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**Monday
June 20, 7:00 PM**

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Monday, July 4th

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It's time for the 4th of July parade again! Line-up will begin at 9 a.m., and the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. All who entered floats, cars, motorcycles, or bicycles last year are encouraged to do so again. The **Mounted Patrol** and **Fire Department** have been requested. We plan to "water down" at Daggett Park at the conclusion of the parade.

We would like to honor Ryan Place residents that have lived in Ryan Place 25 years or more as our grand marshals—please come be in the parade!

Having the Ryan Place Band to lead the way will be a great addition! I am attempting to find a way to get more music and to get a few more horse entries. I will need two people to carry the banner again, if anyone is interested. I could also use two or three people along the route to help with pacing of the units and/or walkers. The parade markers will go out the middle of the week before the event. Please come and help us in any way you can. It doesn't take much time, and we have a lot of fun!

A word of caution: Parents, please advise your children on bicycles, roller blades, or skateboards not to dart in front of vehicles!

Parade map on the back page.

-Mariann Taccia, Event Chairperson

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The NEWSLETTER is posted online at www.HistoricRyanPlace.org/RPIANewsletter.html.

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Friday, July 22nd



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Or search "Ryan Place Neighborhood"

Use the Ryan Place Facebook page for:

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Event Notices
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ryan Place Residents,

The Board is continuing to focus on projects that will help improve the quality of life in Ryan Place and help improve property values. We need your help to accomplish these goals, and there are various ways you may contribute and help make it happen through volunteer work or financial contributions. The Board has been active with the following projects:

- The Quiet Zone will help prevent the trains from blowing their horns at five intersections on Hemphill. Construction began on April 11, 2011. Estimated completion date is the first quarter of 2012.
- Daggett Park benches have been installed and private donations were made to plant 4 additional trees in addition to the ones provided by the City. Private donations allow us to consider other types of trees that are not available through the City. Contact Kurt Nielson if you wish to volunteer or donate fund for additional trees.
- The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan project will help make the streets much safer, slow down speeding traffic, and mitigate traffic accidents. The landscaping will include Red Drift Roses, Chinese Pistachio Trees, and Mondo Grass. Public Art will also be a part of the overall plan.
- Ten blocks of new water lines, sanitary sewers, and street construction. Construction scheduled to begin during the first quarter of 2012:
 - 5th Ave. from Roberts to Lowden (2600 to 2899 Blk.)
 - 6th Ave. from Roberts to Bowie (2600 to 2999 Blk.)
 - Ryan Ave. from Roberts to Berry (2600 to 3099 Blk.)
 - Ryan Place Dr. from Roberts to Cantey (2600 to 2799 Blk.)
 - Willing Ave. from Roberts to Cantey (2600 to 2799 Blk.)
- A Public Improvement District (PID), with an eventual neighborhood vote, to help reduce crime and improve public safety.
- Development of a long-term master plan that the current and future Boards may use as a "road map" to guide the decision-making process and development of priorities within the neighborhood.
- Completing the installation of the final sixty 5th Ave. style street lights.
- Alley clean-up initiative to help prevent crime. This will be coordinated with Officer Stary. Volunteers are needed.

Thank you to all the Sustaining Members that have contributed financially to help make this newsletter possible. In addition, the beautification of Daggett Park, beautification of the entry gates, and 4th of July Parade would not be possible without your support. We have 49 Sustaining Members who have contributed approximately \$5,000 as of May 2011. This represents a 5% participation rate throughout the neighborhood, and the goal for 2011 is \$15,000.

Thank you,
John Kline, RPIA President



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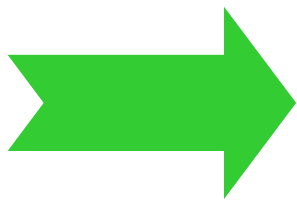
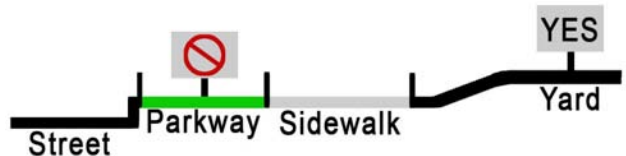
The City's Code Compliance Department regulates yard sign placement with instructions on where signs can be placed, the size and number of signs, and how long they can be displayed.

What is and is not allowed:

Political signs maybe displayed and you can have as many signs as you want, but each sign must be less than eight square feet in size and **must be removed** within 30 days after the election or run-off.

- **During** a garage sale, one sign is allowed on **your** property.
- You can put a **limited number of signs** on private property that **do not** advertise products or services. A yard sign for contractors, painters, roofing companies, etc. is allowed if the business is registered with the City of Fort Worth and **only while the work is being performed**. When the work is completed the sign must be removed or it is considered selling a service.
- Realtor/"For Sale" signs may be placed at the edge of the private property, but **not in a parking or landscaping parkway adjacent to the right of way**.
- Signs are **NOT** allowed in the parkway area. (See diagram.)

Please comply with the City's codes when placing signs in your yard.



Proposed Historic Overlay Zoning Change Neighborhood Hearing

Monday, June 20th, 7 p.m.

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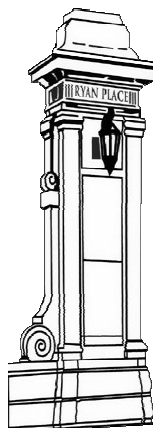
(Names in bold print have contributed since the last NEWSLETTER)

FOREST PARK POOL NEWS

From the office of Councilman Joel Burns

Please join Councilmember Joel Burns to discuss the current condition and your vision for the future of Fort Worth's Forest Park Pool, 2860 Park Place Avenue, on Saturday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. The morning will start 9:30 am sharp with a detailed tour of the pool conducted by Councilman Burns, City staff and local parks historian, Susan Kline. At 10:00 a.m. the conversation moves to St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2700 McPherson Avenue, for a short presentation, followed by a citizen-lead workshop on ways the community and City can work together to reopen -- and keep open -- Forest Park Pool. The workshop is open to all, including kids, and should conclude before noon. Bring your Forest Park Pool memories, ideas for the future, and creativity. For more information, please contact Joel Burns at (817) 392-8809 or joel.burns@fortworthgov.org.

Note: City pools are closed this summer due to budget constraints. Select YMCA pools will be open to the public for \$2 (adults)/\$1 (kids), from 2-4pm, 7 days a week. Contact the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth for more details.



RPIA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
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Become a Sustaining Member of Ryan Place Improvement Association

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!

Ryan Place
 beautification, events, and
 monthly NEWSLETTERS are only
 possible through contributions.
 You are invited to become a

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 76110

UPDATE: RPIA PID

By Mariann Taccia, Committee Chairperson

The RPIA Public Improvement District (PID) committee is continuing the process of interviewing security patrol options. Upon completion of the interviews a review will be given to the RPIA Board of Directors for selection and approval.

PID Committee members and street directors will schedule informational meeting during this summer with residents from each street.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the meetings, or to help deliver information to residents on your street, please contact your street director or Mariann Taccia, 817.921.9976 or mariannmt@sbcglobal.net.



REAL ESTATE CORNER

By Judy Holland, The Helen Painter Group

Some people get it and some people don't when it comes to historic preservation and restoration. I was docenting at a beautiful home for the Fairmount tour on Mother's Day and a couple came through kind of snipping and sniping their way along complaining about this and that. Of course they identified themselves to me as being from a place east of here.

We got into conversation and they looked around at the tree lined street with several wonderfully restored and preserved homes lining it even with American flags flying in the sunny breeze for pity's sake, and sniffed that it seemed to be a depressed area and wondered about the crime rate. "This is no Swiss Avenue", they observed to me and walked on to bless the next home on tour. Well, you can't win them all I told myself. We live in an area where not only the physical structures are preserved but a spirit of old fashioned goodness is restored. Either you get it or you don't.

2421 Ryan Ave	\$123,000	2/1	817-540-2905 Restored original hardwoods
2713 Ryan Ave	\$124,000	2/1	214-772-6854 1943 cottage w/huge bkyd
2813 Ryan Pl	\$137,000	2/2	817-924-4144 Arch doorways, glass knobs
2932 6th Ave	\$249,000	2/2	817-923-7321 Large attic could be third br
2317 6th Ave	\$265,000	4/2	817-920-7700 Gorgeous stair, mstr w/wbfp
2508 5th Ave	\$292,000	4/3	817-632-9500 Craftsman bungalow w/bsmt
2504 6th Ave	\$397,900	3/2+	817-731-8466 Stained glass, butler's pantry
2417 5th Ave	\$429,500	4/2+	817-675-1623 Pool, quarters, wonderful!
1107 Elizabeth	\$549,000	3/3+	817-732-8400 Cute bright brkfst area, pool



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PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC OVERLAY

By Kevin Prigel, originally published April 2010, and Katie Shumate, Committee Chairperson

The Ryan Place Historic Overlay Committee was formed to protect the integrity of our neighborhood from some potential problems. The current zoning in Ryan Place allows a builder, or anyone, to destroy almost any structure, no matter how historically significant or beautiful. Much of the neighborhood is zoned to allow the construction of “zero lot line” homes, that is, houses built all the way to the property lines. Also, at present there is nothing to stop a developer from seeking to rezone properties from their current use to commercial or other use. Finally, there is no regulation as to what may be built to replace demolished structures or on empty lots. An Historic Overlay will address these issues, aimed at preserving historic structures in the neighborhood from destruction – but **it will not prohibit alterations or additions**. Adopting an overlay will insure that new development is consistent with the many unique development styles and periods of our neighborhood.

The proposed Overlay will clearly designate that the purpose of Ryan Place is for residential use. Many people are concerned that the Historic Overlay would impose restrictions on what homeowners can do inside their own homes, but that is emphatically not the case. Rather, the Overlay is primarily concerned with the character of the neighborhood that is visible from the street. The document has been carefully crafted to be “homeowner friendly,” allowing additions and alterations to the exterior of homes within guidelines that are aimed solely at preserving the eclectic character of the Ryan Place that we all know and love. It is important to note, also, that every aspect of every home in Ryan Place as it currently exists today is “grandfathered,” that is, acceptable as it is. **No one will have to make any changes to their home because of the Historic Overlay.**

The final draft of the Historic Overlay that was presented to the neighborhood in three meetings in the fall of 2009 is available at <http://www.fortworthgov.org/planninganddevelopment/design.aspx?id=21358>. A limited number of paper copies will be available at the meeting for those without internet access. Please attend the RPIA meeting on June 20th to have your voice heard!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. What is a Historic Overlay?

A. The proposed historic overlay for Ryan Place is a Historic and Cultural Landmarks District (HC), which supplements the primary underlying zoning classification.

Q. Is a Historic Overlay a necessary protection for our neighborhood?

A. Yes, the RPIA Board believes it is necessary to prevent incompatible development and unnecessary demolition of our beautiful historic homes. It is up to you to decide.

Q. Will a Historic Overlay automatically increase my taxes?

A. No, property valuation is not linked to zoning or zoning overlay classification.

Q. Can I gain tax benefits from a Historic Overlay?

A. Yes, you can qualify for a 10-year freeze on the assessed value of the property for City taxes.

Q. Will a Historic Overlay force me to make changes to my property?

A. No, nothing in the proposed Historic Overlay is retroactive.

Q. What does the proposed Historic Overlay limit or require?

A. New exterior changes to your property require a certificate of appropriateness from the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission, which meets the third Monday of each month. The application will be reviewed for compatibility with the Ryan Place design guidelines.

Q. Does the City have a set of design guidelines for renovation or new construction?

A. No, at public meetings, the neighborhood will tailor our own design guidelines consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Q. Is there any charge for a Certificate of Appropriateness?

A. No, the process is user-friendly and free of charge.





























THE OVERLAY PROCESS











1. The RPIA Historic Overlay Committee will provide information, such as this article, to residents on the merits of historic overlay protection.
2. Volunteers and Street Directors will canvass the neighborhood to offer additional information, answer questions, and solicit signatures on the Historic Overlay Petition.
3. Property owners representing 50% or more of the individual parcels and 50% of the land area must sign in support.
4. Every property owner in the affected area will then receive a notice of nomination via certified mail at least 10 days prior to the Historical and Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC) meeting to approve nomination.
5. Upon recommendation of the HCLC, the Zoning Commission will give notice and conduct a public meeting within 45 days to review the application.
6. The Fort Worth City Council will give notice and conduct a public meeting within 45 days of the Zoning Commission hearing to approve or deny the application.
7. Neighborhood residents will craft our own Ryan Place guidelines as standards to govern the Historic Overlay at a series of public neighborhood meetings. Within 60 days of the designation, the design guidelines must be submitted for review by the HCLC.





























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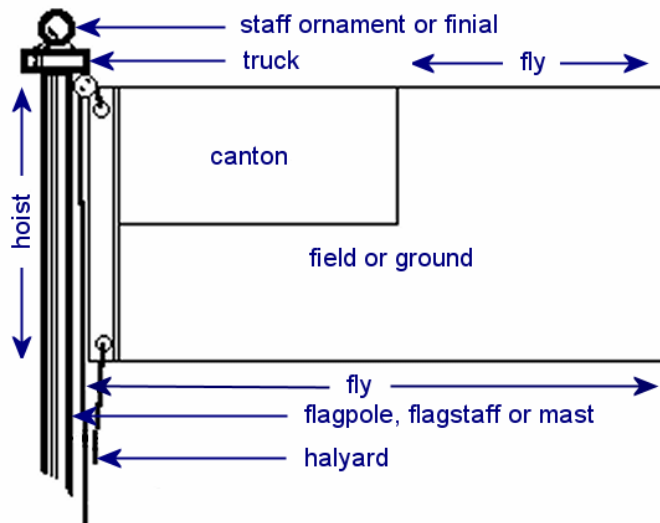
Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission
<http://www.fortworthgov.org/csec/brdcomm/bchisto.htm>

 American Legion Post 569 will be hosting an off-
 cial flag burning ceremony on Flag Day, June 
 14th, to dispose of unserviceable flags. Post 569 
 is located at 400 W. Felix Street, 76115, between 
 Hemphill and I-35. 

PARTS OF THE FLAG



- **Hoist:** Hoist is used to describe the height of the flag while flying. The term also refers to the edge of the flag that is attached to the flagpole or staff. You may hear the term "hoist end" to refer to this part of a flag.
- **Fly:** 1) The length of the flag as measured from the attachment to the farthest point. 2) The distance from the end of the canton to the free end of the flag. 3) The width (length) of an extended flag.
- **Fly end:** The fly end is the part of the flag that flaps in the wind and sometimes becomes frayed.
- **Canton:** When it exists, the canton is found in the upper left-hand corner of a flag. By definition, it is the "top inner corner of a flag." Flags with cantons include the United States flag, the Georgia flag, the Hawaii flag and the Mississippi flag.
- **Field:** The section of the flag between the hoist and the fly ends is called the field or, sometimes, the ground. It does not include the canton.
- **Flagpole:** A flag is most often attached to an object of support such as a flagpole, staff or flagstaff, or mast. In general, when a flag is flown outdoors, it flies from a flagpole. When a flag is carried in a parade or displayed indoors, it is attached to a staff. On a boat or ship, a flag may be attached to a mast.
- **Truck:** The truck is the cap at the top of a flagpole and may have holes to attach pulleys to raise and lower a flag.
- **Staff Ornament or Finial:** The flagpole or staff may be topped with a decorative ornament or finial. A finial is an uppermost decoration such as the sphere illustrated above.
- **Halyard:** A halyard is a rope or cable used to raise and lower a flag on a flagpole.

FLAG ETIQUETTE

Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions:

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Source: www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy (1855–1931). The original was simple and meant to be read in 15 seconds.

I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

It has been officially modified 4 times. The phrase "under God" was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance June 14, 1954, by a Joint Resolution of Congress amending §7 of the Flag Code enacted in 1942.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



HOME SECURITY

By Joel Stary, Neighborhood Patrol Officer, Central Division C31, c: 817.944.1316, o: 817.392.3610



During this past month's Fairmount neighborhood association meeting, a question was raised about whether or not homes with alarms were less likely to be broken into by burglars. As you can imagine, one can find pages and pages of statistics and facts related to home burglaries. Below is one source that not only helps shed light on the alarm question but also provides some other statistics to think about. Everyone can access UCR (Uniform Crime Reports) on the FBI's website, but I found after reading for a while that the information below sums it up rather well.

For more general crime stats, check out the FBI's [Crime in the United States Report \(2003\)](#) or the newest UCR reports, the source for much of the below.

- Burglary is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. A person can be convicted of burglary even if nothing was actually stolen.
- A burglary occurs approximately every 15 seconds in the United States.
- On average, a burglary results in a dollar loss of about \$1,600.
- About 30 percent of all burglaries are classified as "unlawful entry," meaning the burglar was able to gain entry without using force — often through an unlocked door or window.
- Nearly 66 percent of all burglaries are residential, and of those, 62 percent occur during the daytime. Most burglaries occur between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., when no one is likely to be at home.
- Renters are more likely to be the victims of property crime than homeowners.
- Only 13 percent of reported burglaries are solved, or "cleared," by the police.
- Only about 15 percent of property stolen in burglaries is recovered by the police.
- Nearly 85 percent of all burglaries occur in large metropolitan areas.
- Almost half of the nation's reported burglaries occur in the South: 45 percent, as opposed to the Northeast's 11, the Midwest's 20, and the West's 24.
- The highest percentage of burglaries occur during the summer months of July and August, when many people are away from their homes on vacation or have left windows open for ventilation.
- Arrest records reported to the FBI indicate that approximately 70 percent of all burglary arrestees are white and 86 percent are male.
- About 30 percent of private homes have security systems. Homes without security systems are two to three times more likely to be broken into.

The second topic I wanted to discuss this month is that we have also seen an increase in theft of packages left at homes by delivery services such as UPS, Federal Express, etc. One of my Ryan Place residents took an active role in speaking to the companies about this problem and what could be done about the issue. The following recommendations were made:

- Include delivery instructions when the order is placed.
- Require a signature.
- Request the delivery for a specific date that you know you will be home, or pay extra for Saturday delivery. You cannot request a specific time for delivery because of how they route their deliveries.
- Request a notice of Attempt to Deliver note to be left and make arrangements for a "Will Call" for you to pick up the package, or choose other delivery options.
- Make arrangements with a neighbor to accept the delivery, and leave a note on your door for delivery personnel.
- Have the package delivered to your work address.

Outside of utilizing these ideas, if a package is stolen that was delivered to your home, please report it immediately. This can be done by either using the non-emergency number 817-335-4222, using the online reporting tool at www.fortworthpd.com, or by calling 911 and having an Officer come to the offense location and speak to you.

Lastly for this month, I wanted to discuss using the non-emergency number versus calling 911. You have heard me time and again tell you to call 911 for suspicious activity and to report crimes that have occurred on your property. Although you can still have an Officer meet with you by utilizing the non-emergency number, you have to remember that response time can be affected (much slower). The reason for this is that 911 calls will initially have priority over non-emergency calls. The non-emergency number is for just that: non-emergencies. If you are looking at something happening right now, then an Officer needs to get there as quickly as possible or to be started in that direction as quickly as possible. If a crime has occurred on your property, call 911 to have an Officer come out and check the area for any evidence that may help us with the investigation and apprehension of an actor. I hope I haven't confused anyone, and thank you for all that you do. Until next time, be safe today and safer tomorrow.



Would you like a Fort Worth Police Department home security survey? Contact Officer Joel Stary or Eartha Pitre, our Central Division Crime Prevention Specialist (eartha.pitre@fortworthgov.org or 817-392-3900), to schedule your home security review. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes and consists of an inspection of security weakness on the exterior and interior of the property.



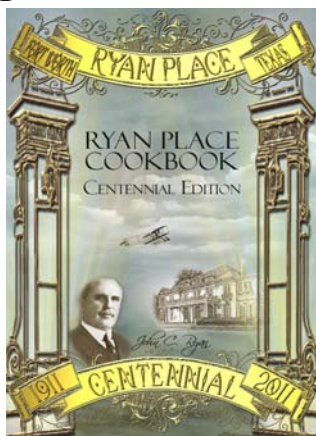
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PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES: DOG POOP

When you take Fido for a walk and let it urinate or poop in your neighbor's yard you are spreading diseases! A single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria which is know to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans. Animal feces are one of the most common sources of the following diseases: giardia and salmonella, roundworms, tapeworms, whipworms, hookworms, parvo, coccidian, and other bacteria and parasites. The eggs of certain roundworms and other parasites can linger in soil for years.

Even if you pick up the poop, your dog is still spreading disease throughout the neighborhood by the act of defecating in a yard. Allowing a dog to "sniff" poop can spread disease as they inhale bacteria or get it on their nose and then transmit it to humans, other animals, and your home where children can be infected.

Prevent spreading disease by spending time with your dog in **your own yard** to allow your pet to defecate before taking the dog on a walk. While walking, do not allow your dog to sniff shrubs, trees, or grass, and keep the dog only on the sidewalk. Taking these measures will help us all be healthier.



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YARD OF THE MONTH

By Sharyn Peterson

2800 Block of Willing Avenue

Owners: Erin and Will Pinnell



Though this cream-colored Tudor looks like it has aged gracefully and fits the character of Ryan Place to a "T", it was actually built in 2006! The yard is especially impressive as it too looks quite established. The St. Augustine is lush and healthy, the mimosa tree (circled by Shasta daisies) sits center front and is large and blooming. Great care was taken when Elizabeth Anna's planted the perennials and landscaping with organic components and lots of mulch. Especially spectacular is the arched recessed entrance haloed by Carolina jasmine. Salvia, rose bushes and 2 urns filled with annuals add color and variety to the ambience. A flagstone pathway meanders to the side gate where trumpet vine and honeysuckle come in. Inside the gate by the side of the house hydrangeas explode in their pink glory. Shady spots host lamb's ears and mint. One gets a feeling of grace and peace in this genteel setting.

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TIMELY TIPS FOR JUNE GARDENERS

Some plants like it hot so welcome the Summer days with heat-loving color! We have partnered with the Dallas Arboretum in sponsoring trial gardens where over 3,000 plant varieties are tested each year. These plants must be able to survive our hot Summer days plus they must look good doing so! The plants which excel in these conditions are honored with the coveted "FlameProof™" award. This collection of "hot color" is represented with colorful blooms as well as brilliant foliage. Watch for the introduction of a new "FlameProof" variety each week this Summer!

Keep those colors vivid by fertilizing regularly. Water soluble fertilizers can be mixed and applied with each watering. Controlled-released fertilizers can be worked into the soil and are activated by heat. Remember to check daily and water in the mornings when possible. Always top off any exposed soil with 2 to 3 inches of mulch!

We will be hosting free clinics every Saturday in June. Our clinic on **June 25th at 10:15 am** is titled **"FlameProof™ Plants for Summer!"** Join us to learn more about this special collection of heat-loving Summer plants.

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TIMELY TIPS FOR JULY GARDENERS

If you have lived through a Summer in Texas, then you know how valuable water is to our landscapes. It is our responsibility to conserve water yet keep our gardens thriving through the heat. If you own a sprinkler system, each zone should be programmed differently depending on the needs of that area and you should always operate it manually.

Established lawns should be watered once every five to seven days, applying about one inch of water each time. This soaking encourages deeper rooting which leads to stronger, healthier plants. Landscape irrigation can account for more than 50% of all water used in Texas during the Summer. Unfortunately, half of that water is lost to run-off or over-watering. So, avoid this loss by monitoring how long you water each area and that all your equipment is functioning correctly.

Shrubs and flowerbeds may require more watering depending on the age of the plant material. A good test is to dig down 4 to 6 inches and feel the soil. If the soil is dry, a good deep watering is in order. Plants in full sun will require more moisture as well as those growing in containers. Please remember, any newly planted tree or shrub requires hand watering for that first year. The best time of day to water is early morning before the temperatures begin to rise. Also, early mornings tend to be a time of lower winds and thus reduced evaporation.

Mulching is an excellent way to retain moisture. It will also insulate the soil surface from the direct rays of the sun and prevent weeds from germinating. Apply a two to three inch layer of mulch to all beds, plantings and containers. We can all enjoy a colorful and green landscape during the Summer! Visit www.calloways.com for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club! Success in the garden made fun and easy at Calloway's Nursery!

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CLEAN ALLEY CAMPAIGN

For years we have known that our alleys provide criminals with easy access to our properties. In the alleys, their activity is out of sight for theft or graffiti tagging garages and sheds. Recent crimes indicate that the use of alleys for criminal activity has escalated. NPO Joel Stary has advised us that the overgrown vegetation in our alleys prevents police officers from readily observing activity in the alleys.

The alleys are an easement to your property, as is the parkway area in front of Ryan Place residences. Stored items and overgrown vegetation provide not only a hiding place for criminals, but also a home for disease carrying rodents. It is the responsibility of the property owner to control the vegetation in alleys and maintain them in the same way that you maintain your yard. The alleys are used by the utility companies and are to be readily accessible for their trucks to perform routine as well as special maintenance.

The City of Fort Worth has an alley-mowing pilot program which contracts for mowing, weed trimming, trash pick-up of blown in trash, and canopy tree trimming as needed. This service **DOES NOT INCLUDE** hauling off trash, whether it be bagged, piles of limb trimmings, or any other articles of trash. All such trash is to be placed at your curb during the third week of the month to be picked up as bulk trash. **Ryan Place alleys are scheduled to be mowed within the next two to three weeks.** The contractor will notify residents before the work is performed. Arrangements will be made for alleys that have locked gates to be unlocked so that the mowers will be able to enter. **Alleys are not private property** and homeowners do not have the right to refuse this service from being performed as contracted by the City.

RPIA is organizing an Alley Committee, chaired by Rick Tucker (Ryan Ave. Street Director), that will have the tasks of:

- Investigating the status of alleys
 - ⇒overgrown vegetation
 - ⇒trash or items stored
 - ⇒status of gates, numbers, locks, access, and needs
- Investigating viability of locking gates to deter crime
- Requesting bids to replace missing gates and repair damaged gates
- Notifying homeowners of their responsibility to remove items from the alleys and maintain the vegetation.

If you have trash, tree limbs, or other items in the alley behind your home, please clear it out within the next two weeks. Compost and maintained gardens are allowed, but you must mark the areas not to be mowed.



Fence, lumber, and broken wheelbarrow provides areas for rodents, and vegetation cannot be mowed.



Old fence panels provide a place for criminals to hide.



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WHY A HISTORIC OVERLAY?

In 1978, Elizabeth Boulevard Historic District became the first designated historic district in Fort Worth. Since that time, other surrounding neighborhoods, including Fairmount and Mistletoe Heights, have applied for and received historic overlay protection.

Do we have less to protect than these neighborhoods? Certainly not!

In light of recent incompatible housing creeping into our neighborhood, the RPIA Board of Directors has voted to explore historic designation for the rest of the neighborhood to afford all of Ryan Place similar protection to that which Elizabeth Boulevard enjoys.

Historic designation **would**:














- Preserve our neighborhood integrity.
- Protect our property values.
- Provide tax freezes on renovations, restorations, and new construction.
- Prevent incompatible development.
- Prevent the unjustified demolition of our historic properties.

- Allow us to write our own design guidelines.

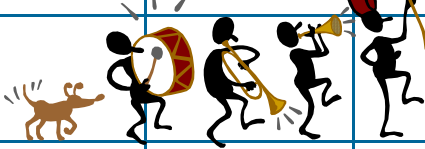








Historic designation **would NOT**:

- Increase taxes.
- Force property owners to make changes to their existing property.
- Change the use of our property or our basic zoning: this designation would be a zoning overlay.

JUNE 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2  Paschal Graduation	3	4
5	6  FWISD Last Day	7	8 	9 	10 National Yo-Yo Day 	11 Forest Park Pool Meeting
12	13	14 Flag Day 	15 	16	17	18 Mayoral Runoff Election 
19 Father's Day 	20 Don't FORGET! RPIA Meeting 	21 Summer Solstice 	22 	23	24	25
26 Bulk Trash this week	27	28	29 	30		

JULY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Ryan Run 
3	4 Independence Day  Ryan Place Parade	5	6 	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 	14	15	16
17 Ice Cream Day 	18	19	20 Moon Day 	21	22 Newsletter Submissions Due 	23
24 Bulk Trash this week	25	26	27 	28	29	30
31	There is no RPIA meeting in July. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 15th.					

To have your event listed in the monthly calendar, please email the General Manager at rpianewsletter@yahoo.com.



The RYAN RUN

July 2, 2011

Who: All runners, walkers, and bystanders! Everyone is welcome to participate in the Ryan Run.

When: Saturday, July 2 @ 7:30am. Awards Ceremony @ 9am.

Where: Daggett Elementary parking lot, at College & Elizabeth.

What: 5k Walk/Run through the beautiful, tree-lined streets of Historic Ryan Place. See the route map, below.

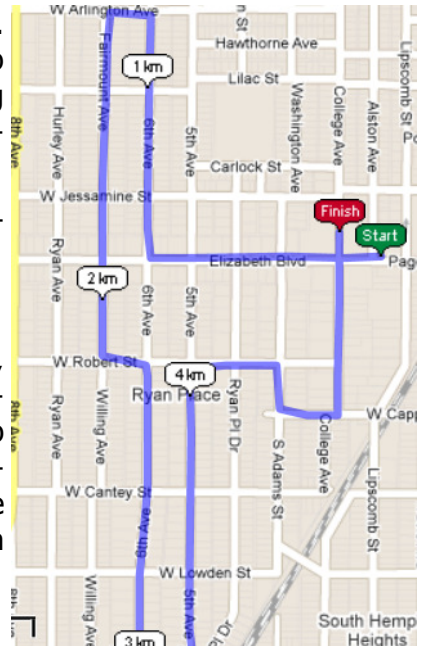
Why: All funds go back into beautifying Ryan Place!

Volunteers are needed before July 2 and during race morning. Please give a few hours to this worthy fundraiser and help keep Ryan Place beautiful! If you can help with any of the following tasks, please contact Gina Roberts, Event Chairperson, at 817-233-8773 or ginahroberts@yahoo.com.

Now thru June 19: Follow-up calls are needed for sponsorships before the race.

July 1: Pick up food, water, and other necessities around town

Race Day, July 2: Around 6am, we will need help to deliver all food, canopies, awards, etc. to Daggett; to set up; and to man the registration booth. Around 7am, we are looking for someone to warm up the athletes. At 7:15, we need water station attendees and volunteers to mark intersections and keep our guests safe. After the race, at 9am, we need assistance with the award ceremony, then clean-up and return of borrowed items.



Come join the fun and give back to Ryan Place!

