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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Donna Dayhoff, President

The month of September not only brings us the season of Fall and cooler weather (we hope) but also our first Oakridge Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting – Thursday, September 25th - 7:30p.m. at Oakridge Country Club.

Come join us for an update of what is happening in and around Oakridge. Our program will be representatives from the City of Garland departments of traffic control, recycling and planning and zoning. They will give us updates from their departments on what issues effect the residents of Oakridge.

As you know, we are always needing more residents to join the ONA; so if you know a friend or neighbor, who has not joined,

urge them to do so! Additional members mean we can do more for everyone. If you think about it, \$36.00 per year is a small amount to help us have a neighborhood in which we can be proud.

The Board members and myself are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 25th.

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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**PLEASE REMEMBER, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST
NEWSLETTER IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES!!!**

OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Karen Wheeler

AT THE LAST MEETING:

We had a great time discussing the upcoming Halloween party and decided to do something a little different this year. Instead of having our traditional party, we thought it would be really spooky to go to "Boo at the Zoo" as a group. So get your costumes ready - yes, Mom and Dad should get dressed up too! Last month the 1997-1998 officers were elected, but there are still many other jobs and activities that we need volunteers for. If you haven't already signed up for something call Suzanne Fletcher at 972-530-8526 to volunteer! Call her before she calls you!!

HALLOWEEN EVENT INFORMATION:

What: "Boo at the Zoo" at the Dallas Zoo
When: Saturday, October 25th, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
How: By Dart Light Rail
Questions: Karen Wheeler
972-414-8158

"Boo at the Zoo" promotes a fun & safe Halloween for kids. It includes carnival games, trick or treating, Eddie Coker performance and a haunted house (not too scary for little ones). Cost of admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids over 3 years old, FREE for children under 3.

JUST FOR MOM & DAD:

Let's get together for a night out without the kids!! We are going to the Granada Theater on October 4th for a movie (tba), food and fun. Call Sharron Smith at 972-530-3873 as soon as possible for reservations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

We will be meeting Monday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. at J Pepe's to finalize the plans for our Halloween celebration.

MEMBER NEWS:

Welcome new member Tracy Bradley!! We look forward to getting to know you and your family.

JOIN US AND HAVE TONS OF FUN:

If you have any questions or would like to join the Oakridge Women's Club please call Lisa Kolacz at 496-5188.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

As of September 12th, the O.N.A. has 439 paid members. For those who haven't renewed or joined yet, **IT IS NOT TOO LATE** . Please take a moment to write your \$36.00 check and mail to:

**Oakridge Neighborhood Association
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Our roster is in the process of being printed. All members should be receiving their rosters in the mail sometime in October.

**All O.N.A. Members !
If you tried to get a new member to join last month THANKS.**

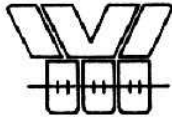
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The 1998 Passbooks are here and available for use now. The books are only \$30 and you can get your money back after only two or three uses. I have already got my \$30 back after two uses. I had to purchase a new muffler the other day and I saved \$22.50 on it. The book has many uses. There are many fine dining restaurants listed, movie theater discounted tickets, dining alone options, 50% off hotel accommodations. Also, included in this year's book is an AT&T calling card with 30 minutes FREE. These books make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries or Christmas presents. Young or old, these books offer many benefits and now the book accommodates those dining alone. To purchase a book, call Luanne Payne at



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Lila LaGrassa and Vicki Hanas

The following families were welcomed into Oakridge in August.

Bending Oaks
Diamond Oaks
Golden Oaks
Hearthside
Laurel Oaks Ct
Moss Trail
Oak Point
Overview
Stoneridge

Tim & Jackquie Bilton
Kirk & Wendy Fitzgerald
Lee & Vickie Litton
Sandra Stevens
James & Arlene Jones
Scott & Nid Reynolds
Uttam & Rukhi Patel
Howard & Laurie Herrington
Charlene Park
David Vaden & Suzanne Jones

Thanks to the Biltons, Fitzgeralds, Littons, Stevens, Jones, and Taylors for joining the O.N.A.

Thank you to Lila and Vicki for your dedication in greeting our new neighbors. As always we appreciate any info. you can give us about new move-ins. Please leave a message with Lila at 530-8618 or the O.N.A. hotline at (214) 967-5136.

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RE / MAX NORTH DALLAS

New Tax Law
Proposal would remove profit rollover provision

At the writing of this article I am not sure if the President has signed this new tax law passed by Congress. For most of us it will be very beneficial.

There is no longer the rollover provision of profit when you buy a more expensive home within 2 years of the sale date of your existing home. Here is the good news.

Upon the sale of your home, the new law allows homeowners to avoid paying taxes on the first \$250,000 of profits in a home as a single person and the first \$ 500,000 of profits as a married couple. This applies each and every time you sell your home. In a time where individuals are transferred on a regular basis this is a real handy tax break, but you must have lived in your home a minimum of two years.

Those on the losing end of this law will be the extreme wealthy who sell their homes for millions of dollars. Other losers in this law will be those who have traded up over a period of years and now have \$500,000 or more in profit, because the one time only deduction at age 55 and older has been eliminated.

Also passed in the Texas State Legislature is a change in the homestead laws. The deductible amount may be raised, but the amount raised is at the discretion of the taxing authority. As I find additional information on these changes, I will keep you informed.

I feel this new tax law regarding the rollover provision is a greater tax benefit to the majority of the home buying public.

Peggy Richey, CRS,GRI
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CRIME STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1997:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary Windy Ridge

Burglar broke glass pane on front door to gain entry and stole various silver items. Occurred on Fri. 8/1 between 8:45 - 9:45 pm.

Habitation Burglary Big Oaks

Burglar stole TV, electronics, jewelry, and various other items from house. Occurred on Tues. 8/12 between 6:55 am and 1:10 pm.

Habitation Burglary Stoneridge

Burglar stole vehicle with keys in it from an open garage. Occurred on Mon. 8/11 and Tues. 8/12 between 7:00 pm and 8:00 am.

Habitation Burglary Creighton

Burglar stole video game player, games, camcorder, music keyboard and caller ID box. Occurred on Mon. 8/18 between 1:15 - 5:15 pm.

Habitation Burglary Lone Oak

Burglar stole silverware, coins, and valuable jewelry. Occurred on Sun. 8/24 between 6:00 pm and midnight.

Vehicle Burglary Meadowridge

Thief stole two speakers and amplifier from car parked in front of residence. Occurred on Tues. 8/5 between midnight and 7:00 am.

Vehicle Burglary Big Oaks

Thief stole toolbox, tools, computer parts, and CD's from vehicle parked on rear drive. Occurred on Mon. 8/11 and Tues. 8/12 between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.

Vehicle Burglary Diamond Oaks

Thief stole flip cell phone from vehicle parked on rear drive. Occurred on Mon. 8/25 and Tues. 8/26 between 6:30 pm and 6:45 am.

Vehicle Burglary Lone Oak

Thief stole cell phone from vehicle parked on rear drive. Occurred on Sun. 8/24 and Mon. 8/25 between 10:00 pm and 7:30 am.

Vehicle Burglary Ridge Oak

Thief stole pager, driver's license and photo ID card from vehicle parked on rear drive. Occurred on Sun. 8/24 and Mon. 8/25 between 8:00 pm and 2:00 pm.

Vehicle Burglary Greenview

Thief stole pager and cell phone from vehicle parked on rear drive. Occurred on Sun. 8/24 and Mon. 8/25 between 4:00 pm and 7:00 am.

Theft \$1500 - \$20,000 Hickory Bend

Theft of an engagement and wedding ring were reported stolen from residence after repairmen left the house. Occurred on Wed. 8/27 between 9:20 am and 11:00 pm.

Theft \$50 - \$500 Big Oaks

Bicycle was stolen from front yard. Occurred on Thurs. 8/14 between 5:15 - 5:25 pm.

Criminal Mischief Richoak

Vandal shot out window of vehicle with a BB gun. Occurred on Sat. 8/2 between 8:00 pm and 10:30 pm.

Criminal Mischief Pepperidge

Vandal broke window out of vehicle but nothing was stolen. Occurred on Tues. 8/12 between midnight and 7:10 am.

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As you can see from above, August was a very bad month for Oakridge residents. July was a quiet month with only 5 offenses being reported. In August the total reported offenses were 15, an increase of 10 offenses. This is very alarming to all of us, especially the victims. Many of these offenses occurred on the same day within the same time frames. Several of the vehicle burglaries happened within hours of each other. These thieves are after cell phones, pagers and briefcases which can access them to a lot of personal information. Please do not leave these items in plain sight in your vehicle if it is parked on the street or in your driveway. This is a fact of life now for all of us that we must keep our valuables locked up and out of sight or we are tempting fate.

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CITIZENS ON PATROL

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The C.O.P. has been patrolling two or three days during the morning hours of the week and still patrol some evenings. We are doing all we can to help prevent crime but we need your help too. The way you can help is by closing your garage doors, taking valuables out of the car and into the house and by calling the police (911 or 205-2150) if you see or hear anything suspicious.

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