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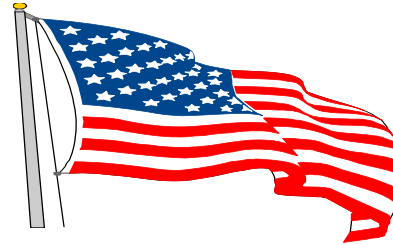
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## President's corner – Mike Rose

The May ONA newsletter was mailed to the approximately 1,180 families living within our community. This issue, June, will go to the same families. After these two mailings, the newsletter will only be mailed to the families who are members of ONA. Have you completed the enclosed membership form? Or did you complete the form on the internet ([oakridgena.com](http://oakridgena.com))? You must mail in a check for \$48.00 along with a completed membership form to be a member for the current year, June '00 through May '01. Thank you for your continued support of your community.

Have you looked in a dictionary recently? Do you know the definition of the word community? Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition defines it as "the people with common interests living in a particular area; an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location. Sounds like the Oakridge area would qualify under these definitions. As a community of people living in the Oakridge area wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a much higher percentage of families who belonged to the ONA? Just think of how much more beautiful the common landscaping would look! How about a dues adjustment? It would be possible if the membership rolls increased substantially. I wonder why families do not become part of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Our by-laws do not allow us to be anything but an association which looks after its membership and promotes our immediate community. If you are not a member, why not? Let the ONA Board know of your position. National Neighborhood Night Out is August 2. Why not begin on that date to be part of a stronger community by sharing some ice tea with your neighbors? Isn't it time to get to know who lives on your street? That is the idea of National Night Out and as an extension of that so is the Oakridge Neighborhood

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## FLY THE FLAG

### JUNE 14 TO JULY 4

The White House  
Office of the Press Secretary  
For Immediate Release June 7, 1996  
Flag Day And National Flag Week, 1996  
By The President The United STATES Of America  
A Proclamation

There is no better symbol of our country's values and traditions than the Flag of the United States of America. Chosen by the Continental Congress in 1777, it continues to exemplify the profound commitment to freedom, equality, and opportunity made by our founders more than two centuries ago. Our flag's proud stars and stripes have long inspired our people, and its beautiful red, white, and blue design is known around the world as a beacon of liberty and justice.

To commemorate the adoption of our Flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" and requested the President to issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the Flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings. The Congress also requested the President, by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966 (80 Stat. 194), to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 falls as "National Flag Week" and calling upon all citizens of the United States to display the Flag during that week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1996, as Flag Day and the week beginning June 9, 1996, as National Flag Week. I direct the appropriate officials to display the Flag on all Federal Government buildings during that week, and I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places.

*I also call upon the people of the United States to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day, also set aside by Congress (89 Stat. 211), as a time to honor our Nation, to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.*

**SIGN UP NOW!!!**

**This is your neighborhood!**

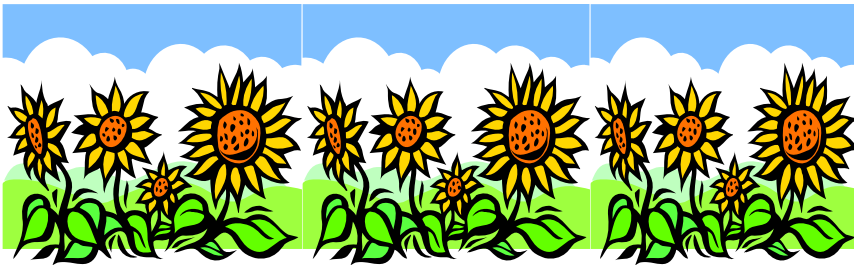
**We need your support to keep our entrances and perimeters planted and mowed!**

**Send in your check NOW!**

**Fill in the enclosed application or log on to [oakridgena.com](http://oakridgena.com)**

**At this time there are only 163 homes out of 1180 making your neighborhood prettier!**

**DO YOUR PART!!!**



**THE DAYTIMERS**

*Diane Winter*

The girls of summer have not let the season slow them down. The monthly coffees are not held during the summer, but the other activities keep them swinging. At the end of May a group traveled to Ben Wheeler to tour the home, chapel and grounds of the historic Roseland Plantation. They also enjoyed lunch and a few other fun stops.

The **Walkers** have not withered, the **Bridge Groups** are still dealing and the **Canasta Groups** are gaining momentum. For daytime Canasta call Barbara Brunett (972-530-4288). For the evening schedule call Margaret Fowler at (972- 530- 8585).

The **Craft Group** reports that they are making progress on the Christmas tree skirt. They will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Call Norene Murphy for details, (972-530-6669).

The May Luncheon at Café de France was a success and the next one is **June 27<sup>th</sup> at Cappuccino's**, Midway at LBJ. Call Lucy Brock (972-414-9778).

GET RESERVATIONS NOW! For the **July 7<sup>th</sup> High Tea at Lavendou's**, 19009 Preston Rd., 3pm. Call JoAnn Williams (972-530-2938) for reservations or Brenda Britton (972-530-6722).

**NEW!!!**

A class for **Water Aerobics** is in the organizational stage. The plans call for the location to be at the home of Jackie Griffin with Becky Parks leading the exercises. This is a great opportunity. If you are interested call Jackie Griffin at (972-530-4777) or Becky Parks at (972-495-8776).

Come join us for other opportunities to know your neighbors. Call president (and grandmother of new twins), Roberta Jones at (972-414-7277) for additional information.

**REAR STREET ADDRESSES NEEDED**

*Luanne Payne*

Recently, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring street address numbers on the front and rear of all commercial and residential structures. While most homes have the address displayed on the front of the house, many do not have it visible at the rear of the property. The address numbers should be at least three inches in height and displayed at the front and rear of the building (the numbers at the rear of the property can be put on a fence). These numbers should be visible from the street, paved on unpaved alleys, or other easements which provide access to the property. Being able to see these address numbers from both the street and the rear of the property is especially helpful to City Departments, such as the Police and Fire, in providing emergency services and to utility companies who have personnel working in the alleys. This is also very helpful to the C.O.P. volunteers when they are driving in the alleys and discover open garage doors.

The City appreciates citizen cooperation in making sure these numbers are properly posted. Contact Building Inspection at 972-205-2302 for additional 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

**LET SUE DO IT**

The possibilities are endless (and the prices are reasonable)

- Pet/House Sitting
- Errands
- Taking kids to soccer, ortho, Etc.
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- Grocery Shopping (Especially for Home Bound Seniors)
- Etc., Etc.

**LET SUE DO IT**

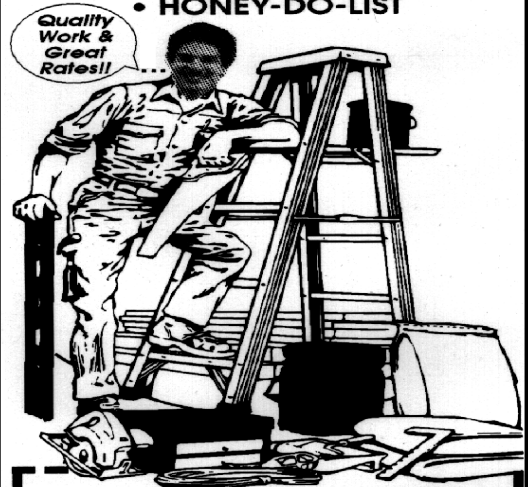
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**Citizens On Patrol – C.O.P.**

*Bill Johnson*

Once again the Citizens On Patrol is soliciting anyone interested in signing up and taking the 6-hour class given by the police department. The Oakridge C.O.P. program is still active and has shown to be very beneficial in reducing the crime rate in Oakridge. This, as with any other committee in the ONA, is done by volunteers. Once you have been trained, you only need to commit to one hour per week to help us out. The class has not been scheduled as of this date, but will probably be sometime in late August or early September. If you are interested, we need to get an application completed by you and turned into the police department so they have some idea of how many people are interested. This is a great program and you can be a part of helping to keep your neighborhood a safer place to live. You must be a member of the ONA to participate in this program. Please call either Bill Johnson at 972-414-1665 to get an application.

**Flower Fund Followers !!!**

*Cy Farver*

Many thanks to the generous contributors to the flower fund. Once again the members of ONA have come through with the money to help us beautify the entrances to our neighborhood. If you would like to help, please complete the form below with your contribution.

In the meantime, our vote of appreciation goes to:

- Joe & Barbara Bennett
- Travis & Arlene Lennox
- Clara Mae Meurer
- Mike and Janet Rose
- Dave & Becky Thomas
- Several who wished to remain anonymous.

We also want to again thank the folks who provided iris tubors for planting at Ridge Oak, Big Oaks, Laurel Oaks, and Overview entrances.

*Oakridge Neighborhood Association*  
*Beautification Donation*

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the O.N.A. for use in purchasing flowers and shrubs to be planted at an entrance to Oakridge.

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## **Faucet Filters Filled ???**

*Cy Farver*

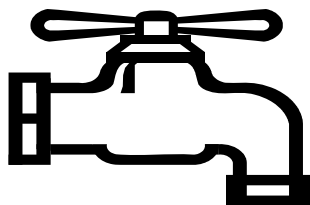
Have you been driven to frustration because your faucet and bath filters are getting clogged with little tiny white particles? I reached the point of no return when I replaced our kitchen sink sprayer for the third time in two weeks. The shower volume was low and the bathroom sink faucet was stopped up.

I blamed the Garland water system, thinking they were putting too many "salts" in the system. I called and was informed it was my system that was causing the problems, but they didn't tell me where my problem was originating.

I called Mai Plumbing for the solution and was told it was the dissolution of the plastic dip tube in my hot water heater. Mai had replaced my hot water heater in 1994. The dip tube (normally several feet long) provides cold water to the bottom of the heater allowing convection to carry the hot water to the top and the hot water lines. My dip tube was about 2 inches long!

I have since learned (courtesy of Mai Plumbing) that almost all water heaters manufactured between August 1993 and October 1996 used dip tubes manufactured by Perfection Corporation. The only water heaters free of this problem have been those manufactured by State Manufacturing Company. Furthermore, a class action lawsuit has been filed and a settlement has been reached.

If you have had the problem of clogged filters on appliances connected to hot water, or if your hot water heater was purchased or installed during this period, check into the problem on the web at [dip-tubesettlement.com](http://dip-tubesettlement.com). You can file a claim or secure a certificate for replacement. My manufacturer promptly refunded the cost of the tube and Mai Plumbing's labor charges for the replacement when I filled for it last year. Unfortunately, even with a new tube, you will continue to have small problems because pieces of the old tube are still floating in the tank. Once they completely dissolve, the problems will end.



The following was printed in the Friendly Exchange a publication from the Farmer Insurance Group.

While it is true that July holds the top spot for home burglaries, January and August share the No. 2 spot. The point is that burglaries take place all year long and you need to act accordingly.

That might be easier than you think. According to crime statistics, in six of every 10 burglaries the culprits entered through an unlocked door. Locking your doors and windows is a simple way to stop thefts.

Adding deadbolt locks and better exterior lighting can help, too. You might even qualify for a discount on your homeowners policy. Ask your agent.



### **Oakridge Country Club**

Your Family's Summer  
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May we invite you to heat up your leisure time with our new **Summer Membership!** As a Summer Member, you'll enjoy unlimited social and swimming privileges From May 27<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>. We also offer a variety of Junior Golf, Tennis, and Swim Programs including a fun-filled All- Sports Camp.

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF OAKRIDGE

## GARLAND

**Neeraj Bhatti**, Football 9-12, University of North Texas

**Crystal Collins**, Student Council Rep 9-12, Drill Team, Leadership Council, Kilgore Jr. College

**Kelly Gingerich**, Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate, Softball 9-12, Pres FCA, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Leadership Council, Texas A&M University

**Amy Hageland**, National Honor Soc. Cheerleader 9-12, FHA-Childcare, University of Texas

**Kathy Kaplan**, Full Intl Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate Soccer 9-12, National Merit Finalist, Syracuse University

**Karen Lee**, Salutatorian, Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate Orchestra 9-12, National Honor Soc, Stanford University

**Ellen Miles**, Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate National Merit Finalist, Swim and Soccer Teams 9-12, University of Virginia

**Amy Morton**, National Merit Society Beta Club, Student and Leadership Councils, Swim Team, Texas A&M University

**Crystal Monteiro**, Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate National Honor Soc., Swim Team 9-12, University of Texas

**Ryan Murphy**, Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate Thespian Soc. 9-12, University of North Texas

**Alison Panasik**, Cheerleader 9-12, Chamber Singers and Celebration Show Choir, Baylor University

**Riley Stinnett**, National Honor Society, Orchestra 9-12, Swim Team 9-12, University of Texas

**Jared Swanson**, International Baccalaureate Certificate Candidate National Merit Finalist, Honors Orchestra, Journalism, Grinnell College

**Quoc Tran**, Swim Team, Undecided

## NORTH GARLAND

**Noah Ballou**, Varsity Basketball, Collin County Community College

**Gabriel Brock**, North Garland STRONG, Undecided

**Lindsey Youzva**, President's Award for Educational Excellence, Texas Scholar, Undecided

## NAAMAN FOREST

**Kasey Gosline**, Honor Graduate, Undecided

**Matthew Higgins**, Undecided

**Mauri Hubbard**, Softball Scholarship, University of Florida

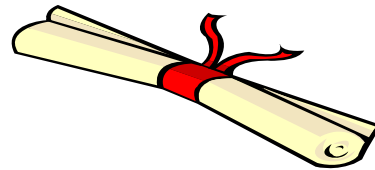
**Jessica Moeller**, Texas Lutheran

**Jennifer Moseley**, Texas Scholar, Collin County/Texas A&M

**Jonathan Traylor**, Texas Scholar, Texas Tech University

Emily Spurgeon, former resident of Oakridge, and granddaughter of Art and Jo Dietz, graduated from Naaman Forest High School as a Texas Scholar, and will attend the Oklahoma University. Emily was on the basketball team while a student at Naaman Forest.

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association wishes to extend congratulations to the above graduates that we have been able to confirm in the area. We are certainly proud of the citizenship they add to our community. Thanks to Luanne Payne, Kim Gingerich, and Sarah Traylor for their efforts in collecting this information. Please call (972-530-6210) if you have a name that has been omitted and we will include it next month. The accomplishments of these graduates are so vast that it is impossible to list all of the great achievements they have accumulated and scholarships they have been awarded.



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Association. Again, why not support the beautification of your neighborhood by being a member of ONA?

The ONA Board will be meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> to formulate a calendar of events and meeting dates for the remainder of the year. Look for information about this on the web site or in future newsletters. The Board will also deal with selecting new at-large directors who will be responsible for various duties. Look for these newly appointed committee heads to be calling for help. As was stated in past newsletters, if a few help the job gets completed quickly.

The ONA Board anticipates and will work towards an increased involvement of the approximately 1,180 families living in the Oakridge community.

## Look at the view

Anna Quindlen's Villanova Commencement Address:

It's a great honour for me to be the third member of my family to receive an honorary doctorate from this great university. It's a honour to follow my great-Uncle Jim, who was a gifted physician, and my Uncle Jack, who is a remarkable businessman. Both of them could have told you something important about their professions, about medicine or commerce. I have no specialized field of interest or expertise, which puts me at a disadvantage, talking to you today. I'm a novelist. My work is human nature. Real life is all I know.

Don't ever confuse the two, your life and your work. The second is only part of the first. Don't ever forget what a friend once wrote to Senator Paul Tsongas when the senator decided not to run for re-election because he'd been diagnosed with cancer: "No man ever said on his deathbed, I wish I had spent more time in the office."

Don't ever forget the words my father sent me on a postcard last year: "If you win the rat race, you're still a rat." Or what John Lennon wrote before he was gunned down in the driveway of the Dakota: "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans."

You walk out of here this afternoon with only one thing that no one else has. There will be hundreds of people out there with your same degree; there will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you will be the only person alive who has sole custody of your life. Your particular life. Your entire life. Not just your life at a desk, or your life on a bus, or in a car, or at the computer. Not just the life of your mind, but the life of your heart. Not just your bank account, but your soul. People don't talk about the soul very much anymore. It's so much easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit. But a resume is a cold comfort on a winter night, or when you're sad, or broke, or lonely, or when you've gotten back the test results and they're not so good.

Here is my resume. I am a good mother to three children. I have tried never to let my profession stand in the way of being a good parent. I no longer consider myself the centre of the universe. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh. I am a good friend to my husband. I have tried to make marriage vows mean what they say. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh. I am a good friend to my friends, and they to me. Without them, there would be nothing to say to you today, because I would be a cardboard cut-out.

But I call them on the phone, and I meet them for lunch. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh. I would be rotten, or at best mediocre at my job, if those other things were not true. You cannot be really first rate at your work if your work is all you are.

So here's what I wanted to tell you today: get a life. A real life, not a manic pursuit of the next promotion, the bigger pay check, the larger house. Do you think you'd care so very much about those things if you blew an aneurysm one afternoon, or found a lump in your breast?

Get a life in which you notice the smell of salt water pushing itself on a breeze over Seaside Heights, a life in which you stop and watch how a red tailed hawk circles over the water gap or the way a baby scowls with concentration when she tries to pick up a cheerio with her thumb and first finger.

Get a life in which you are not alone. Find people you love, and who love you. And remember that love is not leisure, it is work. Each time you look at your diploma, remember that you are still a student, still learning how to best treasure your connection to others. Pick up the phone. Send an e-mail. Write a letter. Kiss your Mom. Hug your Dad.

Get a life in which you are generous. Look around at the azaleas in the suburban neighborhood where you grew up; look at a full moon hanging silver in a black, black sky on a cold night. And realize that life is the best thing ever, and that you have no business taking it for granted.

Care so deeply about its goodness that you want to spread it around.

Take money you would have spent on beers and give it to charity. Work in a soup kitchen. Be a big brother or sister. All of you want to do well. But if you do not do good, too, then doing well will never be enough.

It is so easy to waste our lives: our days, our hours, our minutes. It is so easy to take for granted the color of the azaleas, the sheen of the limestone on Fifth Avenue, the color of our kids eyes, the way the melody in a symphony rises and falls and disappears and rises again. It is so easy to exist instead of live.

I learned to live many years ago. Something really, really bad happened to me, something that changed my life in ways that, if I had my druthers, it would never have been changed at all. And what I learned from it is what, today, seems to be the hardest lesson of all. I learned to love the journey, not the destination. I learned that it is not a dress rehearsal, and that today is the only guarantee you get.

I learned to look at all the good in the world and to try to give some of it back because I believed in it completely and utterly. And I tried to do that, in part, by telling others what I had learned. By telling them this: Consider the lilies of the field. Look at the fuzz on a baby's ear. Read in the backyard with the sun on your face. Learn to be happy. And think of life as a terminal illness because if you do you will live it with joy and passion as it ought to be lived.

Well, you can learn all those things, out there, if you get a real life, a full life, a professional life, yes, but another life, too, a life of love and laughs and a connection to other human beings.

Just keep you eyes and ears open. Here you could learn in the classroom. There the classroom is everywhere. The exam comes at the very end. No man ever said on his deathbed I wish I had spent more time at the office.

I found one of my best teachers on the boardwalk at Coney Island maybe 15 years ago. It was December, and I was doing a story about how the homeless survive in the winter months. He and I sat on the edge of the wooden supports, dangling our feet over the side, and he told me about his schedule, panhandling the boulevard when the summer crowds were gone, sleeping in a church when the temperature went below freezing, hiding from the police amidst the Tilt a Whirl and the Cyclone and some of the other seasonal rides. But he told me that most of the time he stayed on the boardwalk, facing the water, just the way we were sitting now even when it got cold and he had to wear his newspapers after he read them. And I asked him why. Why didn't he go to one of the shelters? Why didn't he check himself into the hospital for detox? And he just stared out at the ocean and said, "Look at the view, young lady. Look at the view."

And every day, in some little way, I try to do what he said. I try to look at the view. And that's the last thing I have to tell you today, words of wisdom from a man with not a dime in his pocket, no place to go, no where to be.

Look at the view. You'll never be disappointed.

Contributed by Cy Farver

### Board Elections

The following candidates were elected by a majority vote at the general membership meeting in May.

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>DIRECTORS</u>	
President	Mike Rose	District 1	Gene & Diana Bauske
Vice President	Jim Griffin	District 2	Jim Cook
Secretary	Fern Cook	District 3	June Phipps
Treasurer	JoAnn Schmerheim	District 4	Bill Johnson
		District 5	Brenda Olive
		District 6	Kelly Prater
		District 7	Chris Beyers

## Welcome Wagon

*Luanne Payne*

The ONA Welcome Wagon was able to welcome seven new neighbors into Oakridge this past month. If you are new to Oakridge and have not been welcomed, please contact Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323. The May and June newsletters have been mailed to the entire Oakridge neighborhood of 1180 homes and the ONA is hoping to encourage all the residents of Oakridge to join the ONA. Whether you are a permanent homeowner or someone who leases a home, the ONA is working for you to make this neighborhood a friendly, safe and beautiful place to live. Please take a few minutes to go over and introduce yourself to one of the new residents if they happen to be your neighbor. As always, if you do know of a new resident who has moved in, please call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323 with the address so I can welcome them. Thanks

Dist. 5 Bayo Adeniyi  
2878 Stoneridge Dr.

Bill & Louann Wilber  
3022 Big Oaks Dr.

Dist. 6 Dennis & Susan Nguyen  
2514 Creighton

Mike Nguyen  
2501 Creighton

Dist. 7 Lynn Fox  
2710 Hickory Bend

Suchai & Panee Sirisawat  
2433 Fulton

Tom & Gayle Poovey  
2526 Pebblestone

## CRIME PREVENTION

*Luanne Payne*

The police department is trying hard to provide the Crime Watch areas with the monthly crime statistics but is still encountering some problems. The few stats that I have received for the month of March, were 3 burglary of vehicles, 1 burglary of habitation (open garage door) and 1 criminal mischief. Only 1 criminal mischief was on the report of the month of April. No May stats were available at the monthly meeting of June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Since summer is here and school is out we all need to be more alert to suspicious activity. Also, we need to remember to keep our garage doors closed at all times and remove any and all valuables from your vehicles if you continue to park them on the streets. Open garage doors and valuables are just easy targets for the not so good person who wants or needs to make a fast buck by stealing our valuables.

The Garland Police are actively working major intersections and issuing tickets for those "red light violators". Too many fatal accidents are caused because someone thinks they can beat the light. Stopping for a red light (30 to 45 seconds) could mean the difference between life or death. Please drive more friendly and safely.

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**OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB**

*Libby Morse*

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade!  
Tuesday - 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 tricycle, 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 We will march At 9:30. We go 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, 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 OWC is Tuesday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> at The Oakridge Country Club. (No formal July meeting) If you are interested in joining the OWC or helping out with the Parade in any way, please call President Kay Steelman at 495-4879. See our web page at <http://members.home.net/tomlib/owa/index.html>

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS**

*Dianne Winter*

Get Well Wishes to:

Clara Mae Meurer, Emily Krause and Mary Jo Herring

Diane and Al Owens' birthdays are one day apart so they celebrated with friends at their home. Happy Birthday!

Charlie Thompson grows the greatest garden and Rosie is generous with the bounty of vegetables.

Growing great flowers is a talent of many Oakridge residents. It is a pleasure for our residents to enjoy the many spring offerings. Margaret Fowler had beautiful Easter Lilies and Jewel Wooldridge's Hibiscus blooms were lining her walkway.

**OUT & ABOUT**

*Dianne Winter*

The Jensens enjoyed George's retirement trip to Oslo and Copenhagen and June Phipps traveled the Badlands, Yellowstone and Jackson Hole.

They say, "you can't go home again", but Trudy Schmidt did. She toured Chicago and showed her daughters the schools and the home where she grew up. They also attended the Oprah Show along with many other activities.

The Martin Cross family devoured Disney World Orlando in this third trip by seeing *everything*. Martin reported that they finally stayed long enough this trip. His wife, two sons and daughter-in-law accompanied him.

A friend, J.B., told me that he has never had a bad neighbor. If you knew him you would understand that it is because he is the good neighbor. Good neighbors seem to have good neighbors. Let's all try it!

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