candidate Forum

You are cordially invited to attend the Fort Worth Neighborhoods and Public Safety 2009 Municipal Candidate Forum on Wednesday May 6, 2009 in the Rose Room at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.

All candidates for Mayor and City Council have been invited and all will be given an equal opportunity to speak on neighborhood and public safety issues.

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To have one's house painted, participants must own and occupy the home and provide proof of household income. Preference is given to elderly and disabled residents. Homes must be wood, 1,200 square feet or less, and one story. Brick, vinyl or aluminum siding houses do not qualify. Homes will be scraped, primed and prepared for this year's event.

If you would like to have your house painted and you meet the qualifications, call 817-392-7544. Leave your name, address and phone number. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

Income Guidelines are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) — Maximum Income by family size:

1.....	\$15,550
2.....	\$17,750
3.....	\$20,000
4.....	\$22,200
5.....	\$24,000
6.....	\$25,750
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8.....	\$29,300

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May 25: National Tap Dance Day

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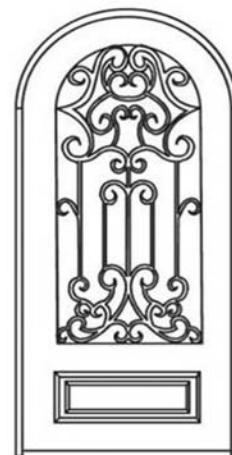
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