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**RPIA  
Monthly  
Meeting**

## RPIA Meeting

**Monday, October 19  
7 PM**

**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

October, 2009

[www.HistoricRyanPlace.org](http://www.HistoricRyanPlace.org)

## Beans or No Beans? That is the Question



In his 1952 book, *With or Without Beans: An Informal Biography of Chili*, author Joe Cooper explored the story of chili. Mr. Cooper concluded that among all his accumulated information, there was a preference for beans in chili. In his book, however, Joe provided his preferred chili recipe, which contained no beans! The debate continues. . . .

This year's Ryan Place Chili Cook-off is getting a makeover. There will be a street dance with live music, fun family events, games, and most importantly, *CHILI!*

The Ryan Place Chili Cook-Off & Street Dance will take to the street at Daggett Park on November 7, from 4 to 8 pm. Our new project, Ryan Place, *a giving community*, will be launched at the Cook-off. Admission will be canned food and/or new socks. (See page 8.)

To enter this year's Chili Cook-off, visit our website, <http://bit.ly/ryanplacechili> or call **Chris Handy** at **817-601-5253**, or e-mail him at [chris@thehandystop.com](mailto:chris@thehandystop.com) or Jasmine Gdovin at [jasmine.luna@gmail.com](mailto:jasmine.luna@gmail.com). (More information on page 3.)

## Streetlight Installation Status



**Brenda White** is the "go to" person regarding the installation of Ryan Place streetlights provided by Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place. According to Brenda, our streetlights are not yet installed because of the City's budget problems. The City is trying to work out the installation process by contracting with a outside service provider.

Mark Mathis, Traffic Services Manager with the Transportation and Public Works Dept. offered the following information via e-mail: "We opened bids last week [September 1] for our new street light construction contract. When we go to construction, we plan to fully complete both the Fairmount and the Ryan Place neighborhood lights.

We are drafting the M&C to go to Council in October, then we will get all the bonding and insurance in place and get the contract executed. We plan to issue the notice to proceed in November or early December. We will be contacting both neighborhood associations to begin staking the light locations December/January."

If you have a question about streetlights, call **Brenda White** at **817-223-0101**.

*Come on out and play!*



We had a great time at the Labor Day Garage Sale talking to neighbors about joining the band and several said that they were interested. We have had a saxophone and a violin player enlist — a great start for sure! Randy Cobb, Vice President of the Fort Worth City Band — which dates back almost as far as the Bottom of the Barrel Band! — has graciously offered to provide us with holiday sheet music and to give us some guidance in forming our band. I can't think of a better organization to be associated with — check out their website: <http://www.fwcityband.com/> **WE NEED MORE MUSICIANS!**

UPDATE: The FW City Band has provided us with a book of simple holiday music for a small band. We have thirteen musicians who have been given sheet music to practice. Our first rehearsal will be Saturday, October 3rd, from 2 to 4 pm. We still need more musicians, so please e-mail me if you are interested or if you know anybody who might be — just send them our way.

**WE NEED A PLACE TO REHEARSE!!** If anybody has a place for rehearsing every other week until the beginning of December, that would be VERY helpful.

**David Tuttle**, 817-917-0436 or [david@tuttlecommercial.com](mailto:david@tuttlecommercial.com)



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One month free when you prepay for a 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:

**November NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday, October 23**

Contact: [rpianewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

In case you were wondering, a Ryan Place **Facebook** page has been created! Go to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=128874162910> to join.



### Important Numbers

<b>Fort Worth Police Dept.</b> (non-emergency)	817.335.4222
<b>NPO 8 on Magnolia</b>	817.871.8885
<b>Officer Stary</b>	817.871-8885 (office) 817.944-1316 (cell)
<b>Code Compliance</b>	817.269.6225

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>



## Ryan Place Chili Cook-off

November 7th, 2009 Daggett Park 4 pm

Music begins around 5 pm

Donation: canned food and/or new socks (see page 8)

Bring: chairs, picnic blankets, coolers, etc.



### LIVE MUSIC

Local Bands! Fun for the whole family

### KID'S ID KITS

Have a current identification picture and information made.

### R.A.P.I.D.S.

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### CHILI

For information or to enter your chili, contact Chris Handy at

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[jasmine.luna@gmail.com](mailto:jasmine.luna@gmail.com), or visit our website: <http://bit.ly/ryanplacechili>

## Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place

*.....is two months  
away and counting*



What a lucky lady I am! We just had a wonderful kickoff event for this year's tour homeowners, past and present docents, and the CCRP Board. I know this will be a wonderful tour because we have such great people involved.

As the Holiday season approaches, this is a good time to begin thinking about sprucing up the neighborhood in anticipation of 3000+ folks coming "to visit." Thinking about dolling up your landscape? CCRP has lanterns and wholesale greenery to adorn your exterior; call **Rita Thomas** and **Brenda White** for purchase information.

Please also be thinking about parking during tour weekend – we encourage you to get all vehicles off the street. This is the time, too, to start stocking up on white electric or battery operated candles; they give new meaning to the "candlelight" tour when all our windows glow.

CCRP can't put on this party all by ourselves. We have to help our homeowners staff their homes during all hours of the tour by providing docents in at least four hour shifts. Thanks to the many people who have worked those four-hour shifts, we have our beautiful streetlights, gorgeous gates, and safe sidewalks. Rather have another way to help out? We'll need help cooking for the Soiree and the WineDown, assistance in recruiting sponsors, help on the Information Porch dispensing advice and tickets, and soliciting and collecting ads. Please call or e-mail **Mike Lindner** or **Gina Roberts** to volunteer – WE NEED YOU!

Get in on the fun and help make the 2009 Tour bigger and better than ever – it'll be fun, I promise!

**Gina Roberts**

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*Candlelight Christmas in  
Ryan Place*

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**Whether you are new to the  
neighborhood or just want more,  
call Rita Thomas at 817-923-3625  
Don't delay – Supplies are limited!**

### Auto etching / H.E.A.T. Registration

The FWPD will etch and register your vehicle as a deterrent to theft. Registered cars will be stopped if they are being driven between 1 and 5 am and at the border to Mexico. Get your vehicle etched from 10 am to 2 pm at:

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 10/10 | Fiesta Food Store (2700 8th Ave.)              |
| 10/13 | Harris Hospital (1301 Pennsylvania Ave.)       |
| 10/15 | Texas Pacific Lofts (201 W. Lancaster Ave.)    |
| 10/20 | Cook Children's Hospital (801 7th Ave.)        |
| 10/22 | South Town Shopping Center (I-35 at Berry St.) |





## ***Focus:*** ***Suspicious Behavior***

Officer J.B. Stary

Questions have been raised many times in the past few months, "When should I call 911?" and "What is considered suspicious behavior?" This month I wanted to answer these questions and tell you what information to provide when you call 911.

Keep in mind that when you call 911, you will speak with a Call Taker. The Call Taker's job is to prioritize the call and pass the information on to a Police Dispatcher. Once the dispatcher receives the information, an Officer will be sent to the call location. Officer response time is determined in large part by Officer availability and based upon the priority level the call was given by the Call Taker.

Now let's discuss 'suspicious behavior.' Anything that seems strange to you is considered suspicious behavior. Anything that makes you stop and think, "I wonder what he/she is doing?" is considered suspicious behavior. These are the best guidelines to follow; remember that if something looks, feels, smells, or sounds strange to you, then it is "suspicious."

Knowledge of what constitutes suspicious behavior makes it easy to answer the question, "When should I call 911?" Call 911 and have an Officer come out anytime you see, smell, or hear something suspicious, or when you have a feeling that something is suspicious!

When you call, the Call Taker needs as much of the following information as possible:

For Persons: race, age, height, hair description, facial hair, glass/no glasses, clothing description, shoe description, bags/backpacks, direction of travel, behavior, and demeanor (if you spoke with the person).

For Vehicles- use the CYMBAL acronym:

C = Color

Y = Year

M = Vehicle Make (Ford, Chevrolet, etc.)

B = Body Style (Van, Pick-up, etc.)

A = Additional Details (direction of travel, damage, bumper stickers, etc.)

L = License Number (even partial plate numbers are helpful)

Thank you all so much for the help you provide to the Police Department and your neighbors. Keep up the good work and remember: be safe today and safer tomorrow.

Joel Stary

Neighborhood Patrol Officer NPD2

c: 817.944.1316

o: 817.871.8885

# Fraud Alert



Please be aware...

We've received reports that people are going door-to-door in the community attempting to sell magazines and books implying that the proceeds benefit Cook Children's. This is not a legitimate or sanctioned activity. Cook Children's does not conduct or endorse door-to-door solicitations. If you are contacted or solicited at your home, please do not support this fraudulent activity. Please alert your friends and neighbors as well.

Naturally, it's our hope that these activities will not impact fundraising by Cook Children's Health Foundation because community support is so critical to fulfilling our promise.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Gary Cole, Vice President for Development, Cook Children's Health Foundation, at 682-885-4104 or via e-mail at [Gary.cole@cookchildrens.org](mailto:Gary.cole@cookchildrens.org).



## 2010 Census Cautions!

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census has begun as workers are verifying addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

**\*\* If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering any questions. However, NEVER invite anyone you don't know into your home.**

**\*\* Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card, or banking information to anyone, even if they claim it is for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for impersonators. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that is supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.**

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).



**1633 Park Place**

**817-923-2282**

**7 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Monday—Saturday**





# WELCOME

to the  
Neighborhood!

Ryan Place has been blessed with another precious baby boy — proud parents **Lance and Stacy Buky** on Willing Avenue had their first child, **Tyler**. We wish the new parents all the best!

We have a bumper crop of new neighbors in the 'hood — **Rick and Stephanie Hicks**, along with their daughters, **Lily** and **Alice** are the latest to move to 6th Avenue. **Jessi Newsom and Turner Slich** moved to 5th Avenue in mid-September and are getting settled into their new place.

**Chris and Cathy Rogers**, with their two children **Hannah** and **Tyler** are the most recent additions to Elizabeth Blvd. The Rogers family, originally from Georgetown, Texas, moved here from Tanglewood, where they've lived since 1996. Both Chris and Cathy grew up in historic homes and feel they've finally found their way back to where they belong!

**Nick and Jennifer Gotcher** now call Ryan Place Drive home. **Chris and Bethany Handy** are also new to Ryan Place Drive — Chris is the chairman of the Chili Cook-off in November, so be sure to introduce yourself when you attend.

**Steve and Debra Flanagan** like living in Ryan Place so much, they chose to remain in the neighborhood when moving from one home to another. I hope their new neighbors appreciate them as much as their old neighbor did!

Other not-so-new neighbors include **Leon, Brooke and Elijah Downing** on College Avenue; **Lou Lambert and James Smith** (Lambert's Steak, Seafood & Whiskey) moved to Ryan Place last September and also reside on College Avenue.

Ryan Place extends a warm welcome to all our new neighbors. Please make time to get to know your neighbors — we have such a unique community in Ryan Place — our own small town in the midst of a big city.

## Licensed Therapists

**Beth Clardy Lewis, M.A., LPC-intern**  
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## Do we need a bus route through Ryan Place?



During the development and approval of the RPIA Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (traffic calming), the Streets and Traffic Committee received several requests from homeowners to remove or alter the Fort Worth Transportation Authority's (The "T") bus route that presently passes through the neighborhood. A City bus passes through Ryan Place five times in the morning (6:52 to 8:52 am) and five times in the afternoon (4:34 to 6:34 pm) on weekdays. Traveling south, the bus turns east (left) off of 8th Avenue onto Allen Street, turns right (south) onto Willing Avenue, goes south to Cantey, turns right (west), then back left onto Ryan Avenue, and south to Berry street. There are five bus stops in our neighborhood.

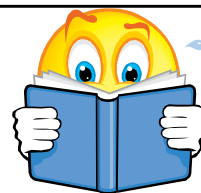
The Streets and Traffic Committee has had some brief conversations with The "T" authorities on this matter and the Committee needs data to express the will and desires of the neighborhood.

On the back of this article, on page 6 of the newsletter, there is a brief survey. We need your opinions and input on this issue. We are asking residents to please complete the survey, cut it out, and mail it to RPIA, P.O. BOX 11122, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76110.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## Extra Ryan Place Directories Available



The Ryan Place Directories have been delivered — at last! There were some unforeseen and unforeseeable delays, but the end product looks great! If you would like to purchase an extra copy of the Directory (at \$10. each) for your car or office, please e-mail [rpianewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:rpianewsletter@yahoo.com) or call Olivia Flynn at 817-927-0075. Extras will also be available at monthly RPIA meetings.



**Survey: Re-Routing the City Bus  
from Ryan Place to 8th Avenue**

1. Are you aware that a City bus serves the western part of our neighborhood?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How often do you or someone in your family ride the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave./McCart/Hulen Mall bus?

- A. Every week day \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Once a week \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Once a month \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Never \_\_\_\_\_

3. In your opinion, does the bus have a negative impact on your property as it travels through Ryan Place on Willing Ave., Cantey St., Ryan Ave. and Berry St.?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.

4. How does the bus impact (influence) your property?

- A. Property value? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Noise? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Access to my driveway? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Bus riders standing on my property? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.

5. How important is the present City bus route to you and your family?

- A. Very Important \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Somewhat Important \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Not Important \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would changing the present City bus route out of the neighborhood to 8th Avenue create any problem for you and your family?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.

If you answered YES to this question, please explain below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Would you support relocating the City bus route to 8th Ave.?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please put your name and address on the back of this form and send your completed survey to: RPIA, P.O. Box 11122, Fort Worth, TX 76110.**

## LILY B. CLAYTON ELEMENTARY

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Miguel and Marilyn Vivar  
Ellen Warthoe and Blake Hardy  
Stanley and Nina Watson

## Become a 2009 Sustaining Member of RPIA

If every household in Ryan Place contributed at the minimum level of \$35., we would collect over \$28,000 for the Ryan Place treasury! Please complete a membership form and mail your contribution in TODAY! If the internet is more convenient, pay via PayPal at [www.historicryanplace.org](http://www.historicryanplace.org)

**Ryan Place**  
beautification, events, and  
monthly NEWSLETTERS are only  
possible through contribu-  
tions. You are invited to be-  
come a sustaining 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  
Fort Worth, TX  
76110





## The Shop Around the Corner

by Rainey Dukes

This column serves as a reminder to Ryan Place Neighbors that it is important to support the shops and businesses in and around our neighborhood. Every dollar that we put back into our community's economy goes to ensure quality of life for Ryan Place and the near Southside. This month's featured business is:

### Ellerbe Fine Foods

1501 W. Magnolia Avenue  
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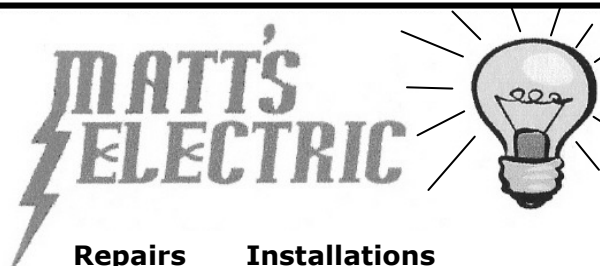
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The Ryan Place, a giving community program will be launched during the Ryan Place Chili Cook-off on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Attending residents are encouraged to donate canned food items and/or pairs of new socks (adult or child). Donations will benefit the Tarrant County Food Bank and the Presbyterian Night Shelter. If you are not able to attend the Chili Cook-off and would like to contribute, drop off donations at 1315 Elizabeth Blvd. There will be a container located on the eastside, covered porch. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, this is a wonderful opportunity for the Ryan Place community to share their *spirit of giving*.

— Mariann Taccia



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by John MacFarlane

If you received free City trees this last spring, you probably smile every time it rains! The recommendation is that the trees be provided with a deep watering about once a week. Let's keep these trees alive so they can grow to be the next generation of shade for Ryan Place.

Since we started the program two-and-a-half years ago, we've planted approximately 120 trees in the parkway. I am willing to coordinate this program again if there is any interest. As I drive around the 'hood, I see lots of places for trees in that strip between the sidewalk and the curb. Let me know if you are interested in trees this winter. [zedthecat@gmail.com](mailto:zedthecat@gmail.com) or my number in the directory.

## Name That Band!

The all-new, currently anonymous musical band being formed right here and now in the neighborhood (see page 1) needs a name. All entries should be submitted to David Tuttle at 817-917-0436 or ([david@tuttlecommercial.com](mailto:david@tuttlecommercial.com) or to [rpi-newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:rpi-newsletter@yahoo.com)).



## Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

If you are new to Ryan Place, get set for Halloween. It is so much fun! Now and then, we have not just little children, but grown-up friends and neighbors who come by, usually with a wine glass asking for treats.

One year I had a tub of water and apples on our front porch for bobbing. I told the children that if they wanted a treat, they had to 'bob' for an apple first. Everyone seemed to love it and joined right in. They had heard of bobbing for apples, but had never done it. However, I remember one little boy who looked at the tub and his friends getting wet. He said, "First of all, let me see the treat." He was weighing his risk against his return. I think he will go far in life!

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2939 6th Avenue \$185,000 2/2 817-920-7700  
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2501 Willing Avenue \$196,500 3/2 817-665-1222  
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*Due to the Newsletter delivery schedule, the October Yard-of-the-Month will appear in the November issue of the Newsletter.*

Calloway's Nursery  
Timely Tip for  
October



Did you know that fall is one of the best times to plant trees, shrubs and perennials? Nursery stock planted now allows for roots to settle in and become established. When spring arrives, this root system can support and take full advantage of the surge of new growth. Fresh nursery stock is arriving daily so, stop by and take advantage of the selection available and this wonderful time of the year to work outdoors!

Once again, we have received heirloom bulbs from The Southern Bulb Company. Chris Wiesinger, aka "The Bulb Hunter," searches the Texas countryside to gather and preserve the "lost and forgotten" varieties; he then propagates and reintroduces them back to the home gardener. Our collection of Fall bulbs (plant these now for Spring blooms) include, the Red Spider Lily, 'Gold Dawn' Narcissus and 'Snowflake' Leucojum. These varieties, in addition to several others available, are full-sized bulbs and are grown from historic stock. We will also be receiving Tulip bulbs which are suited for Texas gardens-- they require no refrigeration or digging up each year!

The Fall season has so much to offer in the garden! Visit [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com) for more fun ideas and activities!



*Behind the scenes:*

## YARD-OF-THE-MONTH SELECTION PROCESS



Many – well, a few – have asked about the selection process for the Ryan Place / Calloway's Yard-of-the-Month. (Remember *You Asked For It!* sponsored by Skippy peanut butter?)

About eighteen months ago, someone thought it would be a good idea to have a yard-of-the-month award in Ryan Place. That person designed an attractive yard sign and an artist neighbor did the art work. The person with the good idea was a busy person, however, and the components of the attractive, artistic sign languished in her garage. Meanwhile, Calloway's sent out an e-mail about their Yard-of-the-Month program, which sounded like a better solution than finding and assembling the sign in the garage, so we applied and became participants.

A Chairman was sought (and is being sought), but that person has not identified him-/herself yet. A dilemma became apparent: we had no Chairman or Committee, but we were required by Calloway's to publish the winner of the Yard of the Month along with the Calloway's coupon each month in the Newsletter. Ever pragmatic, the (over-worked, underpaid) Newsletter Editor did the obvious.

On or about the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month, the enterprising editor (and her husband) cruise the streets of Ryan Place, shopping for the Yard-of-the- (following) Month. When candidates are identified (usually by a twinge of envy), they are quizzed: Did

you do this yourself? If the answer is yes, the award is made – a process of moving the not-so-attractive-as-hoped sign from last month's yard to this month's yard. Pictures are taken and it is a joyful time.

If you were reading closely, you probably picked up most of the selection criteria already. To summarize and clarify, the "rules" for the Yard-of-the-Month award are:

- ◆ The work was done by the resident and / or at the resident's direction.
- ◆ All of Ryan Place is considered and the award is specifically made to different styles and scopes of landscapes, lots, and homes each month.
- ◆ Seasonal appropriateness is a consideration.
- ◆ Self-nominations are accepted.

We have had a few nominations from the neighborhood and those receive strong consideration.

The Yard-of-the-Month program needs a Chairman (desperately), a committee, and nominations for Yard-of-the-Month. Bonus attraction: the Chairman and committee may make up more / different rules if they want to. Please (PLEASE!) contact the Newsletter (see page 2) to identify yourself as the Chairman of the Yard-of-the-Month program or a committee member. (Right away!)

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## Adopt-a-Street Program

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## Funding for NPO's on the ballot November 3rd



Voters will have an opportunity to renew funding for Fort Worth's Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) on Nov. 3. If voters approve the renewal, the CCPD would continue for another five years. The election is open to registered Fort Worth voters living in Tarrant and Denton counties. The CCPD was created in 1995 and renewed in 2000 and 2005.

A nine-member Board of Directors oversees the expenditure of CCPD funds that are derived from a half-cent of the city sales tax. The Board is required to create an annual budget, which is subject to approval by the City Council, and to develop a plan to help control and prevent crime. The Board also evaluates programs funded by the district. The CCPD's proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year is \$ 50,625,926.

Some of the programs that receive funding from the CCPD include:

•**Neighborhood crime.** Neighborhood Patrol Officers, neighborhood policing districts, police storefronts, CODE BLUE program, parks community policing.

•**Violent crimes and gangs.** Zero Tolerance teams, Police Department gang unit, gang graffiti abatement, Comin' Up program.

•**School safety and youth.** After-school programs, Safe Haven program, school security initiative.

**Police Department enhancements.** Recruit training, high-mileage vehicle replacements, Special Operations Division vehicles, overtime pay for special events, technology infrastructure, mobile data computers, helicopter lease and equipment, video cameras in marked police vehicles, Taser program, Stockyards detail.

To learn more, visit the [Fort Worth Police Department Web site](http://FortWorthPoliceDepartmentWebSite)



**Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 16, 17, & 18**

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## RPIA Meeting Notes



President **Keith Head** called the RPIA September general meeting to order at 7: 03 pm.

Several new neighbors attended the meeting and were recognized: **Chris and Bethany Handy, Frank and Tracy Papa, Nick and Jennifer Gotcher, and Chris and Cathy Rogers.**

Our NPO **Joel Stary** offered information regarding crime (primarily burglaries) in the neighborhood. While the incidence of burglaries has increased all over the City (823 in August), the Central Division, of which Ryan Place is a part, had the fewest (101).

**Jerre Tracey** from Historic Fort Worth presented a program on Historic Home Designation; **Larry Abrigg**, City Preservation Officer, will present on the same topic at a future meeting.

President **Keith Head** reported code compliance concerns and enforcement. The Nominating Committee for the 2010 Board is working on a slate of officers.

Vice President **Mariann Taccia** reported that the RPIA website has been updated and that the Chili Cook-off will be November 7. Our new program, Ryan Place, *a giving community*, headed by **Derek Arneson**, will be launched at that event. The Ryan Place Halloween Bash will be on October 16. (See Events, p. 6)

Treasurer **Kevin Prigel** reported that we have had a few more Sustaining Membership contributions.

*[Due to storms, the electricity went out at about this point; the rest of the meeting was conducted by flashlight.]*

**Gina Roberts**, CCRP President, stated the need for one more tour home and docents (see p. 3)

**Brenda White** reported on the streetlight installation status (see p. 1).

**Steve Fruscella** is no longer able to coordinate the COPs program for Ryan Place; we need a new coordinator.

**Bart Bradford** reported that our Traffic Calming projects are funded, but delays have pushed installation to 12-18 months from now.

**Kurt Nielsen**, Park Improvement Chairman, reported that he and Bart Bradford have applied to the City for trees for Daggett Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The RPIA Board met both before and after the general meeting.

### E. M. Daggett Elementary

## Centennial Celebration Events

Daggett had a giant Happy Birthday party on September 29th to commemorate the day the school opened its doors 100 years ago. There was a giant cake, and the students spelled out the number 100 on the playground area at approximately 1:45 pm.

As part of the yearlong anniversary celebration, the school will be conducting a variety of events during the week of November 10-14, and Ryan Place is welcome to attend any of the events.

Nov. 10 (Tuesday) A Celebration of the Arts. Program celebrates the arts, music, and dance of the last 100 years.

Nov. 11 (Wednesday) Veterans Day celebration  
Presentation of American flag (flown over Capitol)  
Presentation of Texas flag (flown over Capitol)  
Presentation of New Daggett Centennial flag created by 5th grader Nicholas Munoz.  
Veterans Day patriotic program (music department)

Nov. 12 (Thursday) 4:00 - 7:00 pm Early evening reunion of Alumni, visitors, and dignitaries

Nov. 13 (Friday) Students from Waverly Park School, Leonard 6<sup>th</sup> Grade School, Leonard Middle School, and Western Hills High School who attend the Fort Worth Regional Day School for the Deaf, which originated at Daggett, will be visiting.

Nov. 14 (Saturday) There will be a small parade through Ryan Place.

Also, Daggett was one of eight Texas schools to be awarded \$2500 for a garden project by the Urban Schools Agriculture Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Students will plan and maintain a garden bed to learn about plant and soil characteristics and study plant life cycles to better understand their environment and how to save it.

Teachers use the garden projects to enhance science, math, and writing programs at their schools. If you would like to be involved in the garden project, please contact **Cathryn Record-Horn** at Daggett Elementary. We so appreciate the efforts of a small, dedicated group of former Daggett students who have put in countless hours to make these events happen.



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25	26	27	28 Trash	29	30	31 Trick-or-Treat



- Friday, October 16th, 8 pm - **Ryan Place Halloween Bash** at 1315 Elizabeth Blvd.; bring a dish to share and BYOB, costumes not required, but they add a lot of fun. [historicryanplace.org/Halloween/RPHB.html](http://historicryanplace.org/Halloween/RPHB.html)
- Saturday, October 31st, 4 pm to 9 pm - **Trick-or-Treat on Elizabeth Blvd.** Elizabeth Blvd. will be closed to vehicle traffic for the safety of the trick-or-treaters. Volunteers are needed to help with road closed signs and barricades. Please contact Mariann Taccia, [marianmt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marianmt@sbcglobal.net) or 817-921-9976 to volunteer.
- Saturday, November 7th - **Ryan Place Chili Cook-off** - Chris Handy ([chris@thehandystop.com](mailto:chris@thehandystop.com)) or Jasmine (Luna) Gdovin ([jasmine.luna@gmail.com](mailto:jasmine.luna@gmail.com)) (see page 3). We're kicking off the RPGC program (see page 8).
- Monday, November 21st - **Pot-luck Dinner** (6 pm), **RPIA General Meeting** (7 pm) at Daggett Elementary Cafeteria; please bring a dish to share. Adoption of proposed By-laws and election of 2010 Board of Directors.

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# Joel Burns' Ryan Place Real Estate Report



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### Ryan Place Real Estate activity up. Are you ready?

October and early November real estate activity is the last surge before the holiday season. Are you ready for it? I'll have a new listing in Fairmount in October, have three new sets of buyers looking in the Southside area, and would welcome working with you when you're ready to make a change. My assistant Stefanie Mathews and I are a full-time, 7-day-a-week team. We "get" Ryan Place and look forward to talking with you about your real estate needs.

### Active Ryan Place Listings (1/21)

Call to schedule a showing of any of these homes

1111 Elizabeth Blvd	4100'	4 / 3 ½	\$649,900
1418 Elizabeth Blvd	3384'	4 / 3	\$549,900
2900 5th Ave	2297'	3 / 2	\$320,000
2530 Lipscomb St	3344'	4 / 3	\$299,900
2512 6th Ave	2219'	3 / 3	\$264,900
2817 Willing Ave	2235'	3 / 2	\$255,000
2600 Willing Ave	1566'	3 / 2	\$210,000
2501 Willing Ave	1628'	3 / 2	\$196,500
2939 6th Ave	1605'	2 / 2	\$185,000
3035 Ryan Place Dr	1956'	3 / 2	\$179,500
2922 Willing Ave	1164'	3 / 1	\$120,000
2300 Lipscomb St	2542'	5 / 2	\$75,000
2513 Ryan Ave	887'	2 / 1	\$73,500

### Recent Ryan Place Sales (1/21)

Call for sales information and comparables.

2832 Ryan Place Dr	1824'	3 / 2	18 days to contract
2600 5th Ave	2677'	3 / 3	68 days to contract
2936 Willing Ave	1500'	3 / 1 ½	133 days to contract

### First Time Homebuyer Seminar

The \$8,000 tax credit expires at the end of November for first time homebuyers. Virginia Cook, Realtors is hosting a First Time Homebuyer Seminar on October 6th at 6:30pm at 2900 S. Hulen St., Ste 10. If you or someone you know have any questions or would like to attend, please call 817-737-8587.



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