# Ryan Place Newsletter

June 2015

http://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/

# President's Letter



membership meeting March 29 at Sam and Jennifer Demel's home. The Ryan Place BBQ Company cooked all day and provided great food. Our city council representative, Ann Zadeh, spoke about the importance of our neighborhood organization. Thanks again to the Demels and Tim Keith for helping to provide such a great event. We had a second general membership meeting May 19 at St. John's. Thank you to Old Neighborhood Grille, who provided the refreshments. At this meeting, the association discussed the Ryan

Place Clean Up Event, the Fourth of July parade and communications updates. The results from RPIA's questionnaire were presented and discussed. Our plan is to take the results from this questionnaire and apply them.

We have also been busy with events. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. An appearance by the Easter Bunny capped off the hunt. Thanks to Nicole Havrilla for putting it together. The Ryan Place Clean Up Event was cancelled due to May's unbelievable rain. We will reschedule this event. We plan on picking up loose trash in the neighborhood, straightening up some plants around the gates, and then giving special attention to specific areas in the neighborhood that need attention. Thanks to Chris Gee and the street directors for assisting with this new event. Please join us! Finally, for the 29th year, the Ryan Place Croquet Tournament was on Memorial Day at the Drake's home on Ryan Place Drive. In a heated battle, the Drakes won the tournament...again. Thanks to Chris Ebert for continuing this great tradition.

Keep an eye out for information regarding the Fourth of July Parade and the Fourth of July Softball game. Ryan Place lost to Fairmount last year, so we are ready for redemption. In addition, a new wine event is scheduled for next month.

Thanks again, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Submitted by Cade Lovelace, RPIA President



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# The Ryan Place Annual 4th of July Parade

will start at 9:45 am, Saturday, July 4. The parade will start at the corner of Elizabeth and Ryan Place Drive. Please meet 15 minutes early to lineup.

The Parade will end at Daggett Park where the Ryan Place vs. Fairmount Softball Game will be played. Come on out and have a great time. All are invited to participate—break out the bikes, decorate the old cars, and vocalize as you cruise the neighborhood! Please feel free to email Brian Holland with any questions, **BrianleeHolland@gmail.com**.

# Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



What: 2nd Annual Ryan Place vs. Fairmount Softball Game When: Directly following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, first pitch at

noon

Where: Daggett Park

It's time we earned some bragging rights and brought the trophy home, so get ready to cheer the Ryan Place Flyers to victory against the Fairmount Ferals! Bring your favorite lawn chair (and a mini cooler, if you so desire) and grab a prime spot for what is sure to be seven innings of absolutely entertaining softball. Enjoy free hot dogs, cotton candy, sno-cones and more!

Interested in joining the team? It's not too late! Just look for the Ryan Place Flyers page on Facebook or email Jennifer Carman, <a href="mailto:jeniflower72@gmail.com">jeniflower72@gmail.com</a> to get added to the group

# Treasurer's Report

| Net Revenue YTD                            | \$6628.59 |
|--|-----------|
| Newsletter Advertising Sales               | \$565.00  |
| Sponsorships                               | \$0.00    |
| Event Advertising Revenue                  | \$0.00    |
| Sustaining Membership                      |           |
| Contributions                              | \$5980.50 |
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| Web Domain set up                          | \$0.00    |
| Constant Contact                           | \$268.56  |
| D & O Insurance                            | \$0.00    |
| PO Box Rental                              | \$0.00    |
| Meeting signs                              | \$0.00    |
| Circles & 8th Ave Gates Water & Irrigation | \$537.66  |
| Parks & Gate Maintenance                   | \$2679.38 |
| Irrigation Repairs                         | \$64.82   |
| Neighborhood Welcome                       | \$0.00    |
| Office Supplies                            | \$63.98   |
| Misc. (PayPal)                             | \$0.00    |
| Membership fees                            | \$285.00  |
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|  |           |

Please Note: This is off of the working yearly budget. A Big Thank You goes out to Randy and Lin Parham who have agreed to sponsor the Fall Event with a \$500 sponsorship donation pledge.

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Submitted by Llisa Lewis, Treasurer, <a href="mailto:l.lewis0801@icloud.com">l.lewis0801@icloud.com</a>

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Think about for a moment how much you love a walk in the park, or enjoy the different events during the year....then write that check and enjoy being a part of making a difference. Even though our first push for donations ended in March, your household can still contribute.

Send your donations to: RPIA, PO Box 11122, Fort Worth, Texas 76110. Better yet, come to the next meeting and bring that donation with you....would love to see ya there!

Submitted by Llisa Lewis, Treasurer

Lisa Wilson

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| Street             | Number of households sending in donations |
|--------------------|---|
| Willing            | 13  |
| 5th                | 11  |
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# Timely Tips for June Gardeners from Calloway's

It's getting hotter and summer time activities are getting into full swing. Take advantage of the longer days by doing gardening tasks in the morning or evening when it is more pleasant to be outside.

Hotter weather means grass will be growing faster. Keep up with the mowing so you don't have to bag the clippings. That may mean mowing every 5 or 6 days instead of every 7 to 10 days. Letting the clippings fall back into the lawn recycles nutrients but does not promote thatch. Mowing frequently at the correct height will promote a healthy, thick turf that is resistant to weeds.

As spring rains slack off and give way to drier days, apply supplemental water as needed. The rule of thumb is to water enough to wet the soil 5 to 6 inches deep. Do not water too frequently. Shallow, frequent watering promotes a shallow root system that is more susceptible to the stress of summer heat and winter cold.

The best way to conserve moisture in the landscape is by mulching. A 3 to 4 inch layer over the root zone retains moisture, keeps the soil cooler and helps prevent weed seeds from germinating under your shrubs, trees, and flowers.

June is a great month for colorful summer annuals. In a sunny location try marigolds, salvia, petunias, dusty miller, and lantana just to name a few. Caladiums, coleus, impatiens, and bedding begonias are a good choice for shady areas.

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# Welcome



#### Fifth Avenue

Rick and Angela Bettinger moved from Aledo to be nearer their Dallas and Fort Worth studios. They own the Dallas and Fort Worth locations of the famous Gittings Portrait Studio, founded in 1928. Denver native Rick met Angela, who grew up in Tucson, through the Up with People program. Their children Allie and Luke are outstanding college students. Luke has started researching the architecture and history of their new home, built the same year Mr. Gittings opened a photography business in Texas. Allie, who has an undergraduate degree in history, will be joining him in learning about their Ryan Place home this summer. The Bettinger family enjoys camping and

hiking. Rick plays the guitar, and Angela likes nutrition and cooking and volunteered to make gluten-free muffins for new neighbors who are on that diet. The Welcome Lady hopes this friendly family remains neighbors for a long time.

#### **South Adams**

Lindsey and Katie DeMouy Dietrich were living in Dallas before their move to Ryan Place to be closer to Lindsey's orthopedic medical practice specializing in sports injuries. Katie is a pediatric nurse who especially enjoys teenagers and currently is working at the Scottish Rite Hospital. Vivacious, Alabama-born Katie is on the travel team of the Dallas roller derby and learned the league coordinator lives in Ryan Place after her move here. From a Baton Rouge family, Lindsey has a love of cooking and food; she especially likes grilling and is a wine aficionado. They hope to attend the next Ryan Place BBQ Company event on June 20, and future hospitality events in the neighborhood.

#### **Willing Avenue**

Brittany Clark chose a Ryan Place home because of the beautiful neighborhood and "the character of the homes." This charming, thoughtful lady is a commercial banker at a Frost Bank branch in Arlington. Brittany loves to travel and is a baseball fan. Family time with her parents who live in a Tarrant County suburb is a priority for her. She looks forward to attending neighborhood meetings and social events to get to know more neighbors.

Outgoing Cynthia Gray, a Fort Worth native, always has loved Ryan Place and found a home near her friend Pattie Bennett. Cynthia is the oldest girl in a family of nine children and loves spending time with family and is the proud grandmother of boys, 3 and 1 year old—and has another grandchild on the way. She loves shopping especially for previously owned vintage items. Any water sport is up her alley. Cynthia has volunteered many times as a docent in the Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place. Cynthia is a nurse who graduated from UT Arlington.

Jill and Willem Kramer love their historic, revitalized house in a neighborhood conducive to biking and walking. During their home search, they focused on locating near downtown and TCU where Jill is the director of the volleyball program. This summer Jill is the head coach at the volleyball camp at TCU; to check it out visit jillkramer.com. Jill was the first volleyball scholarship student at TCU and still holds three records there. A shoulder injury as a senior brought her together with Willem, a physiotherapist from the Netherlands, and this affable couple married in 2002. A licensed medical therapist, Willem now owns several injury and treatment businesses since his start treating soccer players in Europe. Originally from San Antonio, Jill coached in at UT San Antonio after graduation from TCU and went on to coach at the University of Alabama and then at West Virginia University before returning to her alma mater.

#### New Arrival

Raquel Amparo Stuart and Jason Stuart welcomed Joshua Antonio Stuart to the world! Born April 6, 2015 at 6:28 am, 6 lbs. 12 oz., 19 inches long.

#### **Hospitality**

Much thanks to neighbors Peter and Mary Schroder of Old Neighborhood Grill on Park Place for providing the delicious cookies for the May RPIA general meeting! If you haven't been there, they have food like grandmother used to make.

Submitted by Ruth Karbach, The Welcome Lady, 817-909-3585





# Lara Perez Recognized at State History Day in Austin



Every year, over 45,000 students compete in the National History Day program in Texas, culminating at Texas History Day in Austin every May. Middle School students compete against each other from across the state, the top 2% sharing their research at the Bob Bullock Museum. Daggett Montessori sends students to this event every year and this year, one of our own from the neighborhood, 6th Grader Lara Perez received an Honorable Mention in the exhibit category. This means that she was 2 places away from advancing to National History Day in the most competitive category in one of the most competitive states in the country.

Lara researched Napoleon, but her work stood out by reintroducing a figure that most of us know about but not in great detail. With the help of her uncle, Lara also developed an app for the IPad so that you could view her display in augmented reality. That means you could hold up a device and see cuts from videos, paintings, places and artifacts brought to life right in ont of you. She also has been invited to speak and present her History Fair project "Napoleon Bonaparte, Colossus of history whose legacy endures" at the Naploeonic Historical Society of America's annual conference in August to be held this year in Toronto, Canada. There, Lara will address conferees who include famous authors, historians and dealers in antiquities from the Napoleonic era.

If this sounds like bragging on the part of our community here in Ryan Place, you'd be right. We live in history everyday along our streets and that influences our children.

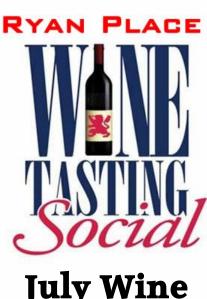
Submitted by Stephen Shupeé, neighbor



The summer BBQ event will be held at the home of Javier and Patricia Rodriguez, **2531 South Adams**, **on Saturday**, **June 20 from 5:30 until 10 pm**. There is a pool and kids will be allowed to swim from 5:30 until 8 pm while there is a TCU student lifeguard on duty. The pool will be closed after 8 pm. A pedicab will also be available to shuttle people back and forth from their homes from 5 until 10 pm, compliments of RPIA. A phone number will be provided on Facebook a few days before the event so that you may schedule the pedicab to pick you up at your residence. As always these events are potluck style and kid friendly. Please bring your own seats and BYOB. More details will be posted on Facebook. **Please email Tim Keith with any questions**,

Tkeith78@gmail.com.

Submitted by Tim Keith, neighbor and BBQ King



# July Wine Social

Please join us for a wine social, **Thursday, July 23**. We haven't had trivia in quite some time, so the vino questions will be back this time around. The event will be held from **6:30-8:30 pm** at **2321 Ryan Avenue** and our host is Jennifer Carman. Please bring a bottle to share. Snacks are welcome too, if you're in the mood to prepare something. RSVP by Facebook or email, **BrownLamarL@yahoo.com**.

Submitted by Lamar Brown, neighbor and wine enthusiast

# **Team Drake Wins Again**

Another historic win for Susan Drake at the 29th Annual Ryan Place Croquet Tournament, this time with husband Tommy as her new croquet partner. She wins for the third straight year. Neighbors, some competing in the tournament for the first time, were determined to unseat the prior year's champion. However it was not to be as Tommy Drake in a daring choice to decide not to hit the final stake thus becoming a "rover" to stay on the pitch and assist his partner. Cindy Belknap and Ian de Vlaming tried several unsuccessful attempts to "stake out" the rover and gain the upper hand in the final wickets of the match. However the match was decided in the Drake's favor under threatening skies just minutes before a monsoon of a soaking rain hit Ryan Place!

Six teams began the tournament under cloudy, but calm skies. Austin Debenport, last year's second place finisher, was eliminated in the first round. His partner, Cade from Aledo, stayed around to operate the "deadness board" app. Cade's help sped the competition along. Two teams who had been talking trash about disposing the prior years' champs failed to appear. Maybe next year.



Two other teams were eliminated in the first round: the team of Chuck Holland, Ryan Place Drive and Kelly, our perennial player from the Jennings-May-St. Louis neighborhood and the Fifth Ave team of Kim Satz and Robin. Lily Debenport and Carol King won their first round match but were eliminated in the second round by the eventual champions.

#### There is always next year!

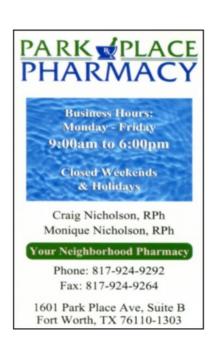
In the recent neighborhood survey croquet received a dismal 9% rating when we were asked which Ryan Place events have you most recently attended or look forward to attending. This result is a little discouraging, but it only makes the Croquet Czar want to double down on plans for next year!

Memorial Day Weekend 2016 will be the 30th anniversary of the Ryan Place Croquet Tournament. Returning to the format of the first tournament Preliminary Rounds will be held on each street. You can host a preliminary round to select a team to represent your corner of Ryan Place at the Championship Finals. A preliminary round can be played on any sized court. (Course hazards will only make better players.) The Finals will be played between the preliminary round winners on Memorial Day.

A croquet organization will be established to plan next year's tournament. Committees to be formed to provide the necessary support for this endeavor: Court Selection Committee, By-Laws Committee, Grounds Committee, Competition & Rules Committee, Public Relations & Publicity Committee, Fund Raising Committee. The list could go on and on (or maybe not). If you would like to be a large part of a small Ryan Place event. Contact the Croquet Czar at cwebert@hotmail.com or 817-319-2363.

Submitted by Christopher Ebert, neighbor and Croquet Czar





# Ryan Place Now Has an Instagram Account



As social media use and available applications continue to increase, the Ryan Place Improvement Association decided to increase Ryan Place's social media presence and launch its own Instagram page.

What's Instagram you may ask? Quite simply, Instagram is social media service that allows user to share photos and short videos directly with their "followers", or other users through the use of hash tags. As of February 2015, Instagram ranked just behind Twitter in terms of social media use with 300 active million users.

Launched in October of 2010, its popularity and rapid growth caught the attention of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. Less then 2 years after its launch, Facebook purchased Instagram in April of 2012 for \$1 billion in cash and stock.

Unlike other social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter, Instagram focuses more on user uploaded photos as opposed to written posts, shared newsfeed, and (in the case of Facebook) the ever increasing marketing blasts and ads. That's not to say Instagram is not without the occasional ad, but the frequency is much lower compared to its parent company.

So why have an Instagram account for Ryan Place? The RPIA believed Instagram offered us a great opportunity to showcase Ryan Place's beauty and uniqueness with our local community and anyone else with a passion for community and historic preservation. An additional outlet highlighting our neighborhood's unique architecture and sense of community through our Candlelight Christmas, barbeques and mixers, parades, and community stabilization and revitalization efforts.

If you are interested in following us on Instagram, then simply browse to your respective application store on your mobile phone and download the free Instagram application. You will need an email address to sign up and will have to create a unique username and password. Once complete, simply click the magnifying glass icon in the lower left corner and search for "Ryan Place Fort Worth". The username will appear as "ryan place fort worth" in the results. Select this account and then click the "Follow" button.

We are currently following many of the great, local restaurants and attractions within our community and across Fort Worth. Hope to see you all on Instagram soon.

Submitted by Pete Schow, neighbor



## Want to volunteer but feel like you don't have time?

Academy 4 is a volunteer mentoring program that meets once a month for two hours at Daggett Elementary (Ryan Place) and De Zavala Elementary (Fairmont).

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# **CLICK! Ryan Place Easter Egg Hunt**



Eleanor Kirchner and Atali Traina hunting for Easter Eggs



Virginia Szok meets the Easter Bunny





## Mise en Place: Fixture

(putting the local restaurant scene in Ryan place)

There are no words. If that sentiment could fill the column, my work would be done. Gratefully, I have space to detail my husband's and my first experience here. We did not visit the West Magnolia Avenue location between South Jennings Avenue and May Street back when it was the short-lived tapas joint, but we could easily order 24 plates from Fixture chef and owner Ben Merritt and keep coming back.

Our dinner during the soft-open Friday in April included a table-side visit by Merritt, formerly of Tim Love's Woodshed Smokehouse. He explained his preference for unpretentious dishes made with local, minimally processed ingredients. The seating is just as approachable as the staff, with options on the non-smoking garden patio (where culinary herbs are grown) and at the handsome community table—a glossy, naturally curving wooden slab that is the pride of the bar. (Order the "Fort Worthian," their take on a Manhattan with house-brandied cherries.)

We started with fall-off-the-bone fried duck wings (\$9), nine to a plate and spiced mildly with subtle soy and ginger. The smoked pork tenderloin (\$21), ordered to the chef-recommended medium, arrived tender and pink, a generous but otherwise unremarkable garnish to the undisputed star of the plate—a creamy bed of jalapeño sweet corn. The beet BBQ sauce, smoky and slightly sweet, lacked the sharp earthiness that typically puts this avid beet-hater off the vegetable.

The chicken and waffles (\$15) impressed not only in presentation but also in the marriage of flavors and textures, and in the perfect protein-to-carbohydrate ratio. Our attentive server and Ryan Place neighbor, though shocked by my admission of never before having tried the soul food classic, proudly informed me that Fixture's version would ruin me for all other variations. It was not an overstatement. A towering stalk of fresh rosemary adorned two tender, boneless, battered-and-fried chicken thighs perched on a warm and fluffy waffle and drizzled with hot butter and savory chipotle maple syrup.

Two bites in, and I was ready to buy a round for the kitchen—which was convenient, considering the menu option of "Beer for the Kitchen Staff" (\$2). This is explained to be exactly what it sounds, a way to thank the hard-working and often unseen masters behind each meal with some after-shift drink funds. It's another personal touch that promises good things for the future of this establishment.

Welcome the neighborhood's newest dining fixture by visiting 401 West Magnolia Avenue soon. Submitted by Diane Cullum, neighbor



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- 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.
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- Make sure the agency you choose has been in business for at least 5 -10 years.

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# Time to Start Planning The Ryan Place Home Tour

#### 2015 Tour of Homes December 5 & 6, 2015

Already hard at work to secure homes and funding...this year's tour is shaping up to be another GREAT ONE! The theme for 2015 is "Homes for the Decades" and the committee is researching homes built in the 1910's, 1920's mid-century moderns and even new construction that has been built to reflect the character of the historic neighborhood. Homes for the tour are still being reviewed and will be announced at a later date.

Folks are already asking about the Progressive Dinner Evening Tickets. Here are some of the highlights thus far:

- Tickets for the 2015 progressive dinner will go on sale at the beginning of November and are available online only. (Mark your calendar now to sign up.)
- Reservations will again be limited to 50 participants.
- The \$150 per ticket and will include at least two homes that are not a part of the 2015 tour, as well as a day pass for all the homes on tour during weekend.
- The evening will include a three-course meal with companion beverages, each being served in a different participating home.
- Historic overview of home and participating local restaurateur providing entrée.

Now that the Christmas Home Tour is again reunited with the Neighborhood Association, this is a major fundraiser for Ryan Place to fund some of the many improvements and activities that happen during the year and for years to come.

Additional information and docent sign-up sheets will be coming out in future months on the RPIA web page, ryanplacefortworth.com.

# BIG SHOUT OUT to the people who supplied all the good food for the Tour of Homes Progressive Dinner last year!

Lou Lambert and his great staff for the main presentation and The Bastion on Hemphill for the great desserts. Without these wonderful folks supplying all the food the evening would not have been neary as wonderful.... And best of all they are part of the neighborhood!

# Thanks to each of you and your great teams.







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#### **Dates to Remember**

#### **RPIA Meetings**

Upcoming RPIA Meetings at St. John's Anglican Church Monday, June 15 - 7 pm Monday, August 17 - 7 pm Monday, September 21 - 7 pm

Ryan Place BBQ – Saturday, June 20 from 5:30 until 10 pm

4th of July Parade – Saturday, July 4, 9:45 am

2nd Annual Ryan Place vs. Fairmount Softball Game – Saturday, July 4, noon

July Wine Social – Thursday, July 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

Big Trash Pick-Up – each month, the week beginning with the 4th Monday