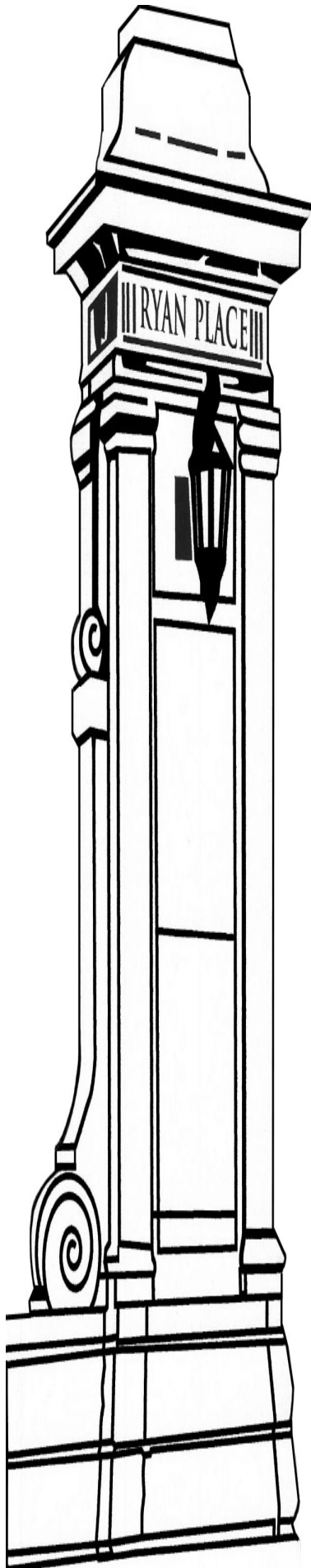


Historic Ryan Place



**Nomination of
Ryan Place Neighborhood
for the**

Neighborhood of the Year Award

A Summary

**Sponsored by the City of Fort Worth
and the Fort Worth League of Neighborhood Associations**



Neighborhood of The Year- This award will be selected from the finalists in the Fort Worth Pride, Spirit of Fort Worth and Community Collaboration categories.

John C. Ryan was considered a “pioneer” when he developed Ryan Place, one of the first neighborhoods to expand the City’s southern city limits in 1911. Mr. Ryan was a strong believer in the “City Beautiful” movement and that legacy continues today through the stewardship of Ryan Place residents. The sustaining leaderships of RPIA and CCRP pledge the same dedication of beautification through revitalization and improvement for the betterment of the neighborhood and its residents.

As with its very inception, Ryan Place has continued to make history in Fort Worth: the first neighborhood association in Fort Worth; the first nationally registered residential historic district; the first neighborhood 4th of July Parade; Ryan Place was awarded the “Achievement in Neighborhood Betterment” by the Fort Worth City Council in 1970.

Ryan Place had many accomplishments that were completed in 2008 that will no doubt be added to the list for recognition:

- After five years of working with the City’s Traffic Engineering department a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program was approved by the residents;
- With the objective of safer streets and beautification of the neighborhood, ten years ago CCRP set out to raise \$400,000 to purchase period streetlights for the neighborhood. CCRP and the City’s Traffic and Public Works staff worked together as a team making this goal a reality.
- In 2005, Ryan Place requested the City to install RR Quiet Zones within and around neighborhood boundaries. Ryan Place received approval at City and Federal levels in 2008 for Federal funding for the project;
- The desire to maintain a high quality of life for neighborhood residents was challenged by a gas-drilling company’s pursuit of a permit to drill within 600 feet of neighborhood boundaries. Ryan Place and surrounding neighborhoods were victorious when the City Council denied the permit, setting a standard for neighborhoods dealing with gas drilling companies;
- Inspiring residents to support neighborhood improvement projects, a Sustaining Membership Program was initiated with a goal of raising \$7,000 in one year. Within seven months, the goal was surpassed, with \$7,654 as a year-end total. An additional \$6,000 was raised for specific improvement projects and events, making the total over \$13,000 in one year’s contributions for the betterment of the neighborhood; and
- Ryan Place Improvement Association was selected as the Fort Worth Weekly’s Readers Choice *Best Neighborhood Association for 2008*.

Ryan Place residents celebrated a year full of long-standing annual events such as a 4th of July Parade; the Ryan Run; Street Dance; Easter Egg Hunt; Swimming Party and Family Bar-B-Q; Croquet Tournament; Labor Day Garage Sale; and the 25th anniversary of Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Holiday Home Tour. Six new social events added during 2008 were such a success that they will become annual events. All of the events reflect the *joie de vivre* of the neighborhood’s residents.

Proud of being history makers, residents of Ryan Place will be celebrating Ryan Place Improvement Association celebrates 40th anniversary this year as the oldest and longest continuing volunteer neighborhood organization in the City of Fort Worth. Last year Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, Inc. celebrated its 25th anniversary. In addition, we will celebrate Elizabeth Boulevard Historic District’s 30th year of being Fort Worth’s first National registered residential historic district. The flags and cheers during the 30th year of Fort Worth’s first neighborhood 4th of July parade will again march

down Elizabeth Boulevard. Parents and students of Daggett Elementary School are celebrating the school's 100 years of teaching our City's children.

A neighborhood consists of streets, lined with houses, occupied by families. A community is built when neighbors become friends and work together with a spirit of pride in accomplishing goals together. Ryan Place is always first in accomplishments because of individuals that strive to make the community better for their neighbor. In 2008, three Ryan Place, residents were recognized by Historic Fort Worth for their efforts of making a difference in Ryan Place and Fort Worth. Mr. Bill Conley, RPIA Gas Drilling Chairman, received a Certificate of Preservation Achievement for his work in helping to develop a Comprehensive Gas Lease Agreement for use by Fort Worth Neighborhoods. Mrs. Jennifer Grimes received a Residential Rehabilitation Award for her work on her Elizabeth Blvd home. In addition, Mrs. Joan Kline received a Great Steward Award for her long-term preservation commitment to her home on Elizabeth Blvd.

Grace, charm, beauty are words that echo through 98 years of Ryan Place memories. Strength, determination, vitality, and diversity will be the sustaining forces that carry Ryan Place into the future.

Please attach a listing of income and expenses for the nominated project. List sources and amounts of income (donations, grants, volunteer commitments, etc.) and categories of expenses (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) plus amounts expended in each of these categories.

ACCOUNTING: 2008 Overall RPIA Income and Expense Report

	RPIA BUDGET	DONATIONS/ INCOME	EXPENSES	NET PROFIT
FORT WORTH PRIDE:	0.00	15,284.00	6,285.00	8,999.00
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION:	0.00	2,256.00	2,256.00	0.00
EVENTS:	476.00	9,287.25	7,237.86	2,525.39
RPIA TOTALS:	476.00	26,827.25	15,778.86	11,524.39

NOTE: Additional donations by residents, not report at the time of event, \$3,316.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 2008 Overall Volunteer Hours

	VOLUNTEER HOURS
FORT WORTH PRIDE:	374
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION:	2,730
EVENTS:	4,235
RPIA TOTALS:	7,339*

*Volunteer hours, or budgets, for Events and Projects listed in more than one nomination is not duplicated in the above totals.

For clarification or explanation, the judges may need to contact you. Please give us your contact information below.

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