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Dear Residents of District 7:

I felt it necessary to give my thoughts and position on the police chief confirmation. It would be easy to make assumptions based on news coverage, second-hand information, and actions at the council meeting on May 6. For this reason, I will clarify my position.

First of all, I feel that there is a little confusion on the process of selecting a chief of police. According to the civil service law of the state of Texas, the city manager selects the candidate that he or she feels is the most qualified for the position. Next, the City Council can confirm or not confirm the selection. The selection is not an election whereby council, interest groups and/or citizens endorse particular candidates. They can, however express the qualities that they would like to see in their future leader.

The City Manager, Jeff Muzzy, in this situation went beyond his means to receive input from various sources as to what would make a good chief as well opinions on strengths and weaknesses of the final candidates. I applaud him for his effort in this endeavor. Ultimately, it is his decision as to who he will bring forward. The chief of Police does in fact report directly to Mr. Muzzy. I believe he weighed all of the options and made his decision to the best of his abilities. He also has insight to all of the information that many others, including myself, do not.

Having said this, I have no doubt that Jeff Muzzy's choice for chief of police, Jill Muncy, is a well qualified and capable candidate. I also believe that the council's confirmation is a sort of checks and balance for the appointment. I, myself, was a little leary of a few issues with this candidate. I do feel that if more time is spent discussing this as well as evaluating the second choice for chief, that my wearies could be laid to rest. In my opinion, this is where the council confirmation works for this process.

As I mentioned earlier, the appointment of chief of police is a selection not an election. I will not endorse any candidate and do not believe that my colleagues should. Again, qualities of a good leader can be expressed, but not names. I also will not be forced into voting in one particular way out of fear.

I believe that in this situation, the Fraternal Order of Police has acted out of their boundaries. They, too, should be able to express what they want in a particular leader, but not to endorse a particular applicant. I feel that they were out of line in their threats to recall council members prior to confirmation of Mr. Muzzy's selection.

This organization has been successful in many of their endeavors, but have stepped the boundaries on this one.

I hope this clears up my stance in this situation. Please understand that this is a difficult decision for me and my colleagues on the city council. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I welcome your input and comments.

Sincerely,
Mark Monroe
District 7, City of Garland
972-495-8028
council7@ci.garland.tx.us

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◻	General Meeting									◻
◻	May 22, 2003									◻
◻	Elect your new O.N.A. Board									◻
◻	We will have the following police represen-									◻
◻	tatives at the meeting									◻
◻	Chief - Mitch Bates									◻
◻	Officer - Jeff McCulley NPO									◻
◻	Officer - Chris Tannock NPO									◻
◻	Social: 6:30 p.m.									◻
◻	Meeting: 7:00 p.m.									◻
◻	Oakridge Country Club									◻
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from the desk of Mike Rose

Today, May 8, 2003, the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) lost a member – a valued member. Today we lost a founding member of the ONA. Today the Oakridge community lost an original homeowner. Today we lost a friend. If you read the newspaper obituaries on Tuesday, May 6th you will know that Donna Dayhoff's funeral service was held on May 8th. Donna's knowledge and willingness certainly were contributing factors in the formulation of the ONA in 1992. The ONA is very appreciative for all of Donna's help over the years. She will be missed.

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ROSE (continued from page 1)

On May 22nd at 7:00pm. We will have our annual meeting. At this meeting we will be reviewing our by-laws and perhaps make some changes. These changes are being suggested to help make our organization run more efficiently and effectively. Please review the suggested changes. These changes may be found in this issue.

The newly elected board (May 22nd is the election night) will agree on a new day for the monthly board meetings and the dates for the general membership meetings. This information should be published in the June ONA newsletter. Stay tuned.

Watch for some information to be included in the late May annual membership invoice. This is being included because many homeowners are becoming lax in complying with city ordinances. Also, it is not neighborly to place trash out for pick up several days in advance of the pick up date. Please be considerate of your neighbors. What does the " Golden Rule " say.

Personally speaking, it has been a pleasure serving as the president of the ONA this past year. We have a strong group and the board has been exploring ways to expand our numbers. You can help in this regard.

How ? Ask your District Director

OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Rita hosted a fabulous meeting for May where we began plans for our annual neighborhood 4th of July Parade. We will again ask the C.O.P. members to join us in making this a safe and fun neighborhood event. We would ask that all members of the neighborhood mark your calendar now and plan to attend this wonderful event.

We are seeking active and retired military members to make this year's parade special by wearing their uniforms. We would like our children to have the opportunity to meet some real live heros!

Our June meeting will be held at a restaurant; location to be announced as meeting time nears.

If you would like more details about upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our President, Tricia at tklimko@attbi.com or 972-414-9141.

Oakridge Women's Club is open to all women in the Oakridge neighborhood who share a strong common bond in the love of our children and families. We welcome prospective new members at all meetings! Annual dues are \$20.00.

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ONA Bylaws Revision for consideration by the general membership.

Summary of the changes:

- (1) There shall be a minimum of two Meetings of General Membership per year instead of four.
- (2) A quorum shall be the Attendance of at least 5% of the membership instead 5% of the household.
- (3) Officers may be elected to serve no more than eight consecutive terms instead of two consecutive terms.
- (4) the Board of Directors will be changed to four permanent at large directors instead of five - Membership, Crime Prevention and Safety Communications and Environmental - removing Architectural, and adding the following: Other "At Large" Directors may be created by the board of directors.
- (5) We changed the expenditures authorization.
- (6) A quorum for the board meetings will be defined as a minimum to two thirds of the current Officers and Directors - instead of 9.

Following are the bylaws that are changing - how currently exist followed by the revision.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

2.5 Meetings of General Membership: There shall be a minimum of four (4) meetings per year of the general membership. These meetings shall be scheduled by the Board. Each of these meetings should consist of the business brought to the membership by the ONA Board of Directors and an informative and timely (as determined by the ONA Board) presentations. The members of the Association shall meet during the last quarter of the operating year at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors and at such additional times and places as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Notice of any such meeting, shall be delivered to each member at least seven days prior to the meeting. Attendance of at least one-twentieth (5%) of the households either in person or by written proxy files with the Secretary at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting, shall be required for a quorum. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if a consent, in writing, setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by a majority of the members of the association entitled to vote.

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ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

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ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The At Large Directors are to be chosen by the President, and approved by a two thirds vote of a quorum of the ONA Officers and District Directors. Each "At Large" Director will be responsible for the following permanent Committees: Membership, Crime Prevention and Safety, Communications, Environmental and architectural. They are to serve a one year term. In the advent one must resign or be replaced, the successor will complete the remainder of the original term.

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4.4 Duties of Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the management of the Association, including the approval of programs, expenditures and such other duties as may be prescribed by these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall prepare the budget for approval by the Association and shall approve all bills or other obligations in excess of \$50.00 for any one cause, item or group of related items.

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4.61 Quorum: A quorum will be defined as a minimum of 9 Officers and Directors.

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C.O.P. / Crime Watch
 For April 2003
 by Bill Olive

Good News! From April 1 – April 27 there were no incidents reported in the Oakridge area. I haven't yet received the Garland Police "crime net" report from Lt. Martin for the week of April 28 – May 4.

C.O.P. can use your help: If you would like to help us patrol the Oakridge area, we would like to have you join our C.O.P. The training date has yet to be set by the police department, but only involves one Saturday for training. Please give me a call and I'll deliver an application to you.

The Garland Police Department is in the process of developing a new crime warning system. Hopefully, Officer Tannock, our NPO will be able to attend our May 22nd meeting and give an overview of the system and explain how it will benefit our community.

Caution: Before signing a contract with any repairmen, roofer, glass replacement company, etc., check them out with the Better Business Bureau, or ask for referrals and randomly contact those referrals. Unfortunately, there are those out there who are unscrupulous, ready willing and able to take your money and run. In addition, a reminder, there will be many workers and other "strangers" in the Oakridge area over the next several weeks because of our recent hail damage. Please, don't show-off that new set of golf clubs by leaving your garage door open. In addition, don't allow roofers, etc. to park in the alley and block traffic.

During one of our monthly "crime watch" meetings with the GPD, we were told that robbers are less likely to target a home that has its landscape in great shape (sidewalk edged, lawn cut just right, etc.). It seems that most "bad guys" know that owners of this type of property watch it closely. So, next time you do your yard work be aware you may be making your home and others in Oakridge safer. Thank YOU!

Schools will be out soon-----Drive Carefully!!!

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Caring for Your Pets

By Lou Olinger



SPRING CAN BE DEADLY FOR YOUR CATS!

Did you know that Easter lilies and other variations on the lily family can be deadly - causing kidney failure - to our feline friends? All parts of the plant should be considered toxic; ingesting even small amounts can be life threatening.

Within a short time of consumption of the plant material, a cat may become lethargic, vomit, or develop a loss of appetite. These symptoms continually worsen as the kidney damage progresses. Without swift treatment by a veterinarian, the kitty may develop kidney failure within seventy-two hours.

Cat fanciers may want to consider safer alternatives to Easter lilies, such as orchids, violets or daises. (SPCA of Texas)

CANINE KIDNEY DISEASE

Dogs at risk for kidney disease can be identified with a new test from Heska Corporation. Previous tests could not identify the disease until the kidneys were 75% damaged, but the new E.R.D. Screen Urine Test identifies kidney disease before any clinical signs are apparent.

The five-minute test can be performed in a veterinarian's office to detect a protein called albumin in urine samples. Albumin, which is found in blood, seeps into urine when the kidneys are damaged and cannot filter it out of the blood. (SPCA of Texas)

PET GRIEF COUNSELING

If you have lost a pet to death or had to make the decision for euthanasia, then you have probably felt a deep sadness or grief over the loss of your beloved pet. The SPCA of Texas has trained Pet Grief Counselors who are available by calling 214-651-9611, ext. 172. One of the counselors will return your call within twenty-four hours.

We also have group grief support meetings on the first Saturday of every month at the downtown shelter, 382 S. Industrial Blvd., at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room. We have just started a second group at the SPCA of Texas McKinney facility, 8411 FM720 (just north for the intersection of Custer and Hwy. 121) on the third Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room. I am one of the trained counselors who counsels and returns phone calls. (SPCA of Texas)

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Oakridge Daytimers By Dianne Winters

MY SWAN SONG.....*from the president, Becky Parks*

Usually when my name and singing are in the same sentence, everyone is either looking for earplugs or wondering, as my mother often did, who is skinning a cat? From these reactions over the years, I've realized that I probably come up short in the vocal category.

The one thing I sincerely hope I have been successful with is making everyone laugh at least once during every meeting.

From the beginning I have felt honored to serve as president of the Daytimers. I have never known a finer group of ladies and I look forward to next year with **Chris Beyers** as our new leader. Thanks to you all for making this past year fun for me. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the meetings as much as I did.



The Daytimers are celebrating the coming of summer with a European Countryside Luncheon at the home of generous hostess, **Roberta Jones**. There will be wonderful salads, a very special dessert created by **Jo Dietz** and appropriate colors, decorations and atmosphere created by the Craft Group.

The favors will serve an interesting part of the luncheon and have been hand decorated by our talented **Audrey King**.

When you mingle good cooks and friendship the result is fellowship and fun that can only be equaled by another meeting. Many of these group meetings will continue through the summer, but the next gathering for the entire group will be in September.

Check with the following groups for Summer Schedule:

Betty Thomas 972-414-1547 reports that the **BOOK CLUB** will meet on the third Fridays of May and June to discuss *Big Stone Gap* and *Step, Ball, Change*.

Call **Mary Pattie** 972-496-6486 for **BRIDGE** events that occur on the first

and third Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

Call **Barbara Brunette** at 972-530-4288 for **DAY CANASTA** and **Margaret Fowler** at 972-530-8585 for **NIGHT CANASTA**.

The **ARTS and CRAFTS** group will meet on Monday, May 19th to go to McKinney. Call **Jo Dietz** at 972-530-8308 for info.

STITCH & CHAR meets at **Norene Murphy's** 972-530-6669 on the 3rd Tuesday to visit and to work on hand made and sewing projects. Call for more info.

Thanks to **Becky Parks** and all the **officers, group leaders and chairpersons** who have brightened our path the past year.

Any questions concerning Daytimers should be directed to **Chris Beyers**, 972-539-8292. Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$12.00 annual dues. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge Community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association.

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