

## Ryan Place Newsletter

February, 2013

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#### Step right up. . .

The Ryan Place Newsletter is in need of a new manager. The managing job consists of proofreading (spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.) and formatting the Newsletter into a cohesive

whole, with uniform type fonts, spacing, and a readable, attractive lay-out.

We have a team of contributors who send interesting articles and columns each month for publication. The Newsletter does not solicit advertising, but publishes ads that are submitted, and all advertising is paid in advance of printing. Translation: no selling of ads and no billing.)

It is possible that computers and the Internet could replace the Newsletter for disseminating neighborhood news, but the Newsletter is more than information. Our Newsletter is a unifying medium in Ryan Place, a common denominator for all the diversity that we include. The Ryan Place Newsletter is a tradition.

If you are new to Ryan Place, this is a great way to get involved; I had lived here only a few months when I volunteered for the job! I would like to work with the manager-tobe for a couple of months so that a smooth transition may be effected. If, however, no one has shown up by then, the May, 2013 Newsletter will be my last publication as manager. Come on, Somebody — step up!

Olivia Flynn

The next Ryan Place Wine Gathering is scheduled for February 7 (yes, that's Thursday) at **Gary and Terri West's** home, 2530 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from 6 to 8 pm. Please bring a bottle of your favorite wine and Pot Luck munchies; feel free to try a new recipe for hors d'oeuvres!

Event founder **Lamar Brown** will be offering wine-related trivia questions with prizes for the winners.





Ryan Place hasn't had a new neighborhood directory since 2009 — and how can we be neighborly if we can't get in touch with each other? Watch for the NEW Ryan Place Directory Project — coming soon!



#### Streetlight Update

#### Countdown to Completion

During the second week of January installation of streetlights in Phase I was completed and they are now working!

At the end of 2012 the streetlight installation contract expired and T/PW is preparing a new bid for installation of Phases II and III. The bid should be out by mid- to late February, followed by a six week bid process; it will be April or May before installation continues. These dates are not set in stone, but it is the latest update we

have from T/PW and other factors may cause unexpected delays.

Phase II Streetlight installations include:

2300 block of Alston St. 800 block of Page St 2400-2600 block of Lipscomb St. 2600-2700 block of College Ave. 900 block of Capps St. 2600-2700 block of S. Adams St.

**Phase III** Streetlight installations include: 2800-2900 block of Ryan Place Dr.

2900 block of Willing Ave.2800 block of Ryan Ave.3000 block of Stanley Ave.Alley entrances on Lowden St., Bowie St., the 1000 block of Cantey St.

T/PW requires signatures of property owners on each block listed above, approving the installation of the streetlights. Phase II and III installation will therefore require 224 signatures prior to installation. If you live in the blocks of Phase II or III and will assist by getting the signatures of residents on your block, please let us know and we will provide you with the signature forms.

Members of the CCRP Board appreciate your patience, and a special thanks to tour homeowners and volunteers for their participation which has funded this project. It has been a long twelve years for all of us and we are very close to completion. Watch for the announcement of our "Last Light" celebration when all phases are completed.

**Brenda White**, 817-223-0101, candlewhitexmas@yahoo.com **Mariann Taccia**, 817-921-9976, mariannmt@sbcglobal.net

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#### RPIA MEETING

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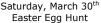
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#### Don't Miss this Year's Events!







Saturday, May 25th-Street Dance/Taste of Ryan Place



Monday, May 27th-Croquet Tournament

#### Mariann Taccia, VP, RPIA Events

I am always pleased at how often new residents tell me that one of the reasons that they chose to live in Ryan Place is our outstanding events. Our neighbors are involved and enjoy socializing with each other. Ryan Place residents plan and organize all of our activities and events and we always need help. If you want to make sure our annual events continue and are willing to help make it happen, please contact me, 817-921-9976 or mariannmt@sbcglobal.net.

Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend every one. It's time to start getting our projects organized; please call or e-mail me that you will help!



Thursday, July 4th Parade



Saturday, August 31st Labor Day Garage Sale



Saturday, October 26th Chili Cook-off /Boo on the Boolevard



A huge thank you to Sharyn Peterson, who has faithfully provided a winner for our Yard of the Month

award since November, 2009. Sharyn has worked carefully and cheerfully to consider many factors in the selection each month and to move the coveted sign from one surprised resident to the next. Sharyn has also served as liaison with Calloway's Nursery who provides the Garden Tips and a coupon for the Newsletter, and she has secured the \$25 Calloway's gift card for winners of the Yard of the Month. Ryan Place has partnered with Calloway's since May, 2009 in this program.

Lisa and Raul Pena have worked with Sharon, sometimes suggesting contestants and regularly providing the pictures of the winners for the Newsletter. Lisa and Raul have agreed to assume responsibility for the Yard of the Month as Sharyn retires. Thank you, Sharyn, for your years of service!

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#### CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY



#### Intensive Home Security

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is ready for a great 2013! I have missed working with and seeing you all. Thank you for the well wishes on my recovery and the season's greetings. Before long I hope to be back to work and continuing our progress of making Ryan Place one of the safest neighborhoods in Fort Worth. The recovery on my shoulder is going well and ahead of schedule. I'm still waiting on Workers Comp to approve my neck surgery, but my hearing is not until the 1st part of February.

I have been keeping up with my e-mails and what crimes are happening on a daily basis. I am sorry I don't have all the specific numbers on our crime trends, but the last one that I read showed a reduction in most crimes in our area as well as the C ity. I can say for sure that all property type crimes (burglary/theft) in our area dropped significantly with a slight uptick in personal crimes such as assaults. Many of those are domestic related offenses.

Since it's a new year, and we have many new residents in our area, I have decided to go back over home safety in this month's article. I've been doing some research on the web and came across a great article that gives several tips that many of you know, but have yet to utilize. Rather than paraphrasing, here is the article:

#### **Home-Security Tips**

by Editors of *Consumer Guide*So you think you could pick a lock? Prove it in our **Lock Picking Quiz**.

While it's difficult to protect your home from professional thieves, most home burglaries are done by amateurs. These thieves are more easily thwarted if you employ some of these simple security precautions:

- •Plan to "burglarize" yourself. You'll discover any weaknesses in your security system that may have previously escaped your notice.
- •Lock up your home, even if you go out only for a short time. Many burglars just walk in through an unlocked door or window.
- •Change all the locks and tumblers when

you move into a new house.

- •For the most effective alarm system, conceal all wiring. A professional burglar looks for places where he or she can disconnect the security system.
- •Your house should appear occupied at all times. Use timers to switch lights and radios on and off when you're not at home
- •If you have a faulty alarm that frequently goes off, get it fixed immediately and tell your neighbors that it's been repaired. Many people ignore an alarm that goes off periodically.
- •A spring-latch lock is easy prey for burglars who are "loiding" experts. Loiding is the method of slipping a plastic credit card against the latch tongue to depress it and unlock the door. A deadbolt defies any such attack. It is only vulnerable when there is enough space between the door and its frame to allow an intruder to use power tools or a hacksaw.
- •If you lose your keys, change the locks immediately.
- •Before turning your house key over to a professional house cleaner for several hours, make sure the person is honest and reputable as well as hardworking. Check all references thoroughly. If the house cleaner is from a firm, call your local Better Business Bureau to check on the firm's reputation.
- •Instead of keeping a spare key in a mailbox, under the doormat, or on a nail behind the garage, wrap the key in foil -- or put it in a 35mm film can -- and bury it where you can easily find it if you need it.
- •Don't leave notes for service people or family members on the door. These act as a welcome mat for a burglar.
- •If the entrances to your home are dark, consider installing lighting with an infrared detector. Most thieves don't want to be observed trying to get in a door.
- Talk to your neighbors about any suspicious people or strange cars you notice lurking about.
- •To keep your tools from being stolen, paint the handles. Thieves avoid items that are easy to identify.
- •Trees located near windows or shrubbery that might shield a burglar from view can be major flaws in your home-protection plan. Consider your landscaping plan in light of your protection needs.

- •Ask for credentials from any sales-person who requests entry to your home. Ask that their ID be pushed under the door. Many professional burglars use this cover to check out homes. If you're doubtful, check with the person's office before letting him or her in.
- •Do not list your full name on your mailbox or your entry in the telephone book. Use only your initial and your last name.
- •If someone comes to your door asking to use the phone to call a mechanic or the police, keep the door locked and make the call yourself.

Dogs are good deterrents to burglars. Even a small, noisy dog can be effective --burglars do not like to have attention drawn to their presence. Be aware, however, that trained guard dogs do not make good pets. Obedience training and attack training are entirely different, and only the former is appropriate for a house pet.

#### Securing Doors

- •To help burglar-proof your home, install 1-inch throw deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- •A door with too much space between the door and the frame is an invitation for the burglar to use a jimmy. Reinforce the door with a panel of 3/4-inch plywood or a piece of sheet metal.
- •If there are door hinges on the outside of your house, take down the door and reset the hinges inside. Otherwise all a thief has to do to gain entry to your home is knock out the hinge pin.

You can burglar-proof your glass patio doors by setting a pipe or metal bar in the middle bottom track of the door slide. The pipe should be the same length as the track.

It's easy for a burglar to pry through rot. Replace rotted door frames with new, solid wood.

It's simple for a thief to break glass panels and then reach in and open a doorknob from the inside. A door with glass panels should be either fortified, replaced, or secured with deadbolts that can only be opened with a key.

#### **Securing Windows**

 Protect your windows with one or more good locks, an alarm system, burglarresistant glass, or many small panes instead of one large area of glass.

When installing a window lock, drip some solder on the screw heads. It will stop a burglar from unscrewing the lock after cutting a small hole in the windowpane.

#### CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY

#### **Garage Security**

Garages present special challenges for security. Here are some tips for keeping your garage secure.

- If you frost or cover your garage windows, burglars won't be able to tell if your car is gone.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked even when your car is not in the garage.
- Install a peephole in the door separating the house from the garage. If you hear suspicious sounds, you can check without opening the door.
- Are you worried about someone entering your house through your attached garage? If the garage door lifts on a track, a C-clamp can provide extra security since the door cannot be opened if you tighten the C-clamp on the track next to the roller.

In the next section, we'll focus on the special steps to take to keep your home secure while you're away.

Burglars always look for signs that a house is uninhabited -- and the longer the house is empty, the more vulnerable it becomes. Follow these tips for keeping your house secure while you're away:

- If your plans to be away from home have been publicized through a funeral, wedding, or similar newspaper notice, hire a house sitter. Burglars often read the newspapers to see who's planning to be away from home all day or for several days.
- Ask your neighbors to use your garbage cans when you're on vacation so your absence won't be so evident.

If you're going to be away from home for several days -- or even for just one day -- adjust your telephone ring to its lowest volume. An unanswered phone is a quick tip that your home is empty.

We've covered home security -- when you're there or when you're away. Now you can rest easier no matter where you are.

#### **Protecting Your Valuables**

The most obvious way to protect your valuables is to store them in a safe-deposit box or in a secure home safe that is too heavy to be moved. When buying a wall safe, be sure it's fireproof. If you don't want to invest in a safe, other less-expensive alterna-

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tives can limit theft potential:

- A chiseled-out space in the top of a door makes a great "safe" for small valuables.
- Devise a hiding place in an acoustical ceiling. Remove a tile and restore it afterward with magnetic fasteners or a similar device. Be careful not to leave finger marks.
- Hollow out the leg of a table or chair for hiding small objects. Drill from the bottom, then cap all the legs with rubber home.howstuffworks.com/.../security/hometips. security-tips.htm

I hope you will be able to take something from this and will apply it to your home security. Until my return Officer **Adam Coleman** has come over to our unit on loan and has taken over all of my duties. You can reach him at my city mobile number 817-944-1316. His e-mail is adam.coleman@fortworthtexas.gov. He is eager to help and serve you all so when you see him at the upcoming meetings please say hello. See you all soon and stay safe.

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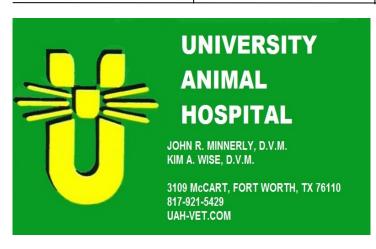
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#### How did we do?

#### **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW** 2012

Sustaining Membership Contributions \$ 11,834.50 Newsletter advertising sales 7,890.00 Event revenue 120.00

> Total \$ 19,844.50

#### **EXPENSES**

Operating expenses \$ 8,428.59 Newsletter printing \$ 6,570.38 Newsletter distribution \$ 2,189.65 **Events** \$ 2.852.45 Park Improvements \$ 1,088,44 Memberships, dues 535.00 Crime Prevention 90.00

> **Total** \$21,754.51







#### **About Sustaining Membership...**

In 2008, the RPIA Board launched the Sustaining Membership Program. They set a goal of \$7,000, a 30+% increase over the previous year's contributions to RPIA. At the end of 2008, we had exceeded this goal by almost \$1,000!! This aggressive target was met through the generous financial contributions of 116 of our neighbors and businesses.

For the past two years, the Sustaining Membership Fund goal has been \$13,000 and this year we fell slightly short of that goal. Nonetheless, 156 residents contributed \$11,834.50 for an average of about \$76 each. Remember, if every household in Ryan Place contributed at the minimum level of \$35, we would collect over \$28,000 for the Ryan Place treasury each year!

With your minimum annual contribution of \$35 for a Neighbor level membership, you will make a difference in Ryan Place. A \$35 annual contribution is less than \$3 per month! Not only can you become a sustaining member, but your friends, family, former neighbors, and local businesses are welcome to join RPIA as

Influence the next chapter in Ryan Place history by becoming a Sustaining Member of RPIA. Notices and promotion in the Ryan Place Newsletter are the only "pressure" you will get to contribute to your neighborhood!

Please complete a membership form and become a Neighbor, **Friend**, or **Patron** level member by mailing your contribution in TODAY! Join your friends and neighbors NOW in making a difference in Ryan Place.

#### Become a 2013 Sustaining Member of RPIA

Name E-Mail Mail to: RPIA Amount P.O. Box 11122 Fort Worth, TX Please contact me to help with (circle any / all): 76110 Parties Outdoor projects Events Other

Be among the first to start the year with a commitment to your neighborhood. Your neighborhood needs YOU! Your contribution of \$35 or more will fund Ryan Place improvements in 2013 and maintain the improvements we have already made. Mail your check today to support the quality life and property values in our neighborhood.

Neighbor \$ 35-\$ 74 \$ 75-\$ 149 Friend \$150 +Patron



#### Real Estate Corner

by Jeff Anderson

#### Change is in the air!

After a run yesterday, I stopped up the street to meet a neighbor. We had an enjoyable conversation. She remarked to me how she used to know everyone in Ryan Place, but in the past fifteen or so years, it's become too hard to keep up with all the new faces.

Maybe it's the sound of the street construction crew as we wake each morning, or the illumination of new street lamps, or the buzz of new eateries on Magnolia.... You can't deny that change is in the air!

Though change can be hard, good things are happening in our community and in our immediate real estate market! It's an exciting time to be in Ryan Place – so grateful to the many long-time residents who have paved the way!

1302 Eliz Blvd	5 br/ 3.5 bth	6,074 sf	\$599,000
1107 Eliz Blvd	3 br/ 3.5 bth	3,784 sf	\$524,000
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2620 S Adams	3 br/ 2 bth	2,201 sf	\$244,900
2933 Ryan Ave	3 br/ 1 bth	1,358 sf	\$149,900
2809 Ryan Ave	2 br/ 1 bth	1,080 sf	\$135,000
2533 Ryan Ave	3 br/ 1 bth	1,147 sf	\$129,000
2736 Ryan Ave	2 br/ 1 bth	960 sf	\$119,900
2937 Ryan Ave	3 br/ 2 bth	1,452 sf	\$115,000
2932 Ryan Ave	2 br/ 2 bth	1,468 sf	\$112,000
3000 James Ave	3 br/ 2 bth	1,326 sf	\$ 64,800



Join other Ryan Place Moms and their preschool children each month for coffee and play. For more information, contact **Nicole Havrilla** at nicolehavrilla@gmail.com or 806-220-6455. She will connect you with the group's Facebook page and get you plugged into this community of moms. See you soon!





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## Monte McCullers and Wylenne McCullers

The following is a new Newsletter feature. To introduce yourself to your neighbors, write your story and send it to rpianewsletter@yahoo.com. We'd love to get to know you!

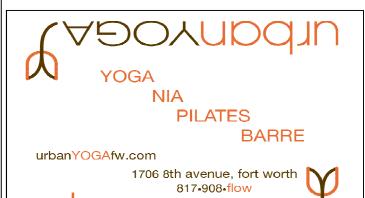
The 2900 block of Fifth Avenue has been home to the mother and son duo, Wylenne and Monte McCullers since 2006. Their family came here from Lake Weatherford where they enjoyed all kinds of water sports. Before they moved to Ryan Place, the McCullers regularly attended the CCRP Home Tour. They say the main attraction of their 1950 vintage Ryan Place home was its "humongous" back yard where, when they first came, they stored their boat and fifth wheel trailer. As they started updating and remodeling, they realized that their water sporting days were over, because the house and large lot demanded all their attention and time. They sold the boat and camper, and haven't looked back.

Both Monte and his mom are Fort Worth natives. Wylenne's family lived on 8<sup>th</sup>Avenue when she was born, and she attended Alice Carlson, B.H. Carroll, McLean, and Paschal. For many years her family lived and owned a furniture store on Hemphill. Despite the ten-years she spent managing S&H Green Stamp redemption stores, Wylenne considers herself a career homemaker. Both she and Monte commented on her husband/ Monte's dad as a handyman who could fix anything -- except plumbing!

Monte works for TCU as a landscaper, where he enjoys maintaining the campus and the new beautification along Berry Street. His interest in landscaping began with a part-time job when he was in high school. Later, he worked for Radio Shack, then FedEx before returning to his first love: plants and plantings. When he gets home, he continues in his own yard as well as maintaining the landscape of a handful of other Ryan Place homes; he enjoys keeping everything neat and tidy, especially Ryan Place! Monte and his dad enjoyed G-scale model railroad lay-outs, and Monte looks forward to resuming that hobby as time allows. According to Monte, he loves all sports and outdoor activities. He even spent some time ushering at Ranger games – right behind home plate!

Monte and Wylenne love visiting with the Ryan Place neighbors who walk by their home. Both would like to see the south end of Ryan Place developed and enhanced and more, smaller-scale social activities.





## WELCONE ...

In 2012, sixty households were identified as new neighbors in Ryan Place. Almost 90% of the adult residents in these new households are between ages 19 and 40. 10% fall in the 41-62 age range. Some diversity has been added to the neighborhood with two persons with Asian-American heritage, two with African-American heritage, and two with Hispanic heritage.

At 53%, married couples narrowly exceed singles moving into the neighborhood. Three out of four married couples have children. Most frequently they have been marred for three years and have one child. Pre-schools in the area, quality public and private school programs, private classes instructing children in the arts, and quality child care in the home are main concerns of the parents.

There is quite a variety of occupations with professions dominant. The legal field is most popular with one retired attorney, four practicing attorneys, and three women students pursuing a jurisprudence degree. The medical field is second with two physicians, one dentist, one registered nurse, and three students at UNT Medical School. The third most popular careers are in the education field. A significant segment of the newbies are single professionals or students pursuing certification in a specialty or a degree as a professional: 28%.

Our younger urban residents are into physical exercise. Many are bicyclists, and some belong to bike clubs. Others are dedicated runners, and some are marathoners. A few pursue cross fitness training, are yoga or ballet-based exercise instructors, and one is a triathlete. The majority are animal lovers and adopt cats and dogs through rescue organizations or finding them lost without identification in the area. These young people are frequently environmentalists with concern about healthful, organic food. Some are in groups with local farmers providing produce, eggs, and meat. A few of the young neighbors have chickens. They also actively recycle all kinds of material goods and love fifties furniture, creative use of items from earlier eras, and vintage clothing. Is is not surprising that they value vintage homes, are creative in their interior design and renovation of what is often their starter house.

The middle-aged new residents are persons with large families or empty nests who need the space that a two-story house provides for visits from their children's families. These residents are into restoration combined with functionality. One new household has built a neighborhood compatible home.

Our new residents are foodies with a taste for ethnic, eclectic restaurants, gourmet cooking, barbeque and grilling, microbrewed beers and wines, and coffee houses. A few brew their own wine and beers. One resident has cured his own bacon. The most appreciated gift in the Welcome Tote Bag is the Chadra gift card. And the Welcome Lady hopes that restaurant owners in the neighborhood will contribute, too.

The Welcome Lady will be covering visits to the new residents who have moved into the neighborhood in January and those 2012 move-ins whom she has not visited. She would so appreciate an e-mail at arkarbach@sbcglobal.net or phone call to 817-924-9653 to set an appointment for a welcome visit or to report a new neighbor's move in. Her IOU list for muffins includes street directors and residents who give her the name, address and a phone number for a new resident. Banana, blueberry swirl, or mandarin orange muffins can be yours!

- Ruth Karbach

#### Good Neighbor Policy: Scoop the Poop!

Signs like the one above are available for your yard. The text is on both sides of the sign, centered, green printed on white coroplast, and a step-stake is included. Signs cost \$15 each to print, including tax; pay what you can. Contact **Blake Hardy** at bplus1wn1w@hotmail.com

"Animal Waste: No person shall discharge, deposit or allow to accumulate on private or public property in the City of Fort Worth, any animal waste. Violators can be charged with a Class C misdemeanor."

-City of Fort Worth, Animal Care and Control



check to sustain our neighborhood events, programs, and improvements. Do your part to keep Ryan Place ahead of the rest! Mail your contribution to

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#### Yard of the Month: 2500 block of Willing Avenue



Owner: The White Family

February always presents a challenge to finding a great Yard of the Month, particularly when we actually have a winter. but walking by the White's home, we were charmed. The beautiful yaupon holly caught our eye, and then the neat rows of Japanese boxwoods, the crimson nandinas, and finally the lovely purple pansies! What a joy to find these vibrant colors and such a well maintained yard. Thanks for all your hard work, Neighbor!

Raul and Lisa Pena



From Calloway's Nursery Timely Tips for February Gardeners

#### REVIVE YOUR INDOOR SPACES WITH HOUSEPLANTS

Once the decorations are packed away, fill those empty spaces in your home with living, breathing houseplants! It is a proven fact that plants can improve our indoor air quality. Researchers for NASA, while developing technology that would allow humans to live in a closed environment on the moon or Mars, discovered that houseplants are the quickest and most effective filters of common, dangerous air pollutants.

Research has shown that you should have one medium-sized houseplant per 100 square feet of living area. Set up two to three plants per room, based on an average sized room, so there is plenty of space around each one for good air circulation. The more vigorous the plant, the more air it can filter. Keep the leaves clear of dust since most pollutants are absorbed by the leaves.

Revive your natural indoor spaces while providing a vibrant "green" look! Don't miss the first Repotting events of the year as well as our **FREE** gardening clinics. Our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals will discuss which plants provide the most natural indoor beauty! The Repotting events are come-and-go from open till close, and the gardening clinics are held on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. Events are held at every store.

#### Repotting Festivals:

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 6

Indoor Foliage – It's time to repot houseplants.

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Indoor Blooming Plants - It's time to repot blooming houseplants.

#### Weekly Clinics:

**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 am**— Houseplants for Fresh Indoor Spaces

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>,at 10:15 am — To Prune or Not to Prune – Get the Facts

**Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:15 am**— *Grow Your Own Fruits and Berries* 

The experts at Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery strive to help gardeners create naturally inspired spaces by making gardening fun, easy and successful. Join our garden club and visit a store today!



Song of the Backhoe (above) Welcome Home (below) Dance with Dust Buster (below right)

#### **Construction Completed**

#### **Neighborly Reminders**

As street construction winds down, Ryan Place neighbors are ready to enjoy the benefits: winter without water breaks, rain without floods, passable sidewalks, and smooth streets--not to mention working streetlights.

Wouldn't it be nice if all that frustration was worth it? Here are some suggestions.

Park some place other than across the sidewalk, which belongs to us all. Parking on the sidewalk at any time endangers your neighbors. Parents with strollers, kids on bikes, and early-morning or late-night walkers are all forced into the street by one thoughtless act. Sure, it's against the law, but it also says who we are as people.

Drive a little slower, and stop at stop signs. Catch up on improvements along the way, while you help keep neighbors safe. Put the cell phone down and watch out for the people around you. It's not that hard.

Put leaves in a compost pile or in your yard cart, not down the drain, not on your neighbor. Storm drains keep us safe, too.

Be responsible for yourself and to your neighborhood all year round, not just on, say, Thursdays. We aren't hitchhikers in this galaxy; we're neighbors.

Blake Hardy and Ellen Warthoe









Niraj Mehta, DO; Aasia Janjua, MD; Stephanie Hiraki, DO

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#### AIM Welcomes Dr. Stephanie Hiraki

Dr. Hiraki graduated medical school from the University of North Texas Health Science Center. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth. There she received the honor of being chosen as Intern of the Year, Resident of the Year, and Chief Resident. Dr. Hiraki is a member of the Texas Medical Association and the American College of Physicians. During her free time she enjoys gardening, sports, and spending time with family and friends. She looks forward to working with patients to help them obtain their optimal health and is currently accepting new patients.



Stephanie Hiraki, DO

"My goal is to treat each of my patients with warmth and compassion while helping to increase their knowledge and promote a healthy lifestyle." -Dr. Stephanie Hiraki

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#### **Invitation**

#### Guitar Recital at St. John's on March 3rd

Following a service of Evensong, area guitarist Mitchell Weverka will present a recital of classical guitar music at 5 PM on March 3, 2013, in St. John's Episcopal Church. Since winning first prize in four international competitions, Mitch Weverka has enjoyed performing music from every historical period, from renaissance to avant-garde, touring throughout the United States and abroad, both as a recitalist and with chamber groups. Quoting Rebecca Lewis, Classical Editor, dallasmusic.com (2001) "He plays with passion and concentration and seems to be exploring every nuance of the instrument...."

Born in California but raised in Fort Worth's Ryan Place neighborhood, Mitchell lives in historic Fairmont. He holds performance degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and Southern Methodist University. He also studied in Cremona, Italy, where he lived for three years. Currently, Mitch freelances as a performer and maintains a private teaching studio at Orchestra Hall. Additionally, he is the Artistic director of the Fort Worth Guitar Guild.

At 5 PM, the choirs and clergy of St. Johns will celebrate an Evensong service, which is a traditional Anglican evening service of hymns, prayers, and anthems, lasting about 30 minutes. Following a short intermission, Mitchell Weverka will play a solo recital. All are invited to this free service and performance at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2401 College Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

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The delicate scent of lavender lingers in the air as you walk through the chic and colorful contemporary room. The chairs are comfortable and the pretty paper chandelier is carefully trained to mimic daylight. As you sink in among the cushions the soothing sound of jazz, along with a glass of wine, takes you to your "happy place" as your hands and feet are bathed and massaged in warm, herbal lotion.

A salon in Paris? A spa in California? Nope. The ahhhhs you hear on Jennings Street are from Spa-ta-neity, an eco-friendly nail salon. Owner Missy Malone wants your experience at Spata-neity to soothe your senses, reminding you that "pampering shouldn't be an afterthought". Her "waterless" manicures and pedicures are both completely hygienic and eco-friendly — no harsh chemical smells and each service is done with sterilized, individually wrapped implements. Services range from basic to "Rock Star," including glittering nail art and eco-friendly polish. Spa-ta-neity also offers full service facials with Ruby Powell, who uses eco-friendly products in a lovely, quiet room. Both Malone and Powell are certified medically, which allows them to serve oncology patients and those with other medical issues. This jewel of a salon has true SouthSide sparkle. Head over to Spa-ta-neity for an experience you will want to repeat again and again.

The Shop Around the Corner highlights locally owned businesses in the Near Southside. As Ryan Place residents, we help nourish our local economy by patronizing these establishments. Our neighborhood thrives on the diversity of its residents and businesses. So--shop local!

#### Retirement May Be Far Off,

But the April 15 Deadline for IRA Contributions Isn't.

You have only so many years to prepare for retirement. That's why contributing to your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is so important. Fortunately, you still have time to maximize your 2012 IRA contribution before the April 15th deadline.

By contributing now, your retirement savings can have more opportunity to grow. Even if you already have an IRA elsewhere, it's easy to transfer it to an Edward Jones IRA and begin receiving the face-to-face guidance you deserve.

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#### 2013 A Big Year for Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place

2013 marks the 30th year that Ryan Place has hosted a Christmas Tour of Homes. It's one of the original home tours in this area. And our plan it to make this year's event the best ever!

Just in case you aren't aware of its history, the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Home Tour originated 30 years ago when a group of committed and involved Ryan Place residents came up with a plan to raise funds to replace the historic gates at Elizabeth Boulevard and Eighth Avenue.

It's hard to imagine that intersection without those massive, elegant gates, but the back-story is that the City of Fort Worth had demolished them in the 1950s, labeling them a traffic hazard. What a blow to the identity of the neighborhood!

Some years later, plans were put together around kitchen tables to offer a glimpse into a few Ryan Place homes at Christmas time and to use the ticket proceeds to fund the reconstruction of the Ryan Place gates. Eventually, funds were raised via the Tour to not only complete that project, but to erect gates at the other end of Elizabeth Boulevard where it intersects with College Avenue. After that, a very ambitious project was undertaken to fund historic William and Mary Refractive streetlights for the entire Ryan Place neighborhood.

It's taken 30 years, but lots of diligent efforts by neighbors have meant that not only are both sets of gates a part of what it means to live in Ryan Place now and the streetlight project is nearing completion as well. All streetlights are purchased and awaiting installation (a slow process).

So as we look forward to the weekend after Thanksgiving in 2013, we can anticipate a grand 30th Anniversary for Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place! We plan to highlight different aspects of the Home Tour and its history each month in the Ryan Place Newsletter.

If you'd like to be involved in making it all happen... please e-mail CandlelightChristmas@gmail.com or call Kris Savage at 817-507-6742. Don't think you have months and months to raise your hand. We're working on plans already and we'd be grateful for your ideas and input. Stay tuned for more details as the year unfolds!

- Kris Savage

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#### Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place

## Annual Meeting and Board Election

Mariann Taccia, CCRP President

The CCRP Annual meeting will be Monday, March 4, 7 pm, at 1315 Elizabeth Blvd. During the meeting past CCRP participants (tour homeowners, docents, house captains, etc.) are eligible to vote for new CCRP Board of Trustees. To be considered for the position of Voting Board of Trustee one must have the following qualifications: be a resident of Ryan Place, be at least 21 years of age, and have served as a committee chairman during the last year. If you qualify, or know of someone to nominate for the Board please contact our CCRP Secretary, Mary Edwards, marye519@yahoo.com.

This year will be a milestone for CCRP, our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the Board of Trustees is already hard at work planning to make this 2013 event a special tour. For twenty-nine years our tours have depended on residents who have opened their homes, docent volunteers, contributors, and members of the CCRP Board. We are asking you to participate again, or for the first time, to make this year's tour spectacular.

### Last Project

On Monday, January 21, 2013, we lost another warrior when **Christi Stanley** passed away. Her family and friends describe their mother / "Grandmother Kissy" / wife /

friend / co-worker as resourceful, tireless, dedicated, tough, inspired, motivating, loving, fun, giving, selfless, kind, and one of the greatest attributes – a strong Christian.

A lover of historic properties, Christi restored the Stanley's home on College when they lived there, as well as the Stanley Law Firm on Hemphill and the Gosho Industries property. The Stanley's graciously opened their home for the Candlelight Christmas Tour as well as their home and then their office for the Soiree.

Christi loved a project and relished the idea of accommodating our most recent CCRP Soiree at the Stanley Law Firm. Shortly after agreeing to host, Christi was diagnosed with Leukemia. Even from M.D. Anderson she guided friends, family, and staff through shopping and decorating for the holidays. According to family and friends, the Soiree was her last project and it gave her great joy during her illness. It was a pleasure to meet and get to know this lovely lady who was truly inspirational. Giving and helping came naturally to her – as it does to so many Ryan Place neighbors.

- Gina Roberts



#### Tree-ology — for New and OLP Trees

Thanks to everyone in the neighborhood for your participation in the renewal of the Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. Also, thanks to those who made it a point to show support and enthusiasm for getting others involved. Below is a general overview of the program from now to planting. The trees will likely be delivered to my house at a date as yet unannounced. The City has provided the following info:

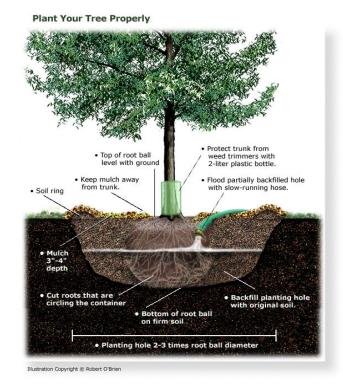
After the neighborhood Project Coordinator and forester arrange a date and time for delivery of the trees, the Forester will survey the addresses from the list and determine the best placement for trees to be planted in the parkway. The forester will mark the parkway tree planting locations with an orange dot and a green pin flag and provide the Coordinator with an updated list of trees being provided and their locations. The trees will be delivered the Friday of/or before the planting date.

Participating residents will need to pick up their trees from the Coordinator's home during the scheduled pick-up time (often on the following Saturday morning). The trees are the property of the City of Fort Worth. They must be planted in the parkway, which is City property. Please plant the trees within one week of receiving them. Lastly, water the trees from now through the planting season until established.

Texas Forest Service has compiled a list of watering tips to help you nurse your trees through the drought:

- Before dragging out the hose, check for and follow water restrictions, which often are enacted during a prolonged drought.
- Well-established, valuable, mature trees should be watered every week or two during times of major drought.





- When you water, do so deeply 6 to 8 inches into the soil under the foliage of the tree. Avoid shallow, frequent watering. You can measure the depth with a long screwdriver; taking note of how easy it slides into the soil.
- The easiest way to give your tree a good, deep soak is with a soaker hose or sprinkler system. A mature tree needs about an inch of water or 60 gallons per 10-foot by 10-foot area every week or two.
- Time your sprinkler or soaker hose so you'll know how long to run it. With a sprinkler, place an empty tuna or cat food can near the tree and time how long it takes to fill it up. With a soaker hose, curl it up inside a kiddie pool, let it run for a set period of time and then measure how much water is released.
- Young, newly-planted trees should be watered three times a week. During each watering, they need 5 gallons of water for every inch of stem or trunk diameter, which is measured 6 inches above the ground. So if your tree measures 6 inches in diameter, that's 30 gallons of water, three times each week.
- Water should be concentrated at the base of a new tree, which is why water bags are ideal. If you don't have access to them, drill a few holes in the bottom of a 5 gallon bucket, place it next to the tree, fill it up and let the water slowly drain out.
- Generally, a tree is considered established about two to three years after planting, but the ongoing, extreme drought is causing some older trees to struggle. Keep a close eye on any trees planted within the last seven years.

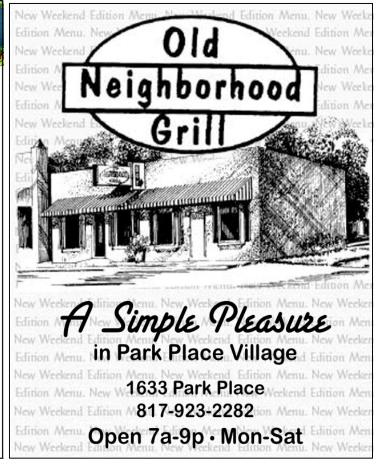
Another option is to reduce your watering needs by removing plants that surround your tree. Grass and trees often fight for available water. Replacing that grass — especially around new trees — with a 6-foot diameter, 2-inch deep circle of mulch can help keep moisture on the ground and available to the tree. Source TAMU.EDU

John Franks

## February 2013

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