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President's Message

Scott Youzva
ONA President

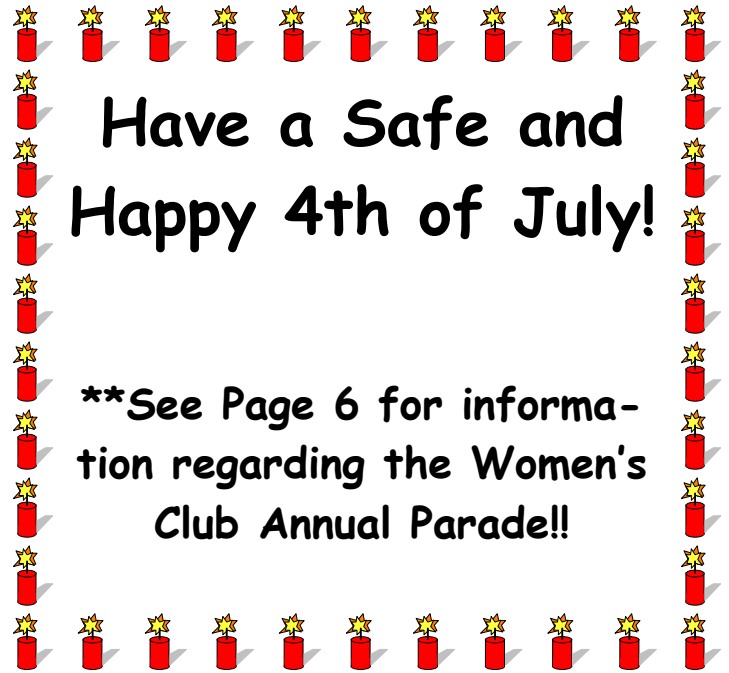
With the changing of the guard, I am pleased to see all of the people involved with the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. The next year will prove to be challenging for the Board of Directors and all of the committees as we try to address all of the issues pertaining to our neighborhood.

I would like to begin by thanking all of the outgoing Board members and Directors for their work. Many of the committee chairman's and committee members will also be taking a break from their work, and I want to thank them for the "in the trenches" work they have performed. Many of us have chosen to sit on the sidelines and watch these types of people give up their own free time to work for the common good of the entire neighborhood. I have been one of these concerning the ONA for the past few years, but all of that has now changed.

Some of you may or may not know me, so I would like to give you a little background on my family and me. My wife Denise and I have been in Dallas since grade school and both of us graduated from JJ Pearce HS. We have four lovely daughters (Lindsey, Whitney, Ashley and Sydney) ranging from 5th grade to a sophomore in college. Our two dogs, Shelby and Spencer (actually Spencer Tracy to fill out all of their names with "Y") to round out our family. When we moved into the Oakridge development 17 years ago, Lindsey was our only child. We have seen the family grow along with the neighborhood in size as well as maturity.

Well, that is enough of the personal information. I would

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Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

****See Page 6 for informa- tion regarding the Women's Club Annual Parade!!**

Garland's Star Spangled 4th!

Don't miss downtown Garland's Star Spangled 4th of July festivities! This year it is on June 29th with the Temptations on the Main Stage at 9:30 p.m. June 30th has the Charlie Daniel's Band—Main Stage at 9:30 p.m. And on Sunday, July 1st is Point of Grace—Main Stage 8:00 p.m. There will be entertainment going on most of the time as well as crafters, food, rides and nightly fireworks!

See you there!

Just A Reminder!

If you haven't paid your dues by the end of
June this will be your last newsletter!

Environmental

Cy Farver

We greatly appreciate the recent donations made to the O.N.A's environmental program. This additional funding from concerned and involved neighbors has helped make the entrances to Oakridge more attractive. It has definitely helped us make the improvements to our border on Shiloh! The Association has spent more than \$13,000 this spring making improvements with new sprinkler systems at two entrances, the length of Shiloh, the additional flower beds, and replacing shrubs at two other locations.

It will be a while before sufficient dues income can be accrued to make additional improvements but they will be made as time and money permits.

We want to specially thank ALL the folks who have sent contributions in addition to their dues. The count was well over 50 people and it is too many to list individually, without possibly leaving someone out. The groups generosity this year, surpasses all previous years in my recollection.

If you would like to make a contribution, please send it along with the form at the end of this article.

This my "Swan Song". We are moving out of the area and will be unable to serve any longer. It has been a pleasure to see all the improvements made as well as the feeling of community that has developed since we moved here in 1990. The ONA has been the catalyst in that change! It needs volunteers to keep it going particularly in the areas of "Citizens on Patrol" and the "Environmental Committee".

*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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Neighborhood Crime Activity

Report by Bill Johnson

Our new Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) is Sam Castorani. His email address is: castoran@ci.garland.tx.us. Sam may be reached at 972-205-2740 or at 214-535-6151 (mobile). In addition, residents wishing to report suspicious behavior or activity should call (972) 205-2251 to speak to the dispatcher.

Residents with Internet access are encouraged to visit the City of Garland Police Department web page. Contained here are links to many topics, including crime analysis statistics, current crime incidents by district (Oakridge data is contained in District 12, Beat 7), and lists (and photos) of sex offenders in our area. The web page address is www.ci.garland.tx.us/police/gpd1000.htm.

This website reports 13 crime incidents for Oakridge during April, including five building burglaries, seven vehicle burglaries, and one criminal mischief report:

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|---------|---------|----------------------|--------------|
| 4/06/01 | 08:00am | 1900-block | Hearthside |
| | | Burglary, building | |
| 4/07/01 | 10:00am | 2700-block | Laurel Oaks |
| | | Criminal mischief | |
| 4/09/01 | 04:55pm | 2200-block | Diamond Oaks |
| | | Burglary, habitation | |
| 4/16/01 | 07:00pm | 2000-block | Overview |
| | | Burglary, vehicle | |
| 4/17/01 | 06:39pm | 2700-block | Stoneridge |
| | | Burglary, habitation | |
| 4/17/01 | 08:00pm | 2000-block | Overview |
| | | Burglary, vehicle | |
| 4/17/01 | 11:00pm | 2200-block | Diamond Oaks |
| | | Burglary, vehicle | |
| 4/18/01 | 00:01am | 2500-block | Meadowridge |
| | | Burglary, vehicle | |
| 4/18/01 | 05:30am | 2800-block | Stoneridge |
| | | Burglary, vehicle | |
| 4/18/01 | 06:30am | 3100-block | Big Oaks |
| | | Burglary, vehicle | |
| 4/19/01 | 07:00am | 2800-block | Stoneridge |
| | | Burglary, vehicle | |
| 4/23/01 | 11:30am | 2500-block | Crestedge |
| | | Burglary, building | |
| 4/27/01 | 01:16pm | 2200-block | Diamond Oaks |
| | | Burglary, habitation | |

Last December, the Garland City Council revised the city's Sanitation Ordinance with respect to where green trash containers are to be stored. Residents with front curb collection must move their trash containers next to the side of their house between collection days (out of public view). After a six-month grace period, the city's Code Compliance staff will start enforcing this ordinance on June 1, 2001. Don't be cited!

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National Night Out

Time to start thinking about the National Night out—it is coming up fast! This year's date is Tuesday, August 7th. Plan a block party or just meet your neighbors out front of your home! Yes, it is hot and yes, this was started in the east where it is cooler, but we need to get to know our neighbors and let them know you! This event is supposed to help stop crime and strengthen the neighborhood spirit.

Contact our NPO or call 972-205-2122 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP

*Peggy Richey
Membership Director*

I am happy to report that as of the end of May we have another 30 members who have renewed their dues. This will be the last month that the newsletter will be mailed to last year's members. Remember that dues are from June to June.

We are very excited about the work our directors have done to organize their streets. We will be putting together the ONA directory this month and next. By the middle of July, it will be too late to be included in the original print. We will be passing out the directories at the August general membership meeting.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We do appreciate all of you and we believe that together we can all achieve more.

456 members strong!

Update on Vacant Lots

Peggy Richey

I have had many inquiries about the vacant lots on Oak Point Dr. Effective December 31, 2001 midnight, those lots can be built upon and the owners are currently working with appraisers for pricing. It is their intention currently to sell those lots to individuals for building. My last conversation with the corporate representatives that own the land did not want to sell to a developer or a builder. It is their belief at this time that individuals with their own builders would have a variety of floor plan and fronts to enhance the neighborhood.

Information can change....I will keep you posted.



Oakridge Country Club Your Family's Summer Entertainment Center...

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 26th through September 3rd. We also offer a variety of Junior Golf, Tennis, and Swim Programs including a fun-filled All-Sports Camp.

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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

By Dianne Winter

Many of the Daytimers are still praising the lovely May luncheon and expressing how much they enjoyed it. We are happy that Barbara Brunette shared her home with us because she and husband, Craig, plan to move (within Oakridge) in July and hopefully we can come to her aid. The hostesses for the past year have been so gracious and accommodating and we thank them all for it.

The following paragraph of recognition was omitted from the April Newsletter and we want to belatedly acknowledge that hostess and helpers:

More than half of our 58 Oakridge Daytimers met at the home of gracious hostess, Sarah Traylor, on Bending Oaks, April 10th. Molly, the cat, joined us and the Easter tree and other spring and Easter decorations added to the festive atmosphere. The food hostesses were Pat Cathcart, Cheryl Lanning, Suzanne Snow and Molly Wood. We all gather to meet neighbors and chat and enjoy the company of each other and we certainly accomplished our goal.

Our coffees are discontinued until September, but we are still maintaining our high level of activity with travels and other events, so keep in touch with your neighbor, welcome the new ones, and communicate with your interest groups for the schedules.



As the temperature rises this summer, so can our enthusiasm. Some of the events that will continue are:

BOOK CLUB on the third Fridays –call **Nell Burt** at 972-496-1338. June 15th the Book Club will meet to discuss *Winter Solstice* at the home of **Nell Burt** at 2425 Fulton Dr.

Call **Jane Buchanan** at 972-530-4762 for **BRIDGE** events at all experience levels.

These Canasta groups are always on the go, so for details call **Barbara Brunette** at 972-530-4288 for **DAYTIME CANASTA** and **Margaret Fowler** at 972-530-8585 for **NIGHTTIME CANASTA**.

The **CRAFT GROUP** has demonstrated their creativity in helping with the May Luncheon and now on the 3rd Mondays they will continue learning about new products. On June 18th they will meet at the home of **Sharon Carlton** (972-530-4317) at 2517 Big Oaks for a stained glass demonstration. They will also meet at the Oakridge Pool on June 27th, 10:00 am, to travel to brunch at Breadwinners on Mc Kinney. Call **Roberta Jones** (972-414-7277) or **Jo Dietz** (972-530-8308) for more information.

STITCH & CHAT will continue to meet at **Norene Murphy's** (972-530-6669) on the 3rd Tuesday to visit and continue work on projects.

The **WALKERS GROUP** is preparing to sweat it out for the sum-

mer. Call **Mary Pattie** at 972-496-6486 for details.

There is summer fun in the pool at **WATER AERO-BICS** at the home of **Jackie Griffin** on most MWF's ! Call Jackie at 972-530-4777 for details.



Jackie recently entertained 3 of her 4 sisters who came to visit with nine video movies and popcorn. That event qualifies as a long slumber party!

Remember to celebrate the Fourth of July in Oakridge at the Parade and volunteer to help the OWC in their efforts to involve the families of Oakridge in honoring our nation's independence.

For questions or suggestions concerning Daytimers contact Dianne Winter, president, at ddwinter@home.com or 972-530-6210.

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The 4th Of July Parade !! Wednesday July 4th!

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. We will march At 9:30. We go south-east on Stoneridge, then turn right on Big Oaks and proceed back to the club (approximately 1-mile).

Residents on the above 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 for the kids are provided.

The next meeting of the OWC is Tuesday Aug. 7th 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 Libby Morse at 495-4879.

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like to welcome the incoming Board and the new Directors for this year. We will begin planning for the new year this month and begin to fill the committee positions. It is a very crucial time for everyone to consider volunteering for these open positions. As mentioned above, I have a large family with many activities in elementary, middle school, high school and colleges level grades. Finding the time is challenging, but if you can invest just a little time towards your neighborhood, it will help to lighten the load on everyone. We will be announcing ways for you to volunteer in our next issue, but please begin thinking of some of the areas that you may have an interest to serve.

- Membership
- Newsletter
- Environmental
- Technical
- Crime Prevention
- Citizens on Patrol
- Civic Interests
- Welcome Wagon

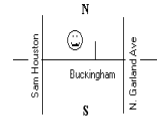
I wish everyone a safe summer. Remember to keep your garage doors closed as much as possible to avoid the theft problems.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Police Non-Emergencies | 972-205-2150 |
| Lone Star Gas | 1-800-817-8090 |
| Sanitation | 972-205-3420 |
| Environmental Code | 972-205-3374 |
| Code Violations | 972-205-3807 |
| 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 |
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