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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to address the concerns that many of you have called about pertaining to the entryway at Overview. Several ONA representatives have spent many hours meeting in person and on the phone with the building inspector and the builder. It was found that the two lots directly on the Overview entryway will be single-family houses instead of duplexes and would be permitted as long as the size of the house does not exceed the limits of a duplex. As far as the design goes, it is a custom built house and the plans also include a circle drive in front of the house which explains why the Bradford pear trees were removed. For the past five years the ONA has been taking care of all the entryways with much pride and then to find out that the trees were planted on private property by the developer many years ago was very disappointing to us. But what is done is done and we should welcome the new neighbors into Oakridge.

Many of you do not know all the situations that arise that the ONA tries to deal with. There are several of us who spend hours on the phone trying to get answers to all your questions. We do this because we live in Oakridge and are trying to keep this a beautiful and safe neighborhood. If you read this newsletter then you know many of the things we do accomplish.

The people who volunteer to make this association work as best we can need to hear from you. The main way to show your support is to join the ONA. Included in this edition of the Oakridge News is a survey that the Board of Directors would like for you to complete and return as soon as possible. Oakridge has 1140 homes with only 45% membership. There is much more that the ONA could do but we must increase the membership to obtain our goals. The dues are only \$36 per year which is quite low considering the size of Oakridge and the value of our homes. Please encourage any of your neighbors who are not members to join.

So join today if you haven't already. For those of you who haven't sent your renewals in, do so soon. The membership committee will begin work on the new ONA directories in August and we want everyone's name to be included in it. Don't delay!

Join today!

A very special and sincere THANK YOU goes to Jo Ann Schmerheim who has so willingly and faithfully published the Oakridge News for the past 4 years. Your hard work and dedication will be greatly missed.

Thank you. Luanne Payne

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# **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

By now, you will have received your renewal bills in the mail. Thank you to all who have sent in your checks. There are still 215 families I have not heard from. Please take a couple of minutes and write your check to the O.N.A. Please mail it to P.O. Box 450145, Garland, TX 75045-0145. All renewals and new members should be sent in by August 15 to have your name in the roster.

Thank you,

Mary Musseman Membership Committee

## **Oakridge Welcome Wagon**

Last month I welcomed Craig Roberts, David and Molly Wood, Gary and Barbara Curtis, and Marie and Mert Madden into Oakridge. Thank You to all the ladies who have baked for me. I appreciate your help. Please contact Mary Musseman at 414-1098 or the ONA Hotline at 220-2286 with leads for the welcome wagon.

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### LET SUE DO IT

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- Taking kids to soccer, ortho, Etc.
- Shopping
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- Etc., Etc.

LET SUE DO IT Oakridge Resident Sue Hageland 530-5089

### **CRIME STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1996:**

4 - Burglary of Habitation	Stoneridge Ridge View Lane Hickory Bend Pebblestone
1 - Burglary of Vehicle	Stoneridge
1 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Big Oaks
6 - Criminal Mischief	Lone Oak Big Oaks Diamond Oaks (2) Bending Oaks

The statistics for the month of June were up by 3 reports from the previous month of May. Habitation burglaries went up from 1 report in May to 4 in June. Criminal mischief was up by 3 reports.

**Golden Oaks** 

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<b>Environmental Code</b>	205-3374			
Animal Control	205-3570			
Poison Center	590-5000			
Street Light Repair	205-3449			

# **OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a great success! The OWC thanks all of our neighbors who attended and the generous sponsors

Best Signs, OAKRIDGE Country Club, Speedee Oil, Minyards, Peggy Richey - Keller Williams, Subway, Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's, Braums, Albertsons, Tom Thumb, Kroger, CiCi's Pizza, Diane Owens -Beauty Control, Toni Chandler - Pampered Chef, J Pepe's, Royal Car Wash, Nedley's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Purdy's, Black-eyed Pea, Chuck E. Cheese's, Applebee's, United Artist.

Our next meeting will take place Monday, August 12th at the home of Pam Trutna. Join us at 7pm to elect new officers. For more information please call 414-5633.

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Montessori School. I live at the Belt Line and Jupiter area in Garland. My name is Cindy Manning. If you are interested in the job, please call me at 414-4060.

# **KEEPING COOL IN A HEAT WAVE**

Air Conditioners need love too!! All too often we forget to take care of them until we find ourselves without them. Make sure you change your filters on a monthly basis. There are all kinds of filters. Electrostatic filters cost between \$ 40.00 - \$ 70.00 depending on size and density. They will last between 5-10 years and should be washed monthly. The high density replaceable filters cost between \$4.00 -\$5.00 each. At that price you will spend more then the cost of an electro-static filter in the long run. Changing and or cleaning them monthly is a must. There are cheaper filters, but as they are not as efficient.

Thoroughly clean the dust, leaves and cottonwood lint out of the coils in your outside condensing unit. Turn your air conditioner off and use a hose. The efficiency of your air conditioner can change as much as 20% - 30% by keeping the condenser coils clean. Don't let vines and bushes grow around your unit, but keep it free of debris so that the air can circulate.

Thank goodness for ceiling fans. They also keep the air circulating inside. I wish ou all a comfortable Summer. Keep Cool!

Peggy Richey, CRS

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