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Observations by – Mike Rose

Approximately one-third of those living in the Oakridge community belong to the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. The Board continues to be amazed as to why we are not able to get that percentage closer to 60% (or even higher). Do you have any suggestions which would encourage a greater membership number? Let us know.

It was nice to see so many American flags being displayed this Independence Day. Maybe next year there will be an increase in the number of homes where the Flag is displayed. We should all be thankful that we have the opportunity to ignore (if one chooses) this very special time.

Did you take your family and/or friends to the Star Spangled 4th Celebration held in downtown Garland ? It was a fantastic experience. And admission was free ! You should make plans to enjoy this activity next July 4th. Those involved in putting this on should receive our congratulations. Our city does some wonderful things for its citizens. Mark your calendar for December when the downtown square is turned into a winter wonderland and all the tree lights are turned on. It is awe inspiring.

The City has completed the questionnaire that will be used to “benchmark “ the Oakridge area. This document will be mailed to all 1,180 homes in Oakridge. You should look for it to appear in

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Oakridge Women’s Club

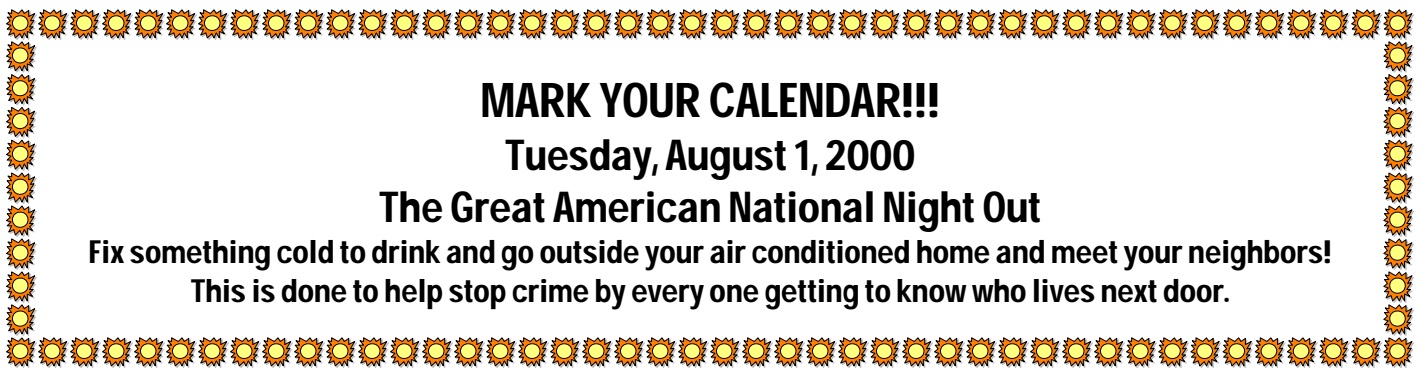
Libby Morse

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 Kay Steelman for coordinating the event and the Oakridge Country Club for loaning the golf carts and facility!

A big thanks to the following sponsors who donated some wonderful prizes:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
Tuesday, August 1, 2000
The Great American National Night Out
Fix something cold to drink and go outside your air conditioned home and meet your neighbors!
This is done to help stop crime by every one getting to know who lives next door.

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early August this year. Please complete the form and return it to the City. As a result of the responses to the questionnaire, we may have some insight as to why some homes choose not to participate. We ask that you encourage everyone you know to complete and return this form.

Have you noticed an increase in the number of vehicles parking on our streets ? Wonder why people elect not to secure their autos in their garage ? It would be easier to see people (children) around our neighborhood if these vehicles would be parked in the driveway.

All the families who have contributed to the flower fund should be thanked, as they surely do care about their neighborhood. Wouldn't it be nice if we have an even greater involvement during the Christmas Holiday decorating contest. Can you believe that it is getting close to planning for that Holiday.

During the month of August your Board will be communicating with all the homeowners who have not joined the ONA. If you received this newsletter issue you will not be contacted. You will, along with the entire community, receive the previously mentioned questionnaire.

Have you logged on to the Oakridge Neighborhood web site? It continues to be developed. The quarterly general meeting dates for 2000 – 2001 may be found on our site. Also, the officers and district directors are listed. Our web address may be found in all of our current newsletters.

REAL ESTATE REVIEW

Peggy Richey, Keller Williams Realty

The market has been terrific for our Sellers. The lack of inventory has boosted home prices and it appears that Greenspan may not raise the rates again as projected which may create another flurry in the marketplace.

The values for our homes are up to the price they were originally and for those who have updated and remodeled their homes the prices have gone even higher. It is my hope that the George Bush Freeway, 190 corridor will create an inner loop just as LBJ (635) has done for Lake Highlands.

George Bush Freeway will be a dividing line for new and old construction. There was a time when our competition was new construction, but now that has changed. As people look at their drive times to and from work I think that Oakridge will become even more popular.

I do feel that the next step for owners will be to update their homes. Replace vinyl floors with tile. Replace mauve and blue carpet, replace formica counters with solid surface products or stone such as granite. This will keep our neighborhood on the cutting edge and maintain our

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- Etc., Etc.

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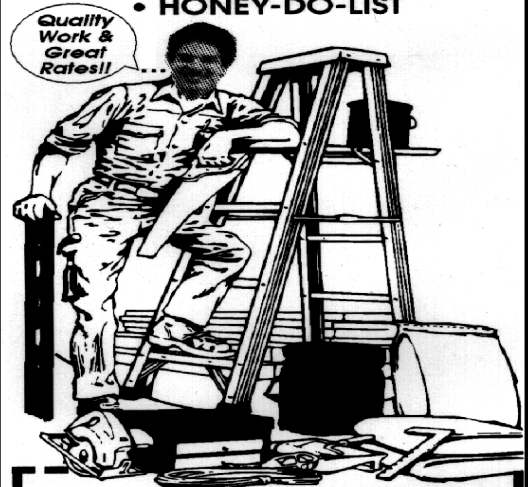
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Membership 2000-20001

Peggy Richey
Membership Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your renewals and I am very excited that we have 13 new members that have just recently moved into our neighborhood.

Please remember that your dues pay for the maintenance of all of our nine (9) entries and if we could get more support from our friends and neighbors, there is so much more that we could do as a group and events that we could have for you.

Right now our membership has been floating in the 400's. With 1180 homes in the area it would seem that we could get a participation of at least 800 homes. Please remember that for those who do not join, they are benefiting in part from the money that we as a group pay.

In addition, we have several members that have always contributed more monies to pay for additional plants and seasonal color for our beautification. We thank you for your constant care and participation. Please feel free to let us know about things and events you would like to see us arrange, but please know that without additional members, we have a very limited budget. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join.

I hope you are enjoying our website.



WILDLIFE!

There have been reported sightings of a coyote (or coyotes) around the various holes and tee boxes on the Oakridge Country Club golf course. They reportedly feed off rats but you should be cautious if you see one, as it could be rabid. There have also been reports of opossum and a skunk! Remember – these animals are wild and could bite!



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Our Next Meeting will be a pool party at Sharron's to celebrate the parade success! If you want information on joining the OWC call Libby Morse at 972-495-9034.

Failure List

From a recent DMN Dear Ann Landers column. Contributed by Bill Johnson.

Einstein was 4 years old before he could speak.

Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school and was considered "unpromising."

A music teacher once said of Beethoven, "As a composer, he is hopeless." When Thomas Edison was young, his teacher told him he was too stupid to learn anything and should enter a field where his personality would be an asset.

F.W. Woolworth worked in a dry goods store at age 21, but his employer didn't let him wait on customers because he didn't have enough sense to close a sale.

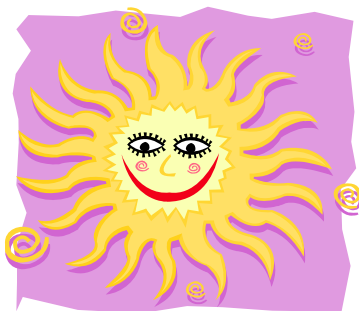
Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. So was Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Bob Cousy.

A newspaper editor fired Walt Disney because he lacked imagination and had no good ideas.

Winston Churchill had to repeat the sixth grade.

Babe Ruth struck out 1,300 times -- a major league record.

A person may make mistakes, but isn't a failure until he (or she) starts blaming someone else. We must believe in ourselves, and somewhere along the road of life we must meet someone who sees greatness in us, expects it from us, and lets us know it. It is the golden key to success.



Crime Prevention

No crime stats available for the month of June.



NOTABLE NEIGHBORS

Diane Winter

CONGRATULATIONS to the Oakridge Women's Club for their great accomplishment-organizing the Fourth of July parade. Including the children in this activity is especially helpful to our community as it raises the awareness of the meaning of the

holiday and promotes citizenship and patriotism.

The 50th wedding anniversary of **Bill and June Edwards** was celebrated on June 3rd at the Royal Oaks Country Club. They were honored with a beautiful reception attended by their three children, five grandchildren, friends and relatives. Bill and June are eighteen year residents of Oakridge.

David Winter has returned from the National Transplant Games held at Walt Disney World, Orlando, where he participated in the golf competition. David received a donor heart in 1991 and has battled cancer since 1996. He was happy to be able to compete with 1600 other organ transplant recipients who were able to participate because of the generosity of an organ donor or their family. "The spirit of the competition and beauty of the course compensated for a less than outstanding performance", says David.

Thanks to **Larry and Donna Dayhoff** for the contributions they make to our community. The newest project is the website that Larry has constructed for ONA. Thanks for a job well done.

A new addition has been welcomed to the home of **Gail Durbin** and daughter, Laura. Cassy, the kitten, is now 12 weeks old and both pet and owners are enjoying the companionship.

Blind date stories are good topics for conversations with neighbors. The best one is related by **Chris Byers**. Her blind date with Tom resulted in a marriage that has lasted 32 years.

Alisa and Amber, the daughters of **Brenda and Larry Britton** accompanied Brenda to the Daytimers' outing. Amber is visiting from France and Alisa shares stories of her twins. Getting to know the family members of neighbors is a great experience.

Welcome Home to Diane Owens. She has been touring the West and visiting her son. We are waiting to total the miles traveled!

The **Mussemans** have been visiting in Kansas. We know they visited relatives, but I think Dorothy and Toto were on their itinerary along with the Wizard of Oz.

Family Reunions are abundant at this time of year and Jackie

Griffin's family joins the trend. **Jackie and Jim** have traveled to Ohio to attend Jackie's family get-together. Jackie is the youngest of 12 children so if she is glad to be back home to Texas, you will understand why.

Get Well wishes to **Ruth Kimberlin** as she recovers from shoulder surgery and to **Wally Arbuckle** as the doctors work to locate the source of his health problems.

Barbara & Craig Brunette have a new address, but they are still an Oakridge Neighbor. Barbe and Craig moved down the street, but they still have the same phone number so you can reach them, just don't go knocking on the door at the previous address. If you do, say hello to **Jerry and Rosemary McCormac** who are the new residents. Welcome to the neighborhood!

The summer heat drives neighbors indoors, so keep in touch as much as you can. Let us know about more notable neighbors of Oakridge. Call 972-530-6210 to share great activities and accomplishments of your neighbors and yourself.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF OAKRIDGE

NORTH GARLAND

Chris Honas graduated from North Garland High School and is the son of David and Barbara Honas. He participated in the DECA Program and was active in baseball and golf. He will be attending Collin County Community College.

NAAMAN FOREST

Brenna Eason, an Honor Graduate and Texas Scholar. She was on the Softball Team 9-12. She is the daughter of Larry and Jill Eason and the granddaughter of Bill and June Edwards of Oakridge. She will attend Collin County Community College.

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association wishes to extend congratulations to the above graduates. We are proud of the citizenship they add to the community.



OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

Dianne Winter

Mark your calendar for the **September Coffee** to be held at the home of Roberta Jones, 2601 Oak Point, **Tuesday, September 12.**

The Oakridge Daytimers finished the week of July fourth with an outing to Lavendou's in Plano for afternoon tea on Friday, July 7th. Eighteen neighbors enjoyed each others' company and the tea and specialties of the restaurant. Another highlight was shopping before and after the tea.

The **Walkers** are adding mileage, even in the heat. Call Barbara Brunette (972-530-4288)

The **Craft Group** has made great progress on the Christmas tree skirt and will still be meeting on the third Tuesdays. Call Norene Murphy (972-530-6669)

The **Canasta Groups** report that they are having a great time, so call Barbara Brunette (972-530-4288) for daytime canasta, and Margaret Fowler (972-530-8585) for the evening schedule.

Both **Bridge Groups** continue their schedules through summer, so call Jane Buchanan (972-530-4762) if you are interested in beginners or intermediate play.

The new **Water Aerobics** Class is in the swim of things. Call Becky Parks, instructor, (972-495-8776) or Jackie Griffin, host, (972-530-4777) for scheduling and questions.

The **Book Club** is reading several selections this summer and will resume meeting in September, so for the summer reading list, call Jo Ann Williams (972-530-2938).

SHOPPING TRIP TO CANTON FIRST MONDAY!!



Set your alarms to arrive at the Country Club **Pool** entrance (close to the intersection of Big Oaks and Hickory Bend) at **7am on Friday, November 3** , to travel to **Canton** to spend the day, shop, and eat lunch. Don't be in a hurry to get home (make plans for the kids, hobbies, or pets) for this is an all-day event. The brave contact for this adventure is Becky Parks (972-495-8776).

Now, if you have any other great ideas or places you would like to go, please call our president, **Roberta Jones, (972-414-7277).** She will be meeting with officers and committee members soon to plan the upcoming year, so questions and answers are encouraged to make this the best year yet.

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I've learned-
that you can do something in an instant that will give you
heartache for life.

..that it's taking me a long time to become the person I want
to be.

..that you should always leave loved ones with loving
words. It may be the last time you see them.

..that you can keep going long after you can't.

..that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we
feel.

..that either you control your attitude or it controls you.

..that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at
first, the passion fades and there had better be something
else to take its place.

..that heroes are the people who do what has to be done
when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

..that money is a lousy way of keeping score.

..that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and
have the best time.

..that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when
you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.

..that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry,
but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

..that true friendship continues to grow, even over the long-
est distance. Same goes for true love.

..that just because someone doesn't love you the way you
want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they
have.

..that maturity has more to do with what types of experi-
ences you've had and what you've learned from them and
less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

..that your family won't always be there for you. It may
seem funny, but people you aren't related to can take care
of you and love you and teach you to trust people again.
Families aren't biological.

..that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt
you every once in a while and you must forgive them for
that.

..that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others.
Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

..that no matter how bad your heart is broken the world
doesn't stop for your grief.

..that our background and circumstances may have influ-
enced who we are, but we are responsible for who we
become.

..that just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they
don't love each other and just because they don't argue, it
doesn't mean they do.

..that we don't have to change friends if we understand
that friends change.

..that you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It
could change your life forever.

..that two people can look at the exact same thing and see
something totally different.

..that your life can be changed in a matter of hours by
people who don't even know you.

..that even when you think you have no more to give,
when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength
to help.

..that credentials on the wall do not make you a de-
cent human being.

..that the people you care about most in life are taken
from you too soon.

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