
◊ Oakridge News ◊

Vol. 11 No. 02

A Publication of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association

July - 2002

scatter shooting with Mike Rose –

The new Oakridge Neighborhood Association Board would like to give a great big thank you to the out going Board. It takes time and interest to care about our Oakridge area. Thanks for caring.

I would like to take this time to thank the membership of ONA for their trust in electing me as the president for the next fiscal year. I, and the Board, anticipate an exciting and challenging year. We hope the membership continues to grow. Have you talked to your friends and neighbors about the ONA ? Why not ? If you have new home owners nearby why not take some time and introduce your family and the ONA to the new owners. We have some extra copies of the ONA Newsletter that you may give to your new neighbors. Contact your District Director for these copies.

There is a well organized and functioning women's club within the Oakridge area. There is a "Teen" summer group forming. What fantastic thing for several of our teens to do. We hope it takes off and these teens have a safe and fun summer with their ONA friends. There was a challenge made at the May meeting. Why isn't there a men's group ? How about it men of Oakridge – anyone interested in taking up the challenge ?

If you were in attendance at the recent general membership meeting you had the opportunity to meet and talk with our new Mayor, Bob Day, and our new Councilman, Mark Monroe. The ONA plans on exercising its influence on the City Council. Stay tuned

If you were living here a few years ago you were part of the city Oakridge Benchmarking process. We had a 51% participation. The city was impressed with our level of participation. The city team has continued to administer this program throughout the various Garland neighborhood associations. One item we learned was how much property taxes are paid here in Oakridge. It is substantial.

Do you know that the DART station is close to opening in downtown Garland. My family, including our granddaughter, rode DART from the LBJ/Skillman station to downtown Dallas. We walked over to the Trinity Railway Express train and proceeded to enjoy a beautiful ride to downtown Ft Worth. The Ft. Worth Intermodle Transportation Center is close to many enjoyable things to do while in "Cowtown". A ticket purchased at our local DART station provides one with all that is needed to take advantage of this trip. We understand that this same ticket will allow one to take a "T" shuttle to various wonderful activities in Ft. Worth. All trains are handicapped accessible. Check it out.

The city is transforming the Performing Arts Center to a much more functional structure. The Plaza Theater is open. Have you enjoyed the many performances given in either of these facilities ? Do you know that several of our fellow Metroplex cities envied our facility to such an extent that they have or are building their own facility. Our city is renowned as a place to watch a live play at a reasonable price with excellent acting. Many actors look forward to auditioning and hopefully performing in Garland. The new summer schedule is out.

Newsletter article from Mayor Bob Day

Earlier this summer, the Council, along with the City Manager, Assistant City Managers, City Attorney, City Secretary, and City Auditor held their annual retreat. These few days provided an opportunity for team building with the newly elected Council members and a review of the goals for the City. The Council spent a great deal of time on strategic planning for the future and our vision for 2012. This resulted in our "Guiding Principles/Visions" which will be used to guide Council and Staff decisions in the coming years.

Our Guiding Principles/Visions for 2012 are:

- High Quality Development and Redevelopment
- Financially Sound City Government
- Quality Public Services
- Integrity of our Neighborhoods
- Tapping Our Culturally Diverse Community Resources
- Downtown as a Destination Point for Arts and Culture
- Quality Retail Growth
- Family Oriented Community
- Community Based Pride in Garland

It is very important that the community take ownership of the Guiding Principles/Visions as they will play an integral part in bringing them to fruition. Garland is well on the way to accomplishing these visions; however, it's takes everyone working together for the betterment of our City. The City Council's Goals and Policy Agenda are very reflective of this vision statement. In future articles I will expound further on our Goals and Policy Agenda.

The City Council and I appreciate your input and invite you to visit with us about these Principles/Visions 2012 we have set for our City.

**Visit
us.
First.**

**First United
Methodist
Church of
Garland**

801 W. Ave. B at Glenbrook
(972) 272-3471
www.firstmethodistgarland.org

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

LET SUE DO IT

Oakridge Resident Since 1988

Sue Hageland

972-530-5089

WE SPECIALIZE IN:

- INSURANCE CLAIMS
- REPAIRS FOR REAL ESTATE CONTRACT SALES
- ALL GENERAL REPAIRS
- HONEY-DO-LIST



MR. FIX-IT-ALL

WE FIX ^{ALMOST} ANYTHING

972-272-3700

FREE ESTIMATES

- ROOFING
- PLUMBING
- REMODELING
- ELECTRICAL
- PAINTING
- FENCE REPAIR
- SHEET ROCK
- BATHROOM TILE & CAULKING

CRIME WATCH/C.O.P. REPORT

By Bill Olive

May Crime Report

The May 2002 crimes reported for our neighborhood are as follows:

Vehicle Burglary in 2800 block of Hickory Bend on May 27 at approximately 4:30am.

Vehicle Burglary in 2700 block of Winding Oak on May 9 at approximately 10pm.

JULY 4th

A big thanks to the Oakridge Women's Club for inviting the C.O.P. to assist them with traffic control for their 4th of July parade. We all had a great time making the parade a bit safer for Oakridge's residents. It was especially gratifying to hear and see our neighbors cheer and applaud as the fire truck from Garland Station #3 passed by. This is the station responsible for responding to emergencies here in Oakridge. Another big thanks to the many residents of Stoneridge and Big Oaks who moved their vehicles so that the parade could proceed unimpeded. We (your C.O.P) look forward to working with the Women's Club again next year!

Meeting With NPO

On June 29th all current C.O.P. members attended a two hour meeting with our NPO (neighborhood patrol officer). This meeting offered an opportunity for a question-answer session with Officer Gooch. It was the first time all members had been able to speak with Officer Gooch face to face and clear up some issues we deal with while on patrol. Numerous questions regarding speeding and failure to stop at stop signs were addressed. Officer Gooch gave us some ideas on how to handle these issues (some with GPD help). Let this be a Warning---there may be some added enforcement of stop sign violations so make sure you come to a complete stop. We are also looking into a way to reduce the number of door to door solicitations in the Oakridge area. In the next issue of the Oakridge Newsletter (Aug.) we hope we'll be ready to provide residents with a possible solution.

OAKRIDGE C.O.P. WANTS YOU - September 14th C.O.P. Training Class

This is your opportunity to become part of the Oakridge C.O.P. If you're interested just give me a call at 972-495-3402 and I'll get an application out to you and answer any questions you may have regarding the C.O.P. program.

Keeping Crime Down

Let's all work together to keep crime down in Oakridge; keep those garage doors closed when you're not inside the garage or in clear sight of the door. Don't give uninvited "guests" a chance to make you a victim of crime. Don't leave valuables in your car overnight if your car isn't garaged. It's an unfortunate fact that there are people out there who go around just looking for something to steal and they're not concerned about the problems and hassles they're going to cause you when they take your belongings.

National Night Out

The C.O.P. is not planning to participate in the "National Night Out" program in early August. Instead, we're opting to wait until the weather is more conducive to outdoor activity (probably in early October) for children and adults as well. We've noticed that few people are inclined to attend or participate in August, mostly due to the heat. We, too, feel that the weather is a little too warm for fun at that time. Officer Gooch felt this would be better also and assured us that the Police Dept. would assist us with our program when we were ready, even though it doesn't coincide with the rest of the nation. Obviously, those who decided on August weren't living in Texas! We'll be checking with the school board to determine when the kids will be out of school so as to not plan an event on a school night.

MICHAEL W. STUCKER ATTORNEY AT LAW

Wills & Probate
Commercial Litigation
Contracts · Incorporations
Partnerships
Deceptive Trade Practices

(972) 271-7200

Licensed in Texas since 1976



OAKRIDGE PAINT & PAPER

Wallpaper: Hanging & Removal
Painting: Interior & Exterior

FREE ESTIMATES

10 % off for Oakridge Residents

Philip Hanas, Resident

Phone: 972-414-1912
Cell: 214-724-1912

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 Tracy Murphy and her family for coordinating the event and the Oakridge Country Club for the facility!

The next meeting of the OWC is Tuesday July 23rd. It is at 7:00 and is a pool party at Tracy's- Call her to let her know what you want to bring to the potluck.

Mark your calendar now for the August Meeting - Tuesday, August 20th at 7pm at Oakridge Country Club. We will be having officer elections and planning the upcoming year.

If you are interested in joining the OWC please call Libby Morse at 972-495-9034 or e-mail tomlib@attbi.com

We would love to have you!

The following information is provided for your convenience in the event that your portion of the exterior wall surrounding Oakridge is damaged.

Brick on the Oakridge exterior walls:

Jupiter & Beltline – Acme Brick “Blend 10” (Exception: Some repaired areas)

Shiloh & Buckingham – mostly U.S. Brick “Old Town” (Exception: North end of Shiloh from Big Oaks is “Blend 10”)

The company below stocks small quantities of brick and should be able to give you a list of masonry contractors, or you may look in the yellow pages under “mason contractors”:

Gartex Masonry Supply
10310 Plano Rd., Dallas
214-343-0571

Although an exact match of the brick is difficult, we hope you will make every effort to match your repair as closely as possible in order to retain the aesthetic appeal of the wall.

Information made available by the ONA Executive Board
Revised 11/14/01

Oak Point Vacant Lots

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you information about the lots. I have heard of several concerns about these lots. Hopefully this information will help. Unlike the rest of the neighborhood, these lots are not bound by any neighborhood deed restrictions. Why? I do not know. This all occurred back in the development stages of our neighborhood. Yes...they can build front entry garages and there is a home being built with a front entry garage. That particular lot had one side which had an additional 4 foot drainage easement making it a total of 10 feet from the property line that could not be use to build. The new owner is building a front entry garage, because he lost driveway space making it difficult to build a swing entry. Regardless of the lot size, the owners can build front entry garages. Please understand that these lots are selling at \$90,000. The homes being built are ranging anywhere from \$275,000 – \$400,000 making the total value any where from \$350,000 – \$500,000.

The investor who is currently selling the lots spent more money then originally planned to build the stone retainer wall, which already has holes for the purchasers to install wrought iron fences. They did mow a couple of weeks ago and had the weeds pulled. I think you will agree that once the lots are sold and finished with new homes it will add value to our neighborhood.

I am sure with that kind of money spent, the new homeowners care about their investment and the neighborhood. If you have any questions about the lots, please feel free to contact me directly.

Peggy Richey - Keller Williams - 972-692-2113

The following information is provided for your convenience in the event that your portion of the exterior wall surrounding Oakridge is damaged.

Brick on the Oakridge exterior walls:

- Jupiter & Beltline – Acme Brick “Blend 10” (Exception: Some repaired areas)
- Shiloh & Buckingham – mostly U.S. Brick “Old Town” (Exception: North end of Shiloh from Big Oaks is “Blend 10”)

The company below stocks small quantities of brick and should be able to give you a list of masonry contractors, or you may look in the yellow pages under “mason contractors”:

Gartex Masonry Supply
10310 Plano Rd., Dallas
214-343-0571

Although an exact match of the brick is difficult, we hope you will make every effort to match your repair as closely as possible in order to retain the aesthetic appeal of the wall.

Information made available by the ONA Executive Board
Revised 11/14/01

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
Repair Specialists
Service on All Makes & Models

**7 Days
24 Hour
EMERGENCY
SERVICE**

**Need Help?
We're On The Way!**

RICHARDSON
Heating Air Conditioning and Appliance Repair

NO HOURLY LABOR CHARGES
All Repairs Are Done On Flat Rate Basis

You know the exact repair cost before repairs are made


“WE KNOW OUR BUSINESS AND APPRECIATE YOURS”
CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE ON PROFESSIONAL DUCT CLEANING


OAKRIDGE RESIDENT SINCE 1986.
OWNER: GARY HEARN

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION

9
7
2 **272-1606**

TACLA003291





Dear friends and neighbors of District 7:

I wanted to share with you a few updates on things happening in the city. One of the most recent topics was the appointment to the Texas Municipal Power Agency (TMPA) board. As most of you may know, there was a lot of discussion about this appointment. It is an important role because this person represents Garland at meetings and informs the Council on what is happening. Two very qualified individuals had expressed interest in the appointment. However, in my opinion, this became a political issue between the two versus serving Garland's best interest. I nominated Bill Dollar, Assistant City Manger, due to the fact that he was a "neutral" party, and perhaps the most qualified of all. Unanimously, Mr. Dollar was appointed to the board. I know that his knowledge and experiences will benefit this city as our TMPA representative.

Presentations have been ongoing for the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Many well deserving organizations are requesting funds for their specific programs. There is no doubt that there will be hard decisions to make, as the money requested surpasses two times the amount available.

Currently, we are attending budget orientation meetings since our actual budget process will start in early September. One interesting fact about our budget is, after taxes, on average each Garland household pays \$37 dollars a month for City services such as Fire, Police, Parks & Recreation, etc. (excluding utilities). We are also in the midst of planning a "We the People" conference, and I am truly excited about the opportunity that this brings to Garland. I will update you as more details come.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Star Spangled Fourth celebration. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions 972-495-8028 or email council7@ci.garland.tx.us.

Sincerely,
Mark Monroe

CLASSIFIED ADS

**Crocheted Names
Suitable for Framing
Also
Crocheted Angels,
Bells, Snowflakes, & Doileys
Call Norene Murphy**

Master Electrician

972-495-7383

Ceiling Fans hung to cool you
Electrical Outlets or Phone Jacks added too
Indoor/outdoor lighting



July 4th Parade Supporters
Jim Tucker, Jim Cook, Fern Cook, John Tucker,
Brenda Olive, Ken Byrd, Jane Mayer, Bill Olive
What a Handsome Group !

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police & Fire Emergencies	911
Police Non-Emergencies	972-205-2150
Lone Star Gas	1-800-817-8090
Solid Waste & Recycling	972-205-3500
Code Compliance	972-485-6400
Tommy Cobb	972-485-6418
Animal Services	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, Mark Monroe	972-495-8028
Off. Jeff Gooch NPO	972-205-2740

OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

by Becky Parks

There's something in the air other than humidity, maybe it's ESP. In last months newsletter, I erroneously gave June 21st as a book club meeting at BETTY THOMAS'. I must have read her mind as she was thinking of calling a meeting to offer her stacks of books for summer reading. Everything worked out thanks to BETTY's enthusiasm and great sense of humor. There are no book club meetings during the summer. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, Sept. 20th at BETTY', 972-414-1547. The group will discuss reading selections for the year. This will enable those who use audio books to order or locate the selections in plenty of time.

Bridge groups meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30am and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Oakridge country Club for lunch and bridge. Beginners Bridge will start in September at MARY PATTIE's from 1:00 till 4:00, Monday afternoons. Those interested please call MARY, 972-496-6486.

Daytime canasta meets every Tuesday at 1:00pm, call BARBE BRUNETTE , 972-530-4288, for the ever-changing schedule. Nighttime canasta is headed by MARGRET FOWLER at 972-530-8585 for schedule.

Craft group is halfway finished with the special project thanks to some extra work by SUE PAULY, CHRIS BEYERS and SHARON CARLTON. For July, the group will be enjoying lunch at the Oak House, in Rockwall, followed by some local power shopping. They will meet in the pool parking lot at 11 am, Monday July 15th. Call BECKY, 972-495-8776, The August 19th craft meeting will be held at the home of SHARON CARLTON, 2517 Big Oaks at 1PM. At this time they will complete their special project.

Stitch and Chat will continue to meet at NORENE MURPHEY's , 972-530-6669, on the 3rd Tuesday, July 16th. For information call NORENE or MARY MUSSEMAN , 972-414-1098.

The Walking groups are still out there staying fit. For information call MARY PATTIE, 972-496-6486. Power walkers spend the summer in the water aerobics program and will resume in September.

We are working on a new membership directory. So, if you have any changes or corrections please call BECKY PARKS or CHRIS BEYERS with new information.

Recipe cards go to CHRIS for our new "I love to eat but hate to cook" book, they may be e-mailed to her at "cbeyery2000@yahoo.com. Networking flyers, handed out at the May coffee, were due back to BECKY by July 4th. Please get these in ASAP. If you do not have a copy please call for another.

Daytimer coffees will resume in September at the home of GAIL DURBIN.

Any questions concerning the Daytimers Group contact BECKY PARKS, 972-495-8776 or CHRIS BEYERS 972-530-8292.

Remember your secrete pal! New pals contact SARA TRAYLOR, 972-414-5383.

Daytimers is a Social Organization. Residence in Oakridge and \$12.00 annual dues constitutes membership.

Daytimers promotes our Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association.

JOIN NOW!

SIDEWALK NEED REPAIR ?

The City of Garland has a "Voluntary Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter Reconstruction Program" all Oakridge residents should know about. If you have a sidewalk or curb problem, simply call the City Engineering Department at 972-205-2177 and ask about the program. They will send out an estimator and survey the problem and make the repairs for one-half the cost. We are having our sidewalk repaired for under \$200.00. What a deal ! (submitted by Becky and Sonny Parks)

Membership Update

As of July 1, 2002, we have 397 members for the 2002-2003 year. There are 91 members from last year that have not renewed their dues and we will be sending out a second notice. Please talk to your neighbors and friends about joining and sending in their renewal.

I do want to address a request I received from one of our members. They wanted to know why our membership directory was published so late last year. Please understand that the cost of the directory to publish last year was over \$1200.00. We asked in the newsletter several months last year for those that would want to advertise in the directory and got very little response. Due to the cost and because so many members did not renew until September, which is well into the second quarter of the year, it did not make economic sense to publish the book without adequate ads and members. When members do not respond for ads, the board members add another responsibility to our already busy schedules, and it takes time to put this together.

Hopefully by the end of July we will reach our goal of a minimum of 500 members so that we may publish a directory. Please help us reach that goal. Visit with your neighbors and welcome new homeowners into our area. Encourage them to join.

Thank you for your continued support.

Peggy Richey
Membership Director.

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting schedule for June '02– June '03

All ONA Board meetings will be called to Order at 7:00pm. The ONA Board has agreed to meet on the second Thursday of each month. Location to be determined. Please check with a member of the Board to find out where the meeting is to be held. Board members are listed in each monthly ONA Newsletter

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEEINGS

The location will be at the Oakridge Country Club .


AUGUST 22, 2002 topic to be “ *A Home Emergency Checkup* “

NOVEMBER __, 2002 “ *an Old Fashion Picnic* “

FEBRUARY 27, 2003 topic to be determined & the ELECTION of a NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MAY 22, 2003 ELECTION of the NEW OFFICERS for 2003-2004

STERLING
PEST MANAGEMENT



Proud To Live In Oakridge
Pleased To Support The ONA

SERVING NORTH TEXAS WITH THE BEST IN
PEST & TERMITE CONTROL

OFFICES IN DALLAS & ARLINGTON

FOR INFORMATION OR
APPOINTMENT

(214)320-1020

State License TPCL9130



Let Oakridge Country Club
Be Your Family's
Summer Playground!

*Introducing Our New
2002 Summer Swim Membership
Only \$300
For the summer!*

Now is the time to make plans for your family's summer fun! With our new Summer Swim Membership, you will enjoy unlimited Swimming and Snack Bar privileges from Saturday, May 25th through Monday, September 2nd.

Our Summer Swim Members are also invited to join our Annual Holiday Celebrations and Children's Summer Camps, Swim Lessons and/or Swim Team.



For information call our Membership Office at (972) 530-8008.

**RESIDENTIAL
COMMERCIAL**

**REPAIR
INSTALLATION
DESIGN**

BILLY JACK SPRINKLER CO.



WE SERVICE ALL-TYPE SYSTEMS



**RAIN BIRD
Select Contractor™**

**BACKFLOW
TESTING**

**FREE ESTIMATES
ON INSTALLATION ONLY**

**VALVE LOCATION
CONTROL & WIRING
PROBLEMS
DRAINAGE SERVICES**

972-303-0007 OR 214 460-2209

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 450145
GARLAND, TX 75045-0145

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT # 573
GARLAND TX 75040

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**ONA Website: oakridgena.com
OFFICERS FOR JUNE 2002-2003**

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| President | Mike Rose |
| Vice President | Jim Griffin |
| Secretary | Deloris Martindale |
| Treasurer | Mary Musseman |
| | |
| District 1 | Kay Abrams |
| District 2 | Pam Hubbard |
| District 3 | Elaine Swint |
| District 4 | Douglas Klimko |
| District 5 | John & Dot Mohrle |
| District 6 | Kelly Prater |
| District 7 | Michael & Pegi Bostick |

STANDING COMMITTEES

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Membership | Peggy Richey |
| Communications | Dana Hopkins |
| Environmental | Chuck Teske |
| Technical | Peggy Richey |
| Crime Prevention | Bill Olive |
| Citizens on Patrol | Bill Olive |
| Civic Interests | Jim Griffin |
| Welcome Wagon | District Directors |
| NPO | Officer Jeff Gooch |
| City Councilman | Mark Monroe |