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Observations by – Mike Rose

Did you know that the ONA made arrangements for an American flag (flown over the USA capital building) and Texas flag (flown over the State capital building) to be presented to the Oakridge Country Club. These two flags will be along with Certificates of Authenticity will be presented to the Club on September 11th.

School is well under way. Please be aware of the posted school zones and watch for all sizes of kids darting from behind a parked car. An accident happens very quickly and may not be reversed. The fast paced society that we live must not dictate to us how we handle ourselves while behind the steering wheel of our automobile. Become a defensive driver.

In a few weeks (September 21st) an important vote will be taken. Are you aware of the implications regarding the outcome of this vote? Have you taken the time to understand all the issues surrounding what is being asked of the voters? Be sure to exercise your duty and vote early or on September 21st.

Were you in attendance at the Oakridge Neighborhood Association's general membership meeting on August 22nd? There were two individuals who took time from their busy schedule to share their knowledge with those ONA members who took their time to become more informed about life's many challenges. Please continue to support the ONA by participating in the many functions under the umbrella of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association.

Have you ordered your new " No Soliciting "

sign from the ONA COP/Crime Watch folks? Contact this group and get your sign posted near the front door of your home. The more that are placed around our neighborhood the more effective the message becomes. The city attorney's office and the city police department have reviewed these signs and support the idea. Several people within these departments would like to have one of the signs for their home. Let's all become more aware of what is happening within the walls of our ONA community. By helping one another we help ourselves.

One of the challenges ahead for the ONA board is to increase the amount of information that is available on the ONA web site. Have you looked up our web site ? Do you know where to find the web site address ? Located in the members only area are many valuable links. Check it out.

This is the time of year that the many changing seasons are fast approaching. Fall is just around the corner and then it is time for Winter. In years past the ONA has sponsored a home decoration contest. The board will be discussing the community building viability of this event and report the results of that discussion. Any input you might like to share, please contact your District Director. How about a group of neighbors getting together and decorating their street ? Have you all driven down Rocky Trail / Lone Oak Trail at Christmas time ? It is a wonderful sight ..Are there other streets that would take up the spirit and create a wonderland ?

Remember to vote which is exercising your wrights granted within the constitution. If you do not vote the question is " do you have wrights to complain – of course you do .

At the last General membership meeting Donna Conaway and her mother Ester Harmon were there. When Ester went to sit down she missed the chair and fell to the floor. She was taken to the hospital where they found she had broken her hip. They operated the next day and she died during the surgery. Our hearts and prayers go out to her family.

OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Oakridge Women's Club is open to all women in the Oakridge neighborhood who have an interest in family issues and children's activities. We meet the first Tuesday of every month and have many special events during the year. We are a diverse group of women that share a strong common bond in the love of our children and families. We welcome prospective new members at all meetings!

Our September meeting was a wine, cheese and keno social meeting. Rita, as always, was as fabulous hostess and her peach wine punch was exceptional! We had a chance to learn more about each other's families, hobbies and lives. It was a magnificent "girls only" night!

If you have not already paid your dues for this year, please make your \$20.00 check payable to Tracy Murphy. Our dues help cover the costs for the events for the children, and for the neighborhood 4th of July parade.

Our next meeting will be October 1st at Sheila's home at 7 p.m.

2002 – 2003 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Tricia Klimko
Vice-President	Tracy Murphy
Treasurer	Sherida Stone
Membership	Rita Morrison & Amy Jahnel
Secretary	Pam Trutna
Newsletter	Amy Jahnel
Sunshine	Rita Morrison
Service Projects	Hollie Nash

Important dates for this year:

Halloween Party	October 27 th
Adult Holiday Party	December 5 th
Children's Holiday Party	To be announced – based on Santa's availability
Progressive Dinner	February 1 st
Babysitters Meeting	February 4 th
Spring Party	April 13 th
Charity Projects	To be announced – several during the year
Annual 4 th of July Parade	July 4 th

For more information, or to join our group, please contact our club president, Tricia, at 972-414-9141 or tklimko@attbi.com

We look forward to seeing you on October 1st at Shelia's house!

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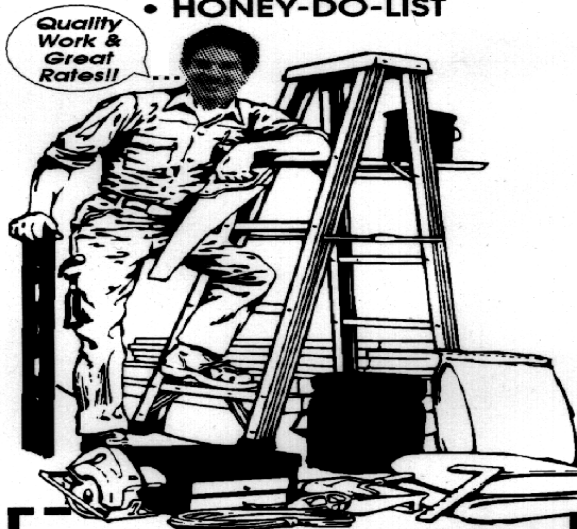
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 We can't survive without the organizers and planners
 We need those members who are spontaneous and flexible
 We love the sensitive and the "soft hearted"
 We admire the logical and those who are firm in their convictions
 We find ourselves enriched by the practical and sensible ones
 We marvel at the imaginative thinkers
 Yes, we are different
 Yet we came together as neighbors and friends
 We are The Daytimers

Submitted by Barbe Brunette

ONA Membership Statistics

We have 461 members with 3 new members joining this month. We still have 57 homeowners who have not renewed their dues for this year.

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From the Mayor

With the news of the budget deficit of the City of Dallas and the sales tax shortages of Mesquite, Richardson and Plano, I have had many citizens of Garland ask the question, "How is Garland doing?"

I am proud to say, "The City of Garland is doing OK." Yes, because of the economic downturn, the General Fund has taken a hit with declining sales tax revenue and drops in franchise fees. However, if the current projections hold, the City will end the current fiscal year (September 30th) slightly ahead (more income than expenses) for the City's General Fund. The General Fund pays for many basic services, such as Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Health and Transportation.

Then the citizens ask, "How did we avoid the problems that Dallas and other cities have in their budgets?" I am proud to say, "We avoided the problems in two ways: Good Planning and Diverse Tax Base."

First, Good Planning: Even before the current budget was implemented in October 2001, the City staff and Council realized the impact that the slowing economy and the events of September 11th would have on the budget. They realized that early cuts taken in the fall of 2001 might avoid devastating cuts and deficits in the fall of

2002. These actions included a hiring freeze, curtailed capital spending outside of the Capital Improvement Program budget and a 5% reduction in departmental operating funds. Employees up and down the organizational chart looked for ways to save money without directly impacting services to the citizens. These early actions have resulted in a citywide savings of \$2.8 million.

You, the citizens of Garland, and I, the new Mayor, benefit tremendously from the efforts of the previous City Council and all 2000+ City of Garland employees to "handle then" rather than "ignore until now" the realities of the economic downturn.

Second, Diverse Tax Base: Garland has an expanding and diverse tax base. Although Garland sometimes views other cities with jealousy in regards to High Tech and Mall development, Garland's diverse business mix is weathering the economic storm. As the High Tech industry crashes and as new up-scale malls scramble for customers, Garland's diverse business mix plods on. Yes, other cities' budgets benefited from the boom, but they are now having to contend with the bust.

How is Garland doing? OK for now and the future is very bright.



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Councilman, Mark Monroe	972-495-8028
Off. Jeff Gooch NPO	972-205-2740

Crime Watch/C.O.P. Report

By Bill Olive

Crime Stats. for Aug. 1st through Aug. 16th, 2002

The following are the non-official statistics for the first half of the month of August. The official report will not be available until Sept. 12th from the Garland Police Department.

- 8/04—Burglary – Habitation, 2700 block of Big Oaks
- 8/06---Burglary – Vehicle, 2200 block of Moss Tr.
- 8/08---Burglary – Vehicle, 2100 block of Windy Ridge
- 8/08—Burglary-Habitation, 2300 block of Diamond Oaks
- 8/14—Burglary-Vehicle, 2700 block of Winding Oaks
- 8/16—Burglary-Habitation, 3200 block of Laurel Oaks Ct.

Again, we're reminding everyone, don't leave valuables such as cell phones, briefcases, radar detectors, etc. in vehicles overnight and to keep those garage doors closed.

Thanks to Garland's Finest

During the August 22nd General Meeting of the O.N.A. we had two guest speakers. Both proved to be excellent "ambassadors" for the City of Garland as they provided our residents with some valuable information. We also had an unplanned demonstration by the Garland Fire Dept. as they were called to the aid of one of our residents who fell and was injured just prior to the start of the meeting. Fortunately, one of our guest speakers was Firefighter/EMT Christopher Balancier, and he administered first aid until the ambulance arrived. As expected, the fire department handled the "emergency" quickly and efficiently. We are fortunate to have a fire department like this serving our area! Later, Firefighter Balancier presented those in attendance an explanation of the proper use of smoke detectors, fire alarms and exit-strategies. He gave everyone some excellent pointers on fire safety. I for one, came home and immediately checked my smoke detectors to verify that they were in fact in good working order!

Our other speaker, Detective Ambrosia, from the Garland Police Department, provided us with some insight into how the G.P.D. oversees the sex-offenders who reside in Garland. This is a subject that many

parents had expressed an interest in, particularly in light of the recent incidents on national news. Detective Ambrosia was able to help allay some fears as he explained that all "registered offenders", including the two who reside in our area, are very carefully monitored by the G.P.D. Please be aware that your Oakridge C.O.P. monitors the offenders who reside in our area also.

No_Soliciting_Signs

We all wish at times that we could stop some of the frequent "soliciting" that seems to go on daily in the Oakridge area, particularly those that ring our bells early on Saturday mornings! If you would like to get a "No Soliciting" sign, your Oakridge C.O.P. is selling them for **\$10.00**. The sign comes on a metal stake and is red on a white background reading "No Soliciting, Ord. 2651, City of Garland". Although we can't guarantee that all solicitors will "vanish" from Oakridge because of our signs we do believe it will make an impact and reduce the number of bell-ringers asking for money and donations and maybe cut down on the paper littering front walks and plastic bags hanging on doors for days on end, announcing to one and all that no one is at home.

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Welcome_Back_Jerry_and_Bill

Those Oakridge residents who live in the area that we refer to as "sector A", which includes Richland, Meadowridge, Suncrest, Stoneridge, Crestedge, Creighton, and Hickory Bend, will notice that **Jerry Giles** is back patrolling with the C.O.P. Also returning to patrol is **Bill Johnson**. Bill patrols all of Oakridge, but usually spends more time in "sector" B. which includes the areas east of Diamond Oaks, with the boundaries of Buckingham, Diamond Oaks and the Country Club. Welcome back to both of these patrolers. If there are other former patrolers out there who are ready to come back on board, give me a call!

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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

By Becky Parks

September has finally arrived and our much awaited meetings are at hand. Vacationing grand children and other guests have returned home and the time for self-indulgence has begun. Our fall calendar promises some very busy and fun-filled months ahead. Activities such as antiquing on Industrial, the Richardson's Woman's Club "Tour of Homes", November 9th and 10th and 1st Monday Trade Days in Canton October 4th and November 1st, just to mention a few.

The next group activity will be Friday, September 27th. Our destination is the Southern Living Idea Home in Lewisville. The group will meet at 9:30 to carpool. Please park on the Bid Oaks side of the pool. Cost of the tour is \$5.00 and we will, of course, be having lunch after the tour at a yet to be determined restaurant in the Vista Ridge area. For information, contact Suzanne Snow or Jo Ann Williams.

The October coffee will be at the home of Jo Dietz, 2906 Oak Point, 972-530-8308. Starting time is 10:00 am. Refreshment Hostesses for the meeting are Barb Brunette, Pat Catheart, Mary Pattie and Betty Prickett.

The Out to Lunch Bunch will be dining at the Garden Tea Room in the Forestwood Antique Mall on Friday, October 25th. Meet 10:30 AM at the club swimming pool parking area. Shopping of course will follow lunch! Be sure to sign up by the October meeting, as reservations are needed.

Bridge groups meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 am. The 2nd Thursday meet at 12:00 pm at Oakridge Country Club for lunch and bridge. The 4th Thursday meet at 1:00 pm at member's home. Beginners Bridge and brush up will start Monday, September 16th at MARY PATTIE's from 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm. Those interested please call MARY, 972-496-6486 for the name of the bridge book helpful to both the beginner and experienced player.

Daytime canasta meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm, call BARBE BRUNETTE, 9720530-4288, for the ever-changing schedule, Nighttime canasta is headed by MARGRET FOWLER at 972-530-8585. for the schedule.

The September 16th Craft meeting will be held at the home of Jo Dietz at 1:00 pm. At this time they will discuss projects for the season.

Stitch and Chat will continue to meet at NORENE MURPHEY's, 972-530-6669, on the 3rd Tuesday. They are continuing to work on their Christmas project. For information call NORENE or MARY MUSSEMAN, 972-414-1098.

Book Club will meet at the home of BETTY THOMAS, 2706 Laurel Oaks Dr., 972-414-1547, on Friday, September 20th. The group will discuss reading selections for the year. This will enable those who use audio books to locate the selection in plenty of time.

Recipe cards for the Oakridge Daytimers new cookbook goes to CHRIS BEYERS for our new "I love to eat but hate to cook" book; they may be e-mailed to her at "cbeyery2000@yahoo.com".

Any questions concerning the Daytimers Group contact BECKY PARKS, 972-495-8776 or CHRIS BEYERS 972-530-8292. Remember your sectete pal! New pal contact SARA TRAYLOR, 972-414-5383.

Daytimers is a Social Organization. Residence in Oakridge and \$12.00 annual dues constitutes membership. Daytimers promote our Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. JOIN NOW!

Our love and sympathy to Monica Evans on the loss of her husband Riley.

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