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Oakridge Women's Club Fourth of July Parade Thursday July 4th

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here I am now taking on another job and I hope I can fulfill my duties as President, because the O.N.A. is very important to me and I know there are many of you who feel the same but don't have the time to volunteer. We always need any volunteer help we can get to make this organization operate smoothly and also take some of the workload off the others who work so hard to keep the O.N.A. active.

Oakridge is a beautiful neighborhood and many of us have lived here since it was developed. It would have been easier to form a homeowners association back in the beginning in 1981 but we can't go back in time. So we are working for the present and the future of Oakridge. The main goal this year is MEMBERSHIP. If you have never joined the O.N.A. we would like to hear from you as to why. If you are a member then you can help by asking your neighbor if they have joined. If they haven't, then tell them what the benefits are for helping to support the association and then sign them up. Contact Mary Musseman at 414-1098, the Membership chairperson, if you would like to help in recruiting on your street.

We are starting into our fifth year and each year we are getting stronger with our membership which helps us to provide more tangible benefits to the homeowners. Just to name a few services that the O.N.A. takes care of are: maintaining the outside perimeters of the brick walls on Jupiter, Beltline, Shiloh and Buckingham, watering and landscaping the entryways, neighborhood crime watch, monthly newsletter and most recently the Welcome Wagon. All we are asking for is your support so we, the volunteers, know that you, the residents, appreciate what we are trying to do for the neighborhood that we all call "HOME".

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Neighborhood News

SOME HELPFUL HINTS TO PREVENT YOU FROM BECOMING A VICTIM:

1. Don't leave your purse or any other valuables in plain sight in your car, even if it is for a short period of time.
2. If you get telephone solicitors of any kind for work to be done in your home, such as, pest control, carpet cleaning, roofing, plumbing, heating or air conditioning, just simply say you are not interested or that you have already had that service done. The way I look at this tactic, is these are services you should request yourself instead of being solicited.
3. Be sure when you go out of town to have a neighbor or relative take care of your house by picking up the paper and mail everyday. Buy some inexpensive appliance timers for your lamps and radios so your house looks lived in and not empty. If you are going to be gone for a long period of time, consider having someone mow the yard.
4. Leave a key and important numbers with someone you trust in case of emergencies.

Also remember, the O.N.A. has a very reliable and trustworthy service that is available to you at a reasonable rate for house-sitting or pet-sitting. Whether you are on vacation, travel during the week or work long hours this service is provided by Sue Hageland of "Let Sue Do It". She can be reached by 530-5089. She can provide you with many good references. Look for her advertisement in the Oakridge News each month.

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CRIME STATISTICS FOR MAY 1996:

1 - Burglary of Habitation	Hearthside
1 - Burglary of Building	Diamond Oaks
1 - Burglary of Vehicle	Meadowridge
3 - Theft Under \$20	Hickory Bend Bending Oaks Stoneridge
3 - Criminal Mischief	Stoneridge Ridge Oak Dr. Diamond Oaks

The statistics for the month of May were down by 2 reported offenses from the previous month of April. Habitation burglaries were down from 3 to only 1 and the criminal mischief reports showed a big decrease from 7 down to 3 during May. I would like to see this kind of a decrease each month. I know with summer here now, we are all working in the yard and tend to leave our garage doors open while we are going back and forth (I include myself in this) but if you could simply carry the opener with you or place it in an inconspicuous place, maybe there will be less habitation burglaries and we won't be out replacing stolen tools or bicycles, etc. So keep up the good work and have a good summer!

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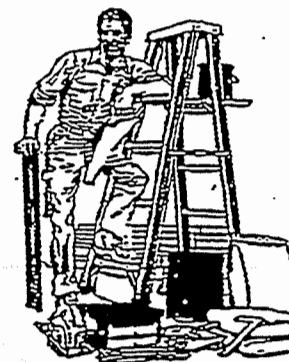
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Presidents Message

I am looking forward to this year as your president and if you have any questions or suggestions I am always available to talk with you. You may reach me through the O.N.A. Hotline, 220-2286 which I retrieve calls regularly or you may call me at home at 530-9323. Communication is very important to any organization and all of the officers, directors and committee chairpeople are available to talk with you. You can show your support by sending us your new membership or by renewing your annual dues today of only \$36 to:


Oakridge Neighborhood Association
P. O. Box 450145
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Thank You
Luanne Payne

BLOCK CAPTAINS:

HELP! The following streets need some new and additional volunteers to help distribute the monthly newsletter. If you enjoy receiving this newsletter, then please call the Hotline at 220-2286 and volunteer to help. The people who do it now would like to have some help since they have been doing it for the past 4 years. The more people we have to distribute the newsletter the less often you have to deliver since it is rotated monthly, if possible. This may only take you 20 to 30 minutes to deliver according to the number of homes on your street. This is very minimal when you consider it takes 3 to 4 hours of my time each month to separate and count the newsletters by each street (38 to be exact) with 1140 homes, then go drop them off to the people to deliver them to your front door. There is a lot involved in getting these newsletters out each month but the O.N.A. feels this is very important for you to know what is going on in Oakridge as well as North Garland.

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| Beaver Run | Oak Springs |
| Big Oaks (2800 & 2700) | Peakwood |
| Creighton | Pebblestone |
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ARE YOU IN NEED OF A NEW ROOF?

Some of us are in need of new roofs due to the age of our homes. Others are victims of the insurance industry and the trend towards replacing wood shingle roofs with composition.

Several individuals in the neighborhood have expressed an interest in replacing their roofs by having several roofing companies bid the jobs and giving us a discounted rate depending upon the number of homeowners participating. You would be able to select from a variety of products from 15 to 30 year and also a more expensive roof such as a hardy slate or a hardy shake.

Gary Richey has agreed to take bids and work with several roofers regarding the above. Anyone who is interested in participating or has a preferred roofer that you would like to refer, please feel free to call us at our office (214) 414-6260.

Peggy Richey

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To Ask Dr. Roof – send your questions to Dr. Roof, c/o Pyramid Roofing
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Oakridge Women's Club



It's Time to Celebrate

That's right! We have a lot to celebrate this summer .. the Olympics, beautiful weather, and Fourth of July! We hope each and everyone of you will join us as the Oakridge Women's Club present our annual Fourth of July Parade on **Thursday, July 4th**. We will meet at 9 a.m (sharp!) to assemble in the Oakridge Country Club parking lot and start marching at 9:30! Get there early for donuts and juice and stay after The parade for prize drawings and more munchies! We have lots of fabulous prizes, like dinners for two, movie passes, gift certificates and more, but you must be there to win!! Be sure to "deck out" your tricycle, wagons, strollers or whatever in patriotic colors to show your family's American spirit! This parade is made possible by the generous support of local merchants and the members of the OWC. If you would like to make a donation to support this effort, please look for our donation box at the parade. For more information about the parade,, please call **Pam Trutna at 414 -5633**. Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, July 9th** at 7 p.m. Let's reward ourselves for a job well-done.. it's a Pool Party at the home of Sharron Smith (2226 Diamond Oaks). Please bring a Mexican potluck dish! At this meeting we will also be discussing our upcoming officer elections in August! Be sure to be there to get the scoop on this important event!

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Oakridge Resident

Sue Hageland

530-5089



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The ONA would like to thank all the neighbors who have renewed memberships for this year. So far we have 170 families that have renewed or become new members. Last year we had 460 memberships and we have a goal of 500 for this year. Please take the time and send in your renewal checks for **\$36.00 now!!!**

Please sit down and write your check to the ONA and mail it to P.O. Box 450145 Garland, TX 75045-0145

Thank You in advance for your support

Mary Musseman Membership Chairman

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