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OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Suzanne Fletcher

The Annual 4th of July Parade is just around the corner...

Members of the Oakridge Women's Club are busy planning our annual Fourth of July parade. If you have missed this event in the past, here is your opportunity to show your patriotic spirit! To participate just decorate yourself, bicycle, tricycle, wagon, stroller, etc. and meet us in the parking lot of the country club at 9:00 A.M. on July 4th. If you prefer to be a spectator, find a shady spot along the parade route and relax. In any event, arrive early for donuts and stay after the parade for prize drawings and more food. Our prizes include gift certificates from many local businesses including dinners for two, movie passes and much more! You must be present to win. If you have questions about the parade please contact Mary Macejewski at 495-5734 or Sharron Smith at 530-3873.

Parade Route

Meet at the Oakridge Country Club at 9:00 A.M. on July 4th. We will start marching at 9:30 A.M. sharp! From the country club parking lot we'll walk, roll, etc. to Stoneridge Drive, continue on Stoneridge, turn right on Big Oaks and return to the country club parking lot.

Opportunity knocks... If you have your own business please consider sponsoring the OWC's Fourth of July Parade by donating a free prize or service. You will receive free advertisement as well as a great feeling for supporting this event that is enjoyed by many families in Oakridge. For information please contact Mary Macejewski at 495-5734.

Next Month

The next meeting ... will be held Tuesday, July 14th at the home of Sharron Smith beginning at 7:00 P.M. We will have a potluck dinner and party. If you have questions call Suzanne at 530-8526.

The OWC

What is it... The purpose of the Oakridge Women's Club is to develop friendships with other women in the neighborhood and to get to know their families. The principal aim of our monthly meetings is to plan activities for our children, special seasonal events and to socialize with other members. Our dues, which are only \$12 per year, are used for our children's activities and for printing costs.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Donna Dayhoff

Here we are starting our seventh year as an Association. The Board and myself would like to thank all the residents, who have been supportive over the years and hope to welcome more new members this year.

As you read in a previous newsletter, we have added 2 new District Directors to the Board bringing us to 7 districts. This was done to help serve the residents better within each district. In another article your street is listed with your district number and director's name.

Update of Proposed Retirement Community – As members, you have been made aware in previous newsletters that Golden Living Development had asked for a rezoning of property located on Buckingham Road, east of Shiloh and west of Winding Oak from Single-Family to Multi-Family zoning. The homeowners and the O.N.A. Board of Directors met with the developer and voiced their concerns before this issue went to the Planning Commission on April 14th. At the Planning Commission's meeting these concerns were again voiced and asked to be added to the Plan Development for this rezoning. The developer agreed to have age requirement, transportation, adjustment to building heights on the north and west sides and some other details added. The Planning Commission approved the Plan Development including these concerns.

The next step was a Public Hearing at the City Council Meeting on May 5th. The homeowners within 400 feet of the development were sent notification of the Public Hearing. A representative spoke for Oakridge voicing the concerns and asking that if approved; it be based on the concerns listed from the Planning Commission. The Council at the Public Hearing made approval. On May 19th the final approval was brought to the new City Council and was denied for various reasons.

At the O.N.A.'s General Membership Meeting on May 27th, our District 7's City Councilman, Lowell Hyatt, asked if the residents would support a reconsideration of this issue to be brought back to the City Council for further review. An informal vote was taken with the majority of those present supporting a reconsideration which would take place if approved at the June 2nd Council meeting. This was done and passed 6 to 3. This means another Public Hearing would be held at the July 7th Council meeting. Again the homeowners within 400 feet of the development would be notified.

To our knowledge at this time the developer has not made a decision in pursuing the reconsideration.

The O.N.A. Board agreed to set up a meeting with the developer and residents of Oakridge if they decide to pursue the matter. As of the printing of this newsletter, we do not have any further information on the status of this matter. If the developer decides to pursue this rezoning again, a date of June 30th has been set for the meeting at Oakridge Country Club at 7:00 p.m. Signs will be put out at the entryways notifying residents that meeting will take place and will be on the Hot Line. Any interested homeowners are welcome to attend.

The O.N.A. Board is not taking a pro or con stand on this issue. Our only concern is keeping the residents informed about what is happening in their neighborhood.

I would like you to welcome your 1998-99 Board of Directors and thank them for volunteering to help make our neighborhood "the best".

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	No. 6 Nelson Prater	Crime Prevention	Luanne Payne
	No. 7 Mary Macejewski	Communications	Jackie Griffin

The entire Board of Directors is looking forward to a good year!

Crime Statistics for May 1998:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary

Suncrest

Two white males entered open garage and stole ice chest. They fled in a late 1970's, light blue Ford pick-up. Occurred on Wed. 4/22 at 12:00 midnight.

Theft \$50 - \$500

Winding Oak

Child's bicycle was stolen from yard. Occurred between Thurs. 4/2 and Tues. 4/7 during 7:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Criminal Mischief

Creighton

Vandal threw brick at front windshield of Ford pick-up causing \$500 worth of damage. Occurred on Tues. 5/5 during 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Criminal Mischief

Diamond Oaks

Vandal drove car on golf course and damaged 2 greens and abandoned car in a sand trap causing approximately \$4,000 worth of damage. Occurred on Wed. 5/20 during 1:30 am and 6:30 am.

The crime statistics decreased from the month of April. There were 6 offenses reported in April and two out of the four above listed offenses should have been included in the April report. This would have made a total of 8 offenses for April and only 2 reported as of this date for the month of May.

During the summer, be sure to take the necessary precautions while on vacation. Leave a key with a trusting neighbor. You should also leave phone numbers where you can be reached, air conditioner repairs, plumbers, veterinarians or relatives in case of any emergencies. We have a very reliable and honest resident who does pet and house sitting at very reasonable rates. Look for the advertisement "Let Sue Do It".

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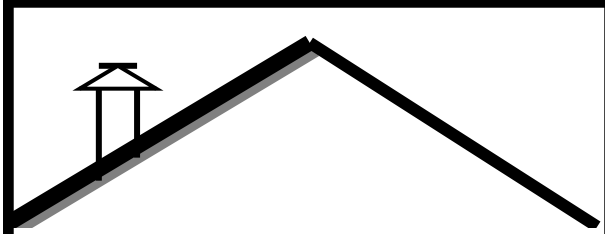
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WHERE DO YOU LIVE IN OAKRIDGE?

Luanne Payne

Many of us who have lived in Oakridge for 15 years know what district and section of Oakridge we live in. But many of the newcomers don't have any idea. So here is an information chart to help you locate yourself and get to know your new District Directors. As you will see below, many streets are split into more than one district. There is a grand total of 38 streets and 1160 homes in Oakridge. If you have any questions about this you can call the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136 and leave a message.

District 1 – Oakridge Section 1 - Jay & Judee Houston

10 Streets – 184 Homes:

Ridge Oak Drive	51	homes	
Ridge Oak Place	13	“	
Ridge Oak Court	8	“	
Bending Oaks	27	“	
Beaver Run	5	“	
Greenview Drive	27	“	
Greenview Circle	4	“	
Ridge View Lane	6	“	
Golden Oaks	23	“	
Diamond Oaks	20	“	(The addresses for these 20 homes begins at 2518-2521 and ends at 2326-2325 The other 48 homes are in Dist. 2, Sec. 9.)

District 2 – Oakridge Section 9 - Barbara Clark

8 Streets – 154 Homes:

Diamond Oaks	48	homes	(The addresses for these 48 homes begins at 2322-2321 and ends at 2002-2001. The other 20 homes are in Dist. 1, Sec. 1.)
Lone Oak	18	“	
Rocky Trail	6	“	
Oak Point	14	“	(The addresses for these 14 homes begins at 3026-3126 and ends at 3021-3001. The other 45 homes are in Dist. 4, Sec.11.)
Moss Trail	16	“	
Shady Oaks Ct.	11	“	
Rolling Oaks	28	“	(The addresses for these 28 homes begins at 2102-2101 and ends at 2222-2221. The other 4 homes are in Dist. 4, Sec. 11.)
Oak Springs	13	“	(The addresses for these 13 homes begins at 2901 and ends at 3017. All homes are on the east side of the street.)

District 3 – Oakridge Section 10 - Diane Edwards

3 Streets – 141 Homes (Duplexes):

Overview	50	homes
Peakwood	30	“
Hearthside	61	“

District 4 – Oakridge Section 11 - Morris Johnson

11 Streets – 143 Homes:

Grand Oak	23	homes	
Windy Ridge	18	“	
Willow Ridge	19	“	
Winding Oak	21	“	
Rolling Oak	4	“	(The addresses for these 4 homes begins at 2001 and ends at 2013. The other 28 homes are in Dist. 2, Sec. 9.)
Oak Springs	13	“	(The addresses for these 13 homes begins at 2701-2702 and ends at 2708-2817. The other 13 homes are in Dist. 2, Sec. 9.)
Oak Point	45	“	(The addresses for these 45 homes begins at 2909-2918 and ends at 2601-2606. The other 14 homes are in Dist. 2, Sec. 9.)

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District 5 – Oakridge Sections 2 & 4 - Kathy Cypert

4 Streets – 190 Homes:

- Laurel Oaks Drive 57 homes
- Laurel Oaks Court 22 “
- Big Oaks 69 “ (The addresses for these 69 homes begins at 2901-2902 and ends at 3210-3221. The other 79 homes are in Dist. 7, Sec. 8.)
- Stoneridge 42 “ (The addresses for these 42 homes begins at 2881-2882 and ends at 2802-2801. The other 22 homes are in Dist. 6, Secs. 3 & 6.)

District 6 – Oakridge Sections 3 & 6 - Nelson Prater

6 Streets – 124 homes:

- Meadowridge 29 homes
- Richland 22 “
- Suncrest 19 “
- Creighton 19 “
- Crestedge 13 “
- Stoneridge 22 “ (The addresses for these 22 homes begins at 2742-2741 and ends at 2610-2701. The other 42 homes are in Dist. 5, Sec. 4.)

District 7 – Oakridge Sections 7 & 8 - Mary Macejewski

6 Streets – 221 homes:

- Big Oaks 79 homes (The addresses for these 79 homes begins at 2842-2847 and ends at 2502-2501. The other 69 homes are in Dist. 5, Sec. 2.)
- Hickory Bend 62 “
- Fulton 29 “
- Pepperidge 20 “
- Pebblestone 21 “
- Rich Oak 10 “



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WARNING – “A New Roof May Be Hazardous To Your Health”

Even if you have not had your roof replaced, you would have to be blind and deaf to not be aware of all the roofs being replaced in Oakridge.

A roofing contractor is not required to obtain a permit unless your roof is to be redecked. (Example – A wood shingle roof is replaced with a composition roof.) Even then, not all contractors get a permit and have an inspection by the City Code Enforcement Department.

Here – in lies the danger – when a new roof is installed, the roof flashing for the gas furnace and water heaters must be raised or moved in order to get a proper seal to protect against water damage from precipitation. Very often, the contractors inadvertently pull the vent below off the water heater or furnace. There is also a chance the vent can be broken. In both scenarios this will allow carbon monoxide to escape into the attic or worse into the dwelling. This can seriously injure or even kill the unsuspecting resident.

There is also another, equally dangerous hazard, according to manufacturer’s guidelines and heating and plumbing codes – all vent flues shall have a “minimum” of one inch (1”) clearance from all combustibles including wood, paper, tar paper and composition shingles. Often, the flashing is moved and you lose this important clearance.

Having nearly forty years experience in the heating and air conditioning business, I am aware of several tragedies caused by the exact conditions I have outlined.

Just this year, I have inspected 3 re-roofed homes of friends and family and in every case I have found 1 to 4 serious violations.

What To Do?

- (1) You could call your roofing contractor, who replaced your roof. (I called the roofer back twice on one of the aforementioned jobs and finally had to call a heating contractor to get the problems resolved correctly.)
- (2) You could have the City Code Enforcement Department inspect your roof (inside the attic) but as hot as it is they may not be able to get in the real tight places and even if they do find a violation, you still would have to call someone to fix the problem.
- (3) Protect yourself and your family by having your flue vents inspected by a qualified licensed heating or plumbing contractor. Even if you have not had your roof replaced and especially if you have.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

The renewal letters will be sent out soon. If you happen to get one and you've already mailed in your check, I'm sure it's because the two letters have crossed in the mail. Thanks to Fern Cook and Toledo Mulder who have come to my rescue and volunteered their time. Have a fun summer and while you're outside doing your yard work or walking your dog, go up to a neighbor you usually only wave at and introduce yourself. It'll only take a few minutes and this could just make their day.

OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON

Lila LaGrassa & Vickie Hanas

The following families were welcomed into Oakridge in May.

- Big Oaks Doug & Emily Jones
- Laurel Oaks Ct. Jeff Fine
- Overview Doug & Norma Murdoch
- Stoneridge Linda Wright
- Suncrest Chip Kroll

Thank you to the Jones' and Chip Kroll for joining on the day they were greeted. Please call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or the O.N.A hotline at 214-967-5136 with names and addresses of your new neighbors.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We greatly appreciate the recent donations made to the O.N.A.'s environmental programs. Because of the additional funding provided by these fine folks, we can do even more to make the entrances to Oakridge attractive. If you would like to be included in this group, you can send your checks to the O.N.A. using the form below.

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