

Ryan Place Newsletter

June/July 2014

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4th of July

in Ryan Place

Something Old & Something New! Traditional Ryan Place 4th of July Parade

All invited to participate - Break out the bikes, decorate the old cars, & vocalize as you cruise the neighborhood!

Dogs, Cats, & Canaries unite! Float down the boulevard on your own flatbed!

Help resurrect the Drill Team, The Lawn Chair Brigade, Kazoo Band
Make a float for your block, your street, show off your passion!!

The BBQ & Wine Tasters of Ryan Place, The Krewes of Bacchus & Beef
Show us your Float!

Mom's of RP where are those strollers? Clowns & Street Performers...brush up your acts.

Veterans of all wars & times, **please let us show you our respect.** Gather together & walk or ride in the parade

MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC...All kinds, hey you garage band groups...come play for us!

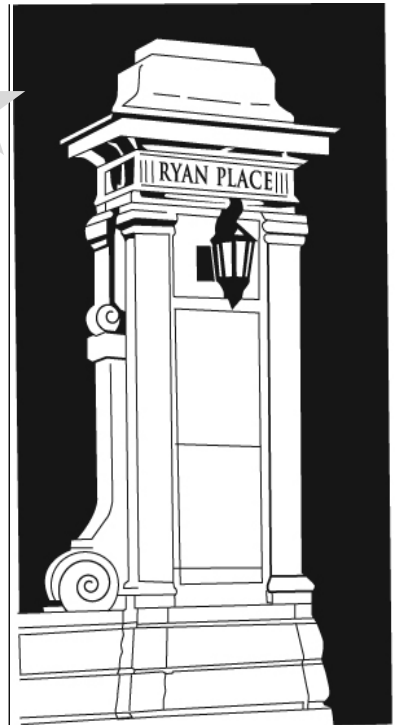
*Parade line up facing North on College Avenue at Elizabeth Blvd.
Starting at 9 am. Parade kicks off at 9:45 am*

THEN SOMETHING NEW! Party in the Playground

After the Parade, hang around the playground for some games, watermelon, music, and enjoy the Spirit of Ryan Place
Water, Watermelon, & Shade Provided.
BYO chairs, food, fancy beverages & yard blankets.

Inaugural 4th of July Softball Game...so start your training. Form your team NOW! Show off your batting skills! Officials needed to keep things somewhat honorable. *Coveted price* to best uniformed team. *Amazing priceless trophy to winning team!* (to be handed down year to year or until lost in history!)

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RPIA MEETING

Monday, June 16

6:45 PM

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

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RPIA President's Update

Hello Friends & Neighbors –

Are you ready for summer? Terri West and several other neighbors are cooking up a spectacular July 4 event, combining the parade with some fun new traditions. This is one of Ryan Place's mainstay social events of the year and is fun for all ages. Hope to see you there!

I am excited about the progress we are making on several of our neighborhood initiatives, including our new website, updated by-laws and long-term strategic plan. Your neighbors are working tirelessly on these projects to continue to move our neighborhood improvement efforts forward, and I thank them all for their dedication.

The new website should be up and running this summer. I know it can't happen fast enough, but remember this is a volunteer effort. The new site will maintain much of the current information, but will offer many updates in information and a refreshed look and feel with beautiful photos from our neighborhood photographers. We will include the newsletters and meeting minutes that have been requested by many.

Expect to see information about the new by-laws in the next newsletter to be published and distributed in August. We will also hopefully be holding information sessions this Summer/Fall to discuss our long-term strategic plan with the neighborhood. This is a critical plan we will use to drive the future development strategy of Ryan Place.

On another important note, one of my neighbors recently asked, "What is up with the traffic circles on Elizabeth Blvd? Should I try to sprinkle some flower seeds on them in the hopes that something might grow?" Those are very fair questions.

The Board has consulted with Dotty Woodson who is an Extension Program Specialist - Water Resources with Texas A&M's AgriLife Extension Service. Dr. Woodson has worked with the City of Fort Worth on several projects. After some study and analysis, she helped us determine the underlying problem with the failed landscaping attempts is a lack of proper drainage. Following a full report and proposal from Dr. Woodson, the City agreed to cover the full cost of installing a drainage system. Fortunately, they know her as a very credible resource and will be consulting with her to formulate a successful plan. The work will ultimately be done by contractors of the City. We are pushing for this to be done by the Fall planting season so we can get the Circles looking great this year. Lucky for us, Dr. Woodson has agreed to advise on the landscaping efforts that will take place after the drainage system is put in place.

So what is the cost to Ryan Place for all of this? Surprisingly, nothing, except the cost of re-landscaping. On another positive note, the soil in all three Circles was recently re-tested by Texas A&M and was determined to be of high quality. The soil represented the largest part of the cost for the landscaping effort last year. Because it will be reusable, this should keep costs down for the next round of landscaping. Have a safe and happy Summer!

Leanne Kline, RPIA President

YTD RPIA Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Llisa Lewis, Treasurer

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Net Revenue YTD	\$9,316.18
Newsletter Advertising Sales	\$3,695.00
Crime Communication Prevention	\$1,000.00
Event Advertising Revenue	\$0.00
Sustaining Membership Contributions	\$4,621.18

Net Expenses YTD	\$8,877.54
Newsletter Printing	\$3,046.25
Newsletter Distribution	\$1,022.20
Circles & 8th Ave Gates Water & Irrigation	\$555.66
Parks & Gate Maintenance	\$3,096.24
Irrigation Repairs	\$468.80
Neighborhood Welcome	\$80.11
Misc. (paypal)	\$8.46

NET INCOME YTD	\$438.65
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Please Note: This is taken from the working yearly budget for the Association. Totals do not include investment CD or approved funds for park renovation.

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No Registration Fee!

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WELCOME!

College Avenue

Alex Branch and Sarah Bahari sold their Oakhurst home and are living in a rental in Ryan Place while looking for a Near Southside three-bedroom home, preferably in Ryan Place. Alex and Sarah are transplants from Kansas. While Sarah attended Kansas State University, Alex graduated from Oklahoma University. They met as staff writers at the *Wichita Eagle* newspaper. Ten years ago, they moved to our city to join the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* as staff writers. Sarah went on to work as a promotion specialist for the University of North Texas before deciding on freelance writing and has an impressive list of clients. Alex now works in the communications and marketing department of UNT Health Science Center. They have an adorable three-year-old son, Aidan, and a miniature poodle mix who looks like Dr. Watson, the welcome dog. Sarah enjoys cooking, perusing cookbooks, and trying out new restaurants while Alex is into running, Sooner football, and craft beer. This family would be a great addition to Ryan Place if you have a home coming up for sale soon.

Ryan Place Drive

Sue Lipka from Texas and Dan Selje from Wisconsin met while working summer jobs in a national park in Alaska. After Sue graduated from TCU with a degree in art history and Dan received his degree from the University of Wisconsin, Sue went on to an internship in New York City while Dan had one in Wisconsin. They moved together to Fort Worth when Sue started a marketing position at Bass Hall. Dan works for a company that provides computer programs for investment divisions of banks. This couple has traveled around the Americas and to Europe. They combine their love of music and travel by going to music festivals. Dan is an avid Wisconsin Badgers fan and follows college basketball. Sue practices yoga and is a reader, mainly of non-fiction though she's into *Game of Thrones*. They are looking forward to the food and wine events in the neighborhood.

Taylor Craig Mills and Angella Timmons have a home decorated with an appealing eclectic mix. Mustachioed Taylor will be recognized by neighbors into the local music scene and Magnolia Avenue patrons alike. He's a songwriter-musician, who recently released his CD "Don't Look Back Twice," and a bartender at The Chat Room. Some of Taylor's music fans might be surprised to learn he reads spy and espionage thrillers. Angella is intrigued by books about true crime. She is a purchasing agent for an oil and gas company. A native of Slaton, Texas, Angella attended TCC. Taylor grew up in Arizona and went to high school in San Antonio and attended TCU. Taylor and Angella plan to participate in the wine gatherings and the BBQ Company. Angella is interested in a neighborhood garage sale and wants to help with neighborhood improvement.

Willing Avenue

A former bass guitarist in a touring band, Beth Lewis now is a licensed counselor who takes a holistic, supportive approach with her clients (www.bethlewis counseling.com). She specializes in relationship and family therapy. Originally from Commerce in East Texas, Beth moved from Dallas to Fort Worth where she completed her M. A. degree at Texas Wesleyan University. Beth jogs and her daughter Ruby rides her bike and skis at her grandmother's Colorado home. Beth and Ruby frequently are out walking Max, a mini-dog, and Rainey, a senior Bassett hound, and Ruby will be earning money as a dog walker this summer. Eleven-year-old Ruby attends a Montessori school and is musically talented like both her parents. She is a student at the School of Rock and sings and plays bass guitar.

In the next edition of the Welcome column, look for story about two families and their saga of exchanging houses in the 'hood. The Welcome Lady has already delivered muffins to three recent move-ins. To make certain you or your new neighbor are on her list, please contact Ruth at 817-924-9653 or arkarbach@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by Ruth Hosey Karbach, The Welcome Lady

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Time to water, time to mow. Time to water, time to mow. Time to water, time to mow.

Here it is June. The beginning of summer. It is a time to **water** and a time to **mow**. **Water** is super-crucial for our new seedling trees just planted along our parkways in Ryan Place. We are in the midst of an exceptional drought, with our hottest, driest days ahead. The trees planted last year and this spring need water to survive and grow. Our subsoil is dry and never got the replenishing rains last fall and this spring. Recent rain showers couldn't wet down to the root zone of these young trees. Neither can our lawn sprinklers add enough water to soak into the ground one foot, or so, where the tree roots need the moisture. In fact, watering the lawn will actually compete for water with the trees. (Grass Wins!). Use your garden hose and let the water trickle out slowly to soak the area deep around each tree.

And **mow**. Not only will we need to cut the grass in our yards, we also need to trim and mow the alley behind our houses. The brush and weeds are back there, taking their share of space and waste. The city will not be coming through Ryan Place to clean our alleys this year. So it will be up to us to get the job done. A clean alley makes the neighborhood look better, plus it opens up the vision for our security patrols (police, Code Blue, and surveillance cameras.) Each homeowner is responsible for their half of the alley. Neighbors can work out any type of arrangement to keep the weeds and shrubs trimmed this summers. And please, don't use the alley for a dumping ground. People have to walk, and drive, and work in this space. Keep it clean.

Two things you need to have ready this month—your garden hose and your weed whacker.

Submitted by Bill Vaughan and Jerry Lemunyon, neighbors

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions In Effect

Monday -

No watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems.

Tuesday & Friday -

Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas)

Wednesday & Saturday -

Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

Thursday & Sunday -

Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

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The Yard of Month

Ryan Place Entrance Gates

This month, due to overwhelming positive comments, we want to recognize the **Ryan Place Entrance Gates**. John Filarowicz, our neighbor and owner of Five Star Landscaping donates the flowers for this entrance and Daggett Park three times per year. I would like to recognize John for his generosity in donating to the beautification of the neighborhood. Thanks also to the volunteers that assisted in the planting process. It's true what they say about first impressions...and the first impression this entrance says is: "Welcome to Ryan Place. A neighborhood that showcases the beauty and history of one of Fort Worth's finest neighborhoods."

Submitted by Lisa Pena



Timely Tips for June Gardeners

from Calloway's

It's getting hotter and summer time activities are getting into full swing. June brings both the opportunity to plant summer color, and the routine garden maintenance of mowing and weeding. Keep up with the mowing so you don't have to bag the clippings. Mow every 5 to 6 days instead of every 7 to 10 days and let the clippings fall back into the lawn which recycles nutrients but does not promote thatch. Keep the mower blade sharpened.

Mulching is the best way to conserve moisture in the landscape. A three to four inch layer over the root zone retains moisture, keeps the soil cooler and helps prevent weeds.

June is a great month for setting out colorful summer annuals. Marigolds, Salvia, Petunias, Verbena, Cockscombs and Celosia are great in sunny locations. Color for the shady areas includes Caladiums, Coleus, Impatiens and Begonias.

Make your landscape a bird-friendly one by fulfilling all of a wild bird's basic needs, food, shelter, water and nesting sites. The best types of plants to use to attract local birds are the plants they are most familiar with. Native landscaping uses local and regional trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses; the same plants that birds recognize as rich food sources and appropriate shelter.

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Saturday, June 7, 10:15 am
Landscaping for Wild Birds

Saturday, June 14, 10:15 am
Groundcovers in the Landscape

Saturday, June 21, 10:15 am
Summer Lawncare:
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Saturday, June 28, 10:15 am
Heat-Thriving and Colorful Plants

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Reduce the use, Reuse the most, and Recycle the rest.

We have gotten most of life's problems, if not controlled, at least identified when we get concerned about the use, misuse, deployment and stowage of our Garbage, Recycling and Compostable Carts. But since some might want to be reminded of the process and etiquette I have asked Jerry Lemunyon of Ryan Place Drive for a few tips:

Ryan Place is not like some neighborhoods where trash bins cover the landscape 24/7. Carts are set out the night before Tuesday and should be taken back after pickup by 8 am Thursday morning. (Sorry Jerry, but I had to add my parenthetical comments. - Chris) (Fortunately July 4th is on a Friday this year. Carts should be well hidden by then!)

Carts should be put on top of the curb, a few inches from the edge, not in the gutter. Late night rainstorms or water pipe breaks can send torrents of water down the street gutters, carrying with it your tipped-over cart. And consider this: the first thrust of the pickup machine is out, pushing those delicate cart wheels back into the cement curb. Crack! (Undercover Code Enforcement workers all carry rulers to check that you aren't over the edge!) (You're not going to get to say anything unkind about rain! Bring it on.)

Weekend warriors (that's gardeners, not members of the National Guard or Army Reserve) should keep their refuse from their handy work in back of their property. Placing trash, recycles, or vegetation carts out on the street on Saturday makes it a 5-day weekend. Also, big bulk trash pickup happens the third full week of each month. Hold that pile until the weekend before. Remember: Trash attracts trash. (The first 'full week' is defined as one that begins on Sunday having a date that is a single digit number less than 8. That clear?)

All trash, recycles, and vegetation must be contained inside the cart. Placing cardboard boxes and plastic bags of grass trimmings or leaves outside, next to the carts, is unacceptable. The truck and it's machine only picks up the cart, not the extras. Solutions: Cut up the cardboard boxes and place them in the recycle cart, and start a compost pile in the backyard and use your leaves at home. Thinking home-grown compost might save you a trip to the Home Depot. This can minimize the amount of "trash" that appears on our curbs every Wednesday morning.

Wednesday evening is a good time to practice your "Pick up 10 pieces of trash per week." It is easy to find 10 things to throw away, recycle, or compost on the street. (Sometimes right in front of your house.)

All carts must be stored on your property somewhere so they can't be seen from the street: behind shrubs or in the back yard, the garage or the alley. Ryan Place is a special place let's treat even our garbage carts like they are special, too.

Submitted by: Jerry Lemunyon a retired USDA agronomist, Code Blue Volunteer, Native Tree Expert and long time Ryan Place Drive resident. (With comments by Christopher Ebert, RPIA Newsletter contributor)



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To Tour or Not to Tour? That is the Question

On Mother's Day, I went on the Fairmount Home Tour, talked with Fairmounters . . . and the question came up: Will Ryan Place continue to have a Candlelight Tour?

That seems to be the question of the hour. CCRP (Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place) has just finished its 30th tour, and that seems to be a milestone of some sort requiring us to step back and reevaluate what we're doing as a tour, as a non-profit organization, and as a neighborhood. CCRP was specifically chartered to preserve and enhance the historic ambience of the neighborhood, and as a mission, that's still viable. But several things seem to be winding down. The huge Streetlight Project that's been running for over a decade is in its last phase. Through the tours, CCRP has raised over \$231,000 for streetlights, and we are down to our final accounting with the City and the final installations. Also, the cadre of CCRP board members who have been organizing the tour for decades are ready to hand the baton to another generation. Then there's the docent problem. Over the last decade, it's become harder and harder to find enough docents to staff the homes during tour weekend, which puts more stress on everyone and takes some of the fun out of the experience.

And there's the key word: fun. A historic home tour is many things—an educational experience for the general public, the final "look at me" phase of a long restoration project, the sharing of a piece of history, and of course, a fundraiser. But it should also be fun for everyone involved, and I think it's easy to lose sight of the fun aspect as we become busy and stressed.

During the thirty years of the tour, I've done a whole range of jobs. I've been a docent, a committee chair, a board member, and four times a tour home. I think one of the glories of living in a wonderful old home in a historic neighborhood is sharing the uniqueness of where you live. This has also been one of the underpinnings of our neighborhood revitalization as it promoted a part of town that was being overlooked by homebuyers. I remember when Ryan Place was considered a sketchy place to live and Fairmont was considered a tear-down waiting to happen. When my family was in the process of buying our home in Ryan Place, most banks wouldn't even consider a mortgage in that area, and one friend said, "What are you going to do with an old house like that? You obviously can't live in it. Are you going to tear it down and build something livable?" In pre-restoration and pre-historic district Elizabeth Boulevard, no one wanted to sink money into a run-down mansion that looked more like a money-pit than a home. A lot has changed in forty years, and it was due to three things: RPFA fighting to stop the erosion of zoning and services, Candlelight Tour attracting young families back to the neighborhood, and the safety net of historic zoning on Elizabeth Boulevard.

But to return to the original question: Will Ryan Place continue to have a Candlelight Tour? The answer lies in the hands of the neighborhood as a whole, since the neighborhood supplies the docents, board members, and homeowners that allow the tour to exist. For that reason, CCRP would like input from the neighborhood on the direction for the future. Should the tour continue? Is there enough grass-roots support to sustain the tour? What project should be our post-streetlight goal? And above all, how can we put more fun back in fundraising?

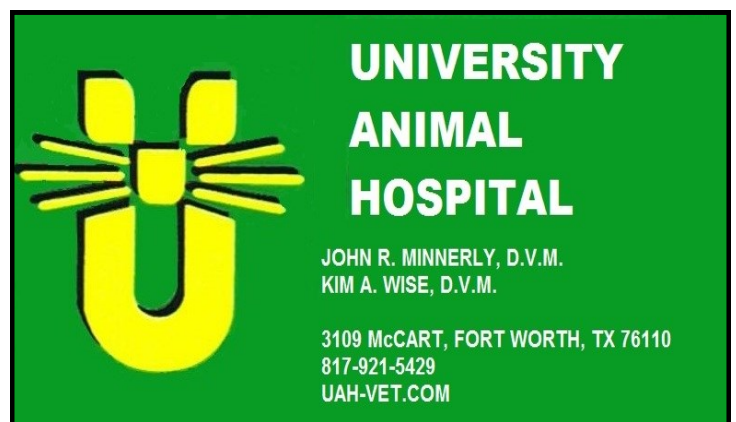
Go to <http://surveymonkey.com/s/ryanplacetour> to respond online to these questions. (Alternately, you can respond on paper and drop the page in my mail slot at 1030 Elizabeth.) I promise it won't take long, and your input will be much appreciated.

Jon Shipley and the Board of CCRP



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Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place: Resident Survey

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I / We have gone on a Candlelight Christmas tour(s).

I / We have had our home on tour(s).

I / We have volunteered during a tour(s), such as serving as a docent.

I / We have never participated in a Candlelight Christmas tour.

Other (please specify)

2. How important is it to you / your family that Ryan Place continue the Candlelight Christmas home tours as the major neighborhood fundraiser? Check one.

It is very important to continue the tours.

It is somewhat important to continue the tours.

It is not important to continue the tours.

3. If the Candlelight Christmas home tours are to continue as the major neighborhood fundraiser, Ryan Place residents will be needed to help in a variety of capacities. How would you / your family be willing to participate? Mark all that apply.

Serve a shift as a docent at a tour house

Put my house on tour

Not willing to help

Other (please specify)

4. If the Candlelight Christmas home tours continue, what neighborhood projects should the tour proceeds support?

5. Other comments about the Candlelight Christmas home tours?

6. Your contact information (optional):

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey about the future of the tours.

Sincerely, Your CCRP (Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place) Board

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CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

Can I place a sign or post a handbill in a median, at an intersection or alongside a road or highway?

Recently several residents have raised concern about real estate signs, in the parkway. This falls under regulation by City Code Compliance.

The City of Fort Worth only allows official traffic control devices in the right of way. Citizens cannot place, erect or otherwise post a sign in a median, at an intersection or alongside a road or highway. This includes stake, corrugated plastic, cardboard, posterboard and other temporary signs. (excerpted from fortworthtexas.gov)

VOTE! June 21
District 9 City Council



Involvement Opportunities

If you would like to become involved in the neighborhood, here are a few opportunities to consider.

Ryan Place Directory – Assist with gathering information from neighbors for the Directory and obtaining advertisers.

Fire Truck Committee - The Ryan Place Fire Truck has been tucked away at the Texas Fire Museum in Dallas for the past few years awaiting our attention. It is in need of parts, either vintage or modern, repair or a spruce up.

We need to form a committee to make recommendations on the method and cost of repair, implementation of work, and housing upon return. Interested mechanics and fund raisers are needed for this committee.

Crime Prevention – Serve on a committee to propose and implement solutions for crime prevention throughout the Ryan Place neighborhood.

Streets & Traffic – Serve as primary contact for concerns related to street reconstruction throughout the neighborhood.

Social Events – We are always in need of volunteers to help coordinate various events.

Contact Leanne Kline, ls.kline@att.net, or 817-832-2861.



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VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Each year the City of Fort Worth holds an employee food drive to benefit the Tarrant Area Food Bank. This year, Mayor Betsy Price is inviting all Fort Worth Neighborhoods to help the City collect more food and raise more money to feed families who may live in our own neighborhoods. This summer's drive will begin **June 9** and end **August 11**.

To find out more about how our neighborhood can participate and volunteer to lead the Ryan Place effort, please call the Neighborhood Office at 817-392-6201.



THINKING OF SELLING?

If you are considering a move, please contact me. We can discuss a possible list price for your home and a timeline that works best for your family.

	Sold Price/ SF Range	Sold Price Range
Berkeley	\$152 - \$200	\$282K - \$800K
Mistletoe	\$130 - \$205	\$222K - \$840K
Ryan Place	\$110 - \$173	\$212K - 565K
Fairmount	\$105 - \$143	\$200K - \$332K



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A Developing "Drake Dynasty"

Even though Megan Drake was competing after just completing a 26-hour journey from Zimbabwe, she and her mother, Susan Drake easily won their third-consecutive Ryan Place Croquet Tournament! An attempt to overwhelm the field with multiple partnerships by Team Debenport could not stop the Drake ladies from capturing the title.

After an early morning cooling rain then overcast skies added up to the most comfortable tournament in its 29 year history. That is for everyone except those that attempted to defeat the defending tournament champions.

This year Thomas Drake went back to college early leaving Tommy Drake with David deVlaming a long time croquet player as his partner. Gary and Kim Satz, newcomers to the tournament brought both skills and a can-do attitude, but all were defeated by the Susan/Megan partnership.



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Runners up Christopher Ebert and his 5-year-old grandson Austin Debenport.



Your parent(s) want to stay in their home, yet you begin to see signs that they need assistance. Although you try to be there as much as your schedule allows, you cannot help on a daily basis and maintain the balance you need in your life. Help with transportation, cooking, cleaning, and medication reminders could make life better for them and take some pressure off you. The solution can be found with an in-home care agency.

Here are some keys to identifying the best agencies:

- The agency should be licensed by the state, bonded and insured.
- Their caregivers should be employees of the agency, not contract labor.
- Background checks should be done continuously per company policy on all employees.
- You should be able to speak to the owner of the company if and when you need to speak to them.
- The agency will carry “hired, non-owned” automobile insurance in addition to general liability if any transportation is required.
- Use locally owned agencies. Franchises are popping up everywhere and the bar is not high to get one. Locally owned agencies have their personal and professional reputation to uphold.
- Make sure the agency you choose has been in business for at least 5 -10 years.

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June 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Trash	5	6	7 South Main Saturday
8	9 FWISD Last Day of School	10	11 Trash	12	13 Friday on the Green	14
15	16 BIG TRASH RPIA Meeting 6:45 pm	17 BIG TRASH	18 BIG TRASH	19 BIG TRASH	20 BIG TRASH	21 VOTE!
22	23	24	25 Trash	26	27	28
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July 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Trash	3	4 ★ ★ Ryan Place Parade & Celebration 9 am	5
6	7	8	9 Trash	10	11 Friday on the Green	12
13	14	15	16 Trash	17	18	19
20	21 BIG TRASH NO RPIA Meeting	22 BIG TRASH	23 BIG TRASH	24 BIG TRASH	25 BIG TRASH	26
27	28	29	30 Trash	31		