

# OAKRIDGE CRIME WATCH NEWS

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

July, 1991

Garland Police Beat 007

## OAKRIDGE BEAT

During June, our Oakridge neighborhood reported two residential burglaries. One occurred Monday, June 24, on Big Oaks; the other was Friday, June 7, on Overview.

We also experienced a number of thefts (seven reported) from autos parked in the Country Club lot. During June, there was one attempted auto theft.

Garland police emphasized at this month's meeting the increase in number of thefts from parked autos. Most of these occurred in the Oakridge clubhouse lot and at Holford Park softball complex during sporting events. This park is east of Oakridge, just across Shiloh.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Remove valuables from view in autos.
- Lock car doors.

City-wide, Garland police report a sharp rise in thefts from open garages and outside storage sheds. Most of these are occurring during the daytime, while residents are home.

- Remember to keep your garage door closed, even while mowing and tending to yard work.

*Take  
Note!* 

Autos reported leaving the scenes of residential burglaries:

- 1981 Maroon Lincoln Continental  
Texas License  
BGB 022
- 1979 Light Blue Oldsmobile Cutlass  
Texas License  
DRY 35H-

## *Special Events*

What: National Night Out  
When: Tuesday, August 6  
Where: From your house across the nation

How: Turn your porch light on at 7:00 pm.

"Turn a light on to turn crime off."

## *For Your Information*

- Garland Police Department has a computer bulletin board. Use your personal computer and modem to tap into this information center. Call 205-2242, 24 hours daily.
- Crime Prevention Unit, 205-2122.

## CITY-WIDE REPORT

Garland City Police Chief reviewed the statistics just released for the month of May, and strongly emphasized that more than 50 percent of those arrested were repeat offenders.

The chief, like all of us, is frustrated by the "revolving doors" in our prison system. He announced that he is looking to neighborhood Crime Watch units to help deter criminal activity in our area.

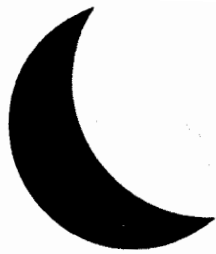
Also of concern is the rate of convictions as compared to new arrests. Among the statistics released for May, 1991:

Adults arrested ..... 1052  
Adults convicted (felony) .... 59

Of these 59 convictions, 32 were sentenced time in Texas Department of Corrections; 27 were given probation.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Get involved and take an active part in our Neighborhood Crime Watch.
- Get educated and discover what you can do to protect victim's rights and make our laws work for us.
- Get voting and let our judges, city council members and legislators know you care.



NATIONAL

TOGETHER

*America's Night Out Against Crime*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 P.M.