



Ryan Place Newsletter

March, 2013

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Sunday. . .

Area guitarist **Mitchell Weverka** will present a recital of classical guitar music on **March 3, 2013**, in St. John's Episcopal Church. Since winning first prize in four international competitions, Mitch Weverka has enjoyed performing and touring throughout the United States and abroad, both as a recitalist and with chamber groups.



Born in California and reared in Ryan Place, Mitchell lives in historic Fairmont. He holds degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and SMU and has studied in Cremona, Italy, where he lived for three years. Currently, Mitch performs and maintains a private teaching studio at Orchestra Hall; he is the Artistic director of the Fort Worth Guitar Guild.

At 5 PM, St. Johns will celebrate an Evensong service, which is a traditional Anglican 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 2401 College Ave.

— Alan Potts, Music Director
St. John's Episcopal Church

Coming soon!



The City forester is expected to be in the neighborhood March 5th or 6th marking locations for our trees; the delivery date is still to be determined. Once we get confirmation we will contact the utility company hotline to have the underground lines marked in the parkway.

— John Frank



Saturday, March 30th
Ryan Place
Annual
Easter Egg Hunt
(see page 3)



"Target Hardening" Revisited

Hello, Neighbors,

We're the Cowart's in the 2500 block of 5th Ave. Next month is our one year anniversary in Ryan Place. We just love the area; all our visitors comment on how beautiful the old houses are and how well the tree-lined streets are kept up. Michelle and I couldn't agree more. Under the beautiful exterior though, we have problems. Our main problem is crime.

Our homes are under attack by thieves. In less than a year, four homes within shouting distance of ours have been victimized in one way or another. These intrusions occurred during daylight hours and not even home security systems deter the brazen criminals. They are in and out so fast it must be nearly impossible for the police to catch them. If the robbers are "pros," they probably don't look out of place in our neighborhood. Many of us use lawn care, handymen, and pool services to make our lives a little easier. Plumbers and other repairmen are a common sight in any neighborhood. We are sitting ducks for the crooks!

So how do we protect ourselves? We should start putting our ideas together for a solution. I have an idea to share and I'd like your feedback. I'm not an expert on what I'm suggesting, but I'm praying some of you are or maybe know someone who is. I understand that there may be legal, financial, and privacy issues attached to my suggestion.

I think we need cameras. Lots of cameras. Cameras that record onto a hard drive so the footage can be replayed as necessary. I've been looking at cameras online and there are many varie-

ties. The most intriguing to me are the wireless types which transmit their video to a remote receiver where it is neatly saved to a hard drive or DVR unit. The bigger the hard drive, the longer it records.

I imagine that most thieves do not like being caught on video. If the robbers are doing their best to blend into our community while plying their dirty trade, cameras will expose them and give the police a place to start. Mostly though, I believe cameras will drive the criminals out of our area.

I talked to Officer Coleman, our NPO, about the effectiveness of cameras and his general opinion of the idea. He commented that we would need quality cameras to provide the necessary details for the police. We would need cameras at each intersection, facing up and down our streets for proper coverage.

Officer Coleman pointed out that anything we can do to make a crook's life difficult is worth doing. In my opinion, dogs are the best deterrent. Only the homes around us without dogs have been victimized; those with dogs, including ours, have not. Besides, does your home alarm wag its tail and cry when you come home?

We need something to drive the criminal element out of our neighborhood. Cameras are not perfect, but they may help identify or deter the crooks. We do need something though, and we need it quick. I've never lived in an area that had so many homes broken into so often.

Let us know what you think. My e-mail address is listed below.

— Joe & Michelle Cowart
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LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

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Neighborhood improvements to be included in the upcoming City Bond Election.

Revision of RPIA's by-laws.

Preparation of a Strategic Plan for the neighborhood.

The President has appointed a Strategic Plan Committee

The RYAN PLACE NEWSLETTER is delivered each month (except January and July) to every home in Ryan Place. The NEWSLETTER is typically hung on your front door handle. If you do not receive a NEWSLETTER, please call **Olivia Flynn**, at **817-927-0075**, or any RPIA officer or street director so that we may get a copy to you. The NEWSLETTER is also posted online at <http://www.historicryanplace.org>

RPIA MEETING

Monday, March 18th
7 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church
Mitchell Hall
(enter on Page St.)



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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.



Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th
11 o'clock in the morning
1111 Elizabeth Boulevard

Age Groups:
3 and under
4-5 years
6-9 years



Games!*

Prizes!

Photo Opportunities!

For all those wishing to participate, please deliver **(1) dozen plastic eggs per child filled with wrapped candy by Friday, March 29th, to 2529 Willing Avenue**. Please attach the below form on your bag of eggs, indicating age and name of each child planning to attend. In the event of rain, Easter Activities will be canceled by 10am and eggs will be available to be picked up the evening of Saturday, March 30th at the delivery address.

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CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY

Police Report from Ryan Place e-mail **CRIME STATS**

FEBRUARY 9 - 18, 2013

From: Officer Adam Coleman

Date: February 19, 2013

Here are some crime stats for the last week or so. There seems to be a stolen bicycle trend from porches and alleys in the Fairmount area. Other than that it is looking good as far as crime trends go. The only lead I have for you is an older white male. So if you see a white male pushing or riding a bike that doesn't seem to fit him, or you see him riding a different bike everyday, call 911. He is also cutting the locking mechanism, so he might have a backpack with him with a bolt cutter of some kind.

If you have been a victim of a crime please call 911 and send an e-mail with information about the crime so that Ryan Place residents can be alerted.

NOTE: Officer Mark Russell is on medical leave until March 2013. Officer Adam Coleman is our NPO until Officer Russell returns.

Cell - 817-944-1316, Office - 817-392-3610

Remember, NPO's cell and office phone numbers are not answered 24/7. Call 911 first and contact our NPO as a follow-up.



Crime Update

I hope you all had a lovely Valentine's Day. Now look what's just around the corner — Spring Break! I know. Crazy, huh? The older we get, the faster time flies.

Here's an update on what crimes have taken place in our neighborhood since January 1st. Stats from this time last year to current numbers show that we are looking good.

Assaults—1 (one-arrest)

Burglary of Building—4, (three were from businesses, three arrests on one offense, one was from a garage)

Burglary of Vehicle—4 (GPS, tools, I-Pad, purse, all in view, one was unlocked) one arrest

Burglary of Habitation—4 (all were back doors, one the power was cut but nothing taken)

Robbery—1 (Domino's Pizza delivery driver robbed at gunpoint on Myrtle)

Thefts—12 (ten were from businesses, the other two were cars) five-arrests, seven others known suspects


It is plain to see that the number isn't zero yet, but they are low - in both Ryan Place and Fairmount neighborhoods. I suspect that more and more citizens are getting involved and looking out for one another. I know that our AWESOME COPs groups are out on a daily basis, spending hundreds of hours per month, being vigilant and watching over not just their street, but all of both neighborhoods and beyond. I hope that many more of you will consider taking the training and becoming part of our COPs group. If you think it will consume all of your spare time you are incorrect. You put in as much time as you want. Take a moment and ask one of your neighbors who is active in the program or me, and see how easy the program is. I would be more than happy to explain how much you can actually learn about your own neighborhood and offer you an inside look at the police department and the City itself.

With Spring Break approaching many of you will take a short vacation or a lengthy road trip. Prior to doing so, please take the necessary steps to help reduce the chance of a crime happening on your property. Let the NPO know your plans by requesting extra patrol. Ask a trusted neighbor to watch out for your property. Stop your mail and newspaper delivery. Make sure your motions lights are working and set lights and TV timers to go off/on at various intervals. Have a neighbor park their car in your driveway. The more it looks like someone is at home, the better your chances of not having a crime take place while you are away.

Let's hope the numbers continue to drop and we catch the ones who are committing the crimes. Officer Coleman is doing a fantastic job in my absence, and he really enjoys the opportunity to serve each of you.

Until next time, stay safe and get to know your neighbors.

Officer Marcus Russell



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Dan Roberts has appointed a Strategic Plan Committee consisting of Teri West, Chairman, John Belknap, a previous RPIA president, John Kline, a previous RPIA president, Lamar Brown and Bart Bradford.

The Strategic Plan Committee held its initial meeting in mid-February to discuss the neighborhood's infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, drainage, etc.) needs that could be included in the 2014 City Bond Election. They reviewed the recent street improvements, committed and funded (but not yet started) street improvements, and the general conditions of neighborhood streets.

At this point the Strategic Plan Committee is committed to preparing a list of needed neighborhood infrastructure improvements and submitting the list to the general membership for their approval and support.

Any recommended infrastructure improvements to be included in the 2014 Bond Election will be coordinated with any long range plan for our neighborhood.

— Bart Bradford

Ryan Place Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

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**Saturday, April 13, 2013
10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

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How are we doing?

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME

Sustaining Membership Contributions \$ 3312.50
 Newsletter advertising sales \$ 830.00

Total \$ 4,142.00

EXPENSES

Operating expenses \$ 1,144.66
 Newsletter printing \$ 687.00
 Newsletter distribution \$ 150.00
 Improvement projects \$ 493.93
Total \$ 2,475.59

— Leanne Kline
 RPIA Treasurer

In the March, 2012 Newsletter, we reported Sustaining Memberships in the amount of \$1,875 and our goal for that year was \$13,000. The RPIA Budget is not prepared yet so we don't know the goal, but we are well on our way! Thanks to all who have contributed — and to the rest, it's time to get your contribution in the mail!

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

We are invited. . .



Clark Griffith, Ryan Place resident for over ten years, will perform The Goldberg Variations by J.S. Bach at Steinway Hall, 3717 Camp Bowie Blvd., on Thursday, March 28 at 7:30. Admission is free.

Clark Griffith has twice competed in the Van Cliburn Foundation's International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs™ and has won Best Performance of a Work from the Baroque Era both times, among other honors.

Mr. Griffith holds the opinion that J. S. "Big Daddy" Bach, single-handedly (sic) constructed the essential skeleton on which the tissue of Western music hangs in the same way that dramatists owe everything to Shakespeare. Bach established, by example, the by-laws of sound musical construction on scales large and small, simply putting onto paper music that would be accessible across continents and ages, re-imagined, re-transcribed, and reinterpreted for each generation according to its needs.

Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, Clark Griffith received a Bachelor of Music degree in composition from the Curtis Institute of Music in 1986. Thursday, March 28 at Steinway Hall Fort Worth will be his first public rendering of Bach's sprawling defense of G Major, canons, and ornaments.

Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place

Annual Meeting DATE CHANGE



Due to a schedule conflict, the date of the CCRP Annual Meeting is changed to Monday, March 11, 7 pm, 1315 Elizabeth Blvd. Voting and Board of Trustee qualifications are located on our website historicryanplace.org/CCRP/CCRP-By-laws.pdf.



Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place 30th Anniversary

The CCRP Board of Trustees is planning a spectacular 2013 Holiday Home Tour to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. The tours have been the major fund raiser in our neighborhood and the accomplishments are outstanding.

Our hope is that homeowners who have said "I'll be on tour next year" will realize that this is the year to participate as we celebrate this milestone. Never feel that you have to be asked, step forward, raise your hand, and tell us how proud you are of your home and that you want to participate by offering it for your neighborhood's benefit. Without tour homes, there is no tour.

The CCRP Board of Trustees are your neighbors who volunteer to make the tour happen year after year. Some Board members have participated, in some capacity, for 30 years. As with any fund raising activity we need volunteers to help throughout the year, and during tour weekend for various activities and responsibilities. If you have experience in advertising; publishing; writing; or sponsorship request, we always need new and fresh ideas to help with these committees. During tour weekend, December 6-8, we will need more than 100 volunteers to docent in the tour homes.

Next month CCRP will conduct its Annual Meeting and elect a new Voting Board of Trustees. The revised date of the meeting is **Monday, March 11, 7 pm, 1315 Elizabeth Blvd.** Voting and Board of Trustee qualifications may be reviewed on our website historicryanplace.org/CCRP/CCRP-By-laws.pdf

Last year, CCRP hosted a "Welcome to Ryan Place" reception for new residents; we will host another reception on Monday, May 6, 7 pm, at 1315 Elizabeth Blvd. Please mark your calendar and come meet your new neighbors.

—Mariann Taccia, CCRP President

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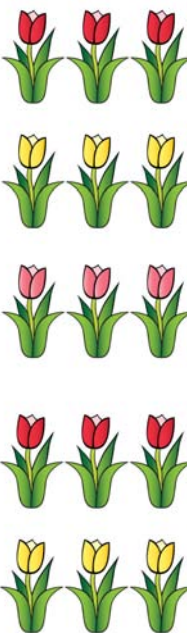
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Real Estate Corner

by Jeff Anderson

House Hunters: DC vs Ft. Worth

A friend in Ryan Place contacted me recently to ask if I would mind helping a couple decide if they would rather stay in DC or relocate to Ft. Worth. They can work either place, but are deciding where to start their family. Their agent in DC has showed them around and I got to show them all over Fort Worth and surrounding.

Ryan Place, above all, amazed them with its ambiance, charm, and character for the money. And of course, the prices compared to the DC area were compelling. Now they've got a big decision to make!

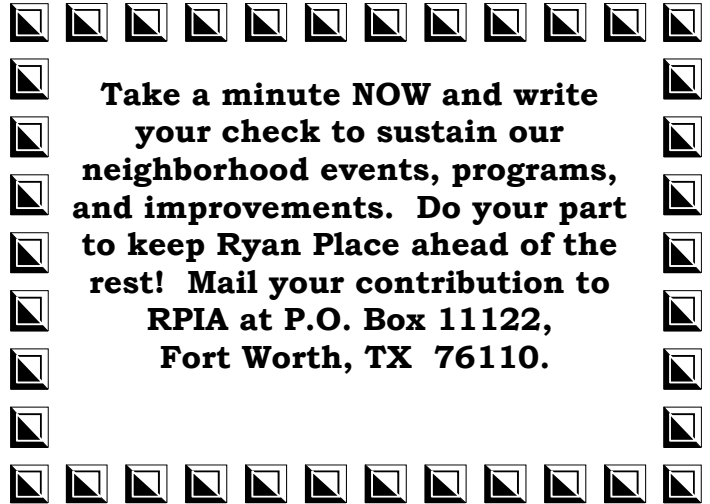
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2620 S Adams St	3 br/2 bath	2,201 sqft	\$239,500
2749 Ryan Place Dr	3 br/2 bath	1,682 sqft	\$228,000
3013 Ryan Place Dr	3 br/2 bath	1,955 sqft	\$225,000
2933 Ryan Ave	3 br/1 bath	1,358 sqft	\$144,900
2533 Ryan Ave	3 br/1 bath	1,147 sqft	\$129,000
2736 Ryan Ave	2 br/1 bath	960 sqft	\$119,900
2937 Ryan Ave	3 br/2 bath	1,452 sqft	\$115,000
2932 Ryan Ave	2 br/2 bath	1,468 sqft	\$112,000
3000 James Ave	3 br/2 bath	1,326 sqft	\$ 57,000



Mom's Group

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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WELCOME



Ryan Place Drive

Patricia Epinosa was thrilled to find a Ryan Place home near her cousin **Bernadette Davila**. Patty shares her home with her adored Chico, a miniature Schnauzer-terrier puppy whom she rescued in Mission, Texas, her hometown. A TCU grad, Patty has a B. A. in Theater and B. S. in Broadcast Journalism. After completing her Master's Degree in Journalism—Television Directing at the University of California at Berkeley, she was awarded an NBC Fellowship and works as a producer-director at Channel 8. Patty aspires to be offered a permanent position at Channel 8 and to move eventually into broadcasting. Her independent photo essays and video work can be enjoyed at www.pattyespinosa.com, and she is available for independent production projects. Patty has acted, sang, and danced in theatrical productions and loves the arts. A foodie, Patty enjoys baking and trying out new restaurants and gourmet food shopping weekends. **Lamar Brown** received blueberry swirl muffins for giving the Welcome Lady Patty's contact information.

Kevin Erbe, a Montana native, attended high school in McKinney, Texas. He is a graduate of Oklahoma University. Since Kevin wanted to reside near the hospital district, co-worker Chris Helsley on Elizabeth Boulevard told him about Ryan Place. Kevin sells neurological equipment. He works out at the gym, enjoys spectator sports, and is an avid reader. In fact, the Welcome Lady interrupted his reading of Unbroken and now wants to read, it herself. **Randy Parham** needs to keep his eye out for the Welcome Lady's blue Prius when she delivers his reward for new neighbor contact information about Kevin.

Fifth Avenue

Jill Johnson and spouse **Brian McCorquodale** and one year old son **Gus**, a real cutie, live with dogs Lux and Chic Chi in a house that holds memories for Jill. When Jill graduated from U T Austin with a degree in photojournalism, she was hired by Paul Moseley, the photo editor at the Star-Telegram. She now lives in the house where she went to staff parties and babysat the Moseley children. As a single woman, Jill lived in a Ryan Place apartment for ten years and was adopted by the **Kline** family. Jill and Brian met at a party at the Shampoo Hair Salon which a close friend owned and Brian was playing in the band. When they married, they moved to Monticello, but Jill missed the sense of community in Ryan Place, and the McCorquodales resided into a Ryan Place rental property while searching for a home to buy in the neighborhood.

Brian was born in Beaumont and grew up in the small East Texas town of Newton. He was an Air Force mechanic stationed in England and now works as a production manager for an aerodynamics firm. He plays an incredible number of instruments and performed in the bands Black Tie Dynasty, Telegraph Canyon, and Mon Julien. Brian is an accomplished woodworker and graphic designer. His screen print posters can be viewed on www.holdingpatternstudio.com.

Born in Muleshoe, Texas and reared in Houston, **Jill's** real heart is in Fort Worth. She is now a freelance photographer who especially enjoys portrait photography, and her favorite subjects are animals and teenagers. Some of the photos in 360 West are hers, and she exhibits at Art Space 311. She describes herself as an estate sale junker. Jill's website www.jilljohnsonphoto.com has photos of places and people including celebrities such as Willie Nelson. One of her photos for the book Glamourpuss will appeal to cat lovers.

If you are new to Ryan Place, give the Welcome Lady a call for a visit and goodies from your neighbors: 817-924-9653 or e-mail her at arkarbach@sbcglobal.net.

— Ruth Karbach

More than just a pleasant neighborhood



Ryan Place has such incredible history! I wonder if everyone who lives here is fully aware of more than just a great neighborhood with interesting houses, tall trees... a good place to run, cycle or walk your dog?

Something Ben Miller posted on the RP Facebook page recently fits right in. (You don't do Facebook, you say? You miss a lot. It's a great neighborhood grapevine!) As a local history buff and architect's daughter, to me the link Ben posted was an absolute delight! A total of 35 homes built between 1912 and 1930... designed by notable Fort Worth architect Wiley G. Clarkson... right here in Ryan Place! It's a collection curated by his grandson, also named Wiley Clarkson (who would be excited to hear from you if you have more information). You simply must take a look: [clarksons.org/W_G_Clarkson_Architect/ryanplacehomes.htm](http://clarksons.org/W_G_Clarkson_Architect/)

Hungry for more history about homes in Ryan Place? Historic Fort Worth is an amazing trove of online information. Register (it's free) and browse the Ryan Place section – info-packed write-ups on 67 Ryan Place treasures. Ruth Karbach recently gave me a copy of "Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey: Phase III Fort Worth's Southside" and there are dozens more documented there.

— Kris Savage



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Yard of the Month: 2900 block of Fifth Avenue



Photo by Lisa and Raul Pena

Kline-Sarsgaard Home

These neighbors have managed very well to keep a vibrant landscape, even in winter. Pansies provide that burst of color along the front, as well as in hanging baskets on the porch. More color with mini violas by the walkway which is lined with monkey grass. Finally, a large Asparagus fern flanks the front door while a cozy seating area invites you to sip your morning coffee in anticipation of spring.

— Lisa and Raul Pena



From Calloway's Nursery 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. **Bonide Light Crabgrass Preventer** can be easily applied using a fertilizer spreader. Add a little natural inspiration to your home by creating colorful 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. Vegetable and herb gardens are aesthetically appealing and fragrant. You and your family can enjoy the fruits of your labor for months and years to come!

FREE in-store gardening clinics this month begin at 10:15 am and are facilitated at every garden center. Join us and get inspired!

Saturday, March 2: Lawn care for Texans — Surround yourself with the barefoot-comfort of beautiful lawns — Make weed-free and gorgeous green lawns a natural part of your landscape and get the most out of the N-P-K in your fertilizer.

Saturday, March 9: Growing organic vegetables in containers — Vegetables, herbs, and even fruits and berries can be grown in containers on windowsills, patios and porches. Learn about new compact edible plant varieties and which herbs complement which vegetables. Theme your containers with an Italian, Mexican or French flair! Apply organic techniques for natural and tastier results.

Saturday, March 16: Fashionable blooms for Texas — Rare and unique flowers and foliage for creating fashion forward containers. Learn ways to add natural flair to your spaces with designer plants.

Saturday, March 23: America's Favorite Flower - The Rose — With a little inspiration and know-how, grow an inspiring rose garden. Climbers, grandifloras, floribundas, hybrid teas, groundcovers, miniatures, Earth-Kind, antique — the list goes on and on!

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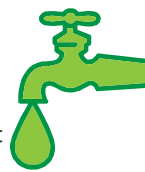


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From Zeroscape to Xeriscape



our parkways: xeriscape. Using plants with low water requirements isn't a new idea, but it is a good idea that a sprinkling of homeowners near us have decided to implement. Have you considered it?

On Willing, street and sidewalk construction destroyed a substantial portion of the plants in the parkway. The city committed to restoring the parkway to its pre-construction state, namely grass. We see a golden opportunity to save water and improve the neighborhood, all on the canvas of our block--and every other block where this sort of construction is happening.

Given water restrictions, what better way to gain attention to best practices than to offer an option of attractive, low-water plants and an efficient way to water? Neighbors who prefer turf can keep their parkway in grass, but xeriscape may appeal to some for its low maintenance, natural beauty, and low water requirements. We can still line our streets with beautiful trees, but we might also consider trees of appropriate scale for these tiny lots, as well as those well-suited to drought.

We aren't waiting. Our project isn't perfect, and it isn't finished, but we are happy with the start. We aren't experts, just enthusiasts, so much so that we bought materials and started the hard work. A professional irrigation company would have tied into the water system; we didn't. We did, however, make it possible to water with soaker hoses, and most anybody could do that. Drip irrigation is another option. There are many possibilities that don't involve a landscape married to a lawn mower and

string trimmer, or water running down the street and into our storm drains.

With enough interest, we might get a little help from the City. Surely, there is economy of scale from doing an entire block (e.g., raw materials). The city already has experts on staff, and we understand that Fort Worth is growing some of the very plants needed. With outreach, private nurseries might want to participate. Here is a chance to forge new partnerships. Everybody wins, but it won't happen unless you make your voice heard.

Ryan Place served as a model for recycling. Maybe as we move forward with other street projects in the neighborhood or the city, we can lead again.

— Blake Hardy and Ellen Warthoe



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Progress Report: 6th Avenue Column



Update from the City, received on January 30, 2013: We have received numerous samples of stones (natural and cast stones) from vendors that we have rejected because no one could get close enough to match the color and texture. Yesterday we received a batch of samples from a new vendor that matches the color very well, and they are working up a larger sample of this color that they will use to try to match the texture.



Step right up. . .

The Ryan Place Newsletter is in need of a new manager. The managing job consists of proof-reading (spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.) and formatting the Newsletter into a cohesive whole, with uniform type fonts, spacing, and a readable, attractive lay-out.

Contributors 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. 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 would like to work with the manager-to-be for a couple of months so that a smooth transition may be effected. Come on, Somebody — step up!

— Olivia Flynn

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Brandt also teaches Martial Arts classes for both kids and adults. Owner Kyle Brandt is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and provides a rigorous system of training and a lot of fun for his students. Also offered are yoga classes geared toward athletic recovery and stress relief and the "Paleo" nutritional system.

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