

# Oakridge News

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## Officer's Corner

by Scott Youzva  
ONA President

Perhaps tolerance is the key to being a good neighbor, but then again, if you don't tell 'em it's broken, how do they know it needs fixin'?

Our neighborhood will always need something done to keep it one of the city's best, and with a little effort and thoughtfulness from each of us, we can make individual efforts to improve the neighborhood as a whole.

A few items come to mind as I tread on these brittle egg shells: The speeding problem is still as bad as always.

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## Crime Prevention is Topic of General Meeting

All Oakridge residents are invited to attend the general meeting of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 pm at the Oakridge Country Club. Protecting yourself and your property against crime is the topic for the meeting.

Citizens Against Crime, a company dedicated to helping people learn ways to protect themselves against all types of crime, will present an informative program. The company also will have available for sale a number of home and personal security items.

Come early for a "Social Half Hour" and meet your neighbors. The Club will provide a cash bar and menu. Cookies, iced tea, and coffee will be provided by the ONA.

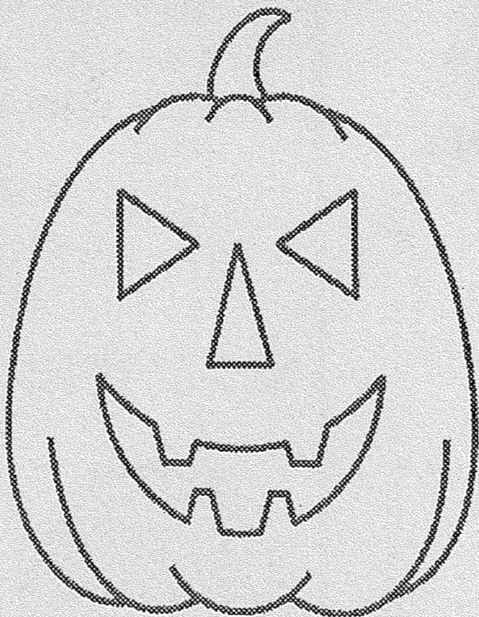
Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. This neighborhood meeting is specifically designed to help us all be better informed and better prepared to handle situations and circumstances that may put us or our property at risk.

### Crime Prevention

General Meeting • Sept. 23

7:30 p.m.

Oakridge Country Club



## The Great Big Pumpkin Sale

Saturday • October 9

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## Officer's Corner

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Many say the problem lies with cars just passing through or members of the club who don't live in Oakridge. Well, I think we are just as much to blame. I encourage everyone to observe the 30 MPH speed limit on all our streets. And maybe that impatient driver behind you will get the message.

Secondly, a growing number of travel, boat, and assorted other trailers are appearing on streets and driveways. This may be acceptable to some, but what do your neighbors think?

How about that yard? We sure have a lot of beautiful landscaping on most homes. Would you like to move in next to you? Found any surprises on your front lawn lately left by that mysterious dog? You know that that big green trash can is not going back into the garage by itself, and the recycling bins are to be brought back in after they are emptied.

Please excuse some of my cynicism, but sometimes someone has to remind us of these things. (Maybe you can use this article to meet your neighbor and just so happen to suggest the importance of one particular item.)

Now that I have thrown the stones, I am going to make sure that I have insurance for broken windows.

## Civic Committee Plans Meeting on Neighborhood Schools

Jack Rash, 530-9742

What can residents of Oakridge do to improve the quality of education and safety for children attending both elementary and secondary schools nearest our neighborhood?

That is one of the questions discussed at the Civic and Political Interest Committee meeting held Sept. 15. For answers to that question, the Committee is planning a community-wide meeting of all interested Oakridge residents for the end of October. (Details will be published in the October issue of the *Oakridge News*.)

Representatives of the elementary, middle, and high schools closest to Oakridge will be invited to attend the meeting to answer question and to participate in a "town hall" type meeting on improving all aspects of our neighborhood schools.

Other items discussed at the meeting were Christmas decorations for the neighborhood and an "Adopt-A-Light-Post" program. The Committee will be soliciting volunteers to help decorate entryways and light poles along the major thoroughfares of Oakridge with decorations purchased last year by the ONA. Details of the "Adopt-A-Light-Pole" program will be forthcoming.

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My point is not to single out anyone in particular, but to encourage everyone to be respectful of their neighbors and help keep Oakridge beautiful.

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## Oakridge Recycling Update

Joan Nichols, 414-9274

Congratulations to the 240+ Oakridge homes who are now participating in the recycling program! We are making a difference. We are contributing to more than 300 tons of recyclable material collected each month in Garland. That represents a savings of almost 1,000 cubic yards of landfill each month.

Garland's new recycling coordinator is Cynthia Smith. If you would like to participate in the curbside recycling program, there is no cost and all residents of Oakridge are eligible. Call Cynthia at 205-3423 with your name and address, and a red bin with instructions will be delivered promptly.

Cynthia spoke at the Environmental meeting Sept. 9 to update the committee on recycling progress. Effective immediately, you will now be able to include newspaper slicks and magazines in the Thursday newspaper pick-up! Coming in 1994 will be the 1-1-Don't program, which will include 1 trash pick-up per week, 1 recycle pick-up per week, and a don't bag grass clippings program. For those who find this goal impossible, an additional \$2 will be charged for continuing a 2-trash-pick-up schedule.

Garland will continue to participate in a statewide attempt to clean up our cities as part of Phase I Clean Cities 2000 Program. The elements of this program include: residential recycling; don't bag it lawn care; centralized composting of yard waste; public and [private sector workplace recycling; used oil collection/recycling; used tire cleanup/recycling; public education; and procurement policies favoring recycled products.

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## Environmental Group Completes Major Repairs

Ron & Pam Harbach,  
530-5024

Hooray!! By the time you read this, we will have replaced the IN-DOOR sprinkler control boxes with more appropriate outdoor units on Overview, Laurel Oaks, and Ridge Oaks. We also will have completed major repairs to the system, which was desperately needed following a \$280 water bill that was the result of some broken sprinkler heads and water lines on Ridge Oaks.

Our total expenditure for repairs has been more than \$1,000, but it should be a good long-term investment.

The Committee also is pursuing the participation of the City of Garland in paying for water on Laurel Oaks and Ridge Oaks medians. The City will pay for half the water (up to a certain amount). This should be a good deal for the Association, because we've been paying the total amount all summer.

The Committee recently sponsored a meeting --- open to all Oakridge residents --- at the Country Club. John Byers from Calloway's Nursery gave tips on what to grow in this part of Texas for color and hardiness, and how to properly water our lawns. John's recommendation for watering is about 1 inch (20 to 30 minutes per area) every 4 or 5 days. John says this promotes deep root growth (so your lawn will survive the winter) and conserves water.

Cynthia Smith, who recently took over the City of Garland's recycling program, also spoke at the meeting, as did Rhanda Holden, a member of the City's Recycling Committee.

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# Update on City of Garland Matters

by Councilmember Michael Holden

Well, the budget is done for yet another year in the City of Garland. I am happy to report that the budget has been approved with a tax rate of 61.91 cents. The calculation for determining what is paid in taxes by the average homeowner of a \$60,000 home is as follows:

$$1993-1993 \text{ Tax rate } 59.90 = .5990/100 \times 60,000 = \$359.40/\text{yr}$$

$$1993-1994 \text{ Tax Rate } 61.91 = .6191/100 \times 60,000 = \$371.46/\text{yr}$$

The difference (or increase) is  $371.46 - 359.40 = \$12.06$ , or \$1.00/month.

The first question now is what do I get for an additional \$1.00 a month? The biggest factor is an additional 20 police officers (approximately). Please remember that just about half of what you pay the City in taxes is for public safety (i.e. police and fire fighters). Second, code enforcement, which I believe relates directly to the appearance of the City, has an additional 4 people being hired. This relates to an increase of 40% for this department.

There are a number of other issues that have been addressed in this budget and I would be more than happy to discuss the budget at length with anyone who is interested. If you have any questions or would like to have a meeting with me, please feel free to call me at 530-2906 or write me at 2928 Southern Cross.

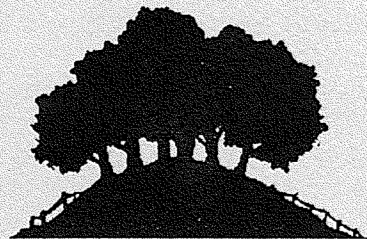
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### Help Wanted

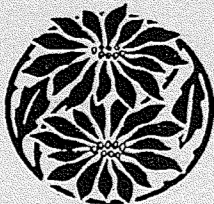
We're looking for the truck that has been running over the brick median on Laurel Oaks. This brick has been repaired twice at considerable expense. If you see a vehicle or someone destroying or damaging public or private property in Oakridge, please call 911 or the ONA Information Hot Line at 220-2286.



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 3306 - Charmaine Hutson  
 3229 - Donna Dayhoff  
 RIDGE OAK PL.  
 2601 - Cheryl Wood  
 2618 - June Edwards  
 RIDGE OAK CT.  
 2501 - Cathy Murphy  
 RIDGE VIEW LANE  
 GREENVIEW DR.  
 GREENVIEW CIR.  
 2709 - Betsy Pugh  
 BENDING OAKS DR.  
 3314 - Sue Cole  
 3222 - Sara Traylor  
 3202 - Hazel & Dick Toberny  
 BEAVER RUN  
 GOLDEN OAKS DR.  
 2502 - Dana Burk  
 DIAMOND OAKS DR.  
 2125 - Harry & Lila LaGrassa  
 2101 - Doris Autrey  
 2321 - Dennis Cheatham  
 OAK POINT DR.  
 2906 - Art Dietz  
 OAK SPRINGS DR.  
 3001 - Mary Musseman  
 LONE OAK TR.  
 2317 - Joi Stowe  
 ROCKY TRAIL  
 MOSS TRAIL  
 ROLLING OAK LN.  
 2217 - Jim Cook  
 2005 - Sue Hageland  
 SHADY OAKS CT.  
 Charles & Valerie Derryberry

WINDY RIDGE LN.  
 2113 - Jack Rash  
 2114 - Ken Davey  
 GRAND OAK DR.  
 2906 - Virbol & Ruth Bartlett  
 2822 - Mary Anne McFall  
 WILLOW RIDGE DR.  
 2813 - Luanne Payne  
 WINDING OAK  
 OVERVIEW LN.  
 2018 - Betty Glover  
 PEAKWOOD DR.  
 HEARTHSIDE LN  
 LAUREL OAKS DR.  
 2850 - Jo Ann Schmerheim  
 2730 - Bert Littlejohn  
 LAUREL OAKS CT.  
 BIG OAKS DR.  
 2843 - Betty Bishop  
 2706 - Scott Youzva  
 HICKORY BEND DR.  
 2622 - Pat Woods  
 2811 - Diane Cooper  
 STONERIDGE DR.  
 2810 - Weldon Martindale  
 MEADOWRIDGE DR.  
 2625 - Katherine Rackley  
 RICHLAND DR.  
 SUNCREST DR.  
 CREIGHTON DR.  
 2517 - Elaine Centorbi  
 CRESTEDGE DR.  
 FULTON DR.  
 PEPPERIDGE DR.  
 PEBBLESTONE DR.  
 2545 - Patricia Downing  
 RICH OAK DR.

# August Crime Statistics

Burglary Habitation  
 Pebblestone  
 Golden Oaks  
 Greenview (2)  
 Burglary of a Building  
 Peakwood  
 Burglary of a Vehicle  
 Oak Point  
 Theft under \$20  
 Willow Ridge  
 Unauthorized Use of Vehicle  
 Ridge Oak  
 Willow Ridge

## Crime Watch & ONA Information Hot Line Activated

Want an update on crime in the neighborhood? Need to know when the next ONA meeting is?

**CALL 220-2286**

That's the number for the Oakridge Crime Watch and ONA Information Hot Line. You can get the latest reports from the Garland Police Dept. -- people or vehicles to look out for -- and timely information on ONA activities. You also can leave a message, which will be responded to within 24 hours. Your ONA dues at work!  
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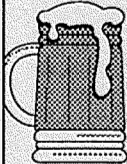
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## Crime Prevention & Safety Committee Sets Block Captain Meeting

Luanne Payne, 530-9323

The number of offenses for the month of August remained unchanged from July at 12 offenses. Even though there was not an increase, the goal of the Neighborhood Crime Watch is to bring crime in Oakridge as low as possible. This is why it is so important to have a strong network of block captains throughout the neighborhood. It can be done, but only with your help as a volunteer.

You do not have to be a member of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association to serve as a Block Captain. You just need to be a loyal and trustworthy neighbor who is willing to look after your neighbor's house while they are out of town by picking up mail, papers, and fliers, and reporting any suspicious activity. Block Captains also help in distributing the *Oakridge News*.

The Crime Watch committee has scheduled the first Block Captain recruitment meeting for Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Oakridge Country Club. Officer Steve Matlick will be at this meeting to answer questions and to explain the importance of the Block Captains in a successful neighborhood crime watch program.

Anyone interested in the Crime Watch Program is invited to attend. All current Block Captains also should attend.

I have lived in Oakridge 11 years and this is my home. It is important to me and my family to live in a safe neighborhood. I hope it is for each of you. Please call me, Luanne Payne, at 530-9323, to volunteer as a Block Captain. The more Block Captains, the better the system will work. As McGruff says, "Take a Bite Out of Crime."

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### Clean-Up Day - October 16

The Environmental Committee is sponsoring a Fall Neighborhood Clean-Up Day, October 16. Bring a rake, a pair of gloves, a gas-powered trimmer, or just yourself. We'll supply the trash bags. Meet at the parking lot of the Oakridge Country Club at 9:00 am. We'll be finished by 11:00 am.

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## Membership Committee To Launch Drive

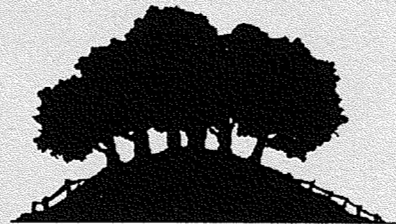
Patricia Downing, 530-4192

Welcome to all our new members! Since June 1, we have added 86 new members to our roster. We thank them and our renewing members for their continuing support.

The Committee is back in full swing! You will be seeing and hearing from us shortly. Representatives from the Association will be knocking on doors to enlist new members. Even if you already belong, take a minute to find out about our upcoming events and activities. We encourage any input and participation.

Our next Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16, at 10:30 am, at 2545 Pebblestone Dr.

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# Home Maintenance

by Steve Brandt, 495-0572

## LET'S GET INTO PAINTING

Many of us either need to, or just want to paint our house. We can either repaint, using the same color scheme, or we can go off in an entirely different direction. We will talk about each of these in turn

### FIRST THE INTERIOR

To repaint using a similar color, the steps are simple. All the supplies that are mentioned are available at any paint store or home center.

- Remove the furniture from the room or cover it very well with plastic drop clothes.
- Tape off the trim using 2" masking tape. By doing this, you will avoid getting the wall paint on the baseboard, door jams, etc. This will save a lot of time when it comes time to paint the trim.
- Cover the floor with more of the plastic drop clothes, taping them to the floor so they will not slide.
- Fill small holes from pictures, etc., with spackling compound, let it dry and sand lightly using a 150 or 200 grit paper

Now the fun part ...Painting

Follow these steps for painting a light color to a darker color:

- Start by cutting in around all the doors, windows, at the baseboard and where the walls meet the ceiling. I prefer using a 2 1/2" Trim Brush. It is slanted, and seems to make it easier to paint a straight line.
- Get a good roller frame and cover, a paint tray, and some stirring sticks. Pour about 1/4 gallon of paint into the tray. Fill the roller with paint and start painting the wall. Paint in the shape of a "W" around 3" square.
- Cover that section, then refill your roller and do the next section, always work from dry to wet, so as not to leave roller marks.
- After the walls are painted let them dry.
- Remove the tape you put on the trim, and tape of the baseboard where it meets the carpet or other floor covering.
- Paint all the trim, doors window stools and aprons and any other wood in the room.

Remember: Always use latex paint for the walls, and an oil base paint for the trim. They each require a different type of brush and a different type of solvent or thinner.

To change from a dark color to a lighter color, you will need to either prime the walls and trim first, or use two coats of paint. One seems to work as well as the other, so I prefer to use two coats of finish color. As always, if you have any questions, or ideas for future columns, let me know.

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### Member #1

Last Name      First Name      M.I.      Birth Month/Day      Preferred or Nickname

Employer      Occupation      Business Phone

### Member #2

Last Name      First Name      M.I.      Birth Month/Day      Preferred or Nickname

Employer      Occupation      Business Phone

### MEMBER #1

### MEMBER #2

I AM INTERESTED IN: PLEASE CHECK ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES

- Actively participating on a committee. Please contact me.
- Learning more about the Association. Please contact me.
- Participating on a committee on an "as needed" basis.
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PRIORITIZE YOUR INTERESTS IN THE ASSOCIATION: 1-4 1-MOST IMPORATANT 4-LEAST IMPORTANT

- Social Activites
- Beautification Projects
- Civic, City & Zoning Concerns
- Crime Prevention
- Senior Citizen Organization
- Youth Organization
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD

Name      Birthday      Name      Birthday

Name      Birthday      Name      Birthday