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May, 2012

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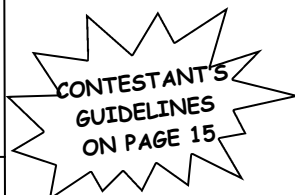
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Low Cost Vaccinations and Microchips

Pet Clinic Success

The first **Ryan Place Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic**, organized by **Lauren Hable** (5th Ave.), was held Saturday, April 16. Services were provided by three veterinarians from Texas Coalition for Animal Protection. Approximately 75 animals were given shots and/or microchips. This was such a huge success that a **second clinic** has been scheduled on **Saturday, October 6, 10 am - noon in the Daggett Elementary parking lot.**



Ryan Run Revisited

The Ryan Run has not been profitable the last couple of years due to a competitive run conducted at the same time in Trinity Park. During the April RPIA meeting the board of directors voted to cancel the Ryan Run this year and to investigate conducting it at a different time of the year. If you are interested in organizing this event for next year please contact Mariann Taccia, 817-996-9996, e-mail mariannmt@sbcglobal.net



Ryan Place Streetlight Project

CCRP is pleased to announce that the City of Fort Worth's Housing and Economic Development staff have reviewed our streetlight project and discovered that it qualified for an **Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) that is a matching fund grant. Grant funds may only be used in specific areas of the neighborhood: street blocks south of Cantey and streets east of Ryan Place Dr.** Since grant funds may only be used in those specific areas T/PW will have to revise installation phases. Next month a report will be given from T/PW with the street installation schedule and the approximate date installation will begin.

— Mariann Taccia
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CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY



Security Alert - UPDATE
Possible Burglary/Theft
Suspects
April 26, 2012

On Tuesday 4/24/12, the Hispanic male and female I had put information out about a few weeks ago were apprehended in the Ryan Place neighborhood. This couple were playing three different games to take advantage of their victims: making deals for contract labor to get money up front and not returning, asking for water to make their way into homes and then keeping the homeowner busy while one roamed around and stole items, and keeping a homeowner busy at the front door while the other attempted to enter the home to steal items. We also know now that some of their favorite targets were elderly residents.

These arrests would not have been made on Tuesday if a Ryan Place resident who had received the crime alert information and remembered it, had not recognized the couple from the alert and called 911! This couple is linked to offenses that were committed in 10 different jurisdictions and approximately 15 offenses here in Fort Worth. Thank you to the Ryan Place resident who paid attention to the crime alert and called 911 to report this couple. Thank you to everyone for keeping the lines of communication open and taking care of each other at all times.

— Joel Stary, NPO



The Makings of a Great Neighborhood

When you think about what makes a great neighborhood, I'm sure you have a very specific list of criteria in a certain order. Some of the things that come to mind are school districts, property values, friends and family living nearby, businesses that you frequent being close, being near to a hospital or emergency clinic, the cleanliness of the neighborhood, and the area being safe. You may look for more than what's on that list – or you may look for less. Everybody's list is a little bit different and may have variations to the order.

I feel blessed to be able to work in the Ryan Place neighborhood because from my standpoint, Ryan Place has all of the things on the list. I'm a little partial to the Fort Worth Police Department, but it is my honor to serve the Ryan Place neighborhood as the one Officer who gets to interact with all Ryan Place residents on a regular basis, keeping you informed about what is going on crime-wise, and working with you to solve problems. Can you imagine living in a city where the Police Department didn't provide you with an NPO?!

The relationships that you have built and continue to build with each other and that I and the Fort Worth Police Department have built with you pay dividends day in and day out. The residents of Ryan Place work very hard to preserve the "Ryan Place" way of life and I'm committed to working with you to preserve it as well. I know the neighborhood will continue to grow, change, and become the perfect neighborhood for many more new residents with each passing year. So, thank you for allowing me to serve you and for caring so much about your part of the City of Fort Worth.

Joel Stary, Neighborhood Patrol Officer

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ALLEYS

The results of our recent Alley Cleanup were generally excellent. Block Captains and neighbors swarmed the alleys on Saturday, April 14th, mowing, trimming, bagging trash, and hauling brush to the street for collection by the City. Clean and cleared alleys have become important to the neighborhood as deterrents to crime, particularly burglary.

Fifteen of the 43 blocks of alleys in Ryan Place are maintained by the City, and all of those were reported in good condition. Sixteen others, maintained by residents, were also reportedly in good condition, clean and clear.

Block Captains for the remaining twelve alleys needing attention will be notified. Residents are responsible for maintaining the alley behind their own property. Working with your neighbors makes the job easier for everyone. Thanks to all for getting the job done!

Ryan Place Private Security Patrol Meetings

Last year, the PID committee interviewed four security companies to provide private security patrol in our neighborhood. The RPIA Board selected Texas Industrial Securities as the best of the four to meet neighborhood needs. Earlier this year another security company expressed an interest in providing Ryan Place security patrol and submitted a bid.

At the April RPIA meeting, a review of the new bid was presented with a recommendation that two meetings be scheduled to allow each company to give a presentation and answer questions.

If you are interested in participating in hiring private security patrol please plan to attend both meetings: Monday, May 21, 7 pm and Tuesday, May 22, 7 pm, at St. John's Mitchell Hall.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2012 — April 16, 2012



Sustaining Membership Contributions to date	\$ 6360.00
Newsletter advertising to date	\$ 2120.00
Total revenue	\$ 8480.00
Operating expenses to date	\$ 2906.00
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Real Estate Corner

by Jan K. Aziz

I think spring is my favorite time of year in Ryan Place. My second favorite of course is at Christmas. When I heard that several homes in Ryan Place would be included in the Hidden Garden Tour, it made me think of the days when my daughter and I would stop to get ice cream at the Braum's on 8th Ave. and then slowly drive through Ryan Place admiring not just the architecture of the homes, but the beautiful landscaping. Coming through the gates on Elizabeth Blvd. and seeing the street lined with trees was and is always a special treat. We would wonder what it must have been like to have lived in some of the homes when they were first built and how wonderful it is to have a neighborhood like Ryan Place thrive in the center of a large city. Although my daughter is grown, we still take the time to drive through Ryan Place now and again, but not near as often as I would like. We still have our favorites and sometimes they change. But one thing is for sure: we are never disappointed with the sights and sounds of the neighborhood and almost always see something we might not have noticed on previous drives through Ryan Place.

For Sale

Since March 15th, six homes have come on the market for sale, four homes are under option contract, one is pending to close, and four have sold. Three of the homes under contract have been on the market for 32 days or less, with one going under contract in less than eight days.

Several of the homes listed for sale in the last 30 days are the smaller homes; they are varied in style and all have been updated with most retaining some of the original characteristics of the home. Homes that have come up for sale in the last 30 days include,

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If the City will not rebuild the column it could be years before the neighborhood has the funds unless we have a fund raising drive dedicated to this project. Currently RPIA funds are budgeted for long term maintenance of common areas that have been adopted. CCRP will not be able to contribute until the streetlight project is completed.

The column is an important part of Ryan Place history and identity. The City is not likely to replace it, however, if they do not hear from us. It is important for Ryan Place residents to contact Councilman Joel Burns to request that the City rebuild the column. Mr. Burns' contact information is: District 9 Councilman Joel Burns, 1000 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102; phone: 817-392-8809; e-mail: joel.burns@fortworthgov.org.

— Mariann Taccia



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Christopher Ebert

Our Neighborhood Newsletter—its Importance

In 2010 with the Rangers heading to the World Series and the Horned Frogs challenging the teams of the Bowl Championship Series, we felt good about being part of a larger (and successful) community. We could talk to a stranger about our team (our community) and know each of us were a part of it. Modern day communication made us an immediate participant in that community. The creation of such a community spirit in Ryan Place is an important goal of our Newsletter, our website and, yes, even our "Security Alert" e-mail blasts.

Our Newsletter provides a forum for neighborhood ideas, interests and events, and stimulates participation in neighborhood life. It promotes a sense of community among all who read it word for word and even among those who toss it immediately into the recycling bin. We all have a stake in what goes on in our neighborhood because we share many of the same interests and values. The Newsletter helps us know that we can depend on our community to make, in a small way, life better for all of us. This is why I believe our duty is to deliver to each residence a copy of the Newsletter.

In 1976, the RPIA board members hand-delivered the Newsletter. The street directors or their designee walked the streets hanging Newsletters on doorknobs, stuffing them into doorframes or wherever. We were told that the mailbox is to be used exclusively by the US Postal Service.

With that thought in mind our board decided to mail the Newsletter. We received a bulk mail permit and mailed our one page, legal sized, double-sided Newsletter to each address in the Post Master's records and to important political/governmental individuals in Fort Worth. Even though that Newsletter was an important part of the neighborhood, for some it was simply more of the dreaded junk mail.

As postal costs increased this method was replaced by the hiring of a firm to hand-deliver the Newsletter again. Now with that cost increasing, another discussion of delivery methods has begun. Hand-delivery by Street Directors and Block Captains remains an option. Another proposal is to allow each resident to pick up their copy of the Newsletter at a drop-off point on each block, such as their Block Captain's porch. In order to fulfill an important goal of RPIA, however, I believe that the Newsletter must be delivered to each front door of our community.

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Egg Hunt

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— Angela Crum
Egg Hunt Chairman



The Big Hunt

(Thanks, Angela!)
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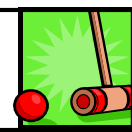
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IT'S TIME TO PLAY CROQUET!



The 27th Anniversary Ryan Place Croquet Tournament will be held Monday, May 28 in Historic Ryan Place. The Ryan Place Croquet Tournament is a single elimination tournament with each team consisting of two players.

Play will begin 10:00am Monday morning at the Croquet Tournament's Championship Court, 2530 So. Adams St. The winners of the Preliminary Round will play immediately in the Championship Final.

You may bring a partner or meet a partner at the Preliminary Round. Everyone who comes to the Preliminary Round is welcome to play. All ages and skill levels can compete for a chance to be in the Championship Final.

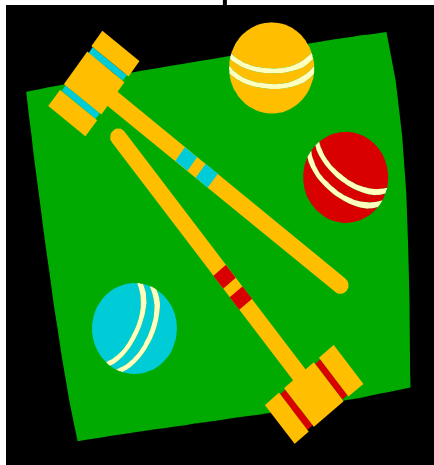
— Christopher Ebert

Ryan Place Croquet Clinics

2530 South Adams

On Sunday afternoons May 8-27 at 4:00 pm, Croquet Clinics will be held to review the game rules, teach the techniques, and learn the strategies of croquet. Previous winners will be the special guests to share their secrets for tournament success.

Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Summary of Rules:



The Game: American nine-wicket croquet

Teams: Each team shall consist of two players. Every age is welcomed and encouraged to play. Players do not have to reside in Ryan Place.

Pairings: Teams will be paired with other teams by a drawing to be held at 10 am Monday, May 28.

Format: Single elimination until one team from each is declared the winner.

Preliminary and Championship Finals:

The Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Championship Court, 2530 So. Adams St.

Check your e-mail inbox and historicryanplace.org for up-to-the-minute information

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Yard of the Month: 3000 block of 6th Avenue



(Don't know the name of owners??)

As you approach Berry Street on 6th Avenue one can't help but notice the charming gray brick bungalow which has undergone a major yard refurbishment since it has changed owners recently. Colorful perennials abound: purple verbenas, pink sage and guaras, red salvia and roses, and yellow daisy mums. Two new magnolia trees flank the rocky front raised border and native grasses, rosemary bushes, and shrubs meander along the curvy beds up to the house. Two large blooming yuccas and three Nellie Stevens hollies butt up against the house; a blood red maple heralds at the door. All is shaded by a huge oak tree near the curb. On the left a picket-fenced side porch hosts an ice cream table and two chairs. Banana split, anyone?

— Sharyn Peterson

Photo by Raul and Lisa Pena



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Timely Tips for May Gardeners

Texas is home to nearly 5,000 native plant species due to the vast and diverse geography of our great state! Often people envision "native plants" as mesquites and cacti, but many of our basic landscape plants are native to Texas. After the summer of 2011, gardeners are looking for Texas tough plants in their landscapes. Native plants tolerate our heat better than most, require less water, need less mowing, provide habitats for birds, butterflies and other wildlife, protect the soil, and save on fertilizers and insecticides.

Add native trees to your landscape and enjoy the colorful blooms from the Texas Mountain Laurel or Desert Willow. Select Texas Sage for its purple summer flowers or the Red Yucca with its red spike-like bloom as additions to your landscape. Native grasses such as Mexican Feathergrass or Big Muhly add another different texture and look to the garden. Also, don't forget the reliable perennials for providing Texas tough color! Blackfoot Daisy, Gaura, Coneflower and many Salvias are native to Texas and will provide color year after year once they are established.

Don't forget Mom this month! Color in May comes from more than a bouquet of blossoms for Mom on Mother's Day! Plan ahead and give that special person a living bouquet that changes with the seasons. Buy your mom a native plant and know that you are making her garden a more enjoyable place for both her and the birds and butterflies.

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 a.m. and are facilitated at every store.

Saturday, May 5: Those Blooming Shrubs Evergreens may provide the backbone, but Azaleas, Hydrangeas, Camellias and Roses add the "pop" that colors your garden!

Saturday, May 12: Flowers for Mom Celebrate Mother's Day with living plants in a container garden arrangement!

Saturday, May 19: Native Plants, Texas Style! Plants adapted to Texas weather that conserve water, provide habitat and thrive here!

Saturday, May 26: Basic Landscape Design Experts walk you through soil preparation, plant selection and design concepts.

For more information, visit www.calloways.com. Hope to see you in the garden soon!

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My, how time flies (Part 2)

History of RPIA and Accomplishments

This article is the second in a series about RPIA's formation and history. I recently found old information regarding the RPIA and thought it would be of interest to our neighbors. The first article addressed the founding of RPIA in March, 1969 and a list of Goals prepared during that period. This article was taken from a paper (author unknown) prepared in about 1981 entitled History of Ryan Place Improvement association, Inc, addressing RPIA accomplishments from its origination to 1981.

HISTORY OF RYAN PLACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Ryan Place Improvement Association was formed in 1969 as a result of the determination of residents to reverse the trend of deterioration that was threatening this inner-city residential neighborhood. Ryan Place represents approximately 1,000 households.

Through RPIA the lack of insight in planning for only newer suburban neighborhoods was challenged. The viability of a healthy residential neighborhood near the heart of the city was reinforced. Many young families began to see Ryan Place with its large homes, tree-shaded streets, and accessibility to the Medical District and Downtown as a desirable place to settle and rear their families.

RPIA's story is a success story. A success story imitated by many other neighborhoods as they sought to have some control over the destiny of their homes and neighborhoods. RPIA did eliminate encroaching blight and deterioration. It is a truly restored and diverse neighborhood representing all economic strata, lifestyles, and ethnic groups.

RPIA has been blessed with talented individuals who believe in the area and have freely given of their time and energy and expertise to help solve our problems. To list these individuals and their accomplishment would take several pages. This is a classic example of a small self-help group understanding a need and taking the initiative. Needless to say, everyone in the neighborhood does not always agree with all proposals as one would expect from a diverse group; however, nowhere else in the city can it be stated that such diverse cultures, lifestyles, economic groups, and age differentials live in such harmony while actively seeking the betterment of their city.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Petitioned and received stop signs to control through traffic.
- Erected "No Through Truck" signs to control the semi's that

were using Elizabeth Boulevard as a truck route.

- Planted 150 crape myrtle trees in the area.
- Daggett School Park. (Proposed in 1969 – completed 1981)
- Ryan Place Triangle Park. (Proposed 1971 – completed 1977)
- Sponsored with cooperation of Tarrant County Commissioners Court the planting of 200 long life trees (1974-1978).
- Defeated the proposal of making 5th and 6th Avenues one-way streets to facilitate the flow of traffic to the suburbs.
- Defeated the proposal for the Allen Street freeway.
- Provided leadership for the first Southside Sector Planning Council (1971).
- Sponsored Fort Worth's first Bi-Centennial Project by planting 794 Italian cypress trees on 8th Avenue (1976).
- Received an "Achievement in Neighborhood Betterment" award from City Council in 1970.
- Received the National Trust for Historic Preservation for The Elizabeth Boulevard Historic District (1979). Also have the City of Fort Worth and State of Texas Historic designations.
- RPIA was requested to sponsor first Neighborhood Crime Watch Block Party.
- Received the "Good Citizens" award from the Greener-Cleaner Campaign Committee (1974).
- Annual celebrations – 4th of July Parade, Ryan Run, Christmas caroling.
- Designed and sold hurricane lamps as a Christmas project.
- Continuous publication of the Ryan Place Newsletter to residents.
- Home of Fort Worth Designer Showcase Home.
- Co-sponsor of "Pick-up With Pride Southside" program.
- RPIA has been the catalyst providing leadership on city boards and commissions.

CURRENT CONCERNS:

- Blight and isolation created by the expansion of I-30 overhead.
- Gas meter placement in front yards.
- Zoning violations.
- Single member districting.
- Slum landlords.
- Multi-families occupying single-family homes.
- Code enforcement.
- Trash that litters streets.

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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.*

On February 20, 2012, RPIA President John Kline called the monthly meeting to order at 7:06 pm in Mitchell Hall, St. John's Episcopal Church. Other Board members present were Mariann Taccia (1st Vice President), Kurt Nielsen (2nd Vice President), Olivia Flynn (Treasurer) and Street Directors John Belknap (8th, James, Stanley), Rick Tucker (Ryan Ave.), Katie Shumate (5th Ave.), Lin Parham (Ryan Place Dr.), Chris Ebert (So. Adams St.), Laura Crews (College Ave.), and Raul Pena (Elizabeth Blvd.).

One new neighbor was recognized, Cherissa Scott, of Ryan Place Dr. who has volunteered to lead the revitalization of Ryan Place Park. FWPD officer Steve Jackson was also present with an intern from TWU in Denton, Jasmine Wright.

Board members read the January, 2012 minutes. Motion to approve by Mariann Taccia; seconded by Suze Diesel; motion passed by unanimous vote.

FWPD Officer Joel Stary began his report with comments on the vehicle accident at the 5th Ave./Elizabeth Blvd. traffic circle on Sunday, Feb. 19. He instructed residents to report all incidents at the City-owned circles; leaving the scene of an accident there is considered a hit-and-run incident. A report must be filed on any accident that involves City property though citations may not always be issued. Though the circles are City-owned, RP may be responsible for the damage to the irrigation system and landscaping.

Officer Stary reported that crime in RP is lower in February than in January, relating the change to people locking their property more conscientiously. Crime Watch signs have been installed on the perimeter of RP. Police reports are now available via e-mail at fortworthpd.com, under "Report Search."

Six Ryan Place residents began training for Code Blue on January 19th.

Executive Committee Reports

Events: 1st Vice President Mariann Taccia announced the following 2012 Events:

Street Dance -- May 26	Laura Crews, Chairman
Croquet Tournament -- May 28	Chris Ebert, Chairman
Ryan Run -- July 4	Gina Roberts, Chairman
July 4 th Parade -- July 4	Terri West and Katie Shumate, Chairmen
Boo on the Boulevard -- October 27	Kari Keith and Nicole Havrilla, Chairmen
Chili Cook-off -- October 27	Mariann Taccia, Chairman

Discussion about discontinuing the Ryan Run was tabled, to be discussed at the March RPIA meeting. All events need volunteers. Katie Shumate offered that the RP kids group will participate in several neighborhood events.

Mariann Taccia reported that the RP Facebook page is very active with lost and found, security posts, recommendations for service providers, etc.

Membership: 2nd Vice President Kurt Nielsen stated that Andy Taft of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. has given him data re. converting RPIA to 501(3)c tax statue. Kurt predicted the change for 2013. As Chairman of the Membership Committee, Kurt is working to improve data collection for the Sustaining Membership program.

Treasurer: Olivia Flynn reported that income from January 1 to the present was \$3605. and expenses paid since that date were \$1418.39. Checking account balance was \$10,421.57. The 2012 proposed budget was presented to the Board (attached). RP resident Andy Taft of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. was at-large member of the Finance Committee for budget planning. Mr. Taft's professional expertise and experience were incorporated into the 2012 budget plans. It was noted that the budget did not balance and several factors were noted by way of explanation. Some maintenance expenses are expected to be considerably lower this year than last, and crime prevention expenses are considered non-recurring. Street Director Katie Shumate objected, in principle, to the imbalance. Steve Fruscella invoked the two minute discussion limit rule, twice. Former RPIA Treasurer June Lake was congratulated on her investment of the gas lease funds.

Motion to accept the proposed 2012 budget by Mariann Taccia; Lin Parham seconded; motion passed with two dissenting votes.

Committee Reports

Crime Prevention – Laura Crews will host breakfast at her home (2620 College Ave.) at 9 am on March 10 for NPO Joel Stary, Block Captains, and alley clean-up volunteers. The purpose of the meeting is to promote alley clean-up. Alley Chairman Rick Tucker is investigating utility company access to the alleys prior to locking them. Mariann Taccia explained vehicle ID stickers and that they are endorsed by FWPD.

RP Youth Committee recently had a social event at which four middle-school age children and several other younger met to organize. The group hopes to attract some older teens and looks forward to contributing to RP events.

John Kline mentioned that at least one streetlight has been donated to Daggett Park, but has not been installed; encouraged completion of commitment; tabled for March meeting.

Public art in 5th Avenue traffic circle will be installed in May, 2012.

Suze Diesel has agreed to serve as 6th Avenue Street Director. Motion by Chris Ebert to elect; second by John Belknap; unanimously passed.

President John Kline has appointed So. Adams resident Courtney Chatfield to serve as Parliamentarian to assure that the Board complies with the RPIA by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Lin Parham noted that reminder signs for RPIA meetings need to be updated and used.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

— Olivia Flynn, Acting Secretary

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.

**First Annual**

TASTE OF RYAN PLACE

Pull out your favorite recipe and enter the newest event for Ryan Place residents! The **Taste of Ryan Place** will be held during the Ryan Place Street Dance, Saturday, May 26.

Guidelines for the contest are:

Eligibility – Contestants must be Ryan Place residents.

Categories – People's Choice Award for: Appetizer, Entrée, Dessert

Registration – Contestants register upon arrival. There is no registration fee.

Contestant's Requirements/Restrictions/

Recommendations –

Food Entries – Food must be prepared/cooked and only in need of being kept warm or cold.

Entry Sample – Contestants are to have one sample of their entry to display how it would be served, covered with plastic wrap, with entry number displayed next to the sample;

Tasting Samples – Prepare enough tasting samples to give to attendees to judge entry. Average attendance is 100-150. Recommendation – give a small (1 – 2 teaspoon) sample in a small cup.

Hot/Cold Food – Heating food is limited to warming trays, chafing dishes, or crock pots. Cold food needs to be kept cold to prevent spoiling.

Tips/Donations/Sales – Samples are to be given free without a request for monetary compensation to the Contestant.

Contestant's Provisions – Contestants are required to provide their own food heating/cooling source and extension cord, plastic spoons/forks, small sample serving cups, and table decorations if you choose to decorate.

Event Provisions –

Tables – A limited number of tables will be provided. Contestants are allowed to provide their own folding table.

Electricity – Electricity will be provided with power strips to plug into.

Voting – Voting will be by event attendees. Attendees will vote once for their choice in each category.

Prizes – One trophy and gift for the People's Choice Award in each category.



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-- Alan Potts, Organist-Choirmaster

Park and Gate Maintenance to be Modified



It is important for our parks and entrance columns on 8th at Elizabeth Blvd. to be well-maintained and RPIA has budgeted 42% of its projected Sustaining Membership fund goal for annual maintenance of these public areas. In the interest of optimal management of neighborhood funds, the maintenance schedule at those locations will be modified slightly. Instead of weekly mowing, edging, etc., the park and gate area will be maintained three times per month during the spring and summer on an experimental basis. Further, fertilizer, pre-emergent, and herbicide applications will be suspended on a trial basis, with plans for interested Ryan Place neighbors to get the job done. Five Star Landscaping will continue to provide the monthly maintenance as well as perform irrigation checks.

Sustaining Membership Contributions

Street	# of Houses	# of Contributions	Participation Rate
College Ave.	43	5	11%
8th Ave.	47	1	2%
Elizabeth Blvd.	44	10	23%
5th Ave.	96	22	23%
James Ave.	28		0%
Lipscomb	25	1	4%
6th Ave.	106	18	17%
Ryan Ave.	138	3	2%
Ryan Place Dr.	101	11	11%
So. Adams	75	10	13%
Willing Ave.	121	13	11%
TOTALS	824	94	11%

May 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 TRASH	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 TRASH	10	11	12
13	14 RPIA Meeting	15	16 TRASH	17	18	19
20	21 BIG TRASH	22 BIG TRASH	23 BIG TRASH	24 BIG TRASH	25 BIG TRASH	26 <i>Street Dance</i>
27	28 <i>Croquet Tournament</i>	29	30 TRASH	31		




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