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**NEW
LOCATION**

RPIA Meeting

Monday, September 19

7 PM

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Church**

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behind main building
Meeting agenda at
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Discussion Forum*

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RYAN PLACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September, 2011

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Fire Watch!

We all have old transformers and live in this dry heat. Please read and be alert for similar circumstances.

On Thursday, August 18th, at about 3:15 in the afternoon, one of our local mail carriers noticed a fire in the alley between the 2500 blocks of College Ave. and South Adams St. The alert postal worker called in the alarm and notified nearby neighbors who quickly put together water hoses to douse the flames. Firefighters arrived on the scene and sprayed foam to further quell the blaze. About an hour later, however, the fire revived and the fire department returned to finish their job.

The blaze was apparently started when an alley transformer malfunctioned and sparks flared, igniting the brush and a dead tree. Damage was limited to the alley and a portion of a back yard. The FWFD reported the situation to Oncor from the scene and linemen worked through the night to replace the transformer and restore power to the affected residents.

Thanks, **Courtney Chatfield** and **Bill Vaughan** for your volunteer efforts — your quick wits and handy hoses limited the damage and danger.

The following afternoon another fire broke out on 8th Avenue in the 2000 block, igniting several trees along the parkway on the west side of the street.



BEFORE

The corner of 6th Avenue and Jessamine Street in 1919. See page 6 for an update.

Sustaining Membership Contributions

Give your street a boost — send in your contribution today!

<i>Street</i>	<i># of Houses</i>	<i># of Contribu- tions</i>	<i>Participation Rate</i>
College Ave.	43	5	12%
8th Ave.	47	1	2%
Elizabeth	44	12	27%
5th Ave.	96	23	24%
6th Ave.	106	16	15%
Ryan Ave.	138	3	2%
Ryan Place Drive	101	12	12%
So. Adams	75	10	13%
Willing Ave.	121	21	17
TOTALS	771	103	13%

***PID nipped in
the bud***

(Story on page 7)

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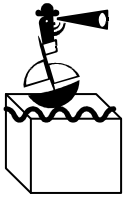
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Block Captain Recruitment Finds Enthusiastic Support

Who would have guessed that there was so much available energy all over the neighborhood? The Ryan Place Block Captains were out there all the time, just waiting to be recognized! Our new Block Captains represent the diversity of Ryan Place — some are new to the neighborhood, others are seasoned veterans — all are eager and excited at the prospect of getting involved with their neighbors.

The Block Captains will be meeting new neighbors, helping coordinate the alley clean-up, and, if needed, assisting their Street Directors with the distribution of information on their block. If you see a blank spot on this list and would like to serve your block, call or e-mail the RPIA NEWSLETTER (see page 2) right away. All vacancies will soon be filled!

Ryan Avenue

2300 Murphy and Amanda Parks
2400-2500 Rick Tucker
2600 Andrew Dugas
2700 Vino Herrera
2800
2900
3000

Willing Avenue

2300 Ryan and Bronwyn Scharar
2400-2500 Anthony and Allison Kirchner
2600 Barbara Forshey
2700 John and Amber Wyatt
2800 John David and Naomi Gelineau
2900 George Gdovin and Jasmine Luna
3000 John and Melanie MacFarlane

6th Avenue

2300
2400-2500 Pam and Garry Hill
2600
2700 Becky and John Fiel
2800
2900 David and Sandra Barton
3000 Jeff and Janelle Lourence

5th Avenue

2300 Rich and Karly Johnston
2400-2500 Eric and Denelle Livesay
2600
2700 Charlie Boulware and Jane Erwin
2800 Jeff and Pam Hayes
2900 Christian and Karen Schroder
3000 Alan and Kendal Lake

Ryan Place Drive

2300
2400-2500
2600
2700 Jerry and Donna Lemunyon
2800 Chris and Bethany Handy
2900 Josh and Kristi Lambert
3000 Randy and Tisha Scott

College and Cantey

2400-2500 John and Sara Filarowicz
2600-2700 Laura and James Crews

Alston, Lipscomb, Page

2300 Alston
2300 Lipscomb

2400
2500-2600 David and Rita Ramirez

South Adams St.

2300 Ted and Dana Settle
2400-2500
2600 Kurt and Michelle Howard
2601-2700 Tristan and Rose Decker
2800

Elizabeth Blvd.

1000-1100 Roland and Linda Hill
1200 Spencer Tanke and Jill Matson
1300
1400 Ben and Abbi Miller
1500
1600 Lisa and Shannon Logan

8th, James, Stanley

2900 8th Michael and Elizabeth Matura
2900 James Joyce Davidson



Renewal

After a rip-roaring start at refurbishing Ryan Place (aka Triangle) Park last year, the project, uh, went on sabbatical. The crew was ready, visions abounded, but bureaucracy got in the way.

Currently, the Adopt-a-Park agreement with the City is being negotiated and after that, plans will be submitted — then — maybe — the work will begin. About two years ago when the \$75,000 Committee submitted its recommendations for neighborhood improvement projects, the little park at the intersection of 5th Avenue and Ryan Place Drive was on the list. Approved by the RPIA Board for \$20,000 in neighborhood funds, the park awaited its turn at improvements. Recently, the Board once again confirmed the money dedicated for the project.

In terms of overall scope, the intent for the park is focused on safety (through lighting), beautification in terms of landscaping, and exploring creative uses for the limited park space. When applying for the park's adoption, the components of the project were listed as:

- Improve safety, security, and accessibility in the park
- Enhance the park as an attractive place for neighbors to relax, congregate, enjoy the beauty of the park
- Install attractive, low maintenance ground covers, shrubbery, and hardscape materials along with seasonal color
- Prevent soil erosion on slopes with retaining walls and ground covering plants
- Add landscape lighting and post lights
- Reposition the Vin Fiz memorial
- Install large boulders for seating
- Possibly add a structure such as a gazebo or pergola(s)

Ryan Place Park will be in its "before" state when we celebrate the Vin Fiz centennial and the Chili Cook-Off there in October. Be sure to look around so next year you can be duly amazed by the transformation.

Want to help? Call 817-927-0075 or e-mail rpiannualsletter@yahoo.com

LABOR DAY YARD SALE ADDRESSES:



2828 5th Ave.	2519 Willing Ave.	1112 Elizabeth Blvd.
2908 5th Ave.	2529 Willing Ave.	1604 Elizabeth Blvd.
2944 5th Ave.	2716 Willing Ave.	2744 S. Adams St.
3008 5th Ave.	2719 Willing Ave.	2620 Lipscomb St.
2508 Ryan Ave.	2740 Willing Ave.	2816 Ryan Place Dr.
2416 6th Ave.		

These residents have placed an ad in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram



RPIA President's Letter

The RPIA Board of Directors has been focused and working on your behalf and is pleased to announce that during the month of September, 2011 the implementation and construction phase of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) will begin. We have received estimates indicating that this will be an investment by the City of Fort Worth of approximately \$500,000. The City will also invest significant funds starting in January, 2012 in connection with the new sanitary sewer, water lines, and new streets mentioned in the June, 2011 newsletter. The City's investment associated with the new streets is estimated at \$2,000,000; an additional \$60,000 will be invested by the City through the Public Art project associated with the traffic circle at the intersection of 5th Ave. and Elizabeth Blvd.

The Sustaining Membership Program is a way that residents may contribute to neighborhood improvements. There are plans to help improve and beautify Ryan Place Park; landscaping the entry gates and both parks will also be possible with your contributions. Our participation rate has recently increased from 5% to 10%, but we would like to see this rate closer to 50%. Our goal is \$15,000 for 2011 and we are half way there; you can help us obtain these goals with a minimum contribution of \$35. We appreciate your support.

Recently, the entry gate located at 6th Avenue and Jessamine on the East side of the street was destroyed by a driver who

was uninsured. Volunteers have stepped forward to help develop a plan for reconstruction and reuse of the remains. I am proud that the City of Fort Worth, RPIA, and CCRP are working together to help find a potential solution.

Please plan to attend the September RPIA meeting at St. John's Episcopal Church. Items to be discussed will include:

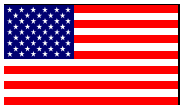
- Historic Overlay
- Sixth Ave. and Jessamine St. entry gate
- Clean Alley Initiative
- Daggett and Ryan Place Parks
- Nominating Committee status report
- Public Art update
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP)
- City of Fort Worth sponsored preconstruction meetings

A special thanks to all the volunteers, Board Members, and Sustaining Members. There are so many positive things happening in our neighborhood and this has only been possible through your help and support.

Sincerely,

John Kline, President

Ryan Place Improvement Association



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WILL WE MAKE IT?

Our goal is to raise
\$15,000 through
neighborhood
contributions for annual
budgeted expenses.

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Become a 2011 Sustaining Member of RPIA

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!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Amount _____

Please contact me to help with (circle any / all):

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level:

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Friend (\$75-150)
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6th Avenue Column Awaits New Purpose and Home

Ryan Place lost another of its original historic features on Friday, August 6th. That evening, an uninsured driver slammed into one of the columns at the corner of 6th Avenue and Jessamine Street. No one was injured in the accident, but the column collapsed into a pile of large chunks of Lueder's limestone.

An alert RPIA board member began investigating reclamation efforts the following morning and learned that the column was City property since it was located in the parkway. As a result, Ryan Place has no legal recourse against the driver who hit the column. A representative from the construction company that rebuilt the 8th Avenue/Elizabeth Boulevard columns assessed the damage and suggested that repair of the column using unbroken pieces would not be advisable. Funding to rebuild the column is being discussed by several different parties and a decision has not been made.

An interesting dilemma developed regarding salvageable remains of the column, large pieces of Ryan Place history. In spite of the fact that the pieces are quite heavy, there is some concern that they will be stolen. The City agreed to store the pieces until such time as the neighborhood decides on a disposition for them, but they cautioned that their storage arrangement is risky, at best. St. John's Episcopal Church generously offered storage space for the stone behind their building, but the City's legal department determined that city property cannot be placed on private property.

Another suggestion involved moving the blocks of stone to Ryan Place Park (Triangle Park), since it is City property, and the City agreed that this would be the most secure location. Some residents who live around the park, pleased at the prospect of repurposing the column remains there, met at the park to consider the best use of the stones. The blocks of limestone remain a valuable remnant of Ryan Place history and await creative re-use.

UPDATE: The limestone pieces from the column have been moved to the City's storage facility until further notice.



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We continue our discussion on "target hardening" this month in terms of securing and protecting your vehicle. Not only are we talking about vehicle break-ins and items stolen from it, but also vehicle thefts and parts stolen from vehicles. New technologies help us prevent crime; LoJack and OnStar help owners and the Police track stolen vehicles. There are also many devices to lock the steering column of your vehicle -- which makes stealing it more difficult. Take advantage of technology to "harden" your vehicle against crime.

If you have a garage, use it. Parking your vehicle on the street makes it very accessible for thieves. Get in the habit of checking your vehicle, especially license plates, before you leave a particular location. In the event that a "part" is stolen from your vehicle, report it immediately from the location where the theft occurred. Remember, criminals use stolen license plates to commit other crimes. If your license plates are missing, report it immediately!

When it comes to vehicle burglaries, there are many things to do to "harden" our vehicle against burglary and theft:

1. Lock your car -- even when you leave for a minute. Close all windows all the way and make sure the trunk is closed.
2. Control your keys. Never leave an identification tag on your key ring. If your keys are lost or stolen, it could help a thief locate your car and burglarize your home.
3. Never leave important identification items in your car or your glove box.
4. Store all items in your trunk, never in view in your vehicle.
5. Park in well-lit, busy areas.
6. When buying a car, ask about anti-theft options such as steering column locks, alarms, locks for spare tires, batteries, and gas tanks.
7. Keep you car's VIN number, license plate number, and description in a safe place at home for future reference.
8. Register your vehicle with H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) to assist in recovering your vehicle in the event it is stolen.
9. Attend an auto etching event to have permanent marking placed on your vehicle.
10. Only allow trusted persons to have access to your vehicle.

Again, we could probably go on and on with the tips, but I know you are understanding now how you can better protect your vehicle. Remember it only takes a few seconds for someone to break into or steal a vehicle. "Harden" your vehicle and let's do what we can to prevent this type of crime! Keep up the good work and please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.

Joel Stary

Neighborhood Patrol Officer

Central Division C31

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**RPIA Proposed Public Improvement District
15**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In January of this year we contacted the City's Public Improvement Department to register our intention to investigate the approval of a Ryan Place Public Improvement District. Over the course of seven-and-a-half months, through written and verbal communications with PID staff, it was clear that the proposed Ryan Place PID assessment would be based on a fixed assessment amount, not on a percentage of individual property values. City staff was asked specifically, on numerous occasions, if this was acceptable and their response was "yes."

On Wednesday, August 24th, we received an e-mail with the following sentence, "Since the City's formula for method of assessment is based on a rate per \$100 value of property, it should remain consistent with the current active PID's."

Joel Burns and his council aid, Deyra Galvan, were contacted and requested to ascertain when the decision had been made and if it was final. Ms. Galvan spoke with City staff and their response was that it had been made just days before it was communicated to us and that it is a final decision.

Due to this information, I have recommended to the RPIA Board that we discontinue pursuing the neighborhood's approval of the current proposed Ryan Place PID 15. A discussion and a decision will be made at the September RPIA Board meeting. **All PID meetings scheduled in September and October are cancelled.**

Thank you to everyone that has worked on the proposed Ryan Place PID 15—PID committee members: Lin Parham, Raul Peña, and Brandy O'Quinn; and RPIA Board members.

Mariann Taccia

PID Committee Chair

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RPIA LONG RANGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Factors Influencing Growth and Development

This is the second of a series of articles dealing with the preparation of a Long Range Improvement plan for the Ryan Place Improvement Association.

RPIA is not as isolated unit; it is an integral part of a dynamic urban growth area and its health and well-being are influenced by many factors outside of its control. The purpose of this article is to raise the neighborhood's level of awareness of the economic and physical environment that might impact RPIA's Long Range Improvement Plan.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT – Fort Worth South, Inc. is the private agency directing the revitalization of the near Southside. Since 1996, this Tax Incremental Finance District (TIFD) has been responsible for almost two billion dollars of private and public improvements in the "Hospital District" with another \$599 million planned in the near future. Their stated mission is: "Promote the redevelopment of Fort Worth's Near Southside as a vibrant, urban, mixed-use neighborhood."

The Hospital District has approximately 1,200 businesses and an employee base of 28,500 people; it is growing everyday. Fort Worth South has a lot to offer RPIA ranging from planning consultation and advice to assisting with implementation of planned facilities.

TCU and its ENVIRONS – In the past decade TCU has made a 180° change in its direction to expand and become a major educational institution; the results are evident. This decision has brought and will continue to bring economic development to the general area. TCU's continued effort to raise its educational standards could have a positive impact on Ryan Place, if by only increasing faculty levels and incomes.

BERRY STREET INITIATIVE – The acknowledged plan for Berry Street calls for a major renovation of the roadway and its adjacent land uses from University Drive on the west to Riverside Drive on the east. The first phase of this long-range plan has recently been completed and the next phase is under design. This important major thoroughfare and accompanied commercial development will be the foremost stimulus on the southern perimeter of the Ryan Place area.

COMMUTER RAIL and STATION– The proposed Fort Worth Transportation Authority's (The T) Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor is a commuter rail line connecting the far south side of Fort Worth to the D/FW Regional Airport. Its route is the old Cotton Belt RR (Fort Worth & Western), a part of which parallels 8th Ave. The plan calls for a rail station to be located near the intersection of Cleburne Road and Berry Street. History of commuter rail station locations has shown new major residential and commercial development to be commonplace. This rail station site is within walking distance (4,000 feet) of the center of Ryan Place, and will likely impact the southwest corner of the Ryan Place area with new commercial and service land uses.

8th AVENUE – Presently there is no group leading and directing any effort to improve that part of the 8th Avenue corridor from Arlington Street to Berry Street. 8th Avenue functions as a major thoroughfare leading to the Downtown area as well as the connecting link between the Hospital District and Berry Street. Despite the lack of coordinated planning and development effort, the 8th Avenue corridor has responded fruitfully with substantial improvements in the past several years. 8th Avenue carries approximately 20,000 vehicles per day.

HEMPHILL CORRIDOR – The impact of this renewal effort is yet to be felt by the Ryan Place area; however, if it continues at its present pace it will have a very positive impact on the east perimeter of the neighborhood.

INNER-CITY NEIGHBORHOOD – With the likelihood of fuel cost increasing, the Ryan Place area becomes a very desirable neighborhood with respect to the nearby downtown and hospital employment centers.

If you are interested in any of these particular items and would like to help in the preparation of the Improvement Plan please contact:

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RPIA President John Kline has appointed a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of RPIA Board members for 2012. Positions to be filled are Street Directors for College Avenue, 8th/James/Stanley, Lipscomb/Alston/Page, South Adams Street, and Ryan Place Drive. Officer positions to be elected are 1st Vice President and Secretary. Members of the Committee are Board members Chris Ebert, John Belknap, Ross Vitek, Raul Pena, Rick Tucker and at-large members, Terri West and Olivia Flynn (Chairman).

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Yard-of-the-Month: 2300 block of 5th Avenue

by Sharyn Peterson

Owners: The Driggers family
Neatness personified! Traditional colonial red brick home is nestled on a corner with a huge shade tree gracing the front lawn. Dark green hedges outline the full-length exterior, white pentas and miniature daisies enchant the borders, and nandinas stretch along the rest of the way. Lush green St. Augustine lawn is meticulously edged which gives the yard an overall balanced shady glen appeal.... A nook of respite on a hot summer's day.



From Calloway's Nursery

Timely Tips for August Gardeners



Fall is a perfect time to evaluate your landscape and flowerbeds. If you are looking to replace existing plants or thinking of creating new beds, you have found the right time! Nursery stock planted now will have an opportunity for roots to settle in and become established. When spring arrives, this root system can support and take full advantage of the surge of spring growth. This is also an excellent time to evaluate your existing beds and remove those items that struggled with the summer conditions and replace them with proven winners. Fresh stock is arriving daily so the selection is great!

You might want to think about planting a shade tree this fall. Things to consider are shade trees planted on the south and west sides of property provide cooling shade that is useful over outdoor living spaces, play areas, driveways, large windows and glass doors. From a design standpoint, front yard trees positioned off each corner of the front of the house balance the overall look. In the back yard, trees sometimes are used for accenting. To make sure there's room for a tree, check for utility lines and that the space can accommodate the tree's mature height and spread.

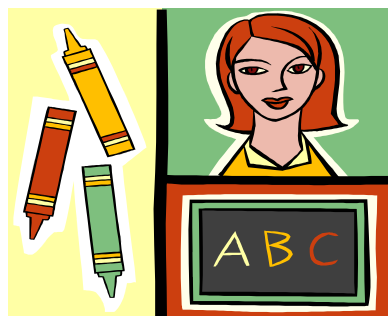
An ornamental tree for planting in the fall is the Japanese Maple. Prized for its foliage throughout the growing season, the Japanese Maple also shows its true colors in Fall. The brilliant Fall foliage lights up the garden and the textured bark and contorted branches provide winter interest. Use as an accent tree or in patio containers. The Japanese Maple is a favorite among gardeners everywhere.

Regardless of what you plant in the fall, remember to water all newly planted items with a root stimulator mix. This will help reduce transplant shock and promote stronger, healthier roots. Also, apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch to conserve moisture, prevent weeds and to maintain a more even soil temperature.

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Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

Telephones

We have a 1928 Fort Worth Telephone Directory. In it John C. Ryan is listed at 36 Ryan Place Drive. His number was 4-0898. John C. Ryan, Jr. lived at 2215 5th and could be reached at 4-0215. The Ryan Place Field Office was at 3001 5th and their number was 4-7178.

When I was little growing up in rural Oklahoma, our number was 5181S12. Yes, the letter S was in the middle of our number. To make a call you gave this number to an operator and she placed the call. We were also on a party line which was shared by four families. We used the honor system about not listening in on each other's calls.

Back in the old days places had numbers. Now people have numbers; you call the person, not the place. We just had our home land line cancelled because it rarely rang and our cells were going off all the time. Speaking of time...it marches on, doesn't it?

2717 Ryan	\$108,500	2/2	817-731-4421	Bungalow; new garage
2813 RPD	\$119,900	2/2	817-924-4144	Cottage ; many windows
2608 Ryan	\$120,000	2/1	972-849-9889	Some original hdwe
2713 Ryan	\$124,000	2/1	214-772-6854	Remodeled cottage
2508 5 th	\$275,000	4/3	817-632-9500	Hardwds, mstr dnstairs
2709 5 th	\$314,900	2/2	817-632-9500	Vintage w/guest qtrs
2417 5 th	\$429,500	3/2+817-675-1623	Per. b'tubs; sprkling pool	
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EDITORIAL***Another side of the neighborhood story***

Usually the residents on College Avenue are pretty quiet regarding issues and/or improvements to the neighborhood. After reading the August Newsletter article on how trucks and trains affect a small, but significant area surrounding the 8th Avenue rail yard, I felt the need to express the opinions of some of the residents on the other side of the neighborhood and their train troubles.

Thanks to the almost completed Quiet Zone, the train whistles will soon be silenced. However, we will continue to have trains blocking Lipscomb and Capps and causing traffic back-ups. Trains that idle for hours upon hours spew diesel fumes into the air continuously, prevent us from safely doing yard work, sitting on our porches, or letting our children play outside. Imagine one or two train engines idling inside an area the size of a football field for up to 48 hours, with crossing bells clanging the entire time – that's what we live with.

Josh Davidson of BNSF has listened to our complaints, but is unable to do much to resolve our problems because of the volume of train traffic. We all knew the tracks were here when we bought our homes; we just didn't know how much the rail traffic would increase over the years.

We alternate between angry frustration and complacent acceptance over the implementation of the Quiet Zone which has eliminated the quickest, safest exit to the east out of our neighborhood. If the choice had been mine, I would have kept the train whistles rather than given up the Capps exit. Capps has been used for decades by our small, but significant area of the Ryan Place neighborhood. We are more able to deal with the trains than with the "improvements."

— L. Carter

RPIA MEETING NOTES

St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting the RPIA monthly meetings – again. St. John's is located on the corner of College Avenue and Elizabeth Blvd. and the entrance to Mitchell Hall, is behind the main building, through the wrought iron gates on Elizabeth Blvd., and through the door on the left. The Board met around large tables at 6 pm and the regular meeting began at 7 with neighbors pulling up chairs in a casual format.

There were three new neighbors in attendance at the meeting: Anthony and Allison Kirchner have moved in on Willing Avenue, as have George Havrilla and his wife, Nicole, with their daughter.

NPO Joel Stary has been away from Ryan Place due to a shoulder injury which resulted in surgery and an extended period of recuperation and physical therapy. Officer Stary reports that he will be back soon, as strong as ever and none the worse for wear.

CCRP reported that they continue to press the City regarding the installation of the remainder of the streetlights. The City representative with whom Brenda White has worked for years recently left his City employment, which has led to some delay.

Christopher Ebert



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Ryan Place Historic Overlay

Survey of Neighborhood Interest and Priorities

The purpose of this survey is to collect input on a potential historic designation for the Ryan Place neighborhood. Your responses will be used to develop the final options on which each property owner will vote. Your comments are very much appreciated!

To submit your survey, please:

- A) Complete it online at www.historicryanplace.org,
- B) Mail this paper survey to RPIA, PO Box 11122, Fort Worth, TX 76110, or
- C) Drop off this paper survey in the box on the porch at 2307 5th Avenue.

1. Do you support an historic designation for Ryan Place?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
2. Have you already nominated your Ryan Place property for the city's historic designation? (http://www.fortworthgov.org/uploadedFiles/Planning_and_Development/Boards_and_Commissions/HCLC/DESIGNATION_2010.pdf)
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
3. Would you support a guideline/restriction that would prevent new residential development that is out-of-scale (i.e., massing, height, set back) with existing homes in Ryan Place?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
4. Would you support a guideline/restriction that would prevent the unwarranted demolition of existing homes in Ryan Place?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
5. Would you support a guideline/restriction that would restrict the choice of architectural style for any new construction in Ryan Place?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
6. Would you support a guideline/restriction that would prevent new commercial development in Ryan Place?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
7. What would be your preferred scope of a historically designated area for Ryan Place?
☐ **The entire neighborhood, including every property within Ryan Place.**

- ☐ **A "core area" of 1910's-1920's homes only.**
 - ☐ **A "core area" with historic designation, surrounded by a "conservation district" of post-war homes.**
8. What would be your preferred structure for an Oversight Committee tasked with enforcing the future historic designation guidelines, if any, that the neighborhood ends up approving?
☐ **All members elected from the neighborhood at-large.**
☐ **All members elected to represent the different subdivisions of the neighborhood only.**
☐ **Some members elected from different subdivisions and some at-large members.**
☐ **Some members elected and some appointed by the RPIA Board of Directors.**
 9. Please rank the following aspects of historic designation for Ryan Place from 1 (most important to you) to 8 (least important to you).

_____ **Effects to my property value.**

_____ **Eligibility for a 10-year tax freeze on renovations to every property in Ryan Place.**

_____ **Feeling part of a cohesive neighborhood/ something important.**

_____ **Feeling proud of Ryan Place.**

_____ **Guidelines/restrictions on new construction.**

_____ **Guidelines/restrictions on renovations/ additions.**

_____ **Prohibition of new commercial development.**

_____ **Prohibition of new multi-family development.**
 10. Please let us know what street you live on. We'd like to make sure that every corner of the neighborhood is heard from!
☐ **5th Avenue**
☐ **6th Avenue**

- ☐ **8th Avenue/James/Livingston/Stamley**
 - ☐ **Alston/Lipscomb/Page**
 - ☐ **College/Cantey**
 - ☐ **Elizabeth Boulevard**
 - ☐ **Ryan Avenue**
 - ☐ **Ryan Place Drive**
 - ☐ **South Adams Street**
 - ☐ **Willing Avenue**
11. Have you read the current Ryan Place Historic Overlay proposed guidelines? (They are available at www.historicryanplace.org)
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**
 12. Would you be willing to serve on the Ryan Place Historic Overlay committee? Over the next few months, the committee will be developing additional options for an historic designation for Ryan Place, in addition to the current guidelines.
☐ **Yes - Please contact Katie Shumate or John Kline to volunteer your time to this committee. (Contact info is published in the RP Newsletter.)**
☐ **No - Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!**
 13. You are invited to submit any comments on this process prior to September 30th, 2011, for consideration by the Ryan Place Historic Overlay Committee. Enter your comments in the space below. If you would like a response, please include your contact information.

Thank you for your participation in this survey! Your responses WILL be considered as the Historic Overlay Committee develops options for the neighborhood to vote on.

—Katie Shumate

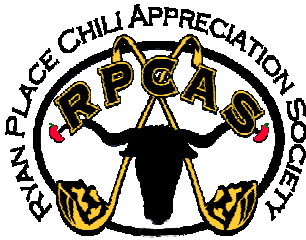


The 10th Annual Ryan Place Chili Appreciation Society Chili Cook-Off



and Vin Fiz Landing Centennial Commemoration

Bring your lawn chairs, a picnic, blankets, and coolers for a FREE fun-filled evening!



**Saturday,
October 15
4 pm — 8 pm
Ryan Place Park
(3001 5th Avenue)**



**Contestants arrive at
3 pm for set-up
Registration by 3:30 pm
Judging begins at 4 pm**

Due to time schedules please bring your chili cooked and ready to be re-heated.

Tables and electrical supply will be provided. Bring extension cords, bowls, spoons, and table decorations.

Chili Cook-Off entries are limited to Ryan Place residents.

For additional information please e-mail
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Calbraith P. Rodgers, pilot of the first transcontinental flight, landed the "Vin Fiz" Wright Biplane in Ryan's pasture on Tuesday, October 17, 1911 at 4:45

A proclamation from the City of Fort Worth and resolutions from the State Senate and House of Representatives will be presented in honor of this occasion.

**City of Fort Worth Aviation,
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Fort Worth Air & Space Museum
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The Big D Licious returns to the Ryan Place stage!

***We are excited that this neighborhood favorite band
will be performing for another Ryan Place event!***

Band leader, Danny Anguiano, is flying in from Mexico to perform!

R.A.P.I.D. Registration 4 pm - 6 pm

Eartha Pitre, City of Fort Worth Crime Prevention Specialist, will issue property identification labels.

Bring your driver's license to register and receive property identification labels.

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September 2011

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