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The 4th Of July Parade Will Be On Saturday the 3rd - 9:00 AM!!

Oakridge Women's Club is sponsoring the annual Fourth of July Parade! Everyone is invited to participate!

- Kids of all ages... Decorate yourselves, your bike, your trike, scooter, wagon, roller blades or stroller and join the fun! Meet your neighbors!
- Meet in the Oakridge Country Club Parking lot at 9:00 AM on SATURDAY the THIRD! 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 help keep the kids safe by moving your cars from the street. Thanks!
- If you had a tough week and don't want to walk with us, please set up a lawn chair along the parade route and relax!
- Refreshments before and after the parade are provided!
- Great gifts and prizes are provided. They include gift certificates from many of our local businesses!

The next meeting of the OWA is Tuesday July 6th at Sharron's. If you are interested in joining the OWA or helping out with the Parade in any way, please call MaryAnne Cullum at 972-495-9312.

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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS:

Roberta Jones

Just a quick greeting and reminder that our July luncheon will be at the Oakridge Country Club on Tuesday, July 13th at 11:30 a.m. As most of you know, our club is only meeting for lunch once a month during the summer with no "organized" coffees and limited activities. Craft, Bridge, and the Walker's groups continue to meet, so if you need info about the time and place, call the following:

- Walker's: Barbara Brunette 972-530-4288
- Bridge: Jane Buchanan 972-530-4762
- Crafts: Norene Murphy 972-530-6669
- Sarah Traylor 972-414-5383

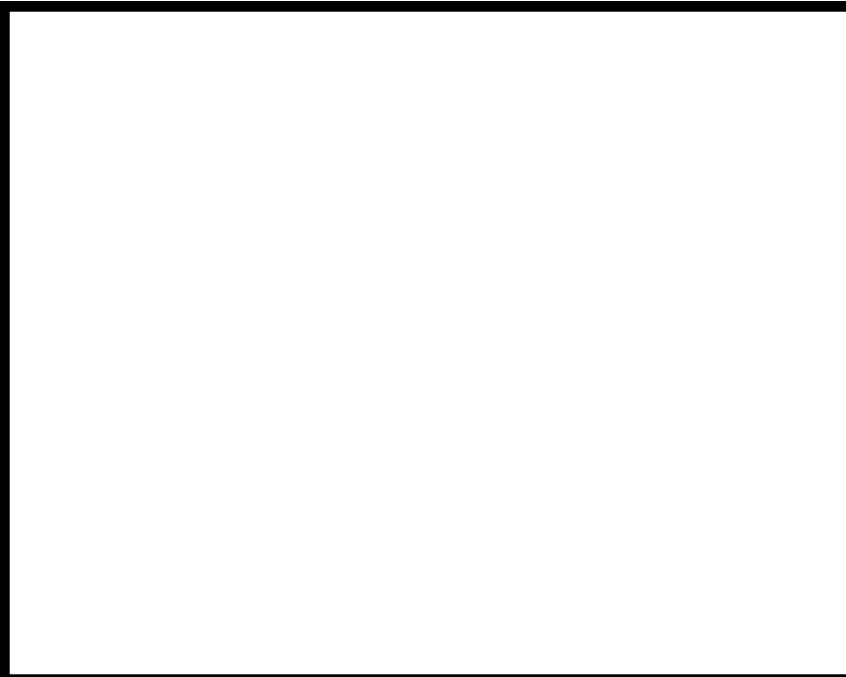
Also, Book Club readers can get their summer reading list (sounds like we're back in elementary school!) from Jo Ann Williams at 972-530-2938.

Just because something isn't organized through the Daytimers doesn't mean that you can't get out your member list and make a few phone calls to "go & do" around Dallas. Many of us are enjoying a less structured calendar for these summer months and are ready on short notice for a fun affair.

Let's not forget those in our neighborhood who may need an encouraging note or phone call. Please call Dianne Winter at 972-530-6210 if you know of someone who needs a little cheer!

We were the epitome of "fashion" with our bonnets that we wore to our "May Hats & Salad Day" luncheon in Diane Owens' garden. Everyone modeled their creations, we voted and the winners were:

- Beautiful Bonnet: Sarah Traylor
- Old Hat w/History: Norene Murphy
- Crazy Creation: Jackie Tucker
- Hysterical Headpiece: Audrey Golden
- Ribbons & Roses: Roberta Jones



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- Taking kids to soccer, ortho, Etc.
- Shopping
- Grocery Shopping (Especially for Home Bound Seniors)
- Etc., Etc.

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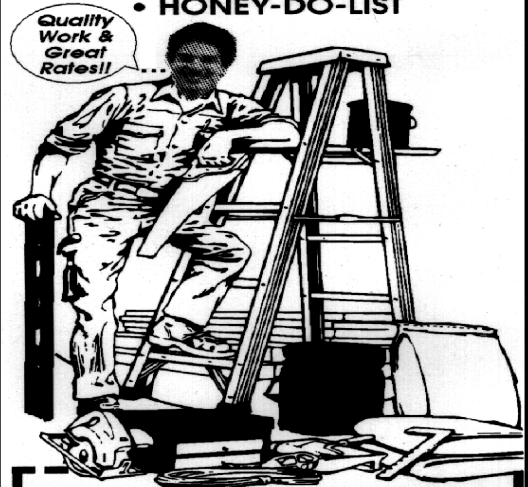
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CRIME STATISTICS FOR APRIL & MAY 1999:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary – Ridge Oak Dr.:

Attempted burglary of residence reported to police. No entry was made. Offense occurred on Fri. 4/16 between 8:30 a.m. & 3:45 p.m.

Habitation Burglary – Peakwood:

Burglar took golf clubs and equipment from open garage door. Offense occurred on Wed. 5/26 between 12:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Vehicle Burglary – Oak Point:

Thief stole two cell phones from vehicle parked in front of residence. Offense occurred between 6:00 p.m. on Mon. 5/31 & 7:30 a.m. on Wed. 6/2.

Criminal Mischief – Diamond Oaks:

Vandal threw beer bottle through bedroom window causing \$100 damage. Offense occurred on Sun. 4/11 at 3:00 p.m.

Criminal Mischief – Laurel Oaks Dr.:

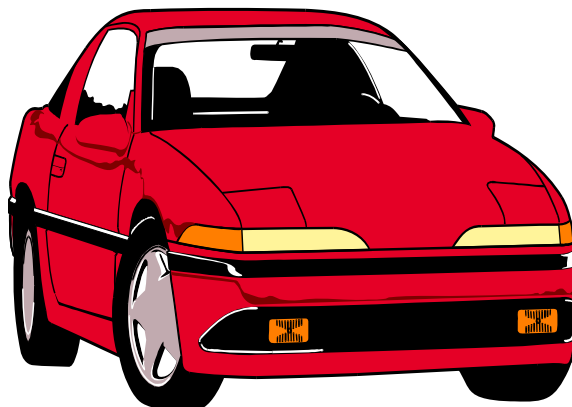
Vandal lit fireworks on carpeted front porch of residence causing \$25 damage. Offense occurred on Sat. 4/17 at 10:30 p.m.

I was unable to report the crime statistics in the May newsletter, as I did not have the information before printing. Therefore the above offenses are for the months of April and May. I was surprised at the small report of offenses we had. There were only 3 offenses reported in April and 2 in May. Of the two habitation reports made, one was prevented and the other could have been prevented if the garage door had been closed. There has been a rash of cell phones being stolen from vehicles. So if you have a cell phone, keep your vehicles locked and try to keep your phone out of sight. I have found the best way to prevent articles from being stolen from your vehicles, is to remove any valuables from your car, especially if you leave it parked on the street. As always in the summer when you are working in your yard, please keep your garage door closed at all times. It only takes a few minutes for someone to run in and grab something of value that can be sold quickly.

CITIZENS ON PATROL (C.O.P.)

UPDATE:

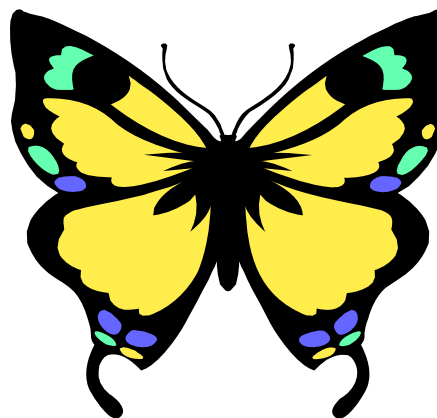
These volunteers are doing a great job helping to keep the crime rate down in Oakridge. I hope you have noticed the new signs attached to the big Crime Watch signs at each entryway. I feel like these signs will send a message to anyone entering Oakridge with the wrong intentions. Thank you to Cy Farver for taking the time to hang these signs up for us.



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY!!

*BEFORE YOU PUT
SOMEONE IN THEIR PLACE*

*PUT YOURSELF IN
THEIR'S*



NEW OFFICERS FOR 1999-2000:

The following list of names was presented at the May 20th General Membership Meeting and voted on to serve for the next term of office:

OFFICERS:

- ◆ President: Mike Rose
- ◆ Vice-President: Jim Griffin
- ◆ Secretary: Fern Cook
- ◆ Treasurer: JoAnn Schmerheim

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

- ◆ District 1: Joan McDole (Sec. 1)
- ◆ District 2: Karen Hearn (Sec. 9)
- ◆ District 4: Bill Johnson (Sec. 11)
- ◆ District 7: Donna Visneau (Sec. 7 & 8)

The other three District Directors will continue to complete their second year of their term. These include: Diana Edwards, District 3 (Sec. 11), Kathy Cypert, District 5 (Sec. 2 & 4) and Nelson Prater, District 6 (Sec. 3 & 6).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Mary Musseman

We want to thank all of the people who have already renewed their dues. We had a great turn out at the General Membership meeting where so many came in with their checks in hand. We hope all enjoyed the nice social hour before the meeting and got to meet some new neighbors. There was also 3 lucky people who won a Sunday Brunch for two at the Country Club, from our first door prize drawing.

The dues renewal letters were mailed and we have had a very prompt response. Thank you very much for taking the time to mail your checks and forms in. This will help us keep our records updated. As of the time of this printing, 150 renewals have been received and 16 NEW members have joined the ONA. Thanks again for your continued support.

We would also like to thank the following members for the extra cash donations to go into the beautification fund:

- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Holt
- Mr. & Mrs. John Chalker
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dayhoff
- Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Fitzgerald
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert McDole
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stilger
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rose

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police & Fire Emergencies	911
Police Non-Emergencies	972-205-2150
Lone Star Gas	1-800-817-8090
Sanitation	972-205-3500
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Poison Center	1-800-764-7661
Street Light Repair	972-205-3483
Electricity Emergency	972-205-3000
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LETTERS TO THE ONA:

Dear ONA Officers:

First of all, thank you for all your hard work and your continued efforts to keep Oakridge a thriving neighborhood. However, I would like to share with you my concerns about Garage Sales. Every weekend we have a swarm of vehicles throughout the neighborhood. This influx of traffic hinders the residents from traveling to and from their houses by blocking our alleys. This increases the risk of crimes and most importantly endangers all of our children while they are playing outside, riding bikes and/or skating in their own neighborhood. It is my suggestion that we stop all garage sales in Oakridge for everyone's safety and beautification of our neighborhood. Thank you for your time and please consider my request.

Angela Wrinkle

Dear ONA Officers:

I was thinking about all the ONA Newsletters I've received since moving to Oakridge 2-1/2 years ago. I was very appreciative of Lila LaGrassa stopping in to welcome me and to have me join the ONA. I trust the information I receive and appreciate it. I have cut out & pasted the Emergency Phone list into my address book. I have hired the handyman that lives a street over to help with a tile problem. But what I'd really like to see is a small section devoted to charity causes in our area of Garland. I know from my work with some local non-profits that there are some great ways to help out at no cost. One of my favorite Garland charities is the New Beginnings Center. They have the "Begin Again Thrift Center" at the southwest corner of Beltline & N. Garland Road. They accept used clothing, linens and household items to aid the battered women and children. We certainly all have things we don't utilize anymore and it's just around the corner from Oakridge. We are a very fortunate group of people and should be thankful for that and happy to share our good fortunes. Thank you for taking the time to listen and share my ideas.

Amy Jahnel

FOOD FOR (CHARITABLE) THOUGHT

The Achievement Center of Texas is a non-profit center in Garland for special needs and disabled children. This Center has recently registered with several local grocery stores (Albertsons, Kroger and Tom Thumb) for their charity giving programs. By providing the Center's charity card to the cashier at the point of sale, the amount of your purchases is recorded. Each quarter, the store contributes 1 to 2% of the value of all of the recorded purchases to the Center. Tom Thumb makes it even easier for you. The next time you present your Reward Card to the cashier, ask them to register your card to Charity #4833. You only have to do this once. These grocery store charity card programs are a great way to help a Garland charity and it doesn't cost you anything. If you would be willing to use one of these cards to benefit the special children of the Achievement Center, please e-mail or call me and I will be delighted to send or bring you a card. Thank you for your interest.

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HIGH GRASS AND/OR WEEDS:

Twelve inches is the height limit for grass and/or weeds. This includes the front, back, side yards and right-of-way (area between sidewalk & curb). Also, the alley and easement (area behind the property) must be maintained within a perimeter of a minimum of 50' from any property line adjacent to developed non-residential property and 100' from any property line adjacent to developed residential property.


FENCES:

Fences should be maintained at all times. It is unlawful to allow a fence to lean or to have missing, loose, or broken slats or panels. The fence is not allowed to have symbols, writing, and other graffiti except signs which pertain to the address or occupancy of the property. Barbed wire, hog wire, chicken wire, and electric fences are prohibited.

A fence, structure, or gate is required to completely surround a swimming pool to prevent small children from inadvertently wandering into the pool. The fence, structure, or gate shall not be lower than 4' in height, and not have any openings that will allow a 4" diameter sphere to pass through; and all gates should have a self-closing and self-latching device designed to keep gates closed and locked at all times.

A permit is required to build any fence and can be obtained from Building Inspection at 800 Main Street or calling 972-205-2300.

The above information on High Grass and Fences is provided by the Code Enforcement Office. You may call them for additional information or clarification at 972-205-3800.



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THANKS TO THE ONA:

The Garland Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association wishes to thank the Oakridge Neighborhood Association for their generous support in promoting the Garland Police Annual Awards Dinner held on Friday, April 16, 1999.

Thank You, Dorris A. Murdock, Pres. GCPAAA

TELEMARKETING FRAUD IS A CRIME

The following helpful tips were provided by the Garland Police Department. Fraudulent Telemarketers are Criminals and they target elderly people. Don't fall for a con line. Don't send money to callers if they:

- Want money for a prize you are told you won.
- Offer to send a courier to pick up your check. Claim the other company you dealt with went out of business but they have your prize for a fee.
- Offer, for a fee, to recover money you lost to a previous con.
- Claim their offer won't wait, that you have to act now.
- Claim there is no time to send anything in writing.
- State that the promised return is guaranteed.
- Congratulate you for being such a lucky person.

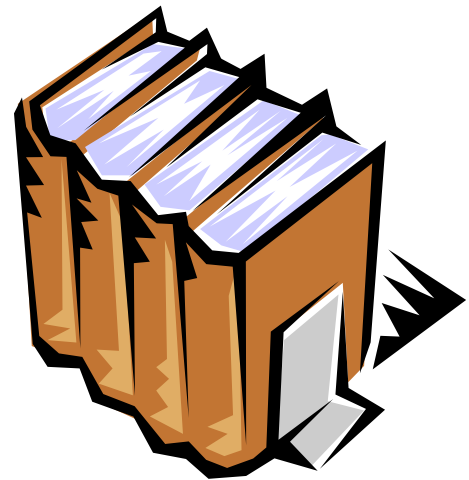
Keep this by your telephone so you can be prepared to answer by saying, "I'm not interested, please take my number off your list." Then HANG UP!

Report these calls to your local police at 972-205-2150. You can also call the State Attorney General's office or the National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060.



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SUMMER INFORMATION:**

Summer reading club for toddlers thru High School is available at all libraries thru July 31st. Reading logs are available at the libraries to keep track of how much time each child reads or is read to over the summer and to earn Carnival tickets. Tickets can be redeemed at the Summer Reading Club Carnival on July 24th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Central Library. Admission is FREE for all participants!



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