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Fourth of July Parade For Oakridge Families



The Oakridge Women's Club is again sponsoring it's annual Fourth of July Parade. Everyone is invited to participate!!!

- Kids of all ages ... decorate yourselves, a bicycle, tricycle, scooter, wagon, stroller, or roller blades!
- Meet in the Oakridge Country Club parking lot at 9:00 A.M. We will line up and begin the parade at 9:30 A.M. We will march southeast on Stoneridge, then turn right on Big Oaks and proceed back to the club (approximately 1 mile). Residents on the parade route ... please keep the kids safe by removing parked cars from the street. Thanks!
- If you had a tough week and don't want to walk with us, set up a lawn chair along the parade route and relax.
- Refreshments and prizes afterward!

If you have any questions, call MaryAnn Cullum (495-9312) or Pam Trutna (414-5633).

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Have a Happy 4th of July

<u>President's Message</u> Donna Dayhoff

As your new President of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, I am looking forward to working with the Board members and the Association membership this coming year.

I hope to see our membership grow again this year. We are starting our 6th year. Each year we have grown and are able to achieve more things for the membership. I know I speak for the Board and myself when I say we all want to grow even more this year and achieve more things. Of course none of this is possible without the support from the residents of Oakridge!

If you are not a member of the ONA "join us" and if you are a member "be sure" to renew. Your dues, \$36.00 per year, helps you to be proud of the way the perimeters and entryways of Oakridge look when you come home or have friends and family visit. The larger our membership the more the Association can do in making Oakridge a more attractive and safer place to live.

One of the things I would like to do this year is have programs at our membership meetings that are of interest to you. If you have any suggestions please let me know (495-3515), call the Hotline (214) 967-5136 or tell a member of the Board, so the meetings will be of interest to you.

Oakridge Neighborhood Association Joins the Garland Homeowners Coalition

The Board of Directors approved for the ONA to become a member of the Garland Homeowners Coalition (GHC). This association will strengthen our voice in city issues that might affect us in our neighborhood or citywide. Also, as a member of GHC, we will have a voice in Austin; since the GHC will be a member of the Texas Neighborhoods Together.

ONA's representative to the GHC is JoAnn Schmerheim. JoAnn will attend the GHC meetings and keep the Board informed on issues that may concern us. We in turn will keep you members update on these issues through the newsletter or Hotline. An Oakridge Neighbor since 1986 Office Close to Home

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<u>WHY JOIN THE</u> <u>NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?</u>

I am deviating from my normal Real Estate column to ask you to join our neighborhood association. <u>The dues are \$36.00 per year, or \$3.00 per month or 10¢ per day</u>. You can't even buy a root beer float for 10¢ in today's market. So... what do you get for your money?

We, as an association, are responsible for maintaining all of our entry ways. This includes, watering, weeding, and planting. Years ago when the neighborhood just started the association, many members used to buy flats of flowers and give extra cash to the beautification committee because we cared. We have grown from less than 50 members to about 475 in 6 years. This is great growth, but when you consider that there are 1,000 plus homes in the neighborhood, that is less than 50 percent.

Many of our neighbors have kept us informed about those political and civic events that affect our neighborhood. We have built a working relationship with the police and fire departments which have been gracious enough to share their time and expertise at many of our meetings. Their suggestions and information have helped to make our neighborhood safe.

Many of your friends and neighbors have given countless hours of their time to gather, educate, inform and care about issues that effect Oakridge.

The more you get involved, the more we can do as an association.

The more you get involved, the more evenly the work load is distributed.

The more neighbors that join, the more money we have for projects.

The more money we have for projects insures the beautification of the neighborhood and maintains our property values.

Most of all... we get to know each other and I can't think of anything that strengthens a neighborhood more than knowing one another. It is a lot easier to care about people you know.

Come Join, Have Fun and Get to Know Us!

Peggy Richey, CRS, GRI Keller Williams

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Junior forgot he needs brownies for the bake sale and you're already late for work!

LET SUE DO IT

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30 homes have sold in Oakridge this year and I've participated in 33% of those transactions. . . AND I have 2 more listings that are contract pending!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR REFERRALS!

PEGGY RICHEY, CRS, GRI

Someone Who Cares

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Voice Mail:	972-733-9186

WARNING: LONG DISTANCE PHONE SCAMS

Luanne Payne

There is a new type of phone scam circulating. It starts with a message on your answering machine, pager, or voice mail with an official sounding voice telling you of some emergency or that you have won a prize. You are asked to return the call. If you return the call to an <u>809</u> area code, you are calling the Caribbean. The charges range from \$1 to \$25 per minute. Unsuspecting callers are kept on the line as long as possible. If you get one of these messages, you should report it to the phone company. Always make sure you know who you are calling before you return a long distance call.





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OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Mary Macejewski

Let's see that American Spirit! All Oakridge families are invited to attend our annual Fourth of July Parade. Have some fun and decorate yourself, your kids, bicycles, etc.. Also, you will be able to enjoy refreshments, and you can enter to win great prizes. See ya there!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

It's A boy! Welcome Skyler Mason. Congratulations to Wanda, David, and big sister Natalie.



JULY MEETING:

Tuesday, July 8th, 6:30 P.M. We'll meet at the home of Sharron Smith for a potluck dinner and party. Questions? Call Mary (495-5734).

If you have any questions about the Oakridge Women's Club, please call Varsha (530-9362).

CITIZENS ON PATROL (C.O.P.)

Luanne Payne

In the May newsletter I reported that the May 24th C.O.P. training class had been cancelled. The police department went ahead with the class and we had 3 new people to attend the training. Now Oakridge has 14 trained people on the C.O.P. program. Also, reported in the last newsletter was the date for another class which is still scheduled for Saturday, August 16th. The location has been changed and will be held at the police station. If you are interested in attending this next training class, I will need to get you an application form to be submitted. Please call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline 214-967-5136.

DATE:	Sat August 16th
TIME:	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
LOCATION:	Garland Police Department
	205 N. Fifth Street, 3rd Floor

Important Phone Numbers

Police & Fire Emergencies	911
Police Non-Emergencies	205-2150
Lone Star Gas	800-817-8090
Sanitation	205-3420
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STAR SPANGLED 4TH OF JULY

Looking for something fun to do with the family on this special week-end. Historic Downtown Garland, Fifth & State Streets, will have something for everyone. Arts & Crafts, restored train cars, midway, food, model trains and continuous live entertainment.

<u>Midway Sneak Preview</u> on Wed., July 2nd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, unlimited ride for \$8.00.

<u>Free Concerts starting Thursday the 3rd</u> at 9:00 pm will be Steve Wariner and a country fireworks mini-show.

<u>Friday the 4th</u> will be a tribute to the Law Enforcement with the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, plus the Garland Symphony & Jim Henderson's Garland chorale.

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA!!

<u>70'S NIGHT - Saturday the 5th</u> will be KC & The Sunshine Band performing at 9:00 pm, with a fireworks mini-show.

<u>Free Parking</u> at the DART Transit Center & Williams Stadium. For more information you can call the City of Garland at 205-2749.

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<u>CRIME STATISTICS FOR MAY 1997:</u> Luanne Payne

<u>Habitation Burglary</u> Stoneridge Thief stole watches and rings from house. Occurred on Fri. 5/2 between 7:00 am and 4:50 pm.

Habitation BurglaryRidge Oak Dr.Thief stole jewelry and valuables from house.Occurred on Thurs. 5/29 between 8:30 am and12:30 pm.

<u>Vehicle Burglary</u> Winding Oak Thief stole camcorder, computer and other valuables. Occurred on Thurs. 5/22 between 8:00 pm and Fri. 5/23 at 6:50 am.

<u>Theft \$50 - \$500</u> Thief stole bird bath from back yard. Occurred on Wed. 5/21 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

The above statistics were gathered from various reports as the monthly report was not available at the time of this printing. Amendments will be made in the July newsletter.

JIM WHATLEY

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