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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Donna Dayhoff*

It does not seem possible but the summer is almost gone. This means that we will be going back to mailing our newsletter to "members only" after this issue. Do not let your household miss receiving the neighborhood news by not renewing your membership or joining the O.N.A. for the first time. Keeping our neighborhood beautiful and safe are some of the Association's main concerns. Your support can help us continue doing these things for the betterment of our neighborhood.

The Board and myself would like to thank the Block Captains and other volunteers, who graciously gave their time to hand deliver the newsletters door-to-door for the months of June, July and August. Volunteers are what help the Association keep going. We are beginning our 7th year and if you would like to help with Christmas decorations, Christmas dinner for the fire stations, the C.O.P. program or any other way call the Hot-Line - 214-967-5136 and leave your name and telephone number. Someone will return your call.

Hope your summer was great and mark October 1st, 7:30 p.m. on your calendar for our first membership meeting for 1998-1999. More information will be in the September newsletter.

Have a safe Labor Day Weekend!!!

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## THANK YOU!!!

*Luanne Payne*

I would like to thank all the people who got out in this hot weather to deliver the Newsletter during the summer months of June, July and August. The temperatures were unbearable at times. As you know, this is when we do our membership drive and try to inform the entire neighborhood (1170 homes) about all the things that the ONA does to help make Oakridge a beautiful and safe neighborhood. I only hope the non-members will take a few minutes to consider all the volunteer time the ONA gives to make this possible and consider supporting the ONA by mailing in your annual dues of \$48. This is only \$4 per month. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments you may call the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136. Please leave

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## OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

*Suzanne Fletcher*

### 1998 - 1999 Officers Elected....

President	MaryAnn Cullum
Vice President	Kay Steelman
Secretary/ Treasurer	Kay Steelman
Membership	Sharon Spurgeon
Sunshine	Sheila Wange
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### Members News...

We would like to welcome new member, Sharon Spurgeon to the Oakridge Women's Club. We are so glad that you've joined us. We look forward to getting to know you and your family!

### Members Please Note New Meeting Dates...

In order to meet the deadline for the ONA Newsletter and to make it easier to remember meeting dates, future meetings of the Oakridge Women's Club will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings will continue to start at 7:00 PM.

### Next Months Meeting...

The next meeting of the Oakridge Women's Club will be held Tues. September 1st at Desperado's restaurant, which is on the Northeast corner of Jupiter and Campbell Road beginning at 7:00 P.M. This meeting marks the beginning of our new calendar year and dues will be collected. We will also begin making plans for our annual Halloween party. Please plan on joining us if you are interested in making new friends and participating in the planning of this fun-filled family event.

### The OWC

*What is this club ,anyway?* Do you ask yourself this question when you read this article every month? Let us tell you about the Oakridge Women's Club! We are a group of neighborhood women (just like you). Some of us work outside the home and some of us work in the home (just like you). We plan fun activities for our families and our children (just like you). Basically, we are *just like you!* We believe in the strength of community and the importance of family, and we develop activities to enhance these aspects of our lives. If you share this feeling, please come to one of our meetings. We would enjoy meeting you! Our dues, which are only \$12 per year, are used for our children's activities and for printing costs.

If you are interested in joining us please call Sharon Spurgeon at 496-7085 for membership information.

### LET SUE DO IT

The refrigerator repairman is coming today but you have an important meeting

### LET SUE DO IT

You need a week away, but Kitty and Rover don't want to go to the Kennel

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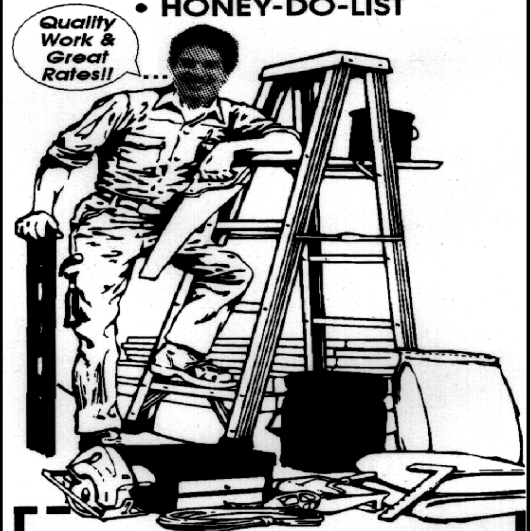
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**Crime Statistics for July 1998:**

*Luanne Payne*

Now that summer is over and the kids are back at school we need to remember to slow down when driving through the schools zones. The speed limit is 20 mph and the fines are very high if you get caught speeding. Also, remember to STOP whenever you see a school bus loading or unloading children. This violation also carries a very stiff fine. Just this week Garland had two traffic fatalities because of running red lights. When I attended the monthly crime watch meeting the other night, the police were still very emotional from the sight of one of these fatal wrecks which was caused by the driver running a red light. Ask yourself before you speed up to run through a yellow or red light if the chances are worth it. I saw a quote the other day I would like to share with you: "Don't Drive Faster Than Your Guardian Angel Can Fly".

**Habitation Burglary – Overview:**

Thief stole trimmer and gas blower valued at \$400 from an open garage door. Offense occurred between noon Sat. 7/25 & 8:00 am Tues. 7/28.

**Vehicle Burglary – Moss Trail:**

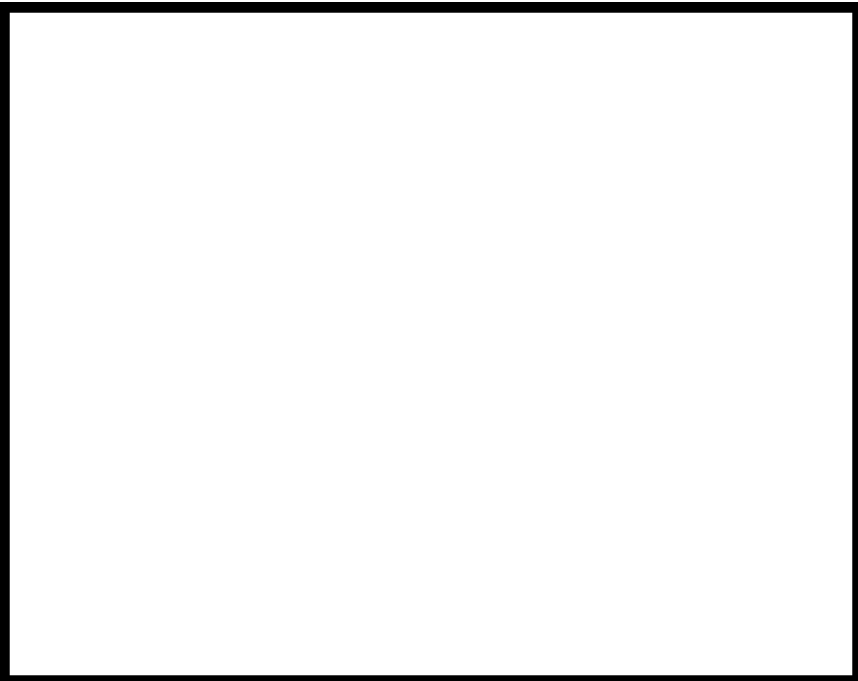
Thief broke window of '87 Maxima. Nothing was reported missing. Offense occurred between 10:00 pm Wed. 7/22 & 10:00 am Thurs. 7/23.

**Vehicle Burglary – Moss Trail:**

Thief broke window of '97 Mitshubitsi and broke steering column. Nothing was reported missing. Car was locked and parked on the street. Offense occurred between 10:30 pm Wed. 7/22 & 7:30 am Thurs. 7/23.

**Vehicle Burglary – Meadowridge:**

Thief stole mobile phone, valued at \$300, from unlocked '91 Toyota pickup parked on rear driveway. Offense occurred between 11:00 am Sun. 7/26 & 8:00 am Mon. 7/27.



**Theft \$1,500 - \$20,000 - Diamond Oaks:**

Thief stole golf clubs and other equipment from Country Club. Offense occurred at 7:00 pm Sat. 7/11.

**Theft \$50-\$500 – Willow Ridge:**

Thief stole green trash can. Offense occurred between 7:00 am Tues. 7/21 & 4:00 pm Thurs. 7/23.

**Theft Under \$50 – Stoneridge:**

Thief stole green trash can. Offense occurred at 9:50 am Mon. 7/20.

**Theft of Unmotorized Vehicle – Ridge Oak Pl:**

Thief stole 16-foot, 2-axle trailer, valued at \$705, from driveway of residence. Offense occurred between 8:30 am & 5:30 pm on Mon. 7/20.

**Criminal Mischief – Ridge Oak Dr.**

Vandal damaged '97 Saturn by scratching car with key causing \$800 damage. Offense occurred between 10:30 pm Sun. 7/12 & 8:00 am Mon. 7/13.

The crime statistics decreased by 2 from the month of June. Vehicle burglaries are up all over Garland. Please don't leave any valuables in your car, even if it is locked. Just being able to see a valuable is all the temptation a thief needs to break a window and steal whatever is of any value. Remember when you are working in your yard, carry your opener with you and keep your garage doors closed at all times. It only takes a few minutes before something costly is snatched away. The police say most of the items stolen can be pawned quickly for enough cash to buy drugs for a quick fix. The police strongly suggest writing down all serial numbers of your valuables, which would make it easier for the police to help you try to retrieve your stolen items. They are working closely with the local pawn shops in the surrounding areas via the internet. You may also want to video each room of your house in the event of a burglary. This helps to expedite insurance claims. Be sure to keep all this information in a safe place and easy to retrieve.

## Environmental Committee Report

*Cy Farver, Chairman*

We are into our second month with the new lawn service company. Unfortunately, because of the ultra dry weather, it is hard to see any improvements. They did a thorough review of the irrigation system and made a number of recommendations. These are being done including the repairs to various sprinkler heads and the raising of several above the shrubs.

We still need to have the electrical supply repaired at our Big Oaks and Shiloh entrance in order to have water available at that location. This will be done shortly. The bricks were replaced in the flower beds on the south side. In addition, the posts was repositioned at Laurel Oaks and Beltline. An additional 180 lbs. of concrete with steel reinforcement was added and the water sprinkler was moved a few feet away from the post.

Don't forget your foundations during this dry weather. It is never to late to start getting moisture to the clay soil around your foundations. As the soil shrinks from lack of moisture, it can cause your foundation to shift resulting in ill-fitting doors, windows, cracks in the walls, etc. etc. In addition, sewer and water lines can break causing all kinds of problems. The best long term solution is to use soaker hoses all summer long. Don't wait for the soil to separate from the house before you begin to water or use the soaker hoses.

Don't forget to place your house number in back of your home. I have noticed quite a few homes have numbers on their rear entry garages, but they don't stand out when looking at them from the alley. If you have a light colored paint, use dark numbers. Many are using "brass" and these fade into the background on light paint. You can be certain your number will stand out if you order a "neighborhood watch" metal sign from Mr. Gerald Cowan at [972-272-7433](tel:972-272-7433). These are large white signs with the neighborhood watch logo and your number in black paint. Mr. Cowan will charge you \$10.00 for the sign but he rebates \$5.00 to the ONA Neighborhood Watch program to pay for the new C.O.P. (Citizens on Patrol) signs at each of the entrances to ONA.

ONA will be buying pansies from "The Network" in Richardson. This charitable organization helps provide food and other needs to the indigent. Selling pansies is one of their fundraisers. The pansies are supplied by the Bruce Miller Nursery on Beltline but they must be ordered from the Network and picked up from the Network offices at 1114 Commerce in Richardson. These are giant pansies, 18 plants to a flat and the flats are \$14.50 paid in advance. The deadline for ordering will be Sep.. 18th. and pick up of the plants can be made on Saturday, Oct. 10th. You can call 972-234-8880 for order forms or additional information on the five varieties available.

Thanks to the generosity of folks providing extra money for ONA beautification, we will be buying additional pansies this fall and begonias next spring.

In addition to those generous folks reported earlier in the summer, contributions were received from:

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### We Live in a Great Neighborhood

*Dan Jones, Treasurer*

At least we think so! Roberta and I have lived in Oakridge since 1992 and are now living in our third neighborhood home. Our first impression was how immaculate and well groomed every entranceway was and how much pride and hard work everyone puts into their yards and just how great the entire neighborhood looks all the time. And that was before we found out what a great bunch of neighbors you are!

For five years we simply paid our ONA dues, let others do the work, and enjoyed the benefits of living in a wonderful neighborhood. Then in 1997, we agreed to become more active and serve as the ONA Treasurer for two years. That's when we found out what makes Oakridge so special. Each year, 20 or so of your neighbors serve as Officers, Directors or Committee Members for the Oakridge Neighborhood Association and let me tell you they really work hard to make this a special place to live.

Everyone can see how great the Oakridge perimeter and entranceways are maintained and read about the low Oakridge crime rate in the Oakridge News. But, did you know that (1) we have the most active "Citizens On Patrol" group in all of Garland, (2) we deliver "Welcome Baskets" to all new neighbors, (3) we coordinate the Oakridge Christmas decorations, and (4) we print and distribute a neighborhood directory each year. You can be a part of all this by simply joining ONA and paying \$48 per year in dues. What a bargain!

**JOIN NOW!** If you haven't already done so, take time right now to join the ONA for 1998-99. This year our budgeted expenses include:

Landscape maintenance	\$12,100
Water and electricity	1,700
Newsletters	3,400
Neighborhood roster	800
All other	3,350
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Total 1998-99 Exp	\$21,350

So break out your checkbook and write that check for \$48. You'll be glad you did and you'll be doing your part to keep

NEW.....NEW.....NEW.....NEW.....NEW

ATTENTION: WOMEN OF OAKRIDGE

Have you ever just driven down the many streets of Oakridge and wondered about what nice people live behind all of those doors? Well, I certainly have since Dan and I moved into Oakridge about six years ago so decided to do something about those "closed doors". Something brand new is in the formative stage called OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS. The purpose of this club would be to provide opportunities for fellowship and the development of friendships among the women of our Oakridge community through coffees, luncheons and group activities. Those activities may include an Out-to-Lunch bunch, Stitch 'n Chat, Bridge, Book or Investment Club, "Let's Go Antiquing" or even a Walkers group. Any group could be formed provided there is enough interest and someone who will volunteer to coordinate the activity.

You are invited to the first official get-together of OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS for a coffee at my home, 2601 Oak Point Drive on Tuesday, September 15th at 10 AM. All women are encouraged to come whether you are an "empty-nester" like myself, a young mother (sorry, ADULTS ONLY....no child care provided) or somewhere in between. If you are interested, please RSVP by either mailing the following form to me or by placing it under my front door mat. If you would be able to bring a plate of "goodies" to share, please note that also on the form. Hope you can come!! Let's begin to open those "doors" to new friendships and good times.

In Fun and Friendship.....Roberta Jones

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**ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS**

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

*Mary Musseman*

School has started for our children and teenagers once again. It's hard to believe that it's time for me to get the roster put together again. As of August 17, we have 366 current members (renewals and new). I'm sending out a second notice to the families who haven't renewed yet. If I don't receive your check by September 15, your name will not appear in the roster. You can send your renewal checks to:

Oakridge Neighborhood Association  
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or if it is easier, you can drop them off at my home located at:

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It's that time once again to take pre-sale orders for the new 1999 Passbooks. The books will be available by the end of August and ready for you to start using all the great savings. The books will be selling for the same low price of \$30. Please call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 to purchase a

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<b>Poison Center</b>	<b>590-5000</b>
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**Welcome Wagon**

*Luanne Payne*

The Welcome Wagon has been trying to get caught up on welcoming new neighbors. We still have a few names on our list that we haven't been able to make contact with but we will continue to call on these people. The following new residents were welcomed to Oakridge in August:

- Big Oaks:** Mike & Kim Morrison  
Henry & Caterina Man  
Bill & June Edwards  
(members)  
Tonia McBride
- Laurel Oaks:** Scot Trepinski
- Oak Point:** John & Artavia Martin
- Rolling Oak:** Harold & Robin Tisdale
- Winding Oak:** James & Daisy Burks  
(members)

If you are new to Oakridge and have not been welcomed, please contact Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136 and leave your name, address and number.

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