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Bulk Trash Pick Up Starts:

Monday, January 16

Please place bulk trash out no sooner than 7 a.m. Thursday prior to bulk pickup week through 7 a.m. Monday of bulk pickup week. Thank you for helping to keep Bryan Place beautiful! For more information dial 311 or visit [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com).

Next Pick Up Week Starts:

Monday, February 20

## Welcome Whimsy!



It was a wonderful and joyous dedication on the morning of December 17. Several people gathered for the unveiling of *Whimsy* the owl, the new public art commissioned for Exall Park by long time Bryan Place resident, Belva Becker. We had a large crowd of neighbors and friends, the sculptor, Brad Oldham (pictured left with Belva and *Whimsy*), and Belva's family members who all enjoyed the big Saturday celebration. Belva wanted to provide something that celebrated the park and to welcome all those who come to enjoy it.

In addition to *Whimsy*, Brad Oldham has created a number of works including the *Traveling Man* series along DART's Green Line near Deep Ellum. We are thrilled to have his latest creation in Exall Park.

Also in attendance were Maria Blanco, the Director of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, Ms. Angela Hunt, Council Woman for District 14, Tom Zielinski, President of the Friends of Exall Park and other dignitaries.

If you were not able attend the dedication, please take the time to give Belva a call and say THANKS for the gift. See the dedication photos at <http://www.bryanplace.org/news/more-photos-from-public-art-dedication/>.

## DINNER ON THE TOWN THURSDAY, JANUARY 19



Let's begin the new year by trying a fairly new local restaurant. **Howard Wang's Uptown** is located on the southwest corner of Lemmon Avenue at Cole and Carlisle (3223 Lemmon Avenue, Suite 103) on the ground floor of the CityVille Katy Trail Apartments. It's classic Chinese; the person who recommended it compared it to P. F. Chang's. There is not much street parking but there is a parking garage next door where you can park. Also valet parking "sometimes". We'll meet there on **Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 pm**. Please RSVP to [social@bryanplace.org](mailto:social@bryanplace.org) or 214-826-7777.



## YARD OF THE MONTH



January's yard of the month is 931 Liberty Court. Jeff and Leslie Crook have given us a bright winter display for the dreary days of January. Their elongated garden wraps from the front on Liberty Court to the side of Adolph giving neighbors in all directions a beautiful display of color.

Just because it is winter is no reason to give up on your garden. Add some color this winter with pansies which come in a wide variety of colors and can withstand some of Dallas' temperamental weather. Violas are the "grandparent" to the pansies and make great bedding or border flowers.

Some of my favorite winter plants are the ornamental cabbage, kale and Swiss chard. Cabbages come in several varieties so mix and match them in your beds, they will last through the winter and are edible as well! Other edibles that make wonderful winter color are the maroon rosettes of radicchio, frilly red leafed lettuce and deep purple Osaka mustard for pots and borders. Bright green curled parsley is a dual purpose cool season border that can look perky in snow, sleet or hail and be harvested for winter soups and stews as well.

Don't forget the ornamental peppers; add these to your garden beds or in pots for blasts of color. Check with your gardening center on which varieties are edible and which are not. Rosemary is a year-around asset to your garden that you can use a variety of ways in the kitchen.



### *Spring Planning*

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# Meet Bryan Place Neighborhood Association 2012 Officers

President	<b>Eric Williamson</b> Eric has served on both the neighborhood association and pool association boards. His previous role as zoning chairperson was invaluable the past two years, attending countless meetings at city hall to protect our neighborhood and PD 298.
Vice-President	<b>Dan Warren</b> This is Dan's second year as vice president where he has substituted for board members during their absence or vacancies. As previous landscape chair, Dan helped transform many of the common areas into welcoming gardens to Bryan Place.
Secretary	<b>Mary Edlund</b> Mary is new to the neighborhood board, but has represented her townhome association and Bryan Place on many occasions. She and her husband, Carl, are true advocates for the continued growth and safety of Bryan Place.
Communications	<b>David Allen</b> David has been a member of the board for several years, most recently in dual roles as president and communications chair, distributing the newsletter monthly.
Social	<b>Gaye Maris</b> Gaye returns to the board assuming the social chair that she held a few years ago. Gaye loves to entertain and has brought fun ideas to nearly all the Bryan Place social events.
Landscape	<b>Toni Threadgill</b> Toni served previously as the social chairperson. She and Richard Boul both have green thumbs. So their combined expertise will be much appreciated as we keep Bryan Place beautiful.
Treasurer	<b>Bill Kurtze</b> Maintaining the finances of the neighborhood association is no easy task. Nonetheless Bill has proven to be a valuable asset as he returns for his second year as treasurer. Bill first joined the board as communications chair person, a role he assisted with last year as well.
Security	<b>Mark Ingram</b> Mark is new to the neighborhood, but he's certainly no stranger to Bryan Place. He has been very involved in activities in the area and will do a great job as a liaison between Bryan Place and the Dallas Police.
Membership	<b>Judy Jacobs</b> Judy assumes one of the most challenging roles on the board, maintaining and encouraging new membership. She has served on the board for several years, most recently as secretary and previously as president. Expect to hear a lot from Judy this year!
Zoning	<b>Chris Craig</b> Chris is the veteran of the neighborhood association, serving many years and in different roles including president, security, and zoning where he worked closely with city officials regarding PD 298.
Webmaster	<b>Phillip Bryan</b> Phillip is new to the board and has been a Bryan Place resident for only a few years. He has assisted the previous webmaster, Sharon Smith, and continues to bring fresh, innovative ideas to the board.

This promises to be one of the most active boards in the over thirty year history of the Bryan Place Neighborhood Association. The board encourages you to call on us at anytime with questions, suggestions, and comments. The contact information for each officer is listed on our website, [www.bryanplace.org](http://www.bryanplace.org) and on the first page of the newsletter. **We are here for YOU!**





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# Transforming Ross Avenue

## Updating The Gateway

As we wait for progress to be made with the *Happy Shapes*, the public art project scheduled for the underpass at Ross Avenue and Central Expressway, there have been discussions on updating the current Gateway To The Arts District. Momentum seemed to stall in anticipation of the public art project which has to still go before the city council, and it has not been placed on the council agenda yet. Once it does and the project is finished, it will provide much-needed lighting to the underpass.

After Ross Avenue was included in the Complete Streets initiative and the Better Block project, organizers of the Loving My Community grant struggled to come up with ideas to enhance the Gateway. So we are now calling on you for suggestions. There are mixed reactions to the murals painted under the bridge nearly two years ago. Using the Deep Ellum underpass as a blueprint has been suggested. Since the Gateway project came about with input from Bryan Place and East Dallas residents, we are once again asking you to put on your thinking caps and give us your wish list.

The project has been a learning experience and is still a work in progress. So is Ross Avenue in general. Our grand boulevard is frequently the talk of the town. As the Icon At Ross, the apartment complex at the Hall Street intersection, nears completion we can see Ross Avenue transforming almost daily. So **please forward your ideas to [communications@bryanplace.org](mailto:communications@bryanplace.org)** as we plan meetings to continue revitalizing the Gateway To The Arts District.

## Los Arcos Closes

After twenty years of business, the famous Mexican restaurant on Ross Avenue near Hall Street closed its doors right before Christmas. The restaurant struggled in recent months even attempting to offer a buffet. The space is now for lease and we have no word of any progress on filling the vacancy. Los Arcos became the third longtime property to leave the intersection recently. You may recall the taco restaurant was demolished across the street last month and Jerry Moreno sold his Downtown Auto Upholstery business to a developer in December.



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### Bryan Place Book Club

Below is a list of books we have scheduled to begin the new year:

January - *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling

February - *Island Beneath the Sea* by Isabel Allende

March - *Guernica* by Dave Boling

April - *Maloaka'i* by Alan Brennart

For more information about the book club, please contact Gaye Maris at 214-826-7777 or [gayemaris@hotmail.com](mailto:gayemaris@hotmail.com).



## Bryan Place's Newest Resident

We are pleased to welcome our newest neighbor, Valarie, Mildred (Millie) Wester to Bryan Place. She was born on December 29, 2011 at 20 inches and weighing seven pounds. Congratulations Terry and Melanie Wester!



## Communications Facelift

The Bryan Place website continues to undergo enhancements to make it more user-friendly, informative, and entertaining to the residents and visitors. One change you may have noticed is to the e-mail addresses for the board members. If you have a question or comment about a particular issue, it is now easier to contact the chairperson that handles it by simply clicking the Contact Us button or sending your e-mail to the named officer's position @bryanplace.org (i.e., zoning@bryanplace.org, vicepresident@bryanplace.org, and so forth).

Expect to see other exciting changes coming soon to the website as we strive to keep you better informed and involved in one of the best neighborhoods in Dallas!

## EXALL PARK

The Exall Park Recreation Center is working with Junior Players offering two free programs to children ages 8 to 12.



juniorplayers

### Dance Hip-Hop/Jazz

When kids step into the spotlight, they have a brighter future! Lead by a professional dance instructor, students will learn conflict resolution through dance basics, dance positions, movements and techniques that are used towards creating hip-hop/jazz dance routines. Classes are January 13 - May 25, 2012, Fridays ONLY from 4:30- 5:30pm.

### CREATIVE WRITING

Lead by a professional creative writing instructor, students will learn conflict resolution through exploring and trying their hand at playwriting, fiction, and poetry. Classes are January 10 - April 10, 2012, Tuesdays ONLY from 4:30-5:30pm.

Certificates of completion for students that attend! Call the recreation center at 214-670-7812 or drop by 1355 Adair. Sign up at the front desk for these priceless experiences.

**Mark your calendar for *It's My Park Day*.** Park department officials are calling on citizens to contribute a few hours of their time to help make city parks cleaner and greener when the Dallas Park and Recreation Department hosts its spring from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31. For more information go online to <http://itsmyparkdaydallas.eventbrite.com> or by calling Dallas Park and Recreation at (214) 670-8400.

## SIGN UP FOR THE BLAST

Get the latest neighborhood news and announcements by signing up for the Bryan Place e-mail blast. Please add your email address to our mailing list at - [http://box416.bluehost.com/mailman/listinfo/bryan\\_place\\_blast\\_bryanplace.org](http://box416.bluehost.com/mailman/listinfo/bryan_place_blast_bryanplace.org).

## Stepping out Near Bryan Place

The weather may be cooler, but if you'd like to brave the weather, why not try strolling to a venue close to home. Here are suggestions:



### Latino Cultural Center

2600 Live Oak Street 214-671-0045

Opening Reception: The Trinity, Images that Inspire Friday, January 20 @ Latino Cultural Center

Opening Reception: White Steel, Blue Skies: A New Icon for Dallas' Skyline Friday, January 20 @ Latino Cultural Center

### Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

2301 Flora

#### *Free Organ Recital and Tour*

A series of organ recitals featuring Mary Preston on the Lay Family Concert Organ. A one hour tour of the center follows. Friday, January 20 at 12:30 PM, and more through May 2012 For more information go to

<http://MeyersonSymphonyCenter.com>

### Wilson House

2922 Swiss Avenue

#### *Wilson House Tours*

Tour the historic Wilson Block Tuesday through Saturday For information, please call 214-821-3290



Eye on Your Neighborhood  
Tips To Keep Bryan Place safe and great!

## Light Up Bryan Place!

The holiday lights are down and the new year is here. Please help eliminate shadows and lighten up the neighborhood by turning your porch light on each evening. Bright lights are not necessary. In fact, glare is as much a problem as shadows when it comes to obscuring our homes. Enough well-directed light to eliminate shadows is all that's needed.

LEDs are here! CostCo is selling three LED bulbs for about \$20. Each uses only 2.5 watts but is as bright as a 40 watt bulb. Other stores have similar bulbs that let you light your home at very little cost.

Be sure to let your neighbors know if you are traveling so they can help watch your home. Keep flyers and packages off your doorstep to avoid the appearance of an unoccupied house.

### Bulk Trash Schedule For 2012

January 16	July 16
February 20	August 20
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17

Please remember to only place bulk trash out on the curb no sooner than 7 a.m. on the Thursday prior to bulk trash pickup week through 7 a.m. the Monday of bulk pickup week. For more information dial 311 or go online at [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com).

Respect your park, yards, neighbors, and the Bryan Place community!



**ALWAYS REMEMBER:  
PLEASE PICK UP  
AFTER YOUR PET!**

## DPD Ticketing In Bryan Place

The Dallas Police Department has been seen in Bryan Place ticketing illegally parked cars this month. This includes vehicles that are parked facing the opposite direction of traffic and even in front of private driveways. Please be aware of this and inform your visitors that they are subject to ticketing if they are not parked properly.



Also please remember to be courteous to your neighbors by not blocking our narrow streets when parking. Visitors to homes in our cul-de-sacs are encouraged to park outside on the main streets.

Motor vehicles in Dallas must be parked on an improved surface; this means concrete, asphalt or 6 inches of gravel with a border. It is a violation to park a vehicle on the yard or grass. Vehicles can park: 1) in the original driveway, 2) on the street if permitted, 3) or on a yard surface that has been transformed into an improved surface with concrete or asphalt or 6 inches of gravel with a border.

For more information or to report a violation for parking, please call the City Services Dispatch at 3-1-1.

## Maintain Your Sprinkler System

As the worst of the winter weeks are approaching, we recommend that you inspect your outdoor sprinkler system to keep our streets and sidewalks safe during freezing temperatures. Every year we hear about accidents caused by water runoffs from sprinkler systems. So please do your part to ensure that Bryan Place remains safe this winter and to conserve water.

## Dallas Water Restrictions Still In Effect

Remember, Stage 1 of the Dallas Contingency plan initiated last month continues. Please adhere to the watering schedule listed below. For more information, visit Dallas Water Utilities' website at [www.SaveDallasWater.com](http://www.SaveDallasWater.com).



### STAGE 1 WATERING SCHEDULE Dallas Drought Contingency Plan

Last Digit of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays

## Crime Relatively Low Over Holidays

Bryan Place remained fairly safe during the holiday season as Dallas police reported only a few incidents in our area. The most notable was a home burglary and air conditioning theft. The suspect kicked in back door, but the dog may have prevented anything from being stolen during the home burglary. The home owner found no signs of the house being ransacked or anything stolen. A business on Ross Avenue had an attempt and eventual theft of their air conditioning unit.

Thanks to neighbors remaining vigilant and adhering to safety suggestions, Bryan Place is still one of the most sought-after communities to live in and enjoy. Let's keep up the good work for 2012.

Always remember to hide valuables from sight in your vehicles and continue to report any unusual activity to 9-1-1, no matter how unimportant it may seem. The more calls, the more police will know to dispatch patrols to our area.

## The BP Bit

Introducing 'The BP Bit', a new article for 2012, so if you have a 'bit' of information about our neighborhood that you would like to share, such as activities that others would like to attend (e.g.- clubs, theatre, museum), pet information, hints, recipes, how to \_\_, about \_\_, etc. that would be interesting to our readers, or if you have ideas for articles, please let me know. One short article can be published each month.

To start off this new year, let's all make a resolution! Please remember that everyone is invited to the neighborhood gatherings in Bryan Place throughout the year and at 'Dinner on the Town' each month. A lot of fun is to be had, so make it one of your resolutions to attend at least one neighborhood function this year. Hope to see you soon! *Dan Warren*

## BPNA Board Monthly Meeting!

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 6 at 7pm. Meetings are held at the BP Pool Clubhouse, 3030 Adolph Street. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**NO MAIL SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH**

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER NEWSLETTERS***

If you would like to assist with distributing the newsletter in your area, please let us know! Volunteers are especially needed in gated condominiums like Bryan Place V and across Washington. Please let our volunteers know how much we appreciate their hard work by thanking Wayne & Sharon Smith, Lynn Sparrow, Gary & Joy Mitchell, Toni Threadgill, Todd & Sandy Knauer, Cobbie Ransom, Gaye Maris, Richard Marvin, Michelle Murphy, Ron & Kathleen Burton, David Allen, Don Hendrickson, Dan Warren and Ann Decker.

## PLEASE PAY 2012 BPNA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Remember, your dues help maintain the common landscaped areas, pay for neighborhood events, distribute our monthly newsletter and more, including a **new telephone directory** for this year. Even if you belong to a homeowners association within Bryan Place, you are also encouraged to join the neighborhood association. Also, for those who need a current neighborhood directory, there are still some available. Please fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible. For your convenience, PayPal is also accepted. Just go online to [bryanplace.org](http://bryanplace.org), click on the "Join The Bryan Place Neighborhood Association" link in the top right corner. Complete the registration information, click the "Submit" button, then you will be redirected to a PayPal web page to complete your transaction.

Dues are \$50.00 per household or \$100 for multiple property owners. Please fill this out and mail it along with your check to:

**BPNA 3136 San Jacinto Dallas, Texas 75204.**

Checks should be made payable to **Bryan Place Neighborhood Association.**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Company Name: (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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