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President's Corner: Mike Rose

Did you read last months newsletter? There were several good articles by different people.

Many questions were asked in the August newsletter. Most of them related to neighborhood vitality or conversely deterioration. Could you answer the questions?

You will find additional articles in this months newsletter pertaining to the same topic. In fact our quest speaker for this quarterly general meeting will be talking to our membership regarding neighborhood vitality, more specifically he will relate to us what one city neighborhood association is doing to combat deterioration. It would be wise to have your questions prepared in advance of the meeting so as to allow more questions to be asked.

The ONA is trying to become more involved in the life of the city so that the Oakridge area is not taken for granted. Our Vice-President represents us at a quarterly meeting sponsored by the City Council and City Manager. A former resident is President of the Chamber of Commerce. Several folks who live in our neighborhood serve on many different boards or commissions for the city of Garland.

The Board has obtained a complete mailing list of ALL homes in ONA. We will be making an effort to communicate these same concerns to those who are not members of ONA. We hope to convince some to join ONA. Will you help by talking to the homeowners on your street who do not participate in our community?

Together we may make this a more desirable neighborhood to live, which will then positively affect the value of our homes.

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OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 30, 1999
Social Hour: 6:30p.m.
Meeting: 7:30p.m.

Program - Honorable Council Lowell Hyatt District 7
“ Neighborhood Vitality “

Invited Guests: Police Officer - Stephanie Webb
Code Enforcement Inspector - Tommie Cobb

Oakridge Women's Club

Libby Morse

Don't bee  shy- join the OWC!!!

We are looking for YOU! We aren't your average women's group! Come find out for yourself! We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. It is a great way to meet your Oakridge neighbors, their families and have fun. We have holiday parties for adults and kids both! Nights out with the girls! Games and more! Our dues are only \$15 per year.

Next month we meet at Emma McDonalds house. We will be planning the Halloween party. Please call Mary Macejewski at 972-495-5734 for more information on membership.

This month we met at Texas Land and Cattle. We had a great turnout. We planned the meetings for the next year.

Please welcome our new member Karryn Torres! We look



F A L L L

F.Y.I.

On September 8, 1999 the legal blood-alcohol level dropped from 0.10 to 0.08. With the holidays approaching, please take this into consideration when you get behind the wheel of your car.

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- Grocery Shopping (Especially for Home Bound Seniors)
- Etc., Etc.

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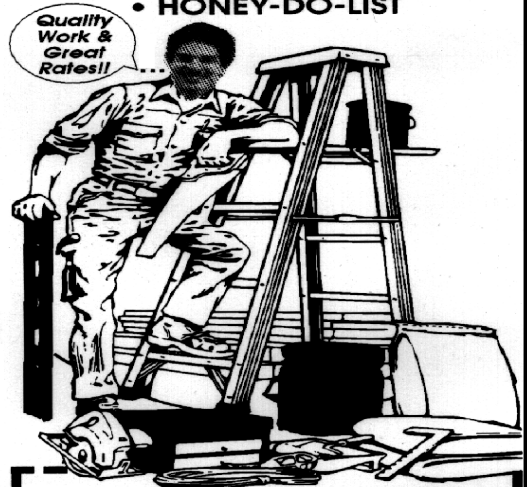
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Code Compliance Workshop

The Garland Homeowners Coalition, in conjunction with the City of Garland Code Compliance Department, will be sponsoring a Code Compliance workshop on Saturday October 9th from 10am to 12 noon at (city hall someplace) . The purpose of the training is to provide selected association members with the code enforcement guidelines and skills necessary to help maintain the integrity of your neighborhood.

All neighborhood and homeowners associations are encouraged to send one or more members to this training session. The areas to be covered are listed in the next column.

The objective of this training is to have selected "qualified" members of your organization, who can look around your neighborhood, identify violations, and directly contact your area inspector with the details of the violations. This has been successfully accomplished within the Camelot Neighborhood Association (CNA) for several years. They have divided their neighborhood into specific areas with a qualified member responsible for observing and reporting in each area.

The overall benefit to our city and its neighborhoods could be tremendous. Please make sure that your organization is aware of this opportunity and sends as many members as they desire to this training. For more information about this program call the GHC at 972 530-2261.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police & Fire Emergencies	911
Police Non-Emergencies	972-205-2150
Lone Star Gas	1-800-817-8090
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
Water & Sewer	972-205-3210
Councilman, Lowell Hyatt	972-495-9394
Off. Stephanie Webb, NPO	972-205-2740
ONA Hotline	214 -967-5136

Code Compliance Training Workshop

I. Overview of Code Duties

II. Specific Code Violations

- a. high grass
- b. trash
- c. junk vehicles
- d. fence maintenance
- e. parking on an unimproved surface
- f. encroachments
- g. garbage containers
- h. sewage
- i. water leaks
- j. animal nuisance
- k. home occupations
- m. overcrowding
- n. overweight vehicles
- o. signs
- p. substandard occupied housing
- q. fence maintenance
- r. garage sales
- s. glare
- t. improper storage

III. Common Neighborhood Assoc. Inspection Errors

- a. parking on unpaved surfaces
- b. high grass
- c. fence maintenance
- d. junk vehicles

IV. Questions & Answers

V. Handouts

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Mike Rose
President Oakridge HOA
2406 Lone Oak Trail
Garland, TX 74044

Dear Mike,

The Garland Homeowners Coalition (GHC) has spent many hours reviewing “Neighborhood Vitality Programs” that have been considered by other cities. We have found that the city of Richardson has an excellent program that could be used as a model for the city of Garland. The city of Richardson’s program was a bond initiative that was voted on and approved by eighty (80) percent of those voting during their last bond election. The approved bond money, approximately \$8 million, is being used to improve such things as sidewalks, fences, screening walls, bridges, curbs, aging housing stock, etc.

As you are aware, Garland has many older neighborhoods that would most certainly benefit from such an initiative. “Neighborhood Vitality” is a major need for our city and it is past due for our city to take some positive action, similar to that taken by Richardson.

The GHC has approached the city of Garland with such a recommendation, but has basically been ignored. We need your HOA’s support in writing, calling, or e-mailing your city council member supporting our initiative. Bond money dedicated to a Neighborhood Vitality program is the only way that we can expect to see our city neighborhoods improve in a reasonable time frame.

If you would like any additional information, please contact GHC . We would appreciate a copy of any correspondence that you might send to your representative on this subject.

Thank you in advance for your support on this important issue.

District Director No. 4

Bill Johnson

In the August Oakridge Newsletter, our ONA President, Mike Rose, mentioned that ONA members should communicate any concerns they have to their District Directors, and these concerns would be addressed at the monthly meetings of the ONA Board (which are held on the third Thursday of each month).

I am the newly elected Director of District 4, which corresponds to Oakridge Section 11. Included in District 4 are: all 23 homes on Grand Oak, all 18 homes on Windy Ridge, all 19 homes on Willow Ridge, all 21 homes on Winding Oak, 45 homes on Oak Point (beginning at addresses 2909-2918 and ending at 2601-2606), 13 homes on Oak Springs (beginning at 2701-2702 and ending at 2708-2817, and 4 homes on Rolling Oak (2001 through 2013), for a total of 143 homes.

Anyone in District 4 with questions or concerns should not hesitate to call me at 972-414-1665. My Email address is:
bill_margejohnson@prodigy.net

Also, we like to greet newcomers to Oakridge with a welcome basket. If you know of a new arrival, please tell me or Luanne Payne and we’ll try to get by to see them.



Main Street Garland Presents
“Fiddlin’ Around on the Square”

Saturday, October 9th
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

by Roberta Jones

If the saying, “a friend is a present you give yourself” is really true, then those of us at the September Coffee went home with lots of “presents”. It was great catching up on each other’s lives after a very busy summer and meeting our first-time visitors. A great big welcome to our four new members; we trust they will find the same warmth and friendship in the Daytimers that so many of us have found.

Mark your calendar for all of the exciting events coming up in the next few months:

FASHION SHOW & FRIENDSHIP COFFEE-October 12th –10AM-OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

Invite some friends (this time it can be someone outside of Oakridge) to enjoy coffee and pastries and watch the show. Apparel will be provided by Draper’s and Damon’s (Inwood Village on Lover’s Lane), featuring Oakridge Daytimers models. Reservations must be in to me (Roberta Jones, 972-414-7277) by Friday, October 8th for both you and your guests. Our treasury will be covering the cost of our members, with each person paying \$5.00 for each one of their guests. PLEASE do try to come if you make a reservation, as we don’t want to “squander the pennies” in our treasury with “no-shows”. Thanks!

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH-October 18th-11:15 AM-THE POTPOURRI COTTAGE. This cute little tea room in downtown Garland will be the spot to meet for our next luncheon. Mary Musseman will take your reservation at 972-414-1098.

LET’S GO ANTIQUING-A trip to McKinney is planned for shopping and lunch on Monday, November 1st. Call Martha Boyette at 972-414-9875 for more details as she is arranging this fun adventure for all of us shoppers!

CRAFTS GROUP-October 19th-10AM-NORENE MURPHY’S HOME. She can be reached at 972-530-6669 if you have any questions. Bring a project, relax with a cup of coffee and just “stitch ‘n chat”.

BOOK CLUB-October 15th-10 AM. Since the fall planning session for this group takes place after this goes to press, just call Jo Ann Williams at 972-530-2938 for the book selections and meeting place for October.

BRIDGE: All levels of play are available, organized by Jane Buchanan at 972-530-4762 so just let her know if you are interested in joining one of these groups.

WALKERS: You don’t need to be physically fit to participate in this activity but you do have to make an effort to be a morning person since the walkers are out early. Call Barbara Brunette at 972-530-4288 or just show up at 2209 Diamond Oaks at 7:15 AM on M-W-F.

HOSPITALITY: A new committee of two, Jo Dietz and Sarah Traylor, has been formed to provide the wonderful door prizes we will be having at our meetings, coordinate the

“goodies” (we have some great cooks in this club) and miscellaneous details. Winner of this month’s door prize was Jackie Tucker—congrats!!

SUNSHINE: Dianne Winter keeps us posted on the health of our neighbors, sends cards, etc.; contact her at 972-530-6210. Dianne’s **QUOTE OF THE DAY** is “Remember to help your neighbor”. That’s what this club and our community is all about!

COMMUNITY LIASON: Luanne Payne keeps us informed of pertinent community issues and projects, so for any input or questions, you can reach her at 972-530-9323.

Wow, lots of activities for this month! While you are marking your calendar for October, be sure you flip over to November 9th and reserve that date. A tour and delicious catered luncheon will be held at the Gabbert’s Show Home for \$11.00 a person. More details will be announced later or call Jo Ann Williams. You can get your check to her anytime now, to hold your spot for this fun event!

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CRIME STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1999:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary – Richland Dr.:

Thief stole three bicycles and two skateboards from open garage door. Offense occurred between 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. on Sun. 8/22.

Habitation Burglary – Pepperidge:

Thief stole golf clubs and bag from open garage door. Offense occurred between 7:00 p.m. on Wed. 8/25 and 3:00 a.m. on Thurs. 8/26.

Vehicle Burglary – Laurel Oaks Ct.:

Thief broke passenger side window of vehicle and stole leather case. Offense occurred between 9:00 a.m. & midnight on Mon. 8/16.

Theft Under \$50 – Diamond Oaks:

Thief stole "Big Green" trash bin. Offense occurred about noon on Sat. 8/14.

Theft Under \$50 – Big Oaks:

Thief stole "Big Green" trash bin. Offense occurred between 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. on Mon. 8/9.

Theft Under \$50 – Hearthside:

Thief stole "Big Green" trash bin. Offense occurred between 6:00 a.m. on Tues. 8/17 & midnight on Thurs. 8/19.

Criminal Mischief – Stoneridge:

Vandal threw brick through back window of vehicle. Offense occurred between 10:00 p.m. on Sun. 8/8 and 7:00 a.m. on Mon.

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ONA POET'S CORNER

Last month's request for you to share with readers any verse you might have written was underwhelming. Your penalty for not responding is that you must read more of my verse! Send any submissions you would like to see published in the Newsletter to: Bill Johnson (email: bill_margejohnson@prodigy.net phone: 972-414-1665).

ONA Blues

I belong to the ONA
Faithfully my dues I pay
Read our Newsletter avidly
Keeping up with stuff, you see

Traveling alleys on patrol
Keeping watch is my role
Twisting alleys leave no clue
What new street I've gotten to

Go to meetings without number
Eyes wide open while I slumber
Often wishing I didn't care
Often wishing I wasn't there

Tend to landscape continually
At portals to our community
Fixing damage trucks may bring
With careless accessing

It's all of you who volunteer
Who make me glad that I am here
Somehow things all get done
Making our Oakridge safe and fun

Welcome Wagon:

Luanne Payne

The following families were welcomed to the Oakridge Neighborhood during the past month. The Welcome Wagon is working hard to get caught up on any new families who have moved in but haven't been welcomed. If you know of a family who needs to be welcomed, please contact Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323.

Dist. 4: Vance & Heidi Niemann
2126 Windy Ridge

Richard & Peggy Toney
2105 Windy Ridge

Carl & Sunhee Sutton
2901 Willow Ridge

Dist. 5: Dan & Janine Flaming
3122 Big Oaks

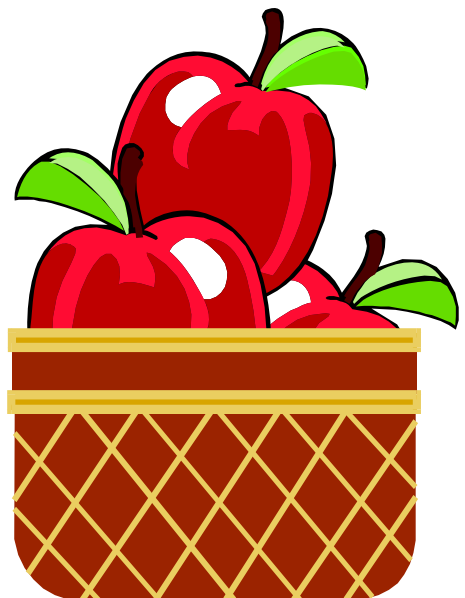
Robert & Chris Simmons
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Bonnie Tancre
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MEMBERSHIP

Mary Musseman

Our membership is up to 420 members. I made one more attempt and telephoned about 50 families to see if they still wanted to be in the roster. It was very successful and I thank everyone who sent in their renewals. It's always nice to chat with my neighbors and see how they're doing. In the busy world that we live in sometimes neighbors are at the very end of our long lists. Please remember that these are the folks that walk by your home and put your paper on your porch when they see that you're gone for the weekend and the folks that see stray animals and try and return them to their owners. So take a few minutes now that the weather is nicer and say hello to a neighbor that is **NEW** in the neighborhood or a neighbor that you only wave at on the way to work. I'm sure they would appreciate your friendliness.

I'm getting the ads ready for the roster, so if anyone is interested in placing one please give me a call at 972-414-1098. **THANK YOU** for all your support. Without you there wouldn't be an O.N.A.

Special Thanks to: Mr. & Mrs. David Jenkins for

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