

Ryan Place Newsletter

June / July, 2013

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Ryan Place Croquet Tournament Final Match: All in the Family

In a spirited final match Megan and Susan Drake defended their 2012 title by defeating Tommy and Thomas Drake. As Memorial Day on the Twenty-Eight Annual Croquet Tournament moved toward the final match, it became clear that Megan and Susan had brought their "A Game." As excitement that only shared DNA and family history can provide Megan survived a late challenge by her brother to hit the winning stake insuring that they would become the only mother/daughter team to win back to back tournaments.

— Christopher Ebert

Add new Block Captains to the list!

Chris and Alison Gee, residents of the 2600 block of 5th Avenue for the past year have volunteered to fill the slot for their block. Check the May Newsletter to see if your block needs a representative — contact the Newsletter to volunteer!



Newcomers Reception

The Welcome to Ryan Place Reception hosted by the 2013 CCRP Board was an unqualified success. Over forty neighbors representing twenty households met at the home of Mariann Taccia for refreshments and socializing. This event is CCRP's way of introducing itself to the new residents of Ryan Place and including them as an integral part of the neighborhood and the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Tour.

A special thank you to CCRP Board members Marina Castillo, Anne Menninger, John Nowland, Lin Parham, Maria Summers, John Belknap, Ruth Karbach, Mike Lindner, Sara Woodward, and Mariann Taccia for providing the refreshments. We are also so grateful to neighbors Tim Meagher of Snap Catering and Rainey and Randy Dukes for their generous contributions of food and wine.

— Mary Edwards
CCRP President

Ryan Place Newsletter

The Ryan Place Newsletter is pleased to announce our next Editor and Manager, Kendal Lake. Currently, Kendal serves on the CCRP Board and is Public Relations Chairman for that organization. Kendal has experience with the program used to produce the Newsletter and she will assume the Newsletter management this fall; until that time, the RPIA Communications Committee will oversee the publication of the Ryan Place Newsletter.



Will there be a July 4th Parade this year?

We need a volunteer to coordinate the July 4th Ryan Place Parade. Please contact Event VP Mariann Taccia at mariannmt@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or are available to organize the event. If no one has volunteered by June 15, there will be no Parade this year.

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

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RPIA MEETING

Monday, June 17th
7 PM
St. John's Episcopal Church
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CRIME PREVENTION & SECURITY

Police Reports from Ryan Place Security Alert e-mails

From: Officer Mark Russell

Date: April 30, 2013

This morning I responded to a burglary of a vehicle in the 2900 block of Willing Ave. The only items taken were an iPod charger, an audio cable, loose change, and a small air compressor that plugs into the cars charging port. The crime took place between 8:30 pm last night and 6:30 am today. It is imperative that you remove or conceal all items within your vehicle when parked. These may not seem significant enough items to worry about, but they are worth a few dollars to our drug addicts to pawn.

From: Officer Mark Russell

Date: May 1, 2013

On May 6th one of our prolific burglars will be getting out of state jail. He will most definitely start up his only known profession of breaking into cars, buildings, and homes.

If you see him out and about please feel free to watch his movements and call it in. He and his family reside at 605 Page St. His brothers and friends are also known to conduct the same activities.

From: Officer Mark Russell

Date: May 9, 2013

Today between 0800-1020 am a home was burglarized in the 2900 block of Willing Ave. Entry was from the alley way and the suspect gained entry through an unlocked rear bedroom window. The suspect took jewelry, money, and small items that could be carried within a bag or backpack.

Please check to make sure your windows are locked, blinds or curtains covering the windows, and all doors are secured.

Please watch the alley ways for anyone walking or driving them.

From: Resident - 2400-2500 Block College Ave.

Posted on Neighborhood Facebook Page

Date: May 28, 2013

"We had checks stolen from our mailbox on Thursday or Friday of last week, and the person began hitting different banks and cashing checks he had written to himself.


Although we don't have any way to know for sure, I think this probably happened on Thursday, because he cashed a check at FNB in Killeen on Friday, and given how late our mail usually runs on College Ave. I don't think he could have gotten to Killeen the same day before the bank closed. But I suppose it's possible the mail was a little earlier than usual.

We're in the middle of handling this with our bank, and will also be filing reports with Mark Russell and with the postal service, but I wanted to pass the info along.

Unfortunately we do not have any way yet of knowing whether or not any other mail was taken, but think it's pretty safe to assume he grabbed a handful of stuff."

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.

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



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Phone Scams

Don't be fooled by a new wave of fake calls. Scammers are posing as an employment agency and fooling job hunters into parting with personal information.

How the Scam Works:

You receive a call from a business named WN Positions. The caller is supposedly an employment agency wanting to interview you in response to a job survey you allegedly completed online. The caller sounds very natural, like a real customer service agent, and it takes you a few moments to realize it's actually a pre-recorded robo-call.

The teleprompter asks you questions typical of a preliminary job interview, such as your name, educational background, and salary requirements. Then, it goes on to ask about whether you want to return to school and/or advance in your education.

After the survey, a live person comes on the phone. The caller tells you that the business is not a hiring agency, but rather one that "helps connect people with education opportunities." When prompted, the caller claims WN Positions is BBB Accredited (it's not!) and even provides an email address.

It is unclear if the calls are a true phishing scam or just a shady way to collect sales leads. Either way, be careful and don't give any personal information. One recipient reported receiving numerous calls from unknown numbers after talking to the WN Positions representative.

As always, watch out for variations of this scam. Some callers say they are recruiting for positions at Wal-Mart, or other large corporations too. Even the business name "WN Positions" may change. Currently, the calls appear to come from Connecticut and North Carolina exchanges, but that is likely to change.

How do I Protect Myself from Phone Scams:

Scam phone calls are common. Even if you list your number with the Do Not Call Registry or Canada's Do Not Call List, you are still likely to receive them. Here's how to protect yourself:

• **Hang up, don't press any buttons and don't call the scammer back.** Returning the phone call may just give the con artist information he can use.

• **Never give out personal information** such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, dates of birth or social security numbers to unfamiliar callers.

• **Never give a caller remote access to your computer.**

• **If you do want to make a purchase, always ask for the salesperson's name, business, phone and address** (and verify this information!) before handing over money. Legitimate businesses understand that you want more information about their company and are happy to comply.

File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission to help track down scammers.

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Real Estate Corner

by Jeff Anderson

Ownership

My little brother is in real estate in Dallas. He was over recently and as we cruised down 6th he commented on the feel of our neighborhood. He could tell from driving by the homes that residents here are committed to caring for their properties.

Maybe it was the new main water line we just installed for our home, and the days without water leading up to it, but ownership is a theme on my mind. Ownership is somewhat a lost value in our current culture. Think of the last time you were in a car accident, had a clumsy fall or hurt someone's feelings. It's always the other car, the thing on the ground, or another person being too sensitive!

Often our instinct is NOT to assume responsibility. However, when you own up to something, you're invested. Being responsible for your place, whether your rent, have a note, or own it outright, means you care for it. You care for your neighbors. Your yard. Your curb appeal. The seen and unseen parts of your house. And, it's all a little more motivating when the market continues to show signs of upward movement. The generation that built Ryan understood that responsibility is rewarding. Nice to see that value revitalized.

| Address | Size | Bed/Bath | Status |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| 2700 Ryan Place | 1,366 sqft | 2 bed / 1.5 bath | SOLD |
| 2733 Willing | 1,849 sqft | 3 bed/ 2 bath | SOLD |
| 2828 Ryan Place | 1,294 sqft | 3 bed/ 1 bath | SOLD |
| 1505 Elizabeth Blvd | 2,870 sqft | 3 bed / 2.5 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2832 Ryan Place | 2,044 sqft | 3 bed / 2 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2824 Willing | 1,680 sqft | 3 bed / 2 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2813 Ryan Place | 1,524 sqft | 2 bed / 2 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2805 Ryan Place | 1,672 sqft | 3 bed / 2 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2932 Ryan Place | 1,468 sqft | 2 bed / 2 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2720 Ryan Place | 1,320 sqft | 2 bed / 2 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2937 Ryan Ave | 1,452 sqft | 3 bed / 2 bath | CONTRACT |
| 2736 Ryan Ave | 960 sqft | 2 bed / 1 bath | CONTRACT |
| 1506 Elizabeth Blvd | 2,964 sqft | 4 bed / 2.5 bath | \$370,000 |
| 2624 Ryan Place | 1,904 sqft | 3 bed / 2 bath | \$278,800 |
| 2748 Willing Ave | 1,533 sqft | 2 bed / 2 bath | \$235,000 |
| 3013 Ryan Place | 1,955 sqft | 3 bed / 2 bath | \$225,000 |
| 2933 Ryan Ave | 1,358 sqft | 3 bed / 1 bath | \$129,900 |
| 2533 Ryan Ave | 1,147 sqft | 3 bed / 1 bath | \$122,000 |



Healthy Lifestyle Secrets Class

Do you know your BMR? Your healthy range? The nutrients your body needs? No? You need to learn! Are you tired of always feeling tired? Do you have high blood pressure or diabetes? Are you dreading that summer bathing suit? Do you want to lose weight with long-term success? Yes? **Consider joining a Healthy Lifestyle Secrets class!**

Healthy Lifestyle Secrets (HLS) is a 6-week Low Glycemic Index educational nutrition program that is tailored to each client, designed to assist with long-term weight management and reduced risk of preventable diseases. HLS certified trainers evaluate your critical biometric numbers and use them to educate you regarding how to eat correctly for your body's profile. You will learn the six nutrients you need every day, how calories DO count, how to incorporate nutritional supplements, food quantity vs. quality, how much sugar your body can process, how to shop smarter using labels, and much more.


A Healthy Lifestyle Secrets class is coming soon to Ryan Place! The class is tentatively scheduled to be held on Tuesdays starting June 4th at St. John's Episcopal Church at 5:30 pm. (Possible mid-day class at 11:00 am based upon participant demand.) The class includes six weeks of weigh-ins on a specialized biometric body fat analysis scale with individualized data provided each week, a personalized food fitness profile based on your unique BMR, class nutritional textbook with weekly nutritional materials, and one hour meetings with a designated trainer. Cost is \$199 for new participant; \$169 Continuing Education participant; \$99 FWISD Employee – due at first day of class.

To participate in a class, please visit www.healthylifestylesecrets.com and complete a Participation Form under the Registration tab (no financial commitment necessary at this time). For more information, you may also call the HLS office at 817-546-0097. Don't wait for summer to sneak up on you - take action now!

Healthy Regards,

Laurie W. Lacy, Executive VP

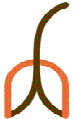
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Spring time brings warmer weather and with it a bunch of pesky pests; I've been told this will be one of the worst summers for insects in YEARS. Great... so what can you do to prepare for it and prevent those critters from invading your yard? Chemicals aren't healthy for our family, our pets, or the environment. Here is an all-natural, two part plan of attack to get rid of the bugs and keep them from coming back.

Step 1: Nematodes are microscopic roundworms that go to work chowing down on the eggs of all of your infamous backyard insects: fleas, ticks, ants, etc. So as the adults start dying off, the nematodes make sure there are no newborns to replace them. Best of all, they don't harm you, your pets, or the environment, and if you take care of your "herd", your nematode population will grow and last you for 2-3 years. They really are like magic. (I've personally used them on three separate yards with flea infestations, and they've worked every time.)

The key with nematodes is that you can't let them dry out. Watering your lawn 2-3 times a week during the summer should be sufficient to keep enough moisture in the soil to keep these little guys alive.

How do I apply it?: They can come in several different forms. The most common is mixed in a small tub of soil. Dilute the soil in a large amount of water and spray it over your lawn. I've also seen them come absorbed into a sponge which was the easiest way to apply. Just put the sponge in one of those Miracle-Gro spray canisters and spray them right onto the lawn.

Where can I buy it?: You can buy them at any local nursery like Calloway's.

How much does it cost?: They generally run anywhere from \$25-35 per box/tub.

Step 2: Diatomaceous Earth The second part of the war on backyard bugs is the wonder powder that is Diatomaceous Earth. DE is simply the fossilized remains of microscopic phytoplankton from millions of years ago that comes as a white, chalky powder. It's absolutely harmless to humans which is good considering that you've probably eaten a few pounds of it in your lifetime. (Farmers put it in grains to keep the bugs out.) The way it works is that all of the tiny little plankton bits act like razor blades, and when an insect (or anything with an exoskeleton) comes in contact with them, it slices up their exoskeleton causing the bugs to die. It's like

putting a moat around your castle!

So when used in conjunction with nematodes, DE really gives you a great 1-2 punch by killing the adults while the roundworms kill all of the eggs. The one catch (there's always a catch, isn't there?) is that DE has to be dry to be effective. Wet plankton fossils apparently aren't that sharp. So as you can imagine, that makes it a little tricky to use at the same time as nematodes.

Concentrate primarily on your nematodes. Getting them on your lawn and proliferating is the best thing you can do for long term prevention of pests. Since they are actually alive, they will give you a benefit over an extended period of time. Since DE is basically just chalk, it is really more of a one-time treatment. For the best approach, water your yard 2-3 times a week for the summer to keep your lawn moist and healthy and the nematodes thriving. Then use the DE every few weeks as a napalm attack on any adults that managed to hatch and make it by your roundworms. With the hot sun, it is very easy to time it so you get several dry days of coverage. The next time you run your sprinklers, the rest of the DE will wash off, but hopefully you've done some real damage in the meantime. DE is also great for areas that don't get watered like alleys, behind garages & barns, etc.

Once you're done, sit back and enjoy your yard with no worries—your pets certainly will!

How do I apply it? The powder is pretty standard in form and comes in a variety of sizes ranging from an 8 oz. jar up to a 50 lb. bag. It's not too expensive so I always buy the giant bag because I know I'll have to apply it several times. It is easiest to apply with a sifter, but can be applied with a hand spreader too (just use a mask so you don't inhale a ton of dry powder).

Where can I buy it?: You can buy them at any local nursery like Marshall Grain.

How much does it cost?: They generally run anywhere from a few bucks for a small jar to about \$35 for a 50 lb sack.

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Elizabeth Boulevard

Marissa Taccia and *Abe Issa* with beautiful baby daughter *Katherine Elizabeth* live in a traditional Ryan Place home. Marissa's parents Robert and Mariann Taccia live just down the street in the house where Marissa grew up. Abe, born in Beirut, Lebanon, is a graduate of the TCU School of Business and operates an energy efficiency company. Marissa studied environmental science at TCU. Marissa loves horseback riding and has competed as a barrel racer.

Fifth Avenue

Jill and *Jeff Fitzgerald* and son *Jay*, 17, and *Jack*, 23, reside in a distinctive house with an inviting front porch. Son *Joel*, 25, is serving in the Air Force and currently is stationed in Okinawa. Jack, an A&M graduate in business, works for Cash America. Jay just completed his junior year at Paschal High School and is an Eagle Scout. Jeff's education in finance at Texas A&M led to a career in wealth management. Jill has a business degree from Texas A&M. The family lived in Austin and Arizona, but kept returning to Fort Worth. They think Ryan Place tops the list of places they've lived which includes Berkeley, Mistletoe Heights, and Fairmount neighborhoods as well as the Forest Park Tower. Their home reflects Jill's and Jeff's personalities; they have brightened the interior and opened up the front porch. Jill loves history while Jeff is a golfer. The entire family is dedicated Aggie sports fans.

Ryan Place Drive

Brian and *Margaret Holland* moved to Fort Worth from San Antonio when Margaret accepted a residency at John Peter Smith Hospital after graduation with an M. D. from UT Health Science Center. They chose Ryan Place for its proximity to the hospital. Little did they know what the neighborhood and the Southside had to offer to foodies and music and book lovers like them. Brian is a bass guitarist who played with a San Antonio band but now owns an online company which does logistics shipping to medical patients. Also they are adventurous travelers. A recent vacation spot was New Zealand, and they chose Italy as their wedding destination. The Welcome Lady thinks the Hollands should be featured in a match.com ad.

Carol Sutton moved from Louisiana to Ryan Place to be near her 90 year old mother who resides in Tanglewood. Carol is an LSU graduate and has two children who are LSU grads. Carol has a string of credentials and her graduate degree is in Mental Health Nursing. Her current assignment by Texas Health Resources is in the HEB area. An animal lover, Carol has a gorgeous female red sitter and her quarter horse is stabled in Burleson.

Sixth Avenue

My visit with the *Torgul* family began with beautiful violin music by *Ertan* drifting into the living area and a warm welcome from *Kimberley* and *Rosy*, an intelligent rescue dog. Ertan laid down his violin and soon joined us, but the couple's cats, *Flapjack* and *Schnefels*, were slower to appear. The *Torguls* are accomplished classical musicians. Kim, from Tacoma, Washington, graduated from USC and left California for Texas for graduate study at Rice University. She is a violinist of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and did children's outreach programs for the Van Cliburn Foundation this year. Ertan's hometown is the ancient city of Ankara, Turkey. He began his musical studies at age 12 at the H. U. Ankara Konservatuvan and later studied at Indiana University. In the United States, he initially lived in California where he continues to perform with a tango quintet. Ertan came to Texas to join the San Antonio Symphony. He recently completed his seventeenth and last year as concertmaster

with that orchestra and is excited about being home more with his new position as the guest concertmaster of the Dallas Opera. Ertan is the managing/ artistic director of the non-profit Soli Chamber Music Ensemble which specializes in contemporary classical music. Kim and Ertan enjoy good wine and food.

Willing Avenue

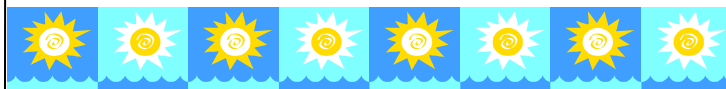
Quincie Smith is a chef for the Texas White House Bed and Breakfast on Eighth Avenue, owned by Ryan Place residents. She is a graduate of the Natural Epicurean Academy of Culinary Arts in Austin. From Kennedale (Tarrant County), Quincie has lived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Colorado, Miami and Austin. She is buying her first house. Her Ryan Place home with its updated kitchen swayed her away from a Fairmount location. A tenor (soprano) in the Afterglow barbershop quartet, Quincie also loves biking and traveling.

Teresa Crafton, a Portland, Oregon, native lived in the states of Washington, South Dakota, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Indiana before moving to Texas six years ago. She is a technology librarian at Fort Worth Country Day School and works with long time Ryan Place resident Jon Shipley in the school's writing workshop. Teresa has master's degrees in library science and educational technology. She plays the viola, is a foodie, enjoys reading, traveling and exploring, loves the arts, and wants to join a yoga group. Her 14 year old son *Cade*, and his dog *Snottle* joins her on weekends. Cade bikes the neighborhood which reminds him of his small Indiana hometown. He is up to date on Southside activities and persuaded his mom to volunteer with him in the Fairmount home tour. Cade attends Aledo High School and is an athlete.

Friends *Cyndal Sanders*, *Elizabeth Jones*, and *Laura Rubin*, all from Tyler, are sharing a recently renovated Ryan Place home. Elizabeth and Laura majored in fashion merchandising at TCU, and Cyndal is a Texas A&M College Station graduate with a Communications degree. Cyndal works for General Motors Financial and is an Aggie football enthusiast. She's an outdoors person who is an active runner and biker. Elizabeth works for Farm House Fresh, a body products company. She's into TCU football, camping and travel, and spending time with family and friends. Laura works as a merchandise assistant at the J.C. Penney Corporate office in Plano. She enjoys reading, yoga, concerts, and cooking. These friends chose "quaint" Ryan Place because of proximity to Magnolia Avenue and TCU. Friend *Kelsey Ingram*, also from Tyler, has joined them for the summer and a break from her studies for an R. N. degree at LSU.

New Arrival: *Samuel* April 1 Parents: *Kate* and *Ryan Brooke*

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Calloway's Nursery Timely Tips for June Gardeners

June is a fun month filled with good weather for outside activities. Gardeners can appreciate the opportunity to have a little fun in the sun and reap the fruits of their labor. This month is the perfect time to begin harvesting those tomatoes you've cared for. Bring your prized tomato harvest to Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery for the annual Chef Jeff Tomato Contest. Gardeners can compete for garden gift cards.

Saturday, June 15: Tomato Contest in Dallas/Fort Worth (all garden centers)

Many shrubs and plants are in full bloom. Add color and fragrance to your spaces with roses, hydrangeas, magnolias and more. Stop by the nearest Calloway's garden center to learn more, get inspired and attend one of the free clinics on Saturday at 10:15 am.

Saturday, June 1: Basics of landscape design Join Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery for landscape design – 101. The experts will share information about soil preparation, design and plant selection.

Saturday, June 8: Summer staples: This will grow...now Are you looking for plants that thrive in Texas, right now? Attend this clinic to learn the best varieties for the Texas heat. You'll be the envy of your neighbors!

Saturday, June 15: Cut flower gardens Learn about naturally-inspired bouquets from one of Calloway's Texas Certified Nursery Professionals.

Saturday, June 22: Summer lawn care If visions of running barefoot through thick green lawns are in your thoughts, join the experts and learn how to make that dream a reality.

Saturday, June 29: Some like it hot It's time to freshen up those naturally-inspired spaces – just in time for the holiday. We can show you how! Visit www.calloways.com for more summer events and to become a member of our Garden Club.

Calloway's Nursery Timely Tips for July Gardeners

Mulch Helps Plants Weather the Summer Heat! Summer is upon us and your garden may be feeling the affects of the heat. Mulch can help your garden plants weather the summer heat and still thrive.

Reduce Water Use — Mulch provides several healthy benefits to Texas gardens in the summertime. One of the most well-known benefits of mulch is to reduce evaporation and water use. In the heat of summer conserving water can be particularly important. Mulch reduces evaporation preserving the water in the ground where your plants can access it through their root system.

Regulate Sub-Surface Temperatures — Another very important benefit to mulch in the heat of summer is regulation of ground temperature. A 3 to 4 inch blanket of mulch is excellent insulation, protecting the ground from direct sun, and greatly reducing the temperature several inches below ground level. This is where your plants' roots live, thrive and do the hard work of absorbing moisture and nutrients. They will be much healthier and more productive with the reduction in temperature that mulch provides.

Types of Mulch — As for types of mulch, we recommend hardwood or cedarwood for most gardens. Some gardeners prefer pine mulch, but while it is somewhat less expensive, it also breaks down more quickly and will need to be reapplied frequently. Cedar is the most expensive of the three but does help reduce garden pests in some instances, due to its natural repellent properties.

To apply mulch, simply place it in the garden from the bag or with a shovel, and carefully spread it around your plants by hand or with a rake.

Mulch will reduce your water use, reduce the time required to weed, as well as reduce soil loss due to wind and run-off. Plus it will help your plants to thrive through the summer heat! Find more garden tips here, or go to www.calloways.com/good-neighbor-homeowners-association-program.

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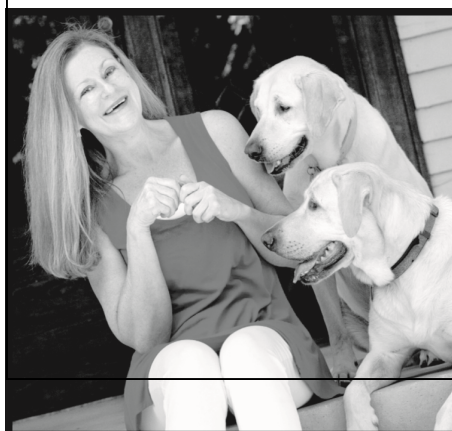
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| Newsletter advertising sales | \$ 3,995.00 |
| Event advertising | \$ 257.21 |

Total \$ 12,044.71

EXPENSES (to date)

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| Operating expenses | \$ 3,422.99 |
| Eliz. Blvd. gate, circles water; | |
| Daggett Park & Eliz. Blvd. gate maint. | |
| Eliz. Blvd. gate and park irrigation repairs | |
| Gate lighting maint. | |
| Constant Contact e-mail service | |
| Newsletter printing | \$ 1,842.00 |
| Newsletter distribution | \$ 450.00 |
| Improvement projects | \$ 8,872.85 |
| (Elizabeth Blvd.) | |
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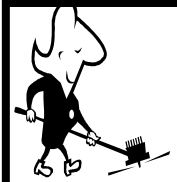
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