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## Oakridge Environmental Report

*Cy Farver*

All of the caps on the exterior columns have been replaced. Even some of the loose caps were cemented back in place while the replacement project was underway. We will try to get all the loose caps repaired this summer but that will depend upon the schedule of our labor crew.

Again we want to thank the many members who have donated additional funds for the beautification of the ONA entrances. A listing of those additional donors this past month is below. We are trying to get a price on replacing the sprinklers on Overview and Buckingham. The original system was shut down due to construction and can not be reactivated.

You will notice quite a few dead spots in the grass area around Oakridge. This is due to the eradication of Dallas Grass by the groundskeepers. Once we have that weed killed off, the good grass will come back. The long stems of Dallas Grass make it appear as if it always needs mowing.

We have had a very cooperative summer in terms of rain and heat, but this can change so be prepared. Once the rain quits, wilting can follow very quickly. Pay attention to flowers, shrubs, and trees, they may need extra water when the weather returns to normal. Consider adding (more) mulch to the top of the soil to cool the soil and reduce evaporation. Always water slowly to allow the water to penetrate and not run off. If you have a sprinkler system, run two or three short cycles in the early morning. This allows it to soak in between cycles with less run off and evaporation.

Don't be afraid to plant container grown plants and shrubs just because it is hot. They will do well if planted in the ground and cared for properly. Most container grown plants from the nursery have been watered from the top until all the minerals have leached from the soil ball. Some will be root bound. Soak the container in a pail of water for several hours before planting. Then saturate with a light dose of a water soluble fertilizer. Continue feeding on a two week intervals until the plant is established and new growth appears. It will also help if you trim some of the plant's limbs to reduce the demand on the disturbed root system.

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**Oakridge Women's Club**

*Libby Morse*

The Fourth of July Parade was a great Success! The children and adults had a lot of fun! The Oakridge Women's club would like to acknowledge all of those who helped make it happen. Thanks to all of those that participated in the parade. The decorations were cute! We really appreciated the spectators along the parade route showing their support! We really want to express our gratitude to Vicki Scott and Tricia Klimko for coordinating the event and the Oakridge Country Club for loaning the golf carts and facility!

The next meeting of the OWA is Tuesday August the 4<sup>th</sup> at The New Nedley's. We will have officer elections and plan for the upcoming year. If you are interested in joining the OWA please call MaryAnne Cullum at 972-495-9312.

We would love to have you!

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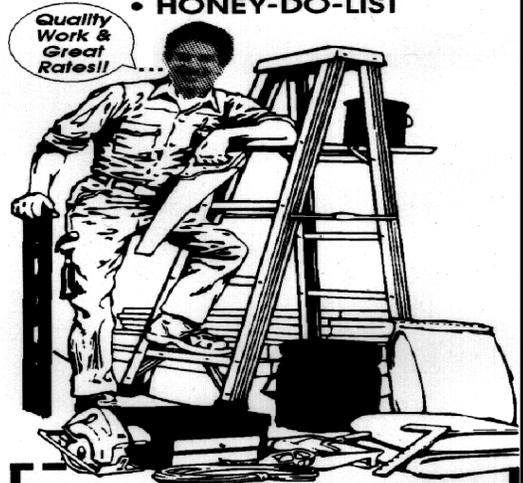
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4th of July Parade and donated some wonderful prizes!  
Thanks for your support!**

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

*Mary Musseman*

Wow! We have gotten such a great response from everyone renewing their dues so promptly. We really appreciate it. As of this date, July 18<sup>th</sup>, we have received 353 paid dues. Only 92 members from last year have not sent in their renewals as of this date. We have also gotten several new members from the May newsletter that was distributed to the entire neighborhood of Oakridge.

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

- Mr. & Mrs. Don Davis
- Mr. Ed Gilmore
- Mr. Wayne Letchworth
- Ms. Janis Morris
- Ms. Mary Reed

**WELCOME WAGON:**

*Luanne Payne*

The Welcome Wagon has gotten a little behind these past two months but we are trying to get caught up with all the new residents who have moved into Oakridge. Please be patient with us. We have had a lot of help from neighbors who have called to let us know when a new neighbor has moved in. Thanks for the help. Sometimes if it weren't for your calls we wouldn't know that we have a new neighbor. You can call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323 or the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136.

- District 1:** Jim & Deb Shoap  
2434 Golden Oaks
- District 2:** Lonnie & Denise DeMoe  
2306 Rocky Trail  
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2205 Shady Oaks
- District 5:** Mary Messer  
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If you are a neighbor of one of these new families, please go over and just say hello. You never know you just might have something in common with

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Police Non-Emergencies	972-205-2150
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Sanitation	972-205-3500
Environmental Code	972-205-3800
Animal Control	972-205-3570
Poison Center	1-800-764-7661
Street Light Repair	972-205-3483
Electricity Emergency	972-205-3000
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**CRIME STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1999:**

*Luanne Payne*

**Habitation Burglary – Bending Oaks:**

Thief stole golf bag and clubs from open garage door. Offense occurred between 6:00 a.m. on Fri. 6/4 and 5:00 p.m. on Thurs. 6/10.

**Vehicle Burglary – Willow Ridge:**

Thief stole cell phone from unlocked vehicle parked on street. Offense occurred on Wed. 6/2 between 4:00 – 5:00 a.m.

**Vehicle Burglary – Diamond Oaks:**

Thief stole radar detector from unlocked vehicle. Offense occurred on Tues. 6/1 at 7:00 p.m.

**Vehicle Burglary – Pebblestone:**

Thief stole cash, CD’s, and various other items from unlocked vehicle parked on driveway. Offense occurred on Mon. 6/14 between 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

The month of June only had four offenses reported. Simply closing a garage door and removing valuables from sight in the vehicles and keeping the vehicles locked could have prevented all four of these offenses. I know we all get busy and think we are only going to be gone a few minutes. That is exactly what these thieves are counting on. So take a little extra time and put your cell phones and other valuables out of sight before getting out of your car, then be sure to lock it.

If you see a neighbors garage door open for an unusual length of time, be a good neighbor and call them or go over and knock on the door to let them know. They may have forgotten all about it being open. Case in point; A good neighbor called me the other day to tell me about a suspicious situation. A neighbors garage door had been open all day and that she thought the homeowner had gone out of town for the weekend. She had asked a neighbor next door to try to close it but they were unsuccessful. So she called me. My husband and I went by to see what we could do. We weren’t successful either so we called the police. The police called the fire department and within 15 minutes four very nice firemen from Station No. 6 showed up and got the door closed. The motor had gone out in the opener and the pull rope was also gone. After all was said and done we found out the homeowner was going to be out of town for 4 or 5 days. If it hadn’t been for this concerned neighbor, I feel very sure that when the residents returned home, several things would have been stolen. This is what a successful Crime Watch is all about!

**OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS**

*Roberta Jones*

Just a quick reminder about our next summer luncheon!! All of the ladies of Oakridge are invited to meet at Ryan’s Steak House on Buckingham at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. No reservations are necessary so just come if you can.

Our club will get back into full swing on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM with a Kick-Off Coffee at my home (Roberta Jones) at 2601 Oak Point Drive. Please mark you calendar now and plan to attend. Lots of fun activities are being planned for the fall and winter seasons and we hope you will take an active part in some of them.

Several of our activity groups are continuing to meet this summer, so if you need any info. you can give me a call at 972-414-7277. Hope to see you soon!

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**Parking on Unimproved Surfaces:**

No vehicle should be parked in the front or side yards at any time, except on a driveway or on an improved surface which can consist of compacted gravel contained within a border providing a minimum depth of 6"; or reinforced concrete providing a minimum depth of 4". Additionally, **PARKING IN THE ALLEY IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES** so as not to interfere with the free and uninterrupted movement of traffic.

**Junked Vehicles:**

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