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## President's Message

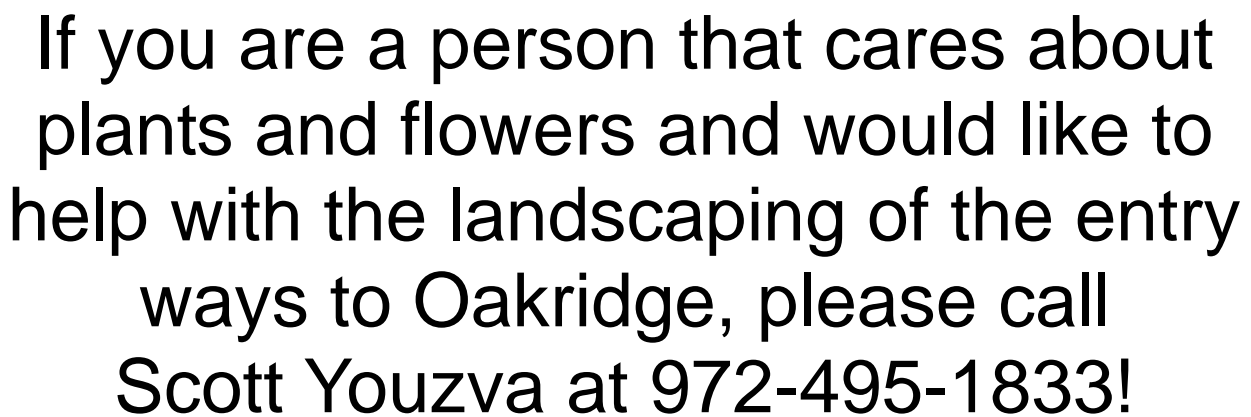
*Scott Youzva, ONA President*

Summer is now officially here. We have had our Fourth of July celebrations and the temperature continues to rise. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. The Board of Directors has had our initial meeting and set the calendar for the upcoming year. We will keep this updated and publish it with every newsletter. (See Page 4 for dates.)

With the new leadership, we are trying to establish a working agenda for this year and next. Many new ideas have been suggested, but the biggest obstacle we all face is manpower. Our intention is to have an event associated with the next General Meeting that will include more social interaction and a way that we can encourage everyone possible to participate in the ONA. This may include very little or you may choose to dedicate a sizable amount of time towards this organization. The choice is yours. We just want everyone to take a manageable amount of their time to give to their neighborhood. In the next few months we will be providing a list of opportunities that you may want to consider. Keep watching for the announcement of these opportunities.

As many of you know, the task of communicating with the entire neighborhood is very difficult and sometimes very expensive. We are looking at ways to reduce these costs, while expanding the readership. One such way is to explore the Internet and expand our website to include the newsletter and more timely information. We will research the costs and determine if this will be feasible for future communications. Incidentally, we are aware that many people may not have access to the Internet at this time and we will explore the possibilities to solve this problem as well.

I hope everyone is enjoying his or her summer. I have really noticed the neighborhood looks great with all of the landscaping that is being done. Keep up the good work and please consider giving some of your time to the ONA to help us keep Oakridge the best neighborhood in the city.



If you are a person that cares about plants and flowers and would like to help with the landscaping of the entry ways to Oakridge, please call Scott Youzva at 972-495-1833!

## **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! Thanks to the Oakridge Country Club for loaning us golf carts, and the facility!

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

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**Peggy Richey- Keller Williams**  
**All of the Oakridge Women that Donated gifts**

Congratulations to Tricia and Doug Klimko. They added Baby Samantha! Big sister Sidney is so proud!

Our Next Meeting will be on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. It will be a pool party at Sharron's to celebrate the parade success! I look forward to meeting all the people that showed interest in joining the group at the parade!



If you want information on joining the OWC call Libby Morse at 972-495-9034 or [TOMLIB@HOME.COM](mailto:TOMLIB@HOME.COM)

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## Oakridge Daytimers

By Dianne Winter

As the temperature continues to rise the **DAYTIMERS ACTIVITIES** continue to soar. Even without the large group meeting at the coffees, the interest groups continue to gather and keep in touch. If you feel disconnected for the summer, call one of the group leaders listed below to join and participate in an activity.

**BOOK CLUB** on the third Fridays – call **Nell Burt** at 972-496-1338. The next meeting will be held at the home of **Jo Dietz**, 2906 Oak Point, 972-530-8308, Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to discuss *Julie and Romeo*. At the June meeting they were able to complete the list of books chosen to be read through December.

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

These **Canasta** groups are always dealing, so for details call **Barbara Brunette** at 972-530-4288 for **DAYTIME CANASTA** and **Margaret Fowler** at 972-530-8585 for **NIGHTTIME CANASTA**. These groups are so creative! The nighttime group decided to surprise the daytime group with a “**Come As You Are Breakfast**”. On July 5<sup>th</sup> Monica and Margaret (initiator), along with neighbors, Carolyn and Jo Ann, arrived unannounced at the doors of Chris Beyers, Barbara Brunette and Sue Pauly to gather them for the event. Quite a Surprise!!!



The **CRAFT GROUP** is meeting Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at the home of **Chris Beyers** (972-500-8292) 2205 Fulton, to make cinnamon ornaments and view a demonstration on covering a lampshade. This group will also lunch together on July 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to visit and continue work on projects. They are quilting the Holiday Project to be donated to the club, so join them to help this month on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



The **WALKERS GROUP** is shriveling in the heat of the summer. Call **Mary Pattie** at 972-496-6486 for details.

There is summer fun in the pool at **WATER AEROBICS** at the home of **Jackie Griffin** on most MWF's ! Call Jackie at 972-530-4777 for details and times. There are noodles and gallon plastic cartons and all kinds of equipment (provided!) involved to make this a great get-together with excellent results under the leadership of **Becky Parks**.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes in July to these members: Pam Hubbard, Jane Buchanan, Mary Jensen, Mary Jo Herring, and Audrey Golden.

There are many **travels and family reunions** scheduled so let me

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know about yours if you would like to share it. **Mary Jo Herring** traveled to Giddings, Texas, to celebrate her mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mary Jo and seven siblings and their families surprised Mom wearing T-shirts with the words, **Wilson Reunion for the Lady Who is 80**. Ask Mary Jo to see one of the fans they used to cover their faces for the surprise. On the fans was embroidered a picture of her mother in her youth. What a great tribute!

We were proud of those who participated in the Oakridge 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. That is a great contribution to our community.

For questions or suggestions concerning Daytimers contact Dianne Winter, president, at [ddwinter@home.com](mailto:ddwinter@home.com) or 972-530-6210.

## Meetings

The following is a list of meeting dates for Executive Board and General Membership Sessions of the ONA. As members you are welcome to attend any or all of them. Contact one of the members of the board for time and place.

### *Executive Board:*

July 10, 2001  
August 14, 2001  
September 11, 2001  
October 9, 2001  
November 13, 2001  
December 11, 2001  
January 8, 2002  
February 12, 2002  
March 12, 2002  
April 9, 2002  
May 14, 2002

### *General Membership Session:*

August 23, 2001  
November 15, 2001  
February 21, 2002

## Stay Alert in the Kitchen

The leading cause of home structure fires involves cooking equipment. During the five year period between 1992 and 1997, home-cooking accidents caused an annual average of 97,300 reported fires resulting in 310 deaths, more than 4,800 injuries and \$ 385.5 million in property damage.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than half of the stove fires started when food was left unattended. Fire safety experts caution that while portable fire extinguishers can be excellent tools for fighting small home fires, the first priority is safe escape. Yet in the early stages of a fire, and only after the fire department has been called, the right extinguisher can be very effective and can save property.

Don't wait for an emergency to learn how to use a fire extinguisher. Familiarize yourself with its proper use before a fire flares up.

taken from the *Safeco Customer News*, Spring/Summer 2001 issue.

## National Night Out

The National Night out is Tuesday, August 7th. Put a sign in your yard asking your neighbors to meet you there at a specific time or stick a flier in their door with a time & place to meet. This night helps you to get to know your neighbors and helps fight crime. Do something fun!

Any questions may be addressed to our NPO or call 972-205-2122 for more information.



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

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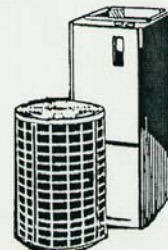
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<b>Code Violations</b>	<b>972-205-3807</b>
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<b>Councilman, Lowell Hyatt</b>	<b>972-495-9394</b>
<b>Off. Sam Castorani, NPO</b>	<b>972-205-2740</b>

**Membership**

*Peggy Richey, Membership Director*

Hi Everyone! Our membership is now at 371. We are still waiting for 85 renewals left from last year's membership and that will give us a total of 456. Our cutoff for our membership directory is July 15, 2001. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join and be sure and have them mail their \$48.00 to our PO Box on the back of the newsletter.

If you know anyone who would like to advertise in the directory, please have them contact me. Camera ready or on disk ads must be in to me no later than July 31, 2001.

Our directors are actively calling in their districts to increase our membership to 550. Please let us know if you would like to help our committee or call your district director to help support them. They have a big job! We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. You may contact me directly at my office 972-907-0550 or you may leave me a voice mail to call you back 972-733-9186 if I can answer any questions.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a new year with new projects and any suggestions you have will be greatly appreciated.

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## **CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

Jerry Zellars

The following information was extracted from The Crime-Watch Coordinator's Monthly Report, Robbery, Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Unauthorized Use, June 2001 which is compiled and reported by the Garland City Police Department (viewable at the police department's website: <http://www.ci.garland.tx.us/police/gpd1000.htm>)

- The City of Garland made 639 reports for the entire city during the month of June 2001.
- District 12, comprised of Beats 7 & 8 (Oakridge is part of this district) had a total of 41 reports or 6.4% of the city's total reports during June 2001.
- Beat 7 (Oakridge resides within its boundaries) had a total of 18 reports or 2.8% of the city's total reports.
- Oakridge (addresses within our community) had a total of 5 reports in June 2001 or 0.8% of the city's total reports. **Oakridge specific report information follows:**

6/5/01	<b>2700 Block</b> Greenview Circle Criminal Mischief Under \$50	12:25 AM
6/18/01	<b>2500 Block</b> Crestedge Drive Criminal Mischief Under \$50	12:30 AM
6/19/01	<b>3300 Block</b> Ridge Oak Drive Criminal Mischief Under \$50	01:00 AM
6/20/01	<b>2200 Block</b> Diamond Oaks Drive Criminal Mischief \$500-\$1,500	11:00 PM
6/27/01	<b>2500 Block</b> Creighton Drive Burglary-Habitation	03:00 PM

Even though our statistics are seemingly low compared to other areas within our community, I encourage you to regularly revisit the topic of "Watchfulness/Crime Prevention" with your family and neighbors. A great source of information concerning the safety of our families, homes, neighborhoods, and communities is the National Crime Prevention Council's website (<http://www.ncpc.org/rwesafe/rwesafe.htm>). The following is an excerpt from the title page at that organization's website home page:

### **Foreword**

*This marks the second year of Are We Safe? The National Survey on Crime Prevention. It helps refine the picture that emerged in 1999.*

*More Americans felt afraid walking in their neighborhoods in 2000, despite seven years of declining crime rates; parents' concern for children's safety is high but millions of children are left alone during the week and on weekends without adult supervision; engagement with neighbors is high but community volunteering has slipped.*

*In short, we know there are problems, but we're not doing what we could to address them.*

*This survey annually looks at fear of crime and at four areas of safety: self and home, family, neighborhood, and community. These concentric areas shape our sense of personal and civic security. Within each area, the survey looks at the state of prevention measures and levels of action throughout the nation.*

*Why crime prevention? It keeps us from becoming victims. It helps our children grow up safer. It saves us from the physical, financial, and psychological costs of crime. It improves the quality of our lives. It*

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## **C.O.P. NEEDS YOU!!!**

BY BILL OLIVE

Citizens On Patrol is looking for volunteers. Some of our patrollers have moved recently and we need to replace them as well as increase our numbers. If you would like to "give something back" and become part of a very special group of people please give me a call. All it takes is a few hours each month.

What does the C.O. P. do? We patrol our neighborhood, by motor vehicle, bike or on foot. We're an integral part of the safety and security of Oakridge. We help the Garland Police Department by acting as their eyes and ears when they can't be here. While all of us would like to have an officer from the GPD in our neighborhood 24 hours a day, we realize that it's cost prohibitive. The C.O.P. is the next best thing. We're volunteers and we have a vested interest in our neighborhood because we live here. The more volunteers we have the more hours we can have someone out there patrolling. The more hours we're on patrol the less likely we are to have crime in our neighborhood.

Qualifications for C.O.P. are simple: Have a clean arrest record, attend a training class presented by the Garland Police Department and be willing to spend at least an hour a week on patrol. Both women and men are needed and welcomed.

If you've been a C.O.P. volunteer in the past, **we want you back.** If you would like to join our special group, give me a call. You'll be working with some great people who just happen to be your neighbors and you'll be doing something that is essential toward keeping our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. Give me a call at 972 495 3402. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

### **A BIG THANKS**

For more than a year, Bill Johnson has been the C.O.P. Coordinator for the Oakridge area. He's spent countless hours helping the residents of Oakridge. Bill's recently been elected to serve as a director for the Oakridge Neighborhood Association and asked me to take over his C.O.P. Coordinator responsibilities. His legacy will be a hard one to follow. We all owe Bill a big "THANK YOU".

## **ANOTHER SPECIAL PERSON**

When you consider that it takes just about one hour to patrol the streets and alleys of Oakridge, and, the distance traveled is 14.3 miles, then Bill Edwards, one of our C.O.P. patrollers has chalked up over 1,400 miles during the past 2+ years. Recently Bill had eye surgery and has been unable to patrol. We wish him a quick recovery. When Bill returns and resumes his patrols, give him a wave when you see him on Monday nights.

### **BLUE "BURGLER" NOTICES**

The Garland Police Department has provided C.O.P. patrollers with blue notices to place on houses that have open, unattended garages. The GPD states that one of the most frequent reasons for burglary is open garage doors. A simple click of the remote can solve the problem and save you a big headache.

### **QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? NEED HELP?**

If you have a question about the C.O.P. program give me a call (972-495-3402) If you have a concern or need help that is non-emergency, flag down one of our patrollers, give me a call or call our Neighborhood Police Officer, Sam Castorani. He can be reached at 972-205-2740.

### **IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALL 911.**

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*saves our communities money; many prevention initiatives have been proven cost-effective. If our communities make prevention a priority, they will become stronger, safer, and more caring.*

*Crime prevention benefits every community, every neighborhood, and every resident. The answer to this survey's core question — Are We Safe? — is "Safer than some of us think we are, but not as safe as we deserve to be." We salute the millions of Americans who have helped make crime prevention a community and neighborhood priority, and we invite everyone else to join in.*

*John A. Calhoun  
President and CEO  
National Crime Prevention Council*

I encourage everyone to renew their commitment to being an active participant in the safety and security of their community.

A special "Thank You" to all of Oakridge's CITIZENS ON PATROL for taking time out of their day to actively patrol our neighborhoods.



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