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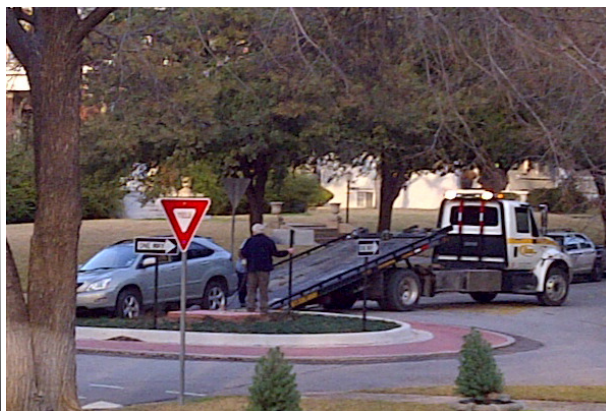
NEWSLETTER

March, 2012

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It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon, February 19, at about 5:30 when this unfortunate driver apparently drove straight into the traffic circle at Elizabeth Blvd. and 5th Avenue. Landscaping and irrigation equipment was reportedly damaged. Failure to report damage to the circles (which are City property) is considered a hit-and-run offense. Police were at the scene of this accident for almost an hour after the incident.

Photo submitted by Kurt Nielsen

Sustaining Membership Contributions

Street	# of House s	# of Contri- butions	Participa- tion Rate
College Ave.	43	1	2%
8th Ave.	47	1	2%
Elizabeth Blvd.	44	8	18%
5th Ave.	96	11	12%
James Ave.	28		0%
Lipscomb	25	1	4%
6th Ave.	106	7	7%
Ryan Ave.	138	2	2%
Ryan Place Dr.	101	7	7%
So. Adams	75	5	7%
Willing Ave.	121	8	7%
TOTALS	824	51	6%



RPIA Meeting

Monday, March 19

7 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church

2401 College Avenue

*Enter through the gate on Page, behind main building
Meeting agenda at
historicryanplace.org
Discussion Forum*

Option: Private security patrol

A review of bids from two security companies confirmed that Texas Industrial Security (TIS) offers the best price for more security patrol hours. Services offered by each company were essentially the same:

- ♦ Mobile patrol coverage for subscribed residents.
- ♦ Vacation patrol checks and officer escort to residence entry upon request.
- ♦ Residents with a residential security alarm system would have the option of listing TIS as a secondary contact. If so, and a resident's alarm system were triggered, TIS would be notified, as well, to ensure that the TIS officer would be alert for suspicious activity.
- ♦ TIS provides 24 hour, 7day/week dispatch and patrol officers are issued a mobile phone.
- ♦ Security report presented at monthly neighborhood meeting.

TIS patrol service for 10 hours/day, 7 days/week, with a minimum of 150 subscribers would cost \$111.14 per residence per quarter (\$37.04/month). Patrol service for 8 hours/day, 7 days/week, with a minimum of 150 subscribers would cost \$88.87 per residence per quarter (\$29.62/month). The neighborhood would have input on which hours would be patrolled and the patrol schedule would vary.

TIS would bill RPIA monthly and RPIA would then bill subscribing residents quarterly; PayPal would be available for payments. Each subscriber's one year contract would be with RPIA.

Fifty residents have contacted **Eric Livesay** to subscribe for security patrol. When 150 subscribers have committed, we will contract with TIS and they will begin patrolling within a week. To subscribe or learn more, contact Eric Livesay at ryanplace@hecate.com or 817-879-7155.

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When **Eric Livesay (and Denelle)** hear that help is needed, they show up to lend a hand. Most recently, Eric has become involved in the Crime Prevention Committee, working to establish the private security patrol program. Eric has also been appointed Chairman of the 44 Block Captains who will coordinate the security related alley clean-up.



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Park News

Cherissa Scott started looking for a way to get involved in Ryan Place as soon as she moved here – and sure enough, her niche appeared. Cherissa has a small gardening business, Pablos Lotus, and when she read in the Newsletter last month that Ryan Place Park needed a coordinator for its revitalization, she quickly volunteered, stating that she “would be honored to help in any way.”

Cherissa specializes in building sustainable meditation gardens, as well as advising on, caring for, and installing intimate gardens for homeowners and small businesses. According to Cherissa, her goal is to combine a client's vision with her knowledge and experience for a customized outdoor masterpiece.

Since moving to Fort Worth from Weatherford seventeen years ago, Cherissa has studied both art and horticulture. She says she is looking forward to meeting neighbors, renovating the park, and learning from other gardeners in Ryan Place.



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CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY

Crime Prevention Committee

Laura Crews, Chairman

The RPIA Crime Prevention Committee, will oversee the following committees:

Alleys – Chairman **Rick Tucker** -

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Block Captains – Chairman **Eric Livesay** -

eric@hecate.com;

Code Blue – Chairman **Steve Fruscella** - ste-

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Private Security Patrol – Chairman **Eric Livesay** - ryan-

place@hecate.com

Laura Crews will report each month to the RPIA Board of Directors and provide information on crime prevention activities for each of the four committees.

Each committee chairman was provided with a list of the residents who attended the Crime Prevention meeting in January and expressed an interest in participating or volunteering in the various crime prevention initiatives.



Crime Prevention Committee Report

Laura Crews, Chairman

Alleys –

Contractors will be in Ryan Place in March to maintain alleys that are part of the City's alley maintenance program.

Committee will be reviewing bids to determine a cost for homeowners who are interested in installing security lights, surveillance cameras, and/or gates in their alleys.

Block Captains –

Officer **Joel Stary** will meet with Block Captains and other interested residents on Saturday, March 10th, 9 am, at 2620 College Ave. to instruct on securing alleys through maintenance, lighting, surveillance cameras, and gates. The 2600 block alley between College Avenue and South Adams Street sets the standard and has been maintained by **Bill Vaughan**.

Code Blue –

Six residents have completed the first portion of Code Blue training.

Additional recruits are needed, especially residents who are at home during the day.

Private Security Patrol – (see page 1)



Lesson from the past

I was speaking with a Fairmount resident recently about how things have changed over the past few decades with regard to neighborhood relationships. As a kid growing up in a small town, I remember knowing all of our neighbors' names and their children's names as well. I knew not to act up, because everyone knew me and they knew my parents.

It is unfortunate that we don't know our neighbor and their kids the way we used to. I think we all know deep down that if we don't attend to this it is possible to wake up one morning and realize that we have no idea who is living around us – or right next door for that matter. Technology has given us so many useful tools, but it also has reduced the need for a lot of other useful tools.

Challenge yourself to communicate face-to-face with someone this week – not a phone call, not a text, not an e-mail, no Tweeting, no Facebook, and no Hey Tell. A simple face-to-face, sit-down-over-coffee conversation the way we used to do. Meaningful communication tells you all you need to know about each other. Sometimes you find something you like and sometimes you don't, but without creating opportunities you will never know.

There may have been many things our parents and grandparents didn't know, but what they did know worked and we must keep those practices alive today and teach them to our children as well. I know that the safety and security of any neighborhood starts with communication, we should all remember this and not pass up opportunities to speak with each other and watch out for each other.

Joel Stary

Neighborhood Patrol Officer

Central Division C31

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New Crime Watch Signs

After researching the neighborhood area, Officer **Joel Stary** and Crime Prevention Specialist **Eartha Pitre** have recommended the installation of eleven new Crime Watch signs around the perimeter of Ryan Place. New signs are located at: Jessamine and 6th Ave., Jessamine and Ryan Place Dr., Hemphill and Page, Lipscomb and Capps, Lowden and So. Adams, Berry St. and 6th Ave., Cleburne Rd. and Bowie, Cleburne Rd. and Lowden, 8th Ave. and Cantey, 8th Ave. and Robert, 8th Ave. and Jessamine.

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Real Estate Corner

by Judy Holland

Changes

I started writing for our Newsletter fifteen years ago and so many changes have taken place since then. Ryan Place has bloomed where it's planted. We have paraded and toured and been named the Best Neighborhood in Fort Worth. Columns have gone up and come down. We have fought City Hall. Traffic circles and quiet zones have been laid out. Lights have been lit and croquet balls have been hit.

So, keeping up with the progress we've made collectively, I've decided to hand off the Real Estate Corner to a friend of mine to take over for us. She is **Jan Aziz**, an agent with Virginia Cook Agency. Watch next month for her first paragraph or two and a list of what's for sale in Ryan Place. Jan has lived in our town for many years and we share a love for good music and beautiful homes, large and small. You're in good hands with her.

Thanks for the memories.

Judy

2421 6th Av	\$435,000	4/3	Mstr w/ blcny & fireplace
1604 EB	\$350,000	3/2	High ceilings; shiny hrdwds
2509 6th Av	\$299,000	3/2	Bungalow on 1.5 lots
2717 Willing Av	\$268,000	3/1	New kitchen; lrg mstr closet
2624 Willing Av	\$229,900	3/1	Cottage; updated kitchen
2736 RPD	\$158,000	3/2	Stone; remodeled & ready!
2944 Ryan Av	\$ 99,850	2/1	Great way to get into RP!

New Ryan Place Residents

If you have moved into Ryan Place within the last year,
you are cordially invited to the

Welcome to Ryan Place Reception

Monday, April 2, 2012, at 6:30 pm
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Please RSVP by March 26

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RPIA President **John Kline** has appointed South Adams St. resident **Courtney Chatfield** as Parliamentarian. It will be her job to ensure that the Board of Directors acts in accordance with the RPIA bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, and the two-minute rule. Thank you, Courtney!



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Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 7th

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Ryan Place Street Dance
Saturday, May 26th, 7 pm

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Ryan Run
Wednesday, July 4th

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Ryan Place 4th of July Parade
Wednesday, July 4th, 10am

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1st Annual Boo on the Boulevard
&
11th Annual
Ryan Place Chili Cook-off
Saturday, October 27th

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A Candlelight Christmas in
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November 30 – December 2

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RPIA 2012 Budget

The RPIA Finance Committee (officers, one Street Director, and one at-large member) met on February 13 to create a budget for 2012. Special thanks to Street Director **Raul Pena** and at-large member **Andy Taft**, President of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. Thank you to all the Committee members for giving your time, expertise, and experience to produce a challenging, workable plan.

REVENUE		
NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING SALES	5,800.00	Newsletter advertising revenue in 2011 = \$ 5,650.
SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	13,000.00	Contributions in 2011 = \$ 11,052.
EVENT REVENUES	5,560.00	Includes Ryan Run revenue, event sponsorships
GAS LEASE INVESTMENT RETURN	3,300.00	To be paid in August, 2012
NET REVENUE:	27,660.00	
EXPENSES		
NEWSLETTER	7,000.00	Includes printing and distribution
OPERATING EXPENSES	10,766.00*	Includes irrigation and landscape maintenance for traffic circles, two parks, 8 th Ave. gates; water for circles and 8 th Ave. gates, gate lighting maintenance; new meeting signs; PO Box; insurance; printing; e-mail system
MEMBERSHIPS, DUES, GIFTS	535.00	Includes FW South, Inc., League of Neighborhoods, St. John's Church
EVENTS	6,575.00	Includes Easter Egg Hunt, Street Dance (live music), July 4 th Parade, Ryan Run, Halloween and Chili Cook-off (live music)
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	1,200.00	Daggett Park; Ryan Place Park funded by gas lease bonus
CRIME PREVENTION	2,830.00†	Includes Crime Watch signs for alley gates and window stickers to identify RP resident vehicles. May be funded separately.
NET EXPENSES	28,906.00	
TOTAL	-1,246.00	(See notes below)

* Operating expenses are based on 2011 expense amounts and are expected to be lower in 2012.
† Crime Prevention projects are to be funded separately by contributions and/or after other financial obligations are met.



FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2012 — February 20, 2012

Sustaining Membership Contributions	\$ 1875.00
Newsletter advertising	\$ 1730.00
Total revenue	\$ 3605.00
Operating expenses	\$ 657.39
Newsletter printing (February)	\$ 761.00
Total expense	\$ 1418.39

Your neighborhood needs YOU! Your contribution of \$35 or more will fund and maintain improvements in Ryan Place in 2012. We also need your participation — pitching in to help with our events and projects as well as attending and having a good time! In 2011, almost 150 of the (approximately) 850 residences in Ryan Place were Sustaining Members. Mail your check to RPIA today and let's see what we can make happen in 2012!

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New Street Director for 6th Avenue

Suze Diesel and her husband, **Steve**, moved into their home on 6th Avenue in July, just in time for the heat wave. Previously, they lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota for sixteen years and were very happy to escape the winters there. "I'll take the heat any time over three feet of snow and twenty degrees below zero!" says Suze. Suze has worked in several capacities in the fields of counseling, teaching, and social work and is now a passionate master gardener. Her interests also include history, residential architecture, and historic preservation. The Diesels have lived in many different cities, from the far north to the deep south, from the Rocky Mountains to New England, and they think Fort Worth is the best. They both feel "very lucky to live in this wonderful neighborhood!" Suze is the newly elected Street Director for 6th Avenue. She invites you to contact her with questions, comments, or suggestions at: suzedeez@att.net or 612/236-6419 (cell).

Railroad Quiet Zone Update

The quiet zone became active Saturday, February 4th, but there have been some malfunctions with the Wayside Horn System at the Lipscomb crossing. This is the first use of this system in Fort Worth and the manufacturer has come to the location to investigate for errors. Federal regulations require the train engineer to sound the locomotive horns if a pedestrian, vehicle, or construction worker is observed in the train track right-of-way. Two signs in the right-of-way alert engineers of a quiet zone: a flashing sign that indicates that the barricades are working properly and a one-foot square "QZ" sign. If the sign is not flashing, the engineer is to sound the locomotive horn.



Ryan Place Kids Club Update

Submitted by Katie Shumate

A dozen kids gathered February 12th for a cookie swap social to kick off the new kids' group in Ryan Place. Children from age 2 to 12 enjoyed cookies and the company of new and old friends. Discussion focused on possibilities for contributing to the neighborhood as well as for regular social get-togethers. The four middle schoolers in attendance are interested in neighborhood-benefitting projects. All the kids expressed interest in the Easter Egg Hunt, the Street Dance, and the July 4th Parade. Mark your calendars for the next social event: Sunday afternoon, March 25th, at Daggett Park. The group will be making plans and voting on a name for their new group, so kids, bring your ideas for the ballot!

This new group will be kid-led. Middle and high school aged youth are encouraged to participate and gain leadership experience. The younger children are excited to have older mentors and to grow into the group's future leaders. Parents will supervise, but plan to keep their involvement to a minimum. Updates will be sent out via the Ryan Place e-mail bulletin and the kids' group e-mail list. Sign up for Ryan Place bulletins at HistoricRyanPlace.org. To be added to the kids' group list, send your contact information (parent and child(ren) names, street address, phone number, and e-mail address, please) to

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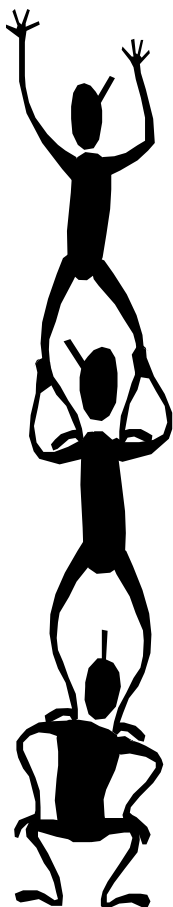
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Behind the Scenes

Recently **Frank and Tracy Papa** decided to expand their sprinkler system — to include the gate landscaping located on the corner of their lot at Elizabeth Blvd. and College Ave. The Papa's decided to assume responsibility for that water bill.

After installation of the traffic circles was completed, the City filled them with Red Drift Roses. Imagining their blooms, **Joan Kline** went a step further and bought more Red Drift Roses, which she had planted at Daggett Park, extending the beautiful color east on Elizabeth Blvd.

Last year **John Kline**, remembering his dad's love for red bud trees, planted one in his honor in Daggett Park. Following his example, **Linda Clark** provided some additional variety in Daggett Park with a Little Gem magnolia, a Chin-quapin Oak, and a Chinese Pistach tree. **John Filarowicz**, owner of Five Star Landscaping, was contracted to maintain the landscaping at Daggett Park and the 8th Ave. gates. As a bonus, he donates and plants 20 flats of pansies and other annuals in the flower beds at the gates each year.

Ryan Place has so many neighbors who give their time, energy, and expertise — opening their hearts as well as their checkbooks — to improve our neighborhood. To all who work behind the scenes, beautifying and providing the extra touches, "Thanks, neighbor!"

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Ryan Place Directory

To be, or not to be?

The Ryan Place Directory is two years old and would ordinarily be due for an update. In the "good old days," we have collected information from residents who wanted to be included in the Directory and delivered them to everyone in the neighborhood.

Times have changed, though. Concerns about privacy and security are being raised. The questions are:

- Should we produce a new Directory?
- If so, what information would be included?
- If so, do only those listed in the Directory receive a Directory?

An online Directory was considered, then rejected because of security issues related to the Internet.

If you have an opinion or a suggestion, send it in to PO Box 11122, Fort Worth, TX 76110 (with your Sustaining Membership contribution!) or e-mail it to rpinewsletter@yahoo.com

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RPIA MEETING MINUTES

*Minutes of the RPIA meeting are published after they are approved by the Board; the Minutes are published as approved and **are not edited** for publication in the NEWSLETTER.*

The RPIA meeting on Monday, January 16, 2012 at Mitchell Hall, St. John's Episcopal Church was called to order at 7:04 pm by President John Kline. Board Members present were President John Kline, 1st Vice President Mariann Taccia, 2nd Vice President Kurt Nielsen, (Acting) Secretary Olivia Flynn, Street Directors John Belknap (8th, James, Stanley), Rick Tucker (Ryan Ave.), Mike Lindner (Willing Ave.), Suze Diesel (6th Ave.), Katie Shumate (5th Ave.), Lin Parham (Ryan Place Dr.), Chris Ebert (So. Adams), Laura Crews (College Ave.), and Joan Kline (Alt. Elizabeth Blvd.). There were no new neighbors at the meeting; approximately 35 residents attended the meeting.

Michelle Gonzales from the City of Fort Worth offered a Power Point presentation on the Public Art project for the roundabout at Elizabeth Blvd. and 5th Avenue that included the program goals, panel members, and the credentials of the artist, Alice Bateman, who was then introduced. Ms. Bateman explained her conceptual process for the project and outlined the construction phase, pointing out that the art is expected to be completed in the spring of 2012 and will be maintained by the City.

Neighborhood Police Officer Joel Stary was joined by Sgt. Kathi Jones of the FWPd. Officer Stary reported that crime has increased in Ryan Place and he expects it to remain high for the next couple of months, due in part to people reporting crimes that had not been previously reported. Officer Stary commented on a recent domestic disturbance on 8th Ave. (which did not involve Ryan Place residents), several graffiti incidents in Fairmount, thefts, trespass issues, and confirmed that in six of the eight burglaries in Ryan Place in January, the house/garage/vehicle was not locked.

1st Vice President Mariann Taccia presented RPIA's 2012 Strategic Goals as:

1. Crime Prevention – Alley security through clean up, lighting, locked gates, Crime Watch signs; Vehicle ID stickers for Ryan Place residents; and uniform curb house numbers for all of Ryan Place. Laura Crews will Chair Crime Prevention Committee and promote Code Blue program in the neighborhood, for which there are several applicants. The PID relating to neighborhood security will be reconsidered.
2. Improvement and beautification of Ryan Place (Triangle) Park
3. 501(c)(3) Tax Status for RPIA – Pamm Cox is working on the legal process; Kurt Nielsen will develop fund-raising initiative.

Joan Kline urged those present to weigh the value of Crime Watch signs on alley gates and on residential properties against the "sign pollution" that they would entail.

2nd Vice President Kurt Nielsen reported that the trash receptacles to be installed in Daggett Park were delayed, but will be installed later this month; he asked for help installing them.

Treasurer Ross Vitek has resigned; VP Mariann Taccia nominated Olivia Flynn to complete his term in 2012. Motion seconded by Kurt Nielsen; no discussion; Board approved.

Committee Reports:

Katie Shumate announced that there will be a Youth Committee social in February.

Mariann Taccia reported that in February eighteen streetlights will be installed by TPW on Ryan Ave., Willing Ave., and 6th Ave., which will complete lighting of those streets. There are 53 more lights to be installed and Councilman Joel Burns will work with CCRP to formulate a plan.

Katie Shumate stated that the Historic Overlay Committee will report its three proposed options in the February Newsletter.

Mariann Taccia asked when the last committee meeting was held; Katie Shumate said November. Ms. Taccia asked if respondents to the HO survey who had indicated a desire to serve on the committee had been notified; Ms. Shumate replied that they had, but none had come to the meeting.

President John Kline mentioned that several streets in Ryan Place are being reconstructed. He also announced that each Street Director is expected to recruit ten new Sustaining Members for RPIA. Director Katie Shumate objected, stating that if she had known she would have to solicit funds, she would not have accepted the Street Director position. Ms. Shumate requested formal job descriptions for Board Members.

President Kline remarked that combining the RPIA Board and general meetings as well as providing financial reports is to accomplish a policy of transparency.

Clean Alley Initiative – When asked about priorities for alley security, Officer Stary stated that first, alleys should be clean and clear. Second, lighting will deter criminal activity, and third, closing the alleys with gates will be useful.

Berry Street Initiative – Linda Clark reported that the City is still working with Wal-Mart on the possibility of variances for a "suburban model" at the corner of Hemphill and Berry St.

Mariann Taccia offered information on the recently damaged gate at the corner of Jessamine and 6th Avenue. According to the City, there are no funds to rebuild the structure; Ms. Taccia will recommend to CCRP that they request bids to be submitted and suggested that RPIA and CCRP might fund it, but a decision would be made after the rebuilding cost is determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Submitted by Olivia Flynn, Acting Secretary



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CCRP General Meeting

Mariann Taccia, CCRP President

The Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place (CCRP) Annual General Meeting will be held Monday, April 2, 2012, 7 pm, at 2700 5th Avenue.

The CCRP nominating committee met Wednesday, February 22nd. **John Belknap**, CCRP Board Trustee, was elected Chairman of the committee. The committee's task was to develop a slate of nominees for the 2012 Board of Trustees that will be presented for election during the General meeting. The nominees are: **Mariann Taccia**, President; **Gina Roberts**, Vice President; **Mary Edwards**, Secretary; **Mike Lindner**, Treasurer; and **Pattie Bennett** as Trustee. Any Ryan Place resident may be nominated to be on the CCRP Board of Trustees or on a committee by contacting **John Belknap**, at john-belknap@swbell.net, 817-800-6669.

A review of streetlight installation progress and future installation plans will also be given during the General Meeting.

Ryan Place residents are encouraged to attend the CCRP General Meeting to participate in the election of Trustees and receive information about CCRP projects and goals.



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Cupcake Study — A Progress Report

As promised back in the summer, we have been hard at work testing as many cupcake opportunities as possible. From the TCU Kroger to Manhattan it was nothing but hard work. As with any scientific study there has to be a standard by which all test samples are compared. The official standard is the Magnolia Bakery's (401 Bleecker Street, New York City) Vanilla Cupcake with Traditional Vanilla Buttercream Frosting. (Say you can't get to New York's West Village? Just pick up the Magnolia Bakery Cookbook at the Barnes & Noble; see pages 60 and 81 for the recipes.) However, some members of the research team may have been using the Chocolate variation.

As with snow cones, we have evaluated store-bought cupcakes using the same criteria: freshness, convenience, value, and flavor. I don't know if decoration should be considered in our judging, but unfortunately sometimes the visual sense takes over.

Nothing can beat the value or convenience of selecting a clam shell package of six cupcakes at the TCU Kroger. But cupcakes should be about more than just convenience. Cupcakes should be as special as the occasion to eat them. Judging solely on convenience would not yield an outcome worthy of a Cupcake Study. Therefore, we had to broaden our search to areas on the other side of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River.

J Rae's Cheesecakes on Foch Street was our first stop. Beautiful pink boxes with ribbons (by request) certainly made the cupcakes look special; helpful staff were glad we were there. Cheesecakes must be their specialty.

Harper's Blue Bonnet Bakery received several extra merit points for its adaptive reuse of a historic church on the brick section of Camp Bowie. Its cupcakes were seasonally and festively decorated. A very good value. Many other baked items available. (In the interest of full disclosure, Blue Bonnet Bakery made our wedding cake 45+ years ago. It was very good.)

Red Jett Sweets is a food truck! Its location changes daily in response to customer needs. Food trucks once only served construction site workers. Now they seem to be everywhere. We caught up with the Red Jett at 2509 Weisenberger Street, the Food Truck Park a couple of blocks north of Montgomery Plaza. Cupcakes were judged at 90% of our study standard. Probably not as convenient as the Kroger unless the Red Jett Sweets truck happens to drive up to your house and you are hungry for a cupcake!

Valentine's week we were back in New York City. Our first stop was the Grand Central Station location of the Magnolia Bakery outlet. The official Cupcake Study standard again reached a score of 100%. Even with the discount for convenience. A special cupcake for a special place.

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Photo by Raul and Lisa Pens



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Timely Tips for March Gardeners

March is prime time for spring gardening!

The weather is warmer, and the days are getting a little longer. It's time to get outside and prepare your garden and lawns for spring. Enjoy a weed-free lawn by applying a pre-emergent to prevent summer broadleaf and grassy weeds. **Green Light Crabgrass Preventer** can be easily applied using a fertilizer spreader. Make your home instantly **pop** with color by creating container gardens. Simply select an appropriate-sized container, choose a well-blended potting soil, secure plants with similar light and watering requirements, plant them, decorate with mulch and enjoy! For those of you who choose to garden with a purpose, start your own **vegetable and herb garden** today for summer harvesting.

With a little sweat equity, you'll be enjoying the fruits of your labor in no time!

If you need specific help with your next gardening idea or project, please join us for **FREE** in-store gardening clinics this month. Clinics begin at 10:15 am and are facilitated at every store.

Saturday, March 3: Vegetables in Containers

Love the flavors of the home-grown vegetables, yet have little time or space...see how easy it is to grow your own vegetables and herbs in containers. Gardening experts are ready to share oodles of tips!

Saturday, March 10: Spring Vegetables and Herbs

Grow your own fresh, healthy food. Get expert tips about planting and growing edibles!

Saturday, March 17: Groundcovers in the Landscape

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RPIA LONG RANGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Vision Statement

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

The foundation for the preparation of a long range plan for the Ryan Place area or and any other neighborhood consists of two parts:

The legal purpose and objectives of the organization (bylaws).

A clear vision of what those purposes and objectives can create.

Our neighborhood has been operating under "legal bylaws" for a very long time. Those by-aws clearly set forth ten distinct and related purposes and objectives:

- 1. To improve, beautify, and promote the Ryan Place neighborhood;**
- 2. To encourage a friendly association among Ryan Place residents;**
- 3. To protect the basic character, building scale, and open space of Ryan place against increased density and traffic;**
- 4. To perpetuate the historic, residential qualities, and tradition of Ryan Place's role in Fort Worth history;**
- 5. To ensure Ryan Place's constructive participation in the development of Fort Worth;**
- 6. To represent the property owners and residents in community issues which may arise;**

- 7. To promote a positive image of the neighborhood;**
- 8. To promote communication within the neighborhood;**
- 9. To promote and monitor public facilities and services;**
- 10. To consult and work with other neighborhood, civic, and public organizations.**

Never has our neighborhood had an agreed upon membership-approved vision of what it wants to be or become — a look to the future!

A reasonable Long Range Improvement Plan for our RPIA neighborhood must be guided by a VISION for the future. A wise man once said, "Dreams develop dreamers but visions develops success."

It is vital that the property holders within the neighborhood come forth with their vision of the neighborhood they want to live in. Once the vision is established the total neighborhood can work for its reality.

Please review the trial VISION STATEMENT below and send your comments and suggestions to:

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The following "Vision Statement" is a sample that just might trigger the reader's thoughts.

RPIA VISION STATEMENT (trial draft)

The RPIA area will become a premier residential locale. It will be a neighborhood of owner occupied, well maintained, quality homes with attractive landscape, on tree shaded clean and safe streets. The neighborhood will have an adequate mixture of high quality housing types with various densities and with appropriate, desirable commercial and service facilities located on the perimeters. The neighborhood will be free from obnoxious noise, pollution, and peace-disturbing activities. It will also have adequate park, recreation, and open spaces.

Every street will be safe for traffic movement with curb and gutter and a smooth riding surface and each street will have generous and safe sidewalks for pleasant strolling.

The neighborhood will have a clean appearance, free from visual litter, and it will be crime free.

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Take a minute NOW and write your check to sustain our neighborhood events, programs, and improvements. Do your part to keep Ryan Place ahead of the rest! Mail your contribution to RPIA at P.O. Box 11122, Fort Worth, TX 76110.

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