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**RPIA
Monthly
Meeting**

RPIA Meeting

**Monday, January 18
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

December, 2009/January, 2010

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Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Home Tour Weekend 2009

Musical Performances:

St. John's Episcopal Church (2401 College Avenue)

Friday 6 pm St. John's Organ, Choir, and Bell Choir
Saturday 4 pm Paschal High School Madrigal Singers
5 pm Children's Choir of Texas
6 pm First United Methodist Church Adoramus Choir

Ragle Front Porch (2824 6th Avenue)

Saturday 2 pm Westside Yuletide Singers
Sunday 5 pm 5th Avenue Hi-Notes

E. M. Daggett Elementary School (401 Page Avenue)

Saturday 2 pm Daggett Montessori 4th/5th Grade Choir



**St. John's Church, Tearoom,
and Holiday Bazaar** will be
open the same hours as the CCRP
Home Tour. The Tea Room will
close at 9 pm on Saturday evening.



TOUR TICKETS

The Ticket & Information
Porch
1316 Elizabeth Boulevard
\$20.

The Organ, Choir, and Hand bell Ringers of St. John's Church

will present a 30-minute concert of Christmas songs and carols on Friday,
December 4 at 6 pm. Accompanying the carol sing-along on the **Ross King
Pipe Organ** will be Fort Worth favorite Robert MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald is
a graduate of Boston University and the New England Conservatory of Music
with degrees in organ performance. He has served The Riverside Church in
New York City, the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark, New Jersey, and
most recently the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth until his retirement
in 2007. During his time in New York, Mr. MacDonald was a staff organist at
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Women of Ryan Place

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The study continues for ten weekly sessions that each include "homework" discussion, the video message from Beth, and a time of fellowship. If you are interested, curious, or **gobsmacked** by this opportunity, please contact either of us by phone, e-mail, or just drop by for a visit! We will need to order the workbooks (\$18.00 each) by December 28th, so please get in touch with us soon! We are sincerely excited to bring Beth Moore and Bible study for women to Ryan Place! Please join us as together we are enriched and encouraged by God's word!

Norma Kleiber and Paula Slease — 2511 5th Ave. — 817.922.9280 literaryscotts@att.net

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Announcement: \$15	(1.75 x 2 inches)

NEWSLETTER and advertising submission deadlines:

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Friday, January 22

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Be informed every day; register with Ryan Place Communications

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

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RPIA Board of Directors for 2010

At the November 16 general meeting, RPIA elected its new Board of Directors for 2010. The Board members are:

Executive Board:

President	Keith Head
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8th, James, Livingston	John Belknap



After many months of anticipation, we are thrilled to announce that the City has approved our request for trees to be planted in the adopted section of Daggett Park. These trees will be supplied to the neighborhood courtesy of the City's Forestry Department, but planting them is up to us. A tree planting event is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, January 23rd**—weather permitting.

We'd like to make this a fun neighborhood event and are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. The holes will be dug prior to the planting day, but we need strong backs to help position the trees in the holes and fill the dirt back in. Kids are encouraged to participate as well since we will also be planting some smaller, container-grown trees. We are also looking for people to provide lunch and drinks to allow our planting team to keep working. If you would help out in any of these tasks, please contact **Kurt Nielsen** at kurtryan-nielsen@aol.com or **817-308-6126**.



Band Notes

First Performance a Sweet Success

A big "Thanks!" to the VERY supportive audience at the November RPIA meeting and a round of applause for all our musicians who played!

Our wonderful flute trio played as people arrived for the meeting, and our entire eight-piece band headed up the agenda with about fifteen minutes of better-than-anyone-expected music! I am very encouraged by the compliments and positive feedback we received, and want to remind everyone that we will be playing during the Candlelight Tour. Our current repertoire is made up of holiday tunes, and once we get into the new year we will begin to learn some non-holiday music in anticipation of our next opportunity to play for Ryan Place.

If you are interested in joining us, dust off your instrument and give me a call or an e-mail and I will keep you informed of our rehearsal schedule when we start back up in mid-January.

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John and Leanne Kline
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J Becker
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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 mail your form and contribution in TODAY! If the Internet is more convenient, use PayPal at <http://www.historicryanplace.org/RPIASustaining.html> Contributions received after November 1st will be credited to the 2010 Sustaining Membership Fund.

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Fort Worth, TX
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Ryan Place

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

Neighbor

\$35—\$74 annual contribution

Friend

\$75—\$150 annual contribution

Patron

\$151 + annual contribution



This is how it begins: Sustaining Members 2010

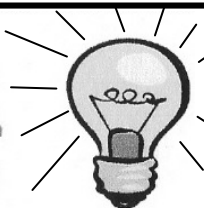


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Gypsy Jazz Guitarist, Django Reinhardt
(1910-1953). Film at 7 pm on Friday &
Saturday, 6 pm on Sunday (1-night =\$15,
3-nights =\$30)



Focus:

A Safe Holiday Season

by Officer Joel Stary



I hope that you are all enjoying the holidays with your family. I also hope that you have found a way to become involved in your neighborhood. The holidays have always been a time of rest — except for having to get shopping done — for me. However, rest does not mean being complacent. Remember that criminals do not take vacations during the holidays! Criminals know that people will be traveling, and they will also be watching to see what kind of shopping we have done.

With regard to the shopping season, please be aware of your surrounding while you are out looking for that perfect gift. It's hard to pay attention to everyone around you in a crowd at the mall, but do your best to keep your purse and valuables over your shoulder and in your pocket. Also, we often leave packages in the car as we quickly run into another store to grab

something else (yes I'm guilty of this too!) It's a good idea to plan your shopping so that if you purchase several gifts you can take them home and get them out of the car before you make your next stop. Don't give a criminal an invitation to break into your car for gifts that you have left in plain sight.

Remember that criminals begin shopping the day after Christmas, too. Someone wanting to know what is inside your house may pick up the boxes that you place on the curb as trash. Tear your boxes apart and place them in trash containers before you put them out.

I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year. Until next time, please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.

THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:



1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste — and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom — and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door — understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right. I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com <<http://faketv.com/>> .)

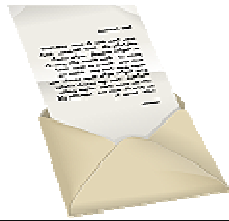
MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.
9. Don't put a mourning wreath or some other sign of bereavement on your front door. We check obituaries and funeral times, and if something looks promising we'll hit during the funeral. Do you really need a double tragedy?

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoe, who runs crimedocter.com <<http://crimedocter.com/>> ; and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.

RPIA



President's Letter

The final RPIA meeting of the year was held in November and we had a wonderful treat with the premier performance of the Ryan Place Band! The new 2010 Board was also elected; except for the Secretary position, all of the 2009 Board will be returning. Our new Secretary, Rachel Manning, and Assistant Secretary Lauren Hable were elected. They will be replacing Olivia Flynn. Fortunately, Olivia has agreed to continue as Newsletter editor in 2010, meaning we'll have at least one more year of fantastic newsletters pulled together by Olivia!

2009 brought record-breaking financial contributions to RPIA, continuation of traditional events, introduction of new events, and — of greatest importance — significant neighborhood improvements. Plans are in the works for more of the same in 2010. In order for that to happen, we need your financial support as well as your volunteer efforts. Please join the growing number of neighbors who made 2009 a great year for Ryan Place by becoming a Sustaining Member and volunteering your time in 2010.

Happy Holidays!!

Keith



Join us for a celebration of the winter holidays in Fort Worth's Quality Hill neighborhood. Visit *A Cattle Baron's Christmas* at historic Thistle Hill (1509 Pennsylvanis Avenue) and *Hanukkah: Yesterday and Today* at the Mitchell-Schoonover House (600 8th Avenue).

Sunday, December 6, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$15, Children 4-12: \$7, Cherubs 3 & under: FREE

Tickets available at either location the day of the event.

Bring your camera...and your kids!

Trash Talk

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Nightly Specials

November and December

MONDAY

Entomatadas (typical dish from Oaxaca)

Chicken Enchiladas covered with a fresh smooth tomato sauce, queso fresco and sour cream, topped with green avocado slices, served with choice of beans and rice

\$6.99

TUESDAY

Taco Night (buy one get one half price)

Two tacos choice of meat, made with crispy or soft fresh tortillas, shredded lettuce, fresh tomato, cheese, sour cream, served with choice of beans and rice.

\$6.99

WEDNESDAY

Burritos

Half-price burrito dinner. That's right!

THURSDAY

Enchilada Verdes

Chicken Enchiladas in our homemade tomatillo sauce, topped with sour cream, queso fresco and cilantro, served with choice of beans and rice.

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FRIDAY

Tilapia

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8th Annual Ryan Place Nativity Play

You are invited to join us and a group of Ryan Place kids for the eighth annual Ryan Place Nativity Play. The event will take place **Saturday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m.** at 1100 Elizabeth Boulevard. We are sending postcards to the entire neighborhood inviting them to the play and to join us for cookies and hot chocolate afterwards. Last year we had over 100 people participate in this fun tradition.

We need the following things to make this happen:

***Kids of all ages to participate (call today to sign up)**

*A guitar player to accompany us singing four short songs

*A few bales of hay

*Several dozen cookies

*A can of coffee and hot chocolate mix

*Cups and napkins

***Monetary donations to offset the cost of invitations and postage**

If you can help us make this happen, please call today! You can reach **Rainey Dukes** at **817/366-3530** or **rain-tex@aol.com**. Please pass this along to any Ryan Place resident that you think would be interested. **Help us celebrate Christmas in a truly special way. We look forward to seeing you there!**



Christopher Ebert

That Extension Cord Time of Year

As we prepared for our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and searched for all those extension cords to electrify the window "candles," we paused to be thankful that we live in a neighborhood where people invite friends and family over for the holidays. A place where people take neighborhood walks after dinner to visit with each other or maybe just to escape from the dinner cleanup chores.

We are thankful that hundreds of Ryan Place residents have devoted the time and energy to improving Ryan Place, but not with too heavy a hand that its charm is diminished. We are thankful that many children of current or former residents choose to live in the neighborhood that knows them so well.

While she was in college, our daughter was appointed foreign correspondent for the Ryan Place Newsletter by Neil Daniel, Chair of the TCU English department and our newsletter editor. Often we read her thoughts in her column about growing up in Ryan Place and what the neighborhood meant to her. Even though she wasn't exactly on foreign soil, unless you count Rhode Island as a foreign country, she was far enough removed to teach us old folks a thing or two. One of her Christmas memories was the tangle of extension cords required to light all those window candles. (Her Mom thought all the windows visible from the street deserved a candle, or was that her Dad?)

So this is a reminder for all of us not to get too wrapped up in the logistics of our holidays, but also to enjoy them with our families and as a neighborhood.

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WELCOME

to the
Neighborhood!

This month, Ryan Place welcomes its newest arrival, **Virginia Szok**. **Peter and Cameron Szok** of 6th Avenue are the delighted parents. We wish the Szok family all the best.

New to Willing Avenue, **Megan Koval** moved to Ryan Place in November. We hope Megan enjoys her new digs and look forward to meeting her soon . . . perhaps at one of the upcoming events?

Philip and Alicia Newburn, along with their daughter **Cara**, moved to Ryan Avenue in April of this year. The Newburns have graciously opened their home for the Candlelight Christmas home tour. Their home is wonderful example of modern architecture and I am excited to have such an intriguing home in our neighborhood. I expect home tour visitors will be impressed by the use of space and the sense of openness; I know I was!

Ryan Place extends a warm welcome to all our new neighbors. I wish each and every one of you the blessings of peace and love this holiday season and throughout the new year.

If you are a new resident (or know someone who is) and would like to be "officially" welcomed to the neighborhood in this column, please e-mail me at junelake.rpia@gmail.com or call me at 817.921.3463 and let me know you're here.



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by Judy Holland

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2922 Willing Ave.	\$115,000	817/731-8466
3035 Ryan Pl. Dr.	\$174,900	817/992-1434
2501 Willing Ave.	\$188,800	817/881-1887
1116 Elizabeth	\$209,900	817/924-8358
2322 Willing Ave.	\$229,800	817/665-1222
2817 Willing Ave.	\$255,000	817/732-8400
2512 6th Ave.	\$264,000	817/737-3629
1418 Elizabeth	\$549,900	817/732-8400
1111 Elizabeth	\$649,900	817/732-8400

Isn't it fun to take an evening walk in Ryan Place in December? We really twinkle and shine. Of course, along with the fun of putting up lights comes the chore of taking them down and packing them away. A few years ago, I had the privilege of helping a visually impaired couple buy a home in Ryan Place and then helped them sell it a couple of years later. I wondered why they kept what I thought was a Christmas Star light on their porch all year around. But, I learned they kept it there to help them find their way home from the bus stop! Wise men and women are still following the light of a star, it seems.

Merry Holidays!

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Calloway's Nursery Timely Tip for December



Winterizing Your Landscape

Living in Texas, you never know what to expect from Mother Nature. Being prepared for our extreme weather is the best solution! One simple thing you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. **Mulching** is beneficial year round, but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Secondly, **water your landscape** well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. Thirdly, for more tender plants, purchase **frost cloth** for extra protection. Remember that many frost tender plants can be damaged even when the temperatures are in the high 30's. Frost cloth is a fabric which adds 3 to 4 degrees of warmth. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground. That way, we are utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

Become a member of the Calloway's Garden Club and you will receive e-mail notices prior to any weather crisis. Visit www.mytexasgarden.com to join.

This is also a great time to start planning changes or additions to your landscape. Bring a sketch or photo and let our Calloway's Texas Certified Nursery Professionals assist you!



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Yard-of-the-Month:
2301 So. Adams



by Sharyn Peterson

Although December and January are considered dormant months, the climate isn't nearly as harsh in Texas as in other parts of the U.S. Therefore, we can still admire the green that permeates our lawns and shrubs as well as the colors that enhance our borders, trees, and hedges. Imagine a neatly manicured vision of such a scene and voila! 2301 South Adams comes to mind. Charming.



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Chili Cook-off Judges:

Bernie Scheffler, Ryan Place resident;
Keith Head, RPIA president;
Kurt Nielson, Ryan Place resident;
Eartha Pitre, Fort Worth Police Crime Prevention
Chef Andrew Dilda, Central Market

The Ryan Place Chili Cook-off was a huge success! More than 100 people showed up to sample great chili and enjoy the music. It was the largest Chili Cook-off event that Ryan Place has ever had! Thanks to Co-Chairs **Chris Handy** and **Jasmine Luna Gdovin** and to all the folks who entered their chili and attended.

Raul, Andy, Barbara, Sarah, and Henry — came early and stayed late!



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RPIA Meeting Notes



President **Keith Head** called the RPIA November 16th general meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The Ryan Place Band, led by **David Tuttle**, provided entertainment in their premier concert.

Our NPO, **Joel Stary**, offered a written crime report that stated that Part 1 crimes have dramatically decreased from September (14) to October (3). He urged continued vigilance and participation in prevention.

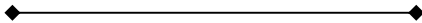
Treasurer **Kevin Prigel** presented RPIA's financial report.

Chairman of the By-law Revision Committee, **Ross Vitek**, presented the proposed by-laws and took questions and comments from the floor. When put to the general meeting for a vote, the document was adopted .

John Kline, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of RPIA Board members for 2010. The slate was elected as presented.

John Kline also reported from the Streets and Traffic Committee that Ryan Place has the only funded traffic management project in Fort Worth. The Hemphill Quiet Zone is expected to be operational in March of 2011.

(Other RPIA business conducted at the meeting is reported throughout the NEWSLETTER.)



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Early Reminder!!!

The Mardi Gras Parade will return on the afternoon of February 13, 2010. Think Floats and "Throw me something, Mister!"



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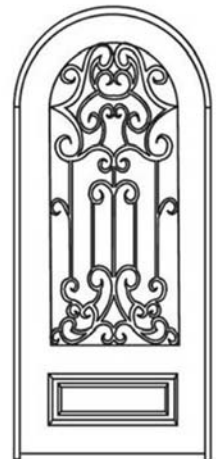
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New Listing in Ryan Place: 2322 Willing Ave



Built in 1928, this two-story traditional home boasts warmth and comfort. The living room and formal dining are spacious and ideal for entertaining. A roomy kitchen with separate breakfast nook overlooks the large back yard. Upstairs, the large master bedroom has great closet space, and the second bedroom features built-in book cases with sitting area. Original hardwood flooring flows throughout. Open house is Sunday, December 6th from 2-4-pm, or if you would like to schedule a private showing, please call 817-737-8587.

New Tax Credit for Current Home Owners

Congress passed a new tax credit for current home owners of up to \$6500 through April 30, 2010. To qualify, current home owners must have used the home being sold as a primary residence for five consecutive years. Interested in learning the current market value of your home or want more information? Call me today—I would love to help you get \$6500 back.

Active Ryan Place Listings (11/23)

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 ½	\$549,900
2512 6th Ave	2219'	4 / 3 ½	\$264,000
2817 Willing Ave	2235'	4 / 3 ½	\$255,000
2322 Willing Ave	2070'	3 / 1 ½	\$229,800
1116 Elizabeth Blvd	2795'	3 / 4	\$209,900
2700 6th Ave*	1692'	3 / 2	\$198,500
2501 Willing Ave	1628'	3 / 2	\$188,800
3035 Ryan Place Dr	1956'	3 / 2	\$174,900
2922 Willing Ave	1164'	3 / 1	\$115,000
2937 Ryan Place Dr	1170'	3 / 1	\$99,800
2300 Lipscomb St	2542'	5 / 2	\$75,000
2513 Ryan Ave	887'	4 / 3 ½	\$73,500
1004 W Cantey St	1218'	3 / 1	\$55,000
2713 Ryan Ave*	905'	2 / 1	\$38,900

*Currently under contract

Recent Ryan Place Sales (11/23)

Call for sales information and comparables.

2600 Willing Ave	1566'	3 / 2	28 days to contract
2617 Willing Ave	1459'	2 / 1	49 days to contract

The \$8,000 First-time Home Buyer government tax credit has been extended through April 30, 2010, which also includes new guidelines and qualifications in favor of home buyers. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact me at 817-737-8587.




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