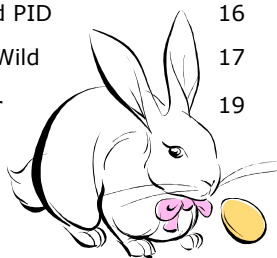


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DON'T FORGET!

RPIA Monthly Meeting

**The next meeting is:
Monday
April 18, 2011
7:00 PM**

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

MARCH 12, 2011—RYAN PLACE DAY



Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns, RPIA President John Kline, State Representative Lon Burnam, and State Senator Wendy Davis.

The Ryan Place Centennial commemoration on Saturday, March 12th, began with RPIA President John Kline introducing State Representative Lon Burnam, who presented The House of Representatives of the State of Texas Resolution 660. Rep. Burnam was followed by State Senator Wendy Davis, who presented The Senate of The State of Texas

Resolution 180. Senator Davis was followed by Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns (District 9), who presented a Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor declaring March 12th as RYAN PLACE DAY in the City of Fort Worth. Each representative talked about the importance that Ryan Place has had in the history of Fort Worth, leading the way as an example for other neighborhoods.

-Mariann Taccia

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Ryan Place Improvement Association President's Letter

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Status Update Report—Volunteers Needed!

I want to thank all the volunteers that have contributed their time and effort toward the following projects. A special thanks to Benda White who has led the effort for the street lights over the past decade. It looks like this will be completed in the near future.

I also want to thank former RPIA President Dan Roberts for creating and appointing the members of the Streets and Traffic Committee in 2004 and initiating the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP). Dan Roberts and Bart Bradford provided the "road map" for this committee and we expect to see the fruits of their labor during the last quarter of 2011. Raul and Lisa Pena together with Michael and Olivia Flynn played a pivotal role in pushing the planning process across the goal line.

I have also provided an outline of the various projects that have been a priority over the years and need attention. These items have been worked on for years but require continuous follow-up until the project is implemented, completed and each item in the agreed upon plan is finished:

(Continued on page 15)

Pending neighborhood issues include the Historic Overlay and a Public Improvement District. Both of these issues are slated for a neighborhood vote by the end of the year, if not sooner. Attend the next meeting, on April 18th to find out more information and make your voice heard.




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There are five areas that you can **nominate Ryan Place for "Best of 2011."**

Question 64: Best Neighborhood Park

Please nominate - Daggett Park adopted by RPIA, Ryan Place Neighborhood.

Question 70: Write in categories

The following categories were not included this year. Please type the following into number 70.

Best Neighborhood - Ryan Place Neighborhood

Best Neighborhood Association - Ryan Place Improvement Association

Best Holiday Home Tour - A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Holiday Home Tour

Best Neighborhood Event - A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Holiday Home Tour

Ryan Place won Best Neighborhood in 2010; let's win all five categories this year!

Please cast your vote before April 8th.

Submit your social announcements for this newsletter: births, deaths, graduations, anniversaries, meetings, playdates, parties, fundraisers, etc. Photos welcome. (May be edited for size.)

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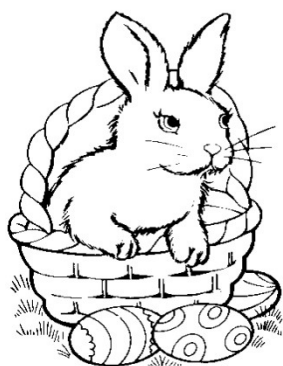
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Ryan Place

Easter Egg Hunt



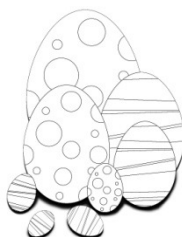
Saturday, April 23rd
10 o'clock in the morning
1111 Elizabeth Boulevard

Age Groups:

3 and under

4-5 years

6-9 years



Games

Easter Bunny Visit

Photo Opportunities

Prizes

For all those wishing to participate, please deliver (1) dozen plastic
eggs per child filled with wrapped candy by

Friday, April 22th, to 1111 Elizabeth Boulevard.

Place the attached form (below) on your bag of eggs,
indicating age and name of each child planning to attend.

In the event of rain, Easter Activities will be cancelled

by 9 a.m. and eggs will be available to be picked up on Sunday, April 24th.

Don't forget your Easter Basket!!!

	Child's Age:	
	Phone Number:	
	Name:	

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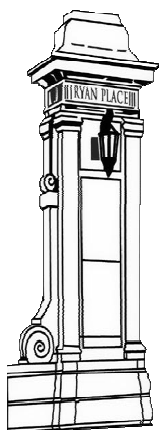
RPIA Mission

The Ryan Place Improvement Association (RPIA) was established in 1969 when 150 Ryan Place residents came together to oppose the city's plan to widen 5th and 6th Avenues to provide arterial access to downtown. The group won their battle, and in 1979 resident's efforts were again rewarded when Elizabeth Boulevard was entered into the National Register of Historic Places, making Ryan Place the only residential historic district in the city of Fort Worth.

The RPIA continues to function as an advocate for a continuously improving quality of live in Ryan Place.

The mission of the RPIA is:

To improve, beautify and promote the Ryan Place neighborhood;
 To encourage a friendly association among Ryan Place Residents;
 To protect the basic character, building scale, and open space of Ryan Place against increased density and traffic;
 To perpetuate the historical and residential qualities and traditions of Ryan Place's role in Fort Worth history;
 To insure Ryan Place's constructive participation in the development of Fort Worth; and
 To represent the property owners and residents in community problems which may arise.



Become a

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Your neighborhood needs YOU! Your contribution of \$35 or more will help fund improvements in Ryan Place in 2011. We also need your participation — pitching in to help with our events and projects as well as attending and having a good time. In 2010, almost 150 of the (approximately) 850 residences in Ryan Place were Sustaining Members. Send in your check to RPIA today and let's see what we can do together. 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! Or use PayPal at <http://www.historicryanplace.org/RPIASustaining.html>

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Why Do We Have Such a Hard Time Keeping Up With Our Animals?



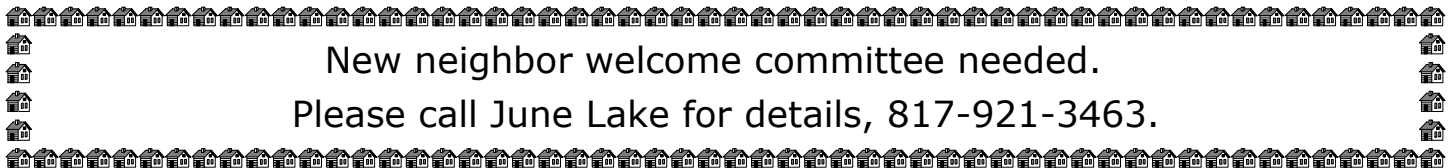
I have always known that "dogs are man's best friend." If that is the case, why do they seem to run away at such an alarming rate? The current US census data for our neighborhood doesn't indicate how many dogs live among us, but if you read the signs posted on the lampposts, utility poles, and nailed to street trees there must be at least one for every other household, and about half are on the lam at any given time.

The current communication methods are rich with postings of lost animals. A quick Google search (.31 seconds) returned over 4,000 postings after the query "lost dog 76110." Albeit, most of those were advertisements for methods to keep your dog from getting lost or replacing the beloved family pet with another, but some were from individuals who had lost an actual dog. I'm sure some lost animals have their own Facebook pages.

The point of this article is that the best communication method we have is an actual face to face conversation with the neighbors. Chances are that your beloved cat or dog or turtle was seen fairly close to home. The neighbor will be much more likely to help with the search if they feel your concern.

Another thing...After election season, let's reuse all the political signs to communicate neighborhood activities: Street dances, RPIA meetings, Croquet Tournaments, Home Tours, and (oh, yes, why not) lost dogs.

—**Chris Ebert**



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Refresher: Calling 911 and what information to provide

This month I just wanted to remind you of a few things we have talked about in the past and keep some things in the front of your minds concerning calling 911 and what information to try and provide when you do call.

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, a call will be set up and an Officer will be sent to the call location. Officer response time will be 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 would be considered suspicious behavior. Anything that makes you stop and think, "I wonder what he/she is doing," would be considered suspicious behavior. These are the best guidelines to follow, and you have to remember that if something looks, feels, smells, or sounds strange to you, then it is "suspicious."

Now that everyone is on the same page with the definition of suspicious behavior, answering the question of "When should I call 911" is very easy. I want you to call 911 and have an Officer come out anytime you see, smell, and hear something suspicious, or when you have a feeling that something is suspicious!

Here are some things you need to pay attention to and make the call taker aware of when you call:

For Persons: race, age, height, hair description, facial hair, glasses/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, Central Division C31, c: 817.944.1316, o: 817.392.3610

Safety Savings

By Kurt Nielsen and Katie Shumate

Leave Your Porch Lights On All Night

A March survey by a concerned neighbor found a disturbing number of residences were dark on every block. The FW Police Department encourages all of us to leave our porch lights on from dusk until dawn in order to discourage crime in our neighborhood. At \$0.12 per kWh, the cost to operate a 70 watt bulb for 10 hours per night comes out to around \$0.08 per night, or \$2.52 per month. An existing wall switch can be replaced by one that can be set to come on according to a timer for around \$30. A motion sensing security light can be picked up for around \$25 and installed easily in a few hours.



March Yard-of-the-Month:

2520 6th Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

Owners: Glen and Zoe Pierce

The house caught my eye first, then I noticed the perfect landscape accompaniment. In the Italian Revival two-story putty colored home, it's the white woodwork that stands out. Half-moon shaped carvings over the arched windows and shutters give a polished look. The front door is draped by two pillars on either side with trellis overhead. Urns hold ornamental hollies on each side of the steps. A magnificent gigantic magnolia tree shades the left of the house. A delicate antique rose vine winds its way up the façade on the left as well. Holly hedgerow lines the front area with jasmine ground cover. A low-maintenance, drought-hardy smoke tree sits center stage. The entire yard is organically cared for in this much-loved residence.



From Calloway's Nursery

Timely Tips for March Gardeners

"Gardening with a purpose" continues to be the battle cry for 2011. Whether this is creating "green" sanctuaries, growing fruits and vegetables or promoting gardening projects in our neighborhoods or communities, the trend continues for gardeners to get involved with their environment.

March is a great time to plant vegetables and herbs. Our two most popular clinics in 2010 were about vegetable gardening. You can grow your own tasty, healthy fruits and vegetables at home. Today, the home gardener does not have to till a plot of ground for a garden; plants can be grown in containers on patios, in hanging baskets and even nestled in among other permanent landscape plants. Be creative and start your own trend!

Our **Free** in-store clinics this month mostly focus on vegetable gardening. Click here <http://mytexasgarden.com/index.php/free-clinics/> for a complete list of our **FREE** in-store clinics. Clinics are held in every store.

Success in the garden begins with a good foundation! Become a member of our Garden Club and come grow with us! Visit www.mytexasgarden.com to join today!

Editor's Note: The Timely Tips for March Gardeners were omitted from the previous edition. Our apologies!

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April Yard-of-the-Month:

1301 Elizabeth Boulevard

by Sharyn Peterson

Owners: Wayne & Donna Darner

If you are given to perambulating around our pleasant and quiet (except for train horns!) Ryan Place neighborhood, you've probably noticed the abundance of azaleas on view in many yards. This flowering shrub which thrives in dry soil is of the heath family (genus *Rhododendron*). Bursting with color it is truly the harbinger of spring and warmer weather. For this reason this two-story home on Elizabeth was chosen. Flanked on both sides of the imposing front entrance, these blazing beauties soften the exterior. One side of the house has a porte-cochere while the other side has an arbor with wispy vines fronted by hedgerow. Take a leisurely walk and enjoy our exceptional surroundings.



From Calloway's Nursery

Timely Tips for April Gardeners

Your garden is much like the palette of an artist. The colors you use have the ability to affect our emotions and set the tone of the surroundings. There is no right or wrong way to choosing colors for your garden.

Cool colors such as green, blue and purple provide a tranquil, restful feel to a garden. They are great to use in spaces where you want to relax. Green is soothing to the eye and will complement many of the other stronger colors. It provides stability throughout the seasons. Blue is a receding color and is the first to disappear from view at nightfall so use it in large blocks so it can be seen. Purple evokes the feeling of romance and stimulates imagination.

Warm colors like red, yellow and orange tend to draw attention and excitement. Use them by doors, walkways and in far corners of your garden to draw attention to spots which might be overlooked. Warm colors can also be overpowering to the eye so use them carefully. In cooler weather, red flowers in the garden or in containers will create a feeling of warmth. Yellow is associated with sunshine and is therefore a positive, energy-building color.

White is the color of purity, innocence and cleanliness. It gives the impression that the garden is well organized and well planned. White is an excellent choice for an evening garden where it helps the landscape "stand out" in the shadows. Use white as an accent to other colors.

As you create your landscape design, remember there are other ways to add color to your garden. Colorful ceramic pottery, stepping stones and even decorative mulches add interest and textures to a landscape. Your garden should be as unique as you are so, think outside the box and explore your creative side! We will be hosting a free clinic in every store on **The Hidden Meaning of Color** on **Saturday, April 30th at 10:15 am**. Join us to learn more about the meanings of color!

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RPIA Goal Setting, Part 2

By Bart Bradford

Your RPIA Board of Directors continued their efforts to establish a Long Range Improvement Plan by reviewing in detail five (5) of the eleven (11) previously identified issues during the March general meeting. The 11 major issues which impact our neighborhood are (The five highlighted issues were presented):

1. The Need to Plan
2. Communications
3. Parks and Open Space

4. Land Use

5. Noise

6. Alleys

7. Volunteer Program

8. CCRP

9. Quality of Life
10. Streets, Traffic & Transportation
11. Plan Implementation

The May Newsletter will summarize the remaining three (3) issues. It will also contain a questionnaire seeking your input on priorities and requesting that you contribute your time and effort to serve on a committee to address the issue you are most interesting in.

During the February the first three (3) issues were discussed. The following is a summary of the five (5) issues presented during the March meeting:

ISSUE 4 – LAND USE. How is all of the property within and adjacent to the RPIA area presently used and how will it be used in the future.

- INCOMPATIBLE USES ON PERIMETER
 - Perimeter contains uses which conflict with the residential character of neighborhood: Commercial, Service, and Industrial
- CONDITION OF PERIMETER PROPERTIES
 - Most non-residential property is in good shape
 - Non-residential has impacted residential uses
- EXISTING & FUTURE ZONING & LAND USE, QUALITY & DENSITY
 - RPIA area contains 8 different zoning districts
 - Historic overlay to RPIA area has never gotten off-ground
 - *URBAN DESIGN DISTRICT* permits RPIA to control uses, its quality and density
- IMPACT ON EXISTING & FUTURE NON-RESIDENTIAL RIBBONS
 - Areas subject for non-residential growth & development
 - Berry Street
 - 8th Ave./Cleburne Rd.
 - Stanley Triangle
 - Lowden/Adams

ISSUE 5 - NOISE. Surrounded on three (3) sides by vehicle (car & train) noise. Not conducive to peaceful residential neighborhood.

- RAILROADS
 - Noise from horn near top of engine and metal wheels on metal rails
 - Source of noise – east & west perimeters
- 8th AVE./CLEBURNE RD.
 - Approx. 20,000 vehicles per day
 - Impact on quality of life & property

- BERRY STREET

- Involvement in planning & development activities

ISSUE 6 – ALLEYS. Alleys are under-utilized resource that can put to our advantage.

- PRESENT USE/s & MAINTENANCE

- Approx. 4% (11.1 ac.) dedicated alley space
- City funds for mowing & cleaning-up almost exhausted
- Health, Fire, aesthetic and property value problem

- LEGAL RESTRICTION & OBLIGATION

- Dedicated for public use (same as street)
- Existing utilities (maintenance)
- Ownership = ½ & ½

- POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Home owner responsibility for maintenance
- Mail box station
- Rest area (bench)
- Neighborhood garden
- Compost pile
- Involve local design school to develop alternate uses

ISSUE 7 – VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. The use of neighborhood brain power is an untapped resource.

- LACK OF CONTINUING PROGRAM

- By-Laws establish following committees
 - Sustaining Membership Program
 - Programs & Events
 - Marketing
 - Elizabeth Blvd. Historic Dist. & Design Guidelines
 - Historic Overlay
 - Finance
 - Communications

- LACK OF IDENTIFIED & APPROVED ITEMS & TASK

- Committees must be assigned duties & task with specific goals & objectives in relation to long range plan

- NO OVERALL DIRECTION & GOALS

ISSUE 8 – CCRP

- PRESENT LEGAL & QUASI-LEGAL RELATION

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- No legal relationship between CCRP & RPIA
- Two (2) organizations in one (1) neighborhood
- Rumor – by policy CCRP turns over \$00 per yr. to RPIA
- LACK OF COORDINATED STATED & APPROVED NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GOALS & DIRECTION
 - After STREET LIGHTS, what?
 - Should there be a common goal?
- COMMON IMPROVEMENT GOALS
 - Understanding & cooperation is required
 - A single goal is preferred (stated, approved, announce & advertised)

- CONTINUING FUND RAISING PROJECT

- Large long-range project divided into small annual parts
- Coordination of **all** fund raising effort.

Your input is needed to plan the neighborhood's future. You are invited to the May meeting to learn more about the last three (3) RPIA issues including: **Quality of Life, Streets, Traffic & Transportation and Plan Implementation.**

RPIA needs and wants your active participation.

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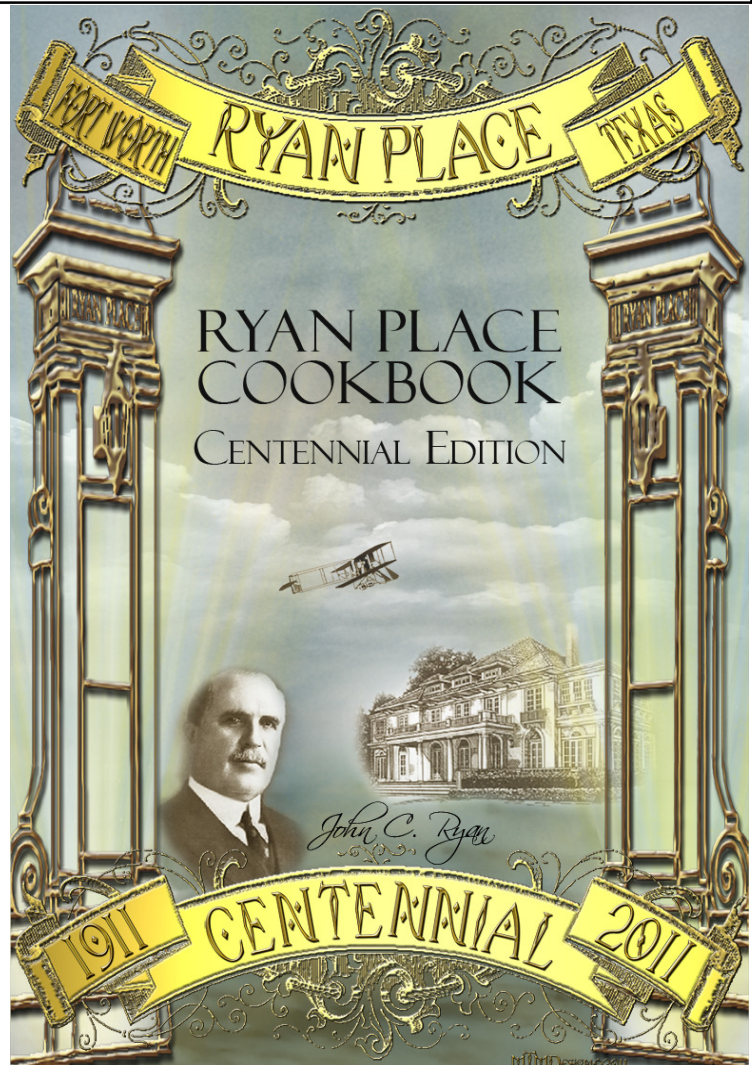
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Daggett Elementary Adopted

Over the weekend of March 25th, a cheerful group of workers arrived at Daggett Elementary. About 100 parishioners of St. Paul's Lutheran Church were there to fulfill a wish list of projects for the school, identified by Principal Melissa Green. Senior Pastor John Messmann enthusiastically greeted workers and visitors alike. He explained that these outreach volunteers represented both the downtown and Aledo campuses of St. Paul's, which has "adopted" Vandergriff Elementary in Aledo as well as Daggett. Approximately 35 members of the church are currently involved in a mentoring program with children at Daggett. St. Paul's is also in discussions with Daggett Middle School to see what activities they may be able to partner in there.

Director of Mission Outreach Doug Widger identified their four goals at Daggett Elementary: to install a flagstone patio on the front lawn, to create an interior courtyard garden, to paint interior walls, and to assemble teacher care packages. Chris Rogers, the project foreman, had strived to gather materials for the patio in order to keep the kids waiting there after school from wallowing in the mud that appears on wet days. Volunteers of all ages prepared the area by removing grass and rocks and leveling the dirt. Carefully negotiating around the irrigation system and existing landscaping, they pieced together a wonderful mosaic of flagstones large and small. Inside, a cadre of young people carefully stenciled the walls and then painted upbeat slogans for the students to enjoy. Other volunteers hung beautiful new billboards designed to highlight students' achievements. In the cafeteria, tired families enjoyed a barbecue lunch while they rested in between tasks. With bellies full, children volunteers and their parents asked, "Where should we go?", eager to get back to work. An assembly line stuffed goody bags for teachers in a corner of the cafeteria. In



an unused interior courtyard, a small group assembled 4 raised beds for the Daggett students to cultivate and observe.

Thank you to these tireless volunteers! **-Katie Shumate**

Left: Senior Pastor John Messmann, Chris Rogers, and Doug Widger, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Right: The beautiful finished product.

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Project	Year Started	Next Step
Traffic Calming	2004	Construction
Daggett Park Daggett Park Street Lights	2008	Follow up on City commitments related to landscaping and lighting
Historic Overlay	2001	Neighborhood hearings
Public Improvement District	2000	Planning and education
\$75,000 Committee	2009	Improvements implementation
Street Lights	1980	Complete the installation
Street reconstruction of 10 City blocks – See 2006 letter from Water Dept.	2004	Construction follow up with City Water Department and Joel Burns
Quiet Zone	2004	Construction

-John Kline

Proposed Ryan Place Public Improvement District

A Public Improvement District allows neighborhoods to design a system that will meet their particular needs. The residents of the neighborhood decide what the scope (purpose) of the PID will be and what each property owner's assessment will be. The RPIA PID Committee members met March 14th to begin the process of preparing a proposed Ryan Place Public Improvement District (PID). The limited scope of the PID will be to hire a private security company to patrol Ryan Place with the goal of reducing crime in the neighborhood.

Officer Joel Stary had a seven-year crime statistics report prepared for Ryan Place, below. Economic conditions are inversely related to instances of crime: as the economy declines, crime tends to increase.

Nature of Call	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
SEXASSAULT		1		1		1	1	4
ROB PERS		2	1	7	3	1		14
ROB BUSIN	1		4	1	1	2		9
AG ASSAULT	4	4	9	3	3	1	1	25
BURG BUILD	3	10	14	16	7	9	2	61
BURG RES	11	32	19	32	37	31	9	171
SHOPLIFT	3	13	4	4	2	3		29
BURG VEHIC	12	32	32	49	29	14	1	169
THEFT	16	26	30	32	17	25	1	147
OTHER	1	5	3	3	1	2		15
AUTOTHEFT	9	9	2	7	8	2		37
NARC VIOL	4	11	10	11	10	4		50
DWI	2	1	5	3	5	3	2	21
Total	66	146	133	169	123	98	17	752

Hiring a private security company is possible with every property owner participating in the PID, thereby lowering the per-property cost of security. The assessment to each property owner within Ryan Place boundaries will be a set amount per year. Below is a sample of what assessments could be based on different hourly rates and different patrol hours.

8 hours Security Patrol				
		Per Year	Per Month	Per Week
\$16/hour @ 8 hours = \$128; 7 days = \$896; 52 weeks = \$46,592 - rounded up \$46,600				
\$46,600	870 Ryan Place properties.	53.56	4.46	1.03
\$20/hour @ 8 hours = \$160; 7 days = \$1,120; 52 weeks = \$58,240 - rounded up \$58,250				
\$58,250	870 Ryan Place properties.	66.95	5.58	1.29
\$30/hour @ 8 hours = \$240; 7 days = \$1,680; 52 weeks = \$87,360 - rounded up \$87,340				
\$87,340	870 Ryan Place properties.	100.39	8.37	1.93
24 hours Security Patrol				
		Per Year	Per Month	Per Week
\$16/hour @ 24 hours per night = \$384; 7 days = \$2,688; 52 weeks = \$139,776 - rounded up \$139,800				
\$139,800	870 Ryan Place properties.	160.69	13.39	3.09
\$20/hour @ 24 hours per night = \$480; 7 days = \$3,360; 52 weeks = \$174,720 - rounded up \$174,750				
\$174,750	870 Ryan Place properties.	200.86	16.74	3.86
\$30/hour @ 24 hours per night = \$720; 7 days = \$5,040; 52 weeks = \$262,080 - rounded up \$262,100				
\$262,100	870 Ryan Place properties.	301.26	25.11	5.79

The PID approval process is time consuming for the neighborhood and the city. The PID is approved by two required percentages:

50%+1 of the total appraised property value within the PID boundaries

AND

50%+1 of
 - **EITHER** property owners
 - **AND/OR** land mass

The PID committee will be working with volunteers to help organize small meetings for each street, and public neighborhood meetings will also be held. Once we have met all of the requirements and property owners have voted, we will submit our proposed PID petition to the City during the first quarter of 2012. City staff will verify property owners' signatures, and if the percentages meet the requirements, it will then be presented to City Council. The Council will hold two public hearings prior to final approval. If the Ryan Place PID is approved, it will go into effect in October and property owners will be assessed in 2012. RPIA would receive the assessment and be able to hire a security company to begin working January 2013.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with meetings, please contact Lin Parham, 817-921-4027, lin@randyparhamdds.com, or Mariann Taccia, 817-921-9976, mariannmt@sbcglobal.net.

Keep It Wild

By Linda Hill

"HOW DO WE TAKE CARE OF IT?"

This is a common question that people ask when they find an animal. It is only natural for us, as humans, to want to help, especially when animals are concerned. However, sometimes "taking care" can mean "taking a life" when it comes to wildlife.



WHY CAN'T WE KEEP HIM?

We need to realize that just as we require certain elements to survive, so too, do

animals. Their needs are not the same as ours. This includes different habitat, environments, social structure, etc. With that in mind, here are some of the best reasons not to keep wildlife in your home.

Differing dietary needs: This is one of the most critical elements we need to be aware of and probably the number one reason not to keep an animal in captivity. Our diets are not the same as theirs because their digestive systems are quite different than ours. These differences vary from one species to the next. Appropriate diets and feeding are best left to a wildlife rehabilitator who is very familiar with the specific species. A "healthy" human diet is quite often fatal for wildlife.

It is illegal: Under Federal Law, as well as state, local and city laws, keeping or taking wildlife without a permit is illegal. The laws vary by municipality and species. These laws are set up to protect and conserve the animals as well as their habitat. For example squirrels, raccoons, opossums, birds (except grackles, pigeons, sparrows and doves), deer, armadillo and bobcats are all protected under the law.

Disease transmission: Bringing wildlife into your home can have some undesirable effects on your family and pets. Animals in the wild carry parasites, ticks, and bacteria and other microbes, to which you, your family and pets have never been exposed. (i.e. raccoons carry roundworms that can transfer to humans and is very difficult to treat.)

Natural behaviors are jeopardized: An infant mammal, bird or reptile must learn certain survival skills early in life that are best left for the parents to teach in very specific environments. In captivity these skills cannot be taught properly and may lead to improper socialization, lack of a natural hunting/foraging instinct and the inability to recognize appropriate food and natural predators.

WHEN IS IT ALL RIGHT TO INTERFERE?

If you find an animal first ask yourself if it truly needs your help

- Is it obviously injured?
- Has it been in a cat or dog's mouth?
- Is this normal behavior and age appropriate (i.e. the fledging that is flapping around on the ground)?
- Could your actions make the situation worse?

If you determine the animal is in need of help please visit one of the following:

- www.dfwwildlife.org
- <http://wildcaretx.org>
- Wildcare/DFW Wildlife Coalition Hotline 972/234-9453

Spring is almost here, and people are needed to help with baby opossums, cottontails, raccoons, etc. If you are interested in wildlife training and working under a licensed rehabilitator, contact Linda Hill at 817/926-3877 or lrhill47@sbcglobal.net.

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